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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Myanmar must take every step cautiously with democracy in infancy

President U Thein Sein meets party officials

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met party chairmen, general secretaries and CEC members of political parties at meeting hall of 500-acre mechanized farmers educative farm in Pobbathiri Township here this morning.

Also present at the meeting were Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Members of National Socio-Economic Advisory Council to the President U Hla Maung Shwe, U Tin Maung Than and Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, and chairmen, general secretaries and CEC members of political parties.

The President then cordially greeted each of those present.

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets party chairmen, general secretaries and CEC members of political parties at meeting hall of 500-acre mechanized farmers educative farm in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

Chairman U Khun Tun Oo and General Secretary U Sai Nyunt Lwin of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy, Chairman U Aye Tha Aung of Rakhine League for Democracy, CEC Members U Han Shwe and U Thein Tun of National Unity Party, Chairman U Saw Tun Aung Myint of Kayin Peoples Party, Chairman U Zin Aung of Myanma New Society Democratic Party, Chairman U Thein Nyunt of New National Democracy Party, General Secretary U Tin Win of National Political Alliances League, U No Htan Khat of Chin Progressive Party, Secretary U Gyin Kam Hlyan of Zomi League for Democracy, Joint Secretary U Nay Win Tun of The Pa-O National League, Joint General Secretary U Aung Myo Oo of Diversity and Peace Party, CEC member U Nai Kyaw Win of Mon Democratic Party, Chairman U Tun Aung Kyaw of Modern People's Party, and Chairman U Kaung Myint Htut of Myanmar National Congress discussed matters related to politics, economics, education, internal peace, national races affairs and regional development.

Union Ministers U Aung Min and U Soe Thein, and UEC Chairman U Tin Aye made clarifications on measures being and to be taken by the government in response to the discussions. The President also participated in discussions.

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Japan cruise to quarter-final win

LONDON, 4 Aug—Japan maintained their pursuit of double Olympic Football gold as the men followed the women into the last four of the tournament following a 3-0 win over Egypt.

Women's World Cup holders Japan stunned Brazil yesterday to set up a semi-final clash with France at Wembley on Monday.

Just 24 hours later, the men clinched their own Wembley date, with Kensuke Nagai, captain Maya Yoshida and Yuki Otsu all on target in their quarter-final clash with 10-man Egypt, who had Saadeldin Saad sent off.

Japan will now face Senegal or Mexico on Tuesday. Japan coach Takashi Sekizuka said afterwards: 'I'm very satisfied we've progressed into our first semi-final for 44 years. The key now is to physically and mentally recover.' —*London-2012*

Ryu leads Republic of Korea to win

LONDON, 4 Aug—Ryu Seung-Min showed impressive resolve to seal a dramatic men's Team event victory for Republic of Korea against DPR Korea.

Ryu's side were winning 2-1 in the best-of-five Team match when the Athens 2004 gold medallist faced Kim Hyok-Bong, who he last year played with at the Qatar Peace and Sport Cup.

Ryu was twice behind, but sealed the last two games 11-5 and 11-3 to deliver a success.

Meanwhile, Chinese competitors were beaten by non-compatriots in a match for the first time at the Games, but still progressed comfortably. With China 2-0 ahead versus Russia, Ma Long and Wang Hao surrendered a 2-1 lead to lose their Doubles match against Alexey Smirnov and Kirill Skachkov 3-2. —*London-2012*

Wang Hao and Ma Long of China compete during their men's Team Table Tennis first round match against team of Russia.—LONDON-2012

PERSPECTIVES

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Sensitivity makes no sense

More than a year ago, it would be impossible to see sharp criticisms in local publications which are now gaining overwhelming number of subscribers thanks to censorship relaxations. Only a little number of genres of periodicals has to pass the censor board now before printing. The censor board itself will be abolished after the press law is approved by the legislature and respective organizations starts functioning.

With improving press freedom in Myanmar, the accountability of journalists has come under the spotlight. Unethical coverage of recent unrests in Rakhine State ended up in the prosecution. Some journals were also brought to the court by respective organizations in unsuccessful lawsuits.

It shows that the country is not still accustomed to the freedom we have not enjoyed before.

For the country is in the dramatic transition towards democracy, it will take time and patience to get the reforms accomplished. Rush could ruin results. In such critical transition period, every stakeholder is a reformer. And every reformer must sacrifice his gains and sentiments for the sake of a change.

We should cease to see each other as enemies and bring hostilities to an end because each and every one demands the rejuvenation of our country despite different approaches we adopt. That's why the President, since taking office, has been repeating his call for working in cooperation on common grounds, setting aside the differences. If we cannot stick together for this very critical moment, we will fail to deliver.

From now on, if not since the start, we should abandon our personal feelings and political creed to write the history book of our country together. Being too sensitive in some aspects will get our names in the history book crossed.

Union Mines Minister calls for export quality of minerals

Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik delivers an address at meeting on regional level mining sector development, quality promotion in exporting and market penetration.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—A meeting on regional level mining sector development, quality promotion in exporting and market penetration took place at region gymnasium in Sagaing of Sagaing Region on 1 August morning, attended by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister noted that systematic mining under prescribed rules and regulations could bring down the impacts on environment although mining could damage somewhat to the ecological balance. Mining entrepreneurs were required to fill up the exhausted mines and grow perennial trees and crops on the mines, for which procedures had been issued. He called for steps toward industrial-scale production from small-scale production by establishing refineries and workshops, promotion of quality to international standards, stressing the need for establishment of corporate companies to penetrate international market. He called for transparency in mining and sale of products at home and abroad. Foreign investments must be invited for creating job opportunities for the people, socio-economic development and triple increase in per capita income of citizens, importing advanced technologies. Mines resources must be used effectively in transforming the nation into industrialized one over the coming few years.

Next, Region Minister for Forestry, Mines and Energy U Than Htaik made suggestions on mining sector development and regional mining industry, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Sein Maung on mining sector development, region Hluttaw representatives, mining entrepreneurs and personnel on development of mining sector, promotion of quality in exporting, and market penetration.—*MNA*

Abandon outdated workings and satisfy appetite of TV viewers, says deputy minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win addressed concluding ceremony of Footage Capturing and Editing Course No 1/2012 of Information and Public Relations Department at the auditorium of the Ministry of Information yesterday morning.

He said the State-owned media are in transition towards public broadcasting services. The deputy minister underlined the need of regional reporters who could report real time from the scene. The staff of IPRD which has township and sub-township offices should be proficient in news reporting, video recording and editing, and to submit news items as fast as possible. The course equipped each staff with these three skills. They could now handle latest technologies to edit and submit their reports.

The deputy minister asked the trainees to abandon outdated workings and report the incident that the people have an appetite for when they resume the regional duties. The video reports will be submitted to Myanma Radio and Television and semi-official broadcasters via the head office or directly to MRTV and other private broadcasters via internet for real-time coverage.

He said the web site of Information Ministry will upload video contents for reference of international media. The basic know-hows learnt at the course must be applied in accoompaniment with creativity. Presentation of the other broadcasters should be learnt constantly and copied. It is a special previledge for the trainees to be handed the chance to attend first-ever course under the ministry conducted with the international assistance. He concluded his speech with the call for turning themselves competent media men, applying lessons learnt at the course.

The deputy minister then awarded outstanding trainees.

The screening of award-winning video reports brought the ceremony to an end. The two-week course was attended by 32 trainees.

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Short-term, long-term plans for development of Magway Region discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe on 1 August morning delivered an address at the coordination meeting on short-term and long-term plans of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Cooperatives for economic development of Magway Region at the meeting hall of the Magway Township General Administration Department.

Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye made a speech.

Officials reported on use of feedstuff, formation of poultry farming, milch cow, fish, bee and agricultural cooperative societies, micro-credit societies and trading societies, and general matters.

Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Aung Naing and Region Hluttaw representative U Han Maung participated in discussions on breeding of animals in the region, formation of livestock breeding and agricultural production cooperative societies, providing of investment, development of micro-credit societies and trading, and future tasks.

MNA

Car bomb explodes in Tripoli, first since Gaddafi's fall

TRIPOLI, 4 Aug — A car bomb exploded near the offices of the military police in Tripoli early on Saturday, a senior security source said, the first such attack in the Libyan capital since the start of a revolt that toppled the regime of Muammar Gaddafi last year.

The source said the blast slightly wounded a Tunisian national, but it could not say who might have been behind it. A *Reuters* witness said police had cordoned off the area around the blast's location. Several violent incidents have rocked Libya in recent days but these have been mostly confined to the eastern city of Benghazi.

Also in Benghazi, seven Iranian relief workers were abducted on Tuesday by an armed group just as they started an official mission as guests of the Libyan Red Crescent Association, which is still seeking to get them released.— *Reuters*

US, Pakistan appear to make little headway in spy meet

***Director of the Central Intelligence Agency General David Petraeus attends the Allen & Co Media Conference in Sun Valley, Idaho on 12 July, 2012.*— REUTERS**

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — US and Pakistani spy chiefs exchanged grievances in their first official meeting this week, sources familiar with the discussions said on Friday, but it was unclear if the two uneasy allies made any progress to end deep divisions on militants living in Pakistani tribal areas or on US drone strikes. Lieutenant-General Zaheer ul-Islam, who was named in March to head the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), on his first official visit to Washington met on Thursday with CIA Director David Petraeus at CIA headquarters.

Ahead of his visit, Pakistani officials said the country's spy chief would call for an end to US military drone strikes in volatile areas bordering Afghanistan and push for a sharing of technology and intelligence. The public preview of Pakistani demands on Petraeus appeared to have displeased US officials, who pushed back at the notion they might cede to Pakistani requests. The United States and Pakistan are seeking to repair relations that have suffered over the past 20 months, in part because of the unilateral US raid that killed al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden in Pakistan in May, 2011, and a US air attack that killed 24 Pakistani soldiers in November.

The two countries reached a breakthrough last month with a deal that reopened ground supply routes that NATO nations use to supply troops in neighbouring Afghanistan, which had been closed since the November air attack along the Afghan border.

The Obama administration is deeply suspicious of Pakistan, which it believes harbours militants, while Pakistan accuses Washington of disregarding its own human toll from militancy and says drone strikes violate its sovereignty.

While sources familiar with the discussions said the two spy chiefs aired mutual grievances, they did not appear to have made big strides on the main issues.

Reuters

Indonesia arrests 24 more asylum seekers heading to Australia

JAKARTA, 4 Aug — Twenty-four more illegal immigrants planning to go to Australia to seek asylum have been arrested in Bangka-Belitung province of Indonesia, a media reported here on Saturday. The immigrant from Pakistan and Afghanistan were arrested days ago and did not have immigration documents.

"They were arrested by the Navy in two different places, at Tanjung Limbung Muntok Port in West Bangka district and at Depati Amir Airport in Central Bangka district, while they were heading to Jakarta," said Filianto Akbar, head of supervision at the Pangkal Pinang Immigration Office on Bangka Island, as quoted by the *Jakarta globe* as saying.

The Navy also arrested four drivers and an assistant who were transporting the asylum seekers. The drivers said they had helped drive asylum seekers seven times.

Habibullah, one of the asylum seekers, said he left Afghanistan because of the conflict there. Indonesia is a favourite transit point for immigrants from the Middle East and other countries heading to Australia for seeking asylum.

Indonesia and Australia have coo-perated with Australia in fighting human trafficking heading to Australia. — *Xinhua*

***US President Barack Obama makes remarks at the White House on 3 Aug, 2012 in Washington DC. Fostering a strong US economy started with building a strong US middle class, and economic fairness was critical to the nation's recovery, US President Barack Obama said here on Friday.*— XINHUA**

Iran calls for unity against West's "economic war"

***Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, Tehran's Friday Prayer's leader, delivers a speech during a sermon at the University of Teheran, Iran, on 3 Aug, 2012. Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati urged on Friday Iranian nation and government to form a united front against an "economic war" imposed on Iran, as the United States tightened sanctions on Iran in the past days.*— XINHUA**

TEHERAN, 4 Aug — Teheran's interim on Friday Prayers leader, Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati, called on the Iranian nation and the government to form a united front against what he called an "economic war" waged on the Islamic republic by the West, Press TV reported on Friday.

"This is a war in which the enemy, which has suffered defeat in other wars, is trying to regain its lost face through victory," Jannati, also chairman of Iran's high legislative body, ie Guardian Council, was quoted as saying.

He said economic problems in Iran have their root in politics, adding that the United States seeks to restore its domination on the region by inflicting an economic defeat on Iran. Jannati added that economic problems in the Islamic republic will not continue and are limited to a short period, and urged the Iranian nation to resist the West's economic pressure, according to semi-official *Fars* news agency. Iran's currency value slumped against foreign currency in the street market of Teheran on Thursday as 1 US dollar was exchanged for about 20,260 rials, compared to 19,200 rials one week ago.

Meanwhile, 1 euro was traded for 24,800 rials on Thursday, while the number was 23,850 rials last week. The current Iranian rial's value is the lowest since the beginning of the new Iranian year, which started on 20 March. The new depreciation in the Iranian currency rate came as US President Barack Obama announced on Tuesday additional sanctions against Iran's energy and petrochemical sectors over the Islamic republic's disputed nuclear programme.

Obama said he ordered the latest round of sanctions to deter Iran from establishing payment mechanisms to circumvent existing sanctions.

Xinhua

Fostering strong US economy starts with strong middle class: Obama

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Fostering a strong US economy started with building a strong US middle class, and economic fairness was critical to the nation's recovery, US President Barack Obama said here on Friday. Speaking at the White House after the release of the latest job report, Obama stressed that the last thing the nation should do in the weak economic recovery is tax increase on middle class families. Flanked by middle-class Americans, Obama said "if we want to keep moving this country forward, these are the folks who are going to get us there."

Obama said the nation continued to create jobs last month, evidence of the ongoing economic growth. "We've now created 4.5 million new jobs over the last 29 months, and 1.1 million new jobs so far this year," he noted. US unemployment rose 0.1 percentage point from June to 8.3 percent in July, while the non-farm sector added 163,000 new jobs across the country last month, the US Labour Department reported on Friday.

However, Obama stressed that there were still too many Americans looking for jobs, adding that "we've got more work to do on their behalf — not only to reclaim all the jobs that were lost during the recession, but also to reclaim the kind of financial security that too many Americans have felt was slipping away from them for too long." "When families have the security of knowing that their taxes won't go up, they're more likely to spend, and more likely to grow the economy," said Obama, who has geared up his reelection bid.

Obama criticized Republican lawmakers' efforts to extend Bush- era tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans next year, noting that middle class families should not pay more taxes while the wealthiest Americans could pay less.— *Xinhua*

Judge releases nun who broke into US nuclear bomb facility

KNOXVILLE, 4 Aug — A US magistrate judge on Friday ordered the release pending trial of an 82-year-old nun and another anti-nuclear activist charged with breaching security fences at one of the most sensitive US nuclear facilities, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where weapons-grade uranium is kept.

The security failure was an embarrassment for the National Nuclear Security Administration, or NNSA, the Energy Department branch that operates US nuclear weapons plants, and for the international security firm G4S, which owns WSI Oak Ridge, the contractor responsible for protecting the facility.

G4S was also at the centre of a dispute over security at the London Olympic Games. Officials said the facility was shut down on Wednesday at least until next week after peace activists Megan Rice, 82, Michael Walli, 63, and Greg Boertje-Obed, 57, cut through perimeter fences to reach the outer wall of a building where highly enriched uranium, a key nuclear bomb component, is stored.

The activists painted slogans and threw what they said was human blood on the wall of the facility, one of numerous buildings in the facility known by the code name Y-12 that it was given during World War Two, officials said.

***An aerial view of the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee is pictured in this US government handout photo, received by Reuters on 3 Aug, 2012.*— REUTERS**

Reuters

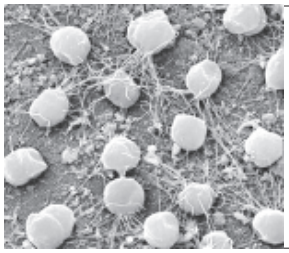
Palm trees 'grew on Antarctica'

LONDON, 4 Aug — Scientists drilling deep into the edge of modern Antarctica have pulled up proof that palm trees once grew there.Analyses of pollen and spores and the remains of tiny creatures have given a climatic picture of the early Eocene period, about 53 million years ago.

The study in *Nature* suggests Antarctic winter temperatures exceeded 10C, while summers may have reached 25C.Better knowledge of past "greenhouse" conditions will enhance guesses about the effects of increasing CO2 today.

The early Eocene — often referred to as the Eocene greenhouse — has been a subject of increasing interest in recent years as a "warm analogue" of the current Earth."There are two ways of looking at where we're going in the future," said a co-author of the study, James Bendle of the University of Glasgow." One is using physics-based climate models; but increasingly we're using this 'back to the future' approach where we look through periods in the geological past that are similar to where we may be going in 10 years, or 20, or several hundred," he told BBC News.

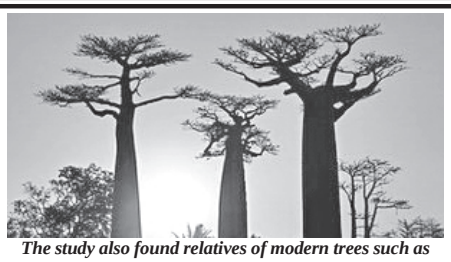
The early Eocene was a period of atmospheric CO2 concentrations higher than the current 390 parts per million (ppm)—reaching at least 600ppm and possibly far higher.



Archaea hold on to their structure through millions of years, giving hints of long-gone temperatures. INTERNET

How Antarctica evolved

* Antarctica was once part of the ancient supercontinent of Gondwanaland
* It had a warmer, wetter climate with plants known as the Antarctic flora
* By 30-35 million years ago Antarctica was isolated geographically and climatically
* The much colder climate caused the Antarctic flora to die out



***The study also found relatives of modern trees such as the baobab and macadamia.*— INTERNET**

Global temperatures were on the order of 5C higher, and there was no sharp divide in temperature between the poles and the equator. Drilling research carried out in recent years showed that the Arctic must have had a subtropical climate. But the Antarctic presents a difficult challenge.

Glaciation 34 million years ago wiped out much of the sediment that would give clues to past climate, and left kilometres of ice on top of what remains.Now, the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP) has literally got to the bottom of what the Eocene Antarctic was like, dropping a drilling rig through 4km of water off Wilkes Land on Antarctica's eastern coast. The rig then drilled through 1km of sediment to return samples from the Eocene. With the sediment came pollen grains from palm trees and relatives of the modern baobab and macadamia. Crucially, they contained also the remnants of tiny single-celled organisms called Archaea.

The creatures' cell walls show subtle molecular changes that depend on the temperature of the soil surrounding them when they were alive. The structures are faithfully preserved after they die.They are, in essence, tiny buried thermometers from 53 million years ago.Together, the data suggest that even in the darkest period of Antarctic winter, the temperature did not drop below 10C; and summer daytime temperatures were in the 20Cs.

The lowland coastal region sported palm trees, while slightly inland, hills were populated with beech trees and conifers.Dr Bendle said that as an analogue of modern Earth, the Eocene represents heightened levels of CO2 that will not be reached any time soon, and may not be reached at all if CO2 emissions abate.

However, he said the results from the Eocene could help to shore up the computer models that are being used to estimate how sensitive climate is to the emissions that will certainly rise in the nearer term.— *Internet*

Anonymous hackers identify charity attacker

LONDON, 4 Aug — Hacking group Anonymous has aided a global search for a cyber-vandal who defaced a charity website. Members of Anonymous helped track the attacker down to Madrid following a plea from the owner of the RedSky video production company. New Zealand-based RedSky asked for help after an attacker penetrated its website, erased data and left graffiti.The attack was reportedly carried out in a bid to impress Anonymous and join its ranks as a member.

RedSky boss Bryan Bruce issued a plea on Facebook for help restoring his company's website after a hacker who called himself AnonVolde mort announced that he had hacked the site. Despite his name, the attacker was not a member of the hacker collective but was seeking to show that he had skills they could use.

Unwittingly, he offended one of the unwritten rules of the Anonymous group which is to never mount attacks on charity sites.

The plea was relayed to Anonymous by one of Mr Bruce's friends who knew someone in the hacker group who was also aware of RedSky's charitable work. Profits from a documentary made by RedSky about the effects of poverty on children in New Zealand were being passed on to charities that provide meals for impoverished youngsters.

Within 24 hours of the plea being passed on Mr Bruce got an email providing evidence that the attacker was a man living in Madrid, Spain.In an interview with the New Zealand Herald, Mr Bruce said that he had contacted the police in Spain with the information and was waiting for a response.Mr Bruce said he still had work to do to restore the website as the attacker had deleted all the data on it as well as the backups.— *Internet*

***The RedSky site still shows some of the results of the hack attack.*— INTERNET**

Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 and 7.0 Plus get Ice Cream Sandwich, but not in the US

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Two more big-name Android devices have finally been upgraded to Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich: Samsung's Galaxy Tab 7.0 Plus and the Galaxy Tab 10.1. The bad news for American users, though, is that the ICS upgrades have only been made available to users in the United Kingdom so far, as TechRadar reports that Galaxy Tab 7.0 Plus and 10.1 owners in the United States "possibly [have] a little bit more of a wait on their hands." TechRadar also said to expect ICS upgrades for the Galaxy Tab 7.7 and the Galaxy Tab 8.9 in the near future.— *Internet*

Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1 and 7.0 Plus get Ice Cream Sandwich, but not in the US. INTERNET

iOS developer is threatening to sue Android devs for using the word 'ToDo'

SAN JOSE, 4 Aug — A developer that creates apps for Apple's (AAPL) iOS platform has threatened to sue an Android app maker for using the word "ToDo." Appigo has sent a letter to an Android developer regarding his Star Trek ToDo Agenda app. In the letter, Appigo notes that it owns the trademark for the word "ToDo" and the developer's use of the word is "likely to cause customer confusion to our existing and potential customers."

The problem with all this, as David Ruddock of Android Police points out, is that Appigo's trademark happens to be for the Spanish word "Todo," and not a fanciful respelling of the phrase "to-do."

Ruddock explains that "had Appigo claimed ToDo [was] a fanciful respelling of To-Do, it would almost certainly not have received principle registration for its trademark until it had established sufficient secondary meaning."

Internet

***iOS developer is threatening to sue Android devs for using the word 'ToDo'.*— INTERNET**

Three firms share 1.1 bln USD NASA fund for manned spacecraft

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Three firms have won over 1.1 billion US dollars in contracts from NASA to develop spacecraft capable of carrying astronauts to the International Space Station, the US space agency said on Friday. Boeing, a longtime NASA contractor, will receive 460 million dollars for the development of its CST-100 vessel.

SpaceX, which recently wowed the world by performing the first successful docking of a privately-owned craft, the Dragon, with the International Space Station, will receive the next-largest chunk, some 440 million dollars. That will be used to continue the development of a crewed version of the Dragon.

Sierra Nevada Corp will receive about 212.5 million dollars to further work on its Dream Chaser spacecraft, which is perhaps most visually and functionally similar to the retired fleet of NASA space shuttles.

The funding awards are the third set given under NASA's Commercial Crew Program, an effort that kicked off in 2010 to whittle down those companies that say they can provide viable replacements for the space shuttle. The first funding awards were worth a total of 50 million dollars and the second funding awards were worth 315 million dollars.

"Today, we are announcing another critical step toward launching our astronauts from US soil on space systems built by American companies," NASA Administrator Charles Bolden said in a statement. "We have selected three companies that will help keep us on track to end the outsourcing of human spaceflight and create high-paying jobs in Florida and elsewhere across the country."

Until their retirement last summer, US space shuttles carried most of the gear and many of the astronauts to the orbiting outpost. Since then, American astronauts have had to rely on Russian capsules for rides.

European, Japanese and Russian supply ships have been delivering cargo.NASA is looking to the private sector, in this post-shuttle era, to get American astronauts launching again from US soil. It will be at least four to five years before SpaceX or any other private operator is capable of flying astronauts.— *Xinhua*

Three firms share 1.1 bln USD NASA fund for manned spacecraft. XINHUA

Wall Street takes a hit from ECB disappointment

NEW YORK, 4 Aug — Stocks fell for a fourth day on Thursday after European Central Bank President Mario Draghi disappointed investors hoping for immediate action to contain the euro zone debt crisis. One of Wall Street's top market makers, Knight Capital Group (KCG), was fighting for its survival after a trading glitch that roiled markets on Wednesday wiped out $440 million of the firm's capital. However, the market focused mostly on the ECB, though traders were also looking ahead to Friday's closely watched US jobs report which could bring a volatile end to an eventful week.

Draghi said the ECB would gear up to buy Italian and Spanish bonds on the open market but would only act after euro zone governments have activated bailout funds to do the same, disappointing traders after his pledge last week to do "whatever it takes" to save the euro left many thinking action was imminent. "Today people were looking for concrete steps and an outline of exactly what path the ECB would take to do that, and there weren't any," said Brian Gendreau, market strategist with Cetera Financial Group in Gainesville, Florida."Just as the market went up on the 'whatever it takes' comments it is coming down on the lack of specificity."

Markets rallied late last week in part on hopes for stimulus from the Federal Reserve but mostly as expectations grew the ECB would take action to protect the euro. Friday's jobs report could give a stronger indication whether the Fed, which has a freer hand than the ECB, will act shortly.Data showed the number of Americans filing new claims for jobless benefits rose last week and manufacturers suffered an unexpected drop in orders in June, suggesting the economy is struggling to break out of a soft patch.The Dow Jones industrial average (^DJI) fell 92.18 points, or 0.71 percent, to 12,878.88. The S&P 500 Index (^GSPC) dropped 10.14 points, or 0.74 percent, to 1,365.00. The Nasdaq Composite (^IXIC) lost 10.44 points, or 0.36 percent, to 2,909.77. Major indexes fell for a fourth day running, totaling weekly losses so far of more than 1.5 percent. Knight Capital shares fell after Wednesday's trading error forced the company to seek new funding. The stock closed down 62.8 percent at $2.58, their lowest since early October 1998.

According to *Thomson Reuters* data, 67 percent of the 385 S&P 500 components that have reported results so far this quarter have beat earnings estimates. In the past four quarters, the average beat rate has been 68 percent.General Motors Co (GM) posted a smaller-than-expected loss in Europe that helped the No. 1 US automaker post a better-than-expected second-quarter profit. Shares slipped 2.6 percent to $19.14.

Gap Inc (GPS) jumped 12.8 percent to $33.17 after the clothing retailer posted its July and second-quarter sales, but rival Aeropostale (ARO) plummeted 32.8 percent to $13.08 after cutting its second-quarter forecast. US retailers reported stronger-than-expected sales for July but the gains were largely due to discounting and do not necessarily signal vigorous consumer spending for the rest of the year.

About 7.1 billion shares exchanged hands on the New York Stock Exchange, NYSE MKT and Nasdaq, above the year-to-date daily average of 6.75 billion. About 8 issues fell for every 5 that rose on the NYSE and on Nasdaq the decline/advance ratio was roughly 7 to 5.— *Internet*

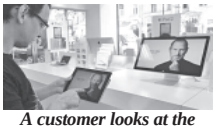
Apple's Jobs was open to making smaller iPad: executive

SAN JOSE, 4 Aug— Steve Jobs was receptive to Apple Inc making a smaller tablet, a senior executive said in a 2011 email revealed on Friday, fanning speculation that Apple plans to make a mini-iPad and take on Google and Amazon products. Vice President Eddy Cue urged then-chief operating officer Tim Cook in January 2011 to build a 7-inch tablet, according to an email from Cue that Samsung Electronics introduced as evidence in a US patent trial.

In an email addressed also to software chief Scott Forstall and marketing head Phil Schiller, Cue said he believed there was a market for a 7-inch tablet and that "we should do one".Speculation intensified in 2012 that Apple is preparing to launch a 7-inch version of the market-dominating 10-inch iPad, to counter increasing inroads made by smaller tablets such as the Kindle Fire, and most recently, Google's Nexus 7. But the company has never confirmed such talk.

The email was introduced on Friday as an exhibit in a high-wattage trial being played out in San Jose this summer before much of the technology industry. Apple and Samsung are going toe-to-toe in a patent dispute that mirrors a global struggle for industry supremacy between two rivals that together control more than half of worldwide smartphone sales. Apple accuses Samsung of copying the design and some features of its iPad and iPhone, and is asking for billions of dollars in damages and a sales ban. The Korean company, which is trying to expand in the US market, accuses Apple of infringing on some of its key wireless technology patents.

Cue, who rose to prominence overseeing the iTunes and Apps stores, became the company's senior vice president of Internet software and services in September.—*Reuters*



A customer looks at the screen of an iPad in an Apple store in central Prague, on 6 Oct, 2011.
REUTERS

Fruit flies offer DNA clue to why women live longer

LONDON, 4 Aug — Scientists believe they have discovered a clue to why women tend to live longer than men - by studying fruit flies. Writing in *Current Biology*, they focus on mutations in mitochondrial DNA—the power source of cells.Mitochondria are inherited only from mothers, never from fathers, so there is no way to weed out mutations that damage a male's prospects.But one ageing expert said there were many factors that explained the gender difference in life expectancy.By the age of 85, there are approximately six women for every four men in the UK, and by 100 the ratio is more than two to one.And females outlive males in many other species.

In the research, experts from Australia's Monash University and the UK's Lancaster University analysed the mitochondria of 13 different groups of male and female fruit flies. Mitochondria, which exist in almost all animal cells, convert food into the energy that powers the body. Dr Damian Dowling, of Monash University who was one of the researchers, said the results point to numerous mutations within mitochondrial DNA that affect how long males live, and the speed at which they age. "Intriguingly, these same mutations have no effects on patterns of ageing in females," he said.

"All animals possess mitochondria, and the tendency for females to outlive males is common to many different species."Our results therefore suggest that the mitochondrial mutations we have uncovered will generally cause faster male ageing across the animal kingdom."They suggest this is because there is no evolutionary reason for the faults that affect males to be picked up—because mitochondria are passed down by females.Dr Dowling added: "If a mitochondrial mutation occurs that harms fathers, but has no effect on mothers, this mutation will slip through the gaze of natural selection, unnoticed."

"Over thousands of generations, many such mutations have accumulated that harm only males, while leaving females unscathed." Tom Kirkwood, professor of ageing at Newcastle University said the paper was "intriguing". He said: "It may be it does tell us something rather important about mitochondria and the difference between male and female fruit flies."

And we know that mitochondria are important for ageing in a number of species."But I certainly don't think this is a discovery that explains why women live five-to-six years longer than men. "There are other things we know also count—lifestyle, social and behavioural factors. But the biggest difference in biology is that we have different hormones."— *Internet*

Fruit flies can give clues to what happens in other species.
INTERNET

A doctor examines a patient's mammogram. Medical experts have accused a major US breast cancer foundation known for its high-profile "pink ribbon" campaign of overselling pre-emptive mammography and understating the risks.
INTERNET

Komen cancer foundation 'oversells mammograms'

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Medical experts on Friday accused a major US breast cancer foundation known for its high-profile "pink ribbon" campaign of overselling pre-emptive mammography and understating the risks. The Susan G Komen for the Cure foundation uses misleading statistics in its pro-screening campaigns, two doctors from The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice in New Hampshire wrote in the *BMJ* medical journal.

"Unfortunately, there is a big mismatch between the strength of evidence in support of screening and the strength of Komen's advocacy for it," professors Steven Woloshin and Lisa Schwartz wrote. They take issue with a Komen poster comparing the 98-percent five-year survival rate for breast cancer when caught early, with a 23-percent rate for later diagnosis. Comparing the two figures did not say anything about the benefits of screening, they argued, and in reality a mammogram only narrowly decreases the chances that a 50-year-old woman will die from breast cancer within 10 years from 0.53 percent to 0.46 percent. Breast cancer treatments are more effective today, and some question whether screening mammography has any benefit whatsoever, wrote the pair.

They accused Komen of overlooking the potential harms, with up to half of women screened annually over 10 years experiencing at least one false alarm that requires a biopsy. Screening also results in overdiagnosis — detecting cancers that would never have killed or even caused symptoms in a person's lifetime, and unnecessary treatment. "The Komen advertisement campaign failed to provide the facts," said the piece. "Worse, it undermined decision making by misusing statistics to generate false hope about the benefit of mammography screening."In 2010, a report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* said mammograms have only a "modest" impact on reducing breast cancer deaths.

Komen, in a response to the BMJ comment, insisted that early detection enables early treatment, which gives the best shot at survival. "Everyone agrees that mammography isn't perfect, but it's the best widely available detection tool that we have today," said Chandini Portteus, the foundation's vice president of research, evaluation and scientific programmes. "We've said for years that science has to do better, which is why Komen is putting millions of dollars into research to detect breast cancer before symptoms start, through biomarkers, for example." In February, Komen was embroiled in a controversy over its decision to stop funding for an abortion clinic group in the United States.— *Internet*

A nurse helps a patient during her mammogram.— **INTERNET**

No escape from slump for Europe's top economies in July

Spain's Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy (R) and Italy's Prime Minister Mario Monti attend a news conference at the Moncloa Palace in Madrid on 2 Aug, 2012.
REUTERS

LONDON, 4 Aug — Europe's biggest economies endured another torrid month in July as businesses battled slumping demand, according to surveys on Friday that gave scant hope the region will emerge any time soon from a malaise induced by a paralyzing debt crisis. Purchasing managers indexes (PMIs), which gauge business activity and have a good record of tracking economic growth, showed order books at euro zone companies shriveled last month as a downturn in Germany and France became more entrenched. And growth in Britain's dominant services sector slowed to a crawl in July, casting fresh doubt over whether its economy will rebound from a contraction in the first half of the year.

Overall, the PMIs pointed to a recession-laden second half of the year for most of Europe's biggest economies, at odds with their portrayal of steady but unspectacular growth in Asia and the United States. At the heart of the region's problems is the sovereign debt crisis, which has pushed government borrowing costs in big economies like Spain and Italy to unsustainable levels and stamped on consumer and businesses confidence. European Central Bank President Mario Draghi warned the risks to economic growth in the euro zone are on the downside after its policy meeting on Thursday, while sidestepping immediate action to calm the debt crisis.

"If you look at the breakdown by country, it suggests that recession is going to be pretty broad-based and it's not purely down to developments in the (euro zone) periphery," said Ben May, European economist at Capital Economics in London. The composite euro zone PMI rose marginally in July to 46.5 from 46.4 in June, but was still well below the 50 threshold that marks growth. Survey compiler Markit said it was consistent with a 0.6 percent quarterly rate of economic decline. The euro zone narrowly avoided recession in the first quarter this year thanks only to the resilience of Germany.

While *Reuters* polls of economists last month suggested both Germany and France can still skirt recession, Italy and Spain look destined for painful economic contractions into 2013.

Official data on Friday also showed euro zone retail sales in June came in above expectations, even as growth slowed sharply from the previous month. But the more forward-looking PMIs augured badly for future business activity in Europe. Euro zone new business orders collapsed at the fastest rate since June 2009—a much worse situation than portrayed in the flash reading two weeks ago.— *Reuters*

Citizens wait to get their permissions at the lobby of the Exit and Entry Administration Division in the Public Security Bureau of Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 16 July, 2012. As the summer vacation begin, many parents bring their children to travel abroad for sightseeing. According to the statistics, the number of citizens in Zhengzhou to travel abroad has been growing since July, with about 1,500 people coming for permissions per-day.
XINHUA

Man 'on hold with Qantas for 15 hours'

MELBOURNE, 4 Aug — An Australian man on Friday claimed he was put on hold by Qantas Airways for so long he managed to read an entire managerial textbook, with the 15-hour phone call enough time to fly to the United States.

Andrew Kahn told *Fairfax* newspapers he phoned Qantas to confirm plans to travel to New York on Sunday, and was placed in a queue with a recorded message saying someone would be with him as soon as possible.

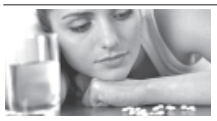
"I wanted to find out what exactly they meant would be as soon as possible," said Kahn.

After some time had elapsed the Adelaide businessman said he did not want to surrender his place in the queue and left the call rolling while he went onto other things — "surfing the net and working". "I also managed to read Bazerman & Moore's seventh edition of Judgment in Managerial Decision Making — more than 200 pages of advanced master's level reading," he said. The call was placed at 7.22pm on Wednesday evening and Kahn said he finally hung up at 11.01am on Thursday without speaking to anyone."I hung up in the end simply because I had had enough," he said, adding that he would never fly with the airline again.

Qantas declined comment, although it told the newspaper it had no record of someone being on hold for 15 hours that day and "the longest wait time was 17 minutes".

The embattled Australian carrier has endured a turbulent 12 months, with staff strikes prompting it to ground its worldwide fleet for 48 hours last October in a row that badly damaged its reputation.

Its investment-grade credit rating has been placed on watch by Standard & Poor's after warnings of a huge profit slump due to stiff competition, soaring fuel bills, the strong Australian dollar and weakening global conditions.— *Internet*



Digital pills approved by the FDA

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Did you remember to take your prescription medication today? For some, this is an easy question to answer, but others struggle to remember whether or not they've taken their daily regimen. This forgetfulness may soon be a thing of the past, though — the US Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of a pill that can digitally remind you whether or not you've taken it that day.

Created by Proteus Digital Health, the technology places tiny silicon chips on each pill. These sand-grain-sized sensors also contain magnesium and copper, a mix of metals that generates an electric charge when exposed to stomach acid. That charge ultimately makes its way to a patch on the skin, which transmits a notification that the pill has been taken to a doctor's smartphone.

Currently, the device is only approved for use with placebos. Its creators hope that the government will soon approve the silicon chips for use with anti-tuberculosis medications that need to be taken over the course of years, and for certain crucial pills taken by seniors who might otherwise forget to take their medication.— *Internet*

UN body sends first food aid to flood-hit N Koreans

GENEVA, 4 Aug — The World Food Programme has said it is sending a first shipment of emergency food aid to flood-hit areas of North Korea, where torrential rain has killed scores of people and inundated cropland. The assistance will provide victims with an initial ration of 400 grams (14 ounces) of maize a day for 14 days, the UN body said in a statement posted on Friday on its website.

It said a UN mission that travelled to flood-hit regions earlier in the week found considerable damage to maize, soybean and rice fields. The country struggles to feed its people even in normal times and suffered a famine in the 1990s that killed hundreds of thousands. The UN mission said immediate food aid was needed for residents of the worst-hit counties, Anju and Songchon in South Pyongan Province and Chonnae in Kangwon Province. It also stressed that tens of thousands of families urgently need clean drinking water to prevent disease.

Wells had been contaminated by overflowing latrines, creating a high risk of a diarrhoea outbreak, while floods had damaged water sources and pumping stations.Citing government figures, the UN mission said about 50,000 families would need purification tablets or other help to secure clean water. The North's state media has reported a total of 119 deaths in recent weeks, with 84,000 people made homeless and 45,370 hectares (122,500 acres) of farmland submerged or washed away.— *Internet*

This photo, taken by North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency on 30 July, shows a flooded area at Anju city in South Phongan Province, after typhoon and heavy downpours. The World Food Programme has said it is sending a first shipment of emergency food aid to flood-hit areas of the country, where torrential rain has killed scores of people and inundated cropland.
INTERNET

First West Nile death reported in Houston

HOUSTON, 4 Aug — Health department officials of Houston, the first largest city of the US state of Texas, confirmed on Friday that an elderly man has died from the West Nile virus, the first reported death in the city. According to the reports on the website of local English newspaper the Houston Chronicle, the man, who lived in southwest Houston, died in his late 70s to early 80s on Wednesday.

Currently, there are six cases of the West Nile virus in Houston and its surrounding areas such as the Harris county. There are 241 cases of the West Nile virus in the United States at the end of July, and almost 80 percent of such cases have been reported in the states of Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma. Texas has reportedly been a hotbed of the West Nile virus this summer, and Dallas county has reported two more deaths from the virus.

The West Nile virus is one of the Japanese encephalitis (JE) antigenic serocomplex of viruses, in the family Flaviviridae. It is found in both temperate and tropical regions, having been first identified in the West Nile sub-region in the East African nation of Uganda in 1937. The virus mainly infects birds, but is known to infect humans, and the main route of human infection is through the bite of an infected mosquito.

About 80 percent of such virus infections in humans are without any symptoms.

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Qantas planes await passengers in Melbourne. An Australian man on Friday claimed he was put on hold by Qantas Airways for so long he managed to read an entire managerial textbook, with the 15-hour phone call enough time to fly to the United States.
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DHF preventive measures taken in Pabedan Township

YANGON, 4 Aug—As part of efforts to take fire preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever, the local people participated in fumigation and chlorination at water tanks to be free from larvae and treat mosquito nets on Konsaydan Street in Ward 3 of Pabedan Township of Yangon West District on 28 August.

The DHF preventive measures were supervised by Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw of District General Administration Department and Township Administrator U Myat Aung Htay.

Later, the deputy commissioner and party attended to the needs of the local popele.

At the office of the Pabedan Township Health Department, officials disseminated health knowledge to the local people and attended to their needs.

Myanma Alin

Multiplier librarian course conducted in Taikkyi

TAIKKYI, 4 Aug—Taikkyi Township Information and Public Relations Department of Yangon Region conducted the multiplier librarian course No 1/2012 at the hall of the Taikkyi Township General Administration Department on 28 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Zaw Soe made a speech. Staff Officer of Yangon North District IPRD Daw Khin Thida Oo explained the purpose of opening the multiplier librarian course. The staff officer and heads of township IPRDs explained librarian course.—*Myanma Alin*

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: ***A ceremony to provide cash assistance to students of war veterans was held at the restaurant in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 28 July. Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization Lt-Col San Aung (Rtd) presents cash assistance provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee to a student.***

MYANMA ALIN

District News

New school buildings handed over in Salingyi

SALINGYI, 4 Aug—A ceremony to open new school building was held at Basic Education Primary School in Kangyi Village of Panhtoo Village-tract in Salingyi Township of Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 15 July morning.

At the ceremony, Sagaing Region Minister for Development Affairs U Tin Win and officials formally opened building.

Headmaster U Soe Myint Aung handed over documents related to the building to Township Education Officer Daw Myint Myint Kyi.

The 90 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet high building was constructed at a cost of K 16 million contributed by the State and K 3.5 million by the people.—*Myanma Alin*

Microfinance development work committee holds workshop in Shwegu

SHWEGU, 4 Aug—To be able to develop rural regions and alleviate poverty in Shwegu Township of Kachin State, the workshop on microfinance development work committee was held at the office of Township Microfinance Supervisory Committee on 17 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi made a speech. Manager of Kachin State Microfinance Supervisory Committee U Sein Tint explained matters related to microfinance institution.

Later, the officials replied to queries raised by attendees.—*Myanma Alin*

Cash assistance provided to offspring of veterans in Kyaikto

KYAIKTO, 4 Aug—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of war veterans was organized by Kyaikto Township War Veterans Organization at its hall on 16 July.

At the ceremony, Col Tin Htut of local station made a speech. Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization Major Moe Hsan Win (Rtd) explained the purpose of providing cash assistance to veterans' offspring.

Later, officials presented cash assistance to the students.—*Myanma Alin*

Nurturing of Palethwe paddy demonstrated in Kyeintali Sub-Township

KYEINTALI, 4 Aug—A demonstration on cultivation of special yield Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at the model plot of farmer U Kyaw Moe Shein in Kaingtawkwin Village of Kyeintali Sub-Township in Thandwe District of Rakhine State on 20 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Myo Than Htaik made a speech.

Head of Sub-Township Agriculture Department U Moe Zaw Tun explained the cultivation of quality paddy strain through good agriculture pattern.

Later, the demonstration on nurturing of paddy saplings was held on the model plot by sowing the paddy seeds.—*Myanma Alin*

Knowledge about taxation disseminated in Myaing

MYAING, 4 Aug—A ceremony to clarification on taxation to basic education middle students at the hall of Myoma-1 School (Basic Education High School Branch) in Myaing Township on 21 July morning.

Staff Officer U Sein Win of Township Internal Revenue Department disseminated knowledge about taxation to the students and staff of the Township Internal Revenue Department distributed pamphlets to students.

Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation shared to students

BAGO, 4 Aug—Talks on taxation to basic education middle school students were held at Basic Education High School No 1 and No 2, Basic Education Middle School No 1 and No 2 in Bago on 7 July.

Similar talks were held at Basic Education High School No 3, No 4 and BEMS No 3 and No 3 in Bago on 14 July.

Four staff officers and three deputy heads of department from Bago Township Internal Revenue Department explained knowledge about taxation to the students.

Myanma Alin

Drive Safely

Crime News

Two pirate CDs sellers arrested in Pyinmana

PYINMANA, 4 Aug—Action was taken against two persons who sold pirate CDs.

At 4 pm on 23 July, officials of Pyinmana Police Station together with officials concerned from Video Discipline Enforcement Committee seized Moe Kyaw Khaing, 18, son of U Ohn Myint and Thawda Min, 20, son of U Maung Nge of Thazi Village of Yamethin Township together with 176 pirate CDs of foreign dramas, 225 song CDs, two plastic baskets and K 11500 proceeds on 3rd Street of Aungmingala Ward of Pyinmana.

Myanma Alin

Cash donated to free clinic in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 4 Aug—Wellwishers donated cash to White Heart group of Yangon and Mawlamyinegyun at its clinic on 26 July.

U Thant Zin-Daw Myint Myint Kyi and family of Yangon donated K 100,000, U Aung Zaw Wan-Daw Aye Aye Than K 50000, Yangon Brokers Association K 340,500 and nine wellwishers of Mawlamyinegyun K 209,500.

On behalf of wellwishers, Executive U Nyi Nyi of White Heart presented cash to Chairman of the White Heart U Khin Maung Zin.

Myanma Alin

Taxation knowledge shared to students in Manaung

MANAUNG, 4 Aug—Manaung Township Internal Revenue Department held the ceremony to clarify matters related to taxation at Aungzeya Hall of Basic Education High School in Manaung Township on 20 July.

At the ceremony, Head of Manaung Township Internal Revenue Department U Zaw Win explained the purpose of levying the tax and four kinds of taxes collected by Internal Revenue Department.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar must take every step cautiously with...

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In his discussion, the President expressed his pleasure to meet leaders of 14 parties. Despite different parties, every one is realizing a common goal which is a prosperous democratic nation where peace and stability prevail. With democracy in its infancy, the country must take every step cautiously. Some says it is slow and some the other way. Democracy is not a system that could be moulded. Historical background and customs of its nationals will shape Myanmar's democracy model.

Perhaps, Myanmar may not be suited with model of western democracy. Every way that could profit the nation and the people will be followed. Stability is a sine qua none for flourishing democracy. The democracy will not survive without stability. And in turn, the stability will not be maintained with the weak democracy.

The government gives the stability the top priority. It is important to maintain stability as well as to make peace with national armed groups. The government is focusing on these two things.

The cooperation of each and every political party plays a vital role in stabilizing the political condition of the country. Despite different political views, all parties are invited to cooperate in implementing tasks on the common ground in the interests of the country.

The second point is about making peace with national races armed groups, which has long been an unsolved problem. Mutual understanding, sympathy, patience and trust are being built between the among all stakeholders first.

It is an extremely sensitives issue. However hard the higher level has tried, the efforts have often come to nothing once there emerges malfunctioning at the lower level, resulting in vain and decrease in trust. Contacts have been made with 10 out of 11 national races armed groups, achieving certain progress as some agreements have been reached. But agreement has not been yet reached with KIO/KIA in Kachin State (North). The magnitude of losses has been massive over a year period. The worst is that some of the national races in the region were forced to take refuge in safe hands of their friends or relatives, abandoning houses and property due to the fights. It was disheartening that they were facing such terrible time, leading a hard life.

The government has contact with KIO/KIA leaders and building mutual trust. He said his view is that whichever side suffers the losses, it means the losses of the nation for all the national people who are residing in the same territory known as Myanmar.

Aspiration for stability of the State is the same wish of all the citizens and thus all are obliged to realize this wish. So, all the parties are urged to join hands in making peace with national race armed groups as it is the national duty.

One another important point is the socio-economic development of the people. The government is exerting strenuous efforts for food security. Agricultural reforms are being carried out to guarantee food sufficiency for the growing population of future generation and achieve surplus through the current production is adequate for consumption of 60 million people. Efforts are being made for ensuring better living standards for farmers.

As to economic sector, what is needed today for economic prosperity of the nation is creation of jobs as much as possible. The poverty rate of the country stands at 26 per cent, affected by low employment rate, forcing about three million of citizens to work overseas for survival.

President U Thein Sein cordially greets chairmen, general secretaries and CEC members of political parties.

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Foreign investments are required for creation of a large number of job vacancies. The country lacks capital and technology. Only with the foreign investment, can job opportunities be created. Only there is occupation, there will be income. Only there is income, can one make his living, afford schooling of children, and medical treatment, promoting the standards of education and health. Thus, it is crucial to have investors invest in the country.

Myanmar Investment Commission was constituted with seven ministers to avert losses to the country when FDI flows into country, adopting four policies. Foreign Investment Bill has been written to be commensurate with that of foreign countries and submitted to Hluttaw.

Arrangements have been made to systematically use the grants and loans from foreign countries in projects which would benefit the people and would take shape speedily. Plans have been laid down and efforts are being made to build small- and medium-scale industries, heavy industries and hi-tech industries such as IT and telecommunication with the aim of adding the value to the products of the country.

The government has turned just over a year and it is not easy for the new government to fulfill the needs of the country at once. It needs to give advices to the government on ways for sufficient power supply instead of launching protests. The country is in need of not only sufficient power supply but also basic infrastructures such as roads, bridges, school buildings, hospitals, clinics, housings and hotels, clean drinking water, daily easy transportation and earning high income. The government, spending its budget, is working to satisfy the needs to the best of its ability.

The current per capital income is around USD 800 and the country which is rich in natural resources and possesses sound foundations is ranked at the bottom of the list of per capital income in the ASEAN nations, even lower than neigbouring country Bangladesh. If possible, the government wants the per capita income reaches about USD 3000. The five-year plan is aimed at increasing 7.7 % GDP within five years. To reach this goal, we should step up the efforts 1.3 times of present efforts. If we want to reach the GDP up to USD 3000, the country must boost efforts three times higher than the present efforts.

It is not easy and impossible for the country to do it at present. But, it is the desire of the government and of the people. However, the dream would do come true if grants and low-interest loans and investments from foreign countries flow into the country and western countries remove sanctions and the EU accepts imports from Myanmar and allows Myanmar to re-apply the tax exemption system which would benefit the country and the country produces more gas and oil.

The government believes that there is no impossible thing to satisfy the needs of the country if the stability and peace prevail in the country and its people work harder.

The people has a common desire comprising three points. They are political stability, eternal peace with armed ethnic groups and socio-economic development in the country. The desire of the people is the desire of the government and parties. The government is working to fulfill the desire of the people.

The government and the parties are working together to translate our common desire to success and all are to work in unison until all reach the common goal, the President said.

If there are those who row back while paddling towards the goal, the travel to the goal would be delayed and it would be difficult to reach the goal.

The President also urged all participants to work in unison and in cooperation each other until the country reaches it goal.

The President thanked the participants and the meeting ended at 1.30 pm.

After the meeting, the President and the participants had documentary photos taken.

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Religious Affairs Ministry holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— The first coordination meeting of the Ministry of Religious Affairs for 2012 was held at the hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung said that heads of Region and State Religious Affairs Departments are to implement the duties assigned by the ministry, and the directors-general, the deputy directors-general and directors are to supervise progress of works. He stressed the need for officers to take responsibility for the tasks and for the staff to carry out their assignments with genuine goodwill. Next, the head of the Office read the minutes of the previous meeting. Officials and region and state religious officers submitted on their respective sectors.—*MNA*

Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana responds to queries raised by reporters.

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Mr Quintana concludes visit

YANGON, 4 Aug—UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana left here by air this evening.

The UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

Before his departure at 6.30 pm, Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana read a statement on his visit to Myanmar and answered the questions raised by member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club in Yangon and editorial staff and reporters of publications at the lounge of Yangon International Airport.—*MNA*

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham...

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has completed construction of 19 houses in Wethali, Khayaymyaing, Shweyinaye, Thayaykon-baung and Mawrawady villages. A total of 33 houses are under construction. UNHCR has donated 400 tents. On arrival, families will be accommodated at the tents to be built in respective villages. Moreover, eight tractors, 312 gallons of diesel and 195 baskets of quality paddy seeds have been distributed for cultivation of paddy on 480 acres of farmlands.

At District Administrative Office in Maungtaw, the Vice-President and party heard reports on the riots that occurred in Maungtaw Township, restoring of peace and stability and undertaking of relief and rehabilitation. The Union ministers and the deputy ministers submitted reports on their respective sectors. The Vice-President attended to the needs.

At Mayyu Hall of 4th-mile Relief Camp in Maungtaw Township, the Vice-President met families and stressed the need to return situation of health, education, trade, transport and security into normalcy and to strive for development of villages and markets. He pointed out that not only the government but also families are to harmoniously participate in the respective tasks.

A local reported requirements of drought cattle and farming machinery and construction of the inter-village roads.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay and the Chief Minister of the state presented relief items and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint medicines to officials on behalf of the families.

Next, U Htet Oo-Daw Yin Yin Myint of Yangon, U Thet Naing Oo, U Kyaw Naing Oo and U Zaw Naing Oo of Naing Group Construction Co Ltd, U Aung Myat of Mother Trading Coi Ltd, U Ye Win of Shwe Thway Co Ltd, U San Lin of Super Seven Star Co Ltd, U Khin Maung Aye and Daw Maw Maw Aye of Yadanabon Jade and Gems Finishing Industry, U Win Lwin of New General Co Ltd, U Min Latt and Dr Myo Nanda of Asia Green Co Ltd, U Aik Yi and Daw Hson Lant of Yadana Theingi Co Ltd, Daw Khin Khin Zan of Montti Shop on Min Street donated K 30 million. On behalf of the wellwishers, the Chief Minister presented their donations through a local.

After visiting Maungtaw in a motorcade, the Vice-President and party left for MraukU by helicopter.

At MraukU Township People's Hospital (25-bed), the Vice-President visited the wards and departments of the hospital and comforted the patients.

He met with departmental officials at the hall of the hospital. At the donation ceremony, U Kyauk Taung of Nay La Thitsa Construction Co donated K 5 million, U Zaw Moe Khaing of AA Medical Products Ltd Aquatech water purifier tablet worth K 500,000 and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint medicines to Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Maung Thant.

The Vice-President donated flowers, water and oil lights to Shitthaung Stupa (or) Yanaung Zeya Stupa and signed the visitors' book.

The Vice-President and family donated K 500,000 and collective donation K 137,200 to the pagoda board of trustees who returned Dhamma gift and certificate of honour.

After visiting the Stupa, the Vice-President left for Kyauktaw by helicopter.

The Vice-President donated flowers, water, oil lights and gold foils to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw and donated K 500,000 and collective donation K 126,000 to the pagoda board of trustees.

After signing the visitors' book, the Vice-President left Kyauktaw and arrived back in Sittway.

In the evening, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham heard reports on collection of population in Rakhine State presented by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win. The Union ministers and the Chief Minister gave supplementary reports at the hall of the local station.

The Vice-President cordially greeted townselders. The townselders expressed their opinions on regional conditions, and Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay gave a supplementary report. Later, the Vice-President left necessary instructions.

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***Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects houses rebuilt in Mawrawady Village in Maungtaw Township.*—MNA**

***Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets townselders in Sittway.*—MNA**

Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay presents aids to victim families in Maungtaw Township.
MNA

Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin presents cash for victims at 4th-mile camp in Maungtaw through an official.
MNA

U Zaw Moe Khaing of AA Medical Products presents water purifier tablets to 25-bed hospital in MraukU.
MNA

Micro-credit Cooperative Society holds AGM

MUDON, 4 Aug—Myat Pyinnya Micro-credit Cooperative Ltd held its annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year in Mudon on 14 July morning.

Meeting Chairman U Min Thaung Han and the Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department made speeches.

Officials read the executive committee report for 2011-2012 and financial report.

After that, the officials concerned explained procedures for sharing of profits for the members and sought approval from them.—*Myanma Alin*

Damaged Hydrogen Peroxide Plant inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein and Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe yesterday morning arrived at Hydrogen peroxide plant under the Ministry of Industry in Chauk Township. The Union Minister and party inspected conditions of fire outbreak and wreckages inside the plant where fire outbreak started from its main unit on 2 August at 1 pm.

The Union Minister presented cash awards to Myanmar Police Force members and fire brigade members who put out fire at the plant.

Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe proceeded to Sale Village of Chauk Township where he observed packaging process of home-made Shaesaung and Jumjel brands natural palm jams before distributing. The chief minister called for producing soft drinks without using chemicals to penetrate into the markets.

The chief minister viewed paddy plantations at Outseik river water pumping project in Seikpyu Township, maintenance of canals and their proper flow of water, nurturing for growing paddy and preparation of land in Tanyaung river water pumping project in Salin Township of Minbu District.

In 2012-2013 monsoon paddy growing season, 10 townships of Magway Region are planning to grow 32858 acres of paddy with the use of 25 river water pumping stations.—*MNA*

Ayechan Thaya Bridge commissioned into service in Shwegyin Township

SHWEGYIN, 4 Aug—A ceremony to inaugurate Ayechan Thaya Bridge linking Kanbayaing and Kyauklongyi villages of Shwegyin Township of Bago Region was held at the bridhe on 21 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung, Village Administrator U Soe Myint and wellwisher U Thein Lwin formally opened the bridge and strolled along it.

The 125 feet long and six feet wide bridge was built at a cost of K 3.5 million by U Thein Lwin-Daw Kyi Min and family of Pyimabin Ward in Shwegyin.—*Myanma Alin*

Snatcher from train seized in Indaw Township

MYITKYINA, 4 Aug—At 6.20 pm on 25 June, 56-down (special) Myitkyina-Mandalay train arrived at the place between Hseywa Station and Meza Station in Indaw Township, the passengers namely U Zaw Win and family on seats 49 and 50 shouted for help that a young passenger from seat 56 on their opposite side snatched their bag.

Therefore, members of Railway Police Force jumped down from the train and followed the snatcher at the paddy field and then seized him together with the bag, clothes and K 310,000.

Action was taken against crime broker Aung Myot Kyaw, 25 of Thonsepay Village of Madaya Township at Mandalay Railway Police Station.

Myanma Alin

Talks on environmental conservation held in Bogale Township

BOGALE, 4 Aug—The 2012 monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in conjunction with the talk on environmental conservation at Polaung Ywama of Magu Village-tract in Bogale Township on 20 July.

At the ceremony, the Township Administrator and staff, the staff officer of Township Forest Department and staff, members of Township Environmental Conservation Committee, departmental personnel, village administrator and local people planted over 3000 saplings.

At the talk, the township administrator, the staff officer of Township Forest Department and members of the environmental conservation committee disseminated knowledge about growing and nurturing of saplings as part of efforts to conserve environment.

Myanma Alin

Knowledge about taxation shared to students

KAWKAREIK, 4 Aug—A clarification on taxation was held at the hall of Chaungtaung Basic Education High School Branch in Kawkareik Township on 16 July afternoon.

At the talk, Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Aung Myo Oo and staff explained matters related to taxation to the teachers and students.

It was attended by Head of Kawkareik Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw KhinLay, Township Education Officer U Shwe Thein, headmaster and teachers, and students at middle school level.

Later, pamphlets on taxation and publications were distributed to the attendees.

Myanma Alin

Rice, cash donated to monasteries

OTTWIN, 4 Aug—A merit sharing ceremony for donations of Ottwin Township collected by Mandalay Chantahgyi rice offering association was held at the Pahtan Dhammayon of Zay Monastery in Ottwin on 21 July morning.

Chairman of the Mandalay Chanthagyi Rice Offering Association (Ottwin Township Branch) U Soe Thein supplicated on purpose of merit-sharing ceremony to members of the Sangha and donated alms and rice to the Sayadaws.

A total of 654 baskets of rice and K 455,215 collected in Ottwin Township were donated to members of the Sangha in six townships of Mandalay.—*Myanma Alin*

Talks on laws, rules and legal affairs explained in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 4 Aug—At the hall of General Administration Department in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District in Yangon Region, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo gave talks on legal affairs and rules at 11 am on 27 July.

It was also attended by township level departmental service personnel, ward and village administrators and clerks.

Myanma Alin

Hpa-an Industrial Zone project under implementation

HPA-AN, 4 Aug—With the aim of creating job opportunities in Myanmar, the Union government invites local and foreign companies and establishes industrial zones.

At present, Hpa-an Industrial Zone is under construction for enabling the local people to carry out works at their region.

The industrial zone project is being implemented on 969 acres of farmlands. Four zones of the Hpa-an Industrial Zone are allotted with 59 plots for the zone-1, 191 plots for zone-2, 69 plots for zone-3 and 324 plots for zone-4.

Moreover, a port will be built near Mizan Village of Hpa-an Industrial Zone to be able to transport goods by 4000-ton vessels in monsoon and 2000-ton vessels in summer to Yangon Port, Dawei Deep Sea Port and Kyaukpyu Deep Sea Port.

At present, preparatory tasks are being undertaken for construction of the industrial zone with the facilities of roads, sub-power station, installation of electricity lines and supply of water.

Moreover, more plots will be reclaimed to extend the industrial zone with 1000 acres of land. The industrial zone is seven miles from Hpa-an, located between Sanphayi and Mizan villages on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe Road.

Myanma Alin

Palethwe paddy seeds sown in Mongkhat

MONGKHAT, 4 Aug—With the collective participation of departmental personnel and local farmers, the sowing of Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds was held at 13 acres farmland of the local station on 13 July.

The ceremony was attended by Lt-Col Moe Zaw Oo of the local station, Township Administrator U Hla Wai, ranks and files of the local station, departmental personnel and local farmers.

At the ceremony, Staff Officer of Township Agriculture Department U Soe Naing explained matters related to high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy strain and good agriculture pattern.

Later, those present at the ceremony participated in the sowing of paddy seeds.

Myanma Alin

Cultivation of straw mushroom demonstrated in Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—On their third trip, the rural development and poverty alleviation survey and implementation teams undertook their tasks in Kanhla, Gatkon, Chaing and Tagundaing villages of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe and party arrived at Tagundaing Village and viewed progress of tasks by the survey team and discussed regional development tasks.

Later, they viewed cultivation of straw mushrooms on the demonstration.

Myanma Alin

District News

Crime News

Two drug traffickers arrested in Nawngkhio

HSIPAW, 4 Aug—The authorities receive information that narcotic drugs are hidden in goods by car along Lashio-Mandalay Road of Shan State (North).

Acting on tiff-off, the Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad searched a passenger van from Thanlwin Bus Line that will leave Lashio for Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawngkhio at 5.30 pm on 21 July.

The authorities together with witnesses seized 600 stimulant tablets worth K 1.2 million hidden in the cake box of Ma Ei Ei Zaw, 20, daughter of U Zaw Min Thein from Ward 3 of Laukkai.

Moreover, the authorities seized 1195 stimulant tablets worth K 2.9 million and 20 grams of Ice worth K 400,000 in the bottom of rice cooker from Ko Zaw Tun, 41, son of U Win Myint of Yesu North in Wetgyi Village of Hmawby Township in Yangon Region.

Action was taken against the two at Nawngkhio Police Station under narcotic drug and psychotropic substances law.—*Myanma Alin*

Typhoon-triggered flooding disrupts railway services in NE China

SHENYANG, 4 Aug — Flooding triggered by torrential rain brought by Typhoon Damrey, the 10th typhoon of the year, disrupted services of two railways in northeast China's Liaoning province early Saturday morning, local authorities said.

The services of a major local railway that links Liaoning's capital city Shenyang with the port city of Dalian was suspended after a section was submerged under water at about 2 am, the Shenyang railway bureau said in a statement. The disruption has led to the delay of several trains, it added. Flooding also caused the collapse of the railway bed in a section of the Shenyang-Shanhaiguan line.

More heavy rains are forecast to batter Liaoning later Saturday, according to the provincial meteorological centre. The southeastern part of Liaoning received 100 to 220 mm of rainfall as of 4 am on Saturday, with a locality in the city of Anshan receiving 420mm.

One people was killed and another five missing on Friday night in Dalian when a bridge they were purportedly crossing was toppled by floods, the local government said. Flooding also has forced the evacuation of 88,773 people in the province.

Xinhua

Residents gather at the site of explosion in the eastern Nangarhar Province, 120 km east of capital Kabul, Afghanistan, on 3 Aug, 2012. A bomb went off here inside a mosque on Friday, injuring 20 people, police said. XINHUA

A group of women participate in a rally to promote the idea of breastfeeding during the global week of breastfeeding in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on 2 Aug, 2012. — XINHUA

US stocks rally to three-month high

NEW YORK, 4 Aug — US stocks rose to a three-month high on Friday, as investors cheered a positive jobs report. The US Labour Department reported that the US economy added 163,000 jobs in July, beating previous estimates of 100,000. The unemployment rate, however, rose to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent. The upbeat job report eased investor concerns about the US economy and helped to boost the market. Meanwhile, investors also expected that the European Central Bank will take more steps in the near future to control the region ' s debt crisis.

"There are unconfirmed rumours out there today that the ECB will hold another press conference," Stephen J Guilfoyle, economist from Meridian Equity Partners told *Xinhua*. He added that this expectation may also be part of the reason that European equities were so strong on Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average rallied 217.29 points, or 1.69 percent, to 13,096.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 surged 25.99 points, or 1.90 percent, to 1,390.99. The Nasdaq Composite Index soared 58.13 points, or 2.00 percent, to 2,967.90.

As for shares, financials, energy and technology stocks led the market. The CBOE Volatility Index, widely known as the best gauge of fear in the market, ended below 16. As for next week's market issues, investors were expecting the Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's speeches on next Monday and Tuesday. On next week's economic front, investors will stay focused on jobless claims next Thursday and import and export prices, which will be released on next Friday. As for other markets, crude prices soared on Friday also because of the positive jobs report.

Light, sweet crude for September delivery jumped 4.27 dollars, or 4.90 percent, to settle at 91.40 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. For this week, the WTI rose 1.27 dollars, or 1.41 percent. In London, Brent crude for September delivery surged 3.04 dollars, or 2.87 percent, to close at 108.94 dollars a barrel. It rose 2.47 dollars, or 2.32 percent for the week. The US dollar fell against most major currencies in late New York trading on Friday as the jobs report helped ease concerns over the US economy.— *Xinhua*

China nabs 137 for organizing organ sale

BEIJING, 4 Aug — Chinese police have arrested 137 suspects in the latest crack down on human organ trafficking.

The operation was jointly conducted by 18 provincial police authorities in late July, who also rescued 127 organ suppliers, said a statement from the Ministry of Public Security on Saturday.

Organizing underground organ transplantation is a crime under the Chinese law.— *Xinhua*

S&P cuts ratings of 15 Italian banks

NEW YORK, 4 Aug — Standard & Poor's Ratings Services on Friday cut the ratings for 15 Italian banks, citing a potentially deeper and more prolonged recession in Italy than originally anticipated. The ratings firm said the downgrading reflected "our view of increased credit risk for the Italian economy and its banks." The agency revised the economic risk score for Italy, one of the main components of its Banking Industry Country Risk Assessment, to five from four.

"With Italy facing a potentially deeper and more prolonged recession that we had originally anticipated, we are of the view that the vulnerability of Italian banks to the impact of rising loan losses has increased due to the combined effect of mounting problem assets and reduced coverage of loan loss reserves," S&P said in a statement.

The firm now thought a severe recession likely would increase Italian banks' problem assets in 2012 and 2013 to levels higher than previously anticipated, and higher than other banks in Europe. Banks like Unione di Banche Italiane, Banca Popolare dell' Emilia Romagna and Banca Popolare di Vicenza saw their ratings downgraded.— *Xinhua*

Japanese minister tries out Osprey plane at Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Japan's defence minister flew from the Pentagon groundso on Friday in a revolutionary hybrid aircraft at the heart of a controversy that threatens to strain strong defence ties between the United States and its Asian ally. The minister, Satoshi Morimoto, donned a white flight helmet and goggles before taking the jump-seat, between the pilots, on the flat-gray Marine Corps *MV-22 Osprey* troop transport.

The Pentagon is seeking to deploy the tilt-rotor aircraft — which takes off like a helicopter but flies like a plane — as early as next month to the southern Japanese island of Okinawa despite strong public opposition, largely on safety grounds. An initial shipment of 12 of the aircraft have arrived at Iwakuni Air Station, the only US Marine Corps station in the main Japanese islands. Activists are hoping to attract hundreds of thousands to what could be the island's largest-ever protest rally on Sunday.

The United States has agreed to refrain from flying the *Osprey* in Japan "in the short term," Defence Secretary Leon Panetta told a news conference with Morimoto at his side. Morimoto's trip, to Marine Corps Base Quantico in northern Virginia and back, would let the Japanese defence chief experience first-hand the Osprey's "impressive capabilities," Panetta said. The aircraft with the minister aboard headed low from the Pentagon over the Potomac River, crossing not far from the cherry tree plantings that originated in 1912 as a gift of friendship to the people of the United States from the people of Japan.

At Quantico, Morimoto watched a second *Osprey* land, evaluating its operation and noise levels in patterns meant to mimic their intended use at Futenma Marine Air Station on Okinawa island, where the Pentagon plans to base the Ospreys to replace aging *CH-46* helicopters.

Reuters

An MV-22 (Osprey) aircraft arrives for a test flight with the Japanese delegation at the Pentagon landing field in Washington on 3 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

Hiring picks up but not enough to sideline Fed

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Employers hired the most workers in five months in July, but an increase in the jobless rate to 8.3 percent kept prospects of further monetary stimulus from the Federal Reserve on the table. Nonfarm payrolls rose 163,000 last month, the Labour Department said on Friday, breaking three straight months of job gains below 100,000 and offering hope for the ailing economy. "It's a relief we did not post another number like 75,000, but the reality is it's not night and day. It's not as though it brings us all the way back to being wildly optimistic," said Robert DiClemente, chief US economist at Citigroup in New York.

While the report gave talking points to Republicans and Democrats for the upcoming general election, investors on Wall Street shrugged off the rise in the jobless rate to a five-month high and boosted stocks to their highest level since early May. The unemployment rate rose from 8.2 percent in June, even as more people gave up the search for work and a survey of households showed a drop in employment. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday sent a stronger signal that a new round of major support could be on the way if the recovery does not pick up. The labor market has slowed after hefty gains in the winter, spelling trouble for President Barack Obama in the November election.

A recent Reuters/Ipsos poll showed 36 percent of registered voters believe Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney has a better plan for the economy, compared with 31 percent who have faith in Obama's policies. Both Obama and Romney used the jobs report to plead their case to America's middle-class voters.

Reuters

Jobseekers wait to speak to a recruiter during the Gemological Institute Of America (GIA)'s Jewelry Career Fair in New York in this file photo taken on 30 July, 2012. — REUTERS

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV MERKUR BRIDGE VOY NO (012)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MERKUR BRIDGE VOY NO (012) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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With the Capitol in the background, a US Airways airplane makes its final approach at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, on 2 Aug, 2012.
INTERNET

FAA: Three jets near DC were never on collision course

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — None of the commuter jets that flew too close together near Washington was ever on course to collide head-on with the others, federal officials said on Thursday.During a news conference, US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood strongly disputed media reports characterizing what happened as a near-miss."At no point were the three aircraft on a head-to-head course. They were not on a collision course," said Michael Huerta, administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration.

The jet problem occurred on Tuesday after a miscommunication between a manager at Potomac Consolidated Terminal Radar Approach Control and two traffic management coordinators at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Huerta said. Officials are investigating. The exact nature of the miscommunication was not immediately clear, but there was apparently a failure on both ends to follow standard procedure.Traffic controllers at the time had been changing the direction planes were landing and taking off at the airport because of bad weather including several thunderstorms, the closest about 6 miles south.

Both LaHood and Huerta praised the work of air traffic controllers to quickly set the US Airways planes on another path once they learned they were too close together.

Huerta said the planes were on different headings at different altitudes and thus never would have crashed.All of the planes were equipped with collision avoidance systems, but none was activated Tuesday, Huerta said.

Internet

Paris opens artificial beach on Seine for tourists .
XINHUA

London tourism rates 'plunge' during Olympics

LONDON, 4 Aug — The London 2012 Olympics appears to be deterring tourists from the capital's centre after warnings of travel chaos and overpriced hotel rooms, according to key industry figures. Many businesses complain they are being sidelined as tourists make a beeline for the Olympic Games and avoid the capital's other attractions and shopping destinations, while non-sports fans opt to stay at home or delay their trips.In the run-up to the Olympics, commuters and tourists alike were warned to avoid central London, with millions of athletes, support staff, media and spectators descending on the capital for the greatest show on earth.

The Games have long been heralded as a key boost to the recession-hit British economy. But tourist numbers have fallen "dramatically" since the Games began, according to industry body the European Tour Operators Association. "London has approximately 300,000 foreign and 800,000 domestic visitors every day in August. These people have been told implicitly that they should stay away and they have done so," said ETOA chief executive Tom Jenkins. He argued that many were simply following official travel advice from Transport for London.

***Passengers walk past a welcome desk for Olympic Games delegates at Paddington Station.—*INTERNET**

"The numbers are currently dramatically down on last year. How far down will be determined by how long Transport for London maintains the 'don't come into London' campaign," added Jenkins."But they have been replaced by approximately 500,000 Games ticket holders, many of whom are Londoners, all of whom are here because they've come to watch sport.

"They are not necessarily interested in London as a tourist destination."

Internet

Jail for Hong Kongers after huge Australia cocaine bust

SYDNEY, 4 Aug — Two men from Hong Kong were on Friday handed lengthy jail terms in Australia after importing Aus$173 million (US$181 million) of cocaine hidden in lawnmowers. Lau Pak Kwan, 34, was jailed for 20 years while Yim Yiu Chi, 36, was sentenced to 19 years for their part in one of the largest cocaine seizures ever made by Australian police.A third man from Sydney, Samuel Hotin Yung, 21, was jailed for 11 years. All three pleaded guilty to importing a commercial quantity of a border-controlled drug.

Their sentencing came just days after Australian police seized half a billion dollars worth of crystal methamphetamine and heroin after smashing another international drugs syndicate, also allegedly run by Hong Kong men. "While all of you were acting on the part of others superior to you in your organisations, your participation was active and essential to those organizations," Justice Terry Forrest said in the Victorian Supreme Court."It is my duty to impose long-term imprisonment for your roles."

***Australian Federal Police guard US$525 million worth of crystal methamphetamine ('ice') and heroin after smashing a Hong Kong-based international drugs syndicate in Sydney on 31 July, 2012.—*INTERNET**

More than 200 kilograms of the drug was found in a shipping container holding eight ride-on lawnmowers packed in individual crates at Melbourne on 19 August last year.

The ship had travelled from Brazil via Hong Kong.Police then carried out a controlled delivery to an address in central Melbourne which led to the arrest of one of the men, with the two others subsequently caught.At the time, police said it was fifth-largest seizure of cocaine ever in Australia and the biggest haul in Victorian state history.

Internet

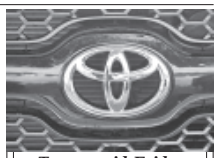
Glazers may make a killing on Man Utd investment

LONDON, 4 Aug — Manchester United Ltd's owners stand to make about three times their investment in the British soccer club if it successfully goes public. The club, one of the most popular in the world, has kicked off the marketing for its US initial public offering, which will value the club at $3.3 billion if the sale is at the high end of the pricing range of $16-to-$20 per share. The owners, the Glazer family, bought the team for 790 million pounds ($1.2 billion) in 2005 in a leveraged buyout. In terms of equity, the Florida-based family, whose other interests include shopping centers and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers football team, has invested at least 521.1 million pounds ($813.7 million) in Manchester United.

Through the IPO, they will initially get up to $167 million from their sale of 8.3 million shares. They will also still own 89.8 percent of the shares, which will be worth nearly $3 billion at a $20 a share price. The Glazers have already received a 10 million pound dividend, which was used to pay back money they borrowed from the club in 2008.The huge profit for the family could make Manchester United the latest poster child for potential problems faced by companies that become targets of leveraged buyouts.To critics, such deals load companies with debt to supercharge the owners' profits, while sometimes leaving the companies worse off than they were before.

The risk may be greater for a sports team, where finances can turn on how well the team does on the field, which can depend on a club having enough money to buy and pay top players.Poor performance can quickly feed through to lower revenue from ticket sales and TV rights, and eventually hurt commercial revenue from sponsorships and sales of merchandise, such as team shirts.—*Reuters*

Shoppers walk past a Manchester United merchandise store at a mall in Singapore on 14 June, 2012.
REUTERS



Toyota said Friday that its fiscal first-quarter profit skyrocketed to $3.71 billion as the Japanese auto giant recovered from last year's quake-tsunami disaster.
INTERNET

Toyota says April-June quarterly profit $3.71 bn

TOKYO, 4 Aug — Toyota said on Friday that its fiscal first-quarter profit skyrocketed to $3.71 billion as the Japanese auto giant recovered from last year's quake-tsunami disaster.

The company said it earned 290.3 billion yen between April and June, up from just 1.16 billion yen a year ago — the first full quarter after Japan was devastated by the 11 March natural disasters that dented production and demand.Sales in the period shot up nearly 60 percent to 5.50 trillion yen, the automaker said. Its operating profit reached 353.14 billion yen, swinging back into the black after an operating loss of 107.96 billion yen a year ago.

Toyota kept its annual net profit forecast at 760 billion yen on sales of 22.0 trillion yen."In all regions, vehicle sales increased significantly due to strong recovery of demand which had suffered last year from the lack of supply caused by the Great East Japan Earthquake," Senior Managing Officer Takahiko Ijichi said in statement.— *Internet*

3.5 inch home error costs $24,850 to repair

A Canadian couple said they are facing $25,000 in costs to repair a 3 1/2-inch error in the placement of their half-constructed home.

Steven Boyd and Karen Bursey said the Conception Bay South, Newfoundland, town council told them the house they are building is 3.5 inches too close to a neighbouring property and they must now pay $25,000 to correct the error or buy more property to render it moot, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp reported.

Officials said local zoning laws require homes to be 59 inches from neighbouring properties, but Boyd and Bursey received an exemption to be only 51.15 inches away. However, a construction error resulted in the home being only 49.6 inches away from the property line.

The council has issued a stop-work order on the home's construction until the issue is resolved. "We're devastated, obviously," Bursey said. "We have thousands of dollars invested in a home that we can't proceed with."

Burnsey said fixing the error would cost $25,000 and their neighbours want the same amount to move their property line. "Our only other avenue of appeal is to go through the municipal appeals board, which right now at this point in time there's a wait list of well over a year," Bursey said.

News Album

Orangutans isolated to quit smoking

Officials at an Indonesian zoo said a pair of orangutans have been isolated from the public to help the primates quit smoking.

The Taru Jurug Zoo in Surakarta said orangutans Tori, 13, and Didik, 23, were moved to an island at the centre of the zoo's lake to keep visitors from throwing lit cigarettes into their enclosure, *The Jakarta Post* reported.

Zoo chief Lilik Kristianto said the orangutans would smoke any lit cigarettes thrown into the cage.

"At first they looked anxious and drained, but after two days they looked better and have started to play in the trees on the 300-square-metre (3,229-square-foot) area," Lilik said.

Daniek Hendarto, conservation program coordinator for the Jakarta Animal Aid Network's Centre for Orangutan Protection said blood tests administered on 3 July found Tori and Didik were both suffering from hepatitis and tuberculosis.

"We should focus on disciplining visitors. We have put up signs prohibiting visitors from throwing cigarettes into the apes' enclosure, but they keep doing it when nobody is looking. They think smoking orangutans are funny, hence they do it over and over again without knowing that the outcome could be fatal," Hendarto said.

He said the orangutans may remain on the island permanently to keep them away from cigarettes.

Air Force plane lands in wrong place

The US Air Force said it is investigating after a C-17 cargo plane that landed at an airport about 10 miles from its intended destination.

The Air Force said the plane landed Friday at Peter O Knight Airport in Tampa, about 10 miles from MacDill Air Force Base, where it was supposed to land, the *Tampa Bay Times* reported.

"I'm quite sure the crew was embarrassed," said Deric Dymerski, president of Atlas Aviation, which runs ground operations at Peter O. Knight Airport.

"They weren't on our frequency. They just showed up," he said. "They obviously, well, I'm speculating, mistook it — all appearances are they mistook the airport for MacDill Air Force Base."

The Air Mobility Command at Scott Air Force Base in Illinois said the aircraft was en route to the base following Central Command operations in southwest Asia.

Maj James Bressendorff, AMC public affairs executive officer, said he could not provide details of the mission or the mistaken landing because the investigation is ongoing.

Jennifer Lopez threatens lawsuit over 'Casper Smart gay' reports

Jennifer Lopez

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug— Jennifer Lopez is reportedly taking legal action against magazines, which claimed that her backing dancer and boyfriend Casper Smart was "caught" in a "gay sex club" and an exotic massage parlour.

Their high-powered attorneys, Shawn Holley and Howard Weitzman, have teamed up and allegedly sent letters to American publications *Star Magazine* and *In Touch*, warning them the "reports" are "false, malicious and defamatory" and will cause "immense damage" to the couple's careers and reputations, Contactmusic reported.

The reports include snaps of Smart outside a XXX peep show in New York City in July. *Star* magazine claims that the place is a "well-known cruising spot for gay men looking for instant hookups."

While *In Touch* magazine claims that Smart was "caught" with an "exotic masseuse" at Hell's Kitchen, which he visited for 10 minutes — the day before he helped host his singer girlfriend's 43rd birthday.

In their letters, the lawyers have each demanded that the magazines print a full retraction, warning that Smart and Lopez will "immediately file a lawsuit" if the magazines fail to do so.—*Internet*

Actors Sean Hayes (Larry), Chris Diamantopoulos (Moe), and Will Sasso (Curly) (L-R), cast members in the motion picture comedy "The Three Stooges", attend the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.
INTERNET

'Stooges' top-selling DVD for second week

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug — The comedy "The Three Stooges" is the top-selling DVD and Blu-ray in the United States for a second week, *Rentrak* reported on Thursday.

Coming in at No 2 on the sales roster for the week ended 29 July is "The Dark Knight," followed by "Batman Begins" at No 3, "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" at No 4 and "American Reunion" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are "21 Jump Street" at No 6, "Wrath of the Titans" at No 7, "Lockout" at No 8, "Star Trek: The Next Generation — Season 1" at No 9 and "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol" at No 10.

"Lockout" is the No 1 DVD and Blu-ray rental for the week ended 28 July.

"American Reunion" is No 2, "The Three Stooges" is No 3, "21 Jump Street" is No 4, "Friends with Kids" is No 5, "Silent House" is No 6, "Get the Gringo" is No 7, "Wrath of the Titans" is No 8, "Casa De Mi Padre" is No 9 and "Intruders" is No 10.

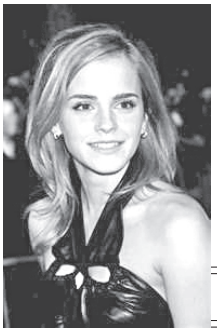
Internet

Emma Watson denies role in 'Fifty Shades...' movie

LONDON, 4 Aug— Actress Emma Watson has denied being in the line up to star in a movie adaptation of "Fifty Shades of Grey".

The 22-year-old says she hasn't been contacted to play heroine Anastasia Steele and neither has she read the "mummy porn" novel by EL James, reports thesun.co.uk

"I haven't read the book, I haven't read a script, nothing," said Watson.



Actress Emma Watson

"There are so many movies you become attached to when I've literally never even received a phone call. It was the same way with 'The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo' —I never even saw a script," she added.

The "Harry Potter" actress says she has to explain to her family that they must not blindly trust whatever they read about her.

"I told them just because there are 60 articles on the internet doesn't mean it's any less true than if there are three or four. The thing is I'm not going to go out there every time someone attaches me to a film to say no or release a statement," she said.

Other stars rumoured to be considered for the film are Emma Stone, Lucy Hale and Katie Cassidy.—*Internet*

Victoria and her one-year-old daughter Harper Seven

Beckhams get designer painting for Harper

LONDON, 4 Aug—Soccer star David Beckham and his wife Victoria got British artist Damien Hirst to create a painting for their one-year-old daughter Harper Seven's bedroom. The couple asked the popular artist to create a painting of a lilac heart, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Asked about his most recent extravagance, David said: "A piece of artwork which I had specially made by a friend. We named it 'Daddy's Girl'. Who was the artist? Damien Hirst."

David and Victoria also have sons Brooklyn, 13, Romeo, 9, and Cruz, 7. The soccer ace says "I'm still amazed we have a little girl. I change her nappy and I'm still amazed that it's a girl. Amazing."—*Internet*

Russell Brand 'moving in with new girlfriend'

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug— Russell Brand is hoping to move in with his new girlfriend Isabella Brewster just months after meeting her in a yoga class.

The couple have reportedly already looked up a love nest in Los Angeles, California, which they want to rent together.

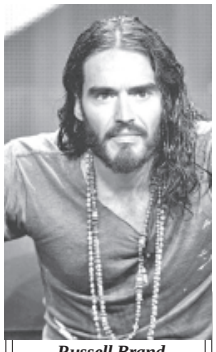
"Russell doesn't mess about. He's throwing himself into this new relationship as they've really hit it off," Contactmusic quoted a source as telling the *Sun*.

The 37-year-old actor, whose divorce from singer Katy Perry was officially finalised just last month, has been dating Isabella, the younger sibling of the 'Fast 'n' Furious' star Jordana Brewster.

An insider said at the time of the duo getting together that the actor is really fond of his new ladylove.

"It's been going on for a few weeks. He really likes her. She's cute. She is all over him and Russell loves it," the insider had said.

Internet



Russell Brand

Tom Cruise

Tom Cruise takes Suri to Disney World

NEW YORK, 3 Aug—Tom Cruise continued to play the role of a doting dad as he took his daughter Suri for a fun-filled day at Disney World. Suri, dressed as Princess Ariel, was seen walking hand-in-hand with the 50-year-old actor on Monday.

"Suri looked like she was in heaven," the *New York Post* quoted one Marianne Cohen of Tampa, who was at the park with her grandkids, as telling *People* magazine. "It was really cute. She was walking around like she owned the place, having the time of her life, and Tom, who looked really handsome was talking to her, was really engaging with her," she said.—*Internet*

Lindegaard signs new Man Utd deal

Denmark international commits to Old Trafford until end of 2015/16 season

LONDON, 4 Aug — Manchester United goalkeeper Anders Lindegaard has signed a new four-year deal at Old Trafford. The contract will keep the Denmark international at United until the end of the 2015/16 season. Lindegaard, 28, signed for United in January 2011 and has made eight Barclays Premier League appearances.

He took over from David De Gea as first choice in January 2012 before suffering a knee injury in training. Lindegaard told United's website: "I'm glad and proud that the manager has shown the confidence he has in me by giving me a new deal. "There is nowhere in the world I would rather be than right here. The competition for places is tough, as it should be in a club like this. "It only makes us better as individuals and, more importantly, stronger as a team."It's what I have dreamt of all my life and nothing makes me more proud than wearing the Manchester United badge."

Ferguson said Lindegaard had improved enormously as a keeper since joining the club. "There is healthy competition in the goalkeeping department, which is always good for the team, albeit a headache for me," he added. "I am delighted he has signed a new contract and also delighted to see that he has clearly returned from the summer break in good shape."— *Internet*

Anders Lindegaard replaced David De Gea in goal for Man Utd in January.
INTERNET

Downing gives Liverpool Europa League edge

LIVERPOOL, 4 Aug — Stewart Downing's second-half strike got Brendan Rodgers' tenure off to a winning start as Liverpool edged a 1-0 victory against FC Gomel in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round. Downing struck in the 67th minute of the encounter in Belarus to earn his side a slender advantage ahead of the second leg at Anfield on on 9th August.

Liverpool, whose midfielder Joe Cole limped off after 23 minutes with a suspected hamstring injury, were under pressure for much of the match against a side midway through their domestic season.The closest the hosts came to scoring was when Sergey Kozeka rattled a shot against the post with goalkeeper Brad Jones beaten, but Gomel were punished for their profligacy after the break when Downing cut inside from the right and fired into the left-hand corner of the net from 25 yards out.

Should Liverpool, who qualified for this season's UEFA Europa League by winning the Carling Cup, overcome the Belarusian side on aggregate they will reach the play-off stage, which they will need to negotiate to reach the group stage.— *Internet*

Stewart Downing scored Liverpool's first leg winner against Gomel.
INTERNET

Boxing: US handed lifeline as Spence defeat overturned

LONDON, 4 Aug — Boxing officials decided to overturn Errol Spence's defeat on Friday, handing the United States a lifeline after the original result seemed to cap the worst-ever Olympic showing by their men's team.

Spence originally lost his second-round welterweight bout to world amateur bronze medalist Krishan Vikas of India 13-11, meaning all nine American fighters had been eliminated.

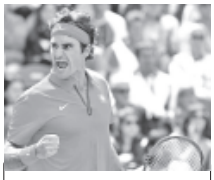
However, the International Boxing Association (AIBA) said in a statement that after reviewing video footage its competition jury found Spence should have been awarded four additional points for fouls committed by the Indian.

That means the US men's team still have a chance of bettering the solitary bronze medal they won at the Beijing Games four years ago.

Reuters

India's Krishan Vikas (R) fights against Errol Spence of the US in their Men's Welter (69kg) Round of 16 boxing match during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 3 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

Federer labours past Del Potro to reach men's singles tennis final in Olympics



Roger Federer of Switzerland competes during men's tennis singles semifinals contest, at London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 3 Aug, 2012. Roger Federer of Switzerland defeated Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina 2-1.— XINHUA

LONDON, 4 Aug — Switzerland's Roger Federer reached his first Olympic singles final after edging Juan Martin Potro of Argentina 3-6, 7-6 (7-5), 19-17 in an epic marathon battle here on Friday.

Seven-time Wimbledon winner Federer was on the verge of a defeat at the All-England Club after dropping the first set, but the world number one finally defeate del Potro in four hours and 26 minutes, the longest three-set men's singles match in the Open Era.He will face either Novak Djokovic or Andy Murray in Sunday's final. — *Xinhua*

Mardy Fish

Fish advances to quarterfinals in Washington

WASHINGTON , 4 Aug — Mardy Fish knows what he'd have to do for his ankle to heal. He's just not interested in doing it. Still feeling the effects of a right ankle injury sustained two weeks ago in Atlanta, the top-seeded American beat Ricardas Berankis 6-3, 6-1 on Thursday night to advance to the Citi Open quarterfinals. Fish said the injury doesn't hamper his movement, and he can play through the discomfort. ''That's a tough thing, because it needs rest and I'm just not going to give it rest,'' Fish said. ''I can't give it rest. I'm not going to miss these tournaments.''

Fish already missed time this year after he underwent a heart procedure in May to correct an arrhythmia. Now he's more concerned about regaining his match fitness than about his ankle. ''I need matches,'' he said.

"I need to play.'' Fish will face Xavier Malisse on Friday. Malisse beat sixth-seeded Jeremy Chardy 6-3, 6-2. The No 13-ranked Fish knows he isn't at top form, but he also believes he's not too far away.

''I feel like I can go out against someone like I played tonight and not lose,'' he said. ''That's important. You'd be surprised, in years past I felt like I could really beat anyone, but I could also lose to anyone on any given day. —*Internet*

International Sports

Gymnastics: There's no stopping Gabby, says Comaneci

LONDON, 4 Aug — President Barack Obama wants an audience with her, Oprah Winfrey is "flowing happy tears" for her and spookily her surname is an anagram of 'USA gold'—no wonder Americans cannot get enough of Gabby Douglas. Games sweetheart Douglas tumbled her way into the hearts of her compatriots after joining Mary Lou Retton, Carly Patterson and Nastia Liukin as the only American women to win the coveted Olympic all-round gymnastics crown.

Unlike her predecessors, Douglas is the first from her country to land a team gold to go with individual success and Romanian great Nadia Comaneci believes the 16-year-old can become the most famous gymnast to emerge from the US. "She made history by being the first black lady to win the competition. She just rocked," Comaneci told *Reuters* in a telephone interview. "I think it's great because she's different, she's unique, she's so bold. She will have so many opportunities coming her way."—*Reuters*

Gabrielle Douglas of the US competes in the balance beam during the women's individual all-around gymnastics final in the North Greenwich Arena during the London 2012 Olympic Games Aug on 2, 2012.
REUTERS

Furyk scrambles to 4-under 66, stays in lead

AKRON, (Ohio), 4 Aug — Jim Furyk and Tiger Woods each carried momentum into the second round of the Bridgestone Invitational. That meant the best 36-hole score for Furyk in his PGA Tour career, and the worst start for Woods in nearly fourth months.Furyk had another good day with the putter, making a few birdies early and saving par from the bunker four times on the back nine at Firestone for a 4-under 66 and a two-shot lead over Rafa Cabrera-Bello of Spain.

It helped that Furyk opened with a 63 on Thursday afternoon, allowing him to turn around Friday morning and try to resume his good play. That's what he did, starting with a tricky birdie putt on the second hole and following his lone bogey with a 20-foot birdie on the ninth."Just probably a little easier to keep the momentum going that way than having an early time on Thursday, having a good round and having to sit on it until Friday afternoon," he said. "I thought it was key to get off to a nice start and see some putts go in. Made a good birdie putt at 2, and saw some birdies go in on the front nine, good putt at 9, and off to the races."

He was at 11-under 129, two shots clear of Cabrera-Bello, who had a 65. Louis Oosthuizen used his putter from just off the ninth green to finish with a birdie and a 65, leaving him three shots behind going into the weekend of this World Golf Championship.

Jason Dufner had a 66 in the afternoon and was four shots behind.Woods, a seven-time winner at Firestone, can't seem to get anything going.— *Internet*

Jim Furyk is all smiles after shooting a second round four under 66 at the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club, on 3 Aug, 2012, in Akron, Ohio.
INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(5-8-12 09:30 am ~ 6-8-12 09:30 am) MST

* News
* 12 Sign Ascendants in August 2012
* News
* Holy Waso Full Moon Day
* News
* Creator of Imagination
* News
* Myanmar DVD Impact "The Day of Flowers and The Night of the Danger"
* News
* (MI People's Celebrities) "One" and the Meaning of Housewife
* News
* UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador Jackie Chan is Coming to town
* News
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* News
* Investment Environment of Myanmar
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MYANMAR TV

(5-8-2012) (Sunday)

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song

7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song

8:10 am
5. (38) Phyar Mingalars

11:00 am
6. Martial Song

11:10 am
7. Musical Programme

11:20 am
8. Round Up Of The Week's International News

12:30 pm
9. How It's Works

12:50 pm
10. Myanmar Movies

4:35 pm
11. Song Of National Races

4:55 pm
12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

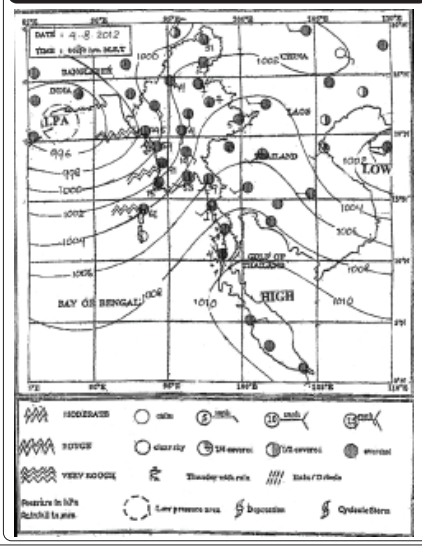
5:00 pm
13. Teleplay (Health)

5:20 pm
14. Sing & Enjoy

6:40 pm
15. Tamyethnar Takwetsar

8:00 pm
16. News
17. Cartoon Series
18. TV Drama Series
19. New Melody

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 5th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	32/90	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	33/91	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	32/90	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	30/86	23/73	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	22/72	Some rain or thundershower which may be heavy attime	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay, Magway Regions and Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikkhami (7.95) inches, Sittway (7.09) inches, Thandwe (5.00) inches, Pyapon (4.37) inches, An (4.25) inches, Kawkareik (3.70) inches, Bilin (3.50) inches and Yangon (Mingaladon) (3.19) inches.
Bay Inference	According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area still persists over Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Continuation of strong monsoon.

Kyimyindine Township WVO provides cash assistance to offspring

YANGON, 5 Aug—A ceremony to present cash assistance provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of Kyimyindine Township WVO on 20 July.

Member of Yangon Region War Veterans Organization Supervisory Committee Lt-Col Aung Myint (Rtd) made a speech.

Chairman of the Township WVO Captain Sein Than (Rtd) gave cash assistance to offspring of veterans.

Myanma Alin

Athletics: Bolt taster for fastest women on day two

LONDON, 4 Aug — After a rip-roaring first day of action in the athletics, the London Olympics gets its first glimpse of the biggest name in the sport on Saturday when Usain Bolt takes to the track for the 100 metres heats. The Jamaican defending champion has a chance to lay to rest any doubts about his fitness before the title of fastest woman in the world is decided later in the evening in the women's 100 metres final.

A combination of pictures shows this year's eight fastest men on the track in the competition for the men's 100m final of the London 2012 Olympic Games to be celebrated next 5 August, 2012.From top row L to R: Jamaica's Usain Bolt, Asafa Powell and Yohan Blake. Middle row L to R: Justin Gatlin and Tyson Gay of the US Bottom row from L to R: Trinidad and Tobago's Keston Bledman, France's Christophe Lemaitre and Ryan Bailey of the US. Over 116 years the Olympic 100 metres final has produced drama, pain, controversy, disillusionment, incredulity and unbridled joy — all crammed into a race lasting little longer than it takes to say "Baron Pierre de Coubertin."—REUTERS

The race for the men's title is expected to be a battle between three Jamaicans — Bolt, Asafa Powell and Yohan Blake — and two Americans — Tyson Gay and Justin Gatlin — with the same two countries are expected vie for the women's gold.

American Carmelita Jeter installed herself as favorite with a run of 10.83 seconds in the heats, but defending champion Shelly-Ann Fraser and her fellow Jamaican Veronica Campbell-Brown will be out to keep the title in the Caribbean.

In the wake of Tirunesh Dibaba's sensational defense of her women's 10,000 metre title on Friday, her fellow Ethiopian Kenenisa Bekele has a chance to outdo her with a bid for an unprecedented third successive gold in the men's race. That will pitch him against Mo Farah, who is hoping to become the first Briton to win a long distance gold and possibly grab the first gold for the hosts in the Olympic Stadium.

Jessica Ennis might beat him to it, however, having ridden a huge wave of local support to take a 184-point lead into the final three events in the heptathlon. There will certainly be a new champion in the men's long jump after Panama's Irving Saladino made a premature exit in qualifying despite only seven competitors getting over the eight metres mark.

World indoor champion Mauro Vinicius da Silva of Brazil and American Marquise Goodwin led the way but Greg Rutherford and Christopher Tomlinson will be hoping to medal for the hosts.

The women's discus looks as wide open as it was in Beijing four years ago. Cuban Yarelys Barrios qualified in first place but one good throw could win the title for any of the finalists.

The first athletics gold medal of the day will be won outside the stadium in the 20 km walk on a circuit which goes back and forth in front of Buckingham Palace, with Russia's Valeriy Borchin favorite to defend his title.— *Reuters*

Olympic women's basketball: France's last-second three-pointer breaks hosts' dream of first win

LONDON, 4 Aug — French Celine Dumerc's two three-pointers broke hosts Britain's dream of taking their first ever Olympic basketball victory here on Friday in the women's event in London Dumerc, who finished with 14 points, made a shot from beyond the arc with 5.6 seconds remaining in regulation to send the game into overtime. It was also Dumerc who made a three-pointer with 0.2 seconds left in overtime to give France an 80-77 victory.Sandrine Gruda and Edwige Lawson-Wade added 16 points apiece for France, which improved to an unbeaten 4-0 record in Group B and will play Russia on Sunday.

Johannah Leedham had 29 points and eight rebounds to lead Britain, which has lost all four of its games.Nevriye Yilmaz scored 16 points and Esmeral Tuncluer added 12, leading Turkey to an 82-55 thumping of China in a Group A match. Turkey never trailed and improved to 3-1 to wrap up a spot in the quarterfinals after Wednesday's 58-89 loss to the United States.

Chen Nan scored a match-high 19 points and was the only Chinese player to reach double figures. Already qualified foe the quarterfinals before the match, CHina will play against the US team which they had never beaten at Olympics.

Australia's Elizabeth Cambage became the star of the day as she dunked in the match Australia beat Russia 70-66.

The 20-year-old Aussie maybe the first female player to dunk in an Olympic match as FIBA couldn't confirm.Cambage caught the ball at the top of the lane from teammate Kristi Harrower with 6:14 left in the third quarter, took one dribble to the basket for the one-handed dunk. The dunk in the middle of a 12-0 run that gave Australia a 44-33 lead. Russia battled back to close within 61-58 with 4:22 left in the game on Becky Hammon's three-pointer.

Australia responded extending its lead back up to 68-62 on Jenna O'Hea's three-pointer with 1 minute 27 seconds left. Hammon's basket with 50 seconds left made it 68-66 before Cambage hit two free throws to seal the victory.

In Friday's other matches, Ana Lelas scored 23 and Sandra Mandir added 18 to help Croatia beat Angola 75-56 for its first victory in women's basketball at the Olympics, which also kept Croatia's chances to advance open. Canada defeated Brazil 79-73 and got enough points to guarantee a spot in quarterfinals with two wins while the United States beat Czech Republic 88-61 and increased its Olympic winning streak to 37 matches. — *Xinhua*

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham observes progress of rehabilitation in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Union ministers and deputy ministers, left here by air yesterday morning and arrived at Sittway Airport at 8 am.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and departmental officials.

At the airport lounge, the State Chief Minister reported on loss and damages in the riots of Rakhine State, relief, supplies and rehabilitation tasks, undertakings for restoring peace and stability of the state, constitution of the Peace and Stability, Relief and Rehabilitation Supervisory Committee, opening of relief camps, arrival of victims at the relief camps due to the riots and present situations, supply of relief items, acceptance of donations and relief items and distributions, opening of schools in the state, health care services, construction of tents and houses, systematic rehabilitation works, training of vocational courses for long-term guarantee of earning incomes, and microfinance works for odd-job people.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thein Htay also reported on cooperation with NGOs for restoring security in the state, undertaking the emergency rescue works, ongoing tasks of present relief works and carrying out of rehabilitation tasks, and returning the areas to normalcy, management for enabling the local people to restore original livelihoods, requirements of current process, requirements for creating the harmonious society, creation of new job opportunities, plans to build health and infrastructures, and cooperation with internal and international social organizations and foreign countries on a basis of mutual understanding and consideration.

After asking what he wanted to know the Vice-President gave necessary instructions on works.

The Vice-President and party proceeded to Alethankyaw Village of Maungtaw Township by helicopter. In meeting with the families at Alethankyaw relief camp, the Vice-President said that he arrived there to bring the situation of the state back into normalcy. The government will provide assistance for the victims as much as possible, and he urged families to strive for keeping the state as usual.

A local reported on requirements to provide agricultural equipment and needs in education and health sectors.

The Vice-President presented relief supplies, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint medicines, Aung Myin Thu Group of Companies, AA Medical Products Ltd and ICE Group Companies donated K 10 million each, amounting to K 30 million in total. The Vice-President cordially greeted the families.

After viewing round progress in construction of the rural houses for the burnt houses in Mawrawady Village of Maungtaw Township, the Vice-President donated K 500,000 to the fund of the village monastery newly-renovated by the Ministry of Border Affairs and looked into construction of the houses in Shweyinaye Village.

For the replacement of 470 houses destroyed in the fire in Maungtaw Township, Ministry of Border Affairs will donate 202 houses, UNHCR 222 houses and Care Myanmar 128 houses, totalling 552. At present, the Ministry of Border Affairs

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham provides assistance to families in relief camp of Alethan-kyaw village in Maungtaw Township.

MNA

Serena stuns Sharapova for gold

LONDON, 4 Aug—The 14-times grand slam winner only dropped one game in the women's final at Wimbledon, meaning she has only lost 17 in the entire tournament.

Wimbledon champion Williams, who is now on a 17-match winning streak, won the first set 6-0 and the second 6-1.

The 30-year-old had won the last seven matches she played against Sharapova, who will take home a silver medal.

The bronze went to Victoria Azarenka after she defeated Maria Kirilenko. Williams finished the match with two aces, asserting her utter dominance.

London 2012

Li claims gold in all-Chinese final

LONDON, 4 Aug—China's Li Xuerui completed her dream run at Wembley Arena by outbattling her illustrious compatriot Wang Yihan to claim Olympic gold.

Li Xuerui celebrates winning gold Xuerui Li of China celebrates winning her women's Singles Badminton gold medal match against Yihan Wang, also of China, on Day 8 of London 2012.

The 21-year-old failed to convert two match points in the second game but managed to summon enough energy to clinch a draining women's singles final 21-15 21-2321-17.

London 2012

Xuerui Li of China celebrates winning her women's Singles Badminton gold medal match.

Flood Bulletin for Ayeyawady, Sittoung, Shwegyin rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— According to the 12:30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada 1364 cm has exceeded by 22 cm (about 0.7 foot) above its danger level. It may continue to rise about 7 cm during next three days and may remain above its danger level 1342 cm.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1230 cm has exceeded by 160 cm (about 5.2-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during next three days.

The water level of Shwegyin River at Shwegyin 784 cm has exceeded by 84 cm (about 2.8-foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 700 cm during the next 48 hours commencing this noon, Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced—*MNA*

London 2012 Olympics medal tally 22:00 hrs MST

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	United States of America	23	10	13	46
2.	People's Republic of China	21	16	10	47
3.	Great Britain	10	7	8	25
4.	Republic of Korea	9	2	5	16
5.	France	8	5	8	21
6.	Germany	5	9	6	20
7.	Italy	5	5	3	13
8.	DPRK	4	0	1	5
9.	Kazakhstan	4	0	0	4
10.	Russian Federation	3	13	9	25
11.	South Africa	3	1	0	4
12.	New Zealand	3	0	4	7
13.	Japan	2	8	11	21
14.	Cuba	2	2	1	5
15.	Netherlands	2	1	3	6
16.	Hungary	2	1	2	5
17.	Poland	2	1	1	4
18.	Ukraine	2	0	4	6
19.	Australia	1	10	6	17
20.	Romania	1	4	2	7
21.	Canada	1	2	5	8
22.	Denmark	1	2	2	5
23.	Czech Republic	1	2	1	4
24.	Brazil	1	1	4	6
25.	Belarus	1	1	3	5
26.	Slovenia	1	0	2	3
27.	Ethiopia	1	0	0	1
27.	Georgia	1	0	0	1
27.	Lithuania	1	0	0	1
27.	Switzerland	1	0	0	1
27.	Venezuela	1	0	0	1
32.	Mexico	0	3	1	4
33.	Sweden	0	3	0	3
34.	Colombia	0	2	1	3
34.	Spain	0	2	1	3
36.	Slovakia	0	1	3	4
37.	India	0	1	2	3
38.	Belgium	0	1	1	2
38.	Indonesia	0	1	1	2
38.	Kenya	0	1	1	2
38.	Mongolia	0	1	1	2
38.	Norway	0	1	1	2
38.	Serbia	0	1	1	2
44.	Croatia	0	1	0	1
44.	Egypt	0	1	0	1
44.	Thailand	0	1	0	1
44.	Chinese Taipei	0	1	0	1
48.	Greece	0	0	2	2
49.	Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
49.	Hong Kong, China	0	0	1	1
49.	Islamic Republic of Iran	0	0	1	1
49.	Republic of Moldova	0	0	1	1
49.	Qatar	0	0	1	1
49.	Singapore	0	0	1	1
49.	Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1