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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.

Parents urged to hand down good senses of legacy to their offspring as well as to youths students to equip them with national awareness and nationalistic spirits

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 20th day at Pyithu Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw complex, here, at 1 pm today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 396 MPs.

At the question-and-answer session, with respect to the question of U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency on “there is a plan to upgrade No.3 Road into four-lane or six-lane one as quickly as possible” and U Soe Myint of Pyawbwe Constituency on “there is a plan to publicize facts included in the contracts signed between the companies by means of B.O.T system.”, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied:

Regarding the first question, Max Myanmar Construction Co., Ltd will carry out extension of No.3 Highway bank into 48-ft-wide four-lane road in the open season. Plans are under way to upgrade it into tarred road in 2013-2014 financial year.

Regarding the second question, Ministry of Construction grants preliminary works if they meet 24 facts of B.O.T pre-work. Office of Attorney-General of the Union scrutinizes drafted contract. And then, B.O.T contract is signed when the green light is received from Myanmar Investment Commission.

The main points included in the B.O.T contract are: B.O.T term is forty years. During the three years construction period, road works are to be done based on the average cars lists. After the companies who get B.O.T permits have completed road works in line with the standards set by the Ministry of Construction, they are allowed to start collecting the fees with the scrutiny of respective region/state governments and superintending engineers.

Likewise, RC concrete bridges that can withstand 60 tons of loads are to be built.

Fees for the use of 180ft-above bridges built by the

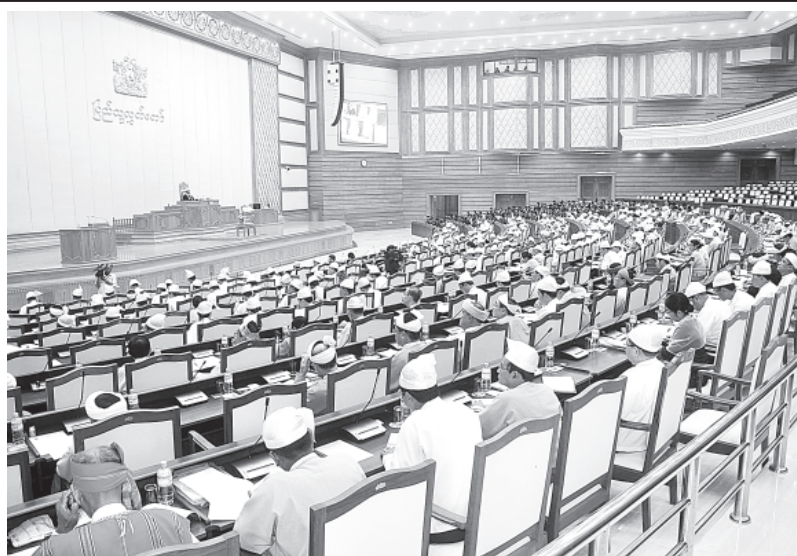


Photo shows representatives attending 20th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

government are collected through auction system and for the bridges built by B.O.T companies, with the rates calculated by the Ministry of Construction. They have to pay designated taxes to the State. After the end of the designated term, roads, bridge gates and buildings are to be handed over to the Ministry of Construction.

With respect to the question of U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency on “To designate Myanmar New Year holidays as four or five days when the year has two Akyat

days,” Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung said:

Myanmar New Year holidays were designated with the announcement No. (1/2007) of the State Peace and Development Council on 16 February, 2007. Water festival is an auspicious occasion for Myanmar people. Annually, ten days are designated as the holidays, starting one day ahead of Akyo Day. We will continue to keep the fine tradition of Myanmar. (See page 8)

China on course for clean sweep



Li Xiaoxia and Guo Yue of China complete during the women's Team Table Tennis semi-final on Day 10 of the London 2012 Olympic Games at ExCeL. LONDON-2012

LONDON, 6 Aug—China remain on course to claim all four Table Tennis gold medals at the London 2012 Olympics after Li Xiaoxia, Ding Ning and Guo Yue booked their place in the women's Team final.

The Chinese aim heading into the Games was to claim a maximum medal haul of four golds and two silvers.

They made a perfect start when Li overcame countrywoman Ding in the singles finale before Zhang Jike did likewise in the men's against Wang Hao.

China have also made comfortable progress in the longer format, too, with their trio of women setting up a final versus Japan, who were last night guaranteed a first medal in the sport.

Ai Fukuhara, Kasumi Ishikawa and Sayaka Hirano beat Singapore 3-0.

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WEMBLEY, 6 Aug—England — Japan's women held on for a 2-1 win against France on Monday to reach the final of the Olympic football tournament.

Japan's Yuki Ogimi, left, scores during a women's soccer semifinal match against France at Wembley Stadium, at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, Monday, Aug. 6, 2012. (AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

Japan took what seemed like a commanding 2-0 lead after goals from striker Yuki Ogimi and Mizuho Sakaguchi either side of halftime.

But France nearly came back, as substitute Eugénie Le Sommer scored in the 75th minute, before the team was awarded a penalty just a minute later. However,

Japan reaches women's football final after holding on to beat France 2-1



Japan's Yuki Ogimi, left, scores during a women's soccer semifinal match against France at Wembley Stadium, at the 2012 London Summer Olympics, Monday, 6 August, 2012.

Elise Bussaglia rolled her spot kick wide of the right post. Japan will play either Canada or the United States in the final on Thursday, and can add the Olympic gold medal to the World Cup title it won last year.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Remove poor quality agro inputs from market to help farmers

Low-quality fertilizers are found at the market and they are openly victimizing a lot of farmers.

Last year, experts found out that some of the chemical fertilizers on sale at markets had just 5 per cent Nitrogen instead of 46 per cent according to standard ratio.

Being poor, most farmers cannot buy the fertilizers cash down. They have to pay the cost for fertilizers when they earn income from their harvest.

Some farmers in eastern Bago Region complained that they couldn't pay for the fertilizers they bought because they got low yield of rice due to the low-quality of fertilizers.

Some farmers found that the pesticides they used did not kill the pests.

We cannot deny that this problem exists. Poor farmers are already suffering and we must listen to their voices and address their grievances.

Most of the fertilizers are imported and only urea is produced in Myanmar, reaching annual production of 80,000 metric tons to 100,000 metric tons.

According to the statistics, 294,000 metric tons of urea, 150,000 metric tons of phosphate, 20,000 metric tons of potash and compound 240,000 metric tons were imported in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Myanmar is a big market for fertilizers. But, our farmers need protection from any kind of frauds.

Fake chemicals have a huge destructive impact on farming and accelerate soil deterioration resulting in substantial crop failures, adverse effects on the environment and human life and eventually, affects economic growth.

In this regard, we must expose and take action against anyone responsible for importing or selling such lower-than-standard products that are increasingly painful to farmers.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister arrives back from ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin paid an official visit to the Republic of Korea from 2 to 5 August 2012 to attend the Working Level Consultations Meeting and arrived back by air in yesterday evening.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation accompanied by U Nyunt Hlaing, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea, paid a courtesy call on H.E. Mr Kim Hwang-sik, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea at 10.20 am on 3 August. During the meeting, they discussed about matters relating to further strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation, particularly human resource development, rendering Official Development Assistance (ODA) to Myanmar, assisting Myanmar through the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (EDCF), establishment of Myanmar Development Institute and sharing the Korean



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin meets Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of ROK Mr Kim Sung-hwan.

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experience on economic development.

On the same day, the Working Level Consultations Meeting between the two delegations led by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin and H.E. Mr Kim Sung-hwan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea, was held at 11.00 am at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. During

the consultations meeting, they cordially reviewed the status of implementation of bilateral assistance and cooperation matters which were agreed between the two presidents during the visit of President Lee Myung-bak to Myanmar, and future cooperation projects in various sectors. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues, and further strengthening of bilateral

relations. Then, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea hosted a luncheon in honour of the Myanmar delegation.

In the evening of 3rd August, the Union Minister visited Samsung Semiconductor Factory. The Union Minister also visited Myanmar Embassy in Seoul on 4th August and gave necessary guidance to the officials and staff of the Embassy.—MNA

Press conference on Automobile Business Investment held

Press conference on Automobile Business Investment in progress.—MNA



YANGON, 6 Aug—Japan Car Co Ltd held a press conference on Automobile Business Investment joint-venture with Road Transport under the Ministry of Rail Transportation for implementation of transportation services in Myanmar was held at Chatrium Hotel here at 1 pm today.

Present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung, Managing Director U San Myint Oo of Road Transport and officials, those from Japanese embassy, chairman of Japan Car Co Ltd and Director U Tin Aung Myint and company staff and media men.

Chairman of Japan Car Co Ltd extended greetings. Director of Japan Car Co Ltd explained foreign investment of the company.

Officials responded to queries raised by the reporters. Japan Car Co Ltd is arranging to carry out car rental services in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay, Highway bus running services from Yangon to regions and states, buslines services in Yangon, trucks running services for commodity, as well as workshops where any latest modern cars would be assembled or repaired. In cooperation with Road Transport under the Ministry of Rail Transportation, the Company is planning to establish a technological

university for car producing in Myanmar. The company makes investment in vehicle services in Myanmar through its foreign investment plan.—MNA



In memory of late mother Daw Htay Htay Kywe, daughter Ma Myat Poe Khit of Hline Township donated K 500,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Vice-Chairman of EC U Aung Than recently.—NLM



Cartoon Maung Maung Hnyet

Global Economy: No rabbits hidden in China's hat this time

LONDON, 6 Aug — Investors will be looking to a data deluge from China this week to give the global economy a further lift after Friday's strong US jobs report. They risk being disappointed. Figures for July, starting on Thursday and covering everything from trade to bank loans and investment, are likely to show the world's second-largest economy is, at best, stabilizing rather than recovering briskly.

And while Beijing has both the will and the means to provide extra fiscal and monetary stimulus if growth flags, China-watchers rule out a repeat of the massive expansion of credit that successfully rebooted the economy after the global financial crash of late 2008. That means China, and Asian economies increasingly tied to it, can do little to overcome the headwinds blowing in from the United States and, especially, Europe.

"The problems in Asia that are causing the slowdown come predominantly from outside the region," said Rob Subbaraman, chief economist for Asia at Nomura in Hong Kong. "Europe is a bigger than the US as an export market for most Asian countries now, and it's a big investor in the region." Intoday's interlocking global economy, Asia's travails are rebounding on the rest of the world. Siemens, Europe's biggest engineering conglomerate; BASF, the world's top chemicals maker; US blue chip United Technologies; and Japan's Hitachi have all recently reported the impact of lower Chinese demand. — Reuters

A distraught woman is helped to a car outside of the Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on 5 Aug 2012.
REUTERS



OAK CREEK, 6 Aug — A gunman killed six people and critically wounded three at a Sikh temple during Sunday services before police shot him dead in an attack that authorities are treating as an act of domestic terrorism.

Witnesses said the gunman opened fire when he entered

Seven dead in shooting at Sikh temple in Wisconsin

white man, approximately 40 years old, said Thomas Ahern, a spokesman for the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Authorities did not release his identity. Four people were shot dead inside the sprawling temple.

Three, including the gunman, were killed outside. The gunman ambushed and shot a police officer who was responding to a 911 call and helping a shooting victim, Oak Creek Police Chief John Edwards said. A second officer shot and killed the gunman.

Edwards said he had no identification for the shooter nor information on what kind of weapon or weapons he had. The victims' identities and descriptions were not made public.

The wounded officer, a 20-year veteran, was taken to a hospital and is expected to survive. Hospital officials said two other victims, also in critical condition, were being treated.

Reuters



An Oak Creek police officer (L), speaks with members of the Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on 5 Aug, 2012 following a mass shooting inside and outside the Sikh Temple.—REUTERS



Children cool off themselves on a firefighting boat on the Hudson River in New York, the United States, on 5 Aug, 2012. New Yorkers have experienced the scorching heat for several days as a hot round of heat wave hit the city.
XINHUA

New car sales accelerate in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 6 Aug — New car sales surged in New Zealand last month, outperforming other sectors of the economy, the New Zealand Motor Industry Association (MIA) announced on Monday. New passenger car sales totaled 6,208 in July, up 27.2 percent from July last year, while new commercial vehicle sales were 2,153, up 17.9 percent, according to the MIA. In the first seven months this year, total new car sales were up 19.5 percent, to 58,210

vehicles, from the same time last year. The figures also showed that new passenger car sales are on track to exceed sales of imported second-hand cars this year for the first time since 1993, with 44,353 new passenger cars sold in the year to July compared with 44,299 used imports. "Business and private buyers are recognizing the full benefits of a New Zealand new vehicle with their outstanding value, world class life and injury saving safety benefits and improving fuel economy," MIA chief

executive officer Perry Kerr said in a statement.

"The new vehicle industry continues to outperform other sectors of the economy and has well and truly shaken off all of the supply problems they faced during 2011." Toyota remained the biggest seller of passenger cars in July with 1,098 registrations, followed by Holden with 735 and Ford in third with 628, and was also the leader in commercial vehicle sales, followed by Ford with 376 and Nissan 218. —Xinhua

Sean Penn joins Chavez on campaign in Venezuela

CARACAS, 6 Aug — US actor Sean Penn joined President Hugo Chavez at an election rally in Venezuela on Sunday, bringing a dash of Hollywood to the campaign as he rode with him atop a truck past cheering supporters. Penn is a friend of Chavez, who hopes to win a new six-year term on 7 October. The campaign has turned into the toughest fight of the president's political career.

"Thank you very much for visiting us again, dear friend," Chavez said after introducing Penn to the big crowd in the central city of Valencia. "We're all Americans, from the north, the center, the south. Long live the American continent!" Penn, in a white shirt and sunglasses and accompanied by Argentine producer Fernando Sulichin, waved from the stage, fist-bumped and hugged Chavez, but did not address the rally.

The Oscar-winning actor, screenwriter and director is well-known for his political and social activism. He was a vocal critic of the

administration of former US President George W. Bush, and was involved in humanitarian efforts following Haiti's earthquake and Hurricane Katrina. Last year, Penn worked for the release of two US hikers who were arrested in Iran, flying to Venezuela to ask Chavez to intervene on their behalf with Iran's leader.

Reuters



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez (R) talks to US actor Sean Penn during an election rally in Valencia, some 150 km (93 miles) west from Caracas on 5 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Oil's big players raise the stakes in Iraqi Kurdistan

LONDON, 6 Aug — Iraqi Kurdistan's crude oil is plentiful and easy to get at, rare among undeveloped energy resources. The man managing it, a former North Sea engineer and consultant turned politician, knows how to attract investment. But the companies working there under contracts with the semi-autonomous Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) are not getting much out, and they are not getting paid, all because of a dispute over control with the national government in Baghdad.

Despite the row, rooted deep in the tinderbox politics of Iraq, ever bigger oil companies are moving into

the northern region, angering Baghdad with their seal of corporate approval for a government that is seeking more autonomy in one of the most volatile parts of the world. Something has to give."

The northward migration continues," said a senior oil executive involved in Iraq. "And this could well be the tipping point." Output in this mountainous region bordering Turkey, Syria and Iran is an on-off trickle for now in global terms but, given the right investment and an export route, it could reach 1 million barrels per day by 2014, and 2 million five years later, according to Ashti Hawrami,

the KRG natural resources minister.

That would be more than Libya, the North African producer whose civil war outage led to a sharp jump in prices last year. Hawrami worked in Scotland for the British National Oil Company in the 1970s and early 1980s. He later ran an oil services firm, then moved into consulting before becoming a KRG minister in 2006. Oilmen admire his commercial savvy. They say he understands that companies have a simple need for returns that justify investments, in stark contrast to suspicious governments they deal with elsewhere in the Middle East. —Reuters

Greece's new pledges will take epic battle to implement

ATHENS, 6 Aug — Greece's latest fiscal and reform pledges may be enough to convince international lenders weary after years of broken promises to keep Athens hooked to a 130 billion euro lifeline, but the battle to implement it will be epic.

Few question the new coalition government's resolve but many doubt whether the cantankerous public sector can or will implement the measures or the Greek public, reeling from years of austerity, can take much more without putting up a fight.

"The political will is strong, but so are the obstacles — red tape, a demoralized and increasingly underpaid public administration are principal among them," said George



Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras addresses a parliamentary group of his party in Athens on 24 July, 2012.
REUTERS

Pagoulatos, professor of economics at Athens University.

Greek officials say 11.5 billion euros of fiscal measures roughly agreed this week — although more painful for the public — will be easier to implement than the structural changes. Reforms such as liberalizing professions and

markets including lawyers and pharmacies, have stumbled on strong union protests. Others, such as cutting red tape for setting up a business, have been stuck in a bloated and ineffective public administration incapable of change.

Since it was first bailed out two years ago, Greece has repeatedly fallen behind on reform pledges to its partners, who have threatened to cut off funding at the risk of unraveling the euro.

Athens, which received a second bailout this year, blames a deeper than expected recession for its failures and wants to two more years to hit targets in its new bailout deal. Lenders say slow reforms have not given the program a chance to work and want to see action before considering any changes. —Reuters

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NASA counting down to nail-biting Mars plunge

PASADENA, 6 Aug — The most high-tech rover NASA has ever designed was speeding toward Mars on Sunday to attempt an acrobatic landing on the planet's surface. The Curiosity rover was poised to hit the top of the Martian atmosphere at 13,000 mph. If all goes according to script, it will be slowly lowered into a massive crater by cables in the final few seconds. With Curiosity on autopilot, engineers became spectators, anxiously waiting to see if Curiosity executes the routine as planned.

"I'm not the nervous type, but I haven't been sleeping all that well the last week or so even though I'm still very confident," said engineer Steven Lee. NASA was ready for the "Super Bowl of planetary exploration," said Doug McCuiston, head of the Mars exploration programme at NASA headquarters. "We score and win or we don't score and we don't win," said McCuiston. Like football's Super Bowl, there were celebrities on hand. More than a dozen were invited to watch the landing at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, including Wil Wheaton, Seth Green, Morgan Freeman and Alex Trebek.

If all goes well, mission control at the JPL should hear a signal at 10:31 pm PDT. The space agency warned that confirmation could take longer if an orbiting spacecraft that's supposed to listen for Curiosity during the descent is not in the right place. Curiosity's trajectory was so accurate that engineers decided to wave off a last chance to tweak its position before atmosphere entry. "We're ready to head in," said mission manager Brian Portock. Not ones to tempt fate, flight controllers planned to break out the "good luck" peanuts before Curiosity takes the plunge as part of a long-running tradition.

"It's definitely the quiet before the storm," said NASA sciences chief John Grunsfeld. "There's tremendous anticipation." One scientist who can relate to the building anxiety is Cornell University planetary scientist Steve Squyres, who headed NASA's last successful rover mission in 2004. This time around, Squyres has a supporting role and planned to view the landing with other researchers in the



John Grunsfeld, NASA Associate Administrator, NASA Headquarters, left, and Charles Elachi, JPL Director, NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, present a can of "good luck" peanuts during an overview of the status and plans for NASA's Science Mission Directorate at NASA's JPL in Pasadena, Calif. on 5 Aug. 2012.— INTERNET

"science bullpen." "Landing on Mars is always a nerve-racking thing. You're never going to get relaxed about something like landing a spacecraft on Mars," said Squyres.

Sunday's touchdown attempt was especially intense because NASA is testing a brand new landing technique. Due to the communication delay between Mars and Earth, Curiosity will be on autopilot. There's also extra pressure because budget woes have forced NASA to rejigger its Mars exploration roadmap. "There's nothing in the pipeline" beyond the planned launch of a Mars orbiter in 2013, said former NASA Mars czar Scott Hubbard, who teaches at Stanford University. Curiosity was launched to study whether the Martian environment ever had conditions suitable for microbial life.

The voyage to Mars took over eight months and spanned 352 million miles. The trickiest part of the journey? The landing. Because Curiosity weighs nearly a ton, engineers drummed up a new and more controlled way to set the rover down. —Internet

Two cats, mice and an iPad result in digital magic

NEW YORK, 6 Aug — See what happens when a master magician plays a few magic tricks on two seven-month-old Maine Coon cats. The elegant prestidigitation is courtesy of our friend Simon Pierro, an ace magician who does all kinds of tricks, but lately has concentrated on spectacular illusions with the iPad.

Creating this video was not as easy as it looks, especially given the distractibility of cats, particularly young ones. In this case, Simon told us because "the cats are still young, they want to play 24/7." One of the cats "turned out to be very clever," says Simon. "The moment he

realized that the 'real' mouse came from under the iPad, he didn't care about the digital alter-ego anymore. The moment he saw the mouse on the iPad he jumped along and caught the mouse from under there, destroying my setup."

And as you can see in the picture above, once the video shooting was done, both cats and Simon were ready for a nap. Special thanks to Simon Pierro—who has astonished us with his original and creative iPad magic several times before—for the exclusive first look at this video, the iPad magician's latest work that was just finished on Sunday.

Internet



Simon Pierro and his cats.— INTERNET



In this 26 July, 2012 photo, dead fish float in a drying pond near Rock Port, Mo. Multitudes of fish are dying in the Midwest as the sizzling summer dries up rivers and raises water temperatures in some spots to nearly 100 degrees.

INTERNET

Thousands of fish die as Midwest streams heat up

LINCOLN, 6 Aug — Thousands of fish are dying in the Midwest as the hot, dry summer dries up rivers and causes water temperatures to climb in some spots to nearly 100 degrees. About 40,000 shovelnose sturgeon were killed in Iowa last week as water temperatures reached 97 degrees. Nebraska fishery officials said they've seen thousands of dead sturgeon, catfish, carp, and other species in the Lower Platte River, including the endangered pallid sturgeon. And biologists in Illinois said the hot weather has killed tens of thousands of large- and small-mouth bass and channel catfish and is threatening the population of the greater horseshoe fish, a state-endangered species.

So many fish died in one Illinois lake that the carcasses clogged an intake screen near a power plant, lowering water

levels to the point that the station had to shut down one of its generators. "It's something I've never seen in my career, and I've been here for more than 17 years," said Mark Flammang, a fisheries biologist with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. "I think what we're mainly dealing with here are the extremely low flows and this unparalleled heat."

The fish are victims of one of the driest and warmest summers in history. The federal US Drought Monitor shows nearly two-thirds of the lower 48 states are experiencing some form of drought, and the Department of Agriculture has declared more than half of the nation's counties — nearly 1,600 in 32 states — as natural disaster areas. More than 3,000 heat records were broken over the last month. Iowa DNR officials said the sturgeon found dead in the Des Moines

River were worth nearly \$10 million, a high value based in part on their highly sought eggs, which are used for caviar. The fish are valued at more than \$110 a pound.

Gavin Gibbons, a spokesman for the National Fisheries Institute, said the sturgeon kills don't appear to have reduced the supply enough to hurt regional caviar suppliers. —Internet

eBay testing same-day delivery service in San Francisco

Geography helps solve dinosaur evolution puzzle

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug — The number of dinosaur species in the Americas increased following tectonic activity that led to the creation of a mountain range, a study has suggested. Fifteen million years before the mass extinction that wiped out the giant reptiles, the number of species increased in what is now North America. Researchers said that the birth of the mountains probably sped up diversification. The findings have been published in the journal *PLoS One*. In their research, Terry Gates from Ohio University and colleagues showed that as the "Sevier" mountain range grew on the west of what is now

America, which caused the east of the continent to "flex" downwards creating a shallow sea as water from the ocean flooded the land.

This new ocean resulted in America being split into three islands, of which the western one, known as Laramidia, was densely populated by ornithomischian dinosaurs (bird-hipped dinosaurs). Many of these species were adorned with ornaments for sexual displays, such as horns and crests. "We know from lots of evidence that animals that have these types of features speciate at a faster rate than other animals," explained Dr Gates. "If you combine that with the fact that they are isolated within their ecosystems, what you have is a great recipe for lots of new dinosaur species." The isolation of the dinosaurs and their subsequent diversification makes sense in light of knowledge about how island isolation in modern animals leads to high levels of speciation.

This period of rapid diversification ended as the Rocky Mountains began to form towards the end of the Cretaceous Period (145.5-65.5 million years ago). —Internet



The birth of mountain ranges, like the Rockies, substantially changed the rate of dinosaur speciation.— INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 6 Aug — eBay is testing a same-day delivery service called eBay Now, the company announced in an email to users on Sunday. The iOS app, currently only available in San Francisco, will let users order and receive products from local stores, usually within an hour, the online auction site said. eBay Now will also give users a \$15 discount off their first order, as well as free delivery on

their first three orders. Users will be charged \$5 for each subsequent delivery.

To sign up and download the iOS app, visit the eBay Now site, and log in with your credentials. The service is powered by Milo, a local shopping startup that eBay acquired in 2010. At the time, it was a strategic move to infiltrate a growing local commerce market. Milo is a shopping search engine that helps consumers look



eBayNow

for products available in nearby stores. For retailers, Milo is a platform for driving online shoppers to offline stores. — Internet

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TSMC eyes future technology with \$1.4bn ASML investment

TAIPEI (China), 6 Aug — Chinese Taipei Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, the world's biggest contract chipmaker, has agreed to invest 1.1bn euros (\$1.4bn; £850m) in one of its key equipment suppliers in a bid to cut costs. Under the deal, it will invest 276m euro in ASML to develop tools to make smaller, more cost-effective chips. This comes just weeks after Intel signed a similar agreement with ASML. Dutch firm ASML makes machines used to print circuit patterns onto chips.

Shang-yi Chiang, TSMC's co-chief operating officer, said that one of the biggest challenges facing the industry was "how to effectively control the escalating wafer manufacturing cost". He said the co-investment programme with ASML to develop future technology will help keep the costs in check in the long run. The Taiwanese chipmaker will also invest 838m euro to acquire a 5% stake in the firm.

TSMC said that it was hopeful that an increased investment in research will help ASML develop equipment that can handle a larger size of circular wafers from which chips are cut. Chipmakers across the globe have been trying to increase the size of the wafers to 450mm, from the current size of 300mm. The shift in the size of these wafers is expected to result in substantial cost savings for the chipmakers as more chips can be cut from them. "The transition from one wafer size to the



The chief executive of ASML has been seeking investment from key customers such as TSMC. — INTERNET

next has historically delivered a 30 to 40% reduction in die cost and we expect the shift from today's standard 300mm wafers to larger 450mm wafers to offer similar benefits," Brian Krzanich, Intel's chief operating officer said after the firm signed its agreement with ASML. "The faster we do this, the sooner we can gain the benefit of productivity improvements, which creates tremendous value for customers and shareholders."

At the same time, TSMC and Intel have both said that their investment ASML will also help in faster development of extreme ultraviolet lithography, a new way of printing circuit patterns onto silicon wafers. The technique is considered by many analysts as key to further reduction in the size of the chips. — Internet

Carbon monoxide's damaging role in heart rhythm found

LONDON, 6 Aug — The way that even low levels of carbon monoxide can be fatal, by disrupting the heart's rhythm, has been unravelled by researchers in Leeds. They found that levels common in heavy traffic could affect the way the heart resets itself after every beat. Their study in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine showed a common angina drug may reverse the effect. The British Heart Foundation said the research was a promising start. Carbon monoxide is produced by faulty boilers, cigarettes and car exhausts.

It is deadly at high levels as it "shoulder-barges" oxygen out of the blood, meaning less is transported around the body. Carbon monoxide poisoning kills more than 50 people in the UK each year and many more around the world. However, studies have suggested that even low levels, such as that found in built-up cities with lots of traffic, may also damage the heart. The University of Leeds research team found that the gas kept sodium channels, which are important for controlling the heartbeat, open for longer. Disrupting the sodium channels can disrupt the heart's rhythm, leading to cardiac arrhythmia, which can be fatal.



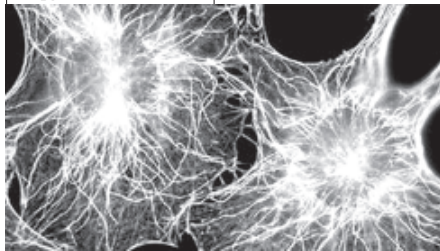
Traffic is a common source of carbon monoxide. — INTERNET

In collaboration with researchers in France they tested an angina drug — which also affects the sodium channels — on rats. Prof Chris Peers, from the University of Leeds, told the BBC: "It was very exciting for us. When we monitored rats exposed to levels of carbon monoxide similar to heavy pollution, they had the same heart problems and we could reverse them." At the moment no one knows how to treat this. We're saying look there's a drug on the shelf that might be able to help.

"Of course it needs clinical trials, but we believe it is a great start." Dr Helene Wilson, a research advisor at the British Heart Foundation, said: "This study is a good example of research being used to better understand the underlying causes of an abnormal heart rhythm and in this case it has uncovered the ability of an old drug to perform a new trick." Carbon monoxide poisoning is tragically common but hopefully these promising results can be replicated in people so that it saves lives in the future. — Internet

Fibroblasts are usually helpful cells. — INTERNET

Chemo 'undermines itself' through rogue response



LONDON, 6 Aug — Chemotherapy can undermine itself by causing a rogue response in healthy cells, which could explain why people become resistant, a study suggests. The treatment loses effectiveness for a significant number of patients with secondary cancers. Writing in *Nature Medicine*, US experts said chemo causes wound-healing cells around tumours to make a protein that helps the cancer resist treatment. A UK expert said the next step would be to find a way to block this effect. Around 90% of patients with solid cancers, such as breast, prostate, lung and colon, that spread — metastatic disease — develop resistance to chemotherapy.

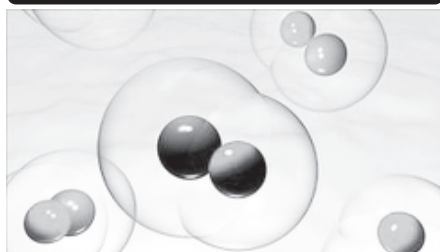
Treatment is usually given at intervals, so that the body is not overwhelmed by its toxicity. But that allows time for tumour cells to recover and develop resistance. In this study, by researchers at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre in Seattle looked at fibroblast cells, which normally

play a critical role in wound healing and the production of collagen, the main component of connective tissue such as tendons. But chemotherapy causes DNA damage that causes the fibroblasts to produce up to 30 times more of a protein called WNT16B than they should. The protein fuels cancer cells to grow and invade surrounding tissue and to resist chemotherapy.

It was already known that the protein was involved in the development of cancers — but not in treatment resistance. The researchers hope their findings will help find a way to stop this response, and improve the effectiveness of therapy. Peter Nelson, who led the research, said: "Cancer therapies are increasingly evolving to be very specific, targeting key molecular engines that drive the cancer rather than more generic vulnerabilities, such as damaging DNA. "Our findings indicate that the tumour microenvironment also can influence the success or failure of these more precise therapies."

Prof Fran Balkwill, a Cancer Research UK expert on the microenvironment around tumours, said: "This work fits with other research showing that cancer treatments don't just affect cancer cells, but can also target cells in and around tumours." Sometimes this can be good — for instance, chemotherapy can stimulate surrounding healthy immune cells to attack tumours. "But this work confirms that healthy cells surrounding the tumour can also help the tumour to become resistant to treatment." The next step is to find ways to target these resistance mechanisms to help make chemotherapy more effective. — Internet

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning



- * Headaches
- * Breathlessness
- * Nausea
- * Dizziness
- * Collapse
- * Loss of consciousness
- * Tiredness
- * Vomiting

Internet

Honey may ease nighttime coughing in kids

NEW YORK, 6 Aug — A spoonful of honey before bed may help little kids with a cough — and their parents — sleep through the night, a new study suggests. Parents also reported that after giving honey to kids, their coughing was less frequent and less severe. Coughs are one of the most common reasons kids go to the doctor, said Dr Ian Paul, a pediatrician from Pennsylvania State University in Hershey.

But, he said, "The therapies for cough and cold symptoms... have problems in that they're not very effective, or not effective at all, and they have the potential for side effects." Many over-the-counter cough and cold products have a "do not use" warning for kids under four. One of the concerns with the medications is parents accidentally giving kids too much, or kids getting into the drugs themselves.

"As opposed to many of the other things we give — medications and medicines that do have side effects — honey over age one is almost completely safe," Paul, who wasn't involved in the new study, told *Reuters Health*. Researchers from Israel randomly assigned 300 kids, aged one to five, to one of four different nighttime cough treatments.

Internet



World 100m champion Yohan Blake of Jamaica shows off his Adidas spikes ahead of the London Olympics. INTERNET

Olympics set to boost Adidas profits

LONDON, 6 Aug — Europe's biggest sportswear maker, Adidas, has said its full-year profits should be at the top end of forecasts thanks to key events such as the Olympics and Euro 2012. It now expects full-year net profits to rise by 15-17%, against an earlier estimate of 12-17%.

Adidas said major sporting events would provide a "positive stimulus" to sales. It also said second quarter profits rose to 165m euros (\$202m; £130m), up from 140m euros a year earlier.

Sales were up 7% to 3.517bn euros. However, sales at its Reebok brand were down 26%, partly as a result of problems at Reebok India.

Earlier this year, Adidas said it had discovered "commercial irregularities" at Reebok India that could cost the firm up to 125m euros.

Internet



In this 30 Sept, 2011 file photo, Sailboats and a floating dock lie on the dry, cracked dirt in a harbour at Lake Hefner in Oklahoma City as drought continues to be a problem across the state. — INTERNET

New study ties global warming to recent year heat

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug — An analysis by a top government scientist says the extreme heat and drought seen in the US, Europe and other regions in recent years must be global warming. Specifically the study by NASA scientist James Hansen blames climate change for last year's drought in Texas and Oklahoma, the 2010 heat wave in Russia and the 2003 European heat wave that led to tens of thousands of deaths.

Hansen told *The Associated Press* in an interview that the world is now experiencing scientific fact. Hansen's research is respected by other climate scientists. But he is also an activist who has pushed for curbing greenhouse gases. Some experts don't expect the new study to change any minds. Hansen's work was published online Saturday in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Science*. — *Internet*

Explosions rock restive Nigerian city as troops raid homes

ABUJA, 6 Aug — Explosions rocked parts of the northeastern Nigerian city of Maiduguri on Saturday as troops engaged suspected Islamic radicals and raided homes, residents said. The explosions, which began late Friday, occurred in three neighbourhoods notorious for attacks blamed on the Boko Haram sect, and residents fled as troops went door-to-door arresting people suspected of complicity, they said. "Last night, there were explosions in Gwange area which went on till the late hours and today the explosions continued in Kalari and Budum neighbourhoods," Modu Ari, a Budum resident, told *AFP* by phone from the city.

"Soldiers moved from house to house arresting

people, forcing residents to flee their homes to escape arrest," said Ari, who had left his house with his family on Saturday. Ali Faltaye, a resident of Kalari, said troops battled suspected sect members in the area, sending residents fleeing to avoid being caught up in the fighting or arrested by soldiers. "Since morning loud explosions have been going on in the area and soldiers have been breaking into homes making arrests", Faltaye said. Military and police authorities were not available for comment.

Troops from Nigeria's Joint Task Force who were deployed in the city two years ago to combat Boko Haram have been accused of burning homes and committing rights violations against residents whom they accuse of

complicity with Boko Haram whenever there is an attack blamed on the sect. The soldiers have denied such accusations.

The group has stepped up bomb and gun attacks since the start of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Boko Haram has killed hundreds in an insurgency that has been focused in Nigeria's mainly Muslim north, with attacks also occurring in the country's religiously and ethnically divided centre. The country, Africa's most populous nation and largest oil producer, is roughly divided between a mainly Muslim north and predominantly Christian south. Maiduguri, capital of Yobe state, is considered the base of the sect. — *Internet*



A female student stands in a burnt classroom in a school in Maiduguri in May 2012. Explosions rocked parts of the northeastern Nigerian city on Saturday. — INTERNET

Fake drugs leads to GSK recalls in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 6 Aug — GlaxoSmithKline said on Thursday it is recalling some of its over-the-counter headache medicine in South Africa after police discovered counterfeit versions of the painkiller.

A spokeswoman for GSK said the counterfeit versions of Grand-Pa Powders were limited to two batches, but declined to say how much was believed to be in circulation.

"We have no reason to suspect that other batches are affected," Liezl Sabbagh, marketing director for GSK's South African unit, adding the company was alerted to the drugs after police raided a drug counterfeiting operation.

State broadcaster SABC reported that police arrested a 45-year-old for allegedly manufacturing fake Grand-Pa powders in Oranjeville, a town in the Free State province about 100 km south of Johannesburg. Grand-Pa is one of South Africa's top over-the-counter painkillers. — *Reuters*



Signage is pictured on the company headquarters of GlaxoSmithKline in west London on 21 July, 2008. REUTERS

One dead in breakaway rebel attack in Philippines

MANILA, 6 Aug — A breakaway group of Muslim rebels launched simultaneous attacks across 11 towns in the southern Philippines on Monday, killing at least one civilian, officials said. One soldier was hurt while hundreds of villagers fled their homes in fear of being caught in crossfire between the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF) and troops,

government officials said. The rebels used chainsaws to bring down electrical relay posts before dawn, plunging several towns into darkness, and opened fire on army detachments, according to local police chief Senior Superintendent Marcelo Pintac.

"Sporadic heavy fighting continued in the morning, but we have set up

roadblocks while the military went after the rebels," Pintac told *AFP*. He said that as well as cutting off electricity, the rebels were also believed to have planted improvised bombs along a major highway that runs through the strife-torn province of Maguindanao, where the fighting erupted. Provincial governor Esmel Mangu-dadatu said one civilian died

in the clashes, while local officials had reported "hundreds" of people fleeing their homes. "They sabotaged power lines and attacked 11 towns. We are now largely in control except for a section of the highway that remains closed," he said.

"We are trying to reach out to them so we can have a truce, but in the meantime, commuters are advised to stay put and avoid travelling to the area." — *Internet*

3-D martial arts movie to be launched

BEIJING, 6 Aug — Diehard fans of Chinese martial arts will be able to enjoy kung fu as if they were in the presence of masters thanks to the launch of a 3-D documentary set in the legendary Shaolin Temple. The 60-minute Shaolin Boot Camp showcases the life of Hollywood actor and martial artist Jason Scott Lee as he learns about the Shaolin Temple, its traditions and the kung fu from Shaolin monks over a two-week period. Shooting of the documentary

wrapped up on Thursday. Shi Yongxin, the abbot of the temple, tonsured Lee and guided his practice.

Lee, 46, who is of Chinese-American descent, became famous starring as Bruce Lee in the 1993 kung fu movie *Dragon: The Bruce Lee Story*. He also studied Jeet Kune Do — a kung fu system developed by Bruce Lee — under Jerry Poteet, one of Bruce Lee's students. The story of the Shaolin Temple and its kung fu has been featured in movies and

documentaries before, but this is the first 3-D film to be made about it. It is a co-production by China Intercontinental Communication Center, Beach House Pictures in Singapore and 3net, a 3-D television channel in the United States. The documentary's premiere on 3net is scheduled for the beginning of 2013, with plans to have it broadcast in China later.

"Jason Scott Lee is very eager to learn. Shaolin kung fu is more culture, spirit and belief than just fighting and combat. I believe a true Shaolin will be demonstrated in the documentary," Shi said. According to director Donovan Chan from Singapore, 3-D filmmaking has gained popularity globally in the past few years, both in television and motion pictures. "It's perfect timing to recapture the beauty and spirit of the Shaolin Temple and its martial arts in stunning 3-D quality, displaying it to the world in a way it has never seen before," Chan said.

"We not only used state-of-the-art 3-D high-speed cameras to capture Shaolin kung fu in super slow motion, but also adopted an innovative hand-held 3-Drig. It allows us to capture the reality of living, eating and training with Shaolin monks without the bulk of many older 3-D rigs," he said. Chan said it allows viewers to feel they are right in the Shaolin Temple, marveling at its ancient architecture with kung fu masters.

Xinhua



A Shaolin monk practices kung fu during the shooting of the first 3-D documentary about the legendary temple. XINHUA

China detains almost 2,000 in fake drug sweep

BEIJING, 6 Aug — Chinese police have detained almost 2,000 people in a nationwide sweep on fake drugs, seizing more than 180 million US dollars worth of counterfeit products and destroying some 1,100 production facilities, the Public Security Ministry said on Sunday.

The operation, involving around 18,000 police officers, discovered fake or adulterated drugs purporting to deal with illnesses ranging from diabetes to high blood pressure and rabies, the ministry said in a statement

on its website (www.mps.gov.cn). The suspects went so far as to advertise their drugs online, in newspapers and on television, and the drugs caused problems ranging from liver and kidney damage to heart failure, it added.

"The criminals' methods were despicable and have caused people to boil with rage," the ministry said. The government has repeatedly promised to tighten regulatory systems after safety scandals involving fish, drugs, toys, toothpaste, children's clothes, tyres,

drugs and milk fortified with melamine, used in the manufacture of tabletops.

But little has been done apart from a few, highly publicised arrests. Tackling the issue has not been helped by China's confused and still developing regulatory environment, corruption and the high profits counterfeiters can rake in.

Earlier this year, Chinese consumers recoiled at stories of drug capsules tainted with chromium, long-term exposure to which can cause serious organ damage.

MNA/Reuters

District News

Palethwe hybrid paddy seeds sown in Maubin



MAUBIN, 6 Aug—A ceremony to sow Palethwe hybrid seeds on 22 acres of integrated farmland of U Nay Win was held in Maletto Village-tract in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region on 17 July.

Staff Officer U Nyi Lay Maung of Maubin Township Agriculture Department

demonstrated cultivation of paddy through dykes and 14-point good agriculture pattern.

It was attended by staff of Township Agriculture Department, members of Township Agricultural Coordination Committee and farmers from 10 villages.

Myanma Alin

Low-land of Myinmu inundated from Ayeyawady River

MYINMU, 6 Aug—Ayeyawady River overflows into Nyaung Upe Ward of Myinmu through a small creek on 28 July.

Inchaung Ward of Myinmu was inundated with four-foot deep water through

the sluice gate near the water pump station of Myinmu Township Development Affairs Committee.

It was the first time of floods after 2007, said a local U Maung Soe.

Kyemon

Palethwe hybrid paddy purchased in Tatkon

TATKON, 6 Aug—A total of 438 acres of farmland have been put under Palethwe paddy in summer in 25 village-tracts of Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Price of 100 baskets of paddy was set at K 400,000. All productions of paddy were bought beginning 30 July.

Assistant Director U Saw Sein Win of Nay Pyi Taw Agriculture Department

and members of the Township Agricultural Coordination Committee provided necessary assistance for the farmers to cultivate high yield Palethwe paddy.

Myanma Alin

Inter-University/College Football Tournery wraps up in Mandalay Zone

MANDALAY, 6 Aug—The Inter-University/College Men's and Women's Football Tournament, organized by Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), reached the final matches in Mandalay Zone on 30 July.

Among the spectators were Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) U Soe Win, directors-rectors and faculty members and students.

In the final match of the women's event, Meiktila University beat Yadanabon University 2-1 whereas Yadanabon University routed Meiktila University 2-0. The director-general awarded prizes to the best players in the respective places and second prizes to the respective teams.

Region Minister Dr Win Hlaing presented championship trophies and cash awards to Yadanabon University men's team and Meiktila University women's team.

Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 6 Aug—In implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan, issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was held at the administrative

office in Myoma Ward 8 of Mawlamyinegyun Township on 24 July morning.

Head of Township Immigration and National

Registration Department U Htay Aung and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 135 people.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of

the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation.

Those wishing to

donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Multiplier librarian course concludes in Bahan



YANGON, 6 Aug—Bahan Township Information and Public Relations Department

and Township General Administration Department jointly organized the multiplier

librarian course 1/2012.

The course concluded at the TV room of the Township IPRD on 27 July afternoon.

Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department made a speech.

Next, Township Administrator U Zaw Win Htay presented prizes to the winners in the training course.—Myanma Alin

Palethwe hybrid paddy produced over 200 baskets per acre

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Eight farmers were engaged in cultivation of 10-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy in summer of 2012 in the irrigated area of Shwedaung river water pumping station in Yesagyo Township of Magway Region and they produced 227.4 baskets of paddy per acre.

According to the requests of farmers to grow Palethwe hybrid paddy in Yesagyo Township on 3 August morning, Palethwe paddy seeds are distributed to the local farmers under the arrangement of Agriculture Department (Head Office).

Staff members of

Yesagyo Township Agriculture Department provide necessary assistance on technology to the farmers from Htanhsabin, Pakhanange, Hsinchaung and Mingan village-tracts in addition to the irrigated areas of Shwedaung river water pumping station.

In the past, farmers in Yesagyo could produce 70-80 baskets of paddy per acre. Due to use of Palethwe paddy, they can produce over 200 baskets per acre.

That is why the local farmers are eager to extend Palethwe hybrid paddy.

Myanma Alin

Rescue works performed in floods of Madauk

NYAUNGLEBIN, 6 Aug—As the water level of Sittoung River raises at Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region, township level authorities manage rescue works for the people from Myoma-1 and Myoma-2 wards of Madauk to be able to evacuate them to safety.

About 1000 people from 187 flood-hit households are being accommodated at Tagundaing Monastery, Taungtaya Monastery, Wuntha Monastery and Inchaung Monastery.

Departmental personnel of Nyaunglebin

Township, social organizations and people of urban areas and wellwishers donated bags of rice and

foodstuff to the flood victims through local authorities.

Kyemon



Vehicle hits another car and tree, leaving driver and truck conductor dead

YAMETHIN, 6 Aug—A traffic accident occurred on Yangon-Mandalay Highway near Kyaungpyu Village, north of Yamethin, at 2 am on 27 July, leaving both driver and truck conductor dead.

In the incident, the six-wheel vehicle driven by Win Oo, 50 of Ywadanhsay of Wundwin Township hit the

six-wheel vehicle driven by Thet Naing, 20 of Pyinsi Village in Natogyi Township due to out of control between mile posts 304/4 and 304/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway. The former vehicle then plunged into the east side and then hit a tree. Driver Win Oo and truck conductor Aung Phyo died on the spot.

In-charge of police station SIP Kyaw Naing Lwin inspected the traffic accident and took action against the driver for reckless driving.

Kyemon

Accident on the Road

Taxation talks lectured at basic education schools in Dawei

DAWEI, 6 Aug—A talk on taxation to basic education middle students was held at five Basic Education High Schools in Dawei Township of Tanintharyi Region on 14 July and four middle schools on 21 July.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Kyaw Tint lectured facts about taxation.



Likewise, the talks on taxation were held in other

townships of Ayeyawady Region.—Myanma Alin

Parents urged to hand down...

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At the proposal discussion session, the proposal submitted by Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency at the 9th day session on "Urging the government to form Myanmar Traditional Preservation Commission after National Culture Promotion Plan has been laid down," was discussed by U Win Ko of Hsihseng Constituency, Dr Daw Than Ngwe of Kalaw Constituency, U Win Htein of Meiktila Constituency, U Myint Shwe of Waw Constituency, U Aung Hsan of Pabedan Constituency, U Aung Kyaing of Nyaung U Constituency and Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency.

They discussed: In our new democratic country, there will be social and economic relations between Myanmar and the world countries. Myanmar needs to take preventive measures of its culture and people are to keep patriotic spirits in their minds. We must be aware of indecency in music, movies and troupe. We should take precaution so as to avoid religious, cultural and racial

conflicts due to Myanmar's culture ground.

Now, it needs to teach subject like the ethic exercised in education system till 1953 to have cultural sense in youths. Nowadays, youths are wearing modern clothes with a sense of keeping abreast of the world instead of their traditional clothes. It can be seen that only the elder people wears Myanmar traditional clothes. So, Culture Promotion Plan



Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Tin Maung Win of Mingaladon Constituency asking questions.—MNA

should be implemented after Myanmar Traditional Clothes Preservation Commission has been formed.

Myanmar culture is originated under the influence of religious teachings. If the culture disappears, races will not exist. And if people cannot keep its national cultural heritage, national characters might disappear. Due to the rapid IT development and culture imperialism, it is special importance of people to keep their own custom and traditions. It is important for parents on their parts to hand down their good senses of legacy to their offspring as well as to youths students to equip them with national awareness, and nationalistic spirits.

Culture preservation can be classified physically and mentally. Physical culture includes buildings, pagodas, religious edifices, pictures and literacy. Mental culture covers behaviours, expressions and performance arts. The more ancient buildings and pagodas become older, the more precious they are. And these are the cultural heritages of the country. It should be preserved as its own

conditions. The government should continue preserving culture heritages buildings. In mental culture, old thoughts should not be constantly held. Parents, teachers and responsible persons are to guide youths to keep fine traditions of culture.

Respective ministry is urged to implement the government will have to extend a helping hand to the development of the national races' dialects, literacy, fine arts and cultures as stated in the Constitution. With respect to the above-mentioned proposal, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin explained that Myanmar National Culture Central Committee has been reformed with the aims of keeping Myanmar traditional characters, dynamism of patriotic spirits and preservation, promotion and propagation of Myanmar traditional cultural heritages. The Central Committee is serving its duties as always.

Ministry of Culture is reminding people of keeping the fine traditions of Myanmar traditional customs. Announcements are being broadcast annually through newspapers and TVs in order that people celebrate



U Soe Tint, Deputy Minister for Construction, replying to queries.

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Myanmar water festival in line with Myanmar traditions and customs.

Due to the rapid development of IT, cultural from other countries is rapidly penetrating into the country. Plans are under way to grant new experts needed for Myanmar National Culture Central Committee and to add new objectives, rights and duties.

So, the proposal should be withdrawn because no need to form a commission. Hluttaw took vote and decided not to approve it with the majority vote.

At the bill submitting session, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency

submitted the bill amending Emergency Act (1950) (Act No.17/50) and Bill Committee member U Thauang Win read out Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee's report.

The date on which the bill will be discussed will be announced later. Those wishing to discuss the amended proposal are to register their name lists by 9 August.

At today's session, three questions raised and answered, one proposal discussed and one bill submitted. The meeting came to an end at 4 pm, and the 21st day session will be held at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

Basic Course on International Trade No (1) concludes

YANGON, 5 Aug—The concluding ceremony of Basic Course on International Trade No (1) was held at Yangon Region branch of the Ministry of Commerce here yesterday morning, with an address by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

The Union Commerce Minister said that the Ministry has been carrying out tasks for promotion of trade to fulfill economic

development of the State. He also said the trade school was opened on 3 April, 2012 and the basic course on international trade No (1) was offered to 86 trainees. The four-month course features theory and practical lessons on rules and regulations concerning trade and business based on international experiences.

The Union Minister urged the trainees to do their bits for dissemination of

knowledge and promotion of trade and the Ministry would carry out nurturing of human resources for development of trade. He promised that the Ministry will conduct not only basic course but advanced course in the near future.

The Union Minister presented completion certificates to the trainees and the trainee spoke words of thanks.

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Hotel Services Course No. 6/2012 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—With the leadership of Taunggyi Zone Hotelier Association supervised by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the concluding ceremony of Hotel Services Course No. 6/2012 was held at Hill Top Hotel and Taunggyi Hotel on 4 August.

General Manager U Than Win Maung of Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism gave prizes to outstanding trainees and gifts to instructors. The chairman

of Taunggyi Zone Hotelier Association presented completion certificates to the trainees.—MNA



Korean language training course held by H&T Ministry and ASEAN-Korea Centre at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on 6 August.

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School health week activities held in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye feeding medicine to a child in school health week activities at No.5 BEHS in Zabuthiri Township.

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NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye, together with Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U

Than Aung and officials, looked into school health week activities at No.5 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, this morning.

The Union Minister and party enjoyed school health week activities there. Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Aung and officials enjoyed school health week activities

at No.3 BEMS in Zabuthiri; Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win and party, at No.1 BEMS and No.1 BEHS in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana and No.1 BEHS in Zeyathiri Township. School health week activities are being held in Basic Education schools across the country in accord with five objectives till 11 August.—MNA

Low pressure area becomes unimportant

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—According to the observations at (5:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal become unimportant, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Consideration must be taken for export of groundnut,...

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local authorities, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and state/region chambers of commerce are working together to prevent the smuggling of foods, drugs and palm oil which should not be consumed by the people and to take actions against the smugglers.

As part of efforts for raising awareness among the people in border areas, the ministry has drawn the programme and has started conducting awareness workshops and seminars monthly in states and regions.

Regarding the illegally imported edible oil that should not be consumed by the people, measures are being taken by state/region governments, the Custom Department, Myanmar Police Force and the General Administration Department while awareness against the illegally imported edible oil has been raised through media.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region constituency No 6 asked **whether there is a plan to lay down a policy that would be effective in the long-run and to issue laws and rules, orders and instructions regarding the import of vehicles and issuing license to the illegally imported motorcycles.**

Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan replied that in other countries, old vehicles are abolished when they are expired their licenses. However, in Myanmar, owners of old vehicles are allowed to swap their vehicles for new ones so that they cannot loss. In the future, any one can buy cars at show rooms.

The Union Government Office issued the notification No 45/2011 on 28 October, 2011, announcing the organizing the supervisory committee on import of vehicles, and the committee have taken measures step by step for import of cars by eligible consumers including companies, those who are working in foreign countries, sailors and those who have foreign currency accounts. Besides, permission has been granted to open sales centres to sell the vehicles by consignment system.

For convenience in public transportation, the Ministry of Commerce has given a green light to import taxis, city buses and trucks freely and is working in coordination with the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Ministry of Rail Transportation to be able to lower the registration fees for the vehicles.

The above policy is the new one which would take effect in the long-run and enacted in accordance with rules and regulations to satisfy the demands of the people. The new policy has hit the minority but benefited the majority and improve the image of the country.

Regarding the issuing of license to illegally imported motorcycles, the deputy minister replied that the ministry had carried out programmes for issuing licenses to unlicensed motor cycles for seven times from 1999 to 2010. For the remaining motorcycles, the ministry has issued licenses to them from 5 June to 4 October, 2012, for the eighth time and the order to take actions against the unlicensed motorcycles would taken effect as from 4 October, 2012.

The move aimed at helping those bought illegally imported motorcycles to be legal and to eliminate the illegal import of motorcycles in an attempt to prove protection to those who are producing motorcycles at home. To get the license, owners of the motorcycles have to pay 5 per cent of the value of the motorcycle for the tax and 5 per cent for the trade tax. Meanwhile, in an attempt not to hit the home-made motorcycle market, the trade tax for home-made motorcycles is charged only 3 per cent and the trade tax for import of raw materials is allowed to be paid when finished products are one sale.

Long-term policies will be adopted for import and production of vehicles and motorcycles, issuance of licences at home, investment, use, requirement of infrastructures, transport, local and international markets and law, rules, orders and directives will be issued.

With regard to the question asking **whether there is a plan to disburse agricultural loans to farmers and loans for odd-job people without interests** by U Thet Naing Oo of Bago Region Constituency No 6, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank under the Ministry of



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe submits proposal.
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Agriculture and Irrigation disburses bank loans to farmers for cultivation of crops in time. Therefore, the farmers are to repay loans to the bank with prescribed interest.

The interest rates are reduced from 17 per cent over K 100 in the past to 15 per cent as of September 2011, 13 per cent beginning January 2012 and 8.5 per cent starting from 1 April 2012. Thus, K 100 loan must be repaid with K 0.71 interest. For undertaking the tasks in line with the financial rules, there is no plan to disburse agricultural loans to farmers without interest.

As to the question asking **whether there is a plan to disburse loans for odd-job people without interests**, the microfinance service plan is being implemented in dry zone, deltaic zone and Shan State zone. The amount of loan is K 50,000 in minimum and K 500,000 in maximum. Loans for business are set at 30 per cent and social loans at 24 per cent per year. Except the interest, any profit and costs are not collected over the loans.

The Ministry of Cooperatives has constituted 252 cooperative societies in 66 townships and disbursed K 30,000 each to all members of the cooperative societies. The ministry has received K 697.089 million repayments from the lenders. Once more loan is disbursed to the societies that had completed repayments. Thus, the State or other organizations cannot disburse loans without interest.

With regard to the question asking **whether there is a plan to provide educative talks on use of folio pesticides at farms due to very dangerous** by Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No 6, the deputy minister replied that the pesticide user course and Farmer Field School and fruit production course in regions and states are being conducted for enabling the farmers to systematically use pesticides. From 2012-2013 to date, a total of 1883 training courses have been provided to 117,182 farmers and staff.

The Pesticide Law was promulgated on 11 May 1990 and the Pesticide Registration Board constituted on 25 February 1992.

Rules and regulations on pesticides have been clarified in regions and states, and the authorities inspected the pesticides. However, inappropriate pesticides penetrate into the market through various ways and means due to competitive imports and distribution.

Hluttaw representatives are urged to join hands with the authorities to expose those who distribute inappropriate pesticides to the market, and region and state governments to take action against the inappropriate pesticide distributors. The ministry undertakes educative works on danger of pesticides through media.

He continued his clarification for the question asking **whether there is a plan to repair spillway, sluice gate and embankment of Padaukpin Dam for its durability in Hseang Village of Meiktila** by U Sae Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 11. He said that Padaukpin Dam is a diversion weir being maintained by the village. It has 2400 feet long and 16 feet high embankment irrigating 164 acres of farmlands. Due to frequently breakdown of the embankment, the dam was repaired in 2009 and 2012.

The fund will be demanded from the Union government in 2013-2014 fiscal year for maintenance of the dam, and the proposal will be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw after receiving the approval.

Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No 6 asked a question **whether there is plan to produce adequate volume of edible oil crops through concerted efforts of Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry**

of Commerce and UMFCCL. The deputy minister replied that groundnut oil and sesame oil are essential for consumption in Myanmar in addition to sunflower oil, mustard oil and niger oil. As part of efforts to satisfy edible oil demand, palm oil and vegetable oils are imported. Supervision is being made for systematic import of palm oil meeting set standards.

As illegal imported edible oils can harm health of the people, information has been given to the people through newspapers and journals not to consume the above-mention oils. Moreover, warnings about edible oil and other foodstuff harmful to the people will be issued.

In the past, the State allowed to export white sesame and black sesame. As of 9 August 2011, export of groundnut, red sesame, brown sesame, groundnut oil and sesame oil are allowed. Thus, cultivation of groundnut increases. Likewise, farmers from Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Regions extend their cultivation of edible oil crops. Arrangements are being made for formation of Myanmar Edible Oil Millers' Association for milling groundnut and sesame meeting set standard. With the assistance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, UMFCCL will organize cultivation of high yield groundnut strains in Bago and Ayeyawady Regions.

The ministry put 8.03 million acres of land under edible oil crops in 2011-2012 and 331,767 acres under oil palm. At present, a total of 102,445 acres of oil palm plantation produces 52566 metric tons per year. As groundnut and sesame seeds are exported, production of edible oil can decline. Thus, it still needs to raise production of palm oil.

At present, efforts are being made to shift from growing current edible oil crops to growing special high yield quality edible oil crops. It is required to take into consideration the export of ground nut, sesame and sunflowers at a time when there is local demand for edible oil while striving for production of more edible oil crops.

In an effort to produce more edible oil crops for local demand, all levels of activities are to be launched through private investments. Likewise, necessary steps are to be fully taken in the processing coconut oil into refined oil.

Next, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye read out the report of the Bill Committee



Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye reads report of Bill Committee.
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as to **natural disasters management bill.**

Afterwards, the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw approved the **natural disasters management bill** para by para.

Next, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe tabled **natural disaster management bill** for approval, and U Aung Myint Thein of Kayin State Constituency No 9 seconded the bill.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the bill.

After that, Secretary U San Tun of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee read out the report of the Bill Committee as to the **State Crops Marketing Board Acts Revoking Bill.**

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan tabled the to the **State Crops Marketing Board Acts Revoking Bill** for approval, and U Tun Zaw (a) Ko Pauk of Bago Region Constituency No 12 seconded the bill.

The Hluttaw decided to approve the bill.

Afterwards, U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency No 2, U Khet Htein Nan of Kachin State Constituency No 1, U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 6, Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region

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Constituency-9, U Aung Kyi Nyunt of Magway Region Constituency-4, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency-8 and U Soe Myint of Magway Region Constituency-6 in discussion over the proposal calling for the Union Government to hire independent consultant engineers in major projects of the State being undertaken through local and foreign investments for long-term interest submitted by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency-6, saying that at present the world nations are interested in making investments in Myanmar; that in that regard any joint venture needs to bring about mutual benefits to the most possible degree; that in view of some ministries' procedures it is found that they have not monitored the field trips, data collection and designing but they only end up with the recommendation of the investment companies; that when the concession period (eg. 30, 40, 50 years) comes to an end, it is important to be able to maintain the running conditions.

Although foreign investments are to be welcomed, it is to be based on Win Win policy to ensure mutual benefits in the long-term interest. Constant monitoring is to be made on technique guaranty of

projects which require financial assistance, durability of supplied items and technological transfers.

Taking advantages of weaknesses of the country's technology, if they build factories, airports, hotels, dams and reservoirs, gas pipelines, deep water ports, power stations, roads and bridges with substandards the country will be at a loss by the end of the operation period.

There used to be severe consequences of the wrong projects. In that sense, experts are indispensable to ensure least damage to natural resources and environment and gain high profits. Moreover, transparency is also required and without it, it is hard to safeguard the national interest.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw suggested that the relevant ministry should make a thorough calculation on benefits before signing an agreement. Legal actions are required for the nation if terms and references of the agreement are not met.

In the time of the previous government, there was a restriction for the ministries over the hiring of consultant engineers due to economic sanctions. But at present, there are a series of technological assistance and

economic cooperation from international community. In the process, some projects started hiring the consultant engineers.

In addition, the Planning Commission with the President as chairman has been formed under Order No. 28/2012 of the President Office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for economic development of the State. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is hiring consultants to avoid environmental degradation in establishing the special economic zone. In future also, systematic steps are being taken to avoid environmental degradation and ensure correct investment proposed figures and emerging benefits.

The proposal was decided to approve through votes.

The session ended at 3.50 pm and the 21st day session will continue at 10 am on 7 August.

At today's session, six questions were asked and answered, two bills approved, and one proposal was discussed and passed.

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Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives former Speaker of National Assembly and Senate and Chairman of Management Standing Committee of House of Representatives of Thailand



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Thai delegation.—MNA

NAV PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa of the Pyithu Hluttaw received a 43-member delegation led by former Speaker of National Assembly and Senate of the Kingdom of Thailand and Chairman of Management Standing Committee of the House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Chai Chidchob at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall No 1 of Hluttaw Complex,

here, at 2.30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Bill Committee U T Khun Myat, Chairman of Public Accounts Committee U Thurein Zaw, Chairman of Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Committee U Win Sein, Secretaries of the Committees

Dr Soe Yin, U Maung Toe, U Than Myint and officials of the Hluttaw Office. At the call, they cordially discussed long existing of friendly relations between the two countries, exchange of experiences between the two Hluttaws, endeavours of democratization process, promotion of bilateral ties, cooperation in education, and prospects for cooperation between committees.—MNA

PSRD clarifies suspensions on two weekly journals

YANGON, 6 Aug — Officials of the Press Scrutiny and Registration Department (PSRD) of the Printers and Publishers

Registration and Press Scrutiny and Distribution Central Supervisory Committee met with publishers and editors of the Voice Weekly Journal and the Envoy Journal this afternoon and clarified the suspension of the two weekly journals for breaking the 44th directives of the central supervisory committee.

During the meeting, the PSRD has suspended the two weekly journals for two weeks as a punishment and

the two sides openly discussed the challenges and sought ways for coordination between them.

The PSRD met with the publisher and the editor of the Envoy Journal on 5 May, 2012, and the Voice Weekly journal on 18 June, 2012, and warned them as they failed to follow the directives of the central supervisory committee.

The PSRD said it had no option but to suspend the two weekly journals for two weeks as they broke the directives of the department again.

Officials of the PSRD said that after the new government elected by the people took office, the Ministry of Information laid down two policies regarding the publishers. The first policy is to adapt the rules and laws and directives of the 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Act to be in conformity with the transitional period before the new print media law is enacted and the second policy is to draft the new print media law.

According to the first policy, the PSRD had changed its policy and

relaxed four steps from June, 2011, to May, 2012 and has worked to go into the fifth step. Regarding the second policy of drafting the new print media law, Ministry of Information has drawn the draft from July to December 2011 and sent the first draft to the Union Attorney-General Office in January, 2012, the second draft in April, 2012, the third draft in May, 2012, the fourth and fifth draft in June, 2012.

The draft was sent to the President Office in June, 2012 and accepted the advices of the legal advisory group of the President in July, 2012. The Ministry of Information and the Union Attorney-General Office are in coordination with each other to complete the bill and to introduce the bill to the Hluttaw which is currently held after seeking approval from the President Office. While reforms are carried out step by step, some rules and laws and directives of the existing 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Act are being used and actions were taken against the two weekly journals in accordance with the law.—MNA

Workshop on Dissemination on Implementation of Health System held

NAV PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended the Workshop on Dissemination on Implementation of Health System Strengthening in First 20 Townships Myanmar, jointly organized by Ministry of Health and GAVI, at the ministry, here, this morning.

After delivering an address, the Union Minister viewed documentary photos on health development activities in 20 townships.

Deputy Director-General Dr Saw Lwin of Health Department presided over the workshop. Dr Salma Burton of Public Health Department of World Health Organization read the paper on Health Systems Strengthening-Experience from Developing Countries and Dr Sunil G Senanayake of WHO SEA Director's Office on GAVI HSS-

Experience from CEAR Countries and Director (Project) Dr Nilar Tin on An Overview on GAVI HSS in Myanmar. Next, Dr Nweni Ohn read the paper on findings from Health System Strengthening, Dr Thida

Kyu on Planning and Management including Mapping HTR, HRH and Infrastructure, Dr San San Aye on Township Health Financing and Dr Thet Thet Mu on DQU and SQU.

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In commemoration of 67th Anniversary Independence Day of Indonesia, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono donates equipment to Thanlyin Boys' Training School of Social Welfare Department on 6 August. MNA

Gunmen kill 15 Egyptians, Israel strikes attackers

CAIRO, 6 Aug — Islamist gunmen killed at least 15 Egyptian police on Sunday and seized two military vehicles to attack a crossing point into Israel, the deadliest incident in Egypt's tense Sinai border region in decades. Israeli aircraft destroyed one of the armored vehicles and four of the gunmen were killed, Egyptian security sources said. Israel's Defence Minister Ehud Barak called for "determined Egyptian action" to "prevent terror in Sinai".

The attack is an early diplomatic test for Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi, an Islamist who assumed office at the end of June after

staunch US ally Hosni Mubarak was overthrown last year in a popular uprising. It may also complicate Egypt's relations with Hamas, the Islamist rulers of the Gaza Strip that borders Egypt and Israel who are close to Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood, if it is shown that Palestinian gunmen were involved.

Israel has accused Palestinian militants in Gaza of involvement in militant activity in Sinai, where insecurity has grown since Mubarak was toppled. Mursi has pledged to get a grip on security in Egypt but has yet to prove he can assert control over an entrenched security establishment. Mursi

summoned senior military officials and vowed to respond to the attack. His spokesman said the assailants had not been identified for now.

"Clear orders have been given to our armed forces and police to chase and arrest those who carried out this assault on our children," Mursi said in a speech on state television.

"The forces will impose full control over these areas of Sinai." The Egyptian state news agency quoted a security official as saying the attack was carried out by Islamist militants who infiltrated from Gaza via a tunnel as well as by other



Egypt's President Mohamed Mursi (C) meets with his senior security officials, Field Marshal Hussein Tantawi (3rd L), Chief Intelligence Minister Murad Muwafi (R) and Armed Forces Chief of Staff Sami Anan (2nd R) at the presidential palace in Cairo during an emergency meeting after Islamist gunmen killed at least 15 Egyptian soldiers near the Rafah border crossing with Gaza on 5 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

militants from two regions in Egypt's Sinai peninsula.

Hamas said it was investigating the incident and had no information so far indicating the gunmen came

from Gaza but Taheral-Nono, a spokesman for the Hamas government, said it was closing tunnels along the border with Egypt immediately.—Reuters

Reuters Twitter account hacked, false tweets about Syria sent

LONDON, 6 Aug — News said one of its Twitter accounts was hacked on Sunday and false tweets were posted, mainly related to the current armed struggle in Syria. "Earlier today @ReutersTech was hacked and changed to @ReutersME," said a spokesperson for Reuters, which is owned by Thomson Reuters Corp. "The account has been suspended and is currently under investigation."

The incident follows the company's disclosure that the blogging platform of the Reuters News website was compromised on Friday and a false posting purporting to carry an interview with a Syrian rebel leader was illegally posted on a Reuters' journalist's blog.

In the latest incident a series of 22 false tweets were sent purporting to be from Reuters News. Some of the tweets also carried false reports about Syrian rebel losses suffered in battles with Syrian government forces.

Thomson Reuters had no immediate information on who was behind the hacking. Twitter could not be immediately reached for comment.—Reuters



People stand by the wreckage from a car bomb explosion at a church in Yelwa on the outskirts of the northern Nigerian city of Bauchi, on 3 June, 2012.—REUTERS

New Zealand forces come under second attack in two days in Afghanistan

WELLINGTON, 6 Aug — New Zealand forces in Afghanistan came under attack again on Sunday, the day after insurgents killed two New Zealand soldiers and wounded six others, the New Zealand Defence Force announced on Monday.

Members of the New Zealand Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in the village of Do Abe, in Bamiyan Province, came under fire from small arms and rocket propelled grenades in the second attack, said a statement from the NZDF.

"Our personnel returned fire. We also dispatched other forces in support of our people in Do Abe," Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant General Jones said in the statement. "In addition, our coalition partners provided significant air support." The Provincial Reconstruction Team sustained no casualties in the second attack, he said. "We have begun reviewing this attack, which will feed into our picture of the security challenges in this part of Bamiyan," said Jones.

Earlier Monday, Jones said the NZDF remained committed to a smooth and measured handover of its

responsibilities in Bamiyan Province to the Afghan authorities after the deadly attack on Saturday.

Lance Corporal Rory Patrick Malone and Lance Corporal Pralli Durrer, both aged 26, died when NZDF personnel came to the assistance of local security forces who encountered suspected insurgents near a village south of Do Abe, in the northeast of the province.

The six New Zealand soldiers injured in the attack were all in a stable condition, and five of them would be transferred Monday to a military hospital in Germany, with the sixth likely to follow when his condition allowed.

Xinhua



A wildfire burns near the town of Noble in Cleveland County, south of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma August 4, 2012.—REUTERS

Al-Qaeda prisoners try to tunnel out of Iraqi jail

BAGHDAD, 6 Aug — A group of al-Qaeda prisoners was caught trying to tunnel out of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison, an official said on Sunday, after the militants said they would step up their fight against the government. Iraq's Shi'ite-led government is concerned that Sunni Muslim militants will get a boost from the insurgency in neighboring Syria, where mainly Sunni rebels are battling President Bashar al-Assad.

Jail breaks are common in Iraq and security at prisons was beefed up this week after five militants stormed a police counter-terrorism headquarters

on Tuesday in an attempt to free al-Qaeda prisoners. All five were killed in a long gun battle. A spokesman for the justice ministry, Haider al-Saadi, said in a statement that 11 "dangerous prisoners" at Abu Ghraib dug down three meters and had tunneled along 20 meters using a frying pan and part of a ceiling fan before they were discovered.

They had fashioned breathing apparatus from soft-drink cans stuck end to end. Another official in the ministry told Reuters that the men were al-Qaeda members. The high security prison, notorious for abuse both during the rule of

Saddam Hussein and under US occupation, houses several thousand convicted militants. "The late shift guard around midnight on Saturday heard some banging and digging under the concrete," Saadi said. "The guards then conducted an arrest operation ... in a professional way by filling the tunnel with water to force them out."

Al-Qaeda's Iraqi wing, the Islamic State of Iraq (ISI), warned last month that it planned to revitalize its campaign, weakened after years of losses against US troops and Iraqi allies.

Reuters

Fan killed; nine injured by lightning after Pocono race

BLAKESLEE, 6 Aug — Shortly after 7:30 ET, Pocono Raceway officials announced that a fan was pronounced dead on arrival at a local hospital. Details have not been released. Tough news out of Pocono, as the same storm that shut down the race after 98 of a scheduled 160 laps also sent down a lightning strike that injured 10 fans just outside the track.

Pocono officials indicated that several of the fans were treated and released from the infield care center, but that five were transported directly to local hospitals. Their names and conditions were not released. In all, two

fans are listed as critical, one as moderate, two as minor, and five treated and released.

"Me and my friend just ran into our truck during all the nasty weather," Kyle Manger, a race fan from New Jersey, told *The Sporting News*.

"The visibility was very poor and all of a sudden [I] saw a bolt of lightning right in front of our windshield. When it became a little more visible, we saw two bodies next to a destroyed tent with people scrambling."

Jeff Gordon, the race's winner, recalled seeing lightning strikes right after



Pocono before the storm.—INTERNET

the race ended, including the one that may have injured the fans. "I'm pretty sure I know which one it was," he said. "We were walking down pit road, the umbrellas weren't doing any good, there was a huge, huge crack from lightning. You could tell it was very close. That's the

thing that's going to take away from the victory, is the fact that somebody was affected by that."

NASCAR fans have been struck by lightning at tracks in the past. Three fans suffered minor injuries during a thunderstorm in Daytona in 2004.—Internet

Oklahoma wildfire crews helped by cooler temperatures

OKLAHOMA CITY, 6 Aug — Cooler temperatures gave a slight boost on Sunday to crews battling 18 wildfires across Oklahoma that have torched at least 121 structures and charred thousands of acres amid a drought. The blazes, which have charred more than 68,000 acres across the state, burned throughout the night, forcing more evacuations in small towns and rural areas in central Oklahoma, although it will be days before the full damage is tallied, officials said.

One of the most devastating fires tore through the town of Luther, about 25 miles from Oklahoma City, on Saturday, razing 56 structures, although it is now under control. Authorities are investigating whether that blaze was deliberately set. A cool front that passed across the state overnight lowered temperatures by up to 25 degrees Fahrenheit and may keep the mercury from topping the 100-degree F (38 degrees Celsius) mark in areas where fire crews are working on Sunday, the National Weather Service said, although underlying drought conditions remain unchanged.

"This year is a bad year, but it's not as bad as last year — only because we got a late start," said Michelle Finch Walker, a spokeswoman for Oklahoma Forestry Services. "This year is going to be remembered for the number of structures lost," she added. The largest of the state's fires has blackened a 58,000-acre (23,490 hectare) stretch between Oklahoma City and Tulsa, the state's two largest cities, Finch said, noting that it was one of the largest blazes in the state's history.—Reuters

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV GUNKUL-1 VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W (3) 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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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Hong Kong Facebook user arrested over hacking threat

HONG KONG, 5 Aug — Hong Kong police said on Sunday they had arrested a 21-year-old man after he reportedly said on social networking site Facebook that he would hack several government websites.

Police said the man, who was later released on bail, was held on suspicion of "access to a computer with criminal or dishonest intent" after he allegedly threatened to hack seven government websites between June and August this year.

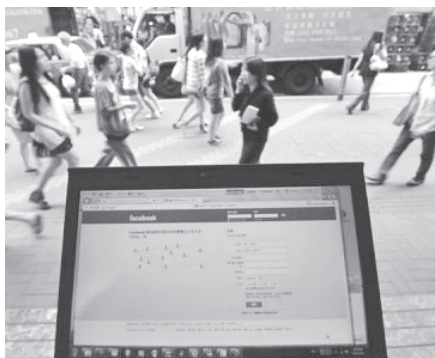
"The Internet is not a virtual world of lawlessness," a police spokesman said, adding that the man was required to report back to the police in October. The unidentified

man was arrested on Friday before being released on bail, the spokesman told AFP. He faces up to five years imprisonment if found guilty.

The man is a member of the global hacker group Anonymous, the *South China Morning Post* said.

The group is said to have 20 members in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory, which guarantees civil liberties not seen on the mainland, including freedom of speech.

The police spokesman declined to confirm his link to Anonymous. The last posting on the "Anonymous HK" Facebook page on 22 July urged authorities to show "respect" to citizens.



This file photo shows pedestrians walking past a computer displaying login page for the social networking site Facebook, in Hong Kong. HK police said on Sunday they had arrested a 21-year-old man after he reportedly said on Facebook that he would hack several government websites.— INTERNET

The notorious group, which is believed to be a loosely affiliated network of "hacktivists", has attacked sites of groups as varied as

MasterCard and Visa, the US Justice Department, and the Tunisian and Yemen governments.

Internet

Eye on Iran and Syria, Israel hardens missile shield

JERUSALEM, 5 Aug — Israel is upgrading its Arrow II ballistic missile shield in a US-backed "race" against Iran, Syria and other regional enemies, a senior Israeli defense official said on Sunday. The new "Block 4" generation of guided interceptor rockets, radars and technologies for synchronizing Arrow with US systems was being installed in deployed Israeli batteries, a process that would take several weeks, the official said.

"The accuracy and the reach will be greater," the official said of Arrow, which has been operational since 2000 and is designed to blow up incoming missiles at altitudes high enough for non-conventional warheads to disintegrate safely. "It is part of the technological race in the region," added the official, who declined to be named given the sensitivity of the issue. Long jittery about Iran's disputed nuclear programme, Israel has more recently worried the Syrian insurgency could loosen Damascus's hold on its chemical weapons and Scud missiles. Israel has threatened to attack preemptively in both countries, a prospect that could trigger wider war and clash with Washington's efforts to resolve the crises diplomatically. The Pentagon and US firm Boeing Co are partners in Arrow, an investment that the Obama administration hopes will help stay the Israelis' hand. US Secretary of Defence Leon Panetta said last week that Arrow, like a similar Israeli interceptor for short-range guerrilla rockets, Iron Dome, were "designed to prevent wars".— Reuters



Residents try to move a 9-metre-long whale shark stranded on Parangkusumo beach in Bantul of Yogyakarta, Indonesia, on 4 Aug, 2012. This is the second whale shark stranded on Indonesian beach while migration, according to the coordinator of the local NGO.— XINHUA

Afghan police kill 21 Taliban fighters in 24 hours

KABUL, 5 Aug — Afghan police have killed 21 Taliban militants during series of operations over the past 24 hours, Interior Ministry said in a statement released here on Sunday.

"Unites of national

police backed by army and the NATO-led forces have killed 21 armed Taliban insurgents and wounded two others during operations in Kapisa, Kandahar, Herat and Farah provinces over the past 24 hours," the statement

added.

However, it did not say if there were any casualties on the security forces. Taliban militants fighting the government and NATO-led coalition troops have yet to comment.—Xinhua

Gang war fears see Macau police detain 150, Hong Kong arrest 130

HONG KONG, 6 Aug — Police detained more than 150 people in weekend raids on casinos and hotels in Macau after a recent spate of killings raised fears of a new gang war in the world's largest gambling destination.

In Hong Kong, police raided 21 locations on August 2 as part of the joint operation and arrested 130 people on suspicion of various crimes including money laundering involving HK\$300 million, illegal gambling and prostitution. Police also seized cash, watches and cars worth more than HK\$11 million.

Macau, a former Portuguese territory, was gripped by gang wars in the late 1990s and the recent murders of three people in two weeks, thought linked to

the gambling industry, come just months ahead of the release from jail of triad boss "Broken Tooth" Wan Kuok-koi, who wreaked havoc at that time.

About 1,300 people were rounded up on Friday and Saturday in Macau, a one-hour ferry ride from Hong Kong, and 150 of them were taken in for questioning in the operation codenamed "Thunderbolt". "This operation is an annual exercise to maintain public security. It is a joint exercise undertaken by police in Guangdong province, Macau and Hong Kong to crack down and prevent crime in this region," a Macau police spokeswoman said.

The Macau raids came just weeks after a Chinese woman was found murdered

in a residential area minutes away from the cavernous gambling halls of gaming magnate Sheldon Adelson's Venetian casino.

That followed the murders of two Chinese nationals at the five-star Grand Lapa hotel in Macau and an attack at the end of June on a senior figure in Macau's junket industry, which extends credit to rich gamblers. By contrast, only five homicide cases were recorded between June 2011 and May 2012, according to Macau police statistics.

"We are not too concerned about these operations. Macau is a gambling city and whenever gambling is involved, sex and drugs will be involved," said Macau legislator Au Kam San.—Reuters

Bus accident kills 23 Angolan soccer fans

LUANDA, 6 Aug — Twenty-three fans of Angolan soccer club Kabuscorp were killed and 29 injured when their bus overturned on the road back to Luanda after an away match, state news agency Angop reported on Sunday. The accident happened on Saturday in Kwanza Sul province after the fans had watched their team play in the country's top division at Libolo, about 600 kilometers (370 miles) southeast of Luanda, Angop said.

"I am distraught and sad. The place where the accident took place is very dangerous and the driver was young and

he was probably speeding," said Kabuscorp president Bento Kangamba, quoted by Portuguese state news agency Lusa. He said the bodies of the dead had been taken to Luanda, while the injured fans received treatment at hospitals in Kwanza Norte province. He did not give details on the severity of their injuries. President Jose Eduardo dos Santos said in a statement that he was "deeply saddened" by the accident.

Angola has one of the highest traffic-related death tolls in the world. According to police, 3080 people died in 2010 due to road accidents, which are the second-biggest cause of death in the southwestern African nation after malaria. Kabuscorp received international attention in January when they signed forward Rivaldo, a Brazilian World Cup winner and former World Footballer of the Year.—Reuters



Commuters travel on a flooded street in Lahore, Pakistan, on 4 Aug, 2012. Parts of Lahore were flooded after heavy downpours battered Lahore on Saturday.— XINHUA

Clemente bat sells for \$41,825

A baseball bat used by Roberto Clemente in the 1960 World Series sold for \$41,825 at the National Sports Collectors Convention in Baltimore.

Heritage Auctions, which ran the sale, said the bat from Game 7 of the 1960 series sold for \$41,825, while a cup presented to Honus Wagner in 1917 sold for \$44,812.50 and a baseball signed by Babe Ruth — believed to be in the best condition of all the balls signed by the player — sold for \$388,375, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

Other items sold at the auction include Muhammad Ali's boxing trunks from "The Thrilla in Manila," which sold for \$155,350. "This is our Platinum Night auction, our most prestigious auction of the year," said Jonathan Scheier, lead cataloger for Heritage Sports Collectibles in Dallas.

"If you love history — and particularly sports history as



Courtesy of Heritage Sports Auctions.

I do — it's great," he said. "The treasure hunt aspect of it makes it particularly fun. You never know what's going to turn up."

Woman, 88, still working for Okla agency

Melba Morrow says she plans to spend her 88th birthday the way she spends many of her days, answering phones for the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation.

Morrow, who is a year older than the agency, said she has been working as a receptionist for the bureau for about 13 years and will

spend her 88th birthday Wednesday answering the facility's phones, The Oklahoman, Oklahoma City, reported.

Morrow said she took a job at Sears when she was in her 40s and temporarily retired when the store closed down.

"I retired for about six

weeks after Sears closed down, and I thought, I can't do this," Morrow said.

She said the retail experience prepared her for a position answering phones.

"If you've worked customer service at Sears, you can deal with just about anything," she said.

Sherry Mosley,

Passenger takes bite out of bus seat

British police said they are trying to identify a bus passenger recorded by a CCTV camera biting a chunk out of a leather seat. Police said footage from the No 12 bus in Paignton recorded the man biting a chunk out of the seat around 8:20 pm on 25 May, causing about \$314 worth of damage, *The Mirror* reported.

"While traveling between Paignton and Torquay on a No 12 bus, a male passenger started chewing the leather seat he ... sat on and continued to pick at the hole with his hand to make further damage. Around 200 pounds (\$314) of damage was caused," a Devon and Cornwall police spokesman said.

The suspect was described as in his late 20s with a stocky build and about 5-foot-9.

News Album

William and Kate The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge.—INTERNET



LONDON, 6 Aug—Britain's Prince William apparently does not like public displays of affection caught electronically on big screens at big sports stadiums. William famously was

Prince William shy on 'Kiss Cam' encounter

displays of affection caught

cajoled by the cheering public to kiss his new bride, Kate, a second time on the balcony at Buckingham Palace during the royal wedding last year. But at the London Olympics, the couple have tried to stay out of the limelight and prefer the attention remain on the athletes, the BBC reports.

That especially includes any "Kiss Cam" encounters at the Olympics.

"I was absolutely dreading they were going to

come and show myself and my wife that would have been very embarrassing," William said at London's Olympic Velodrome, where Scottish cyclist Sir Chris Hoy won a gold in the men's team sprint.

William and his brother, Harry, are Olympic ambassadors for the Games and their cousin Zara Phillips won a silver medal as part of the British equestrian team.

Topics: Prince William, Chris Hoy, Zara Phillips.

Internet

Bodybuilding worried Schwarzenegger's mom

HOLLYWOOD, 6 Aug — Arnold Schwarzenegger said his mother worried about the pictures on his "bedroom wall of naked men oiled up" he used as bodybuilding inspiration as a teen.

The actor and former California governor told *The Hollywood Reporter* his father thought he was overdoing it in his ambition to become a bodybuilder and his mother was worried.

"She saw the pictures on my bedroom wall of naked men oiled up," he said. "She called the house doctor and said, 'Is there something wrong? Is my son turning south here?'"

The story of Schwarzenegger's past as Mr Universe is being told as part of ESPN

Films' 30 for 30 Shorts digital series, the *entertainment industry publication* reported.

Co-director Michael Zimbalist said he decided to focus on the actor's earlier years because his life then was both "inspirational" and "relatable."



Arnold Schwarzenegger

"When Arnold was 18 ... he had everyone around him telling him that his aspirations were silly," Zimbalist said. But Schwarzenegger was able to turn "lemons into lemonade." —Internet

Sanders and Ross estranged

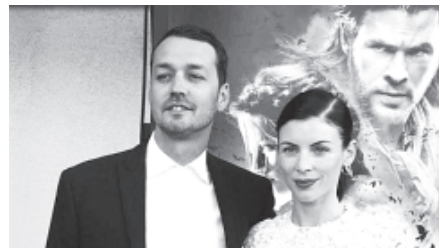
LOS ANGELES, 6 Aug — British filmmaker Rupert Sanders hasn't seen his wife, actress Liberty Ross, since news of his affair with Kristen Stewart broke last month, *People.com* said.

Both Sanders and Stewart issued public apologies for hurting their respective partners after photos were published July 24 showing the director and his "Snow White and the Huntsman" leading lady embracing and kissing.

Sanders and Ross have been married seven years and are the parents of two children.

Stewart has been dating Robert Pattinson, her co-star in the "Twilight" film franchise, for several years.

A source told *People.com* Sanders and Ross have not seen each other since Sanders confirmed he cheated on her; however, the couple have not decided whether to stay together or split up. "She's been focused just on her kids through this," the insider said.



Director Rupert Sanders at a screening of "Snow White and the Huntsman" with his wife Liberty Ross, who portrayed Snow White's mother in the film on 29 May.—INTERNET

"It's what she cares about the most," the source said. "Now she's really feeling strong and looks forward to resuming her life." —Internet

Stewart 'crying her eyes out and not showering' over cheating scandal



LONDON, 6 Aug — Kristen Stewart, who is holed up in her former producer Giovanni Agnelli's pad, is acting like a heartbroken

teenager.

The 22-year-old is said to be in pieces since her break-up with Robert Pattinson and is terrified to face the public.

The "Twilight" actress, who issued a public apology to Pattinson after her affair scandal with Rupert Sanders surfaced, cannot comprehend what life would be like without her boyfriend.

"She is crying her eyes out non-stop and does not want to communicate with anyone," the *Daily Mail* quoted a source as telling Radaronline.—Internet

Actress Eva Mendes 'dogwalker'

BEVERLY HILLS, 6 Aug — Hollywood beauty Eva Mendes has been spotted walking George, her boyfriend Ryan Gosling's mixed-breed mutt.

People magazine said the sexy "Training Day" and "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" actress and George were photographed walking on streets in tony Beverly Hills this week while Gosling is out of the country working on a film. Mendes was seen joining Gosling earlier this year on dog walks, but now walks his pet even when he is in town, *People* said.

Mendes, once voted one

of the most beautiful women in the world, is an animal lover and has a dog of her own, a Belgian Malinois named Hugo.—Internet



Eva Mendes

Police investigating Ellen Page Twitter threats

LOS ANGELES, 6 Aug — Los Angeles police sent a search warrant to Twitter seeking information about two accounts that allegedly sent threatening messages to actress Ellen Page.

The "Juno" actress reached out to the Los Angeles Police Department after receiving multiple death threats through Twitter in June, *TMZ* reported.

One message read, "I'm going to murder Ellen Page. She's dead." Another threatened to kill her in public for dating "True Blood" actor Alexander Skarsgard.

"Be it in a club, at a game, in a restaurant, or when you're signing autographs," the message said.

The messages have since been deleted from Twitter, *TMZ* reported.



Ellen Page in Los Angeles

The Los Angeles Police Department said the messages coincided with a phone call to organizers of the LA Film Festival where Page's new movie "To Rome with Love" premiered on 14 June. Police said the caller promised to attend the festival and "kill Page."

Internet

Bolt wins men's 100m as Ross takes women's 400m

LONDON, 6 Aug — Usain Bolt set a new Olympic record of 9.63 seconds as he won the 100 meters gold medal on Sunday night. Bolt finished ahead of fellow Jamaican, Yohan Blake, who finished in 9.75 and Justin Gatlin, who ran 9.79, one hundredth of a second ahead of Tyson Gay, who finished fourth.

The fact both Blake and Gatlin ran personal best times in the race gives an indication

slightly worried about the start," he confessed, "I slipped on the block and didn't have the best reaction, but I secured it and that's OK," he said, praising the crowd. "I knew it was going to be like this. It was wonderful, I had no doubts about that," commented the gold medal winner.

There was no slowing down as there had been in Beijing four years ago, as the gold medal was not secure

race was Asafa Powell as he pulled a muscle halfway through the race, but the night belonged to Bolt, who celebrated in trademark fashion as the crowd went wild. Monday sees Jamaica celebrate the 50th anniversary of Jamaican independence from Britain, Bolt and also Blake have given their homeland an early birthday present and along with women's gold medalist, Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce have maintained Jamaica's dominance over 100 meters. But Sunday was not just about the 100 meter final and although Bolt will deservedly capture the headlines, the night saw four other track and field medals decided along with the finalists for the men's 1,500 meters and 400 meters were. The first final underway was the women's triple jump and it produced the first gold medalist of the night as Kazakhstan's Olga Rypakova on with a jump of 14.98, which she produced on her third attempt. "I thought to have a chance of winning, I would have to jump more than 15 meters. I did my best to do that. I didn't expect to win, although deep in my heart, I hoped to." —Xinhua



Gold medalist Usain Bolt of Jamaica celebrates after competing in men's 100m final contest, at London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 5 Aug, 2012. XINHUA

of Bolt's greatness. The Jamaican, cheered loudly by the crowd in the Olympic Stadium, wasn't fast out of the blocks and found himself with time to make up on Gatlin, who got off to a flyer.

However, once Bolt was up to his full height after around 40 meters, there was no stopping him as he powered past his rivals. "I was

until he crossed the finish line. Meanwhile Blake produced a powerful finish to get his nose ahead of Gatlin in the final meters.

"Bolt's the fastest man in the world and I have won a silver medal, what more can I ask for. To be the second fastest man in the world behind Bolt is an honor," said Blake. The disappointment of the

International Sports

Boos ring out after Italian in holding farce

LONDON, 6 Aug — Italian heavyweight Clemente Russo was booed on Sunday after reducing his Olympic quarter-final against Cuba's Jose Larduet Gomez into a holding farce in the third round. The first two rounds were entertaining enough but a packed crowd at the ExCel arena then began chanting 'Cuba, Cuba' as Russo looked like he should have been taking part in one of the wrestling bouts that are also being held at the east London venue. The Italian, employing a flashy hands-down style, picked off Larduet in the opening two rounds to open a 9-7 lead before resorting to questionable tactics in the third.

Right or wrong it worked as the final round was scored 3-3 to give Russo a 12-10 win, putting him in the semi-finals and guaranteeing at least a bronze medal. "They booed because it was an ugly fight. I don't think they booed me personally," Russo told reporters through an interpreter. "I had the experience to win the fight. There were very few shots and I tried to make the referee think that it wasn't just me holding and I managed it — it worked." Russo, the 2007 world champion, was giving

away a considerable height advantage and kept darting in to land his punches before holding to avoid a counter.

Rule 12.1.9 of the International Boxing Association rules says 'Holding or locking of the opponent's arm or head, or pushing an arm underneath the arm of an opponent' is a foul. Slovakian referee Rene Just chose not to split the duo on the frequent occasions they became entangled, infuriating Larduet's cornermen. —Reuters



Italy's Clemente Russo (L) is warned by referee Rene Just (R) during his Men's Heavy (91kg) Quarterfinal boxing match against Cuba's Jose Larduet Gomez at the London 2012 Olympic Games on 5 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

Arsenal's Gazidis in double FA appointment



Arsenal's Gazidis in double FA appointment. INTERNET

LONDON, 6 Aug — Arsenal has announced that the club's chief executive, Ivan Gazidis, has been appointed to the Football Association's Professional Game Board (PGB) as well as the FA Council. Gazidis, who



Players of the US celebrate defeating Turkey during their women's Group B volleyball match at Earls Court during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 5 Aug, 2012. —REUTERS

Volleyball: US and Russia remain undefeated

LONDON, 6 Aug — United States, chasing their first Olympic gold in women's volleyball, kept up their unbeaten record at the London Games with a 3-0 victory over Turkey on Sunday. While the Americans wrapped up their Group B campaign with an unblemished 5-0 record, the Russians did the same in Group A thanks to a 3-2 win over Italy. Hosts Britain, Turkey, Algeria and Serbia all went out of the competition.

Turkey gave the US a scare early on and only lost the opening set 27-25. "In the first set Turkey had a lot of success," US coach Hugh McCutcheon told Reuters. "Once we locked our defense and our reception grooved in a little bit, that made things easier." Destinee Hooker blasted 17 spikes out of 38 attempts, delivered 19 points and had strong help up front at the net from Foluke Akinradewo as the world number ones claimed the last two sets 25-16 and 25-19.

The US women, who picked up a silver medal at the Los Angeles Games in 1984 and in Beijing in 2008, may have a concern over captain and triple Olympian Lindsey Berg after she appeared to be hobbling after the match. The Americans meet Dominican Republic in the quarter-finals on Tuesday, Russia clash with Brazil, Japan take on China and Italy face South Korea. —Reuters

Garcia: Newcastle target Debuchy must deal with Lille's decision

LONDON, 6 Aug — Rudi Garcia has stated that Mathieu Debuchy must accept Lille's decision not to sell him despite ongoing interest from Newcastle United. The France international has been heavily linked with a transfer to the Premier League club but LOSC has been immovable in its decision to retain his services.

Newcastle had a fresh approach for the right back rejected by the French club last week and now his coach has declared that there is nothing the player can do.

"He doesn't really have the choice. The club has made a decision and he has to deal with it," Garcia told French publication Nord Eclair. "He also knows he has to be good in the game for his future in the French team. I have no worries about him."



Garcia: Newcastle target Debuchy must deal with Lille's decision. INTERNET

The Magpies have been desperate to bolster their squad ahead of their Europa League campaign but have so far also failed in attempts to sign Andy Carroll and Twente's Douglas.

Internet

joined the Gunners in 2009, is one of four Premier League figures appointed to the PGB, with the eight-man team also comprised of four Football League representatives.

Tottenham director of football administration Darren Eales, Manchester United chief executive David Gill and Premier League chairman Dave Richards have also been placed on the committee, which advises the FA on various issues within the game.

The board is also responsible for administering the FA Cup, the England

national team setup and the FA's relationship with FIFA and UEFA.

In addition to that role, Gazidis will also serve as one of eight Premier League representatives on the FA Council, which plays a significant role in player development. The council recently voted in support of a significant youth development review which will see small-sided games made mandatory for players up to under-12 level, which is due to be phased in by the start of the 2014-15 season.

Internet

Djokovic aims for Toronto title defence

TORONTO, 6 Aug — Novak Djokovic will aim to forget his London Olympic semi-final loss by defending his title at the ATP Tour's Toronto Masters tournament which begins on Monday. Playing the event means a tight turnaround including a flight from London and an immediate adjustment from the grass of the Summer Games at Wimbledon to the punishing cement of North America. Djokovic lost in his bid for the Olympic glory when he went down to eventual Olympic gold medal winner Andy Murray 7-5, 7-5 on Friday. Murray won the 2009-2010 editions in Canada, the first major ATP competition which brings out the world's elite as they prepare for the US Open in three weeks.

Swiss world number one Federer and number three Rafael Nadal are two of the top names missing the tournament. Federer withdrew to concentrate on his Olympic final while Nadal has yet to recover from his chronic knee tendinitis which has left his summer a

shambles. The Spanish clay court king is hoping to return in a week for the Cincinnati Masters in the US, but there are no guarantees about his actual plans or fitness. Due to the special scheduling circumstances surrounding this year's edition, all 16 seeds in the Toronto draw have byes into the second round. —Internet



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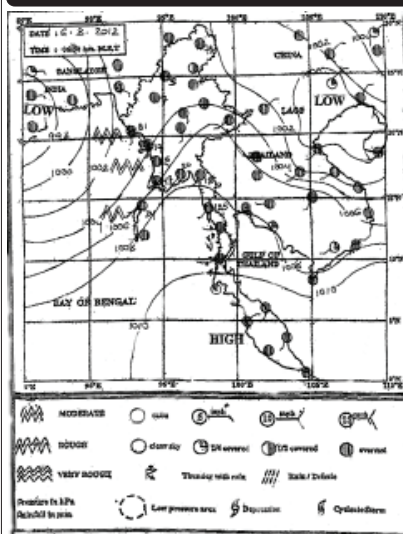
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1. Paritta By Hilly Region Sayadaw
 - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:15 am
5. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:25 am
6. Documentary
- 8:30 am
7. Song Of National Races
- 4:00 pm
8. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
9. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
10. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:50 pm
11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
12. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:40 pm
13. Sweet Melody
- 6:20 pm
14. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm
15. Sing A Song
- 8:00 pm
16. News
 17. Bakery World
 18. TV Drama Series
 19. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 7th August, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/91	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/79	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayan	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	20/68	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	32/90	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhaing	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	31/88	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershower	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

Bay Inference

State of the Sea

Outlook for subsequent two days

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Region and Shan State, scattered in Magway Region and Kachin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Regions, Chin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region and Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (5.28 inches), Patheingyi (3.34 inches), Mawlaikine (2.82 inches), Kyaukse (2.83 inches), Ye and Billa (2.72 inches) each.

According to the observations at (05:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal become unimportant. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely anytime off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35 to 40) mph.

Likelihood of increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Villagers earn incomes through poultry farming in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 6 Aug—Breeding of poultry is being carried out on a manageable scale around Threeegon Village of Myohla Village-tract in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region.

The poultry farms are engaged in breeding of CP layers and broilers. Chickens can be bought from Pyawbwe Township, at one payer chicken per K 1000 and one broiler K 600.

Breeders can earn income through sales of eggs at K 85-K100. Eggs from the farms are sold at Myohla, Thayetbin, Pinsu, Pehse, Wayondaw and Inbaung villages.

Broilers of over 45-day are sold out from the poultry farms. Manageable scale breeding of poultry contributes to



better livelihoods for the local people, said Ko Moe Kyaw of Kangalegon Village.

There are 10 breeders in Theegon Village and so many breeders in other villages engaging in breeding of layers and broilers in Yamethin Township.—Kyemon

Dolgoplov rallies to win Washington tennis



Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgoplov returns a shot to Germany's Tommy Haas during their Citi Open final on 5 August.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 6 Aug—Second seed Alexandr Dolgoplov survived a three-hour rain interruption to claim his second career title with a 6-7 (7/9), 6-4, 6-1 win over Germany's Tommy Haas at the ATP hardcourt event. Dolgoplov, ranked 25th in the world, denied the 34-year-old Haas a ninth career title in the US. "I didn't know quite how to play him before I came out but it worked well and I'm happy I won," said Dolgoplov. "I needed to show my best game."

"I had to attack and make winners against Tommy. It was a tight match, especially

in the opening set with the weather coming in. "I had to play well in the important moments and ignore the conditions," added the Ukrainian who hammered 11 aces. Dolgoplov needed two-and-a-quarter hours on court to secure his victory in the tough conditions. Haas struck nine aces but also produced 11 double-faults—his last as he dropped to 5-1 down in the final set.

Haas, ranked 36th in the world, was bidding for his second trophy this season after beating Roger Federer for the Halle title on grass two months ago. The German was

playing Washington for the seventh time. An agitated Haas complained bitterly in the final set about balls taking repeated dead bounces on a hardcourt which had surface patches where water had soaked through. The Ukrainian had reached the title match without losing a set before Haas won the first in a tiebreaker—a set which was interrupted as the German led 6-5.

The final was the fourth for Dolgoplov, who did not play the London Olympics due to a disagreement with his national federation. Haas accepted defeat without mentioning the court conditions. The German was playing his second final in three weeks after losing to Juan Monaco in Hamburg last month. "I've yet to win this tournament and there are not a lot of years left for me," said veteran Haas, the former number two in the world. "I still hope that I will be back here next year to try for it again. It was really rough conditions, waiting out the rain and then playing against a tough opponent."

Internet

Bradley triumphs at Firestone as Furyk fades

AKRON, 6 Aug—Keegan Bradley stunningly clinched the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational by one shot on Sunday after playing partner Jim Furyk, a stroke in front playing the last, double-bogeyed the 18th to tumble back into a tie for second. American Bradley, who won his first major crown at last year's PGA Championship, coolly sank a 15-footer to save par on the final hole for a six-under 64 and a 13-under total of 267 at a rain-softened Firestone Country Club.

It was an agonizing end for tour veteran Furyk who had led the tournament from the first round and it came after he fell out of a tie for the lead with three holes to play at the US Open in June. "This just feels so great," an elated Bradley told reporters after landing his third PGA Tour title and the winner's check for \$1.4 million. "I just felt so strong coming down the stretch. I just enjoyed every minute of it." My hope standing on the 18th tee was to make birdie and maybe force a playoff, but you just never know what's going to happen, especially with that pin on 18.

That's a really difficult pin."

Bradley all but sewed up an automatic spot on the 2012 US Ryder Cup team with his come-from-behind triumph. "I just want to be on that team so badly," said the 26-year-old. "I hope this is enough to get on there." Bradley had been in trouble playing the par-four last, finding a plugged lie in a greenside bunker with a wayward approach and splashing out well beyond the hole with his third shot. However he coolly sank the par putt coming back before pumping his right fist in delight, then watched in amazement as a distraught

Furyk butchered the hole.

Overnight leader Furyk missed a five-footer for bogey to take the tournament into a playoff and tapped in for a six and closing 69 to finish at 12 under with fellow American Steve Stricker, who birdied the last three holes for a 64. South African Louis Oosthuizen, alone in second place after the third round, was a further stroke back in fourth after carding a four-birdie 69. Seven-times champion Tiger Woods, who had struggled with his putting in the first two rounds, signed off with a 66 to tie for eighth at four-under 276.—Reuters



Keegan Bradley celebrates making a par putt on the 18th hole to win the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, on 5 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

Consideration must be taken for export of groundnut, sesame and sunflowers at a time when there is local demand for edible oil while striving for production of more edible oil crops

Constant monitoring to be made on technique guaranty of projects which require financial assistance, durability of supplied items and technological transfers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw continued its meeting for the 20th day at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in the Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by 206 representatives including U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw.

During the meeting, two representatives raised questions related to the commerce sector and Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan replied the questions.

U Thein Win of Sagaing Region constituency No. 9 asked if there is a plan to issue individual trading card, when the trading would be permitted and whether there is a plan to relax on import of restricted goods, whether there is a plan to introduce a tax system to control import of goods instead of restricting them and whether there is a plan to inspect the food that should not be consumed by people and release information to let the people in border areas know it.

The deputy minister replied that issuing export and import license cards has been suspended since 2002 due to weak in organization set up and scrutinizing of the individual-owned businesses. Permission has been sought to issue the Individual Trading Card with the aim of trading goods from border areas and national races legally and the individual card system would be introduced in accordance with rules and regulations once the ministry got the permission, he said.

Regarding the second question of relaxation on import of restricted goods, the deputy minister said out of goods that have been banned by the ministry, seasoning powder, soft drinks, biscuits, canned food and fruits and dried



Representatives seen at 20th day fourth regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw. MNA

noodles with FDA recommendation are allowed to be imported through shipment and border check-points in accordance with rules and regulations.

Besides, in an attempt to satisfy local consumption and demand, some fruits are allowed to be imported and some are allowed only in the season when such kinds of fruits are harvested in the country. Some goods are restricted not to be imported as part of efforts for giving protection to local agro businesses. Such kind of restriction has practiced not only in Myanmar but also in other countries. To give protection to the interests of the country, some goods would be restricted not to be imported. Meanwhile, to fulfill the local demand, the ministry would relax the ban over some restricted goods from foreign countries, the deputy minister said.

Regarding the question No. 3 of whether there is a plan to introduce a tax system to control import of goods instead of restricting them, the deputy minister replied that the ministry has collected tax in accordance with rules and regulations over goods which imported legally while seized and arrested illegal goods and smugglers. In an attempt to control some goods, the ministry has increased the trade tax

from eight per cent to 100 per cent over the goods.

Regarding the question No. 4 of whether there is a plan to inspect the food that should not be consumed by the people and release information to let the people in border areas know it, the deputy minister replied that ministries concerned, state/region planning and commerce ministers, (See page 9)

Gold success for Mustafina

LONDON, 6 Aug—Russia's Aliya Mustafina claimed gold in the Uneven Bars with a superb score of 16.133.

Mustafina finished ahead of defending Olympic champion He Kexin of China, who claimed silver with 15.933.

Great Britain's Beth Tweddle (15.916) won bronze in her last Olympic Games.—London 2012



North Greenwich Arena, venue for the Artistic Gymnastics competitions. INTERNET

Flood warning for Thanlwin, Shwepyin Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Aug—According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an (855) cm has exceeded by (105) cm (about 3.4-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (750) cm during the next (3) days.

The water level of the Shwepyin River at Shwepyin (752) cm has exceeded by (52) cm (about 1.7-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (700) cm during the next (3) days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

London 2012 Olympics medal tally Day 10, 23:00 hrs MST

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	People's Republic of China	31	19	14	64
2.	United States of America	28	14	19	61
3.	Great Britain	17	11	11	39
4.	Republic of Korea	11	5	6	22
5.	France	8	8	9	25
6.	Italy	7	6	4	17
7.	Kazakhstan	6	0	0	6
8.	Russian Federation	5	17	15	37
9.	Germany	5	10	7	22
10.	Hungary	4	1	3	8
11.	DPRK	4	0	1	5
12.	Netherlands	3	3	4	10
13.	South Africa	3	1	0	4
14.	New Zealand	3	0	4	7
15.	Japan	2	12	13	27
16.	Australia	2	12	7	21
17.	Denmark	2	4	2	8
17.	Romania	2	4	2	8

19.	Belarus	2	2	3	7
20.	Cuba	2	2	1	5
21.	Brazil	2	1	5	8
22.	Jamaica	2	1	1	4
22.	Poland	2	1	1	4
24.	Croatia	2	1	0	3
25.	Ukraine	2	0	6	8
26.	Ethiopia	2	0	1	3
27.	Canada	1	3	6	10
28.	Czech Republic	1	3	1	5
28.	Sweden	1	3	1	5
30.	Kenya	1	2	2	5
31.	Slovenia	1	1	2	4
32.	Switzerland	1	1	0	2
33.	Islamic Republic of Iran	1	0	1	2
33.	Lithuania	1	0	1	2
35.	Georgia	1	0	0	1
35.	Venezuela	1	0	0	1
37.	Mexico	0	3	2	5
38.	Colombia	0	3	1	4
39.	Spain	0	2	1	3
40.	Slovakia	0	1	3	4
41.	Azerbaijan	0	1	2	3
41.	Belgium	0	1	2	3
41.	India	0	1	2	3
44.	Armenia	0	1	1	2
44.	Indonesia	0	1	1	2
44.	Mongolia	0	1	1	2
44.	Norway	0	1	1	2
44.	Serbia	0	1	1	2
49.	Cyprus	0	1	0	1
49.	Egypt	0	1	0	1
49.	Guatemala	0	1	0	1
49.	Malaysia	0	1	0	1
49.	Thailand	0	1	0	1
49.	Chinese Taipei	0	1	0	1
55.	Greece	0	0	2	2
55.	Republic of Moldova	0	0	2	2
57.	Argentina	0	0	1	1
57.	Hong Kong, China	0	0	1	1
57.	Saudi Arabia	0	0	1	1
57.	Kuwait	0	0	1	1
57.	Qatar	0	0	1	1
57.	Singapore	0	0	1	1
57.	Tunisia	0	0	1	1
57.	Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1