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President U Thein Sein

Rakhine issue should not tarnish positive image of Myanmar

Turkish FM

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Turkish Foreign Minister Mr Ahmet Davutoglu at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

Also present at the call together with the President were Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi and departmental heads. The delegation led by the Turkish Foreign Minister was accompanied by Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Murat Yavuz Ates.

President U Thein Sein receives Mr Ahmet Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace. MNA

The President said in his greetings that the visiting foreign minister and party were accorded a warm welcome. He showed his pride for the visit. Despite geographical distance, Myanmar and Turkey are friendly nations with diplomatic ties established since 1958. Previous Turkish ambassadors discharged duties abroad. The mutual relations will be boosted by the opening of the temporary embassy in Yangon. Site for construction of the embassy in Nay Pyi Taw has been designated. Myanmar embassy will be opened in Ankara of Turkey. The foreign minister's visit would further strengthen existing friendly ties and future relations between the two countries. He again extended his heartfelt welcome to the Turkish minister.

The visiting Turkish minister said he was swollen with pride of the meeting. He said his trip is the first-ever Turkish high-ranking official visit to Myanmar. He again showed his pleasure for receiving the delegation by the President. He handed the President an

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Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein, and a delegation led by Mrs Emine Erdogan, wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, pose for documentary photo. MNA

Wife of Myanmar President receives wife of Turkish Prime Minister and party

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, received a delegation led by Mrs Emine Erdogan, wife of the Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 10 am today.

Present at the call together with Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of the President were Daw Lin Lin Tin, wife of Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, and Daw Kyin Khaing, wife of Union Minister at President Office U Thein Nyunt. The Turkish Prime Minister's wife was accompanied by Mrs Sare Davutoglu, wife of the Foreign Affairs Minister of the Rebublic of Turkey.

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Don't Spark off clashes

These days, we see a lot of clashes, conflicts and violence around the globe. Today is the age of globalization. With the rapid advancement of IT, we have so many chances to enjoy the up-to-date information through the media. This news may be right or wrong. Some media want to release information ahead of others as quickly as possible without knowing whether or not the news comes from the reliable sources. In some cases, it may trigger conflicts and violence and sometimes tarnish the images of those concerned. So, the media is of great importance.

There are so many reporting such as conflict reporting, economic reporting, crime reporting and parliamentary reporting etc. Among them, conflict reporting plays a crucial part. Journalists must take account of ten tips for reporting conflict—1. Don't write in clichés; 2. Don't believe everything someone tells you; 3. Don't hunt for the "definitive truth"; 4. Don't get things out of context; 5. Don't accept information without question; 6. Don't forget the human face of suffering; 7. Don't be sloppy with words; 8. Don't be led by another's agenda; 9. Don't ignore the local pressures; and 10. Don't ignore history.

So, all media men should follow the above-mentioned points in reporting conflicts. The journalist needs to be sensitive, have an understanding of history, be aware of cultural issues, and put people before the story. Don't spark the clashes off.

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Kyaing as Director-General of Population Department under the Ministry of Immigration and Population on expiry of the one-year probation period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	*Appointment*
(a) Dr Tun Naing	Managing Director Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power No.2
(b) Daw Than Than Lin	Director-General Foreign Economic Relations Department Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development

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At the call, the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister said that she congratulated Myanmar on putting into practice democracy reform as well as wished for better results in implementing on-going tasks in Myanmar. She is to go to Rakhine State and to provide locals in the State with necessary assistance, she said. The NGOs are come along with me and they would help them if you asked for some assistance, she noted.

In response to the discussion, the wife of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar saying that Myanmar government are providing necessary assistance for those who are in stuck situation in Rakine State without taking into conderation black or white in cooperation with NGOs and INGOs. She replied that she thanked the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister and party for giving a helpful hand to Myanmar. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and the social affairs are making streneous efforts in helping humanitariam aid and social affairs and she also want to promote further cementing friendship with Turkey.

MNA

MoU between Electric Power Department, China Three Gorges Corporation signed

***Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe attends MoU signing ceremony between Electric Power Department and China Three Gorges Corporation.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Efforts are being made in ensuring more local and foreign investments after laying down short-term and long-term plans for development of electric sector which is instrumental in the building of an industrialized nation. Meanwhile, steps are being taken in order not to harm the national interests and environmental conservation while striving for economic development through local and foreign investments. With this end in view, means and ways are to be sought to ensure renewable energy such as wind energy, solar energy, biomass fuel, said Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe at the signing of MoU between the Electric Power Department and China Three Gorges Corporation on feasibility study for generating electricity in Chin State, Rakhine State, Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region.

The Union minister went on to say that as the national grid could not cover Shan State and Rakine State yet, those regions will develop with added momentum should sources for generating wind energy-used power be found; and that likewise, it will also contribute to power supply in Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region.

It is hoped that China Three Gorges Corporation would successfully complete its FS, EIA, SIA soon, and through such cooperation, the ministry would be able to obtain technology, skills and experiences. It is believed that with the help of local authorities and people, feasibility study would achieve success.

Next, Vice President Mr Bi Yaxiong of China Three Gorges Corporation spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Director-General of EPD U Khin Maung Zaw and Vice President Mr Bi Yaxiong singed the MoU.

Also present on the occasion were Union Ministers U Hla Tun, U Zaw Min, U Than Htay and U Aye Myint, Deputy Ministers U Win Shein, U Myint Zaw and U Aung Than Oo, departmental heads, those from Chin Three Gorges Corporation and Hydrochina Kunming Engineering Corporation.—*MNA*

Sports Ministry emerges champions of Digicel Women's Cup

YANGON, 9 Aug—Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu was among the spectators who enjoyed final showdown of Digicel Women's Cup 2012 at Padonma Sports Ground in Sangyoung Township here on 7 August.

Sports Ministry crowned the champions of Digicel Cup, beating Transport Ministry 1-0.

Officials of Myanmar Football Federation and PEP Co Ltd awarded the champions and the first and second runners-up.

The deputy minister presented the cup to the champions.—*MNA*

Development of Cooperative, Livestock Breeding and Fishery discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun together with Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo Nyunt attended the workshop on development of cooperative, livestock breeding and fishery in Mawlamyine of Mon State on 6 August.

On 7 August, the Deputy Minister met heads of Township Cooperative Departments and the Chairman, officials and staff of Township Cooperative Syndidate in Thaton and Kyaikto townships.

In his instructions, he stressed the need to make field trips to grassroots level for organizing the local people to develop cooperative sector for rural development and poverty alleviation and to constitute new cooperative societies.

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Corrigendum

Please read Dr. Zaw Myint Maung of Kyaukpadaung Constituency instead of Daw Zaw Myint Maung on 13th line of second paragraph in the news with title "Hluttaw representatives urged to…" on page 8 of this newspaper issued on 8-8-2012. Error is regretted.—*Ed*

Children watch the fireworks during a ceremony marking the first anniversary of Tripoli's liberation in Tripoli, on 8 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

Libya's ruling council hands over power to new assembly

TRIPOLI, 9 Aug — Libya's ruling council handed over power to a newly elected national assembly on Wednesday in the North African country's first peaceful transition of power in its modern history but which comes amid heightened violence. In a late-night ceremony held under tight security in Tripoli, the National Transitional Council (NTC), political arm of the opposition forces that toppled Muammar Gaddafi a year ago, handed over to the national congress, elected in July.

NTC Chairman Mustafa Abdel Jalil symbolically passed on the reins to the oldest member of the new 200-member assembly, Mohammed Ali Salim. "The National Transitional Council hands over the constitutional duties for leading the state to the general national congress, which from now on is the sole legitimate representative of the Libyan people," Jalil said to loud cheers. In a speech, Jalil, who announced he would retire after ending his NTC chief post, acknowledged "mistakes" had been made during an "extraordinary" transitional period and said security and disarmament issues had not been resolved in time.

The congress, whose members took an oath led by Salim, will now name a new chairman while the NTC will be disbanded. A first meeting was scheduled after the ceremony. Large crowds gathered in Tripoli's Martyrs Square to celebrate the handover as fireworks lit up the sky. The assembly will name a new prime minister who will pick his government, pass laws and steer Libya to full parliamentary elections after a new constitution is drafted next year. A liberal coalition led by wartime rebel prime minister Mahmoud Jibril won 39 of the 80 party seats in the congress, while its Islamist rivals, the Justice and Construction Party — the political wing of the Muslim Brotherhood — won 17.

Reuters

Egypt fires intelligence chief, militants hit

CAIRO, 9 Aug — President Mohamed Mursi sacked the intelligence chief on Wednesday and Egyptian aircraft hit targets on the border with Israel in the biggest assault in the area in nearly 40 years after a deadly attack by militants on Egyptian border police. It was unclear how far Mursi — who must accommodate the powerful army at home and reassure Israel that, as Egypt's first Islamist president, he will maintain stable relations — had expanded his authority in response to Sunday's attack.

But in a major shake-up, he sacked intelligence chief Mourad Mwafi and announced other changes in security appointments. He has also promised to restore calm to the Sinai region after militants killed 16 Egyptian guards on Sunday and then stormed through the border before being killed by Israeli fire. It was the bloodiest attack on security forces in Sinai since Egypt made peace with Israel in 1979.

Israeli soldiers guard the border with Egypt at the Kerem Shalom crossing, a military zone where the borders of Israel, Egypt and Gaza intersect, and where an Egyptian military vehicle that was seized by Islamist gunmen tried to storm the border into Israel on Sunday.— REUTERS

Israel, which has been urging Egypt to deal with a growing threat on its southern flank, voiced approval of the security sweep. Islamist militants opposed to the existence of Israel have stepped up attacks on security forces on the border since the overthrow of president Hosni Mubarak last year. Many live among Bedouin tribes angry about being neglected by Cairo; they are often Bedouin themselves but follow a stricter interpretation of Islam, while also eschewing the political Islam espoused by Mursi in favor of militant tactics.

Early on Wednesday, Egyptian aircraft struck at targets near the border with Israel and troops raided villages, army officials and witnesses said, in the biggest military assault in the area since their 1973 war. Egypt's military leadership said ground and air forces had begun to restore stability in Sinai. "The forces were able to execute the plan successfully. The forces will continue the plan and calls on tribes and families of Sinai to cooperate in the restoration of security," it said.

Reuters

Obama's lead over Romney grows despite voters' pessimism

WASHINTON, 9 Aug — Americans are increasingly pessimistic about the future but voters do not seem to be holding it against Democratic President Barack Obama, who slightly expanded his lead over Republican rival Mitt Romney this month, a new *Reuters*/Ipsos poll says. Three months before the 6 November presidential election, nearly two-thirds of Americans think the country is moving in the wrong direction. Only 31 percent say it is moving in the right direction— the lowest number since December 2011.

But Obama's lead over Romney among registered voters was 49 percent to 42 percent, up slightly from the 6-point advantage the president held a month earlier over the former Massachusetts governor. The results of the monthly poll — in which a majority of voters agreed that the economy is the most important problem facing the United States — suggest that the Obama campaign's efforts to paint Romney as being out of touch with the concerns of middle-class Americans could be preventing the Republican from gaining momentum in the race.

US President Barack Obama greets members of the audience after delivering remarks at an election campaign fundraiser in Stamford, Connecticut, on 6 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

"The overall 'right track, wrong track' is worse than last month - the news hasn't been great lately," said Ipsos pollster Chris Jackson. "But Obama seems to be, to some extent, inoculated against some of the worst of that." The telephone poll of 1,168 adults, including 1,014 registered voters, was taken from 2 August to 6 August. During that period, the Labour Department reported that US employers hired the most workers in five months but that the nation's jobless rate had risen to 8.3 percent from 8.2 percent.

Even so, in a reversal from July, registered voters thought Obama was stronger than Romney in dealing with jobs and the economy, and with tax issues. The poll indicated that 46 percent of registered voters thought Obama was stronger on jobs and the economy, compared with 44 percent for Romney.

Reuters

Nagasaki marks 67th atomic bomb anniversary

OSAKA, 9 Aug — Nagasaki marked the 67th anniversary of the western Japanese city's atomic bombing on Thursday, with US Ambassador to Japan was in attendance, calling for a world free of threats from radiation, local Press reported. The peace memorial ceremony, held at the city's Peace Park, was attended by survivors, bereaved family members and Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda to commemorate the nearly 160,000 victims killed by the attack.

Representatives from more than 40 countries joined the bereaved family members and survivors to participate in the ceremony, among them being US Ambassador John Roos, who attended the Nagasaki event for the first time. A silent prayer was offered to the deceased at 11:02 am local time, the exact time the atomic bomb was dropped on the city.

Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue made a speech at the ceremony, urging the Japanese government to take proper initiatives that would stop any and all nuclear weapons-related activities in the international community, from their development to deployment, so that Nagasaki will become the last place ever attacked with a nuclear weapon.

He also referred to last year's nuclear disaster at the Fukushima No1 nuclear power plant in his peace declaration, appealing to the government to formulate a new energy policy in order to rebuild Japanese society so that it will never be threatened by the harmful effects of radiation and to take concrete measures to replace nuclear power with renewable energy sources. A series of seminars and meetings with themes on the peaceful utilization of atomic power are expected to continue in the city until the evening hours, the report said.

Xinhua

Vo Thi Thuy Nga, 24, left, and her uncle Vo Duoc sit inside their home in Danang, Vietnam. She was born with physical and mental disabilities that a rehabilitation centre's director said were caused by her parents' exposure to the chemical dioxin in the defoliant Agent Orange. INTERNET

Bomb threat causes airport evacuation in Texas

HOUSTON, 9 Aug — Airport authorities on Wednesday evening locked down a terminal building of an airport in Texas state's Dallas city, following a bomb threat on an American Airlines flight. The plane arrived at the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) International Airport from Austin, capital of the US state of Texas.

According to local TV channel ABC13, as a precaution, passengers were asked to exit the flight 1072, and the plane was moved to an isolated area for checking, but inspectors found no bomb. An Austin airport spokesman said someone called the airport by saying there was a bomb threat on two specific planes, of which one plane was already on its way to Dallas.

Xinhua

US starts landmark Agent Orange cleanup in Vietnam

DANANG, 9 Aug — Fifty years after American planes first sprayed Vietnam's thick jungles with Agent Orange to destroy enemy cover, the United States began for the first time cleaning up dioxin left from the chemical defoliant.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Thursday at a former US air base in Danang. Dioxin, a chemical linked to cancer, birth defects and other disabilities, has seeped into Vietnam's soils and watersheds, creating a war legacy that remains a thorny issue between the former foes nearly four decades after the Vietnam War ended.

Washington has been slow to respond. Since 2007 it has given about $60 million for environmental restoration and social services in Vietnam, but this is its first direct involvement in dioxin cleanup.— *Internet*

Many human 'prototypes' coexisted in Africa

LONDON, 9 Aug — Fossils from Northern Kenya show that a new species of human lived two million years ago, researchers say. The discoveries suggests that at least three distinct species of humans co-existed in Africa. The research adds to a growing body of evidence that runs counter to the popular perception that there was a linear evolution from monkey to ape to modern human.

The research has been published in the journal *Nature*. Anthropologists have discovered three human fossils that are between 1.78 and 1.95 million years old. The specimens are of a face and two jawbones with teeth. The finds back the view that a skull found in 1972 ago is of a separate species of human, known as Homo rudolfensis. The skull was markedly different to any others from that time. It had a relatively large brain and long flat face.

But for 40 years the skull was the only example of the creature and so it was impossible to say for sure whether the individual was an unusual specimen or a member of a new species. With the discovery of the three new fossils researchers can say with more certainty that H.rudolfensis really was a separate type of human that existed around two million years ago alongside other species of humans. For a long time the oldest known human ancestor was thought to be a primitive species, dating back 1.8 million years ago called Homo erectus. They had small heads, prominent brows and stood upright.

A new species of human: One of several co-existing in Africa two million years ago. INTERNET

But 50 years ago, researchers discovered an even older and more primitive species of human called Homo habilis that may have coexisted with H. erectus. Now it seems H. rudolfensis was around too and raises the distinct possibility that many other species of human also existed at the time This find is the latest in a growing body of evidence that challenges the view that our species evolved in a smooth linear progression from our primate ancestors. Instead, according to Dr Meave Leakey of the Turkana Basin Institute in Nairobi, who led the research the find shows that there was a diversity early on in the evolution of our species.

"Our past was a diverse past," she told BBC News, "our species was evolving in the same way that other species of animals evolved. There was nothing unique about us until we began to make sophisticated stone tools."In other groups of animals many different species evolve, each with new traits, such as plumage,

The march of progress had many dead ends. INTERNET

or webbed feet. If the new trait is better suited to the environment then the new species thrives, if not it becomes extinct. According to Professor Chris Stringer of the Natural History Museum in London, fossil evidence is increasingly suggesting that human evolution followed the same pattern.

"Humans seem to have been evolving in different ways in different regions. It was almost as if nature was developing different human prototypes with different attributes, only one of which, an ancestor of our species, was ultimately successful in evolutionary terms," he said. According to Dr Leakey, the growing body of evidence to suggest that humans evolved in the same way as other animals shows that "evolution really does work". "It leads to amazing adaptions and amazing species and we are one of them," she said. *Internet*

New app lets riders hail a NYC cab by smartphone

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Hailing a taxi on a New York street is going high-tech — with a smartphone application. Starting Wednesday, a passenger can send out a hailing signal to cabs with a matching app, within about a five-block area.

Martin Heikel, co-founder of the ZabKab app, says the venture started when business partner Ben Millspaugh felt frustrated "not being able to get a cab when and where he needed one." So far, Heikel says about 1,000 of the city's more than 13,000 yellow cab drivers have downloaded the app.

When a hailing icon pops up, the driver sees the passenger's location.

Drivers will be charged $14.95 a month, or $9.95 on a six-month subscription — after several promotional, cost-free months. The passenger app is free of charge.— *Internet*

***A Taxi driver displays the driver's ZabKab app on his smartphone, in New York, on 8 Aug, 2012. Hailing a taxi on a New York street is going high-tech, with a smartphone application. Starting on Wednesday, a passenger can send out a hailing signal to all cabs within a four or five-block area.*— INTERNET**

Free online tool helps identify bat calls

LONDON, 9 Aug — A freely available online tool that can identify the calls of bat species found in Europe could help improve knowledge of the mammals, a study has suggested. Acoustic methods have been used more by researchers to monitor bat populations, but poor standardisation has limited efforts to collate EU-wide data. Bats are considered vital indicators of ecosystem health, as they are sensitive to human impacts, the authors say.

The details of the paper appear in the *Journal of Applied Ecology*. An international team of researchers say the need to survey and monitor bat populations has been recognised for some time, especially in regions where the animals are protected by wildlife laws, such as the EU Habitats Directive. However, as most species are nocturnal, small and difficult to catch - it is not practical to rely on visual identification.

Instead, acoustic monitoring of bats' echolocation calls —sounds that the bats emit, allowing them to navigate, hunt prey and communicate with each other —is the preferred method. "Lots of different measurements can be taken from an echolocation call, such as its minimum and maximum frequency, how quickly the frequency changes during the call," explains co-author Charlotte Walters from the Zoological Society of London. "But we did not know which of these measurements are most useful for telling different species' calls apart," she adds.

The team selected 1,350 calls from 34 different European bat species from EchoBank, a global echolocation library containing more than 200,000 bat call recordings. This raw data has allowed them to develop the identification tool, iBatsID, which can identify 34 out of 45

***Many bat species migrate, making a pan-European identification tool necessary.*— INTERNET**

species of bats found in Europe. They say the resulting online tool can identify most species correctly more than 80% of the time. However, they add that there are a number of species that have calls that are harder to identify so the researchers recommend limiting IDs to subgroup levels.

Echo-location

* Bats emit series of high-frequency sounds, interpret the echoes to locate obstacles and prey

* As the sound rises in frequency it yields finer resolution, because higher frequencies reflect more efficiently from smaller objects

* Bats use their highest frequencies when they need to find small creatures moving quickly

The team expects iBatsID to greatly aid bat conservation because it offers a pan-European standardisa-tion of acoustic - something that has been lacking until now. Kate Jones, chairwoman of the Bat Conservation Trust, says acoustic monitoring plays a "very useful" role in bat conservation. "But without using the same identification methods everywhere, we cannot form reliable conclusions about how bat populations are doing and whether their distribution is changing," Professor Jones observes."Because many bats migrate between different European countries, we need to monitor bats at a European —as well as country — scale.

"In iBatsID, we now have a free, online tool that works anywhere in Europe." Ms Walters adds that as well as providing ecosystem services, such as controlling insect pests, the mammals are also a good indicator of habitat changes. "Bats are very sensitive to changes in their environment," she explains. "If bat populations are declining, we know that something is going on in their environment. "Monitoring bats can therefore give us a good idea of what is going on with biodiversity in general."— *Internet*

Google extends online search to email boxes

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Google has begun allowing users to extend online searches to include messages stored in accounts at Web-based email service Gmail. "Sometimes the best answer to your question isn't available on the public Web — it may be contained elsewhere, such as in your email," Google search senior vice president Amit Singhal said in a blog post on Wednesday. "We think you shouldn't have to be your own mini search engine to find the most useful information; it should just work."

Google invited people to visit google.com/experimental/gmailfieldtrial to sign up to take part in the new feature, which was still taking shape.

"We're developing a way to find this information for you that's useful and unobtrusive, and we'd love your feedback," Singhal said. The trial was limited to English language searches and messages in Gmail accounts. Enhancements under development include a feature for organizing air travel confirmation emails so that a query of "my flights" would serve up results that include a concise list of bookings.

"These are baby steps, but important ones on our way to building the search engine of the future," Singhal said. Those steps include upgrading Google search to look beyond query words to figure out what people are actually seeking online. "Knowledge Graph" technology built to recognize

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people, places or things signified by keywords was extended beyond the United States to every English-speaking country in the world on Wednesday, according to Google."The Knowledge Graph is built to understand real things in the world," Google fellow Ben Gomes told AFP when the improvement debuted in May.—*Internet*

***Three-dimensional movies have been among the highest grossing films in China in recent years.*—INTERNET**

James Cameron eyes Chinese market with 3D joint venture

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — James Cameron, the creator of the blockbuster film Avatar, has announced a joint venture with two Chinese firms in a bid to capture the country's fast-growing movie market. His firm, Cameron Pace Group and its Chinese partners will develop advanced equipment for 3D filming. The move comes amid a boom in China's movie industry and a growing demand for 3D films in the country.

Various Hollywood filmmakers have been trying to tap into the Chinese market. "The future of entertainment is 3D and we believe that the future of 3D is right here in China," Mr Cameron was quoted as saying by the *Associated Press* news agency. Earlier this year, Chinese authorities had announced that they will allow an additional 14 foreign films to be shown in the country, if the movies are made in 3D or for the big-screen Imax format.

China's movie industry has seen robust growth in the past few years. Ticket sales in the world's second-largest economy surged 29% to 13.1bn yuan ($2.1bn; £1.3bn) in 2011. They are forecast to rise further, by around 20% in the current year. The growth in its market has seen various Hollywood filmmakers and studios announcing joint ventures with Chinese firms.

Earlier this week, Dreamworks Animation announced plans to co-produce the next Kung Fu Panda movie with its Chinese partners.—*Internet*

Mighty Mouse: Investors flock to safety of Disney

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug — These are happy times in the Magic Kingdom. The Walt Disney Co's stock is up 35 percent so far this year, outpacing its media company rivals.

Although many media companies are experiencing a post-recession bump thanks to a recovery in advertising, analysts believe Disney can offer steady growth and safety as the economy heads into murkier territory. That's because the company has protection against a possible ad slump: The increasing fees it charges distributors of its TV channels like ESPN and ABC.

At the same time, the company's wave of investment in parks and resorts is slowing — freeing up cash for dividends and stock buybacks.

And thanks to some renovations, park revenues and profit margins are on the rise.There's also the small matter of "The Avengers," which generated $1.5-billion in ticket sales to become the third biggest movie of all time.

The Marvel superhero epic has more than offset box-office bombs like "John Carter," has helped spawn TV shows, sequels and merchandise —and inspired the development of new theme park rides.

Disney's earnings are growing, and are expected to rise from $2.54 in per-share annual profits through September 2011 to $3.48 in fiscal 2013. That growth—at 17.1 percent per year — is above the average of 16.2 percent of peers Time Warner Inc, CBS Corp, News Corp, Viacom Inc and Discovery Communications Inc.One big reason Disney stock is back in favour: its profits are predictable, even when the economy slows. Two-thirds of Disney's profits come from TV networks like ESPN, ABC, Disney Channel, ABC Family and Disney XD. And even if advertising growth cools further, Disney is still locking in annual fee increases from distributors like DirecTV, with whom it is expected to renegotiate a long-term deal next year. The share of TV revenue that comes from such fees is seen rising toward the half-way point industry wide.

"These content fees really don't swing up or down with the economy," says Barton Crockett, an analyst with Lazard Capital. "Because they're less volatile, they're more valuable."Indeed, shares are trading at 14.4 times the next 12 month's expected earnings, up from the 10.4 times future earnings they were trading at last September, according to FactSet.

Internet

***In this 8 Feb, 2011 file photo, people stand near the entrance to the Walt Disney Studios in Burbank , Calif.*—INTERNET**

***Rising consumer prices have been a hot political issue in many Asian economies.*— INTERNET**

China inflation rate dips to a 30-month low in July

HONG KONG, 9 Aug — China's inflation dipped to a 30-month low in July, giving policymakers a bigger cushion to boost stimulus measures to spur economic growth. Consumer prices rose by 1.8% in July, from a year earlier. That was down from a 2.2% growth rate in June and a 3% rise in May.

China has been looking to spur domestic consumption amid a slowing global demand for its exports. China's economy grew at its slowest pace in three years in second quarter. The drop in prices of pork and meat and poultry products, which fell by 18.7% and 6.1% from a year earlier respectively, were the key drivers of the slowdown in the rate of inflation

China's economy grew at an annual rate of 7.6% in the April to June period, down from an 8.1% expansion in the previous three months. There are fears that growth in the world's second-largest economy may slow further in the coming months. As a result, Beijing has taken various measures to spur growth. China's central bank, the People's Bank of China, has cut its key interest rates twice since the start of June. That has taken the benchmark lending rate down to 6%.

It has also cut the amount of money the country's banks must keep in reserve, effectively giving them more money to lend to consumers and businesses.—*Internet*

International travel 'makes athletes ill'

LONDON, 9 Aug — Elite athletes who travel across more than five timezones to compete, more than double their risk of illness, a *BMJ* study has suggested. The researchers argue the different germs and allergens of a new environment affect the athletes. Air travel does not seem to play a part as on returning home the competitors' health does not differ from normal. They suggest this could contribute to a home advantage for Team GB in the Olympic Games.

Prof Martin Schwellnus, one of the paper's authors said: "It is a common perception that international travel increases illness — due to organisms in aeroplanes." However, this study suggests that increased illness from travel is more likely to be due to the fact that the person is out of their normal environment. Prof Schwellnus added: "The stresses of travelling seem not to affect the players because when they return home the risk of illness does not differ from normal. "Changes in air pollution, temperature, allergens, humidity, altitude as well as different food, germs and culture could all contribute to illness when arriving in a distant destination."

***The different germs and food in a foreign country, rather than air travel, seem to make athletes ill.*—INTERNET**

The study tracked the daily health of 259 elite rugby players competing in the 2010 Super 14 Rugby Tournament. Over 16 weeks, teams from Australia, South Africa and New Zealand played in all three countries. For matches played on home turf, before international travel, there were 15 reported illnesses in every 1,000 days played. In locations where players were more than five hours' time difference away from home, this rose to 33 reported illnesses in every 1,000 days played.For matches played back home after international travel-illness fell to 11 incidents in every 1,000 days played. Almost a third of all illnesses reported were respiratory conditions, followed by gut problems and skin and soft tissue conditions.

Prof Schwellnus said: "These findings could be relevant to the Olympics and might contribute to a home advantage."Although Prof Schwellnus also pointed out that this study concentrated on a tournament played from February to May with participation every week — a different environment to the Olympic athletes who generally compete just once.

His research is now looking at which players are more prone to illness as some were more likely than others to become ill.—*Internet*

Mexico destroys 8 mn chickens amid bird flu outbreak

MEXICO CITY, 9 Aug — Eight million chickens have so far been slaughtered in Mexico and 66 million more were vaccinated in a bid to contain a bird flu outbreak in the west of the country, authorities said. The agriculture ministry said in a statement that during the vaccination process in the Los Altos region of Jalisco state, diseased chickens were identified, leading to the destruction of the flu-carrying fowl.

Food safety officials say the outbreak, which was first detected on 20 June, is confined to Los Altos, which is an egg-producing area. Inspections in other parts of the country have not turned up any signs of the disease. A national animal health emergency was declared at the beginning of July, and the prices of both eggs and chickens have skyrocketed.

Mexican authorities hope to vaccinate 80 million fowl in the first phase of its programme, and then analyze the results before proceeding to phase two. The virus responsible for the outbreak, H7N3, has occasionally caused human disease in various parts of the world, according to the United Nations, but has not shown itself to be easily transmittable between humans.

Some bird flu strains, such as H5N1, have caused serious infections in people. The World Health Organization has documented 607 human cases of bird flu since 2003, 358 of which were fatal, according to July data. Authorities in Guatemala have stepped up safety checks on its border with Mexico to keep bird flu from spreading into the country.

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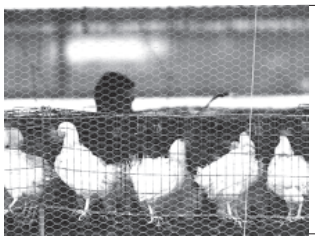

***An employee sprays vaccine at a farm under quarantine following a bird flu outbreak in Tepatitlan, Jalisco State, Mexico, in July.*—INTERNET**

S Korea's foreign currency deposits grow 3.31 bln USD in July

SEOUL, 9 Aug — South Korea's foreign currency retail deposits grew 3.31 billion US dollars last month as more export proceeds were deposited in the foreign currency accounts amid continued trade surplus, the central bank said on Tuesday. Foreign currency retail deposits held by domestic banks and local branches of foreign banks reached 36.79 billion dollars as of the end of July, up 3.31 billion dollars from a month earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

For local lenders, retail deposits denominated in foreign currencies stood at 35.32 billion dollars, or 96 percent of the total, as of end-July, up 3.57 billion dollars from the previous month. The growth came as local companies increased their depositing of export proceeds into the foreign currency accounts amid continued trade surplus, the central bank said. The nation's trade surplus amounted to 2.7 billion dollars in July, staying in the black for six straight months.

The increase in depositing of funds secured through foreign currency-denominated bonds also contributed to the July expansion, according to the BOK. Meanwhile, foreign currency deposits held by local branches of foreign banks came in at 1.47 billion dollars as of end-July, down 0.26 billion dollars from a month before. The deposits of foreign banks' local branches usually show volatile movement due to their size being too small. By depositor, corporate deposits denominated in foreign currencies increased 3.16 billion dollars on-month to 33.22 billion dollars in July, with individual deposits rising 0.15 billion dollars to 3.57 billion dollars over the same period.

Corporate deposits are usually regarded as an unstable source of retail funding for banks. Local exporters deposit foreign cash holdings earned through trade into the foreign currency deposits mainly for short-term settlement purposes, leading to higher volatilities. By currency, retail deposits denominated in the US dollar ranked first in terms of deposit size with 30.94 billion dollars deposited as of end-July. It was followed by the European single currency with 2.7 billion dollars deposited, the Japanese yen with 2 billion dollars and other currencies, including the British pound, the Australian dollar and the Chinese yuan, with 1.15 billion dollars.— *Xinhua*

Two additional water-jet propelled Inshore Patrol Vessels (IPV) of Indian Coast Guard (ICG) are launched at newly acquired and refurbished Rajabagan dockyard in Calcutta, India, on 6 Aug, 2012. XINHUA

Guatemalan court orders extradition of suspected drug kingpin

GUATEMALA CITY, 9 Aug — A Guatemalan court decided on Monday to extradite a 72-year-old suspected drug trafficker to the United States because of his alleged ties to Mexico's powerful Sinaloa cartel. Waldemar Lorenzana, who has said he is innocent, was arrested last year while driving in the town of El Jicaro, 40 miles northeast of Guatemala City.

Authorities accuse Lorenzana of running a large cocaine smuggling racket for the Sinaloa Cartel, pushing drug shipments from Colombia to the United States. The US Treasury Department has placed Lorenzana and his three sons Eliu, Haroldo and Waldemar, on a list of Central American drug kingpins and a US district court in New York has requested his extradition on drug trafficking charges.

Lorenzana's youngest son Eliu was arrested last year and in February a Guatemalan court issued an extradition order for the 40-year-old suspected drug trafficker to face similar charges in the United States. The elder Lorenzana's other sons are still at large and the US government has offered a $200,000 reward for information leading to their arrests. Guatemalan President Otto Perez must ratify the extradition order before a date is set to send Lorenzana to the US to face charges.

Reuters

Less than half US adults get enough exercise

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — Around 48 percent of all US adults get enough physical activity to improve their health, said a government study released on Tuesday. Sixty-two percent of adults say they walked for at least once for 10 minutes or more in the previous week in 2010, compared to 56 percent in 2005, according to the new Vital Signs report from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

For substantial health benefits, the 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans recommends at least two hours per week of moderate-intensity aerobic physical activity, such as brisk walking. This activity should be done for at least 10 minutes at a time. "People who are physically active live longer and are at lower risk for heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, depression and some cancers," said CDC Director Thomas Frieden in a statement. " Having more places for people to walk in our communities will help us continue to see increases in walking, the most popular form of physical activity among American adults."

The report notes that increases in walking were seen in nearly all groups surveyed. Walkers were defined as those who walked for at least one session of 10 minutes or more for transportation, fun or exercise. In the West, roughly 68 percent of people walk, more than any other region in the country. People living in the South had the largest increase in the percentage of people who walk, up by nearly eight percentage points from about 49 percent in 2005 to 57 percent in 2010.

The report also found that more adults with arthritis or hypertension are walking and there was no increase in walking among adults with type 2 diabetes.

Xinhua

In Australia, a wombat cub became good friend of a kangaroo cub by sharing the same pouch. XINHUA

Iraq attacks kill seven

BAGHDAD, 9 Aug — Shootings and bombings killed seven people and wounded six in Iraq on Tuesday, security and medical officials said, bringing the number of people killed in violence this month to at least 69. Gunmen with silenced weapons shot dead a justice ministry worker in the Jamiyah area of Baghdad and killed an agriculture ministry employee in Adil, both in the west of the capital, according to an interior ministry official.

Two soldiers were also shot dead at a checkpoint in Baghdad Jadida in the capital's east, the official said. A medical official said four people were shot dead in Baghdad on Tuesday. In the village of al-Qayara, south of the northern city of Mosul, gunmen killed police Colonel Abdel Monam al-Juburi, while others shot dead one person in eastern Mosul, police First Lieutenant Khaled al-Juburi and Dr Mahmud Zeidan of Mosul General Hospital said.

In Baiji, 200 kilometres (120 miles) north of the capital, a motorcycle bomb killed one policeman and wounded four others, a police lieutenant colonel and a medical source said. And in Baquba, the capital of Diyala Province, a magnetic "sticky bomb" wounded two civilians, a police captain and a medical source said. At least 69 people, among them 47 security forces members, have been killed in attacks this month, according to an *AFP* tally based on security and medical officials. Meanwhile, Adel al-Sumaidai, a Salaheddin provincial council member, told *AFP* his house in a village called al-Sadeh was hit by a rocket from a helicopter about 4:00 am (0100 GMT), killing one of his sisters and wounding three others.—*Internet*

Iraqis survey the scene of a series of bomb attacks in the town of Taji, north of Baghdad which killed at least 42 people and wounded 40 in July 2012.—INTERNET

In this 15 March, 2011 file photo released by Tokyo Electric Power Co, smoke rises from the badly damaged Unit 3 reactor, left, next to the Unit 4 reactor covered by an outer wall at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear complex in Okuma, northeastern Japan. — INTERNET

Nuke plant chief after tsunami: 'This is serious'

TOKYO, 9 Aug— The command centre at Japan's stricken nuclear plant shook violently when hydrogen exploded at one reactor, and the plant chief shouted, "This is serious! This is serious!" videos taken during last year's crisis reveal. Tokyo Electric Power Co initially refused to release the footage, but the company is now under state control and was ordered to do so. The videos, seen on Monday, are mainly of teleconferences between company headquarters in Tokyo and staff at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant after the 11 March, 2011, tsunami critically damaged its reactors. In the videos, then-plant chief Masao Yoshida can be heard complaining about phone calls to the prime minister's office not getting through and expressing frustration over interference from government nuclear safety officials whose technical advice didn't fit conditions at the stricken plant. In footage taken around 11 a.m. on March 15, Yoshida screams to utility officials: "Headquarters! This is serious, this is serious! The No 3 unit. I think this is a hydrogen explosion. We just had an explosion." "I can't see anything from here because of heavy smoke."

In the background, officials can be heard shouting questions about radiation levels and other data. The massive earthquake and tsunami that hit northeast Japan had knocked out the cooling systems that kept the reactors' nuclear material stable, and the cores of three reactors had melted, releasing large amounts of radiation. As workers struggled to assess the situation, they fell behind media reports. A voice from an off-site emergency center says he saw the explosion on television news.

The structures housing three of the reactors suffered hydrogen explosions after gas filled the unvented buildings, and the blasts spewed radiation and delayed repair work. To try to halt the explosions, the videos show officials even considered dropping a hammer from a helicopter to make a hole in the ceiling, but they scrapped the idea because it was too dangerous. The footage reveals communication problems between the plant and the government as well as workers' lack of knowledge of emergency procedures and delays in informing outsiders about the risks of leaking radiation.— *Internet*

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Formation of Myanmar Core Press Council

1. With a view to protecting media persons, compiling journalism ethics, settling other press disputes in accordance with rules and regulations and procedures should such disputes occur during the period before the Press Media Law is prescribe by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for every citizen shall be at liberty to express and publish freely their convictions and opinions, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality under Sub-Section (A) of Section-354 of the Constitution, the Myanmar Core Press Council has been formed with the following persons:-

(a)	U Khin Maung Aye (Retd Supreme Courte Judge)	Chiarman
(b)	Dr Aung Tun Thet (Retd Principal) United Nations System Staff College	Vice -Chairman-1
(c)	Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu) (Retd Myanmarsar Professor)	Vice-Chairman-2
(d)	Dr Myo Thant Tin (Literati)	Member
(e)	Dr Tin Hlaing (Boe Hlaing) (Literati)	Member
(f)	U Khin Maung Lay (Pho Thaukkya)	Member
(g)	U Soe Thein (Maung Wuntha)	Member
(h)	U Thiha Saw (Thiha Saw)	Member
(i)	U Aung Hla Tun (Reuters)	Member
(j)	U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit)	Mmeber
(k)	U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw)	Member
(l)	U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe)	Member
(m)	Daw Cho Cho Tin (Ma Sanda)	Member
(n)	Dr Tin Tun Oo	Member
(o)	Dr Tha Tun Oo (Today Media)	Member
(p)	U Myint Maung	Member
(q)	U Maung Maung Myint Aye	Member
(r)	U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Setmu Tekkatho)	Secretary
(s)	U Maung Maung Oo (Hein Latt)	Joint Secretary-1
(t)	Dr Kyaw Zaw Naing (Copy Rights Lawyer)	Joint Secretary-2

2. Duties and responsibilities of MCPC are as follows:—
   (a) To safeguard freedom of press in accordance with the law
   (b) To supervise the expressions of those from the press field so that their expressions are not detrimental to the interest of the people, the dignity of the State and national sovereignty
   (c) To settle disputes and complaints among those from the press field and those inside and outside the press field in line with rules and regulations and code of conduct
   (d) To act as a bridge among the people, the government and the press
   (e) To compile and prescribe the press ethics
   (f) To train and educate those from the press field so that they can be endowed with journalism and press ethics
   (g) To try to improve capacity and standards of those from the press field
   (h) To scrutinize imported periodicals and publications so that they are in conformity with the national interest
3. Authorities of MCPC are as follows:—
   (a) Compiling of regulations and procedures of the Press Council
   (b) Carrying the tasks freely for development of the press field
   (c) Establishing connections with the international organizations
   (d) Handling the disputes of newsmen in collecting and writing news
   (e) Summoning and coordinating with newsmen who are in breach of journalism ethics
   (f) Exercising the above-mentioned authority in accordance with evidence act, penal code, code of civil procedure and Tort
   (g) Enjoying immunity from criminal or civil prosecution against members of MCPC Council and those who are vested duties by the council for they are exercising duties and authority vested in them unintentionally.
   (h) Advising the government as to press affairs
   (i) Educating and taking actions as necessary over the breach of journalism ethics
   (j) Coordinating with government departments concerned through Union Government over matters related to the Press Council
   (k) Conducting training on national politics for development of press and human resources
4. Members of MCPC shall enjoy the authority vested in a service personnel.
5. Funds of MCPC shall be obtained from the journalists associations, the writers associations and the publishers associations and others.
6. The government shall designate temporarily the site and building for MCPC should they seek for when necessary. The government shall help temporarily the MCPC with the office staff and equipment should they seek for.
7. The MCPC shall not only submit a report on progress of works to the President but also make it publicize.
8. The MCPC shall exercise its authority in accordance with the evidence act, penal code, code of civil procedure and Tort.
9. Criminal lawsuit and civil lawsuit shall not be filed against members of MCPC and those who are vested duties by the council for they are exercising duties and authority vested in them unintentionally.
10. The MCPC shall discharge duties until the hand-over of duties to the Myanmar Press Council to be formed in line with the Press Media Law after it has been approved by the Hluttaw. The Press Media Law (Draft) is currently being compiled by the Ministry of Information.
11. The MCPC shall to compile the Press Council Bill in conformity with the prevailing situations of Myanmar and submit it to the President Office after studying the international norms and advice of local and foreign experts.

By order,

Tin Myo Kyi
Secretary
Union Government

Union A & I Minister inspects modern farming in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing visited modern research farmland of in the catchment area of the Ngaleik Dam in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday.

He also inspected thriving Palethwe hybrid rice in the 100-acre farm and also visited the 440-acre farmland in Maezaligon Village which is put under Palethwe hybrid rice.

He also urged the experts to set an example to farmers by doing modern farming making the best use of land and water resources in an attempt to show the double increase in income of farmers through the modern farming.

He also called on the farmers and governmental employees for making efforts for achieving a quick win in the agricultural sector within one or two years.

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Educative talks on school health given at Bahan BEHS No. 2

YANGON, 9 Aug—An educative talks on school health was held at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Bahan Township on 7 August as 2012-2013 school health week activity.

After opening speech by the school Headmaster U Aung Ko Ko, Vice-Chairman-1 writer Khin Maung Tun (Lanmadaw) of Myanmar Writer's Association, Writer Chit Naing (Psy), Writer Ma Sanda and specialist Dr Maung Maung Lwin of Myanmar gave talks on health matters. The educative school health works and the school nourishement works have been carried out from 6 to 11 August at the same school.

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Drive safely

Union FM receives Turkish Foreign Minister

***Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Ahmed Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. Ahmed Davutoglu, Foreign Minister of the Republic of Turkey, at his office, here, this morning.

They discussed further strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Turkey. In the evening, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting Turkish delegation at Myat Taw Win Hotel.—*MNA*

Rakhine unrest has...

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invitation from the Turkish President to the Myanmar President to visit Turkey, saying that he hoped the President would visit there. He also conveyed wishes from the Turkish President. The minister also expressed his satisfaction for the meeting between the wife of the Myanmar President and the wife of the Turkish Prime Minister.

The decision to open Myanmar embassy in Turkey was made after strategic consideration. The relation between the two countries is not merely a friendship, but a relation between the Asian countries with dignity, he said.

Turkish and Myanmar peoples have colourful histories in cultural fields of East Asia and West Asia. Despite geographical distance, the two countries have come across the similar history. Citing the fact, he said he felt Turkish and Myanmar share same aspects. He said he is interested in Buddhism culture, traditions and customs, and architectures of temples in Myanmar. He also said he would take more time to spend in Myanmar in his next visit.

Myanmar and Turkey shared the same history of struggles against the colonialist rule. He showed his respect for Myanmar's independence struggle.

The two countries also have maintained the emotional relations. He thanked Myanmar, on behalf of 75 million Turkish people for maintenance of the war cemetery of about 1200 Turkish soldiers who were fallen in Myanmar in World War II while serving in the British army. He handed invitation to Myanmar Tatmadaw to attend annually held memorial for fallen soldiers in WW II in Turkey on every 24 April.

He expressed the intention of the Turkish side to renovate the Turkish war cemetery in Meiktila where remains of 700 Turkish soldiers were buried as Turkey-Myanmar Friendship Park for allowing Turkish people and their families visit and pay tribute.

He predicted the success of reforms in resource-rich Myanmar initiated by the President sooner rather than later. The Turkey would like to take Myanmar as strategic partner in Southeast Asia, he said.

The Turkish foreign minister said he would like to arrange a high-level visit for closer relations in cultural and economic sectors. He also demanded closer relations in UN and ASEAN frontiers. As a dialogue partner of ASEAN, Turkey would like to establish close ties with Myanmar as well as with Indonesia and Malaysia. He also said his country is ready to render assistance to Myanmar to chair ASEAN.

Despite little number in trade volume between the two countries, it is improved fivefold, compared with the trade volume five years ago. With US$ 100 million a year, it would increase to US$ 500 million in five years. He expressed his wish to sign MoU on trade cooperation and investment deals, saying that his country is keen to invest in edible oil manufacturing and energy sector of Myanmar and seeking opportunities for investment.

Turkish International Cooperation Agency would like to establish Myanmar branch and provide assistance to Myanmar in cooperation with local organizations, he said.

The Turkish side demands improvement in the relations between Turkish and Myanmar parliaments. More Scholarships would be provided to cultural trainees for improvement of cultural relations. As there are prospects for multisectoral relations between the two countries, the two countries should clearly show firm cooperation.

As an observer of Myanmar's history, Buddhism and Islam, he already knows that Myanmar is a typical Buddhist country. Buddhism based on mutual respect and tolerance while Islam represents peace. Both Buddhists and Muslims have lived together since year one. Myanmar is recognized by the international community as the country which could implement rapid reforms. Ministers of foreign countries including the US Secretary of State and ASEAN fellows congratulated Myanmar for its successful reforms. Rakhine issue should not tarnish the positive image of Myanmar. The President was thanked for allowing him to visit Rakhine State. If the reality of the region is witnessed, it could be explained in the other countries. He would brief OIC meeting to be held in Saudi Arabia next week on the Rakhine issue.

Conflicts between the people of different races and religions could break out sometime. The Turkey sees the issue on humanitarian ground. Both Muslims and Buddhists must be provided with aids. TICA, Red Crescent Society and NGOs are willing to provide assistances to the victims. As Turkish donors donated US$ 50 million for Rakhine State, he would like to buy foods and drugs and distribute them to the victims. Tents and buildings would be donated as there are plenty of donors. The measures of Myanmar government providing assistance to the victims at its best are recognized.

Exploitation should be prevented in the critical moment by allowing international organizations visit and witness the scenes. He stood at the side of Myanmar against misunderstandings on Myanmar in Turkey. Myanmar is a country where the people from various religions including Islam lived in harmony. The misunderstandings of OIC countries could be prevented by allowing international assistances.

The President thanked the Turkish minister for his perspectives, suggestion and willingness to extend a helping hand. The meeting with the Turkish minister who has deep knowledge of Myanmar's religion and culture would be fruitful, the President said.

The President also thanked the Turkish counterpart for inviting him to visit Turkey, assuring he would visit there at an opportune time. He again thanked the Turkish minister for conveying the Turkish President's message. The President also handed the Turkish minister the message to the Turkish President, Prime Minister, government ministers and people wishing good health and prosperity.

The President said arrangements for the Turkish minister's visit to Turkish war cemetery in Meiktila had been made. He added that there is another war cemetery in Thayet. Soldiers who gave their lives in WW II deserve respect, he said. Myanmar is maintaining war cemeteries. Negotiations would be made for renovation of the war cemeteries, he promised.

The President thanked the Turkish minister for bringing in the aids for victims in Rakhine State, saying the aids would be distributed systematically. The people of various races lived in amicable atmosphere in Myanmar. Rakhine issue has nothing to do with religion or race. It was ignited by the brutal murder of a girl. The cause of the unrest is the unlawful act. There were revenges between the groups which later suffered a lot. The government has maintained the situation in time and kept it under control.

The President said that he was disheartened by hairsplitting of the media. The pictures of genocide spreading in the internet show incidents in another country, convincing the viewers that these things are happening in Myanmar.

Only 77 persons —31 Rakhine nationals and 46 Bengalis— lost lives in the incident. The injured from both side accounted for around 100. A total of 4800 houses were brunt out by both sides in anger. These are losses of both sides. The arson attacks left 60000 people homeless for whom 53 relief camps have been opened. The government hand in hand with UN agencies and NGOs is taking rescue and rehabilitation measures.

Foods and drugs for 60000 homeless people are actually needed. The government is cooperating with UN agencies and nine NGOs for the time being. Disease preventive measures are being carried out in Rakhine State as it is experiencing heavy rains. Aids that were brought in by the Turkish minister would contribute to these measures a lot. Donation of medicines is welcomed. There are many follow-up issues to be addressed for the victims. There are still many things to do to provide foods, clothes and shelters to the victims. These measures are being carried out with the help of wellwishers at home and abroad, he said.

These are the reality and cooperation is being made with organizations for transparency. The diplomats were briefed on the issue in a press conference on 30 July. The press conference was also attended by UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Quintana who was on a visit in Myanmar.

The OIC secretary is invited to visit Myanmar and witness the reality. The President said he hoped the OIC secretary could witness the reality.

He thanked the Turkish minister for a chance to elaborate on the issue. The reality the Turkish minister witnessed might be distributed, he said. He requested the Turkish minister to explain the realities in Myanmar at OIC meeting.

Suggestions of the Turkish minister regarding business, trade and investment were what the Myanmar side expected, the President said. Stemmed from economic sanctions, poor job opportunities hit the country. The Myanmar people had to seek oversea jobs. The fewer amounts of foreign investments are a cause of the poor job opportunities. As the western countries including United States eased economic sanctions, the foreign investment could enter into the country.

The President invited investments of the industrialized Turkey.

Resource-rich Myanmar, surrounded by huge economies, has various investment prospects, the President said.

There are possibilities to establish oil mills in Taninthayi Region which has 300,000 acres of oil palm plantations. Establishing mineral factories would be more beneficial as Myanmar has mineral, copper and iron deposits and is surrounded huge markets, the President said.

***President U Thein Sein cordially shakes hands with Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Ahmet Davutoglu.*—MNA**

Oil and natural gas could be explored onshore and offshore Myanmar with some in commercial exploration. Myanmar is also in search of new oil and gas deposits. The President hoped for Turkish investments in that sector. He urged the Turkish entrepreneurs to visit and explore Myanmar.

Regarding the cultural cooperation, both Turkey and Myanmar are countries with fine cultural tradition. The proposal of the Turkish minister to promote cultural cooperation is very appropriate, the President said. The Turkish minister was thanked for his offer for the education of diplomatic staff.

The inter-parliamentary cooperation is appropriate and the message would be handed over to the respective Hluttaw Speakers.

The President concluded his speech with the hope of the Turkish minister's fruitful visit to Myanmar.

The Turkish FM thanked the President for his time to make complete explanation. Transparency is the most effective way to prevent issues in Rakhine State. Since two years ago, he has stood on Myanmar side in Turkey and he is the one who supported the opening of Myanmar embassy, the Turkish minister said.

Transparency and the OIC secretary's visit to Rakhine State could well bring misunderstandings by Islamic countries on Myanmar to an end, the Turkish minister said. He promised to explain what he witnessed in Myanmar at OIC meeting and urge the OIC secretary to visit Myanmar.

Creating job opportunities and rehabilitation tasks could ensure two societies live in harmony. Mutual understanding could be made between the two societies. If TICA is to be allowed, the office would be opened soon and take rehabilitation measures. Foods and drugs would be bought in Myanmar and distributed to the victims.

Economic cooperation would be proposed to the Turkish Prime Minister and Turkish Economic and Energy Ministers and entrepreneurs would be urged to visit Myanmar, the Turkish FM said.

Reforms in Myanmar's health sector were found, the Turkish minister said. Turkey succeeded in health reform nine years ago. The Turkish minister offered to facilitate health reforms in Myanmar.

About 800 students are attending two Turkish high schools in Yangon and Mandalay. Turkey would also invest in education sector, the Turkish minister said.

Turkey did not support economic sanctions against Myanmar. Despite its bid for EU membership, Turkey opposed the economic sanctions in 2002, he said.

The Turkish minister demanded mutual cooperation in international frontiers. Being a UN Security Council alternative member in 2015-2016 and a host country of OIC 2020 Expo, Turkey would like to cooperate with Myanmar. Myanmar is a country with future prospects. The Turkish minister said he hoped for strategic partnership between the two countries.

President U Thein Sein said negotiations would be made as regards the humanitarian aids. As peace is restored in Rakhine State, the cooperation could be boosted. He concluded his speech, saying he hoped the Turkish minister would stand at the right side. The meeting came to an end in the afternoon.—*MNA*

State to give priority…

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and sought approval from the meeting after giving licenses. Especially, the ministry has to get all necessary documents and a report of a local office to give licenses to the hotel and guest house businesses which needs to show recommendation from departments concerned.

U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to reallocate new farmland when dykes are built to stop sea water** and U Win Swe of Nyaungshwe Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to dredge creeks and to construct roads in Inle area.**

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that **regarding the first question**, the Farmland Law and the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law was enacted at the third regular

***Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Zin of Pazundaung Constituency.*—MNA**

meeting of the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the two laws were signed by the President and issued on 30 March, 2012. According to the provisions of the Session 7, Chapter 2 of the Farmland Law, after the law takes effect, a farmland management committee can scrutinize the farmland which have been confiscated and the farmland which are reclaimed by the government to issue farming permission to those who want to do farming. The rules for the law are being drawn and they will be released in the near future.

Regarding the allocation of farmland emerged when dykes are built to stop sea water, the deputy minister replied that the Farmland Law and the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law allow the farmers in rural areas to do farming on the farmland on a manageable scale. The rules of the laws are being drawn. According the Session 161 of the 2008 State Constitution, region/state Hluttaws have been established, and according to the Session 248, region/state governments led by region/state chief ministers have been established. Therefore, under the supervision of the region/state governments, lands management committees concerned would be allowed to manage the farmland in accordance with the rules of the Farmland Law and the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands Management Law.

Regarding the second question, the replied that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has carried out tasks for dredging, digging water course, clearing floating islands, weeds and debris with the use of 15 machineries as part of efforts for the greening of the Inle Lake. To dredge creeks, the Irrigation Department has dug the water course to Heya Ywama Village High School, Inpawkhon Village High School, Nantpan People's Hospital and the Ngape Creek and the Nantket Creek with the use three heavy machineries.

To ensure convenience of transportation in the Inle Lake, the Irrigation Department has given priority to the digging of water course while the Forest Department has taken a leading role in conservation of the lake and environmental conservation. With the supervision of the Shan State Government, as measures for dredging and digging water courses in the lake have been taken, the Heya (Ywama) High School, Innpawkhon Village High School and Nanpan People's Hospital are easily accessible through waterway and there is no plan to build roads for bicycles and motorbykes.

U Khin Win of Padaung Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to take measures against the landslides caused by erosion of the banks by the Ayeyawady River and to allocate land to the victims of the landslides.** U Myint Shwe of Waw Constituency asked **whether there is a plan to maintain the water course of the Sittoung River in an attempt to prevent forming island at the western part of the Village of Thayethamain in Waw Township.**

Regarding the first question, Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied that Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems of the Ministry of Transport has to carry out tasks for dredging rivers and maintenance of water course as part of efforts for river safety. The directorate has set up fund for annual maintenance of water course at 46 places between the Bhamo and Yangon along the Ayeyawady River and 37 places between Kamti and Monywa along the Chindwin River. However, fund has not yet set up to prevent landslides and therefore, if there landslides happened, local residents are to report to the region/state governments concerned. The region/state governments have to manage as quickly as possible to maintain the situation.

If the maintenance is heavy work, the maintenance plan, design and cost are to be calculated with the assistance of engineers from Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System and then submitted to the President Office. After accepting the fund from the President Office, the directorate in cooperation with the experts carries out maintenance of river banks.

To prevent the bank erosion, the directorate will calculate the plans to be implemented in open season and submit it to Bago Region Government. After that, the region government will submit the report to the President Office and implement it spending the special fund.

With regard to the second question, DWRIRS conducted surveys from December 2006 to March 2007 to dredge straight ways in 23 places of river bends with the aim of preventing bank erosions along the Sittoung River, reducing overflow of river and reclaiming farmlands. It is estimated that a total of 51366 meters in total length for dredging 1998171 cubic meters of earth with the use of 576836.88 gallons of fuel will cost about K 2533.41 million. Dredging the straight way for the bend of river north of Thayethamein Village is one of 23 similar tasks. According to the survey conducted in 2006-2007 fiscal year there is 2.485 miles long area with 99811 suds of earth, costing about K 128.9 million.

Thus, the township and ward administrators are to submit the above-mentioned plan to region/state government, and then, the region government is to spend the special fund of the President Office on implementing the plan.

U Aung Thaung of Taungtha Constituency submitted a proposal to **provide eye care to many people with eye complaints from central area of Myanmar**.

The Pyithu Hluttaw decided the proposal to be discussed, and the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives are to enlist, not later than 1 pm on 10 August.

In the **sector of informing the Hluttaw**, the Pyithu Hluttaw accepted the Bill Revoking **1964 Myanmar Five Star Line Corporation Law** approved by the Amyotha Hluttaw on 31 July. The Bill Committee has distributed the bill to the representatives to be able to submit the report and observe it.

In the sector of decision on bill, Member of Bill Committee U Thein Tun Oo explained the report of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission with regard to **Bill Revoking 1850 Judicial Officers Protection Act (Indian Act No 18)**.

Concerning the bill, the Hluttaw decided not to discuss the bill due to larger number of votes against.

In the **proposal discussion sector**, U Nyi Nyi Myint of Ottwin Constituency, U Zaw Tun of Labutta Constituency, Dr May Win Myint of Mayangon Constituency, U Thein Aung of Thanbyuzayat Constituency, Daw Le Le Win Swe of Tamway Constituency, U Tha Win of Yankin Constituency, Dr Soe Moe Aung of Bilin Constituency, U Myint Oo of Thanatpin Constituency, Daw Nan Nwam of Shadaw Constituency, U Soe Win of Sangyoung Constituency, U Aung Soe of Launglon Constituency, U Saw Thein Aung of Hlaingbwe Constituency, U Kyaw Myint of Myanaung Constituency, U Than Oo of Myawady Constituency, U Naing Ngan Lin of Dekkhinathiri Constituency, U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency, U Myo Swe of Tanai Constituency, U Pyae Maung of Madaya Constituency and U Sai Win Khaing of Hsensi Constituency discussed matters related to the **adopting the Migration Policy for ensuring social security of Myanmar citizen migrant workers in any foreign country** submitted by U Htay Oo of Hinthada Constituency on the 18th day session of the Hluttaw.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replies to questions. **MNA**

They discussed a large number of youths from both urban and rural areas across the nation are working abroad. Those workers include various national races and graduates. The root cause of the migrant workers is based on shortage of jobs and insufficiency of families. However, only minority of these youth can enjoy convenience at works and the majority faces various difficulties.

At present, humans move one place to another with expectation for enjoying better lifestyle, job, income and rights. The number of migrant people is rising day by day. In this case, they suffer from human trafficking, worksite exploitation, torture, lesser salaries and lack of social security in all countries.

The people of Myanmar working abroad as migrant workers are facing high rate of cost, lack of health care guarantee, lack of workers' rights and exploitation over salaries by employees, brokers and supervisors.

Section 380 on Fundamental Rights of Citizens in Chapter VIII of the Constitution states every citizen who has relations with foreign countries shall have the right to seek protection of the Union at home or abroad. Thus, it can be said that protection of citizens' rights covers all the people.

At present, the government is realizing the economic reform. It is heard that the migrant workers wishing to do business at home are expecting the chance to return home when the job opportunities come out. By firmly adopting the Migration Policies for foreign employment and owned migrant workers, the nation can earn foreign exchange with high GDP and such act will contribute to poverty alleviation, reducing jobless rate and elimination of human trafficking.

The most of migrant workers of Myanmar are engaged in dangerous, difficult and dirty works only, facing unfairness and losses. Thus, it should consider the rights of migrant workers and their security.

If the Labour Migration Policy can be adopted, Myanmar migrant workers would enjoy the better protection for them and rights, and it will contribute to prevention of trafficking in person.

A fact should be inserted that the Myanmar embassies in respective countries are to give a helping hand to Myanmar migrant workers abroad in adopting the Migration Policy for Migrant Workers.

Moreover, the policy must comprise a plan that a governmental organization is to be constituted for watching the issue of migrant workers and to be connected with similar workers' right watch NGOs and INGOs.

Only when migration policy is based on agreement between mother country and the country for migrant workers, will the policy benefit the migrant workers. Thus, it is necessary to build the friendship relations with the country where there are a large number of Myanmar migrant workers. In so doing, arrangements are to be made for creation of mutual interest between the two countries without neglecting the problem of migrant workers.

The State is to give priority to Enhancing Labour Migration Management Systems, Enhancing Social Protection for Migrant Workers and Improving Market Information System.

At today's session, five questions were answered, one new proposal submitted, one bill informed to Hluttaw, one bill sought for approval and one proposal discussed.

Today's session came to an end at 4 pm and the 24th day session will be held at 10 am tomorrow.— *MNA*

Competition Law can control…

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Distributors Association in order that fuel sale enterprises can pay full taxes to the State and illegal trade of fuel can be stopped.

Regarding the question of U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No. 6 **"there is a plan to construct small-and medium hydro power plants, CMP factories and SMEs for the development of Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships"**, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung replied:

Although Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships have creeks, there is no small suitable resource for construction of small hydro power plant there. Survey will be made by Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 in cooperation with local people when the good river sources are found there.

As a heavy hydropower project, project scale and project scheme of Saidin hydro power project about 10 mile east of Buthidaung Township, are under scrutiny, based on past feasibility study. Feasibility study is being conducted and it will be continued to be implemented if it has feasibility.

Establishment of CMP factories and SMEs need land, water, electricity, transportation, better transport, other energy, technology, work force and investment. It needs to make feasibility study for establishment of these enterprises and factories there. At present, attempts are being made to overcome difficulties such as electricity and water supply needed for the establishment of industrial zones in Sittway and Ponnagyun townships.

Regarding the question of U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 **"there is a plan to make arrangement for ensuring the life security of Myanmar migrant workers",** Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein replied: employment committee and sub-committee were formed in foreign countries in order that Myanmar workers can fully enjoy workers rights and can be protected. The committees are giving protection to the workers under the supervision of that committee.

To help Myanmar migrant workers, Labour Attaches are appointed in Thailand and the Republic of Korea. A total of nine task forces— three task forces at three border areas and six task forces comprising officials and staff from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Immigration and Population and Ministry of Labour in Myanmar and Thailand, are issuing cards for Myanmar migrant workers.

To protect Myanmar migrant workers, Myanmar workers Assistance Association is formed in Thailand and Malaysia under the leadership of Ambassadors. Necessary assistances are being provided in order that Myanmar migrant workers can make secure remittance.

As overseas employment policy, Employment Supervisory Committee helps open channels for oversea job hunting, ensure the basic rights of workers, reduce transition costs, develop socio-economic status of migrant workers and their families, get and share experience, competence and knowledge and become a part for the integration of the country development strategies.

After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe submitted Bill Committee's report on Basic Education Bill (2012) sent back by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments, to be discussed by Amyotha Hluttaw.

Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein replies to queries. **MNA**

Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill were to register their names by 14-8-2012.

After that, Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Natural Resources Committee Chairman U Nay Win Tun and Secretary U Hla Swe submitted the Committee's report.

Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report were to register their names by 4 pm on 14-8-2012.

Afterwards, Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No. 9, U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency No. 9, U Tun Kyaw of Shan State Constituency No. 10, U Tin Mya of Sagaing Region Constituency No. 7 and U Ye Myint of Bago Region No. 4 discussed the proposal on **urging the Union Government to start drafting Competition Law and Competition Policy for preventing monopoly on economy** submitted by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 8.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan discussed: four ASEAN countries have prescribed Competition Law and Competition Policy. They are Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Although Malaysia has prescribed Competition Law, it had yet to be passed.

In Laos, Cambodia, the Philippines and Brunei as well as in Myanmar, Competition Law is only at the stage of bill. For systematic implementation of Competition Policy, it needs to draft Competition Law. Competition Law can control inappropriate or unfair competitions of businesses. And it is a crucial one for trade and international competition.

In Myanmar, Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development has drafted Competition Law (Bill). It includes 10 chapters and is not only for trade but also for businesses. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), other respective organizations and officials are making coordination on Competition Law (Bill). Plans are under way to submit it to Hluttaw in accord with the procedures.

Hluttaw took votes by means of pressing machine and decided to approve it. U Hmart Gyi of Mandalay Region Constituency No. 9 discussed the proposal on **urging the Union Government to draft a new law for Agricultural Cooperative as cooperative societies are allowed to join in businesses for national economic development.**

Respecting the proposal, Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun discussed: Cooperative Societies Law (1992) and Cooperatives Societies Rules (1998) are the systems supervised and implemented by elected Executive Boards of Director in line with the democracy practices that will formulate market-oriented economic system. It can be seen that they are in conformity with the current conditions.

Laws relating to agricultural produce cooperatives have been prescribed in Cooperative Societies Law (1992) and Cooperative Societies Rules (1998). Ministry of Cooperatives is ready to make cooperation if it needs to add and draft new laws for agricultural cooperatives, based on the facts included in the said laws. Representative Dr Myint Kyi reported that he wants to put it on record. Hluttaw decided to record it.

U Saw Maung Phyu of Rakhine State Constituency No. 4 submitted the proposal on "**urging the Union Government to allot suitable rate or 25 percent benefits from Region/State to Region/State governments according to the matters prescribed in schedule one of the Union Legislative List of Section 96 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar"** It was seconded by a representative.

As there were representatives who fail to reach agreements on it, Hlutttaw took votes by mean of standing up. Hluttaw decided to discuss it as more than 40 representatives voted it. Hluttaw announced that representatives who want to discuss it are to register their names after the meeting. The meeting came to an end at 3.35 pm, and the 24th day session will continue at 10 am tomorrow.

***Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Win Naung of Yangon Region Constituency No. 5 makes question.*—MNA**

At today's session, four questions were raised and answered, one bill submitted, a report submitted, one proposal, approved, one proposal put on record and one new proposal submitted.

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***Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by Singaporean Ambassador Mr Robert Chua and wife at the reception to mark 47th Anniversary National Day of the Republic of Singapore at the Strand Hotel Yangon on 9 August.*—MNA**

Union Construction Minister meets staff from Kawthoung and Dawei Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint together with Taninthayi Region Road Transportation Minister Dr Kyaw Hsan on 6 August noon inspected Bokpyin-Kawthoung road section, construction of Public Works branch building of Khamaukgyi Sub-township in Kawthoung District and met with staff.

The Union Minister and region minister met with staff officers from Human Settlement and Housing Development Department at Kawthoung District Office on yesterday morning.

In meeting with the staff, the Union Minister called for serving their tasks dutifully, to carry out the duties assigned by officials for achieving goals. The Union Minister urged the staff to use the funds without wasting in accord with the financial rules and regulations, to follow code of conduct for civil services for development of the tasks.

The Union Minister and party met with the staff from Human Settlement and Housing Development at the meeting hall of the superintending engineer's office in Dawei.

The Union Minister urged the staff to carry out repair works for roads and bridges in the region, to make preparing for devices and machinery to carry out the tasks in open season, to systematically use tar, engine oil and to maintain the roads and bridges.

MNA

Correction

Please read "The Public Utilities Protection Act" instead of "Public Welfare Services Protection Act" in the third paragraph of the second column on page 10 of this daily issued on 8 August 2012.

Ed

***A Department of National Defence aerial photograph shows buildings and roads submerged by floodwaters in Rodriguez town, Rizal Province, east of Manila on 8 Aug, 2012.*— REUTERS**

Philippines rushes aid as more rains pound Manila

MANILA, 9 Aug — Heavy rains pounded the Philippines capital on Wednesday, prompting a new danger alert as emergency workers rushed food, water and clothes to almost one million people through streets turned into rivers after 11 straight days of monsoon downpour. About 60 percent of Manila, a metropolis of about 12 million people, remained inundated, Benito Ramos, head of the national disaster agency, told *Reuters.*

Danger to the population was compounded by an early Wednesday evening one-hour downpour of 54.7 mm (2.15 inches), just shy of a record one-hour soaking of 56.58 mm in September 2009 that inundated the capital, killing more than 700 people and causing $1 billion worth of property damage. The weather bureau issued a new weather alert as the downpour hit, only hours after lifting an earlier warning. But many people have refused to leave flooded homes, fearing a loss of valuables and livelihoods, Ramos said."We're also asking people living along swollen riverbanks to evacuate," Ramos said. "If there is a need for us to force them to leave their homes, we will do that for their own safety."

Nineteen people were reported killed since Tuesday, bringing the death toll to 72 since steady rains started when Typhoon Saola hit northern portions of the main Luzon Island in late July. Financial markets reopened after being shut on Tuesday, but schools and many businesses shut for a second day. Some public offices suspended operations on Wednesday afternoon. Jesse Robredo, the interior secretary, said the government has started drawing up plans to permanently relocate residents along riverbanks and coastal areas to reduce property and human losses during the rest of the typhoon and monsoon season.

The national disaster agency said on Wednesday morning that at least 850,000 people were stranded or displaced, many seeking relief at crowded temporary shelter areas. "We were hoping to go home because it's difficult here. The sleeping conditions are not comfortable, and it's not easy to get food," Joyce Anne Diri, a mother of three, told *Reuters* at a temporary shelter in flooded Marikina City in the eastern part of the capital. The seasonal monsoon rains in the Philippines gathered strength this year from Typhoon Saola and as tropical storm Haikui travelled through the Philippine Sea this week. But the rains should dissipate by Thursday, the weather bureau said, as Haikui made landfall in China.

Reuters

***Residents wade through floodwaters to return to their submerged houses in Marikina City Metro Manila on 8 Aug, 2012.*— REUTERS**

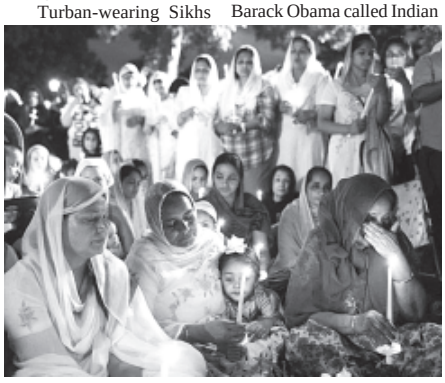
Wisconsin Sikh temple gunman killed himself: FBI

MILWAUKEE, 9 Aug — The white supremacist gunman who killed six people at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, the FBI said on Wednesday.

A police officer shot and wounded the gunman, Wade Page, 40, in the stomach outside the temple in Oak Creek on Sunday, said Teresa Carlson, an FBI special agent in charge. "Subsequent to that wound, it appears that Page died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head," she told a news conference.

Police had said Page had been shot to death by an officer responding to the attack at the Sikh Temple of Wisconsin in suburban Milwaukee. Carlson said she had seen a video of the police officer wounding Page with a squad rifle. "It's an amazing shot, and thank goodness," she said. Federal authorities have said they are treating the attack as a possible act of domestic terrorism. Page, an Army veteran, was a musician who played in white power punk-metal bands. He was armed with a 9mm handgun during the attack.

Turban-wearing Sikhs are often mistaken for Muslims in the United States. The Sikh faith was founded in the Punjab area of India and Pakistan and has an estimated 500,000 or more adherents in the United States. President Barack Obama called Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to express his condolences over the temple shooting.



***Sikhs attend a vigil in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, on 7 Aug, 2012. The killings of six worshippers at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin has thrust attention on white power music, a thrashing, punk-metal genre that sees the white race under siege.* — REUTERS**

Carlson said investigators had not found any motive for the attack, which also wounded four people, including a police officer shot eight or nine times after responding to a 911 call.

The wounded officer, Lieutenant Brian Murphy, is up and walking, Carlson said. Investigators have conducted more than 100 interviews with Page's relatives, employers and associates, Carlson said.

They are also following 101 leads worldwide and have issued 180 federal grand jury subpoenas. Police have arrested Page's former girlfriend, Misty Cook, on a weapons charge. Carlson said the arrest took place at Cook's Milwaukee home late on Sunday and was unrelated to the shooting investigation.

Reuters

Swiss lab wants guarantee in Arafat death inquiry

RAMALLAH, 9 Aug—A Swiss laboratory will help investigate the unexplained 2004 death of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat only if it receives guarantees its findings will not be used for political purposes, a spokesman for the lab said on Wednesday. A committee looking into the Palestinian president's death has asked the Swiss Radiophysics Institute, which found traces of a deadly polonium isotope on Arafat's clothing provided by his widow for a recent Al Jazeera television documentary, to examine his remains.

"We have been invited by the Palestinian National Authority and we are currently studying the most appropriate way of responding to this request," Darcy Christen, spokesman for the institute, said in an emailed reply to a Reuters question. "Meanwhile, our main concern is to guarantee the independence, the credibility and the transparency of any involvement that we may have," Christen said. Arafat was a guerilla-turned-statesman who came to symbolize the Palestinian quest for statehood throughout decades of war and peace with Israel.After being stricken with an ailment which remains unknown, the president was airlifted to France in 2004 when he fell ill during an extended siege Israel mounted on his compound during a Palestinian uprising. He died shortly thereafter.

His death aroused rumors among Palestinians of an assassination, which many blamed on Israel. An investigation into the case could rekindle Palestinian hostility toward Israel and widespread suspicions that a local collaborator may have poisoned him under directions from the Jewish state.— *Reuters*

Suspected Kurd militants attack military bus in Turkey

ISTANBUL, 9 Aug— Suspected Kurdish militants attacked a Turkish military bus on its way to a naval base in the western province of Izmir on Thursday, media reports said, and a police official said several people were wounded.

Some reports said one soldier was killed and four soldiers were wounded in the attack. The rear windows of the military vehicle were blown out and emergency services sealed off the scene on a country road, television pictures showed.

Dogan news agency said Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels had detonated explosives on the road before opening fire on the bus at around 8 am (0500 GMT) near Foca, a small resort town on the Aegean coast where there is a naval base. The soldiers returned fire, it said. The wounded soldiers were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment, *Dogan* said.

A police official in Izmir said several people were wounded and investigations were continuing. Attacks on military vehicles are common in south-east Turkey, where the PKK has fought a 28-year separatist insurgency, but are rare in western Turkey. The PKK took up arms against the state in 1984 and more than 40,000 people have been killed in the conflict.

Reuters

Ernesto moves into Gulf of Mexico, kills one

CHETUMAL, 9 Aug — Tropical storm Ernesto moved into the southern Bay of Campeche in the Gulf of Mexico on Wednesday, where the country's main oil operations are located, after dumping heavy rains on the Yucatan peninsula. The storm spared major tourist areas on the Yucatan coast from a direct hit and landed in sparsely populated low-lying jungle late on Tuesday. It made land as a Category 1 hurricane, the lowest on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale, and was downgraded to a tropical storm early on Wednesday.

Ernesto was moving toward the west and this general motion, accompanied by fluctuations in forward speed, is expected to continue for the next 24 to 36 hours, the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said at 11 pm EDT (1:03 am British time). "The Centre of Ernesto will move across the extreme southern Bay of Campeche tonight and early Thursday," the Centre said. State oil company Pemex has port facilities and offshore platforms in the area.The Mexican government issued a hurricane warning for the Gulf coast from Veracruz to Chilitepec. A tropical storm warning was also issued from north of Veracruz to Barra de Nautla.

Ernesto was located 15 miles (25 km) north of Ciudad del Carment in the state of Campeche. Hurricane conditions were possible again by Thursday as the storm approaches the Gulf coast, the Centre said. Mexico closed its three major oil export ports on the Gulf of Mexico— Coatzacoalcos, Cayo Arcas and Dos Bocas—port authorities said. Almost all of Mexico's crude oil exports are shipped to refineries on the Gulf Coast of the United States from the three ports.

"The prognosis is to be operational again on Thursday," said Dos Bocas official Guadalupe Perez. "But we don't know when it will open. It depends on the size of the waves."—*Internet*

***A resident walks past swaying palm trees following the passing of Hurricane Ernesto in Mahahual, in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, on 8 Aug, 2012.*— REUTERS**

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Fire blazes at California refinery; residents ordered indoors

RICHMOND, 9 Aug — A massive fire struck at the core of Chevron Corp's large Richmond, California, refinery on Monday, spewing flames and a column of smoke into the air, threatening a prolonged outage that may increase prices of the costliest US gasoline. Nearby residents were ordered indoors after the fire hit the sole crude unit at the 245,000 barrel per day (bpd) plant, which accounts for one-eighth of the state's refining capacity.

Authorities said the fire was still blazing more than three hours after it erupted at the refinery in a densely populated industrial suburb of San Francisco. Smoke could be seen billowing over the Bay Area and four train stations were shut. Chevron said the fire had started in the No 4 crude unit, the only one at the plant, at 6:15 pm shortly after a leak was discovered. As the leak grew, workers were evacuated, plant manager Nigel Hearn told journalists at the site. He said some units were still operating, but gave no details. It was not immediately clear when the fire would be put out and the extent of damage to the plant was not known.

"I walked outside and saw what looked like a lot of steam coming out of Chevron, way more than usual. I thought they must have blown a boiler," said Ryan Lackay, a 45-year-old employee at a chemical plant next door to the refinery. "And then all of a sudden it just went whoosh, it ignited." Crude distillation units (CDUs) break down oil into feedstock for other units in a refinery. It can take months to repair a CDU at a large plant, during which operations are typically severely limited.—*Reuters*

***Firefighters douse a flame at the Chevron oil refinery in in Richmond, California on 6 Aug, 2012.*— REUTERS**

***A damaged bus which was hit by a remote control bomb is lifted by a crane on the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 7 Aug, 2012.*—INTERNET**

Gunmen in Afghan uniforms kill NATO troop

KABUL, 9 Aug —NATO says two gunmen wearing Afghan National Army uniforms turned their weapons on NATO troops, killing one member of the US-led coalition. A coalition statement said on Tuesday's shooting is under investigation.

NATO did not release the nationality of the service member shot, or say whether others were wounded.The shooting was the latest case of so-called "green-on-blue" attacks in which Afghan soldiers or insurgents disguised in their uniforms shoot at US or NATO troops.

So far this year more than 25 coalition troops have been killed in such attacks. That compares with 11 fatal attacks and 20 deaths the previous year. In 2007 and 2008 there were a combined total of four attacks and four deaths.

Internet

Drones strafe Yemen Qaeda positions: tribal sources

SANAA, 9 Aug — Two drones have targeted al-Qaeda positions in central Yemen two days after a suicide bombing in the south of the country blamed on the extremist group killed 45 people, tribal officials said. No toll was given for the raids late Monday near Rada, a former Islamist bastion. Al-Qaeda fighters have regrouped for the last two days in the al-Hammah and al-Manassah regions near Rada, in Bayda province, 170 kilometres (105 miles) southeast of the capital Sanaa, the sources said.

"Four explosions rocked the area, which was overflown by two drones in the evening," said one source. "A car belonging to an al-Qaeda member was hit by a missile and caught fire." The United States is the only country that has drones in the region and it has stepped up its strikes on al-Qaeda targets in the south and east of Yemen.

Washington regards the Yemen-based al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula as the most effective branch of the global jihadist network.Hundreds of al-Qaeda gunmen bowed to tribal pressure in January and withdrew from Rada, which they had held for nine days.

At the time the fighters were described as close to Tarek al-Dahab, the brother-in-law of the Yemeni-American extremist Anwar al-Awlaqi, killed in a US air strike in September 2011. Dahab was himself killed in mid-February.In Saturday's suicide attack the bomber struck in Jaar, one of a string of towns in Abyan province that were retaken by government troops in June after being held by al-Qaeda loyalists for more than a year. In the east of the country a suspected US drone strike killed five al-Qaeda militants late on Saturday.— *Internet*

Cambodia attracts 1.76 mln int'l visitors in first 6 months, up 27%

PHNOM PENH, 9 Aug — Cambodia had received 1.76 million foreign tourists in the first six months of this year, a 27 percent rise compared with the same period last year, showed a report released by the Ministry of Tourism on Monday.

Some 1.06 million foreign tourists, or 60 percent of the tourists, had visited the world heritage site, Angkor archeological park, in Siem Reap Province located about 315 kilometres northwest of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.During the January-June period this year, Vietnam topped the chart among the top ten arrivals to Cambodia with 378,130 tourists, up 30 percent, followed by South Korea with 227,200, up 32 percent, and Chinese visitors at third with 151,890, up 33 percent. Thai visitors to Cambodia had increased by 91 percent to 91,860, making Thailand the fifth largest arrival groups to Cambodia.

The sharp rise in Thai tourists here is thanks to the improving relations between the two neighbours after the military tension over border disputed areas has eased since last July.

The report said about 48 percent of the visitors arrived in Cambodia by air, 49 percent by land and the rest by water ways. Tourism industry is one of the major four pillars supporting the economy of this Southeast Asian nation. Last year, the sector received 2.88 million foreign tourists, generating the total revenue of 1.91 billion US dollars.—*Xinhua*

Three killed, twelve injured in blast in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 Aug — At least three soldiers were killed and 12 others injured when a paramilitary troops' van came under bomb attack in Pakistan's southwest province of Balochistan on Tuesday night, district management officials said.

A van of Balochistan constabulary with some 15 people onboard was hit by a roadside planted device in Kech area, a district located at 421 kilometers northwest of the country's southern port city of Karachi, Assistant Commissioner Kech Aslam Tareen said.

The injured have been shifted to civil hospital in the neighboring district of Turbat. Conditions of the injured are not known yet. Police and paramilitary forces cordoned off the area and an investigation into the incident has been kicked off. No group claimed responsibility for the attack yet, but militants belonging to separatist movements of Balochistan were found involved in carrying out attacks on troops in the past.—*Xinhua*

Nissan unveils new London cabs

Nissan has unveiled new black cabs to be used in London and said an all-electric version will be tested next year.

The Japanese company said the NV200, based on the NV200 compact van, is designed to be up to 50 percent more fuel efficient than currently used black cabs and dramatically reduce carbon dioxide emissions, *The Daily Telegraph* reported.

Nissan has already rolled out versions of the cab in New York and Tokyo.

The company said the all-electric e-NV200 will undergo trials in London next year.

Steve McNamara, general secretary of the Licensed Taxi Drivers' Association, praised the vehicles. "Nissan already has a great footing in the London taxi market," he said. "The 2.7-litre (2.8 quarts) diesel that featured in some of the early taxis was one of the greatest engines ever put in a cab. From what I've seen of the NV200 London Taxi, it's important that it looks like a cab, is comfortable with good ingress and egress and is reliable. If the fuel consumption figures are as promised, it will be a big seller."

Nissan's new London taxi

Speeder busted going 152 mph

A British financial company said the top speeder busted by police in the country was a motorcyclist driving at 152 mph.

LV, which offers services including insurance and investments, said its freedom of information requests to police departments across the country found the top speeder was a Yamaha-riding motorcyclist caught driving 152 mph on a 70 mph-limit stretch of A27 in Binstead, England, while Tayside Police said their top speeders were a pair of motorists going 149 mph and 141 mph on the A90, *The Daily Telegraph* reported on 6 Aug.

"There is a significant difference between those drivers who are a few miles over the limit and those who are driving dangerously at breakneck speeds," LV managing director John O'Roarke said. "Driving at such high speeds is very dangerous and dramatically increases the chance of failing to react quick enough in an emergency."

Chinese TV show accused of joke theft

Online commenters have accused popular Chinese TV series "Ipartment" of lifting plots and jokes from popular US television shows.

Posters on Web sites including Sina Weibo, tianya.cn and douban.com have accused the series of listing plots, lines and jokes from US shows including "How I Met Your Mother," "The Big Bang Theory" and "Friends," the *Global Times* reported on 6 Aug.

"Many lines and scenes have been completely ripped off from American shows. I thought it was shameful to do this.

It is an insult to the American TV producers and an insult to the screenwriters and producers of original Chinese TV shows," said a commenter who asked to be identified only as Grace.

The show's producers apologized Saturday to a US writer whose jokes were used on the show without permission. The producers said the jokes on the show come from "various sources."

News Album

Whedon on board for 'Avengers' sequel

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug— Joss Whedon will write and direct the sequel to his Hollywood blockbuster "The Avengers," Variety reported on 7Aug.

Joss Whedon

Disney chief Bob Iger announced the decision, adding Whedon also will develop a live-action Marvel Comics-themed TV show for ABC.

Before he made "The Avengers," which earned nearly $1.5 billion at the worldwide box office this year, Whedon was best known for his TV work, particularly his witty supernatural show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and space western "Firefly."

Variety said the next installment in the "Avengers" superhero franchise is expected to debut in 2015.

Internet

Elton John and Madonna

Elton John calls Madonna a nightmare

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Elton John and Madonna's rivalry seems to have gone to a new level. John has lashed out at Material Girl, calling her a "nightmare".

"She's such a nightmare. Her career is over, I can tell you that.

Her MDNA tour has been a disaster and it couldn't happen to a bigger [expletive]," people.com quoted John as saying.

"If Madonna had any common sense, she would have made a record like 'Ray of Light', stayed away from the dance stuff, and just been a great pop singer and made great pop records, which she does brilliantly.

But no, she had to prove that she was like . . .And she looks like a [expletive] fairground stripper," he added.

The veteran musician's feud with Madonna, 53, has been going on for years, and in January his husband, David Furnish, 49, also got involved.

After John lost the Golden Globe Award for Best Original Song to Madonna, Furnish publicly slammed her acceptance speech.

Internet

Acting is exhausting: Kate Beckinsale

LONDON, 8 Aug— Actress Kate Beckinsale considers going to rehab after making a movie because it is so tiring.

The 38-year-old always feels drained after shooting a film but she was impressed by how hard her director husband Len Wiseman worked on their new movie "Total Recall" and says his efforts put actors to shame.

"It's so immersive for a director doing a movie like this and I really feel like I've got so much more insight into that that I ever would have had before," contactmusic.com quoted Beckinsale as saying.

She added: "We're sprinters, actors are. We come in and then we do the sprint and then we go, 'Oh my God, I'm so tired, I must go on holiday immediately, I'm exhausted, maybe I will go to rehab.' And Len has been doing it for two years, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. It's extremely impressive and kind of humbling."

Internet

Actress Kate Beckinsale

Gaga celebrates first 'anniversary' with beau

CHICAGO, 9 Aug — Bookmark and Share Pop star Lady Gaga and her beau Taylor Kinney dined on oysters and caviar to celebrate their first 'anniversary'.

The "Born This Way" singer and the "Vampire Diaries" hunk went for a meal at a restaurant Spiaggia here Sunday to mark the special date, reports nypost.com.

The couple was joined by four friends for the seafood feast.

Pop star Lady Gaga

Kinney, 31, has been in the city filming upcoming NBC drama "Chicago Fire" and Gaga has made regular visits to Chicago to meet him.

The two met during the shooting of Gaga's single "You and I" in July 2011 and started dating just a couple of weeks later.

They had a brief split in May due to Gaga's touring commitments, but they soon reconciled and are back to being very close.—*Internet*

Jennifer Lawrence to star in 'Ends of the Earth'

LONDON, 7 Aug— Actress Jennifer Lawrence is reportedly being lined up to star in upcoming romantic drama "The Ends of the Earth".

The 21-year-old is in talks to appear in The Weinstein Company film as American socialite Lydie Marland, who caused controversy when she married her adopted father, oil baron EW Marland.

Lawrence is the top choice for the challenging role. It is not yet known who will play her 54-year-old husband, reports variety.com

Chris Terrio has written the script and Todd Black, Jason Blumenthal and Steve Tisch will co-produce the film.

Internet

Actress Jennifer Lawrence

American actress Gillian Anderson

Anderson and Griffiths break up

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug— Gillian Anderson's publicist says the US actress has broken up with Mark Griffiths, the father of her two sons.

People.com confirmed Tuesday the pair have ended their six-year-long relationship, which produced their sons Oscar, 5, and Felix, 3 No reason was given for the split.

Best known for her work on TV's "The X Files," Anderson was previously divorced twice and has a daughter from her first marriage.—*Internet*

In 5-1 Real win, Kaka shows why AC Milan wants him

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Kaka showed why AC Milan wants him back from Real Madrid. Kaka had three assists against his former team, Cristiano Ronaldo scored a pair of second-half goals and Real Madrid routed Milan 5-1 at Yankee Stadium on Wednesday night in an exhibition between two of Europe's most successful clubs. "I'm happy to keep and I'm happy to sell if he wants to go, because a player must be happy,'' Madrid coach Jose Mourinho said. "If he stays, perfect for me. If he decides that the best thing for him is to go, Real Madrid will try, we will try to help. But nobody gets a diamond for free. You want a diamond, you pay for it.''

With top executives from both clubs in New York, there was intrigue involving the midfielder, the 2007 FIFA Player of the Year. Milan CEO Adriano Galliani hugged Madrid President Florentino Perez on the field before warmups, then exchanged greetings with Mourinho. Now 30, Kaka has been largely a backup at Madrid and appears to want to return to Italy—especially with Real Madrid in talks to acquire midfielder Luka Modric from Tottenham.

A C Milan defender Daniele Bonera, right, blocks a shot by Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo during the first half of their exhibition soccer match at Yankee Stadium in New York, on 8 Aug , 2012.
INTERNET

Purchased by Milan from Sao Paulo at age 21 in 2003, Kaka became a star with Milan and scored 95 goals in 269 games over six seasons. Madrid bought him in the summer of 2009 for 65 million euros (then $93.5 million) and he has struggled with injuries since. He has 24 goals in 92 games for Los Blancos.

Kaka entered in the 62nd minute and assisted on Madrid's final three goals. "The market is still open until Aug. 31st,'' Milan coach Massimiliano Allegri said through a translator. "We didn't discover Kaka only this night. So we know about Kaka.''

Ronaldo, cheered loudly by the crowd of 49,474, had played only half of other preseason games but stayed in this one until the 80th. "Lots of magic here, and I think we did what the stadium deserved, what Yankee history deserves.'' Mourinho said, comparing the venue to his home stadium. "If I have this kind of crowd, so enthusiastic crowd in the Bernabeu, I don't lose a match in the Bernabeu.''—*Internet*

Redemption rematch: US soccer takes on Japan

LONDON, 9 Aug — A day before the Olympic gold medal game, players and coaches from the U.S. and Japanese women's soccer teams stood in front of reporters side-by-side, like buddies on the same squad, arms linked around each other's waists. The white warmup jackets of the United States alternated with the blue ones from Japan. All that cordiality? It ends at kickoff."They snatched our dream last year," US midfielder Megan Rapinoe said. "And still we have that respect for them."

Heather Mitts, of the United States women's soccer team, trains in London, on 8 Aug, 2012, ahead of the upcoming women's soccer final at the 2012 Summer Olympics. — INTERNET

No matter the result on Thursday, the Olympic women's soccer tournament couldn't ask for a better finale. The teams from last year's World Cup final meet again at Wembley Stadium, with organizers expecting the largest crowd ever to watch women play the sport at a Summer Games.For the players, of course, the result does matter. The Japanese are attempting become the first team to win World Cup and Olympic titles in back-to-back years. The Americans are bent on mending the heartache from a penalty kick shootout in Frankfurt 13 months ago.

"I've been hoping for this final," US forward Abby Wambach said, "from the moment I stepped off the podium in Germany."Few are more passionate about the need to scratch the World Cup itch than Wambach, who earlier this week gave an impassioned monologue that recapped the "nightmares" from last year's game — and all that has happened since."Every single player on this team, whether they're even here or not, even players that are left back in the United States, they've given us all an opportunity to train, to work, to dedicate, to sacrifice, every single day since the World Cup, so that we can have this one chance, the one more chance, the 90 more minutes," Wambach said.— *Internet*

International Sports

London 2012 Olympics medal tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	People's Republic of China	36	23	19	78
2	United States of America	35	23	25	83
3	Great Britain	24	13	14	51
4	Republic of Korea	12	7	6	25
5	Russian Federation	11	21	23	55
6	Germany	9	15	10	34
7	France	8	9	11	28
8	Hungary	8	4	3	15
9	Italy	7	6	5	18
10	Australia	6	12	9	27
11	Kazakhstan	6	0	2	8
12	Netherlands	5	5	6	16
13	Japan	4	13	14	31
14	Islamic Republic of Iran	4	3	1	8
15	DPRK	4	0	1	5
16	Belarus	3	3	4	10
17	CubaCuba	3	3	1	7
18	New Zealand	3	2	5	10
19	Ukraine	3	1	6	10
20	South Africa	3	1	1	5
21	Spain	2	6	1	9
22	Romania	2	5	2	9
23	Denmark	2	4	3	9
24	Jamaica	2	2	2	6
25	Brazil	2	1	7	10
26	Poland	2	1	6	9
27	Croatia	2	1	1	4
28	Switzerland	2	1	0	3
29	Ethiopia	2	0	2	4
30	Canada	1	4	10	15
31	Czech Republic	1	3	3	7
31	Sweden	1	3	3	7
33	Kenya	1	2	2	5
34	Slovenia	1	1	2	4
35	Georgia	1	1	1	3
35	Norway	1	1	1	3
37	Dominican Republic	1	1	0	2
38	Ireland	1	0	1	2
38	Lithuania	1	0	1	2
40	Algeria	1	0	0	1
40	Grenada	1	0	0	1
40	Venezuela	1	0	0	1
43	Colombia	0	3	2	5
43	Mexico	0	3	2	5
45	Azerbaijan	0	2	2	4
46	Egypt	0	2	0	2

Murray, Djokovic advance at Toronto Masters

TORONTO, 9 Aug — Olympic gold medallist Andy Murray and top seed Novak Djokovic both avoided post-Games letdowns with quick opening wins at the Toronto masters. Murray, fresh from his home success at Wimbledon, on Wednesday toughed out a painful 6-1, 6-3 defeat of Flavio Cipolla. Djokovic avoided most of the pressure in his 71-minute defeat of Bernard Tomic 6-2, 6-3 sealing three match points with a sixth ace and going through on the first match point.

"For the first match it was a decent performance. Obviously at the start we played very long opening four games, and I was struggling to find the rhythm as most of the players who came in late from London did," said Djokovic. Murray, who only arrived in Canada on Tuesday from London, took the hardcourt with minimal preparation but pulled off the win in just under 90 minutes thanks to some help from the ATP trainers. The number four was treated on his left knee after breaking Cipolla for 3-2 in the second set. Murray was then constantly flexing the knee on his way to victory.

"I feel a little bit sore in the joints, I feel tired mentally," said Murray, "I haven't really slept much the last few days, so that's probably catching up with me a little bit. "I hit the ball pretty well. After playing for eight weeks on grass, it's very different here. The ball is very quick compared with Wimbledon. It also bounces much higher. The court is much slower as well." The Scot won the Canadian titles in 2009-10, but lost his opening match a year ago.

Andy Murray of Scotland celebrates after winning his match against Flavio Cipolla during the Rogers Cup Presented By National Bank at Rexall Centre at York University, on 8 Augus, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Murray won 6-1, 6-3.— INTERNET

Internet

Adams claims historic gold

LONDON, 9 Aug—Nicola Adams sealed her golden moment with an Ali shuffle as she overwhelmed China's double world champion Ren Cancan 16-7 to be crowned the first ever Olympic women's Boxing champion at ExCeL.

Adams dropped Ren in the second round on her way to a comprehensive Fly Weight victory against an opponent who had beaten her in each of the previous two World Championship finals. Adams made a superb start, producing much the cleaner work in the opening round, firing home a quick combination and a left hook and making it difficult for Ren to find her range as she bounced in and out of reach.—*London-2012*

Dujardin celebrates second gold

LONDON, 9 Aug—British Dressage star Charlotte Dujardin won her second gold medal of London 2012 when she was crowned Olympic Individual champion at Greenwich Park today.

The 27-year-old was the last rider to go, and she broke her third Olympic record of London 2012 by scoring 90.089 per cent.

She eclipsed Dutch rider Adelinde Cornelissen and Parzival's score of 88.196, while Britain's Laura Bechtolsheimer and Mistral Hojris won bronze.

London-2012

Charlotte Dujardin of Great Britain riding Valegro celebrates during the Individual Dressage on Day 13 of the London 2012 Olympic Games at Greenwich Park.
INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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4. Health Programme

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5. Islands of Dhamma

8:15 am
6. Nine Precepts administred

8:40 am
7. Myitta Pawana By Mingun Sayadaw Phayagyi

4:00 pm
8. Martial Song

4:15 pm
9. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (2nd Prize Winner) (Botahtaung) (B-E-H-S-1)

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10. Songs Of Yester Years

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11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit

5:15 pm
12. Myanmar language

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14. News
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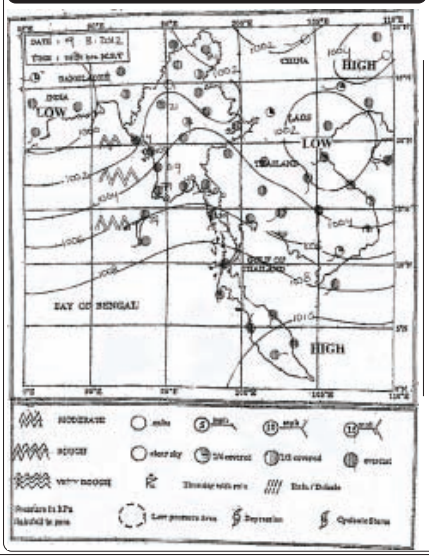
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 10th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	26/79	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	20/68	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
4	Chin	20/68	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	37/99	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	25/77	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
8	Bago	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers(RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	29/84	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers(IH)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers(IH)	(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	31/88	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	30/86	23/73	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	22/72	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in lower Sagaing Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Tanintharyi Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Ayeyawady Region, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded Thandwe (8.74) inches, Manaung (8.11)inches, Kyaukpyu (4.57) inches, machanbaw and Hinthada (4.41) inches, Kawkareik (3.82) inches and Thninzayet (3.78) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic,Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.
Outlook for sub-sequent two days	Increase of rain in the Lower Myanmar areas.

Cash donated to health care Parahita group in Madauk

MADAUK, 9 Aug— Wellwisher Captain Khin Win-Daw Mu Mu and family donated K 100,000 to the medical fund of Aged Free Health Care Parahita Group in Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region on 22 July.

Madauk Station Hospital medical officer Dr Daw Khin Mar Lwin accepted the cash donation.

The free health care group gives health care services to the aged under 65 with difficulties to receive medical treatment, every Sunday.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind may contact Madauk Station Hospital medical officer Dr Daw Khin Mar Lwin, 052-32538 and 098570345.

Myanma Alin

Luis Suarez pays tribute to Liverpool fans after penning new contract with Reds

Luis Suarez has scored 15 goals in 44 Barclays Premier League matches. **INTERNET**

LIVERPOOL , 9 Aug — Luis Suarez has paid tribute to Liverpool's "unbelievable" fans after agreeing to sign a new contract with the Barclays Premier League club. Suarez, who joined the Carling Cup holders from Ajax in January last year, had four years left of his five-and-a-half year deal but agreed to commit his future to the club by penning a new, improved long-term deal. "To sign a new contract with Liverpool is unbelievable for me because I am so happy here at the club and also in the city," Suarez told the club's official website. "That is important for me and I am very happy with my new contract."

"When you are a kid, everybody wants to play for Liverpool. I am here now and it is a dream for me, and now I am a Liverpool fan. I am happy off the pitch because the people of Liverpool are good with me and my family. I try my best on the pitch and when you are happy off the pitch, you are happy on the pitch. I want to say thank you to the fans because they are our 12th player.

The supporters of Liverpool are unbelievable. Five or six years ago I watched on TV the stadium and the club, and now I play here and the supporters have helped me. That's very important for me."

Suarez, who has scored 15 goals in 44 Barclays Premier League matches and struck 28 goals in 54 international appearances for Uruguay, only returned to the club's Melwood training ground on Monday after appearing for his country at the Summer Olympics. But the news of his signing on Tuesday afternoon will come as a boost to new manager Brendan Rodgers, who will have been aware of the interest from clubs interested in acquiring the services of the Uruguay international.

Rodgers, who has been in constant contact with Suarez since arriving at the start of the summer, was pleased at the striker's decision to sign a second deal." There were certainly a few clubs interested in him but he's committed himself for the long term here now," said Rodgers. "I'm delighted. When you have the opportunity to work with world-class players it's fantastic.Suarez added: "[Brendan Rodgers] is a good person. I spoke with him last week and he spoke fantastic to me."

Liverpool open their Barclays Premier League title bid at West Bromwich Albion on August 18th. On Thursday, the Reds host FC Gomel in the UEFA Europa League third qualifying round, holding a 1-0 lead from the first leg in Belarus.— *Internet*

Azarenka looks to protect top ranking, Sharapova out

MONTREAL, 9 Aug — Victoria Azarenka will play her first match since the London Olympics on Thursday at the Montreal Cup with only one threat to her status as the world's top female player left in the draw.

Both Maria Sharapova and Agnieszka Radwanska came to Canada with a chance at uprooting Belarusian Azarenka, who will play Austrian Tamira Paszek in her opening match, from her perch atop the world rankings.

But the sudden withdrawal of the Russian world number two earlier on Wednesday leaves only Radwanska, who will play German Mona Barthel in an early match on Thursday, as a threat.

Belarus' Victoria Azarenka returns to Russia's Maria Kirilenko in their women's singles tennis bronze medal match at the All England Lawn Tennis Club during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 4 Aug, 2012. **REUTERS**

Sharapova, the Olympic silver medalist, withdrew from the August 4-13 Montreal event citing a stomach virus that had been bothering her since the London Games. For Radwanska to reach the top of the world rankings for the first time, she needs to win the $2 million tournament and hope Azarenka is eliminated before the quarter-finals. Sharapova, replaced in the draw by Galina Voskoboeva, said she initially felt unwell a day before her 6-0, 6-1 loss to Serena Williams in the gold medal decider last Saturday but that the illness had worsened since arriving in Canada.

"I came to Montreal hoping that I would recover but this morning I was still not very well, so I was not going to be able to practice which is, you know, not the best preparation in order to compete tomorrow," she told reporters on Wednesday. "We want to have the best preparation we can for the US Open and this is a really big tournament for us. Personally, I was here in order to play the tournament. I was ready but my body is just not ready for it, so you kind of have to make the smart decisions for your body."

Petra Kvitova and Sam Stosur, who was runner-up to Williams in this tournament last year, were both successful in their first matches at the event on Wednesday night.Stosur overcame a 1-5 deficit and then three set points to claim the first set over Simona Halep 7-5.

Then, after drawing level at 4-all in the second set, she progressed when her Romanian rival forfeited with a leg problem.Kvitova had a greater scare when within a game of losing to Ksenia Pervak.

The 2011 Wimbledon champion trailed by a set and 5-6 before finding her form to defeat Pervak 4-6, 7-6, (7-0), 6-0.— *Reuters*

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State to give priority to Enhancing Labour Migration Management Systems, Enhancing Social Protection for Migrant Workers and Improving Market Information System

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — The fourth regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 23rd day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10.5 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 405 representatives.

At the question and answer session, U Sein Myint of the Botahtaung constituency asked **whether there is a plan to permit registration for license to hotels and tourism industry.**

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung replied that Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has issued license to four businesses in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services. The Directorate of Hotels and Tourism has given tourism and tour guide licenses to the applicants which can show necessary documents. To establish a travel agency, a businessman needs to register at the companies registration office under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development first and to seek the approval at monthly meeting of the management committee of the Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

Photo shows Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 23rd day meeting of fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

To give license for hotel and guest house industry, local offices of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism inspect the business when a businessmen applies a license for hotel and guest house for tourists together with necessary documents and recommendation of local authority. The local offices have to report their findings to the monthly meeting of the management committee of the director-general of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism to seek an approval and to give license to the businessman. In the time of the new government, the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism has given licenses to 89 hotels and guest houses, 3186 bed rooms so far until 23 July, 2012, reaching the total number of hotels and guest houses across the country 758 with 26463 bed rooms.

As part of efforts for providing convenience of the applying licenses and increasing hotels and guest houses, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism has relaxed its rules and regulations to give licenses to new buildings but also to old buildings. To promote the systematic development of hotels and tourism services, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, not seeking approval from the monthly meeting the management committee, has given licenses for the above four businesses

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Competition Law can control inappropriate or unfair competitions of businesses and is a crucial one for trade and international competitions

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives arrive at Amyotha Hluttaw hall to attend 23rd day Amyotha Hluttaw regular session. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 23rd day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 200 MPs.

At the session, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein replied to financial questions raised by two representatives.

With respect to the question of U Sai Win Maung of Shan State Constituency No.5 "there is a plan to reopen Myanma Economic Bank (branch) in Pangsai (Kyukok) Sub-township in Muse District", the deputy minister replied: MEB (branch) (Kyukok) will be reopened in 2013-2014 financial year for easy banking services and regional development.

Regarding the question of Dr Tin Shwe of Yangon Region Constituency No.6 on **"how much taxes 391 private filling stations pay"**, he replied: Green light have given to 391 private filling stations. The amount of trade taxes levied on private fuel sale amounted to K 1791.479 millions in 2010-2011 financial year. Taxes on fuel import have reached K 28319.473 million. The total amount of commercial tax was K 30110.952 million and income taxes, K 11105.676 million.

In 2011-2012 financial year, commercial taxes on fuel trade is K 2237.333 million and on fuel imports, K 59879.283 million. So, the total amount of trade tax is K 62116.616 million and income taxes, K 21916.600 million.

Till June of 2012-2013 financial year, commercial taxes on fuel trade has reached K 2008.517 million and on fuel import, K 27612.851 million, totaling K 29621.368 million. Income taxes can not be levied till the end of June as it is still in announcement period.

Internal Revenue Department is making cooperation with officials from Myanmar Fuel Import

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With two-page supplement on Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill attached.

Flood warning for Thanlwin, Sittoung rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an 851 cm has exceeded by 101 cm (about 3.3 ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 750 cm during the next three days.

The water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo 609 cm has exceeded by 9 cm (about 0.3 foot) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 600 cm during the next 48 hours, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—*MNA*

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—The group matches of the 6th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continued at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No 1 and No 2 today.

In the morning matches, Sports Ministry trounced National Planning and Economic Development Ministry 8-4 at Sports Ground No 1, and Health Ministry and Home Affairs Ministry played a goalless draw. In the afternoon matches, Livestock and Fisheries Ministry beat Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry 1-0 at Sports Ground No 1 and Science and Technology Minsitry won over Religious Affairs Ministry 4-3 at Sports Ground No 2.

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