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True patriotism

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

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

Directives given to local companies to take leading roles in Dawei Special Economic Zone

Myanmar citizens except experts, skilled workers and supervisors must be employed

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—The fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for 24th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this monring, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 404 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin answered five questions regarding Dawei Deep Sea Port Project raised by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency.

Regarding the question No (1) on which **working group of any ministry or commission take parts and how much stake it holds in Dawei Deep Sea Port Project for which agreement was signed between Thailand-based Italian-Thai Development Company and Myanma Port Authority of Ministry of Transport of Myanmar**, the deputy minister answered that central committee of Myanmar Special Economic Zone, central working committee and management committees will supervise Dawei region projects under Myanma Special Economic Zone Law and Dawei Special Economic Zone Law. Dawei SEZ Management Committee was formed to enforce the laws in development of Dawei SEZ and meeting satisfaction of the local people with himself as the chairman.

The State will receive land premium of US$ 30.675 million in five installments for 204.5 square kilometers of Dawei SEZ at the rate of US$ 0.15 million per one square kilometer. Apart from the land premium which is only for operation there, the State will also get any percent of the profit from the project in each year.

Regarding the question No (2) on which **Myanmar national company has how much stake and investment in the project**, the deputy minister answered that Max Myanmar Group of Companies owned by a Myanmar national has 25 percent share in the project. The profit will be distributed, depending on the share. Max Myanmar is currently planning to withdraw its investment. Dawei Development Company Limited has been formed with companies that will invest in the project and investments from abroad were invited. About US$ 8600 million will have to be invested in its infrastructures.

Regarding the question No (3) on **progress of the project since the signing of agreement between MPA and Italian-Thai Development Company**, the deputy minister answered that as Italian-Thai Development company is implementing the project, alignment of the road linking Thailand has been constructed. Detailed survey and feasibility test for making finishing touches on alignment design is being carried out. Design of the deep sea port has been completed by 80 percent. Feasibility test is being conducted to build breakwater. The construction of 400 MW coal-fired power plant with Clean Coal Technology that has no impact on the environment and the local people is being taken into consideration. Field surveys are being made for supply sufficient water to the special economic zone. Relevant ministry is in negotiation with Dawei Development Co Ltd to sign sectoral agreement.

Photo shows Pyithu Hluttaw representatives attending 24th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

Regarding the question No (4) on **measures for prevention of risks to natural environment**, the deputy minister answered that Environmental Management Plan would be drafted according to reports of Social Impact Assessment (SIA), Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and Payment for Environmental Services (PES) would be included. Rules, orders, directives, rules and regulations would be issued for waste management abiding by environmental conservation law.

Regarding the question No (5) on **job opportunities for Myanmar citizens in Dawei Deep Sea Port Project**, the deputy minister answered that the investor is required to operate with at least 25 percent of citizen workers at the end of first five years, with at least 50 percent at the end of second five years and with at least 75 percent at the end of thrid five years. Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law

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Jones overcomes pain to win gold

LONDON, 10 Aug—Jade Jones fought through the pain barrier to land Britain's first Taekwondo Olympic gold with a stunning victory over world champion Hou Yuzhuo of China in the women's -57kg final at ExCeL.

Jade Jones of Great Britain celebrates with her gold medal after the women's -57kg Taekwondo final on Day 13.—LONDON-2012

The Welsh teenager - world silver medallist after being beaten by Hou in Korea last year - had opened her Olympic debut with an impressive 15-1 victory over Serbian Dragana Gladovic and dispatched Japan's Mayu Hamada 13-3 in the last eight, before a late rally of trademark headkicks beat world number one Tseng Li-Cheng of Chinese Taipei.

The 19-year-old showed no fear in the final against the Chinese fighter, closing out a 6-4 victory as South Arena 1 erupted.

Jones was not going to let anything get in the way of her Olympic dream.a

'I hurt my foot in the very first fight, it was a kick to the shin, so I had an injection in it,' said Jones.

'At first, I was whinging and feeling sorry for myself, but I just had to deal with it because I wanted to win.'

London-2012

High tide warning at Yangon River

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.4 feet to 21.1 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 17 to 23 August 2012.

That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2010 and 2011, and that the warning is issued by Myanma Port Authority only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.—*MNA*

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 11 August, 2012

A test of our democracy

Recent unrests in Rakhine State sparked off debate over religiosity although various political and religious figures including the President have made clear that it had no connection with the religion. Earlier reports from media of the outside world illustrated, albeit wrongly, the incident as a fight between two communities of different faiths while some politicized the issue.

Myanmar is a country where more than 60 million people from various religions have lived in peace and amity. The constitution also guarantees the freedom of religion.

The purpose of every religion is to teach peaceful ways of living in the human community. Actually, it is a tool to get the people together, not to separate them. In whatever religion we believe, we will not be able to live in peace and harmony unless we do not hold each other in respect. Human beings should see each other as equals regardless of race, religion, colour or social status.

Many innocent people in Rakhine State are now suffering substantial losses. All of the sufferers, whether or not the people of the same religion or race, deserve aids on the humanitarian ground.

Regarding arguments over citizenship, the parliaments in session should prescribe comprehensive citizenship legislation urgently. Meanwhile, we should also show to the world that Myanmar is a civilized country which could express generosity towards the persons in trouble. But nothing may block our measures to respond to our enemies who brought the bad to our beloved country even if the person is our own citizen.

We all should aware that the conflict between different religious groups is a traditional tool for political gains. The country's democracy is still in its infancy. It would be better not to talk about the differences.

Maung Maung Lay

Profit-sharing contract signed for advanced cotton ginning mills

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Industrial Crops Development Department and Blue Ocean Myanmar Ltd of India signed a profit-sharing contract for construction of advanced cotton ginning mills at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister U Myint Hlaing, Deputy Ministers U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw.

Director-General of Industrial Crops Development Department U Kyaw Shwe extended greetings and signed the contract with Managing Director Mr Ajay Shastry of Blue Ocean Myanmar Ltd.

According to the 100 per cent foreign investment programme between Industrial Crops Development Department and India, the contract was signed for modernization and capacity upgrading of the ginning mills with integrated edible oil unit for contributing to the self-sufficiency of edible oil.

MNA

Coordination meeting on pilgrimage tour of Samvejaniya four places holds

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—A coordination meeting on pilgrimage tour of Samvejaniya four places to India and Nepal was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs here this noon, with an address by Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung. The Union Minister said in his address that few pilgrimage tour companies made in the past due to difficulties. Now, a number of pilgrims is increasing year by year, said the Union Minister. He urged officials of pilgrimage tour companies to offer better service for convenience of pilgrims at reasonable price.

Deputy Minister Dr Maung Maung Htay, director-general of Sasana Propagation Department and officials from subcommittees reported on preparation tasks to convenience of pilgrims and coordination tasks between the committees to the Union Minister.

MNA

***Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung speaking at coordination meeting on pilgrimage tour of Samvejaniya four places to India and Nepal.*—MNA**

Flood warning for Ayeyawady, Sittoung rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada 1364 cm has exceeded by 22 cm (about 0.7 foot) above its danger level. It may fall about 10 cm (about 0.3 foot) during the next three days and may remain above its danger level 1342 cm.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1199 cm has exceeded by 129 cm (above 4.2 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next three days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

HHI donates fund, scholarship awards to schools in Kyaukpyu

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund, footballs to best performance schools and scholarship awards to best performance schools was held at Basic Education High School No. 1 in Kyaukpyu on 29 July.

Chief Operation Officer of Offshore Division of Hyundai Heavy Industry Co Ltd Mr JD Kim (HHI) and deputy commissioner of District General Administration Department U Yan Lin Aung made speeches.

The head of Kyaukpyu BEHS No. 1 spoke words of thanks.

The Chief Operation Officer and Managing Director of HHI Mr. JS Kim donated cash and footballs to the schools and scholarship awards to best performance schools.

The deputy commissioner presented a certificate of honour to the chief operation officer.

HHI donated US$ 20,000 to three BEHSs, one BEMS, two Post-Primary Schools, ten BEPSs, one orphanage and one monastic education school.

HHI renovated emergency room and medical equipment worth US$ 170,000 to Kyaukpyu District Hospital. The company upgraded the road, donated rice and stationery to orphanage and monastic education school.

NLM

Gamblers arrested in Sangyoung Township

YANGON, 10 Aug—A team from Yangon Region Police Force together with witnesses searched the game center of Aung Myo Naing of Kyuntaung South Ward of Sangyoung Township at 8.30 am on 29 July.

They seized 22 persons including center owner Aung Myo Naing and four workers, 17 gamblers together with 10 Apple Jacob red game players, four Dapaisha branc Shark game players, gambling money K 651,950 and one mobile phone.

Action was taken against 22 gamblers inclusive of game center owner Aung Myo Naing, 34 at Sangyoung Police Station under Pa/248/2012, Section 13(a)/14(a) of Gambling Act.

Myanma Alin

Crime News

Little sign of battle in Egypt's Sinai region

SHAIKH ZUWAID, 10 Aug — Egypt poured troops into North Sinai on Thursday in an offensive meant to tackle militants in the Israeli border region, but residents were skeptical, saying they had seen no sign of anyone being killed in what they described as a "haphazard" operation.

The offensive is crucial to maintaining good relations with Israel, which fears Islamist militants based in the increasingly lawless desert region could link up with hardliners in neighbouring Gaza to launch attacks on the Jewish state — potentially threatening a 1979 peace treaty with Egypt. Army commanders said as many as 20 "terrorists" had died in the offensive launched after suspected Islamist militants killed 16 Egyptian border guards on Sunday and drove a stolen armoured car into Israel which was then destroyed by Israeli forces.Hundreds of troops and dozens of military vehicles had reached al-Arish, the main administrative centre in North Sinai, security sources said on Thursday.

Armoured vehicles, some equipped with machineguns, could then be seen driving out of al-Arish towards the border settlement of Sheikh Zuwaid — which had been targeted by aircraft on Wednesday. The troops saluted passersby and flashed victory signs, or filmed their departure with video cameras. But residents interviewed later in Shaikh Zuwaid and surrounding villages said they had seen no sign of fighting.

In al Toumah, a village surrounded by olive fields, one witness said he saw troops firing in the air.

"We thought they were chasing someone, but their arms were directed up and we didn't see who they were fighting with," the witness, who declined to be named, said. "We couldn't find any bodies or signs of battle after they left." In Shaikh Zuwaid, controlled by Bedouin tribal leaders since police deserted the area last year, life continued as normal, its markets bustling. Witnesses reported a military presence on the outskirts, but no fighting since Wednesday's air strikes.

Reuters

Army trucks carrying tanks and vehicles, expecting opposition against militants, arriving at Rafah city, some 350 km (217 miles) northeast of Cairo on 9 Aug, 2012. **REUTERS**

Egyptian army trucks, carrying heavy machinery to be used to destroy tunnels linking Egypt and the Gaza Strip, arrive at Rafah city, about 350 km (217 miles) northeast of Cairo on 9 Aug, 2012. **—REUTERS**

China urged to guard against El Nino

BEIJING, 10 Aug — A top meteorological official has urged authorities to guard against extreme weather in China during the coming months, as unusually warm ocean temperatures caused by El Nino will impact seasonal weather patterns, state media reported on Friday. China has been under the influence of El Nino since July and will continue to feel its effects into the fall, China National Radio quoted Zheng Guoguang, director of the China Meteorological Administration, as saying.

Under El Nino, heavy rains are likely to hit the middle and eastern parts of China this August, according to Zheng, who called for strengthened flood control efforts in the Haihe River Basin in north China and along the middle and lower reaches of the Yellow and Yangtze rivers. Local authorities in areas south of the Yangtze River should also take precautions against summer droughts and arid weather, Zheng said.

Lower-than-average rainfall and higher temperatures will appear in the fall, except in the northern parts of the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and the northeastern provinces, said Zheng. Zheng said El Nino is not to blame for the recent typhoons and will actually lead to weaker typhoon activity after the autumn season. Typhoon Haikui, which made landfall in the coastal province of Zhejiang at 3:20 am on Wednesday, has brought heavy downpours to east China and left three people dead as of Thursday.

It was the third typhoon to wallop China's eastern coast in a week, after storms Saola and Damrey hit the region over last weekend. El Nino, characterized by an abnormal warming of the sea surface in the Equatorial Pacific, can cause exceptionally heavy rainfall in some parts of the globe and extreme droughts in others.—*Xinhua*

UN, World Bank agree on working together to address global challenges

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Aug — The UN and the World Bank agreed here on Thursday that they will work more closely in addressing global challenges including sustainable development, health and education.

In his meeting with Kim Jim Yong, new president of the World Bank, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the two organizations are "strongest partners" in addressing peace and development agenda and are very happy to work together very closely.

"We will work regularly, to raise awareness, as well as to mobilize resources, and mobilize political will to help member states to achieve these goals (Millennium Development Goals)," said Ban.

Ban also discussed with Kim global health issues, saying "Our target is to save 16 million women and children who would be dying needlessly from preventable diseases. I really count on Dr Kim's leadership on that." This is the first time that Kim visited the UN headquarters since he assumed the post on 1 July.

Xinhua

US to boost missile defence in Gulf: spokesman

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — The United States will continue to work with its allies to boost defence against the growing threat of ballistic missiles in the Persian Gulf, a State Department spokesman said on Thursday.

"What I would say is that the threat from ballistic missiles to our deployed forces, allies and partners in the region is growing, and this threat is likely to increase in both volume and complexity in the coming years," Patrick Ventrell said at a regular news briefing.

The spokesman was commenting on a report by *The New York Times* saying that Washington and its Arab allies are knitting together a regional missile defence system across the Gulf to protect cities, oil refineries, pipelines and military bases from a possible Iranian attack.

"The US has a robust security partnership, including missile defence, with our allies and partners in the Gulf and is committed to their security," Ventrell said, adding that Washington "will continue to work with our partners in the Middle East to strengthen missile defence in the Persian Gulf." The United States and its NATO allies are building a missile shield in Europe that they claim targets Iran as well.

Xinhua

Finland's Prime Minister Jyrki Katainen speaks at a news conference during his Italian counterpart Mario Monti's visit to Finland, at the Finnish Prime Minister's official residence in Helsinki on 1 Aug, 2012. **REUTERS**

Finland's PM proposes bank-funded EU crisis fund

HELSINKI, 10 Aug — Finland's prime minister has proposed a banking sector-funded European crisis fund to recapitalize troubled banks as part of Europe's plans for a banking union to tighten supervision. The premier of triple-A rated Finland, one of only four remaining euro zone members to retain the top credit rating, also said the European Union should fully implement decisions made to establish closer fiscal union. "We should be able to build a system where banks cannot shake up whole countries. One solution in addition to monitoring could be European banks' crisis fund," Jyrki Katainen was quoted as saying in an interview with economic magazine *Talouselama* published on Friday.

He suggested the fund, which would get its money from European banks, would be used to recapitalize viable parts of troubled banks. The European Central Bank, the European Commission and euro zone member states are working on a proposal for creating a banking union and are debating what powers the new bank watchdog should get. The plan is expected to be announced in September. While Katainen's government is pro-euro, it has taken a tough stance on bailouts and has demanded collateral in exchange for loans to struggling euro zone countries. It has also opposed measures such as the European bailout fund buying sovereign bonds in the secondary markets to support weak euro zone states.

Reuters

Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez speaks during the opening of a state-run Bicentenario supermarket in Caracas on 8 Aug, 2012. **REUTERS**

Chavez says US citizen arrested for entering Venezuela illegally

CARCAS, 10 Aug — Venezuelan security forces have arrested an American citizen who entered the nation illegally with geographical coordinates in a notebook, President Hugo Chavez said on Thursday. In the tense run-up to an 7 October presidential election, the socialist leader has frequently mentioned the possibility of violence by opponents with US backing.

Foes say that is typical grandstanding nonsense from Chavez, intended to curry support with the masses for his re-election bid by presenting himself as a victim of "imperial" plots. At a campaign rally in the coastal town of Catia La Mar, Chavez said the man, of Latin American origin, was arrested four or five days ago crossing into Venezuela from Colombia.

"He has the look of a mercenary. We are interrogating him," Chavez said, adding that the man had stamps in his passport from visits to Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya.When he was detained, the man tried to destroy a notebook full of coordinates, Chavez said in the middle of a speech carried live on state TV, implying a plot was afoot. "We have reconstructed the pages," he said.

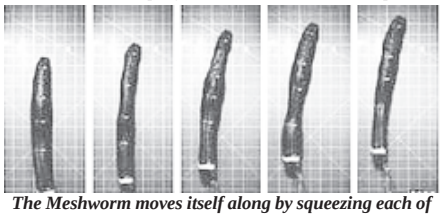
"He says he was fleeing from someone ... It's a powerful sign. This citizen wanted to enter the country illegally, for who knows what reason. He cannot say where he was going, or who was waiting for him."Chavez, who says he is completely cured after three cancer operations in the last year, has a healthy two-digit lead in most polls ahead of the presidential election.He gave no more details of the case and US Embassy officials could not immediately be reached for comment.—*Reuters*

Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

Pentagon helps build Meshworm reconnaissance robot

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug— Engineers have created a robot that mimics a worm's movements—crawling along surfaces by contracting segments of its body. The technique allows the machine to be made of soft materials so it can squeeze through tight spaces and mould its shape to rough terrain. It can also absorb heavy blows without sustaining damage. The Pentagon's Darpa research unit supported the Meshworm project, suggesting a potential military use.

Work on the machine was carried out by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Harvard University in the US, and Seoul National University in South Korea. Details are published in the journal *IEEE/ASE Transactions on Mechatronics*. "[The] soft body, which is essentially compliant, exhibits large strains and enables the robot to traverse small openings and reconstitute shape, and survives from large impact force on falling," the engineers wrote. They added that using a worm-like motion helped reduce the noise such machines produce, making them suitable "for reconnaissance purposes".

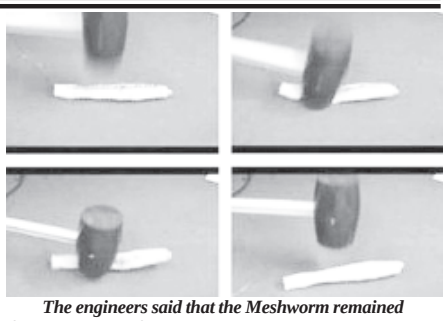


The Meshworm moves itself along by squeezing each of its segments in turn.— INTERNET

Previous attempts to create such a robot have used gears and air-powered or pneumatic pumps. But these added to the bulk of the machines making them less practical for real-world uses. The Darpa-supported team instead moved their machine by using an "artificial muscle" made out of nickel and titanium wire designed to stretch and contract with heat. The Meshworm is made out of a tube created from polymer mesh around which a metal wire is wrapped to create an "artificial muscle."

By wrapping this wire around a mesh-like tube the engineers replicated the circular muscle fibres of an earthworm, creating different segments in the process. When a current was applied to part of the wire it contracted, squeezing the tube. The team created algorithm to send a contraction wave across each of the machine's five segments in turn, squeezing the tube and propelling it forward. This mimics the movement of its biological counterpart. They were able to make the robot move at a rate of about 5mm per second (0.2 inches/sec). Two additional "muscles" were added to the sides of the machine to pull it left and right, allowing its direction to be controlled.

The researchers said that the soft nature of the robot's body allowed it to be subjected to hammer blows and be trod on without sustaining any damage because its shape changed to help absorb the blows. "You can throw it, and it won't collapse," said Sangbae Kim, assistant professor in mechanical engineering at MIT. "Parts in Meshworms are all fibrous and flexible. The muscles are soft and the body is soft... [and] we're starting to show some body-morphing capability." The Meshworm is just one of several animal-inspired projects being funded by Darpa.



The engineers said that the Meshworm remained functional even after being hit with a hammer.— INTERNET

Other examples include a robotic "cheetah" that can run at speeds of 18mph (29km/h), a micro-aircraft equipped with a camera that looks like a hummingbird, and AlphaDog—a four-legged robot designed to carry soldiers' gear.

Internet

Stressed men drawn to heavy women

LONDON, 10 Aug—When placed under stressful situations, men rate larger women as more attractive, new research has shown. British researchers found that men exposed to tasks that were designed to put them under pressure preferred a wider range of female body sizes. They conclude that stress can act to alter judgments of potential partners.

The work by a team from London and Newcastle is published in the open access journal *Plos One*. "There's a lot of literature suggesting that our BMI (body mass index) preferences are hard-wired, but that's probably not true," co-author Dr Martin Tovee, from Newcastle University, told BBC News.

Dr Tovee and his colleague, Dr Viren Swami, have previously researched what factors could alter BMI preferences, including publishing a paper in the *British Journal of Psychology* on the effect of hunger, and the influence of the media. But through this new work they aimed to investigate whether known cross-cultural differences in body size preferences linked to stress were also mirrored in short-term stressful situations.

"If you look at environments where food is scarce, people's preferences for body size in a potential partner are shifted. [The preference] appears to be much heavier compared to environments where there's plenty of food and a much more relaxed atmosphere," he explained.

"If you're living a far more stressful, subsistence lifestyle, you're going to have higher stress levels." To simulate heightened stress, a test group of men were placed in interview and public speaking scenarios and their BMI preferences compared against a control group of non-stressed men. The results indicated that the change in "environmental conditions" led to a shift of weight preference towards heavier women with the men considering a wider range of body sizes attractive.

Internet

Do men seek the comfort of a "motherly" figure when put under pressure? INTERNET

IBM made "informal approach" for RIM'S enterprise business

An IBM Central Processor Unit (CPU) is seen on a Hard Disk Drive (HDD) controller in Kiev, on 5 March, 2012. REUTERS

LONDON, 10 Aug — International Business Machines Corp has considered buying Research In Motion's enterprise division, Bloomberg reported on Friday, citing two unnamed sources.

IBM made an informal approach for the enterprise business that operates the servers used for supporting BlackBerry email and messaging services, one of the sources said, according to Bloomberg. The report said no talks were currently underway.

Under the leadership of new chief executive, Thorsten Heins, RIM has hired bankers for a strategic review that could include a potential sale and partnerships for its technology.

The Bloomberg report said the BlackBerry maker has not yet received any offers for its phone business or for the whole company.

RIM virtually invented mobile email with its first BlackBerry devices more than a decade ago, but its market share has evaporated as consumers have flocked to Apple Inc's iPhone and devices based on Google Inc's Android system. RIM has lost over 70 percent in market capitalization in the last year alone.

RIM officials declined to comment to *Reuters* while IBM officials were not immediately available.

On Thursday, South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co said it has not considered acquiring RIM or licensing the embattled BlackBerry phone maker's new mobile operating system, despite an earlier report from an influential analyst floating the idea.

Reuters

Russia says derailed satellites no threat to ISS

MOSCOW, 10 Aug — The two satellites that failed to reach the designed orbits posed no threat to the International Space Station *(ISS)*, the Russian Defence Ministry said on Thursday. Experts from the Russian Air and Space Defence Troops are closely monitoring the *Telkom 3* and *Express MD2* telecommunications sate-llites that didn't enter their orbits on 7 August, *Interfax* news agency quoted Defence Ministry spokesman Alexei Zolotukhin as saying.

"Currently these satellites pose no threat to the International Space Station and space vehicles of the Russian orbit group," Zolotukhin said. Experts received information on changes of the space vehicle's orbits from the Russian space control system, the spokesman said, adding that they were analyzing data and adjusting forecast of possible approaches of dangerous objects to the *ISS*. Russia on Monday night launched *Telkom 3* and *Express MD2* aboard the Proton-M rocket from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan. The carrier rocket failed to orbit the two satellites on Tuesday due to problems in the rocket's boost stage, federal space agency Roscosmos said.— *Xinhua*

US space agency to begin new mission for study on Earth's radiation belts

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — The American space agency NASA announced on Thursday that it would send two spacecraft into the harsh environment of the earth's radiation belts from the Space Coast in the US state of Florida on 23 August.

Researchers are expected to be able to develop an understanding of the invisible Van Allen radiation belts, named after James Van Allen, the discoverer of the radiation belts, based on data collected by the spacecraft, which will be sent by a mission dubbed as "Radiation Belt Storm Probes (RBSP)."

The spacecraft are designed to fly and operate in the heart of the most hazardous regions of near-earth space, according to the NASA announcement. "At the end of this month we will turn our attention from planet Mars to planet Earth, both immersed in the atmosphere of our sun," said Barbara Giles, director of NASA's Heliophysics Division. "RBSP will further explore the connection of solar variability and its impacts on Earth's radiation belts."

The Van Allen radiation belts are a torus of energetic charged particles (plasma) around Earth, which is held in place by Earth's magnetic field. It is believed most of the particles that form the belts come from solar wind, and other particles by cosmic rays.

Located in the inner region of the Earth's magnetosphere, the belts are split into two distinct ones, with energetic electrons forming the outer belt and a combination of protons and electrons forming the inner one.

RBSP will also help scientists understand how the Van Allen radiation belts behave and react to changes in the sun, thereby contributing to Earth's space weather, which is caused in great part by the sun's influence on Earth and near-Earth space, including solar events such as giant eruptions of solar material called coronal mass ejections.—*Xinhua*

US space agency to begin new mission for study on Earth's radiation. XINHUA

China export and import growth slows sharply in July

BEIJING, 10 Aug — China's export and import growth slowed for the second straight month in July, raising fears about the strength of the world's second-largest economy.

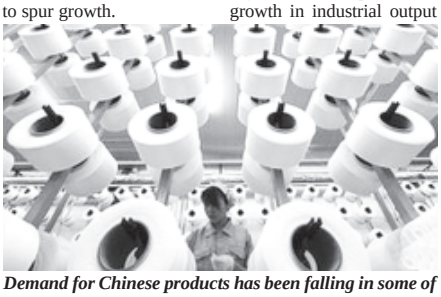
Exports rose by 1% from a year earlier, down from 11.3% growth in June, amid slowing demand from key markets. Meanwhile, imports rose by 4.7% compared with 6.3% in June, indicating that domestic demand was also slowing.Analysts said the data was weaker-than-expected and may see Beijing introduce stimulus measures to spur growth.

"Trade data has come in dramatically below expectations—the worst export growth number (excluding Chinese New Year) since November 2009 - highlighting the risk that the external environment poses to an economy in the midst of a rapid internal slowdown," said Alistair Thornton of IHS Global Insight in Beijing. "The government is likely to respond by ramping-up its stimulus efforts, with both monetary and fiscal guns firing."

The data comes just a day after China reported that growth in industrial output fell to a three-year low in July. Industrial production rose by 9.2% during the month, from a year earlier, down from 9.5% increase in June. At the same time, growth in retail sales during the month also fell short of forecasts.

Analysts said that the weak data had raised concerns that the economy may be slowing faster than previously thought.

"Things really aren't going China's way," said IHS Global Insight's Mr Thornton." Those looking for signs of resilience in China's economic data were merely disappointed yesterday, but they are going to be distraught today." — *Internet*



Demand for Chinese products has been falling in some of its biggest markets.— INTERNET

US FDA approves new medication to treat rare type of leukemia

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) on Thursday approved Marqibo to treat adults with a rare type of leukemia called Philadelphia chromosome negative acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL).

Marqibo, marketed by California-based Talon Therapeutics Inc, is approved for patients whose leukemia has returned (relapsed) two or more times, or whose leukemia has progressed following two or more regimens of anti-leukemia therapy.

The medication contains vincristine, a commonly used anti- cancer drug, encased within a liposome, a drug delivery vehicle composed of material similar to that of cell membranes. It is an injection administered once a week by a health care professional.

According to the FDA, the most common side effects of Marqibo observed during clinical studies include constipation, nausea, low blood cell counts, fever, nerve damage, fatigue, diarrhea, decreased appetite, and insomnia.

ALL is a rapidly progressing form of blood and bone marrow cancer that is more commonly diagnosed in children than adults. According to the US National Cancer Institute, an estimated 6,050 men and women will be diagnosed with ALL and 1,440 will die from the disease this year.

Xinhua

US FDA approves new medication to treat rare type of leukemia.— Xinhua

Jaguar boosts profits at Tata Motors parent company

MUMBAI, 10 Aug — A 34% rise in sales by luxury carmaker Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) boosted Indian parent company Tata Motors' profits during the April to June quarter.

Net profits came in at 22.45bn rupees ($405m; £260m), up 12% when compared with the same period a year earlier.

The UK subsidiary's strong performance helped offset weak car, truck and bus sales in India, but failed to mollify investors. Shares fell because investors had expected profits of 27.61bn rupees. Tata failed to meet those expectations as passenger car sales in India fell 10% during the period, while commercial vehicle sales rose 1.3%.

By contrast, JLR sales rose 34.4% to, bolstered by strong demand in Russia and China. Foreign exchange losses, resulting from a depreciating rupee, also curbed the carmaker's profit growth. Revenues fell 8.9% to 105.9bn rupees, with JLR accounting for about 40% of the earnings.— *Internet*

Popular Jaguar Land Rover models such as the Range Rover Evoque helped lift Tata Motors' profits.
INTERNET

Study finds there may be an "obesity paradox" in diabetes

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — Obesity and diabetes may not be the double whammy people expect, with an analysis of previous studies surprisingly finding that overweight and obese people who get diagnosed with the blood sugar disorder tend to live longer than leaner peers. The findings, which appeared in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, were based on data from five earlier studies that tracked people over time to identify risk factors for heart disease.

Study leader Mercedes Carnethon of the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University in Chicago said this sort of "obesity paradox" had been observed before in chronic diseases such as heart and kidney failure—but it doesn't mean gaining weight is a good way to improve your prognosis if you get the disease. In fact, it's probably not that extra pounds are protective, but that lean people who get diabetes are somehow predisposed to worse health. "Perhaps those individuals are somehow genetically loaded to develop diabetes and have higher mortality," she said. "A normal-weight person who has diabetes has an extremely high mortality rate."

More than 2,600 participants developed type 2 diabetes during the studies, and 12 percent of them had a normal weight when they got the diagnosis. The death rate was 1.5 percent per year among overweight and obese people, compared to 2.8 percent per year among their trimmer peers. After accounting for several risk factors for heart disease, including age, blood pressure, high cholesterol and smoking, lean people were more than twice as likely to die at any given point as heavier people. The same held true for deaths caused by heart disease, which is linked to obesity.

"It was a little bit unexpected to see that," said Carnethon. One potential limitation of the study is that the researchers couldn't always account for how much people smoked, which might explain part of the results. It's also possible that a few people might have been diagnosed with diabetes outside of the studies and been told to slim down by their own doctor before they were seen by the study researchers. That could also have contributed to the findings, although Carnethon said the effect would be small.

She added that it's not clear how to best treat normal-weight people with type 2 diabetes, although weight training seems preferable over cardio exercise. Older people and people of Asian descent are more likely to be normal-weight when diagnosed, and Carnethon stressed that doctors need to take the disorder extra seriously when it's not accompanied by obesity. "These findings do apply to a growing segment of the population," she added.— Reuters

An overweight woman watches a street performer at Venice Beach in Los Angeles, California, on 11 May, 2012.— REUTERS

Google to pay hefty fine for violating Apple users' privacy

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 Aug — Google has agreed to pay a record 22.5-million-US-dollar civil penalty to settle charges that it bypassed Apple users' privacy settings to track their online activities, the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) announced on Thursday. The settlement is part of the FTC's ongoing efforts to make sure companies live up to the privacy promises they make to consumers, and is the largest penalty the government agency has ever obtained for a violation of a Commission order, the FTC said in a statement.

The FTC also requires Google to disable all the tracking software it had said it would not place on consumers' computers. The charges and the fine by the FTC came after reports in February that Google made an end run around a privacy setting in Apple's Safari browser, the default browser for iPhone, iPad, iPod and Macintosh users, in order to track users' online activities. It was found by a graduate student at Stanford University and first reported by *The Wall Street Journal*.

Google has said the tracking was inadvertent and caused no harm to Safari users. But the FTC believed that the Internet search giant violated a deal it reached with federal regulators last October, in which the FTC "bars the company from future privacy misrepresentations." "The record setting penalty in this matter sends a clear message to all companies under an FTC privacy order," said Jon Leibowitz, Chairman of the FTC, in a statement.

"No matter how big or small, all companies must abide by FTC orders against them and keep their privacy promises to consumers, or they will end up paying many times what it would have cost to comply in the first place."

Xinhua

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US firms waking up to Africa investment

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Aug—American companies are starting to wake up to huge investment opportunities in Africa, the chairman of the US Export Import bank, Fred Hochberg said here on Wednesday. Hochberg, in South African as part of a business delegation alongside US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, said more US companies must invest in the "rich and deep market" in Africa.

"Many US companies didn't see the need to have an ambitious export profile for many years, but I think there's more of a waking up (to) opportunities here in sub-Saharan Africa," he told reporters. Hochberg identified potential sectors of investment as energy, aircraft, mining, medical and small businesses. This week, ExIm Bank unveiled a loan worth $2.0 billion to finance clean energy in South Africa.

South Africa is the leading US export market on the continent, taking in more than $7.0 billion worth of goods and services in 2011, 30 percent more than the previous year.Hochberg said that last year the ExIm Bank signed a memorandum of understanding for the expansion of the energy and agriculture sectors in power-starved Nigeria. "There has been some interest that is beginning to take some hold... high levels of interest there" in Nigeria, he told reporters.—*Internet*

***American companies are starting to wake up to huge investment opportunities in Africa, the chairman of the US Export Import bank, Fred Hochberg, pictured, said in Johannesburg on Wednesday.—*INTERNET**

Tsunami debris latest addition to ocean pollution

VANCOUVER, 10 Aug — A US environmental group tracking the debris from last year's Japan tsunami said the floating garbage only highlights the increasing severity of ocean pollution. A California-based Ocean Voyages Institute said they spotted a large quantity of debris off the coasts of Oregon and Washington State while sailing up from San Francisco in their research vessel *Kaisai,* which dropped anchor in the Vancouver suburb city of Richmond on Wednesday.

Institute founder Mary Crowley told media the vessel's crew documented small pieces of a dock and many debris, which are believed to have come from Japan tsunami on 11 March, 2011. The Japanese debris, including four big piers and myriad containers afloat in the Pacific, could take a toll on shipping safety. Over the years, the Kaisai crew has documented in regular expeditions the "Great Pacific Garbage Patchin," where millions of bits of plastic were brought together by winds and currents, forging a roughly 34-million-square-km swirling vortex between Hawaii and California, known as a "gyre." "Everyday, all over the Pacific basin, debris is going into the ocean," she said. "We do feel with any kind of emergencies that there should be debris cleanup."

"I don't know if it's possible to clean up all of it... how tragic is it to be destroying our ocean eco-system before we even understand it." Crowley said the institute is working with US coastguards to study the debris and improve safety measures by informing them of the whereabouts of large debris pieces. Crowley suggests the governments pay fishermen to collect plastic and build a factory ship in the ocean to recycle the plastic into fuel and energy.—*Xinhua*

***A logo of HP is seen outside Hewlett-Packard Belgian headquarters in Diegem, near Brussels, on 12 Jan, 2010.* REUTERS**

HP braces for huge loss after $8 billion EDS writedown

BOSTON, 10 Aug— Hewlett Packard Co warned of a mammoth quarterly loss after writing down $8 billion on the value of its services business, most of which it acquired four years ago with its $14 billion purchase of EDS. The world's largest computer maker also plans to replace its head of services, a vast but sluggish division that new CEO Meg Whitman wants to reshape into a stronger competitor to the likes of IBM.

Whitman, the former eBay CEO who took up the computing giant's helm in 2011 to some skepticism about her technology and hardware credentials, is trying to turn around the company. HP's stock has lost more than half its value in the two years since CEO Mark Hurd unexpectedly resigned amid a scandal over his relationship with a female marketing contractor.

In a sign that Whitman's efforts to trim costs and bolster the company's prospects were succeeding, HP on Wednesday raised its quarterly outlook for profit, after excluding one-time items such as the goodwill writedown. It did not provide reasons.

HP's stock rose 2.4 percent to end at $19.41 after the increase in the company's outlook relieved investors, who had been expecting another bad quarter with global IT spending on the wane. "Everybody was expecting them to miss the quarter. Now they said they are going to beat their forecast. That's why the stock is up," said Shaw Wu, an analyst with Sterne Agee. But analysts cautioned that it is premature to say that HP's darkest days have passed, especially because the company did not explain why it raised its outlook for profit, excluding items.

"There are a lot of unanswered questions," said Stifel Nicolaus analyst Aaron Rakers. "It is hard for me to get too terribly positive on it."

HP said it decided to take the $8 billion non-cash charge in its fiscal third quarter ended on 31 July following a review prompted by declines in its stock price, changing market conditions and the services division's financial performance.

"When indicators of potential impairment are identified, companies are required to conduct a review of the carrying amounts of goodwill and other long-lived assets to determine if an impairment exists," HP said in a statement. Analysts said that charge confirmed what has long been widely known by investors: HP paid too much for EDS, one of the pioneers of the outsourcing of technology services.—*Reuters*

***A man walks in a park covered in snow on 7 August in Johannesburg.—*INTERNET**

Hong Kong tests babies over Japanese milk formula

HONG KONG , 10 Aug — Hong Kong said on Thursday it will test babies who have consumed Japanese-made infant formulas found to have insufficient levels of iodine, after the products were ordered off the city's shelves. Officials found the Wakodo and Morinaga brands lacked enough iodine, and warned they could have "adverse health effects" on babies' thyroid glands and brains. "We urge parents to take their babies to the 10 government-designated health centres for blood tests," a spokesman at the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department told *AFP*, adding that around 2,000 babies could be affected.

The government ordered the two products to be removed from shop shelves, following the findings of a random test on 14 milk brands. The banned products, which are for babies aged up to nine months, were found to contain less than one-third of the World Health Organization's recommended levels of iodine, an essential nutrient for infant development. "This may affect the functioning of the thyroid gland," the Centre for Food Safety said in a statement. "If the thyroid gland's normal functions are significantly affected, there may be potential impact on the brain development of infants."

The government said it would continue to test other brands. Japanese-made baby formula accounts for about three percent of the total milk brands distributed in Hong Kong. Their popularity slumped after the nuclear disaster in Japan last year sparked fears of radiation poisoning. The producers of Wakodo and Morinaga formula said the products were not intended for sale in Hong Kong, which had different requirements for iodine content than Japan. "We presume that local importers... are marketing it there," Morinaga spokeswoman Natsumi Takahashi told *AFP* in Japan.

Internet

Two killed, two missing in S Africa's heavy snow, rain falls

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Aug— At least two people died and two went missing on Wednesday as heavy snow and rain battered South Africa's southeast leaving swathes of the country without electricity, media reports said.

A homeless man in his 50s was found dead in a cardboard box near a nature reserve in Westville town, *SAPA* news agency said.

In Eastern Cape a three-year-old girl was killed when the walls of her house crumbled after torrential rains. A man went missing after floodwaters swept his car off a low-lying bridge. A paramedic whose ambulance veered off a bridge into a river on Tuesday, was also still missing a day later.

The snowfall forced the closure of parts of the highway linking Johannesburg and Durban, Africa's busiest port, for several hours, while train services in that part of the country were also cancelled . The heavy snow and rain played also havoc with power transmission equipment, plunging parts of the region into the dark.

The country's meteorological department forecast that the weather would improve from Thursday.—*Internet*

Plane uses ice runway to evacuate American from Antarctic outpost

NEW YORK, 10 Aug—An Australian aircraft has made a rare mid-winter emergency flight to Antarctica involving landing on an ice runway to evacuate a member of a US government expedition in apparent need of urgent surgery, US authorities said on Wednesday.

The US National Science Foundation said the medical evacuation was due to end a little after 2 am EDT (0700 GMT) on Thursday when a A319 Airbus from Australia's Antarctic research program was due to land with the American patient in Christchurch, New Zealand.

The Airbus had already completed the most perilous part of its journey when it touched down on an ice runway or landing strip known as Pegasus near McMurdo Station, one of three year-round research outposts the National Science Foundation runs in Antarctica.

Flights to Antarctica are usually only made in the summer, but the NSF said the patient — an American member of one of its projects "may require immediate corrective surgery."

Antarctica is currently emerging from its six-month-long night. There is now a period of twilight at midday that may have assisted pilots in landing on the ice runway.

Reuters

We must cooperate with the government with awareness, consciousness and sympathy (1)

Maung Hmat

Taking advantages of unrest and violence that was rife in Rakine State early June, some local and international organizations and individuals extensively made a spate of criticism. Some blamed the incident as violation of human rights while some dubbed the indent as religious persecution and racial oppression. Some also advocated the incident as using excessive forces in the settling of disputes and conflicts. To put it in a nutshell, incidents in Rakhine State were pushed into religious and human rights problems applying different approaches. And it can be assessed that there emerged attempts to create a series of political and international problems should religious and human rights problems be widely accepted.

As it is known to all that **Rakhine incident was a local dispute that stemmed from unlawful acts of mob due to an unjust act of a group of people. The anarchic activities become wider due to instigations putting religion, racism putting rage, hatred and vengeance in the fore.**

The Rakhine unrests left 77 people dead, 109 injured and 4822 houses, 17 mosques, 15 monasteries and three schools were burnt down in Sittway, Maungtaw and Buthidaung Townships. **Killing, arson attacks, retaliations and revenges left both sides to suffer much. The incident had turned out to be a lesson for those who fell victims and a stigma for Rakhine region.**

Despite of a diversity of religious beliefs since year one, we have a very long history of amicable co-existence with reciprocity. **In the time of our new government, we are amending and enacting laws and rules to ensure that all citizens to enjoy such fundamental rights as freedom of expression, freedom of faiths and freedom of association. Nowadays, it can be found that officials at different levels are trying their utmost in settling problems and fulfilling the desires of the people as much as they can.**

Soon after the incidents of Rakhine State happened, officials at different levels have been able to put the situations under control immediately. Likewise, they made necessary preparations to deter the incidents from spreading to other regions and to restore peace soonest. On the other hand, they openly informed the people throughout the nation of latest developments of the incidents in real time. Priority is now being given to public affairs and transparency when compared in the past. This is to be recognized.

A 16-member investigation team was formed with the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs as chairman on 6 June in order to expose anarchic acts committed by mob on 3 and 4 June in Rakine State and take actions against those who got involved in the atrocities. As violence, arsons against residences, shops, guest houses, mosques and monasteries continued unabated, Maungtaw and Buthidaung Townships were put under curfew with the announcement of Section-144 on 8 June and peace and law and order were restored. Similarly, Sittway, Thandwe, Kyaukpyu and Yanbye were placed under curfew with the announcement of Section-144 and peace and law and order were restored.

However, violence was spread to such a degree that could harm the administrative machinery of Rakhine State. This being the case, the state of emergency was imposed with the announcement of Ordinance No. 1/2012 on 10 June so as to enable local people to live with peace of mind. Shortly after the imposition of the state of emergency, the help of the Tatmadaw was sought to effectively guard against local people. Such efforts reveal that crisis response has been taken in a systematic and timely manner.

Prompt actions were taken to open relief camps for local people who fell victims of violence and necessary assistance was provided to them while striving for ensuring security of lives and property of local people by controlling the situations in time. Local battalions in cooperation with police and local administrative bodies made efforts to restore peace and law and order and guarded against the people. At the same time, they were taking rehabilitation measures with mind and main. Meanwhile, the Tatmadaw (Navy) was on patrol in order to prevent unscrupulous elements from entering the nation through the Myanmar waters west of Maungtaw. Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office and Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin themselves were in Maungtaw and supervised the tasks. All the necessary measures were taken in the fairest way regardless of race and religion.

Furthermore, the President made a request concerning the incident in Rakhine State to the public through Myanma Radio and Television on 10 June, saying that **we are in the condition that all of us including religious organizations, religious leaders and political parties have to take control of the situation carefully in unison.** It is noted to all that the President pointed out the situation from all angles with vision.

He said, **"The situation could deteriorate and could be extended beyond the Rakhine State if we are terrorizing and killing each other with such sectarianism, endless hatred, the desire of vengeance and anarchy.**

There are also possibilities of other stimulations. I would like you all to realize how seriously it would damage stability, democratization process and national development of our country in transition period," the President sincerely appealed to the people to consider what is right and what is wrong rationally, revealing his concern over the future of the country and the people.

The President went into to details saying, **"Our government would take legal actions against the cases which have already happened. At the same time, we would take systematic measures under existing laws and rules and regulations to make sure such phenomena and incidents do not happen again. I would like to request all to realize every aspect of the situation with considerable magnanimity as we would focus on bringing back justice for the sufferers in the incidents. I promise our government would attach great importance to the rule of law."** The President himself made necessary requests, guidance and criticisms as regards Rakhine incident with great seriousness and right timing.

Everyone will be well aware that stability was restored in Rakhine State in next to no time thanks to the President's appeal to the people, highlighting that the good environment of stability and the rule of law is a sine qua none for success of longed-for democratization and the country's bids for development.

While the President was addressing the country, respective ministers and officials were making field trips to and and undertakings in Rakhine State without delay. **They took urgent rescue measures and started plans for long-term recovery of the local people at the relief camps. The news reports generated a clear picture that they also reached out the Bengali community as well as to the local Rakhine nationals. I firmly believed the amount of aids would go to both Rakhine people and Bengalis equally.**

Donations of wellwishers, civil societies, NGOs and INGOs as well as the government for survival and recovery of people in Rakhine State facing troubles were encouraging. Donations in Yangon, in Sittway and at Region/State governments have totalled more than K 30 billion. Seeing transportation of aids by ships, cars and even Tatmadaw aircrafts and choppers, I realized that the whole nation acknowledged responsibility for the people in Rakhine State.

Medical staff from both the Defence Services and the Ministry of Health provided healthcare to local people in relief camps. The extent of the seriousness of the State for the region and its people could be seen in transportation of emergency patients by the Tatmadaw choppers.

The Minister for Border Affairs led a group of officials of UN agencies, religious leaders of Islam and departmental heads who visited Maungtaw on 14 June. Providing aids and comforting the sufferers at the relief camps, the minister expressed his sympathy for them and promised a return to normalcy with reconstruction of housings, peaceful livings and reestablishment of their safe villages. He also guaranteed that the victims would be taken in care of both the government and the people regardless of race or religion. He also assured the legal actions against terrorists, calling for patience and compassion. The minister cordially discussed matters for recovery in the long run as well as urgent requirements of food and shelter. I felt the goodwill, equality and the humanitarian that the government and officials at various levels ensured as equal as the sufferers.

Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Vijay Nambiar, UN Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam and UNHCR Resident Representative Mr Johannes Ten Feld also comforted the victims. Religious leaders of Islam from Yangon met townselders and religious leaders of Islam in Maungtaw and called for peaceful living in line with the teachings of the religion as well. **No religion encourages violence, revenge, killing and arson attacks. Every religion has teachings to treat others with kindness, compassion, tolerance and patience and not to take vengeance. Though, human beings could not suppress anger, ignorance and hatred and are repeating cycles of sufferings. But their anger, ignorance and hatred has ended up in sufferings.**

(To be continued)

Translation: TS+HKA

STIPENDS GRANTED: ***Maubin Township War Veterans Organization held the ceremony to provide cash assistance for students of its members for 2012-2013 academic year at its office on 21 July. Member of Township WVO U Myat Khaing gives cash assistance to students of the war veterans.*—MYANMA ALIN**

Accident on the Road

Two motorcyclists die on sport in traffic accident

PATHEIN, 10 Aug—At 2 am on 27 July, Isuzu with number plate Has/— driven by Myat Thu, 32, son of U San Myint of Ward 3 in Chaungtha stopped the roadside for loading commodity on it near old toll gate of Pathein on Yangon-Pathein Road.

A Kenbo motorcycle driven by Kyaw Thura, 22, son of U Maung San of Phakhabin Village of Ngathainggyoung with Htein Lin, 22, son of U Maung Win of Strand Road in Ngathainggyoung on the back seat from downtown Pathein to Technological University drove with high speed under heavy rains. Due of out of break control, the motorcycle violently hit the back of Isuzu car and both riders on the motorcycle died on the spot.

Pathein Police Station No. 2 opened a file of lawsuit against the traffic accident.

Myanma Alin

Cash, books donated to self-reliant library

YANGON, 10 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash, TV and books to Bawa Alinyaung self-reliant library was held in Ward 24 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 28 July morning.

At the ceremony, Ward Administrator U Kyan Hoke donate one 21-inch TV, Daw Su Su Hlaing, Assistant Director of Yangon Region Information and Public Relations Department U Myint Swe and Head of Township IPRD Saw Yin Yin Thwe 100 books and Township Administrator U Myint Lwin K 10,000 to the library through officials.

Myanma Alin

Directives given to local companies to take leading roles ...

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prescribes that the investor must hire national entrepreneurs or company or organizations for the tasks that need no specific skills. It is directed to give local companies the leading roles in Dawei Special Economic Zone and Myanmar citizens must be employed in the posts, except that of scholars, skilled workers and supervisors. Up to 14-6-2012, six local contractors are operating in the zone with 1039 Myanmar workers.

U Thein Nyunt asked **how the fund for environmental conservation in Dawei Deep Sea Port is managed.** The deputy minister answered that the Italian-Thai Company is required to establish environmental conservation fund and to fund Payment for Environmental Services.

Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann asked **whether**

***Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Pike Htwe of Kanma Constituency participates in discussion.*—MNA**

the withdrawal of Max Myanmar Company could impact on the interest of the country and the people and whether any Myanmar company will replace it. The deputy minister answered that Max Myanmar has yet to withdraw all of its investments. It is planning to replace it with local companies. As the Taninthayi Region government demanded some land to establish industrial zone for local people, the Italian-Thai Company agreed to return 50 square kilometers from 204.5 square kilometers after negotiations in Thailand. Italian-Thai Company has been invited to countinue discussing it.

There is plan to amend Framework Agreement for more profit of Myanmar side. The involvement of local companies is currently suspended. It would be resumed after Italian-Thai agreed the signing of new Framework Agreement.

The Speaker said the Dawei Deep Sea Port is an important project. He tasked the Economic and Investment Committee to take necessary measures in cooperation with respective commission upon explanation of the deputy minister.

Daw Le Le Win Swe of Tamway Constituency asked social protection for women as Myanmar has signed UN Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (UNCEDAW) and Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency on measures for minor care. Deputy Minister for Social Welare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe answered that, regarding the first question, Myanmar signed UNCEDAW on 22-7-1997. Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed for women empowerment, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation for wider women empowerment measures, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association for care of mothers and children and Women's Entrepreneurs Association for boosting economic capacity of women.

In accordance with the UN's Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, programs on promoting equal rights for men and women have conducted in states and region for four times.

To prevent trafficking in person, the Anti-trafficking in Persons Law was enacted on 13, September, 2005. Besides, national-level guides for reunification of trafficked persons and their families have been drawn and plans have been made to distribute the guide books to the people.

Regarding the second question, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement signed the The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on 16, July, 1991 and has been implementing the provisions included in the convention. In accordance with the provisions of the convention, the national committee, the work committee on rights of children and region/state/district/township CRC committees have been established. Besides, in 1993, the Child Law was enacted and the Rules and Regulations related to the Child Law was adopted in 2000. The Child Law is being re-drawn to meet international standards. As from June, 2012, the departments, INGOs and experts are working to re-write the law which includes the education, health and nutrition of the under-8 children and socio-economy, environmental conservation and povert alleviation.

At the discussion session, U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa constituency, U Pike Htwe of Kanma Constituency and U Win Than of Thabaung constituency discussed the proposal submitted by U Htay Oo of Hinthada constituency during the 18-day session on **adoption of the migration policy for the life security of Myanmar migrant workers in foreign countries**.

Their discussion called on the authorities concerned for adopting the migration policy to be able to give guarantee of social security to the migrant workers.

While the country is going to be a member of the ASEAN Community, priority should be placed on the issue of migrant workers in the ASEAN region. They also called for adoption of migrant workers issue as a regional issue when Myanmar has to consider the ASEAN migrant workers issue during the time of the country's 2014 ASEAN chairmanship. They also urged the Hluttaw to adopt the Migration Policy as soon as possible due to the current situation.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein said the Union Government has set up the Foreign Employment Supervisory Committee and the management work committee, the work committee ensuring workers' benefits and the work committee for protecting rights of labours were also established under the supervisory committee. The supervisory committee is drawing the Overseas Employment Policy. It is difficult for Myanmar to implement currently the

***Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein makes discussion.* MNA**

Labour Migration Policy in conformity with international standards. However, in an attempt to adopt the firm and definite migration policy, the ministry would work for adoption of the policy in accordance with the discussion of representatives, ILO's conventions and international standards.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint said the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has to work for the safe and security of Myanmar migrant workers during the time of successive governments. However, there happended some hindrances due to some reasons. There is no Myanmar embassy in some countries where Myanmar migrant workers are working. The ministry has ordered Myanmar embassies to work for the safe and security of Myanmar migrant workers.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein said that Ministry of Finance and Revenue is working together with private banks to help Myanmar migrant workers to safely transfer their money to the homeland.

Afterwards, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo said the the Union Attorney-General's Office is implementing the conventions and treaties.

U Htay Oo who proposed the proposal said migrant workers issues depend on the conditions of a country which sends the workers and a country which accepts the workers. Myanmar is currently a country which sends workers. What Myanmar migrant workers are demanding is the rights they considered what they deserve and the expectation of their families. Therefore, it is suitable that the issue should be discussed at the Hluttaw where representatives of the people are gathered than outside the Hluttaw. He believed that his discussion would be helpful for drawing the Labour Migration Policy which is necessary for Myanmar which has migrant workers in foreign countries.

The Hluttaw put the proposal on record and decided to proceed the work in coordination with ministries concerned.

At the proposal submitting session, U Thein Swe of An constituency said submitted **a proposal calling on respective Union-level bodies which are organized in accordance with the State Constitution to adopt laws which had been enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw within 90 days after the President signed and declared them on the duration set by the Hluttaw.**

U Ye Tun of Thandwe constituency seconded the proposal.

Pyithu Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal and urged representatives who want to discuss the proposal to enlist not later 1 pm, 13 August.

At report submitting session, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Judiciary and Legal Affairs Committee Thura U Aung Ko presented the report of the committee.

The Hluttaw asked the representatives who want to discuss the report as the report would be approved at the 26th day session of the Hluttaw.

At the informing the Hluttaw session, the Hluttaw informed the representatives that it received the Bill Revoking the State Crops Marketing Board Act from Amyotha Hluttaw on 7 August and distributed the copies of the bill to the representatives.

The Hluttaw informed the representatives that it received the Bill Revoking Public Welfare Services Protection Act on 8 August and the Anti-corruption Bill on 3 August from Amyotha Hluttaw and distributed the copies of the bills to the representatives.

During today meeting, three questions were raised, one proposal discussed and one proposal and one report informed the representatives that it

***Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Daw Aye Myint of Shwedaung Constituency raising question.*—MNA**

received three bills.

The meeting ended at 1 pm and the 25th day meeting will be held at 10 am, on 13 August.

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Correction

Please read **"Mentally, the two countries have had an experience of relations. He thanked Myanmar, on behalf of 75 million Turkish people for maintenance of the war cemetery of about 1200 Turkish soldiers out of 12,000 POWs who were brought to Myanmar by the British Army in World War I"** instead of "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" in fifth paragraph in first column of Page 8 in the news items of the meeting between President U Thein Sein and Turkish Foreign Minister Mr Ahmet Davutoglu in 10 August issue of the same paper, and read "**World War I**" instead of "World War II" in the same paragraph.—*MNA*

Myanmar's toll fees are…

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or 1.29 percent that broke the rules. So, toll fees collection system is in full swings.

Regarding the question of U Moe Myint of Taninthayi Constituency No. 7 on "**there is a plan to upgrade Taninthayi River-crossing bridge" and "he would like to know the construction of river-crossing bridge linking Thamoke village and Lawlaw village on Union Road"**, he replied: The 1360-ft-long Taninthyi River crossing bridge is located on Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung road in Taninthayi Region. Its lower structure is RC post and upper structure, bailey type. It was commissioned into service on 12 November, 2000. It can withstand 23 tons of loads. At present, there is no plan to upgrade it. It will be upgraded, based on allotted State's fund.

***Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Moe Myint of Taninthayi Constituency No. 7 raises question.*—MNA**

Steering clear of the Thamot River on Yangon-Dawei-Myeik Union Road, 25-mile-long Bod-Daw-Kabin Road has been put into service. Besides, the three bridges—Pabyin Bridges with 180-feet length, Alechaung Bridge with 80-foot length and Daw Bridge with 50-foot length—in lower maintenance on Bod-Daw-Kabin Road are under transition into concrete ones and whose ten miles and six furlongs under upgrading with the fund of 2012-2013 fiscal year. Upon completion, road passers would have easy access to Myeik without using the route cross the Thamot River. Therefore, there was no plan to construct the Thamot River crossing Bridge yet.

Concerning with the query on **there is any plan to construct Nansan-Mongsit motor road that would be long 19 miles and 4 furlongs in Nansan Township in Loilem District**, presented by U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than from No. 2 Constituency in Shan State, the deputy minister answered that the road with 19 miles and 4 furlongs long is on a list to maintain for withstand, which is to be implemented by Shan State government. Therefore, the road work would be carried out with the funds K 543.155 million of the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

According to the plan of the 2012-2013 fiscal year, four miles and four furlongs length earth road session of the road would be upgraded to be hard one, and two miles of four-mile-and four-furlong gravel road session would be done tar-marking work. The rest of the road depends on the amount of funds to be allocated.

The deputy minister replied to the proposal on "**there is any plan to put Pyay in Bago Region in priority to be added in the list to be aware of recognizing rural development projects**", presented by Dr Khin Maung Lay from No. 8 Bago Region Constituency. He said that the rural project planning group of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction is carrying out the town plan of the region after making field trips. The group is arranging the concept plan and its related report.

Under the plan on exchanging views between the department and Cologne University of Germany, there has collected the indicators of 56 towns in which there are over 0.1 million in population and that are hearts for governance and commercial including Bago, Pyay and Toungoo to implement a rural network system.

***Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Thein Hlaing from Sagaing Region Constituency No. 8 makes question.*—MNA**

The rural project planning of Pyay in Bago Region would have been started in the opening season of the year 2012 in cooperation with respective organizations.

After Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Tin Yu had read out the reports sent by the committee on discussions about the job prospects and proficiency development bill made by the Hluttaw representatives, the Hluttaw proved each paragraph of the bill in line with the amendment of the committee.

Union Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi presented a proposal to prove the bill on job prospects and proficiency development. One of the Hluttaw representatives agreed with it.

The Hluttaw decided to prove the bill.

Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay tabled the bill on State services personnel's law to the Hluttaw to be under discussion. One of the Hluttaw representatives gave an agreement on it.

***Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Maung Lay from Bago Region Constituency No. 8 asks question.*—MNA**

The Hluttaw decided to agree the proposal to be discussed. Any Hluttaw representatives who wish to participate in the discussion may register not later than 15th August, 2012.

The meeting came to an end at noon and the 25th day meeting continues at 10 am on 13 August.

There were six questions answered, one bill proved and one bill tabled in today's meeting.

MNA

Cash and kind donated to locals in Rakhine State

YANGON, 10 Aug—As the local people of Rakhine lost houses and property in various situations in the region, cash and foodstuff were donated for them so as to ensure their survival, at the head office of Fire Services Department, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, U Khin Maung Naing-Daw Cho and family of Shwepinthu Rice Co Ltd of Thanatpin donated 50 bags of rice and 20 viss of fish paste, U Ye Naing Aung (State Commissioner)-Daw Kyi Kyi Wai of Shan State General Administration Department K 500,000, Myanmar Engineering Society K 405,000 and nine bales of clothes, and two boxes of pencils, Daw Cho Cho and family of Lanmadaw Township K 400,000, Seepwar Pankhin Education Service K 302,000 and 13 bales of clothes, Maung Win Htut, Ma May Thu Chaw (from England) K 10000 and two bales of clothes, Ma Hsu Myat Wai of Bahan Township one bale of cloth, Sai Mya Aye of Thuwunna K 30000 and one bale of cloth, teachers and students of Kyimyindine BEHS No. 2 one bale of clothes, Daw Kyin Aye Than of Kyimyindine Township one box of personal goods, Ma Khin Khin Thit (General Manager) of Wynn Land International Co Ltd K 100,000, Ashin Kemaçara of Myayagon Monastery of Mingala Taungnyunt Township 15 sets of robes and three mosquito-nets, Daw Htay Kyi of Thuwunna three bales of clothes, staff of Thukha Gabar Hospital two bales of clothes, Ma Shu Mawa Soe of Pyay Road K 100,000, Dr San Naing-Daw San San Htay and family K 30,000 and one bale of cloth, U Kyaw Min Htin-Dr Khin Theingi Hla Maung of Yankin one bale of cloth and one packet of personal goods.

***In memory of late grandparents and parents, Major Min Sithu-Daw Ei Phyu Khaing and family of Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township donated K 500,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through EC Joint-Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi recently.*—NLM**

Director-General of Fire Services Department U Tin Moe and officials accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

Up to now, the cash donation at FSD (Head Office) amounted to K 315,696,823.—*MNA*

National Health Committee's first meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—The meeting (1/2012) of the national health committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health, here, at 9 am today.

Chairman of National Health Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addressed the meeting. He said that the ministry was making strenuous efforts in carrying out health care services at rural health centre (branch), rural health department, township hospital, district hospital, People's Hospitals in regions and states, central-level general and specialist hospitals at the four corners of the country. He added that as the national health committee is constituted at Union level to achieve success in health development sector, matters related to form health committees at region and state level for improvement of health sector would be put into discussion.

Concerning implementation of necessary tasks to develop State's economy as much as they can, the President has given guidelines to hold national-level talks on promoting health sector following the discussions on respective sectors at each and every ministry, which needs to be participated by Union Ministers, departmental specialists of region and state governments, economists, businessmen, townselders and should-be-invited persons nationwide, the Union Minister stressed.

Similarly, human resources development depends on improvement of education and health sectors. Works done are needed to be able to announce the ministries' policy and rules and regulations in newspapers so big foreign investments could be seen in our country more and more. The President has emphasized that it needs to firmly disseminate policies and rules and regulations to be let foreign investments for emergence of international level schools, colleges, clinics and hospitals.

The conclusion of his speech cited that in line with the guidelines of the President, the health ministry needs to make discussions about drawing sector-wide policies and rules and regulations, programmes for implementing short-term and long-term plans and development of health sector and opportunities for investments at the first meeting of the national health committee.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of National Health Committee Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, members of the committee deputy ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council members and chairmen of social organizations, social ministers of region and state governments, directors-general of the health ministry and officials concerned.

MNA

Turkey Red Cross donates foodstuff for locals of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug— International organizations donated foodstuff for locals of Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions due to various reasons occurred in Rakhine State.

Tatmadaw aircraft carried foodstuff and kitchen utensils from Yangon to Sittway donated by Red Cross of Turkey. Tatmadawmen from Sittway battalion, members of state fire brigade and officials from state Relief and Resettlement Department accepted the relief aids at Sittway Airport and donated to Rakhine State government yesterday.—*MNA*

Inter-Basic Education School volleyball tourney wraps up

PATHEIN, 10 Aug—The final match of the Ayeyawady Region Sports and Physical Education Department Head's Cup Inter-Township U-15 Basic Education Student Volleyball Tournament of Pathein District was held at Koethein Gymnasium in Pathein on 29 July.

Assistant Director U Aung Aung of Region SPED presented cash award K 50,000 and individual medals to players of Pathein BEHS No 2, District Education Officer U Kyin Thaung cash award K 100,000 and medals to the players from Pathein BEHS No 5, Region Education Officer (Admin) U Ye Myint cash K 200,000 and medals to players from Thabaung BEHS and Deputy Director U Soe Nyunt of Region SPED best player awards to the respective players.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing gave trophy to Thabaung BEHS.

Myanma Alin

CSC ISSUED: ***Head of Kawa Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Kyaw Myo Tun and staff made a field trip to Thakkala Village of Kawa Township of Bago District in Bago Region on 14 and 15 July for implementing Moe Pwint Plan-3. They issue cards to the local people.*—MYANMA ALIN**

Fertilizer provided to farmers of Shwedaung Township

SHWEDAUNG, 10 Aug—A ceremony to hand over fertilizers to farmers who grow Palethwe hybrid monsoon paddy for 2012-2013 season was held at the hall of General Administration Department in Shwedaung Township of Pyay District in Bago Region on 15 July.

Bago Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Tin Soe handed over bags of fertilizers for farmers to U Than Myint of Kyanigan Village-tract, Director of Agriculture Department U Kyaw Win to U Myo Win of Hsegyigon Village-tract and Township Administrator U Thet Zaw Oo to U Aung Soe of Nwamayan Village-tract.

Myanma Alin

Prizes awarded in Myanmar Artist Painting Competition

YANGON, 10 Aug—Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Association (Central) and Camel Art Foundation jointly organized the Myanmar Artist Painting Competition at its office on the eastern wing of Bogyoke Aung San Market in Yangon on 26 July morning.

Camel Business Development Manager Mr Malay Roy Choundhury of Camel Art Foundation presented first, second and third prises to the winners.

On behalf of the Association, Vice-Chairman Sra New spoke words of thanks.

Myanma Alin

Danger of narcotic drugs talked

YANGON, 10 Aug—Organized by Volunteer Drug Supervisory Association of Yangon Region Social Welfare Department, a talk on danger of narcotic drugs was held at the hall of Hsuhtoopan Thiri Mingala Kandaw Monastic Education School in Ayemyitta Ward in Alwansuk Village of Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District, on 4 August morning.

Joint In-charge of Yangon West District of the Association U Nyan Win gave lectures on youth and narcotic drugs.

Kyemon

Ayeyawady River exceeds danger level of Kyangin

KYANGIN, 10 Aug—Ayeyawady River is relentlessly raising its water level as of last week of July. In the afternoon of 3 August, the water level reached 72 foot of danger level.

Kyingin Township is set its danger level at 69.10 feet in August this year. This year, constant heavy rains in some areas of Upper Myanmar and Ayeyawady Region affected the raising of water level of Ayeyawady River in Kyangin.

Local authorities, personnel of Township Irrigation Department and other departments, members of Fire Brigade formed four groups as water sentries at the outposts along the bank of Ayeyawady River day in and day out for taking preventive measures against danger of floods.

They drew the work plans for emergency state and for rescue and relief works as preventive measures.

Myanma Alin

District News

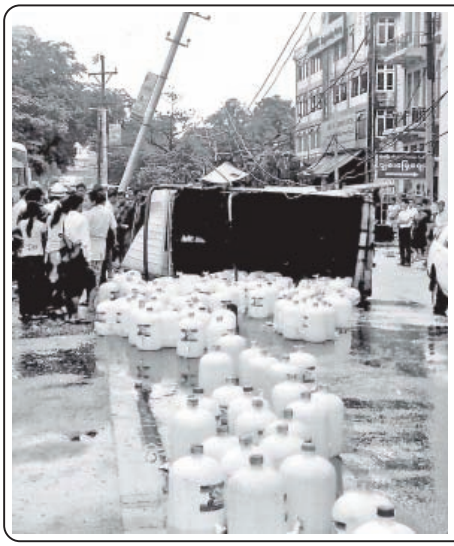
Basic administrative mechanism reform course conducted in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 10 Aug—Organized by Kawthoung District General Administration Department, the basic administrative mechanism reform course was opened at Hanthawady Hall of the department on 30 July.

On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Myint Than of District GAD made a speech. Staff Officer of District GAD U Hlaing Myo Thant and Township Administrator U Percy gave lectures to the trainees.

The training course was attended by two deputy heads of township GADs, 30 clerks from ward and township administrative offices and one Khamaukkyi Sub-Township Administrator, totaling 33.

Myanma Alin



Accident on the road

Reckless driving causes car upside down

YANGON, 10 Aug—A car caused upside down in front of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development at the junction of Bo Aung Kyaw and Bogyoke Aung San streets in Botahtaung Township at about 9 am on 4 August.

A Canter with number plate 4A/—— driven by Htein Lin Tun from the west to the east on Bogyoke Aung San Street carrying purified water containers hit the lamp-post in the middle of the road due to out of control.

The lamp-post was broken at its central part and damaged. Aung Aung and Aung Kyaw Kyaw in the front room of the car were injured to their faces, arms and legs. Driver Htein Lin Tun sustained severe injuries. Officials rushed him to Yagon General Hospital.

Zaw Oo on the rare of the car was thrown away together with water containers and injured a little. SIP Thet Swe made necessary investigation into the accident.—*Kyemon*

Libyan assembly votes Mohammed Magarief as president

Participants stand during the handover ceremony of power from of the National Transitional Council (NTC) to members of the national congress in Tripoli, on 8 Aug, 2012. **Reuters**

Trioli, 10 Aug — Libya's national assembly picked former opposition leader Mohammed Magarief as its president on Thursday as the North African country's newly elected congress began its rule. Magarief, leader of the National Front party, will head the 200-member congress, which will name a prime minister, pass laws and steer Libya to full parliamentary elections after a new constitution is drafted next year.

Magarief, seen as a moderate Islamist, is effectively Libya's acting head of state, but the true extent of his powers is yet to be determined. A former diplomat who had lived in exile since the 1980s, Magarief was a leading figures in Libya's oldest opposition movement — the National Front for the Salvation of Libya — which made several attempts to end the late Muammar Gaddafi's rule.

Magarief's National Front Party is an offshoot of the old opposition movement and it won three seats in the 7 July poll for the national assembly — Libya's first free vote in a generation. "I am very very happy. This is a big responsibility," he told *Reuters*. Magarief won 113 votes versus independent Ali Zidan who secured 85 votes. Voting went to a second round after no one managed to win an outright majority in the first round.

"This is democracy, this is what we have dreamt of," Zidan told *Reuters*, congratulating Magarief. The assembly was also set to pick two deputies for Magarief, who had been seen as a leading contender for the top job. "He is a political personality and everybody knows him." said Othman Sassi, a former official of the National Transitional Council. "He has very good experience to lead congress and the Libyan democratic state."— *Reuters*

Analysis: Discounts back after summer restaurant slump

New York, 10 Aug — Restaurant discounts and special offers have returned after a recent sales cool-down at some of the nation's hottest chains, a trend that threatens to squeeze industry profits at a time when food costs are set to rise. US consumers ate fewer Big Macs at McDonald's Corp, skipped some caffeine runs to Starbucks Corp and passed on the occasional burrito at Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc — sending a shiver through the investment community that has grown used to those chains posting strong growth in the face of the nation's lackluster economic recovery.

McDonald's on Wednesday vowed to focus more on value after reporting flat sales at established restaurants around the world in July — its worst showing in more than nine years. Starbucks and Chipotle's industry-leading same-restaurant sales growth decelerated last quarter, forcing both chains to make adjustments to reinforce their positions. The world's biggest coffee chain last week brought back its morning "treat receipts" that give discounts to customers who return in the afternoon and is offering coupons for some products. Chipotle said it would put the brakes on menu price hikes, even though its food costs are more vulnerable to volatility because its ability to lock in costs is hampered by its use of organic produce and antibiotic-free meats. An early sign of the shift to keep customers coming back came in June, when Darden Restaurants Inc vowed to step up value-priced promotions aimed at boosting traffic to its Olive Garden and Red Lobster chains.— *Reuters*

A logo of Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche is pictured in front of a company's building in Rotkreuz, on 12 Apri, 2012. — **Reuters**

NICE seeks more info on Roche cancer pill

London, 10 Aug — Britain's healthcare cost agency said on Friday it needed more information from Roche before it could decide whether to recommend the Swiss group's new melanoma pill Zelboraf for use on the state health service.

The National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) previously rejected the drug in a preliminary ruling in June.While Roche has submitted additional analysis on the cost effectiveness of the drug since then, NICE said it needed further clarification.

Zelboraf, also known as vemurafenib, was approved in Europe in February and has been hailed as a prime example of personalised medicine since it is designed to treat melanoma patients with a particular genetic mutation. It costs 1,750 pounds for a week's supply, although Roche has offered a discount, details of which are commercially confidential.

The snub for Zelboraf marks the latest in a series of clashes between Roche and NICE over cancer medicines, including a rejection of its $6 billion-per-year seller Avastin. NICE, whose decisions are closely watched in other countries, has also angered other drugmakers, although it has many supporters among medics who say a central body is needed to make rational decisions on how to spend scarce resources.— *Reuters*

Tropical Storm Ernesto weakens over land, kills three

A food stand is being washed away by the flood in Boca Del Rio on the outskirts of Veracruz on 9 Aug, 2012. **Reuters**

Mexico City, 10 Aug — Tropical Storm Ernesto weakened as it traveled inland from the Gulf of Mexico on Thursday, but it sent wind gusts and showers across the state of Veracruz, home to some of Mexico's busiest ports and oil installations.

The storm, with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph, made landfall in the early afternoon close to the port city of Coatzacoalcos. Ernesto was heading west over southern Mexico at a speed of about 14 mph, the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said in its 11 pm EDT (0300 GMT) advisory. The hurricane centre said it expects further weakening as Ernesto moves over mountainous terrain on Friday. However, torrential rain and flooding was expected and authorities reported three deaths.

Officials from state-run oil company Pemex said there were no reports of disruptions to facilities in the region, which include the Minatitlan refinery, producing 185,000 barrels of crude per day. The eye of the storm passed the oilfields of Cantarell and Ku Maloob Zaap, which account for just over half of Mexico's oil production of about 2.5 million bpd.— *Reuters*

Typhoon Haikui affects 130,000 in E China province

Workers bulid a bridge to transfer trapped visitors in Anji County, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 9 Aug, 2012. **Xinhua**

Nanchang, 10 Aug — More than 130,000 people have been affected and about 10,000 residents have been relocated in east China's Jiangxi Province as a result of typhoon Haikui, local authorities said on Friday. Typhoon-triggered torrential rainstorms have battered the province, forcing the relocation of 13,359 people after the typhoon made landfall early Wednesday morning in east China's Zhejiang Province, according to the provincial flood control and drought relief headquarters.

The city of Jingdezhen, which was hit hard by the heavy rains, received 220 mm of rain, the headquarters said.

The provincial meteorological station issued an orange alert for the storm at 8:40 am, as more rains will pelt the province on Friday.

Xinhua

NASA's Morpheus lander in fiery crash at Cape Canaveral

Cape Canaveral, 10 Aug — A small NASA lander being tested for missions to the moon and other destinations beyond Earth crashed and burned after veering off course during a trial run at the Kennedy Space Centre on Thursday, officials with the US space agency said.There were no injuries after the prototype, known as Morpheus, burst into flames near the runway formerly used by NASA's space shuttles. The insect-like vehicle, designed and built by engineers at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, had made several flights attached to a crane before Thursday's attempted free-flight.

Morpheus' engines, which burn liquid oxygen and methane, appeared to ignite as planned, lifting the 1,750-pound (794 kg) vehicle into the air. But a few seconds later, Morpheus rolled over on its side and plummeted to the ground. NASA video showed the vehicle engulfed in flames and then rocked by a spectacular explosion, presumably due to the fuel tanks rupturing. "Failures such as these were anticipated prior to the test, and are part of the development process for any complex spaceflight hardware," NASA said in a statement.

An investigation is under way, the statement added. Project Morpheus began in partnership with privately owned Armadillo Aerospace, which is developing re-usable, suborbital vehicles that take off and land vertically. NASA, which has spent about $7 million on the project over the past 2-1/2 years, is interested in developing technologies that could be used to fly cargo to the moon and other future missions beyond Earth orbit.Project Morpheus was an example of what the former project manager called "Home Depot engineering" — low-budget projects that use existing resources and partner with non-traditional aerospace companies.

"The Morpheus lander is kind of our poster child. It's one of our first attempts to do these kinds of projects," former project manager Matt Ondler said in an interview with *Reuters* last year. "Instead of building some elaborate test structure, you go to Home Depot and build something very quickly that gets you 80 percent of the answer and allows you to keep moving forward," he said. Morpheus arrived at Florida's seaside space center in July for three months of increasingly rigorous test flights, including automated landings in a mock moonscape, complete with craters and boulders.

NASA's project Morpheus lander is seen bursting into flames during a test at Kennedy Space Centre, Florida in this NASA handout photo taken on 9 Aug, 2012.— **Reuters**

The lander was designed to deliver about 1,100 pounds (500 kg) of cargo to the moon, NASA said on its Project Morpheus website. Technologies being developed include a propulsion system that uses liquid oxygen and methane — green fuels that could be manufactured on other planetary bodies, NASA said. — *Reuters*

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MV PAC STAR VOY NO (001)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PAC STAR VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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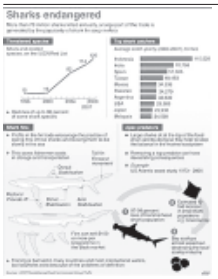
Threatened shark species turning up in US restaurants



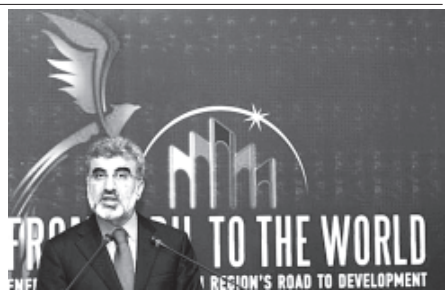
***Graphic on the endangered shark populations worldwide and the trade in shark fins.—*INTERNET**

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — Threatened shark species are being used to make shark fin soup, a delicacy in Chinese cuisine, in several US cities, according to an unprecedented study based on DNA testing. Thirty-three different species of sharks turned up in samples collected in 14 cities and analyzed at Stony Brook University's Institute for Ocean Conservation Science in New York. "US consumers of shark fin soup cannot be certain of what's in their soup," said Demian Chap-man, who co-led the DNA testing, in a statement on Wednesday. "They could be eating a species that is in serious trouble."

Scalloped hammerhead sharks, listed as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, was among the species found on the menus of US restaurants where shark fin soup can sell for as much as $100 per bowl. Others included smooth hammerheads, school sharks and spiny dogfish, all listed as vulnerable to extinction, as well as a variety of near-threatened species such as bull and copper sharks."This is further proof that shark fin soup here in the United States, not just in Asia, is contributing to the global decline in sharks," said Liz Karan, of the Pew Environment Group, a foundation that supported the study.

"Sharks must be protected from overfishing," said Karan, manager of Pew's global shark conservation program, "and any international trade in these vulnerable and endangered species must be tightly regulated." The study marks the first time that DNA testing has been used to ascertain the different kinds of sharks used to make shark fin soup in the United States on a large nationwide scale.

Samples were collected in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Atlanta, Georgia; Boston; Chicago; Denver, Colorado; Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Houston; Las Vegas; Los Angeles; New York; Orlando, Florida; San Francisco; Seattle and Washington.—*Internet*



***The oil flow from the Turkish-Iraqi pipeline will resume on Wednesday following a blast that damaged the pipeline, Turkey's Energy Minister Taner Yildiz, pictured in May 2012, said.—* INTERNET**

Oil flow from Iraq-Turkey oil pipeline to resume: minister

ISTANBUL, 10 Aug — The oil flow from the Turkish-Iraqi pipeline will resume on Wednesday following a blast that damaged the pipeline, Turkey's energy minister said.

"In addition to security measures, the maintenance (of the damaged pipeline) will continue but the flow of crude oil will hopefully resume today," Taner Yildiz was quoted as saying by the Anatolia news agency on Wednesday. A blast Monday hit the Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline in Mardin province close to Turkey's border with Syria, with Kurdish rebels suspected of being behind the attack.

Yildiz blamed "terrorists" for the attack, a term often used by Turkish officials to refer to militants from the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK).

The PKK, listed as a terrorist group by Turkey and much of the international community, have sabotaged the pipeline several times in the past as part of an armed campaign against the Ankara government.

The 970-kilometre (600-mile) pipeline runs from Iraq's northern oil hub of Kirkuk to the port of Ceyhan on Turkey's Mediterranean coast, pumping 450,000 to 500,000 barrels of crude oil per day. Iraq depends on oil sales for the vast majority of government income. The oil-rich nation exported some 2.515 million barrels per day in July, earning about $7.535 billion in revenues.—*Internet*

Japan McDonald's recalls flawed giveaway glasses

TOKYO, 10 Aug — McDonald's in Japan said on Wednesday it was recalling giveaway glass tumblers after 78 people reported being injured by the Olympic-themed freebies. The fast food giant said it had received 130 complaints after handing out the tumblers to purchasers of "Value Sets", which included fries and a soft drink, during their "Olympic Cheer Coke Glass Campaign" in June and July.

McDonald's said they gave away six million tumblers in Japan, some of which had "glass protrusions" on their edges or insides because of a manufacturing error. "We received 130 complaints from our customers by 7 August, of which 78 customers said they suffered cuts, although injuries were not serious enough to warrant their going to hospital," company spokesman Kazuyuki Hagiwara told *AFP*.

He said flawed metallic moulds used by the producer of the glasses were to blame.The company said customers who return their glasses between now and the end of October will be given replacements.— *Internet*

***Glass tumblers produced by McDonald's Holdings Co (Japan). McDonald's in Japan said on 8 Aug, 2012 it was recalling giveaway glass tumblers after 78 people reported being injured by the Olympic-themed freebies.* INTERNET**

American Airlines pilots reject tentative contract

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Pilots at AMR Corp's American Airlines rejected a tentative contract from the carrier by a wide margin on Wednesday, leaving a major issue unresolved with the bankrupt airline's most powerful employee group. Failure to reach a consensual labour deal is a blow to American's efforts to develop a stan-dalone reorganization plan, which relies on slashing debt and labour costs to return to profitability. The development comes as the third-largest US carrier has begun to review potential mergers, including a deal with US Airways Group, to determine whether merging with a rival will generate more recoveries for American's creditors than going it alone.

American's pilots and two other key labour groups have already declared their support for US Airways' proposal to merge with the larger rival. The groups each have a seat on American's nine-member unsecured creditors committee and have a say in how American restructures in bankruptcy. Pilots could face stricter terms should the judge overseeing American's bankruptcy case now allow the carrier to end its current contract with the pilots union. "We are disappointed with the outcome of today's voting results, as ratification of the pilot tentative agreement would have been an important step forward in our restructuring," American Airlines spokesman Bruce Hicks said in a statement.

He added the company must now await a ruling that will let it "implement the changes necessary to move forward with our restructuring." Bankruptcy rules give companies the right to abandon collective bargaining agreements and impose their own terms unilaterally.—*Reuters*

***American Airlines aircraft stand on the tarmac at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles on 20 April, 2012.—* REUTERS**

Woman swallows butter knife

A 30-year-old Atlanta woman is OK after accidentally swallowing a butter knife, doctors said.

The woman was apparently demonstrating to a friend that she no longer had a gag reflex because of her history with bulimia, the *New York Daily News* reported.

During her exhibition, she laughed and accidentally swallowed the knife, *New England Journal of Medicine* said. She was rushed to the hospital where doctors performed a surgery to remove the knife from her body.

Drs Aida Venado and Sarah Prebil said doctors were able to remove the knife without damaging the woman's throat or stomach.

However, her husband later revealed the woman had swallowed a knife four years ago and she was then transferred to a psychiatric unit, the doctors said.

The *Los Angeles Times* reported that most instances of people swallowing foreign objects are not life-threatening, citing an Emedicine.com article.

"After reaching the stomach, a foreign body has greater than a 90 percent chance of passage," the article states.

Although, the article said there are about 1,500 deaths a year from ingesting foreign bodies.

Cow goes to new heights to flee bull's advances

A cow which was not in the mood ambled to the top storey of a Siberian apartment building to escape a bull which was, and had to be led back down by firefighters, authorities said.

The cow was discovered bellowing on the top of a stairwell in the five-storey building in the village of Lesogorsk last month, with the probable cause of the cow's distress an amorous bull at the bottom.

"The bull was very loving and had paid excessive attention to the cow during the summer grazing," the Irkutsk regional branch of Russia's Emergency Situations Ministry said in a statement.

"Trying to escape from him, the cow ran into the building and climbed up to the fifth storey," it said.

It took firefighters about three minutes to get the cow downstairs by roping its horns and pulling, according to the statement, which suggested members of the crowd that gathered should have done the job themselves.

"When we arrived there were dozens of people outside the building. There were members of the local administration, police and many bystanders," it quoted fire station shift chief Yevgeny Smirnov as saying.

"In principle, they could have done without us."

News Album

UK's BSkyB to launch 24-hour James Bond TV channel

British pay television broadcaster BSkyB will launch a new 24-hour channel dedicated to showing James Bond films on repeat in October to mark the 50th anniversary of the Bond franchise, the company said on 7 August.

The channel, to be called Sky Movies 007, will show 22 original Bond films in high definition from 5 October for a month, beginning with the 1962 Bond film, 'Dr No', it said.

It added that it will also screen independent titles 'Never Say Never Again' and 'Casino Royale.'

The launch comes after Sky bought the rights to the British film franchise from Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios in April, ending rival ITV's 38-year stronghold on the films's rights.

"We're delighted that our customers will have the best Bond movie-watching experience ever with Sky Movies — uninterrupted, in HD (high definition), on demand and on the go," Director of Sky Movies, Ian Lewis, said in a statement.

The rotating number plate on the original Aston Martin DB5, driven by actor Sean Connery in the James Bond films "Goldfinger'' and "Thunderball'' is displayed in London.

Stanley Tucci marries Felicity Blunt

NEW YORK, 10 Aug— Stanley Tucci has married literary agent Felicity Blunt, sister of his "The Devil Wears Prada" co-star Emily Blunt, the *New York Daily News* said on Wednesday.

Actor Stanley Tucci and his fiance Felicity Blunt

The couple confirmed their marriage to the newspaper as they walked the red carpet at a screening for "Hope Springs" at the School of Visual Arts. They did not divulge where or when they tied the knot, however.

A source close to Tucci told the *Daily News* he and Blunt are planning a formal wedding in front of friends and family in the near future.

Tucci's first wife, Kate, died of breast cancer in 2009.

"Hope Spings" stars Tucci's "Prada" leading lady Meryl Streep.

Internet

British actor Bob Hoskins

Bob Hoskins retires from acting

LONDON, 10 Aug— Britain's Bob Hoskins announced on Wednesday he is suffering from Parkinson's disease and is retiring from acting at the age of 69.

Hoskins has starred in dozens of films, including "Snow White and the Huntsman," "Mrs Henderson Presents," "Neverland," "Enemy at the Gates," "Maid in Manhattan," "Hook," "Mermaids," "Who Framed Roger Rabbit," "The Long Good Friday" and "Mona Lisa," as well as the TV series "The Street."

"He wishes to thank all the great and brilliant people he has worked with over the years, and all of his fans who have supported him during a wonderful career," his agent said in a statement issued to the BBC. "Bob is now looking forward to his retirement with his family, and would greatly appreciate that his privacy be respected at this time."

The actor said at a 2002 roundtable interview with reporters to promote the romantic comedy "Maid in Manhattan" that he never realized how short he was until he worked with statuesque actress Cher on the 1990 comedy "Mermaids."

"I didn't (know)," insisted Hoskins, whom IMDB.com says is 5-foot-6.

"I thought I was normal. I never thought about it and then I went to kiss Cher and they gave me a box to stand on ... and then I realized when Cher said, 'You're a little guy, Bob.'"

The bright side to his height, he noted, was it led to lots of jobs playing historical characters like Nikita Khruschchev, Manuel Noriega, J Edgar Hoover and Pope John XXIII.—*Internet*

DeNiro, Pfeiffer begin shooting 'Malavita'

Actress Michelle Pfeiffer

BEVERLY HILLS, 10 Aug— French director Luc Besson began principal photography on Wednesday on "Malavita," a film starring Robert DeNiro and Michelle Pfeiffer, producers said.

Filming commenced in Normandy, France, and will continue at La Cite du Cinema where the new Studios de Paris are located. Additional shooting will take place in New York.

Besson adapted the film from the novel "Badfellas" by Tonino Benacquista. It tells the story of the Manzonis, a notorious organized crime family relocated to Normandy under the witness protection program, a synopsis said.

The movie is set for a 2013 release.

Internet

Favreau to direct 'Jersey Boys' movie

NEW YORK, 10Aug— Hollywood filmmaker Jon Favreau is to direct a big-screen version of the Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons stage musical, "Jersey Boys."

The show has been a huge success since it debuted on Broadway in 2005 and in London's West End in 2008.

The Official London Theatre Web site said Favreau's movie version is expected to hit theaters next year, however, no casting has been announced yet.

Jon Favreau

The musical features numerous hits by the 1960s New Jersey vocal group Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, including "Sherry," "Walk like a Man," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Oh What a Night!" and "Beggin'."

Favreau is a native New Yorker best known for directing "Swingers," "Elf" and "Iron Man."—*Internet*

'God Forgives' tops US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug— Rick Ross' "God Forgives, I Don't" is No 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Zac Brown Band's "Uncaged," followed by Justin Bieber's "Believe" at No 3, One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 4 and the Bee Gees' "Number Ones" at No 5. Rounding out the top tier are Nas' "Life is Good" at No 6, "Kidz Bop 22" at No 7, Adele's "21" at No 8, Maroon 5's "Overexposed" at No 9 and Joss Stone's "The Soul Sessions, Vol 2" at No 10.

Internet

***Rick Ross performs during the 2011 BET Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles on 26 June, 2011.*— INTERNET**

Fallon says he won't host Oscars

LONDON, 10 Aug— Comedian and talk-show host Jimmy Fallon said on Wednesday he has no plans to serve as host of the next Oscars ceremony in Los Angeles.

The awards presentation will honour the best films of 2012. It will be held next February.

Fallon has long been rumoured to be in the running to serve as emcee of the star-studded event. Billy Crystal was the host of this year's show.

However, Fallon said on Wednesday's edition of the "Today" show he has declined the gig.

"No, I'm not going to do the Oscars," Fallon said on "Today," which is taping in London for the Olympics. "It's an honour to be asked by the Academy [of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences,] but it's not my year."—*Internet*

Jimmy Fallon

Chen Ruolin wins women's 10m platform gold at London Olympic Games

LONDON, 10 Aug —Chen Ruolin collected a high 422.30 points for the title of women's 10m platform diving at London Olympic Games on Thursday.

It is the 200th gold medal China won from all the summer Olympic Games it participated in.

Brittany Broben of Australia took the silver medal at 366.50 and Pamg Pandelela Rinong of Malaysia won the bronze medal at 359.20 points.

Another Chinese diver Hu Yadan made two bad dives and finished only 9th in the 5-dive final.

Xinhua

China's Chen Ruolin competes during women's 10m platform diving final, at London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 9 Aug, 2012. Chen Ruolin won gold medal in this event. — XINHUA

Ivanovic crashes out of WTA Montreal

MONTREAL, 10 Aug — Former world number one Ana Ivanovic suffered her first ever double bagel loss, crashing out of the WTA Montreal tournament after losing 6-0, 6-0 to Roberta Vinci. Vinci on Thursday needed just 44 minutes to oust the 11th seeded Ivanovic, who had three game points in the match but never converted. Ivanovic had game point serving at 0-4 in the first set and two more serving 0-2 in the second.

"I really struggled to find my rhythm out there," the Serb said. "It came as a surprise a little bit because I was practising really well. "I was struggling to find my feet and get two consecutive balls in the court. Against players like Roberta who don't make many errors, it's always going to be tough to win like that. "When you're down 4-0, 5-0, 6-0, the panic starts to set in. I forced a little bit. It was bad already without that. It was really, really tough for me out there."

Vinci didn't expect such an easy victory. She came from behind to beat Yanina Wickmayer in the first round. "It's not easy to win 6-0 6-0 against a great player like Ana," Vinci said. "I was playing really consistently with a lot of slice — and she doesn't like my slice. I think that was the key. I've played against her a lot of times, and it was strange to play her when she was playing like this."In other matches, Serb Jelena Jankovic fell

Roberta Vinci of Italy hits a return to Ana Ivanovic of Serbia during round two of the Rogers Cup at the Uniprix Stadium, on 9 August, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. Ivanovic suffered her first ever double bagel loss, crashing out to Vinci, 6-0, 6-0.— INTERNET

6-2, 6-3 to Canadian wildcard Aleksandra Wozniak. Jankovic has now lost her opening match at 12 of her last 16 tournaments.

"It couldn't have been better, to be here in front of the home crowd and make the third round at a big tournament like this," Wozniak said. "I was trying to not give her any rhythm, in fact I was trying to make her make mistakes. I was going for my shots, but I was trying to do as few errors as I could at the same time." Other winners Thursday were Carla Suarez Navarro, who surprised No 15 seed Sabine Lisicki 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 and No 9 seed Marion Bartoli, who cruised past Peng Shuai 6-1, 6-3.

Internet

Soccer: Japan's "steel carnations" win hearts in defeat

TOKYO, 10 Aug — Japanese soccer fans began their Friday bleary-eyed, many having shed tears but most philosophical, after the world champions were beaten 2-1 by the United States in the women's Olympic soccer final in London. As hundreds of supporters wearing Japan soccer shirts, faces still painted in national red and white, rolled out of bars around 6 am local time, an impromptu party broke out on Tokyo's iconic Shibuya "scramble" crossroads.

"Gold, silver - it doesn't matter. Japan were the best team," 32-year-old chef Kensuke Arai told Reuters as revelers danced in front of police and early commuters. Japan's "Nadeshiko" team, named after a frilly pink carnation, embodied the iron-willed spirit of a nation battling to recover from disaster as they won last year's World Cup. Having shocked the mighty US on penalties in the Frankfurt final, they were unlucky not to topple their powerful opponents again in Thursday's Olympic showdown.

Twice rattling the crossbar and also having a strong penalty claimed waved away, Japan were even described by US coach Pia Sundhage as the better team. Japan's media, yet to reach print but crackling online, praised their pint-sized warriors for their heart. "Stand tall, silver medallists!" blazed the Nikkan Sports newspaper, while the Sankei Sports ran the headline "Fierce Fight", referring to Japan's refusal to accept defeat. Tears of joy shed for their astonishing World Cup win in July last year were tinged with sadness as Japan confronted the aftermath of the deadly tsunami and a raging nuclear crisis.

There was no fairytale repeat, but Japan's players took defeat on the chin as the Americans claimed a third successive Olympic title. "We wanted the gold, but no regrets," said Japan's world player of the year Homare Sawa before the Olympic medal ceremony, repeated on morning television shows. Japanese fans, many setting off for work after a quick

The Japan team wave and bow to the crowd after losing their women's soccer final gold medal match against the US at Wembley Stadium during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 9 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

shower and change of clothes, refused to blame the referee or make excuses, and had nothing but praise for their beaten heroines. "You can't help but love them," 21-year-old student Yuria Sato, who had almost screamed herself hoarse. "They never give up. I was crying after the game but just so proud."

Succinctly summing up the mood of the Japan players, the Mainichi newspaper said: "Every ounce spent: Tears and smiles." Japan's petite musketeers, at an average height of 1.62m standing seven cm shorter than the muscular Americans, at least look set to fly home in style. Japanese Olympic officials were accused of sex discrimination before the Games for allowing the men's team to fly in business class while the women had to make do with premium economy. "It was a fantastic game," said coach Norio Sasaki after what could be his last game in charge. "It was not the result we wanted but it's been an incredible four years."— *Reuters*

Andre Agassi

Agassi selected for US Open Court of Champions

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — Andre Agassi will be the 2012 inductee into the US Open Court of Champions.

Agassi will be inducted in Arthur Ashe Stadium before the men's final on 9 September.

The 42-year-old Agassi won the US Open twice. In 1994, he became the first unseeded player in the Open era to capture the title. He won again in 1999, part of his eight career Grand Slam championships.

Agassi competed in the tournament a men's Open-era record 21 consecutive times, from 1986 through 2006. He was elected to the International Tennis Hall of Fame last year.

Internet

International Sports

Sizzling Swede Pettersson takes command at Kiawah

KIAWAH ISLAND, (South Carolina), 10 Aug— Swede Carl Pettersson flawlessly put himself in position to improve a mediocre record in the majors, spearheading a glut of low scoring to surge into a one-shot lead in the PGA Championship opening round on Thursday. The 34-year-old, who became a US citizen in January, fired a sizzling six-under-par 66 in relatively calm, sunny conditions at the Kiawah Island Golf Resort to take control of the season's final major.

Former US Open winner Rory McIlroy, long-hitting American Gary Woodland, Spaniard Gonzalo Fernandez-Castano and Swede Alex Noren charged into contention with 67s while four-times champion Tiger Woods was happy after opening with a six-birdie 69. Defending champion Keegan Bradley,

Carl Pettersson of Sweden walks off the eighth green during the first round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at The Ocean Course on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, on 9 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

1991 winner John Daly and Dutchman Joost Luiten, who briefly led at eight under before bogeying his last four holes, were among a group of eight players who carded 68s at Kiawah, where ocean breezes strengthened later in the day.

Forty-four players broke par on the longest layout to stage a major championship, making the most of conditions softened by heavy rain earlier in the week. The average score was 73.42. "I played really good," Pettersson told reporters after breaking 70 for the first time in 21 rounds at the PGA Championship with an nerveless six-birdie display on a hot and humid day.

Reuters

Rudisha wins Olympic 800 in world record time

LONDON, 10 Aug — David Rudisha did what no one else, Usain Bolt included, has been able to: set a world record on the London Olympic track. Rudisha had told his rivals in the 800 metres to be ready for a world record, and he delivered on his word, winning Thursday's final in 1 minute, 40.91 seconds, one-tenth of a second off the mark he set in 2010. After crossing the finish, he flung up both arms to celebrate, then draped himself in a Kenyan flag and posed for photographs near the timing clock with "NEW WR" on it. He has been the dominant 800-meter runner for the last three years, setting the world record three times and losing just once since 2009. This, though, topped all that.

"It's something special to break the world record at the Olympics," Rudisha said. Sebastian Coe, a middle-distance running great and head of the London organizing committee, wasn't in much doubt. "That was simply an unbelievable performance," Coe said. "David Rudisha showed supreme physical and mental confidence to run like that in an Olympic final. "Instead of just doing enough to win the race, he wanted to do something extraordinary and go for the world record as well. Rudisha's run will go down in history as one of the greatest Olympic victories."

Internet

Kenya's David Lekuta Rudisha reacts after winning the men's 800-meter finals in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, on 9 Aug , 2012. INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(11-8-12 09:30 am ~ 12-8-12 09:30 am) MST

* News
* Travel to the Southern Part of Shan State
* News
* Music Gallery
* News
* Kid's Talent
* News
* Food Trip (Episode 2)
* News
* Miss Farmer Contest
* News
* Flying without Wings My Great Limitless Adventure (Bagan)
* News
* Singapore Scholarship Awards 2012
* News
* Myanmar Movie "Lover and its dignity"

MYANMAR TV

(11-8-2012) (Saturday)

7:00 am
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

7:25 am
2. To Be Healthy Exercise

7:40 am
3. Nice & Sweet Song

8:20 am
4. Poem Garden

8:35 am
5. Performance With Song

11:00 am
6. Martial Song

11:10 am
7. Musical Programme

11:25 am
8. Game For Children

2:30 pm
9. Dance of National Races

4:20 pm
10. Cultural Dances

4:40 pm
11. Joint Performance by State Traditional Orchestres

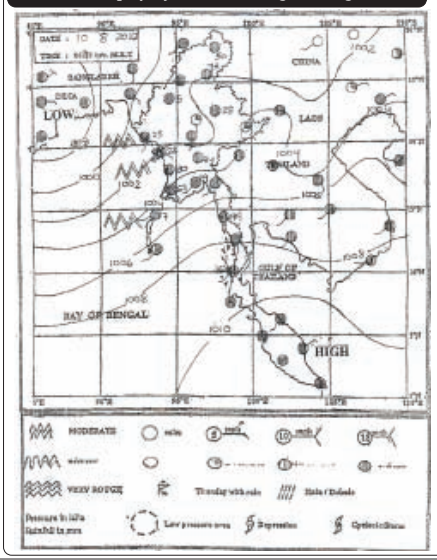
5:10 pm
12. Beautiful "ASEAN"

5:20 pm
13. Documentary

6:40 pm
14. Celebrity and Dinner

8:00 pm
15. News
16. Cartoon Series
17. TV Drama Series
18. Gitadagale Phwinfbaohn

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 11th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F) Maximum	Minimum	For Tomorrow Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	28/82	24/75	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	28/82	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	25/77	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (IH)	(100%)
4	Chin	19/66	18/64	widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)
8	Bago	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	25/77	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers(RH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers(RH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	23/73	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28/82	22/72	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today	During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mandalay Region, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Tanintharyi Regions, Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Ayeyawady Region, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Bago and Tanintharyi Regions and Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded Bago (9.30) inches, Thaton (8.15) inches, Mawlamyine (6.89) inches, Bilin (6.73) inches, Kawkareik (6.30)inches, Paung (5.55) inches, Hpa-an(5.43) inches, Mudon(4.60) inches, Dawei(4.41) inches, Chaunzon (4.33) inches,Zalun (4.21) inches, Myitkyina (3.90) inches, Ngathaichaung (3.86) inches, Gwa(3.78) inches and Mangaung(3.43) inches.
Bay Inference	Monsoon is Strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.
State of the Sea	Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days	Cotinuation of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

STUDENTS HONOURED: ***A ceremony to honour outstanding students in 2012 matriculation examination by education family of Shwepyitha Township was held at Shwepyi Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Shwepyitha on 28 July. Headmaster U Salai Aung Lwin of the school presents prizes to Ma Hnin Yadana Oo.*** **—MYANMA ALIN**

Usain Bolt of Jamaica celebrates after winning gold in the men's 200m Final on Day 13 of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium. **—INTERNET**

Brilliant Bolt completes sprint double

LONDON, 10 Aug—Usain Bolt tonight secured the legendary status he craved by becoming the first man ever to win the Olympic Games sprint double twice in succession.

While millions would already consider Bolt a legend for winning triple gold in Beijing and defending his 100m title at London 2012 last Sunday, the Jamaican insisted he also had to retain his 200m title to achieve such status.

And the 25-year-old did precisely that with another imperious performance, leading a Jamaican clean-sweep ahead of 100m silver medallist Yohan Blake and Warren Weir, both of whom are just 22. Bolt's winning time of 19.32 was outside his own world record of 19.19 which he felt might be a possibility, but the 80,000 crowd had already witnessed one such feat as Kenya's David Rudisha stormed to 800m gold in 1:40.91, taking 0.10 off his own record.

Bolt had lost to Blake over 100 and 200m at the Jamaican trials - and later underwent treatment on a stiff back which was causing hamstring problems - but gained sweet revenge over both distances in London. Asked about lowering the world record he set when winning the world title in Berlin in 2009, Bolt said: 'I think it was possible...but I guess I wasn't fit enough. I was fast but I wasn't fit enough.

'I came off the corner, I could feel the strain on my back a little bit so I was trying to keep my form, but I stopped running because I knew it wasn't going to be a world record. When I came off the corner I could feel it. 'It was hard. I really dedicated [myself] to my work, I know what London meant to me. I came here and I gave it my all and I'm proud of myself. I didn't get a world record - I really wanted to do it in the 200m - but I'm happy.' —*London 2012 Olympic*

Coe salutes record breaker Rudisha

LONDON, 10 Aug—Seb Coe tonight hailed a "simply unbelievable" display from Kenya's David Rudisha who broke his own world record to claim Olympic gold in the 800 metres. Rudisha, 23, stormed through the first lap in 49.28 seconds and powered to a stunning victory in one minute 40.91secs, taking 0.10s off his previous record as all eight finalists set record times.

Eighteen-year-old Nijel Amos of Botswana claimed silver in a world junior record of 1:41.73, ahead of 17-year-old Kenyan Timothy Kitum, with Britain's Andrew Osagie taking 0.71 off his personal best despite finishing eighth.

Amazingly, Osagie's time of 1:43.77 would have won gold at the last three Olympic Games, while it also took him fourth on the British all-time list behind Coe, Steve Cram and Peter Elliott. "That was simply an unbelievable performance," London 2012 chairman and former Olympic 800m silver medallist Lord Coe said. "David Rudisha showed supreme physical and mental confidence to run like that in an Olympic final.

"Instead of just doing enough to win the race he wanted to do something extraordinary and go for the world record as well. Rudisha's run will go down in history as one of the greatest Olympic victories. I feel privileged to have witnessed it in London." Rudisha, who has spoken of his desire to race Usain Bolt in the 4x400m relay, said: "It was something special. A world record in the Olympics is something fantastic. I believe I'm going to maintain for a couple of years. I want to become a legend in the 800m.

"I was expecting this year to run a 1:40 and already I've done it here so I still want to see how I am going to feel in a few weeks before my last race, whether I can still push it or chase for the world record. If I get (good) weather I can try to do it again. "Nobody has ever done the world record in the 800m without a pace-setter and I thought it was going to be difficult. I knew I could run 1:41, but breaking the world record was a different story.

"But I was very determined and I knew that I'm in good shape this year. When we started in the heats on Monday I felt the track was fast and I was just praying we would get perfect weather for a fast race. "To break the world record here is something special and I couldn't believe it myself."

London 2012 Olympic

David Lekuta Rudisha of Kenya celebrates with his country's flag after winning gold and setting a new world record of 1.40.91 in the men's 800m Final on Day 13 of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium. **—INTERNET**

Sanitation carried out in urban of Monghsat

MONGHSAT, 10 Aug—Servicemen of local battalions, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fir Brigade and War Veterans Organization collectively participated in sanitation in Monghsat of Shan State.

On 21 July morning, they cleaned the Aungzeya multi-purpose sports ground in Monghsat.

The sanitation was supervised by Col Aung Thu Oo of the local station, Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htwe of District General Administration Depart-ment, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Myo Kyi and Township Administrator U Naing Aye.

After that, they looked into progress in dredging of drains for proper flow of water in the rainy season in the urban area with the use of heavy machinery supervised by Senior Engineer U Aung Nyo of District Public Works.

Myanma Alin

NLM-ner Joke

The less you know, the more you make

"Salary Theorem" states that "Engineers and Scientists can never earn as much as Business Executives and Sales People."

This theorem can now be supported by a mathematical equation based on the following two postulates:

1. Knowledge is Power.
2. Time is Money.

As every engineer knows:

Power = Work / Time

Since:

Knowledge = Power

Time = Money

It follows that:

Knowledge = Work/Money.

Solving for Money, we get:

Money = Work / Knowledge.

Thus, as Knowledge approaches zero, Money approaches infinity, regardless of the amount of work done.

Conclusion:

The less you know,the more you make.

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Myanmar's toll fees are the cheapest, compared with other ASEAN countries

Roads and bridges of Ministry of Construction have yet to meet ASEAN standards

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 24th day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.10 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 201 MPs.

At the session, Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied to the questions on construction sector raised by six representatives.

With respect to the question of U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No.10 on **"there is a plan to upgrade No.3 Highway in Mingaladon Township into four-lane one"**, the deputy minister replied:

Max Myanmar Construction Co is implementing No.2 Highway (9 miles and 2 furlongs long) through the B.O.T system. Width of the road is designated based on Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT). AADT of the road is 2800. So, Ministry of Construction has informed the company to construct 48-ft-wide tarred road. Expansion of road bank will be carried out in open season. It will be implemented as tarred road in 2013-2014 financial year.

Regarding the question of U Thaw Zin Oo of Magway Region Constituency No.9 on **"there is a plan to construct RC bridge or gravel-filled culvert crossing the Kyit Creek on Pakokku-Seikbyu road section"**, the deputy minister said: The 900-ft-wide Kyit Creek is located between Mile post Nos.12/2 and 12/4. In the rainy season, it can be crossed only when water level decreases. Hninthazin Co has been carrying Pakokku-Seikphyu road through B.O.T system. At present, there is no plan to construct RC bridge or gravel-filled culvert crossing Kyit Creek.

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives seen at 24th day of Amyotha Hluttaw session. MNA

Regarding the question of U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No.8 on **"the matter on disturbance to smooth commodity flow due to poor quality standard scales"**, the deputy minister replied:

There will be slight variances of scales due to weather condition and different commodities etc. The variance range can be 0.50 tons. Ministry of Construction has exempted that variance. Directives to avoid the scale errors have been given. The best way to save scale measurement time is that car owners and drivers on their parts are to avoid over-load.

Bridge crossing fees are collected based on the length of the bridges, not on withstand load and bridge types. And it is classified into four. Fee is not charged for under-180-ft bridges. It is fee, but not tax. Collecting of fees is aimed at covering capital expenses and carrying out maintenances, repairs and upgrade of roads and bridges by using collected fees.

ASEAN standard is that with the aim of trading between countries by roads by means of economic integration in ASEAN countries by 2015, roads and bridges are being upgraded, drivers are educated to follow traffic rules. Roads and bridges of the Ministry of Construction have yet to meet ASEAN standards. 10 tons per axis is maximum weight in ASEAN countries. Although it is not suitable, Myanmar has allowed it.

Myanmar's toll fees are the cheapest, compared with other ASEAN countries. According to the survey conducted on 23 toll gates on 19-6-2012, it was found that there were 32530 cars or 98.71 percent that follow the rules and 387 cars

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10-man MoI trounces Education 5-2 in first group match

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—The 10-man team of Ministry of Information turned their terriffic potential into a solid result with a 5-2 victory over the Education Ministry at the Sports Ground-1 here this evening.

The team of Education opened the scoring on a goal in the 13th minute by its striker, but Pyai Pyo Aung of the MoI answered back to equalize at 21st minute and Aye Min Pyo scored one more and sent the sides into halftime tied 2-1.

In the second halftime, the team of MoI got off to a remarkable start, controlling possession and creating chances and Captain Wai Pyar Soe kicked the ball to the back of the net at 51st minute.

A striker of the team of Education scored a goal at 54th minute. Aye Min Phyo and Wai Pyar Soe of MoI scored a goal each at 58th miniute and 82nd minute respectively and the game ended in 5-2.— *NLM*

Gold for New Zealand in women's 470

LONDON, 10 Aug—The New Zealand pair of Jo Aleh and Olivia Powrie won the women's 470 class medal race and took the gold medal.

Great Britain's Hannah Mills and Saskia Clark, who entered the medal race top of the standings alongside them, took silver. The Netherlands pair of Lisa Westerhof and Lobke Berkhout took bronze after coming sixth in the medal race.—*London 2012*

Aleh (black cap) and Powrie (white cap) celebrate their victory.—INTERNET

London 2012 Olympics medal tally
Day 14, 23:30 hours MST

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States of America	39	25	26	90
2	People's Republic of China	37	25	19	81
3	Great Britain	25	15	16	56
4	Russian Federation	13	21	24	58
5	Republic of Korea	12	7	6	25
6	Germany	10	17	11	38
7	France	8	9	12	29
8	Hungary	8	4	3	15
9	Australia	7	14	10	31
10	Italy	7	6	7	20
11	Kazakhstan	6	0	3	9
12	Japan	5	14	15	34
13	Netherlands	5	5	8	18
14	Islamic Republic of Iran	4	4	1	9
15	New Zealand	4	3	5	12
16	DPRK	4	0	1	5
17	Belarus	3	3	4	10
18	Cuba	3	3	3	9
18	Jamaica	3	3	3	9
20	Ukraine	3	1	6	10
21	South Africa	3	1	1	5
22	Spain	2	7	3	12
23	Romania	2	5	2	9
24	Denmark	2	4	3	9
25	Czech Republic	2	3	3	8
26	Brazil	2	2	7	11
27	Kenya	2	2	3	7
28	Poland	2	1	6	9
29	Croatia	2	1	1	4
30	Switzerland	2	1	0	3
31	Ethiopia	2	0	2	4
32	Canada	1	5	11	17
33	Colombia	1	3	4	8
34	Sweden	1	3	3	7
35	Slovenia	1	1	2	4
36	Georgia	1	1	1	3