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Turkish FM and delegation on tour of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—A Turkish delegation led by Turkish Foreign Minister Mr Ahmet Davutoglu and wife Mrs Sare Davutoglu visited the Rakhine State together with Mrs. Emine Erdogan, wife of the Prime Minister of Turkey, yesterday to observe the situation and provide relief aids.

Accompanied by Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, the delegation arrived at the Sittway Airport at 10.45 am by the Myanma Airways.

The delegation, together with Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Hla Maung Tin, Resident Representative of UN agencies in Myanmar Mr Ashok Nigam, heads of UN agencies, observed the stability in villages of Wirelet, Bumay, Latthamar, Thechaung and Darpaing in a motorcade.

Afterwards, they went to the relief camp at the village of Bawdu in Sittway Township and comforted the displaced refugees and asked their livelihood, education and health situation.

They also visited Hsutaungpyae Relief Camp at the village of North Sanpya and comforted the refugees and proceeded to the Hsutaungpyae Monastery.

During the visit, the members of the delegation presented relief aids to refugees. They also met with Islam families in Aungmingala Ward. They also viewed the sites which were burnt down during the unrest along the Strand Road.

In the afternoon, the meeting on assessment during the visit of the delegation was held at the office of the Rakhine State Government.

During the meeting, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay noted that the unrest happened in Rakhine State not because of the religion or racism but because of unlawful acts.

Retaliation against each other led to losses of both sides, he added.

Measures have been taken to provide food and shelter needs of them at relief camps and to help fulfil education and health requirements and tents have been set up and houses are being constructed, the Union minister said.

He also clarified the development plan for Sittway.

The Turkish foreign minister thanked for making arrangement to visit Rakhine State and expressed that they witnessed the cooperation of the Government and the INGOs in rehabilitation in the state.

He also called for improvement of security as it plays an important role in the current situation in the state.

He also thanked for clarification by the President yesterday and expressed the willingness of Turkey to help



A Turkish delegation led by Turkish Foreign Minister Mr Ahmet Davutoglu and wife Mrs Sare Davutoglu comfort local victims at relief camp of Hsutaungpyae Monastery in North Sanpya Ward of Sittway.

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Myanmar as it has a lot of experiences in handling natural disasters and social conflicts. The visit to Rakhine State to witness the situation and cooperation would help solve the problems successfully, he added.

Afterwards, Mr Ashok Nigam took part in the

discussion.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Turkish foreign minister and the Union minister.

The delegation left Sittway and arrived back here at 6.30 pm.—MNA

Mexico shock Brazil to win gold

LONDON, 11 Aug—Mexico stunned favourites Brazil 2-1 at Wembley to win the men's Olympic football tournament for the

first time.

Oribe Peralta struck from the 18-yard box after 32 seconds following some poor Brazilian defending.

Fabian Marco hit the Brazil crossbar before a completely unmarked Peralta headed his team's second goal.



Brazil's goalkeeper Gabriel fails to block Mexico's Oribe Peralta's (rear, 2nd L) second goal during their men's soccer final gold medal match at Wembley Stadium during the London 2012 Olympic Games 11 August, 2012.—LONDON-2012

Brazil, also hoping to win gold for the first time, pulled a goal back through Hulk in injury-time, before Oscar headed wide.

But the South American side scarcely deserved to take the game into extra-time after a very patchy performance, particularly in defence.

Mano Menezes's team had scored three in each of their previous five games and were treating the tournament

as an important staging post ahead of hosting the World Cup in 2014. But if they are to succeed on home soil they will have to show a significant improvement from what they produced at Wembley, with star forward Neymar a largely peripheral figure.

Menezes went into Saturday's match under huge pressure to deliver gold and fill the one significant missing blank for the Brazilian team,

but if the game was to be Brazil's coronation as Olympic champions then Mexico clearly had not read the script.

They defeated Brazil 2-0 in a friendly earlier in the summer and stunned Wembley when Peralta's low strike nestled in the bottom corner while many inside the stadium were still taking their seats.

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Olympic balls, torches auctioned



Olympics organizers are auctioning off items from the London games, like the basketball from the upcoming gold medal game.

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Australia rescues more than 200 from asylum boat



Australian Navy ships are shown at the Garden Island Naval Dockyard, near Sydney in May 2012.

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Our true identity

All our ethnic races have their own distinctive cultures and characteristics they have been preserving and upholding for centuries as the dignity and prestige of our country Myanmar since time immemorial. At the social, religious or cultural festivals they elegantly perform their own long-established dances, plays and songs they cherish and adore to the accompaniment of their traditional musical instruments.

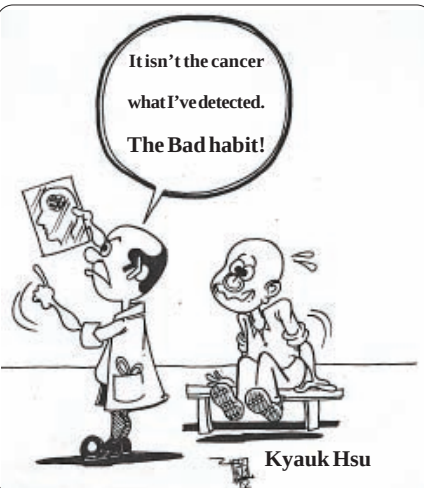
This age-old tradition in reality is one of the uniqueness of our Union in which all of us have the equal and fair chance for cultural conservation.

We always take pride of our homeland for she can still conserve her own national characteristics even though several cultural exchanges are taking place between her and other nations including her neighbours.

Moreover, the traditional cultural performing arts of national races are included in the curriculum of universities and high schools of fine arts of the Ministry of Culture with the aim of not just conserving the national treasures, but also of putting them in the internal and international limelight and helping kith and kin of the Union understand and love each others' culture.

On the other hand alien cultures, customs and concepts which are not in conformity with the traditions and culture of Myanmar races are influencing our people especially the youths. Truly, cultural penetration with the help of information technology is a danger that can rapidly spread in a country till overwhelming the traditional values.

In this context, our motherland with the noble aspiration of conserving the cultural heritage and relaying it to the future generations has been holding the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions annually from the township and the region/state levels to the national level apart from many other cultural conservation programmes. In fact, every one of us or in other words every national race of the Union has the duty towards preservation, promotion and propagation of the national culture serving as our true identity.



Kyauk Hsu

U Thant Kyaw presents Credentials to UN Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—U Thant Kyaw, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, presented his Credentials to the Secretary-General of the United Nations His Excellency Mr Ban Ki-Moon at New York on 8 August 2012.—MNA

U Myo Lwin concurrently accredited to Maldives

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myo Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Maldives.—MNA

Trainees of midwifery course decorated with caps

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—A ceremony to decorate trainees of multi-midwifery 18-month course No 103 with nursing cap was held at Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Myitkyina this morning, with an address by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai.

After that, Principal Daw Nyo Mar Khaing of the training school explained the purpose of conferring nursing cap. Next, officials of Health Department decorated 12 trainees with nursing caps.



Later, the deputy medical superintendent of Myitkyina People's Hospital, the deputy head of State Health Department and the principal presented cash awards to outstanding trainees.

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UNESCO Director-General concludes visit

YANGON, 11 Aug—Director-General of United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Ms Irina Bokova and party left here by air yesterday evening.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, director-general, rectors, the secretary-general of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission and officials of the Yangon UNESCO Office.

The UNESCO Director-General and party on 9 August visited Shwedagon Pagoda, the Ministers' Office and the former High Court in Yangon. On 10 August afternoon, they met the rector, faculty members and post-graduate students at Yangon Institute of Education and gave lectures on education for all.—MNA



Work coordination meetings for planning and performing arts competitions held in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Work coordination meeting on implementing projects of Mon State was held at State government office on 9 August.

At the event, State Planning Department, state ministers, Hluttaw representatives, state level departmental officials, Deputy Commissioner of the District and Township administrator submitted reports on fifth five-year short-term regional plan.

State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint in his concluding remarks said work plans must be drafted systematically for sector-wise plans. Investment plans, challenges and ways to tackle them must be included in the work plans, he said.

The chief minister also addressed work coordination for organizing state level Myanmar National Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Officials participated in discussion about successfully holding the competitions.—MNA

Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu sees off a delegation led by UNESCO Director-General Ms Irina Bokova at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

A group from Public Works of Mohnyin District in Kachin State inspects an overload truck on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road at 12:30 pm on 6 August.—NLM 001

Driver charged of overloading truck

MOHNYIN, 11 Aug—A truck driver was charged with overloading as his truck was found overloaded at Mohnyin toll gate, township construction engineer U Myint Swe told to the New Light of Myanmar.

The lawsuit is lodged against the driver of the truck bound for Phakant in Kachin State from Mandalay at Mohnyin Township Court.

Shwebo-Myitkyina road leading to the famous jade land is badly damaged by overloaded vehicles, construction vehicles and machinery, suspending services of passenger buses and leaving the rail transportation as the only option for local people.—NLM 001



Mourners gather to honour Sikhs killed in Wisconsin rampage

OAK CREEK, 11 Aug — Thousands of mourners gathered at a gym at Oak Creek High School on Friday to honour the six Sikh worshippers killed by a white supremacist in a shooting rampage at a temple in Wisconsin. Sikh religious leaders led prayers and hymns, while mourners, some sobbing and embracing, looked upon the open caskets of the members of the Sikh community killed five days ago by Wade Michael Page, who then turned a gun on himself.

In the gym, which is about two miles south of the Sikh

Temple of Wisconsin where the shooting occurred, US Attorney General Eric Holder told mourners: "Last Sunday morning, this community witnessed the very worst of humankind. But for every minute, every hour, and every day since then, you have exemplified and inspired the very best in who we are." Holder said he attended the memorial "with a heavy heart" on behalf of US President Barack Obama and all Americans.

"The love people in America have shown us has strengthened our resolve," said Dr Manminder Singh

Sethi, a temple member who helped usher mourners to seats. "This was an isolated case. We are a simple living people." "My heart goes out to the family of the assailant too," Sethi added. "That life was also a life lost."

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker, addressing the gathering, also praised the response of the Sikh community to the shootings. "As Americans we are one. When you attack one of us, you attack all of us," Walker said. "This week, our friends and neighbors in the Sikh community showed us the best way to respond is



Family members and mourners fight their emotions during a wake and visitation service for victims of last Sunday's attack at a Sikh temple, at Oak Creek High School, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin on 10 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

with love." Some mourners wore turbans in white, yellow, black and blue. Others wore white baseball caps or simple

white wraps as they made their way forward toward the caskets amid a large police presence. — Reuters

Iran sailors rescued by US Navy return home

TEHRAN, 11 Aug — Iran's official news agency says that 10 Iranian sailors rescued by the US navy have returned home, as Iranian officials downplay the efforts made by Teheran's American adversary.

The report by IRNA quotes Ebrahim Azizi, general governor of the coastal Hormozgan Province, as saying that the repatriation of the sailors from the Gulf of Oman by their rescuers on Friday was in line with normal maritime protocol.

On Wednesday, the USS *James E Williams* rescued the sailors from a burning wooden boat in the Gulf that was flying an Iranian flag. It was at least the seventh rescue involving Iranian sailors in nearly two years. Iran and the US are at odds over Teheran's nuclear program, which the West suspects seeks to build a weapon, a charge Iran denies.

Reuters

Roma's who are part of a voluntary repatriation scheme stand at the check-in desk to register for their flight to Romania at the Charles-de-Gaulle airport in Roissy near Paris on 19 Aug, 2010. — REUTERS



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez speaks during a visit to an apartment complex under construction in Caracas on 10 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

Venezuela's Chavez says US detainee was Marine

CARACAS, 11 Aug — An American arrested in Venezuela while entering illegally from Colombia is a former US Marine and is refusing to explain himself under interrogation, President Hugo Chavez said on Friday. The United States is expressing skepticism over the latest incident between the two ideologically opposed nations, but says its diplomats should be given access to the man if Chavez's statements are true.

The socialist Chavez is running for re-election at an 7 October vote and has been frequently invoking the possibility of violent actions by Venezuela's opposition with US blessing. "I'm struck by the fact that just a few weeks before the election, this has happened," he said, giving the latest details about the unnamed man in Venezuelan custody.

Opponents say Chavez, like Cuba's Castro brothers, likes to play up the idea of an

external threat to bolster his own standing at home. His predictions of violence are, they say, particularly cynical given his own history of a failed military coup against then-President Carlos Andres Perez in 1992. Venezuela says the American, of Hispanic origin, was arrested earlier this month crossing into Venezuela from Colombia with a notebook full of geographic coordinates that he tried to destroy.

Reuters

Egypt media say six Sinai "terrorists" held after attack

CAIRO, 11 Aug — The Egyptian army has captured six people it regards as "terrorists" in Sinai after an attack on a police station earlier this week that killed 16 border guards near the border with Israel, a military source told state media on Friday. Egypt sent hundreds of troops and armoured vehicles into North Sinai on Thursday to tackle militants operating near the border in an offensive commanders said had killed up to 20 people they deemed terrorists.



Egyptian soldiers stand guard at Rafah border crossing between Egypt and southern Gaza Strip on 10 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

The action, which Cairo says is its biggest military operation in the desert region since its 1973 war with Israel, is seen as crucial to maintaining stable relations between the former foes who signed a peace treaty in 1979. Israel fears Islamist militants based in the increasingly lawless region could link up with Palestinian jihadis in the neighboring Gaza Strip to launch attacks on the Jewish state—potentially jeopardizing the peace accord.

The military source told state television that six militants had been captured in the border settlement of Sheikh Zuwaid, where on Wednesday Egyptian warplanes fired rockets at suspected militant hideouts. Separately, an army official told the al-Ahram state newspaper that preparations were underway to raid the mountainous Jebel El Halal region in Central Sinai in order to purge it of "terrorist" elements.

Reuters

EU says monitoring France over wave of Roma expulsions

PARIS, 11 Aug — The European Union is closely watching how France expels members of the Roma community to ensure their removal is consistent with the bloc's rules on the free movement of people, a spokeswoman for its executive arm said on Friday.

Police have evicted hundreds of Roma from makeshift camps this week and repatriated dozens to Romania as President Francois Hollande follows the previous administration's policy of expelling illegal immigrants in the summer. The move has attracted fresh scrutiny from the EU's executive arm, two years after it criticized France over a crackdown on illegal Roma camps launched under former conservative President Nicolas Sarkozy.

"We are monitoring the situation," European Commission spokeswoman Mina Andreeva told Reuters. The Commission, in charge of enforcing EU treaties, has requested further information from the French authorities on the expulsions to ensure they are being conducted in compliance with EU rules, she added. France's Interior Minister Manuel Valls defended



the camp evacuations as necessary due to health risks, saying that immigrants were only being repatriated after an individual evaluation of their legal status in France. "The repatriations do not take the form, in any way, of forced, collective expulsions," he said in a statement. — Reuters

Romney picks Ryan as vice presidential running mate

NORFOLK, 11 Aug — Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney plans to name Congressman Paul Ryan as his vice presidential running mate on Saturday in a move that will bring the debate over how to reduce government spending and debt to the forefront of the race for the White House.

A Republican official said Romney will introduce Ryan at the retired battleship USS Wisconsin — coincidentally named for Ryan's home state — in Norfolk at about 9 am EDT (1300 GMT). The announcement marks the end of a months-long search for a

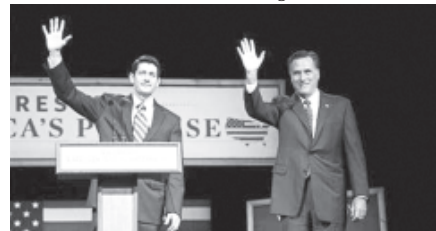
running mate to face President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden in the 6 November election. The

announcement comes as Romney starts a bus tour on Saturday through four battleground states he needs

to win in November—Virginia, North Carolina, Florida and Ohio.

Romney's move is a bold one as he finds himself suddenly falling behind a bit in what has been a razor sharp race with Obama in a presidential campaign that is based largely on the weak US economy. The selection of Ryan, 42, brings a measure of youthful exuberance to the Republican ticket and energy as party activists prepare to gather in Tampa late this month for the convention that will formally nominate Romney as the presidential nominee.

Reuters



House Budget Chairman Paul Ryan (L) (R-WI) introduces US Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney (R) as he addresses supporters at Lawrence University during a campaign stop in Appleton, Wisconsin, in this 30 March, 2012 file photo. — REUTERS

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Wired reporter hack reveals perils of digital age

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — The perils of modern dependence on Internet-linked gadgets and digitally-stored memories remained a hot topic on Friday in the wake of a hack that wiped clean a Wired reporter's devices. Mat Honan laid out at wired.com in gripping detail how his "digital life was destroyed" right down to irreplaceable photos of his baby daughter. Honan next week is to share his quest to repair the damage.

"The take-away from his bad experience is that people need to be careful with using an online service, especially a backup service," Lookout Mobile Security engineer Tim Strazzere told AFP on Friday. "The main part is to mitigate risk; he lost a lot of

personal information." Basic hacker skills were combined with "social engineering," the art of sweet-talking someone like a customer service rep into bending rules during a phone call, to compromise Honan's Google, Twitter, and AppleID accounts.

Honan told of his @mat Twitter handle apparently being the coveted prize for hackers who deleted his Gmail account and erased the data from his iPhone, iPad and MacBook laptop computer to hide their trail. The data-wiping feature was created by Apple to let people protect digital information if devices are lost or stolen. He said his Twitter account was used to fire off offensive messages. "In many ways, this was all my fault," Honan wrote. "My



People gather around a display of laptop computers.

INTERNET

accounts were daisy-chained together." "But what happened to me exposes vital security flaws in several customer service systems, most notably Apple's and Amazon's."

Hackers were able to get bits of information from Apple and Amazon tech support that helped them achieve their mission, according to Honan. Apple did not respond to an AFP request for comment,

but reportedly gave Honan a statement saying his data was "compromised by a person who had acquired personal information about the customer." "In addition, we found that our own internal policies were not followed completely. We are reviewing all of our processes for resetting account passwords to ensure our customers' data is protected."

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Spider web glass protects birds on the Holy Island

LONDON, 11 Aug — A special glass coating, inspired by spider webs, has been used in the UK for the first time. A lookout tower at Lindisfarne has installed it to protect the hundreds of species that flock to the island off the north-east coast of England. The Orniflux glazing reflects ultraviolet light which can be seen by birds but appears invisible to humans. Tests suggest it can cut bird strikes by about two-thirds, and work is being done

to improve it further. The technology was developed by the German company Arnold Glas.

"A friend of the owner of the company saw an article about the Orb-weaver spider," said the firm's export manager Natalie Kopp. "Its web reflects UV light protecting it from being destroyed by birds as they can see it and do not fly through. The idea of developing a coating for glass... inspired by nature was

born on the same evening." Development of the product took some years, and there were many glass and coating types tested before the current Mikado coating was found to be effective. Mikado is the German name for the game Pick-up sticks. It was chosen because the pattern looks like the sticks after they have been scattered on the ground.

The firm tested its Omilux glass at a flight tunnel at a US nature reserve. Birds were encouraged to fly to the end of the facility which was covered with two types of glass — one containing the Mikado coating, the other without. A net was used and the firm says no birds were injured. The experiment



The UV coating's pattern resembles the game pick-up sticks.

INTERNET suggested that the innovation would prevent birds flying into coated glass in 66-68% of all cases. The safety measure comes at a cost. The product is significantly more expensive than alternative measures such as placing semi-transparent UV-coated stickers across windows.

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The historic lookout tower offers views stretching miles beyond the island.

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NASA: Mars rover snapped pic of rocket stage crash

PASADENA, 11 Aug — Space enthusiasts have been abuzz for days over whether the Mars rover Curiosity captured an extraterrestrial crash. On Friday, NASA declared the mystery solved. Seconds after the car-size rover parked its six wheels in an ancient crater, a tiny camera under the chassis snapped a picture revealing a smudge on the horizon. The feature disappeared in a later photo. Was it dirt on the camera lens or a spinning dust devil? It turned out Curiosity spotted the aftermath of its rocket-powered backpack crash-landing in the distance.

It "was an amazing coincidence that we were able to catch this impact," said engineer Steve Sell of the NASA Jet Propulsion

Laboratory, which manages the \$2.5 billion mission. The nuclear-powered rover landed in Gale Crater near the equator Sunday night to study whether environmental conditions could have favored microbes. Its ultimate target is a mountain looming from the crater floor where mineral signatures of water have been spied. Curiosity

performed a novel, complex landing routine. In the final seconds, the rocket stage hovered as cables delicately lowered the rover to the ground. After landing, it cut the cords and the rocket stage flew out of the way, crashing 2,000 feet from the landing site.

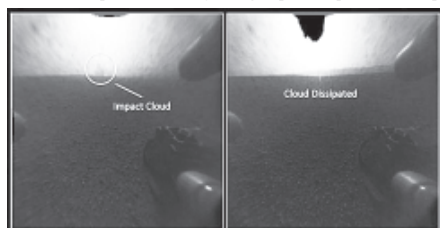
Speeding at 100 mph, the high-speed impact kicked up

a plume of dust — which showed up in Curiosity's field of view. Curiosity was in the right place at the right time and facing the right direction, Sell said. Since the feat, Curiosity has returned a flood of pictures including a 360-degree colour view and a low-resolution video featuring the last minutes of its descent. Over the weekend, it will get a software update, a process that will take four days. During the hiatus, stored data will continue to be downloaded.

It will be weeks before Curiosity can take its first drive, zap at boulders or dig up soil in search of the chemical building blocks of life.

The prime mission lasts two years. A preliminary reconstruction of the "seven minutes of terror" plunge through the Martian atmosphere revealed everything went as planned.

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These before-and-after images provided by NASA show a plume of dust, left, that disappeared.

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Perseid meteors: Skygazers hope for spectacular show

LONDON, 11 Aug — The annual Perseid meteors are set to put on a spectacular sky show this weekend. Glare from a waning crescent moon may interfere with viewing. But the Perseids remain one of the most popular events in the astronomical calendar, with meteor rates expected to reach as many as 100 per hour.

The Perseids are actually pieces of Comet Swift-Tuttle; each year in August, the Earth passes through a cloud of the

"December's Geminids often outperform them by a bit," said Alan MacRobert, a senior editor of *Sky and Telescope* magazine, "but the Perseids are probably the most-watched meteor shower, because they come in the warm vacation season."

The Perseids can be seen all over the sky, but the best viewing opportunities will be across the northern hemisphere. From the UK, the best time to see the Perseid shower is likely to be on the

The Perseids are among the most popular of showers, in part due to their occurrence during the Northern Hemisphere's summer.

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comet's debris.

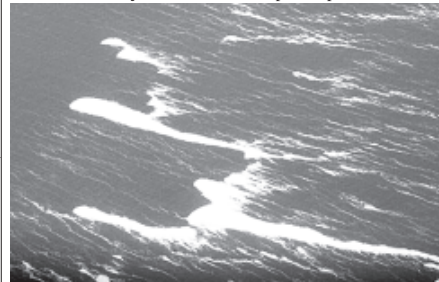
These tiny pieces of ice and dust (which range from the size of a grain of sand to around as big as a pea) hit the Earth's atmosphere at some 60km/s (134,000 mph).

morning of 12 August before dawn, when as many as 60 meteors an hour may be visible. Despite the Moon, this year's prospects for viewing are relatively good.

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Bizarre rock 'ice shelf' found in Pacific

WELLINGTON, 11 Aug — A huge cluster of floating volcanic rocks covering almost 26,000 square kilometres (10,000 square miles) has been found drifting in the Pacific, the New Zealand navy said on Friday. The strange phenomenon, which witnesses said resembled a polar ice shelf, was made up of lightweight pumice expelled from an underwater volcano, the navy said. An air force plane spotted the rocks



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on Thursday about 1,000 kilometres (600 miles) offshore from New Zealand and warned a navy warship that it was heading towards them.

Lieutenant Tim Oscar said that while he knew his ship the HMNZS Canterbury was in no danger from the pumice, which is solidified lava filled with air bubbles, it was still "the weirdest thing I've seen in 18 years at sea". "As far ahead as I could observe was a raft of pumice moving up and down with the swell," he said. "The rock looked to be sitting two foot (half a metre) above the surface of the waves and lit up a brilliant white colour in the spotlight. It looked exactly like the edge of an ice shelf."

Scientists aboard the ship said the pumice probably came from an underwater volcano called Monowai, which has been active recently. They said the phenomenon was unrelated to increased volcanic activity in New Zealand this week, including an eruption at Mount Tongariro that sent an ash cloud 20,000 feet into the atmosphere.

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French industrial production remains stable in June

PARIS, 11 Aug — Industrial output in France was stable in June after losing ground a month earlier, national statistics bureau Insee said on Friday.

After decreasing by 1.1 percent in May, manufacturing activity remained unchanged in June with coke and refined petroleum products registering a 13.6 percent rise as a refinery resumed production in mid-June, according to Insee's monthly data. Transport sector output fell 1.7 percent, driven down by a 3-percent fall in auto manufacturing.

Mining and energy production was down 0.8 percent while construction activities reported a positive trend with an increase of 0.7 percent over the period. Quarterly figures showed a 0.6-percent decrease in the country's industrial production in the second quarter of 2012 with manufacturing output falling by 1.2 percent. —Xinhua

Hepatitis tests start in New Hampshire; hospital faulted

BOSTON, 11 Aug — Testing started on Friday on the patients of a New Hampshire hospital who may have been infected with the hepatitis C virus by a former worker, even as the hospital released a response to a new report critical of its former procedures. David Matthew Kwiatkowski, a former lab technician at Exeter Hospital who has carried the virus since at least June 2010, was charged with federal drug crimes in July. The Department of Justice said Kwiatkowski stole syringes filled with the painkiller Fentanyl, injected himself, then refilled the needles with saline to hide his actions and left them for re-use on patients.

Thirty former patients and one hospital employee had been infected with the same strain of hepatitis C as Kwiatkowski, including one new diagnosis made this week, said the New Hampshire Department. Hepatitis C is caused by a virus that attacks the liver and is considered among the most serious hepatitis viruses. It is passed through contact with contaminated blood, often through shared needles. Authorities, when they charged Kwiatkowski, called him a "serial injector." Exeter Hospital responded on Thursday to a stinging assessment of its practices by the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid, some of which showed how Kwiatkowski may have been able to commit his alleged crimes.

The Centre slammed the hospital for failing to meet many safety measures, including securing narcotics such as the ones Kwiatkowski used on himself. The 18-page report, based on an assessment made in June, noted that hospital staff routinely left certain medications unsecured.

Reuters



KitKat sales rose strongly in the Middle East. — INTERNET

Nestle's half-year profits rise led by emerging markets

GENEVA, 11 Aug — Nestle has reported a rise in net profit of 8.9% to 5.1bn Swiss francs (\$5.24bn; £3.34bn) for the first half of 2012. Emerging markets sales rose 12.9%, and by 2.6% in developed nations. Nestle said total sales grew 6.6% to 44.1bn Swiss francs between January and June 2012.

Demand for its ready-to-drink coffee in China led growth. Sales of its KitKat chocolate bar in the Middle East also rose strongly. Paul Bulcke, Nestle chief executive, said the business was happy that it had performed in line with expectations.

He indicated that emerging markets would continue to be important, as consumers in North America and Europe face pressure from tough macro-economic conditions. "We are continually opening new routes to market to reach emerging consumers," said Mr Bulcke. — Internet



There are widespread concerns about the impact of the dry weather in the US. — INTERNET

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has slashed its forecasts for corn production and predicted sharp price rises, due to a drought and heatwave

US corn price forecast to rise sharply

destroying much of the country's crop. It now thinks that this year's corn yield — the amount produced per acre — will be the lowest since 1995-96. It predicts farm prices for corn will average \$7.50-\$8.90 per bushel. In July had predicted \$5.40-\$6.40 per bushel. The US is the world's biggest producer of corn, soybeans and wheat.

The United Nations (UN) has warned that the dry spells in the Midwest could lead to higher food prices. The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) has called on the US to suspend its production of biofuel ethanol. Under US law, 40% of the corn

harvest must be used to make biofuel, a quota which the UN says could contribute to a food crisis around the world. The US argues that producing much of its own fuel, rather than importing it, is good for the country.

The latest forecasts from the USDA suggest that corn production in 2012-13 will be 10.8 billion bushels, some 2.2 billion bushels less than it predicted last month and the lowest since 2006-07. The USDA lowered its corn yield forecast by 22.6 bushels per acre to 123.4 bushels, citing the extreme heat and dryness. Dan Basse, analyst at Agresource, said there was

room for the yield numbers "to come down more".

"For those of us who have been in the field, the crop numbers are likely to fall further," he said. The USDA expects further rises in prices, and it is predicting that global corn trade will be sharply lower this month "in response to tighter US supplies and higher prices". Corn is a staple food in many countries, and is also used in animal feed and to produce biofuel ethanol.

Concerns about the impact of the dry weather in the US pushed corn prices up by 23% in July, according to the latest FAO food price index.

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Anti-HIV drug Truvada backed for all high-risk adults

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug — Women and straight men at high risk of contracting HIV should also have access to a pill that can help prevent the virus, says US health officials. The government previously advised doctors to give the pill Truvada to high-risk gay and bisexual men only. But the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention say straight people make up over 25% of new HIV cases each year.

Truvada has been used to treat Aids patients since 2004, but was approved last month as a preventive measure. "That's not a portion of the epidemic we want to ignore," Dr Dawn Smith, CDC expert and main author of the new guidance, said of the decision to expand the advice for Truvada. The medication has not been suggested for use by all sexually active people. Even among couples where one person is infected with HIV, using a condom is adequate protection, experts say.

But Dr Smith said the pill might be used, for example, by couples trying to have a baby. When used as a preventive measure, the Truvada pill is taken once a day and can cost



between \$6,000 (£3,840) and \$12,000 per year. But some private insurance companies and Medicaid programmes have covered it, Dr Smith said. Gilead Sciences, the company that makes the drug, has said it is difficult to know how many people are using the medicine as a HIV-prevention measure.

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Food stamps don't alter kids' sugary drink choices

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — Despite hopes that the US Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programme (SNAP) can steer people toward healthier eating choices, there's no evidence the programme currently influences — for better or worse — how many sugary drinks kids consume, according to a new study. When children from families participating in the federal assistance programme for poor families, commonly known as food stamps, were compared to

peers not in SNAP, there was no significant difference in how much milk, soda and fruit juice the kids drank.

The findings don't mean that banning the use of food stamps to buy sweetened beverages, as some have proposed, wouldn't cut down on their consumption. But the results do suggest at least that having food stamps doesn't encourage families with kids to buy more unhealthy drinks, according to the report in the August issue of the Journal of the

Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. In short, "SNAP does not affect beverage consumption among low-income children," said Meenakshi Fernandes, the study's author and a senior analyst at the health and policy research organization Abt Associates in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SNAP provides — on average — about \$284 per month for people with low incomes to use at grocery stores on food. Purchases of alcohol, tobacco and other

non-food items are not permitted. In 2010, New York City attempted to add sugary drinks to the banned-items list, arguing that sweetened drinks are helping to spur the obesity epidemic, which disproportionately affects poorer households. The US Department of Agriculture, which administers SNAP, denied the city permission to implement its proposed pilot project in 2011. That, however, has not stopped other proposals for limiting soda consumption on public health grounds.

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Yahoo may alter cashback plans under new boss Mayer

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — Technology firm Yahoo has signalled it may alter plans to return money to shareholders under new chief executive Marissa Mayer. Ms Mayer is currently engaging in a strategic review of the company's business. The firm said this review "may lead to a re-evaluation of, or changes to, our current plans, including our restructuring

plan".

She recently joined Yahoo as a surprise hire from rival Google. Yahoo had —

under previous chief executives — promised to return cash to shareholders from a recent deal. In May,

Marissa Mayer's basic salary will be \$1m a year. INTERNET



Yahoo reached a deal with Alibaba Group to sell half of its 40% stake in China's biggest internet company for \$7.1bn (£4.5bn).

Ms Mayer, 37, is the firm's third chief executive in the space of a year. Yahoo has struggled in the face of increased competition from internet search rivals including Google, and the emergence of social giants such as Facebook. While Yahoo still has a market capitalisation of \$19bn, Google is valued at more than \$180bn. — Internet

Anonymous claims it hacked Australian spy agency

SYDNEY, 11 Aug — Hacking group Anonymous on Friday claimed to have shut down a computer server belonging to Australia's domestic spy agency ASIO, reportedly briefly closing down access to its public webpage. The Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) acknowledged some disruption to its website.

"ASIO is aware that there may have been

some technical issues with its public website," a spokesperson said. "ASIO's public website does not host any classified information and any disruption would not represent a risk to ASIO's business."

Micro-blogging site Twitter has carried comments in recent days that ASIO and Defence Signals Directorate (DSD) sites were being targeted by Australian hackers linked to Anonymous. In an early Thursday morning post on its Twitter feed Anonymous Australia (@AuAnon) wrote: "The anonymous Operation Australia hackers have today again been busy with further attacks on the ASIO and DSD website".

The *Sydney Morning Herald* reported that ASIO's website was down for at least 30 minutes Friday morning, but it appeared to be loading normally Friday afternoon. The group Anonymous, which is believed to be a loosely affiliated network of "hacktivists", has attacked sites around the world including those of MasterCard and Visa, the US Justice Department, and the Tunisian and Yemen governments.—Internet



Photo shows a masked member of the hacker group Anonymous. Anonymous has claimed to have shut down a computer server belonging to Australia's domestic spy agency ASIO, reportedly briefly closing down access to its public webpage.—Internet

Chesapeake Energy in US antitrust investigation

ATLANTA, 11 Aug — Chesapeake Energy said it is the subject of a US government investigation over possible criminal antitrust violations related to the purchase and lease of oil and gas properties in Michigan.

Chesapeake has received a subpoena from the antitrust division of the Justice Department's Midwest field office, requiring the company to produce documents before a grand jury in the Western District of Michigan, according to a filing with US regulators on Thursday.

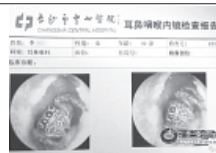
In June, *Reuters* reported that Chesapeake plotted with its top competitor, Canada's Encana Corp, to suppress land prices in the Collingwood shale in Northern Michigan. Emails between

Chesapeake and Encana showed the two companies repeatedly discussed how to avoid bidding against each other in a public land auction in Michigan two years ago and in at least nine prospective deals with private land owners.

The Justice Department is "moving criminally," said Darren Bush, a former antitrust attorney for the Department of Justice and a professor of antitrust law at the University of Houston. "They are working their way through the grand jury process to potentially serve up indictments."

Chesapeake's disclosure indicates the Justice Department has moved swiftly on the matter.

Reuters



Photos of the spider before it was removed from the woman's ear.—Internet

Doctors remove spider hiding in woman's ear canal

CHANGSHA, 11 Aug — A woman who went to China's Changsha Central Hospital complaining of itching in the left side of her head was told by doctors that the source of irritation was a spider that had been living inside her ear canal for five days.

Doctors reportedly used a saline solution to flush out the spider in order to avoid having the spider burrow deeper inside the canal or bite

her. The flushing technique was successful and the woman reportedly wept with gratitude after being told the spider was removed. Doctors say they believe the spider entered the woman's home while the home was undergoing renovations, and crawled into her ear while she was sleeping.

A report by CNN states that spiders and other bugs are appearing in greater

numbers this summer due to warm weather and drought conditions across the US. "All insects are cold-blooded, so in extreme heat they develop quicker, which results in more generations popping up now compared to previous summers," Jim Fredericks, an entomologist and wildlife ecology expert with the National Pest Management Association, told the network.—Internet

next Wednesday to explain why its alleged breaches of records laws should not mean the loss of its state banking license. A source close to the case said on Thursday it was possible the meeting will be postponed to allow time for discussions about the case between regulators — both state and federal — and the bank.

By using the run-of-the-mill laws, the New York regulator has been able to put more immediate pressure on Standard Chartered and given backbone to its threat to revoke the London-based bank's New York license—a potentially devastating blow to a global bank. There are fewer gray areas in a records case than there would be in a case involving more complicated, and harder to prove, federal laws that have restricted or prohibited dollar transactions with sanctioned countries such as Iran.

Experts say they eventually expect a settlement to be agreed between federal and state authorities and Standard Chartered that would allow it to keep its license as that would avoid a protracted and potentially damaging legal battle for both sides and remove a cloud hanging over the bank. The state inquiry is not only expected to increase scrutiny of records the bank gave to state examiners but also the work of top consulting firm Deloitte LLP, which analyzed Standard Chartered's transactions for the bank.

The New York regulator and the federal agencies concerned all declined to comment, as did Standard Chartered.

Reuters

US banks told to make plans for preventing collapse

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug — US regulators directed five of the country's biggest banks, including Bank of America Corp and Goldman Sachs Group Inc, to develop plans for staving off collapse if they faced serious problems, emphasizing that the banks could not count on government help. The two-year-old programme, which has been largely secret until now, is in addition to the "living wills" the banks crafted to help regulators dismantle them if they actually do fail. It shows how hard regulators are working to ensure that banks have plans for worst-case scenarios and can act rationally in times of distress.

Officials like Lehman Brothers former Chief Executive Dick Fuld have been criticized for having been too hesitant to take bold steps to solve their banks' problems during the financial crisis. According to documents obtained by *Reuters*, the Federal Reserve and the US Office of the Comptroller of the Currency first directed five banks — which also include Citigroup Inc, Morgan Stanley and JPMorgan Chase & Co — to come up with these "recovery plans" in May 2010.

They told banks to consider drastic efforts to prevent failure in times of distress, including selling off businesses, finding other funding sources if regular borrowing markets shut them out, and reducing risk. The plans must be feasible to execute within three to six months, and banks were to "make no assumption of extraordinary support from the public sector," according to the documents. Spokespeople for the five banks declined to comment.—*Reuters*



An ATM machine at a Bank of America office is pictured in Burbank, California on 19 Aug, 2011.—*Reuters*

Chesapeake Energy Corporation's 50 acre campus is seen in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on 17 April, 2012. *Reuters*



Strong earthquake jolts northwestern Iran

TEHRAN, 11 Aug — A strong earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale jolted northwestern Iran, according to Iranian Seismological Center.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10 km, was initially determined to be at 38.49 degrees north latitude and 46.87 degrees east longitude in Ahar city of East Azarbaijan, according to the report.

The quake happened at

12:23 GMT (local time 16:53) with no immediate report about casualties.

The first quake was followed by another one measuring 6 on the Richter scale in Varzaghan region near Ahar with the depth of 10 km, and 38.45 degrees north latitude and 46.73 degrees east longitude at 12:34 GMT (local time 17:04).

The quake was strongly felt in Tabriz, the capital city of Iran's East Azerbaijan,

about 130 km away from Ahar, and the people rushed out of their houses to the streets in panic, a local told Xinhua.

Iran, including its capital Tehran, sits astride several major fault-lines in the earth crust, and is prone to frequent earthquakes.

Moderate quakes sometime caused huge damages in some regions due to poor construction.

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We must cooperate with the government with awareness, consciousness and sympathy (2)

Maung Hmat (Pyapon)

It is learnt through the media that the government in taking rehabilitation measures in Rakhine State was in cooperation with UN agencies and international NGOs such as UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, UNOCHA, USAID, UNDP, Save the Children, Danish Refugee Council, Malteser International, Consortium of Dutch, Action Contre Le Faim, CARE Myanmar. Those organizations need to accomplish their missions on humanitarian grounds regardless of race and religion while discussing details about short-term and long-term plans, provision of humanitarian aids and acquisition of correct data on rehabilitation measures, the Union Minister for Border Affairs said.

To put it in a nutshell, altogether 89 relief camps had to be opened for 14328 Rakhine national races and 30740 Muslims who fell victims of the incidents. As to the rehabilitation measures, 202 houses were built by the Ministry of Border Affairs, 222 houses by UNHCR, 128 houses by CARE Myanmar and 400 temporary tents measuring 13 feet in length, 13 feet in width and 7 feet and 6 inches in height by UNHCR in Maungdaw. And 170 temporary tents measuring 45 feet long, 34 feet wide and nine feet high were built by the Rakhine State Government, 600 tents by INGOs led by UNHCR. Those temporary tents had been well facilitated with drinking water, fly-proof latrines and health care facilities.

As regards food, clothing and utensils, those displaced persons were provided with four basic provisions such as rice, edible oil, salt, grams by WFP which is spending around US\$ 600,000 per month to meet the requirement. Up to 18 July, WFP had already distributed 1378 tons of rice, 37 tons of edible oil, 17 tons of salt, 83 tons of grams totaling 1515 tons and it is learnt that WFP had already dumped 2135 tons of supply in its stores in Sittway, Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Yathedaung townships. NGOs and INGOs including UNHCR and UNICEF provided already 6800 sets of household items and 2400 sheets of tarpaulin. Although the provision of aids to the displaced persons is yet complete, the systematic measures taken by the government in cooperation with UN agencies, NGOs and INGOs are to be recognized.

On 8 July, a team comprising Pyithu Hluttaw committee chairmen, secretary of National Unity and Peace-making Committee, national race Hluttaw representatives of political parties, and members of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission led by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker himself were in Sittway, Maungdaw and Yathedaung and provided cash assistance to local people. **The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker on the trip Rakhine State said that it is required to prevent such violence from happening again; that therefore, all will have to live with patience and understanding towards each other; that**

any organizations and individuals are to do away with any frills that could be detrimental to peace and stability; that violence and conflicts beget such tribulations; that all are to take lessons from the incidents and prevent them from happening again. The words of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker are worthy of note not only for those from Rakhine State but also for the entire people of Myanmar.

On 4 August also, the Vice-President himself visited Maungdaw, Sittway and MraukU to meet with local people and look into rehabilitation tasks and situations of the region. In meeting with victims at relief camps, the Vice President assured them that the situations of health, education, trade and transport would soon return to normalcy. Not only cash assistance and provisions but also power tillers, fuel and paddy seeds were provided for farmers to be able to resume their farming works as soon as possible.

In meeting with local people, **the Vice-President said that violence and unrest rife in Rakhine State could not only harm local people but also tarnish the image of the State; that houses and buildings were burnt down on one hand and lives and property were damaged on the other hand, meaning both sides had to suffer a lot; that all are to take lessons from evil consequences of the incident and seeks answers to avoiding such incidents; that the government alone is not possible to bring about national development and improvement of social-economic status and stressed the need for the people to do their bit in the process.**

Despite a widespread criticism, the guidance of the Vice-President is a new vigour for everyone to march to a better future under the leadership of the Head of State. All are to seek means and ways to be able to prevent such incident like this from happening again.

I would like to answer the allegations against excessive use of forces in quelling unrests in Rakhine State. Actually, the conflicts and violence started around 3 or 4 June. If the Tatmadaw deployed its forces since then, such violence and anarchic acts could be stopped. Though, it would inflict heavy casualties on the groups being cracked down. That's why the government took cautious steps and handled the situation with the police. I noticed that **the government cautiously deployed the forces and sought alternatives including request of respective religious leaders and arbitration of officials. The President himself made a plea. These efforts contributed to rapid return to normalcy.** Looking at the official figures, casualties were not more than ten. Retaliation caused most of casualties. It is clear that there was no excessive use of force in handling the conflicts and violence.

The persons who were found guilty in the cases have been handed down sentences. Suspects who were found guilty at the court for Kyauknimaw murder incurred death

penalties. Prosecution for Sittway incident is being initiated. All who committed crimes in Buthidaung, Maungdaw, Kyauktaw and Sittway violence are being brought to justice regardless of race or religion. **The government will expose the cases and take actions against the guilty parties equally in line with the law.**

The Rakhine State incident covered only a number of townships in the state. It is merely violence between two mobs. But the sufferers are from both Buddhist and Islam communities. So, it is clear that the incidents had no connection with religious persecution.

Myanmar is a country where Buddhists, Christians, Muslims and Hindus have lived in peace and amity for hundreds of years. Amid diversity of religion, the people have maintained peaceful coexistence. The teachings of Buddhism, the majority religion, feature sympathy and care towards every human being with goodwill. As the Buddhism teaches to extend sympathy and help not only to the fellow Buddhists but to all the human beings, we have owned the fine tradition of expressing kindness towards every human being. **There is no discrimination against religion in Rakhine State as in quibbles. The religious persecution is far more impossible. I would like to declare to the world that there was no human rights violation.**

I would like to refer to comments of Indonesian President Bambang Yudhoyono aired by RFA. Indonesia is the country with the largest Islam population in the world. **Yudhoyono said Myanmar was handling the Rakhine State conflict at best. He said the Rakhine State incident was not a sectarian violence, but rather a conflict between two groups of people in the region. It was a coincidence that one side was the Muslims and the Rakhine side the Buddhists, he said. The Indonesian President also said the local Rakhine people see that the Islam side is receiving more UN aids, though some criticized that Myanmar government had a bias towards Rakhines. It is the fact that officials and organizations managing the aids should aware of.** The government directed that everyone must have equality of opportunity and officials at various levels are supervising the management on the spot.

All in all, the democratization and development would be succeeded only when there is a favourable environment for the stability and the rule of law. The responsibility rests not only with the government but with the entire people who will have to abide by the laws with consciousness. The cooperation of religious organizations, religious leaders, political parties, politicians, civil societies and the media on their initiatives is needed. I would like to call for cooperation with the government with consciousness, awareness and kindness to preserve prevailing peace in Rakhine State and prevent hairsplitting of the case as religious persecution or human rights violation.

Translation: TS+HKA

Agricultural equipment provided by Nay Pyi Taw Council



LEWE, 11 Aug—Nay Pyi Taw Council is selling agricultural equipment for farmers at fair prices so as to grow cultivation of monsoon crops in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

meeting the target.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Swe and party inspected ploughing of farmlands with the use of two New Holland tractors allotted by Nay Pyi Taw

Multiplier librarian course conducted in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—With the aim of culturing read habits of rural people and ensuring durability of rural libraries, Nay Pyi Taw Information and Public Relations Department conducted multiplier librarian course No. 2/2012 at

Council to Chaungmange Production Cooperative Society in Lewe Township on 29 July morning.

They explained allotment of farming equipment to the worksites and cultivation of crops.

Myanma Alin

Thuta Yadana Library in Aungchantha Village of Mignon Village-tract in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 26 July morning.

At the opening ceremony, Ottarathiri Township Administrator U Ye Myat Tint made a speech. Deputy Head of Nay Pyi Taw IPRD Daw Aye Aye Khaing lectured durability of libraries. Patron of Library Committee of Aungchantha Village U Aye Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Altogether 50 trainees from library committees of

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Taxation knowledge shared to students in Gwa

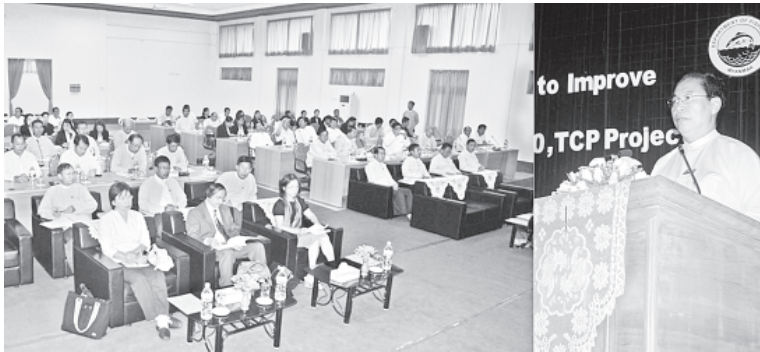
GWA, 11 Aug—At Pinyinna Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Gwa of Rakhine State on 18 July morning, Head of Gwa Township Information and Public Relations Department U Than Maung Gyi broadened horizon of the students with knowledge about purpose of levying taxes, and interrelation between development of the State and progress in collection of taxes.

Later, pamphlets on knowledge about revenue and tax were distributed to attendees.—Myanma Alin

Mingon, Aungchantha, Thekyun, Meelaungkon, Kyweshin, TadaU, Maungyan, Wetsu, Kungyansu, Phayagon, Taungnyo and Makankhon villages attended the training course.

Deputy Head of Nay Pyi Taw IPRD Daw Aye Aye Khaing, Head of Zeyathiri Township IPRD Daw Mya San Yi and Librarian Daw Win Win Nu gave lectures to the trainees.—Kyemnon

Initial workshop on Marine Products Capacity-Building to Improve Foreign Market Demand



Union Minister U Ohn Myint speaking at initial workshop on Marine Products Capacity-Building to Improve Foreign Market Demand.
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NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Myanmar's Fisheries sector is playing an important role not only for food sufficiency but for development of socio-economic status of people and assists to alleviate poverty being implemented by the State, said Union Minister for

Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint at the initial workshop on Marine Products Capacity-Building to Improve Foreign Market Demand which will be carried out with the technical assistance of Fisheries Department and

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at the meeting hall of the L&F Ministry on 9 August morning.

The Union Minister went on to say that FAO would provide technical aids worth US\$ 298,000, Myanmar earned US\$ 653 million by

exporting marine products to 27 countries in 2011-2012 financial year and the inspection groups from EU Commission Food and Veterinary Office assessed the implementation of Fisheries Department in line with EU market demand. A total of 13 processing factories were

U Tint Swai concurrently accredited to Portugal

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tint Swai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Italian Republic, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Portuguese Republic.

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qualified to export marine products in accord with EU market demand and being an ASEAN member country, Myanmar is carrying out food safety in line with ASEAN standard and is striving to get ISO 17025 certificate, said the Union Minister. The Union Minister concluded his remarks that the workshop would assist food security by implementing sustainable fisheries sector and would be agreed with establishment of ASEAN Economic Ecology

and agreements of FAO. The Union Minister urged those attendees to participate in discussion based on their experiences and knowledge.

Next, FAO Resident Representative Ms Bui Thi Lan extended greetings.

At the initial workshop, marine products experts and observers from the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, FAO and Myanmar Fisheries Federation took part in the discussion for improvement of marine products production.—MNA

School health week activities organized in Bago

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win yesterday morning attended the ceremony to mark the School Health Activities of Bago Region for 2012-2013 academic year and the ceremony to award the model

school for school health for 2011-2012 academic year at Thiri Pyinnya Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Bago.

The Chief Minister and wife presented model school awards to primary, middle and high schools in 2011-

2012 academic year. Officials also gave second and third prizes to the respective winning schools.

Later, the Chief Minister viewed the talks about school health and providing lectures.

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Basic Governance Reform Short-Term Course opened in Kyaukpyu

KYAUKPYU, 11 Aug—The opening of Basic Governance Reform Short-Term Course was held at the hall of District General Administration Department on 26 July morning.

At first, Deputy Commissioner U Yan Lin Aung of Kyaukpyu District General Administration Department made a speech.

Instructor U Kan Saw Hlaing of Rakhine State GAD explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

It was attended by township administrators from four townships of Kyaukpyu District and staff of Kyaukpyu District and Township GADs.

Myanma Alin



U Kar Si-Daw Khin Phone Myint and family (Moe Pharmaceuticals Shop) donated K 1 million each to Kyimyindine Basic Education High School No 1, No 2, No 3, No 4 and No 5 and Htantabin BEHS recently.—NLM

Library, furniture, books donated in Pwintbyu

PWINTBYU, 11 Aug—The donation of library, furniture and books was held at Parami Library in Ywakhaing Village of Pwintbyu Township on 28 July morning.

Assistant Director U Tin Latt of Magway Region Information and Public Relations Department made a speech. Staff Officer of Minbu District IPRD U Khin Win explained the durability of the library.

Wellwisher Dr Min Zaw Khaing of Yangon explained the purpose of donating library building, furniture and books.

The building of the library is 26.5 feet long, 20 feet wide and 12 feet high.

It was donated at a cost of K5 million by U Win Shwe-Daw Win Than, son Dr Min Zaw Khaing and family of Yangon.

Myanma Alin

Union Sports Minister views Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup 2012 sports events



Chairman of National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presents championship shield to Yangon Region men's team that stood first in track and field (Indoor) of Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup 2012 Tournament.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Chairman of Competition and Training Subcommittee and Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan this morning arrived at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp in Lewe Township where he viewed final match of track

and field (Indoor) of Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup 2012 Tournament. Those sports events are intended to turning out youth athletes for selecting and training from regions and states to compete in 27th SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar.

Officials awarded the winning athletes with individual awards and cash awards who stood first, second and third in men's and women's 200 meters race, men's and women's 1500 meters race, men's 400 meters hurdle race, men's triple jump and women's long jump, men's discus and women's javelin competitions.

The Union Minister viewed high jump, pole vault and chain shot-put as record demonstration programme and presented sports suits to the athletes.

The Union Minister awarded men's championship and women's championship shields to Yangon Region men's and women's teams.

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Flood Warning

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung (1198) cm has exceeded by (68) cm (about 2.2-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1130) cm during the next (3) days.

The water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo (626) cm has exceeded by (26) cm (about 0.8-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (600) cm during the next (3) days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Nanpan Bridge across the Nanpan Creek in Mogok Township, PyinOoLwin District, was formally inaugurated to traffic today.

The iron-reinforced concrete bridge is located on PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road in Monglon Sub-township in Kyaukse District in Shan State (North) and it has a total length of 200 ft and can withstand 60 tons of loads.

The motor road of the bridge is 24 ft wide and it is flanked by a 2-foot-in-width pavement on each side.

The old route from PyinOoLwin passing Mandalay via Madaya to Mogok is 167.4 miles long and the new one passing through the bridge is only 86.5 miles long, save the distance of 80.7 miles.

U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Construction, noted that the bridge will shorten the journey from PyinOoLwin to Mogok as it becomes the new route to link the two towns, will ease the traffic jams and will help down the transaction costs.

Upon completion of the PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road, the socio-economy, education, health and administration sectors of 16 villages on the road and 32 villages in the environs of the road would develop, he added.

PyinOoLwin-Mogok Road is considered a strategic road as it links Mandalay Region and northern Shan State and serves easily accessible to Momeik and Mabein through Mogok and Mansi, Bhamo and Myitkyina in Kachin State.

The expansion of the road network in the country would link the regions and states and would speed up

Nanpan Bridge formally inaugurated



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint speaking at Nanpan Creek Bridge opening ceremony in Monglon Sub-township.—MNA

commodity flow as the transportation is safe and improved, resulting in improvement of socio-economy of local people and narrowing the development gap among the regions, the Union minister said.

He also called on local people for taking part in the drive for eliminating over-loading of vehicles as part of efforts for durability of roads and bridges.

He said that it is important to load the vehicles meeting international standards for the durability of roads and bridges

and for reducing maintenance budget and it would help the government to construct more roads and bridges.

The bronze plaque of the bridge was unveiled and sprinkled with scented water by Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint.

During the time of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, a total of 180ft-and-above 17 bridges including the Nanpan Bridge have been opened.

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Special Refresher Course No 47 for Basic education teachers concludes



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye awards an outstanding trainee at concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No (47) for Basic Education Teachers.

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—The concluding of Special Refresher Course No 47 for basic education teachers took place at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) this morning, with an address by Chairman of National Education Committee Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye.

Present at the ceremony were Member of Union Civil Services Board U Khin Maung Aye, Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing and officials and altogether 1517 trainees.

Chairman of National Education Committee Union Minister Dr Mya Aye said in his address that education is playing a pivotal role in development of human resources and basic education sector, the fundamental one in education. The Union Minister went on saying that the bribery may tarnish the dignity of the state and its people and efforts are being made to control such kind of situation; new government announced State Policy Guidelines, most important tasks of new government and

political, economic and social objectives for building a new, modern and developed nation.

He pointed out that development of human resources including new generations play an important role in building a new nation, well-qualified people who had completed basic education level could pursue not only professional training schools but higher education; only the education could turn out intellectuals and intelligentsias for the country. He noted that Myanmar is rich both natural resources and human resources and the nation will become Developed Country by making strenuous efforts to develop in human resources.

The Union Minister said that only well-qualified teachers could carry out Quality Education. He urged the trainees to perform both physically and mentally their bits in implementing three "R" campaigns which has been conducted since 1966 to learning official language Myanmar for national races in border areas. The Union Minister concluded his address that the trainees must try the utmost to create good learning environment.

The Union Minister awarded outstanding trainees, presented completion certificates to them and cordially

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Coord meeting on development of health sector held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—A coordination meeting on development of health sector was held at the Ministry of Health, here, yesterday.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin made an opening speech at the meeting. He said that the Ministry of Health is implementing health plans with the aim of providing better health care services for people.

He also noted that the ministry will hold technology workshop for drawing regional policies and procedure plans at Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay from the third week of August to the first week of September, 2012.

In the third week of September, 2012, a coordination meeting for drawing sector-

and region-wise policies and procedures will be held at Nay Pyi Taw, said the Union Minister.

Holding such kind of meetings will contribute to improvement of the socio-economic status of the country. That's why all round suggestions are being made to implement regional policies and procedures successfully, pointed out the Union Minister.

Deputy Ministers for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint made suggestions for necessity of works in drawing region-wise policies and procedures.

The attendees made discussions on carrying-out plans and on-going tasks.

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Golds for Great Britain and Ukraine

LONDON, 11 Aug—Great Britain's Ed McKeever stormed to gold in the men's Kayak Single (K1) 200m sprint at Eton Dorney, while Ukraine triumphed in the Canoe Single (C2) 200m.

The 28-year-old Briton led from the start as he powered over the K1 line ahead of Spaniard Saul Craviotto Rivero, who took silver, and bronze medallist Canadian Mark de Jonge.

He punched the air as he crossed the line, splashing water at the side of his boat after winning gold.

There was a slight headwind today on the lake which meant his winning time of 36.246 was slower than both the times he recorded in yesterday's heats and semi-final.

In the C2, Yuri Cheban took gold, with Lithuania's



Yuri Cheban celebrates winning the men's Canoe Single (C1) 200m Sprint final.—Internet

Jevgenij Shuklin in silver position on the finish line and Russian Ivan Shyl taking bronze.

McKeever said the race was 'really painful' and a headwind made it feel 'that bit longer'.

'I was really just focused on the first two or three strokes and I wanted

to nail those and get out cleanly,' he said.

Asked how he was feeling as he crossed the line, McKeever said: 'Just relief. It sounds strange. Not elation, more relief and so happy I could do it in front of the home crowd - it's brilliant.'

London 2012

Drive Safely

Outstanding students, teachers honoured



LABUTTA, 11 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students in the 2012 matriculation examination and the teachers who turned out the students with flying colours in the exam was held at Yway Nadi Hall in Labutta on 30 August morning.

Ayeyawady Region Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Ko Ko made

a speech and Ayeyawady Region Education Officer U Min Naing explained educational matters.

Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung presented prize to best pass rate school. Region Minister U Win Ko Ko awarded teachers who turned out outstanding students with flying colours.

Region Education

Officer U Min Naing gave prizes to outstanding teachers.

Deputy Commissioner of the District General Administration Department U Kan Win, Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Ye Myint and District Education Officer U Khin Maung Myint prizes to eight two-distinction winners.

Region Minister U San Maung donated 250 donzes of exercise books to District Education Officer U Khin Maung Myint. Region Minister U Win Ko Ko donated K 200,000 to White Heart free clinic.

U Myat Thu of Labutta Township donated one ECG, one Ultrasound and operation theatre equipment to District Medical Officer Dr Than Htay Aung.

Myanmar Alin

Short-term course for reform of governance opened

YANGON, 11 Aug—The basic short-term course for reform of governance was opened at the hall of Yangon North District General Administration Department in Insein on 3 August afternoon.

Assistant Director U Htay Win of the Office of the Commissioner of Yangon Region GAD explained the purpose of opening the course.

The course was



attended by staff officers of the Yangon North District GAD, township administrators of eight

township GDAs and deputy heads of department.

Myanmar Alin

Cash and kind donated to flood victims in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 11 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash and kind to flood victims was held at Ngadatgyi Prayer Hall on the platform of Shwedaung U Pagoda in Shwegyin on 1 August

evening.

The victims are now accommodated at Nyaungwaing Tayoketan Ward, Shwedaung U Pagoda Hill, Taungpaing Monastery, Gangawaing Ward, Yadanabon Monastery, Kamahtan Monastery and Khemathiwin Monastery.

At the ceremony, Assistant Director Daw Phyu Phyu Win of Bago Region Relief and Resettlement Department and officials, Shwegyin Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung and departmental officials and local people.

After giving words of encouragement to the victims, Township Administrator U Khin Thein Maung accepted 212 male wares and 212 female wares worth K 1,432,060 and K 80775 from the wellwishers.

Kyemon

Farm worker dies in explosion of grenade

INGAPU, 11 Aug—U Chit Shwe from West Kongyi Village, nine miles to Mezalikon Police Station of Ingapu Township picked out a grenade that remained in the World War from his farmland at 9.30 am on 1 August.

At his cow shed, he hit the grenade with axe and so the grenade exploded. In the incident, U Chit Swe suffered injuries at his arms and legs. His worker Min Zaw Oo, 21, son of U Myint Shwe of West Kongyi Villagenear him was injured at right leg, ankle and heel. While rushing him to Mezalikon Hospital, the farm worker was dead on the road near Thabaw Village due to serious injuries.

Kyemon

District News

Tornado hits offices, schools in Paung

PAUNG, 11 Aug—A tornado hit Kada Ward of Paung at 00.15 am on 5 August.

Due to tornado, roofs of Paung Township Immigration and National Registration Department were destroyed and about 120 CI sheets were blown off.

Roofs of Yadana Hall and Padamya Hall of Kadamintan Basic Education Middle School were also blown off. A tree

fell in the compound of Paung Township Cooperative Department and some damages occurred at the roof of the department.

Paung Township Administrator U Myint Naing and officials inspected damages in tornado at the office and fulfilled the requirements for rebuilding of the departments as quickly as possible and clearing debris not to interrupt learning of students in time.—Myanmar Alin



Traffic rules talked at basic education school

YANGON, 11 Aug—Talks on traffic rules and disciplines for pedestrians organized by Thongwa Township Police Force was held at Basic Education High School No 2 in Thongwa of Yangon South District on 25 July afternoon, with an

address by Headmistress Daw Soe Soe Tint.

Commander of Township Police Station IP Than Htaik Oo talked on disciplines for pedestrians, directives of drivers, and road signs to teachers and students.—Myanmar Alin

Strong winds hit Dagon East Township

YANGON, 11 Aug—The strong winds hit Ward 11 of Dagon Myothit (East) Township in Yangon Region at 9pm on 3 August. In the natural disaster, a lamp-post on Thakin San Shwe fell and three houses were damaged on Naungyoe 1st street. It was reported that there was no casualty.—Kyemon



CSC ISSUED: Officials of Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people in Kyaukpkyutaung Village of Sinpaungwe Township on 26 July by implementing Moe Pwint Plan-3.—MYANMA ALIN

Water level raises at Ayeyawady River along Sagaing-Mingun Road

SAGAING, 11 Aug—Due to raising water level of Ayeyawady River, the overflow water could be seen in parallel with Sagaing-Mingun Road, said local people of Wachet Village on 29 July.

"This year's water level meets that of last year. Due to rising of water level, the people not far from Mandalay-Sagaing Road stay at tents along road. The people are worrying about that this year may be flooded

due to double Waso year," said a local.

Some controversies occurred between owners of bamboo rafts placed in the river and the local people who salvaged pieces of bamboo that spread out from the rafts.

Raising water level of Ayeyawady River raises worries of the local people residing along the river in Mandalay and Sagaing regions.

Kyemon



CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: Thayet Township Immigration and National Registration Department made citizenship scrutiny cards in Yepawkyun Village on 22 July as part of efforts to implement Moe Pwint Plan-3. Head of Township INRD U Kyaw Htay presents cash to village administrator U Yi Myint.

MYANMA ALIN



AGM HELD: Wundwin Township Cooperative Syndicate of Meiktila District held the annual general meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at its office in Ward 2 of Wundwin on 30 July. Staff Officer Daw Khin Nyein Htwe of Township Cooperative Department explained future task of the syndicate.—MYANMA ALIN

Teaching aids provided to needy students

YANGON, 11 Aug—Townsenders and wellwishers donated teaching aid to needy students from Ward 30 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township at Thiri Aungmye Dhammayon in the ward on 17 July.

Ward 30 Administrator U Khin Thein made a speech and presented exercise books, pencil, ball pens, compass boxes, food carriers, baskets and school uniforms worth K 490,000 donated by wellwishers to 47 students.

Kyemon



The US Treasury building is seen in Washington, on 29 Sept, 2008. REUTERS

Budget gap narrows to \$69.6 billion in July vs year ago

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug—The monthly US budget deficit shrank to \$69.6 billion in July from \$129.4 billion in the same month a year ago, reflecting a rise in government receipts and a drop in spending.

The Treasury on Friday said receipts totaled \$184.6 billion in July, up from \$159.1 billion a year ago. Government outlays fell to \$254.2 billion, from \$288.4 billion a year ago.

The \$69.6 billion deficit in July was less than the \$103.0 billion budget shortfall expected by analysts in a Reuters poll. The drop in spending partly reflected \$35

billion in recurring benefit payments made on 1 July, a Sunday, that were accelerated into June, Treasury said. July 2012 also had one more business day than July 2011, accounting for about \$6 billion in additional receipts.

For the first 10 months of fiscal 2012, the government's budget gap totaled \$974 billion, \$126 billion below the corresponding year-ago deficit, the Treasury Department said. Still, the deficit is on track to exceed \$1 trillion for the fourth straight year, a statistic Republicans frequently use to accuse the Obama administration of overspending.—Reuters

Former Barclays trader "has cooperated" with Libor probe

NEW YORK, 11 Aug—A former Barclays Plc trader who was fired by the bank for sending inappropriate emails about Libor "has cooperated" with the federal criminal probe into the alleged rigging of international benchmark interest rates, according to the New York hedge fund that currently employs the trader.

The hedge fund, WCG Management, sent an email to its investors on Sunday informing them that the \$3.4 billion fund is not under investigation in the Libor probe, but confirmed that portfolio manager Ryan Reich has drawn scrutiny from US prosecutors.

WCG said in the email, a copy of which was read to Reuters by a person who received it, that the fund had talked to Reich's attorney, and the lawyer said his client had "cooperated" with federal prosecutors.

The hedge fund added that Reich's lawyer said federal authorities have not

asked any questions about Reich's work for WCG, where he has been a portfolio manager since July 2010. A spokesman for the Department of Justice declined to comment.

Kenneth Ulbricht, the chief operating officer for WCG, did not respond to requests for comment on the hedge fund's email to investors. Reich's lawyer, Ira Lee Sorkin, a partner in the white collar defence group at Lowenstein Sandler, declined to comment on the hedge fund's email. Reuters last week reported that Reich was drawing scrutiny from federal prosecutors in Washington, DC, after being fired from Barclays in March 2010 for allegedly sending inappropriate emails seeking information concerning the pricing of Libor, information that could have been used in his trading positions. In its investor email, WCG, referenced the Reuters story.

Libor, the London interbank offered rate, is used



The letter "B" of the signage on the Barclays headquarters in Canary Wharf is hoisted up the side of the building in London on 20 July, 2012.—REUTERS

to set rates on trillions of dollars of contracts for everything from home mortgages to credit cards. The investigation has embroiled banks on both sides of the Atlantic and involves yen and euro rates as well as those for the dollar.

So far, there's no indication the authorities are looking at hedge funds in the Libor probe, but the investor email from WCG is an indication that the sprawling investigation is rattling nerves beyond the trading desks of big banks. Lawyers familiar with the

investigation say federal prosecutors continue to reach out to individuals to gauge interest in cooperating or taking pleas. They said prosecutors are expected to begin making decisions on charging individuals later this month or in early September.

When Reich worked at Barclays, he was a relatively junior trader on the firm's US dollar swaps trading desk in New York.

He joined Barclays in 2006, two years after graduating from Princeton University.—Reuters

US import prices fall on oil, industrial supplies

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug—US import prices unexpectedly fell in July for the fourth straight month as costs declined for imported oil, industrial supplies and even many consumer goods, further icing inflation pressures. Overall import prices dropped 0.6 percent last month, the Labour Department said on Friday. Import prices have only risen once in the last eight months. Analysts had expected import prices would rise 0.1 percent in July, and the decline could give the US Federal Reserve more scope to ease monetary policy if policymakers think the economy needs it.

Still, an increase in the pace of hiring in July has led some economists to think the Fed might not be ready for a new round of bond purchases, a monetary easing strategy known as quantitative easing. Even with import prices sagging, "people are still going to wonder whether the Fed will embark into another round of quantitative easing," said Robbert Van Batenburg, head of global research at Louis Capital Markets in New



Shipping containers are seen at the Port Newark Container Terminal near New York City on 2 July, 2009. REUTERS

York. Despite the downward trend in prices, analysts pointed out that much of the decline has been due to a drop in the cost of oil.

"At the core level, declines in prices are unlikely to be significantly felt at the consumer level," said Peter Newland, an economist with Barclays Capital in New York. Prices fell for goods and services bought from most of America's major trading partners, including China, Mexico and the European Union. That could be a sign of the recent cooling in the global economy, which has been

largely caused by Europe's debt crisis.

US stock index futures fell, hurt by trade and new bank lending data in China that suggested pro-growth policies have been slow to gain traction and more urgent action may be needed to stabilize the economy. Yields on US government debt also slipped. Prices of Chinese imports dropped 0.2 percent in July. The Fed targets annual inflation of 2 percent, and policymakers' preferred measure of inflation showed prices up 1.5 percent in June from a year earlier.—Reuters

Knight's Joyce gets reprieve but new owners want answers

NEW YORK, 11 Aug—Through a weekend of deal-making, Thomas Joyce averted the collapse of Knight Capital, the trading firm he has overseen for a decade. Now he has to prove to his rescuers—many of them friends from his long Wall Street career—that he is still the right person to lead it.

The consortium of financial firms that ponied up \$400 million to keep Knight Capital Group Inc operating did so without knowing exactly what went wrong during the 45 crazy minutes on 1 August when Knight's computers ran amok and racked up billions of dollars in errant stock trades.

They had to accept Joyce's assurance that the software problem, and the failure by management to detect and stop it quickly, would not recur.

Investors have made clear they are holding Joyce accountable for cleaning up after the costly episode, which also raises profound

questions about the risks of high-speed and complex electronic markets and what to do when they get out of control.

Joyce is "going to have to take his share of the blame, where he should," said Curtis Bradbury, chief operating officer of Stephens Inc, a Little Rock, Arkansas, firm that

science fiction notion of a machine gone crazy and a problem that ultimately could have been caught and resolved probably more quickly than it was," said Coleman.

Stephens' Bradbury said one question that needs addressing is, "Did (Joyce's) people respond quickly enough? When they saw they had a problem, what happened?" Joyce said on Monday that he could not say who was ultimately responsible for the glitch or why it took so long to stop the flow of errant trades, but that Knight is conducting an investigation into the matter and changes would be made once it was complete. He said there was no clear timeline on when that would be.

Joyce said the problems had nothing to do with the market-making unit itself, but more with the "technology bit or the network. It had nothing to do with the algorithmic trading group or any of the algorithms used for trading."

One Knight trader said: "It's a very, very complex world that we're talking about. It's just not an on-off switch." As a market maker, Knight provides liquidity to equity markets by stepping in to buy and sell stocks, using its own capital to ensure orderly activity.

Reuters



A Knight Capital logo is seen on a trader's jacket on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 1 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

bought 5.5 percent, or \$22 million, of the convertible shares central to the rescue.

"Everybody that invested is gonna have to make their own judgment on whether Tom stays as CEO," he said. Investors are asking why no one shut down the programme within a few minutes of the alarm bells going off.

Daniel Coleman, chief executive of Getco, a rival market maker and one of the firms that rescued Knight, said he is focused on the chain of command at Knight, not the computers. "I just want to differentiate between some

Two killed, 16 others injured in clashes in Mumbai

NEW DELHI, 11 Aug—At least two persons were killed and more than 16 others injured in clashes that broke out between a crowd, protesting against the recent riots in the northeastern Indian state of Assam, and a senior police official in Mumbai said Saturday.

Hundreds of people thronged the Azad Maidan Ground in south Mumbai this afternoon to denounce the riots in Assam and also alleged attacks on a minority community in the neighboring country of Myanmar.

"Suddenly the protest

turned violent with the demonstrators torching a vehicle, damaging buses and indulging in stone pelting prompting the police to charge batons and fire in the air. In the clashes, two people were killed while 16 others have been admitted to local hospital with injuries," the

official said, on condition of anonymity. More than 70 people were killed and over 400,000 others displaced in the recent riots between the Bodo community and minority Muslims, mostly illegal immigrants from Bangladesh, in Assam recently.—MNA/ Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV BIENDONG TRADER VOY NO (1232) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Australian Navy ships are shown at the Garden Island Naval Dockyard, near Sydney in May 2012.—INTERNET

SYDNEY, 11 Aug — Australia rescued more than 200 asylum-seekers from a boat off Indonesia, officials said on Friday, amid reports navy ships are literally cracking under the strain of responding to a flood of boatpeople. Authorities raced to help a vessel in Indonesian waters north of the remote Australian territory of Christmas Island late Wednesday, transferring the 211 people on board to naval

boats. "This boat was rescued by the Australian navy," Immigration Minister Chris Bowen said on Friday. "It had reported difficulty."

It is believed to be the largest number of people on a single vessel seeking asylum in Australia since Labour was elected in late 2007 and comes with more than 7,000 boatpeople arriving in the country this year. Bowen told ABC radio those on board included Sri Lankans,

Australia rescues more than 200 from asylum boat

Iranians, Afghans and Pakistanis. The rescue came as the defence department reportedly ordered a check of the patrol ships it uses to intercept boatpeople after cracking was found near the engine room of one and elsewhere on two others.

The Australian newspaper said the department had instigated the urgent probe into its fleet of 14 Armadale class patrol boats after discovering large structural internal cracks near the engine room of the HMAS Armadale. Bowen said senior navy officials had been working to improve maintenance of the patrol boats. "Obviously, there has been a high operational tempo in the north of Australia for a range of reasons," he said. "And obviously, regardless of what's

happening, there will always be a considerable workload on Australia's naval vessels in the north and the navy will continue to manage that."

Some 108 asylum-seeker boats carrying 7,364 people have arrived in Australia so far this year after the government failed to pass a law aimed at deterring them from the dangerous voyage by transferring them to Malaysia for processing. The figure is already more than the annual record of 6,555 set in 2010. Last year 4,565 boatpeople arrived. Prime Minister Julia Gillard has ordered a three-person panel headed by former defence chief Angus Houston to review all options in dealing with asylum-seekers and he is expected to report back next week.—*Internet*



Colorado shooting suspect James Eagan Holmes (far right) makes his first court appearance in Aurora, Colorado, on 23 July, 2012.—REUTERS

Accused Colorado gunman sought help for mental illness: lawyer

CENTENNIAL, (Colo), 11 Aug — Accused Colorado gunman James Holmes, charged with murder over a shooting rampage last month at a movie theater in a Denver suburb, has a "mental illness" and tried to get help before the shooting, his defence attorney said in court on Thursday. Holmes' public defender, in a hearing on media access to court files in the case, repeatedly made references to his client's unspecified mental illness, giving the first clear sign that Holmes' lawyers might be considering an insanity defense.

"He tried to get help with his mental illness," Daniel King said of his client, a 24-year-old former neuroscience graduate student at the University of Colorado who faces 24 counts of first-degree murder and 116 counts of attempted murder. Holmes is accused of bursting into a midnight screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in the Denver suburb of Aurora and opening fire in the crowded theater, killing 12 people and wounding 58 others.

Holmes, who seemed to have not shaved for days, appeared in court on Thursday wearing maroon prison garb and shackled at his hands and ankles, with his dyed hair fading to pink in some places from its original reddish-orange. He seemed alert but disinterested in his third appearance in a Colorado courtroom since the July 20 mass shooting. He mostly stared straight ahead and did not talk to his lawyers. "Mental illness is the only possible defence available in this case. It is hardly a whodunit," Craig Silverman, a former chief deputy district attorney in Denver who now practices law privately, told *Reuters*.

"By saying it repeatedly in open court, Holmes' lawyers provide the sound bite that will be the basis of the defence," he said. "It wasn't just for the court to hear but it was for the people in the courtroom and for people in the press to report." Court papers filed by defense attorneys two weeks ago said Holmes had been a patient of the medical director for student mental health services on campus before he filed paperwork to drop out of the competitive graduate programme.—*Reuters*

Armed Sahwa or "Awakening" militiamen, former Sunni rebels who sided with US soldiers against Al-Qaeda during Iraq's brutal insurgency, man a checkpoint in the northern city of Samarra in 2010. Bombings and a shooting in Iraq on Thursday killed three people, including a member of the Sahwa anti-Qaeda militia in northern Baghdad, security and medical officials said.—INTERNET



Iraq attacks kill three people

BAGHDAD, 11 Aug — Bombings and a shooting in Iraq on Thursday killed three people, including an anti-Qaeda militiaman, security and medical officials said. Two roadside bombs exploded in a market in Al-Wehda area south of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 19 others, an interior ministry official and a local security official said.

And gunmen armed with silenced weapons killed a member of the Sahwa anti-Qaeda militia in northern Baghdad, said the interior ministry official and a medical source. The latest violence brings the number of people killed in attacks in Iraq so far this month to at least 94, including 48 security forces members, according to an AFP tally based on security

and medical sources.

While violence has decreased from its peak in 2006 and 2007, attacks remain common across Iraq. There were attacks on 27 of the 31 days in July. Official figures put the number of people killed in attacks in July at 325, the highest monthly death toll since August 2010.

Internet

Iran's navy says has no plan for naval reactors

TEHERAN, 11 Aug — An Iranian semiofficial news agency is quoting the country's acting navy commander as saying that Teheran has no immediate plans to build nuclear naval reactors. The Thursday report by ISNA says rear Adm Gohlamreza Khadem Bigham

told the country's Arabic language Al-Alam TV 1 on Wednesday that while Iran possesses technology and capabilities to produce highly-enriched nuclear fuel for naval reactors, plans to produce either have not been on the "agenda" of the country or its navy.

Adm Bigham also said that an upcoming US naval maneuver in regional waters this September aims to pressure Iran, but he downplayed the possibility of a military conflict. The West suspects Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapon. Iran denies the charge.—*Internet*

Israel gives Egypt 'go-ahead' for Sinai helicopters

CAIRO, 11 Aug — Israel on Thursday gave Cairo its approval to deploy helicopter gunships in the neighbouring Sinai peninsula, where Egypt's military has vowed to crush Islamic militants, an Israeli official said.

The official, on condition of anonymity, told AFP that Israel's 14-member security cabinet had agreed to a temporary easing of the terms of a 1979 peace treaty which limits Egypt's military deployment in the Sinai.

The decision came a day after the Egyptian military said it had already deployed attack helicopters in raids that

killed 20 militants in the territory. The operation was launched after gunmen on Sunday killed 16 Egyptian guards near the border and tried to storm southern Israel. They raided a border guard base under the cover of mortar fire and commandeered a military vehicle into the Jewish state before they were halted by an Israeli helicopter strike.

Israel handed over to Egypt six "completely charred" bodies that were in the armoured personnel carrier driven into the territory before being destroyed, an Egyptian medical official said. In the



A member of the Egyptian security forces takes position on a sand dune during an operation in the northern Sinai peninsula on 8 August.—INTERNET

Gaza Strip, where Egypt closed its Rafah border crossing after the attack, the Hamas interior ministry said Palestinians returning from Egypt would be allowed passage from Friday.—*Internet*



Olympics organizers are auctioning off items from the London games, like the basketball from the upcoming gold medal game.

Olympic balls, torches auctioned

Organizers of the London 2012 Olympics are auctioning items online including a badminton shuttlecock, a tennis ball and a basketball.

The items include a \$391 badminton shuttlecock from the bronze medal match between India's Saina Nehwal and China's Xin Wang, a tennis ball from a match between Scotsman Andy Murray and Swiss star Roger

Federer with a starting price of \$555, and a basketball from the men's gold medal basketball match for \$2,040, *The Sun* reported.

The organizers, who said proceeds will go toward paying for the games, said torches signed by athletes including Bradley Wiggins, Steve Redgrave, Victoria Pendleton and Michael Johnson are all selling for more than \$3,100.

Sleeping man rides on baggage belt

A Rome airport said security procedures were not to blame for a drunk tourist taking a 15-minute ride on a luggage belt.

Officials at Fiumicino airport said a 36-year-old Norwegian man who arrived at the hub's international terminal with a beer in his hand hopped over a counter at the airline desk and fell asleep on the baggage belt, which at the time was not moving. The *Daily Telegraph* reported on 9 Aug.

The officials said the

belt began to move and the man rode for about 15 minutes before a worker spotted him passing through an X-ray machine.

A Fiumicino official said the incident did not result from a security weakness and was not the first to involve "drunks or people with psychological problems."

"There's usually an episode like this once a year and we are alert," the official said. "In this case we were notified we sounded the alarm immediately and we took action."

16-year-old wins texting championship

A New York 16-year-old was crowned the top texter in the United States for the second year running at the LG US National Texting Competition.

Austin Wierschke beat 10 fellow speed texters, ages ranging from 16 to 24, in a competition on Wednesday in New York testing their

speed, accuracy and dexterity, CBS News reported.

The competitors faced off in three rounds — texting while blindfolded, texting with their hands behind their backs and a Text Blitz round requiring them to speedily copy phrases.

Wierschke won a \$50,000 prize.

News Album

'Fresh Prince' DVDs popular in Guantanamo

A librarian at the US base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, said demand for "Harry Potter" books has dwindled as "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" surges in popularity.

The Defence Department civilian contractor, who gave his name only as Milton, said there has been an overall drop in demand for library

items from the 168 remaining detainees at the base — many of whom are marking their 11th year of detention — with a particular drop in popularity for JK. Rowling's "Harry Potter series," the *Miami Herald* reported.

However, Milton said there has been an upsurge in requests for DVDs of "The

Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," a 1990s sitcom starring Will Smith.

"I just ordered all six seasons," the librarian said. He did not give any explanation for the popularity of the series other than to say many detainees use library materials to help build their English skills.



Harry Potter books in Russian sit on the shelves of the library at Camp Delta where detainees are housed at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in Cuba on 8 July, 2010.

Kristen Stewart not part of 'On The Road' premiere?

LONDON, 11 Aug—Actress Kristen Stewart has reportedly cancelled her visit to the London premiere of her upcoming film, "On The Road" because she is not ready to face the public, post her cheating scandal.



Actress Kristen Stewart

The 22-year-old who was in a relationship with actor Robert Pattinson, was expected to walk the red carpet along with co-star Tom Sturridge on 16 August.

"Kristen won't be doing the red carpet for 'On The Road'. She's too ashamed to show her face in public right now," *radaronline.com* quoted a source as saying.

"After everything that has been said, and in light of the revelations that she cheated on Robert with director Rupert Sanders, she's running scared at the moment," the source added.

Stewart was found having an affair with her "Snow White And The Huntsman" director Rupert Sanders.—*Internet*



Norbert Leo Butz poses for photographers after winning the Best Performance by an Actor in a Leading Role in a Musical award for his performance in "Catch Me If You Can" during the 65th Annual Tony Awards at the Beacon Theatre on 12 June, 2011 in New York City.

INTERNET

Butz to co-star with Holmes in 'Accounts'

NEW YORK, 11 Aug—Two-time Tony Award winner Norbert Leo Butz is to co-star with Katie Holmes on Broadway this fall in the stage comedy "Dead Accounts," producers said.

Jack O'Brien is directing the production of Theresa Rebeck's new play, which is to begin its limited engagement on 3 November at the Music Box Theatre in Manhattan.

Butz and O'Brien previously worked together on "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels" and "Catch Me If You Can," performances which earned Butz his matching Tony awards. The actor most recently appeared in the off-Broadway revival of "How I

Learned to Drive."

"Jack's unexpected return throws his family into a frenzy, and his sister Lorna needs answers," a synopsis of "Dead Accounts" said. "Is he coming home or running away? Where is his wife everyone hates? And how did he get all that money? Theresa Rebeck's new comedy tackles the timely issues of corporate greed, small-town values, and whether or not your family will always welcome you back...with no questions asked."

Butz will play Jack and Holmes will play Lorna. The rest of the five-character cast will be announced shortly, producers said on Wednesday.—*Internet*

Affleck may helm 'Justice League' movie



Actor Ben Ben Affleck testifies before a House Africa, Global Health, and Human Rights Subcommittee hearing on "The Democratic Republic of the Congo: Securing Peace in the Midst of Tragedy," in Washington on 8 March, 2011.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 11 Aug—Hollywood actor-director Ben Affleck is in the running to direct the superhero ensemble picture "Justice League," *Variety* reported.

The Oscar-winning screenwriter of "Good Will Hunting" has directed the well-received crime dramas "The Town" and "Gone Baby Gone."

Multiple sources told *Variety* Warner Bros. executives plan to talk soon to Affleck, the only directorial candidate who has read Will Beall's "Justice League" script.

The popcorn flick is expected to feature iconic characters Batman, Superman, Green Lantern, Wonder Woman and The Flash. *Variety* said DC Entertainment, Warner Bros. and Affleck's representatives declined to comment on its story.

Internet

Russell Crowe struggles to reach sets of 'Noah'

LOS ANGELES, 11 Aug—Actor Russell Crowe says he has to climb mountains in order to reach on the sets of his forthcoming movie, "Noah".

The 48-year-old is playing the lead character in the film based on biblical story of the great flood and is currently shooting in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Telling about his experience, Crowe wrote on Twitter, "I'm living on a vast plain of volcanic ash in the lee of a volcanic glacier. The commute to work is a hike up a mountain ... Wind tears the volcanic desert, ash and sand arcing in 40 foot waves across

the plain, in the distance the sonambulant glacier leaks."

The movie also stars, Jennifer Connelly, Douglas Booth, Logan Lerman, Emma Watson and Ray Winstone. The movie is slated to release on 28 March, 2014.

Internet



Actor Russell Crowe

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes 'still talking' for Suri's sake

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug—Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are talking to each other despite their split, according to sources.

The estranged couple have worked out a "civilized routine," as their daughter Suri spends time with each of them separately.

"They are both going to do what's best for Suri," *People* magazine quoted a source as saying.

So far, that has included working out a smooth way to manage transitions for the 6-year-old girl, who has spent her summer exploring New York City with her mother, who has primary custody, and taking trips to the



Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes

Hamptons and Disney World with her dad.

But the vacation treats will soon be over as in September, as she will be starting private school near her home in Manhattan.

Cruise and Holmes had previously opted to home-

school their daughter because of the family's constant travel, but the actress wanted Suri to enroll in school "to have that sort of stability and consistency in her life," another source said - and Cruise is fine with her decision.—*Internet*

Top-seeded Djokovic advances in rainy Toronto

TORONTO, 11 Aug — Top-seeded Novak Djokovic advanced to the Rogers Cup quarterfinals on Friday, beating Sam Querrey 6-4, 6-4 in a rain-delayed match.

The match, washed out by rain Thursday, was



Top-seeded Novak Djokovic

suspected for 2 1/2 hours by more showers with the second-ranked Djokovic leading 6-4, 4-3. Djokovic, the defending champion, was scheduled to play Tommy Haas in the quarterfinals later Friday.

Haas beat Radek Stepánek 2-6, 6-4, 6-1. Richard Gasquet, Mardy Fish, John Isner and Janko Tipsarevic also advanced. The 14th-seeded Gasquet beat fourth-seed Tomas Berdych 6-4, 6-2, the 11th-seeded Fish topped No. 7 Juan Monaco 2-6, 6-1, 6-4; the eighth-seeded Isner edged No. 12 Philipp Kohlschreiber 6-7 (3), 6-4, 6-4; and the fifth-seeded Tipsarevic beat No. 10 Marin Cilic 6-2, 6-4. — *Internet*

Singh back on song with gritty display at Kiawah

KIAWAH ISLAND, (South Carolina), 11 Aug — Something of a forgotten man over the last three years, Vijay Singh served notice that he can still contend for major titles with a superb display in tough conditions at the PGA Championship on Friday. As winds gusted up to 30 miles an hour on the challenging Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, the Fijian former world number one ground out a three-under-par 69, the best score of the day, in the year's final major. Seeking his first victory on the PGA Tour since the 2008 Deutsche Bank Championship, having battled assorted health problems, Singh was patience personified as he mixed five birdies with two bogeys.

"After a while you don't really think about your score," Singh told reporters after ending a grueling day in a tie for the lead at four-under 140 with Tiger Woods (71) and Carl Pettersson (74). "You just think about each hole, each shot and just try not to mess up. It was one of my better rounds. I didn't strike the ball as good as yesterday, but I scored really, really well. 'It's one of the tougher conditions I've ever played in. And put this golf course in the middle



Vijay Singh of Fiji hits his tee shot on the third hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament at The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, South Carolina, on 10 Aug, 2012. — *REUTERS*

of all that, it becomes even more brutal."

The 7,676-yard Ocean Course is the longest to stage a major championship but its challenge largely stems from its elevated saucer-like greens and the unpredictable crosswinds that blow in from the Atlantic. "If you had a golf course like this and you asked me to go and play golf in windy conditions, I'd say no," said the 49-year-old Singh, who is renowned for his trademark loose-limbed swing. "But it is a major, and we have to go out there and just struggle. These are really strong winds. Yeah, I love contending in the majors, but you just contend with yourself and try to make a score if you can." — *Reuters*



France's Renaud Lavillenie competes in the men's pole vault final at the athletics event of the London 2012 Olympic Games. — *INTERNET*

LONDON, 11 Aug — Frenchman Renaud Lavillenie won Olympic pole vault gold after Australia's reigning champion Steve Hooker

bombed out of the final without clearing a single height.

The in-form Lavillenie on Friday claimed his first global outdoor title with a new Games record of 5.97m, while German pair Bjorn Otto and Raphael Holzdeppe took silver and bronze respectively after both cleared 5.91m. The battle for gold was whittled down to a three-man tussle after Lavillenie, Otto and Holzdeppe all notched 5.85m. The German pair then

Taekwondo: Argentina's Crismanich wins gold

LONDON, 11 Aug — South Korean Hwang Kyung-seon defended her Olympic taekwondo title by beating Turkey's Nur Tatar in the welterweight division at the London Games on Friday. Hwang had vowed to win gold in London after managing only a bronze at the world championships in Korea last year, and the 26-year-old enjoyed a comfortable 12-5 win over European champion Tatar to deliver South Korea's 13th gold medal of the Games.

That tally ties the overall record medal haul Korea set in Beijing four years ago, and with Cha Dong-min and Lee In-jong set to compete in the heavyweight categories on Saturday they could soon surpass that mark. Hwang was in tears after her victory and said she was so proud to have won another gold in the Korean martial art. "It feels like flying," she told reporters.



Gold medallist South Korea's Hwang Kyung-seon poses at the women's -67kg taekwondo victory ceremony during the London Olympic Games at the ExCeL venue on 10 Aug, 2012. — *REUTERS*

"It's very precious for me personally and for the country. I've done something special for the country and it makes me very proud."

American Paige McPherson and Helena Fromm of Germany won bronze medals through the

repechage competition. A day after Jade Jones had earned Britain's first taekwondo gold medal, Sarah Stevenson failed to reproduce the kind of form that got her bronze in Beijing, losing to American McPherson in the first round. The 29-year-old Stevenson has largely been responsible for lifting the profile of taekwondo in Britain but suffered a nightmare 18 months ahead of the Olympics.

Both her parents died in 2011 then she suffered a serious injury early this year. "The last year has helped put this event into perspective. I wanted to be here, I wanted to give 100 percent and I wanted to fight," said an emotional Stevenson. "But this is meant to be fun. This is the Olympics, it's not life or death, it's meant to be fun. 'There are more important things in life than taekwondo.'" — *Reuters*

Athletics: Bahamas end US 4x400 dominance

LONDON, 11 Aug — America's 28-year domination of the men's Olympic 4x400 meters relay ended in thrilling fashion on Friday when the Bahamas overhauled them to snatch gold in a pulsating final leg.

Chris Brown, Demetrius Pinder, Michael Mathieu and Ramon Miller sped home in a Bahamian record time of 2 minutes 56.72 seconds, Miller passing American Angelo Taylor to huge roars from the

crowd with just 50 meters left. "Miller had a phenomenal leg. I really feel bad for these guys (team mates). I really didn't hold up the tradition," Taylor, who had been handed a lead of a couple of meters going into the last leg, told reporters.

"I felt pretty good for 300 (meters), then I tried to hit it and I just didn't have it." Bryshon Nellum, Joshua Mance, Tony McQuay and Taylor claimed silver for the

US with a season's best time of 2:57.05, ending a run of seven successive golds in the event. It was the Bahamas' first gold in men's track and field. "No matter how small an axe, you can always bring down a big tree. We are a little axe and America is a giant tree, but we have done it," the Bahamas' Brown told reporters.

Trinidad and Tobago's Lalonde Gordon, Jarrin Solomon, Ade Alleyne-Forte and Deon Lendore won bronze with hosts Britain just outside the medals in fourth after poor changeovers left them with too much to do. South Africa, who had double-amputee Oscar Pistorius running the fourth leg of the race, finished eighth having got to the final on appeal after a collision caused by Kenya's Vincent Mumo Kiilu ended their qualifying heat. Kenya's disqualification also robbed the final of the planned appearance of David Rudisha, who sprinted to 800 meters gold in a new world record time of one minute 40.91 on Thursday. — *Reuters*



Bahamas' Ramon Miller (R) runs to a gold medal finish ahead of Angelo Taylor of the US during the men's 4x400m relay final during the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 10 Aug, 2012. — *REUTERS*

France's Lavillenie wins pole vault gold

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both went over at 5.91m at their first attempts to crank up the pressure as the European champion failed in his only attempt at that height but, facing elimination, he kept his calm to produce a best of 5.97m. "I can't really believe it," said Lavillenie. "Maybe tomorrow I will wake up and realise that I am an Olympic champion. The Germans were very strong and they pushed me to my limits. This has to be the best thing in my life."

It was France's first gold medal in athletics at the London Games, and follows a rich French tradition in the men's Olympic pole vault after victories for Pierre Quinon in 1984 and Jean Galfione in 1996. Lavillenie, 25, has been a consistent performer over the past three years. He also cleared 5.97m at the 2012 European championships to claim his second continental gold medal after his victory in 2010. — *Internet*



Members of the Chinese team perform during women's Synchronised Swimming teams free routine competition, at London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 10 Aug, 2012. The Chinese team won silver medal. — *XINHUA*

Ancelotti: Winning Ligue 1 is Paris Saint-Germain's priority

PARIS, 11 Aug — Paris Saint-Germain boss Carlo Ancelotti says his big-spending side are targeting the Ligue 1 title as their number one priority this season. Les Parisiens have been heavily active in the transfer market, with marquee names Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Thiago Silva, Ezequiel Lavezzi and Lucas Moura all arriving at Parc des Princes over the summer.

"I think that PSG has worked hard in order to buy the right players," he said. "From the start of the season we want to win Ligue 1 and I hope our performances match our desire to win the title."



Ancelotti: Winning Ligue 1 is Paris Saint-Germain's priority. — *INTERNET*

Unfancied Montpellier are the division's reigning champions, pipping PSG to the title on the final day of last season, and the 53-year-old is well aware of the threat posed by a number of clubs in the division.

"Lille lost Eden Hazard, but they have replaced him with an experienced player in Salomon Kalou. I think they could have a good season," he continued. "Olivier Giroud was a great player for Montpellier, but they have bought a strong replacement in Emanuel Herrera and I think Marseille and Lyon will competitive again as well."

— *Internet*

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(12-8-12 09:30 am ~ 13-8-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
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- * Songs On Screen
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- * Bago A City of Famous Historic Pagoda
- * News
- * MI People's Celebrities "Nay Toe & His Family how they relax"
- * News
- * Myanmar Movies Impact "Twisted Love Letter"
- * News
- * Tapestry A Unique Combination of Painting and Craftmanship
- * News
- * Flying without Wings My Great Limitless Adventure (Mandalay & Sagaing)
- * Myanmar Movie "Renewed Love Story"

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- 7:25 am
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:20 am
- 5. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 11:00 am
- 6. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 7. Musical Programme
- 11:20 am
- 8. Round Up Of The Week's International News
- 11:30 am
- 9. TV Drama Series
- 12:30 pm
- 10. How It's Works
- 12:50 pm
- 11. Myanmar Movie
- 4:20 pm
- 12. Song Of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 13. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:50 pm
- 14. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
- 15. Documentary
- 5:20 pm
- 16. Sing & Enjoy
- 6:40 pm
- 17. Tamayethnar Takwetsar
- 8:00 pm
- 18. News
- 19. Cartoon Series
- 20. TV Drama Series
- 21. New Melody

Stake driven for two-storey massage training school



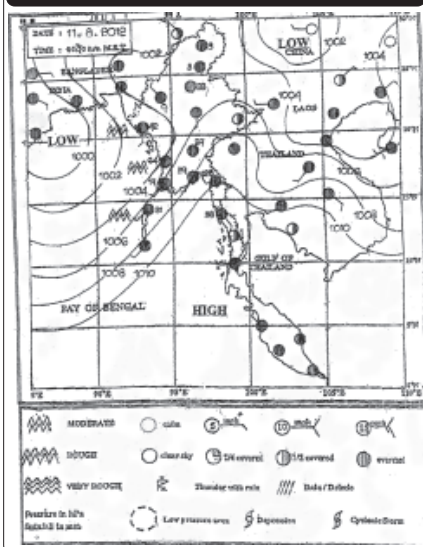
YANGON, 5 Aug—With the aim of improving life of the blind children, Japan Heart drove stake for construction of the two-

storey building for medical massage training school in the compound of the Kyimyindine School for the Blind of Yangon Region on 2 August morning.

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein, Project Director Mr Nobuo Minami of Japan Heart, Deputy Director U Tin Zaw Moe of Yangon Region Social Welfare Department, Country Representative U Thein Zaw of Japan Heart and U Min Lwin of Min Lwin Construction drove stakes for construction of the building and sprinkled scented water on it.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 12th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	25/77	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	24/75	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
4	Chin	19/66	16/61	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	23/73	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	36/97	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tamhuay	28/82	21/70	Fairly Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	29/84	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	30/86	24/75	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29/84	21/70	Some rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Likelihood isolated rain or thundershower	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan State, fairly widespread in Tamuay Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Bago Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw (8.46) inches, Kyaukpadaung (5.97) inches, Mawlamyine (5.03) inches, Kawkaek (4.25) inches, Kyaukse (4.01) inches, Kyaukse (3.66) inches and Paung (3.62) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

US women set new world record en-route to 4X100 relay gold

LONDON, 11 Aug — The USA women's 4X100 meters quartet smashed the world record as they won the gold medal in the Olympic Stadium on Friday night.

The US quartet of Tianna Madison, Allyson Felix, Bianca Knight and Carmelita Jeter shattered the previous record of 41.37, which had been set by the German Democratic Republic in 1985, to establish a new time of 40.82, over half a second faster.

It is the second World record to be established on the track in these Olympic Games and comes a day after David Rudisha broke the 800

meter record on Thursday. Jamaica finished second, while Ukraine won a very creditable Bronze medal.

The race had always been expected to be fast with America fielding a team led out by 100 metres gold medalist Shelly Ann Fraser-Pryce and including, Sherone Simpson, Veronica Campbell Brown and Kerron Stewart.

Fraser-Pryce may have been Olympic 100 meters champion, but she was always training Madison, who flew out of the blocks and handed over a lead to Felix.

The new 200 meter gold medalist is having a fantastic Games and widened the lead.



Tianna Madison, Carmelita Jeter, Bianca Knight and Allyson Felix (from L to R) of US celebrate after women's 4x100m relay final at London 2012 Olympic Games, London, Britain, on 10 Aug., 2012. The US team won gold medal in this event with a new world record of 40.82. —XINHUA

Knight held the gap and Jeter tore down the final straight raising the baton in triumph as she crossed the line. The DDR's record had lasted for 27 years and given what is now known about the training 'methods' of former East German athletes to break it is an incredible achievement, to break it by over half a second is just incredible.

Xinhua

Hockey: Dutch women win second consecutive gold



Netherlands' Maartje Paumen (R) with team mates celebrates her scoring a goal against Argentina during their women's gold medal hockey match at the Riverbank Arena at the London 2012 Olympic Games on Friday. —REUTERS

LONDON, 11 Aug — The Netherlands won their second successive women's Olympic hockey gold by beating world champions Argentina 2-0 on Friday with both goals scored from second-half penalty corners. The Dutch

netted from their third corner in the 45th minute through Carlien Dirkse van den Heuvel's rebound and nine minutes later Maartje Paumen got their second to wrap up the victory. The two sides had largely cancelled

each other out in the first half but the Dutch took control after the break - leaving Argentina hardly any space to threaten.

"We saved the best for last. We were so on the ball, so aggressive. Crazy," said Naomi van As, who already won gold in Beijing. "Maartje and me, we looked at each other during the break and I said to her 'we're going to grab it'. We dominated." So they did in the second half. Argentina keeper Florencia Mutio saved Paumen's direct shot but had no chance with Van den Heuvel's rebound. That set the sea of orange fans roaring and a Dutch brass band picking up their tunes before Paumen scored with a hard drag flick just below the crossbar from a penalty corner.

Paumen, who scored 11 times at the Beijing Games,

has an Olympic record total of 14 goals, though the Dutch skipper had not scored in London until the semi-final against New Zealand when she grabbed two penalty corner goals that kept her side in the tournament after they trailed twice. "I promised. I told you that the goals were coming when they matter," a beaming Paumen said, wearing her gold medal.

"Four years ago it was also an amazing feeling. It's amazing again now. Four years ago I was another player. Both are really great, but this (medal) is bigger and heavier." Max Caldas, the Dutch coach, said the victory showed his side's global dominance.

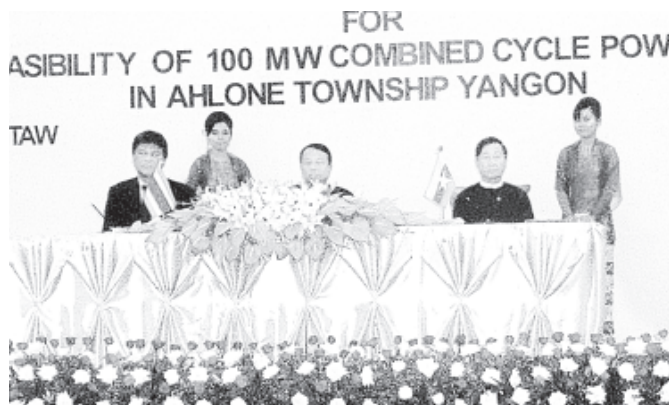
"The girls made a commitment to be better than better," Caldas said. "To be the best in the world is better than to be world champion. To be world champion, you do it only once and to be the best in the world you do it every day. My girls are amazing." —Reuters

Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Co Ltd, Electric Power Department signs MoU

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Ministry of Electric Power No. 2 and Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Co Ltd today signed a MoU on conducting feasibility study for a natural gas-fired and combined cycle power plant project to be built in Ahlon Township.

At the ceremony to sign the MoU held here today, Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe said that the project would play a part in satisfying power demand in the coming summer. As part of a plan for conducting feasibility study for producing power, the ministry has already signed two MoUs for generating power from wind and two MoUs for generating gas-fired power and the MoU signed today is the fifth one.

The estimated time for construction of a gas-fired power plant is less than construction of a hydro-power plant and a gas-fired power plant can run at full capacity as far as it is supplied with the natural gas,



Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe attends signing ceremony of MoU between Electric Power Department and Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Co, Ltd of Thailand.—MNA

the Union minister said.

He also stressed the need to apply all possible ways to produce power such as producing hydro power, solar power, wind power, fuel-fired power, bio-fuel fired power to be able to supply power to consumers efficiently.

According to the fifth MoU, Toyo-Thai Company Ltd shall make feasibility

study for the plant and environment and social impacts.

U Khin Maung Zaw, Director-General of Electric Power Department, and Mr Hironobu Iriya of Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Co Ltd, signed the MoU and exchanged notes in the presence of Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe.

Also present at the signing ceremony were Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, departmental heads and personnel from Toyo-Thai Corporation Public Co Ltd.

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Educative talks on taxation given in Haka

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—An educative talks on taxation was held at No.1 Basic Education High School, Haka in Chin State this morning, with the attendance of Headmaster of the School U Kal Hlan Htan.

At the talks, Head of State Internal Revenue Department U Aung Kyaw Htoo gave educative talks on Commercial Tax, Income Tax, Stamp Tax and Aungbarlay Lottery Tax.

The educative question and answer section, Ma Naw Mu Mu San secured the first prize by answering the 15 questions.

The Head of Township Internal Revenue Department presented the first prize to Naw Mu Mu San.

The headmaster awarded second and third prizes to Ma Van Dot Sone and Ma Ni Sone Chin.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (11-8-2012)

Maungtaw	(8.46) inches
Kyaukpyu	(5.07) inches
Mawlamyine	(5.03) inches
Kawkareik	(4.25) inches
Kyaikmaraw	(4.01) inches
Gyobingauk	(3.66) inches
Paung	(3.62) inches

Kirdyapkin walks off with gold



Sergey Kirdyapkin of Russia crosses the line to win gold during the men's 50km Race Walk on Day 15 of the London 2012 Olympic Games.—LONDON-2012

LONDON, 11 Aug—Russia's Sergey Kirdyapkin today won the gold medal in the men's 50km Race Walk in an Olympic record time.

The former world champion finished in 3:35:59,

almost a minute clear of Australia's Jared Tallent, who took silver for the second Games in succession, with China's Si Tianfeng claiming bronze.

Ireland's Robert Heffernan was fourth in a national record of 3:37.54, just holding off Russia's Igor Erokhin on the line as both athletes were given the same time.

Si looked on course for victory when he wiped out a 20-second deficit and went clear of the field at the 35km mark, but when he faded Kirdyapkin took over at the front and was never in danger of being caught.

London-2012

Svoboda leads the way

LONDON, 11 Aug—Czech David Svoboda led the way after the fencing bouts as the Olympic men's Modern Pentathlon campaign got under way at the Copper Box this morning.

Svoboda started off with 26 wins and 1024 points, equalling the Olympic record.

World champion and competition favourite Aleksander Lesun of Russia and China's Cao Zhongrong were one win behind in joint second.

After completing the fencing, the athletes headed over to the Aquatics Centre

for the second event of the Pentathlon, the 200m freestyle swim.—London-2012



David Svoboda of Czech Republic celebrates equalling the Olympic record in the fencing event in the men's Modern Pentathlon on Day 15.

LONDON-2012

London 2012 Olympics medal tally (23:00 hrs MST)

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States of America	41	26	28	95
2	People's Republic of China	37	25	20	82
3	Great Britain	26	15	18	59
4	Russian Federation	18	22	28	68
5	Republic of Korea	13	7	7	27
6	Germany	10	19	14	43
7	France	10	9	12	31
8	Hungary	8	4	4	16
9	Australia	7	16	10	33
10	Italy	7	6	8	21
11	Netherlands	6	5	8	19

12	Kazakhstan	6	0	4	10
13	Japan	5	14	17	36
14	New Zealand	5	3	5	13
15	Islamic Republic of Iran	4	5	1	10
16	Ukraine	4	2	9	15
17	DPRK	4	0	2	6
18	Spain	3	9	3	15
19	Belarus	3	4	5	12
20	Jamaica	3	4	3	10
21	Cuba	3	3	4	10
22	South Africa	3	1	1	5
23	Ethiopia	3	0	3	6
24	Romania	2	5	2	9
25	Denmark	2	4	3	9
26	Brazil	2	3	8	13

27	Czech Republic	2	3	3	8
27	Kenya	2	3	3	8
29	Poland	2	2	6	10
30	Turkey	2	2	1	5
31	Croatia	2	1	1	4
32	Switzerland	2	1	0	3
33	Canada	1	5	12	18
34	Colombia	1	3	4	8
35	Sweden	1	3	3	7
36	Mexico	1	3	2	6
37	Georgia	1	2	1	4
38	Argentina	1	1	2	4
38	Lithuania	1	1	2	4
38	Slovenia	1	1	2	4
41	Norway	1	1	1	3