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**Our Three Main
National Causes**

* Non-disintegration of the Union * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Issues of poor utility services and infrastructures must be addressed first in Yangon, Mandalay

President U Thein Sein addresses second meeting of Planning Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Chairman of Planning Commission President U Thein Sein addressed second meeting of the commission at the meeting hall of the President Office here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Ministers, the Union attorney-general, the Union auditor-general, the chairman of Union Civil Services Board, Region/State chief ministers, chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zones.

President U Thein Sein said in his opening speech that the meeting would focus

strategies adopted in the previous meeting, considering city plans of Yangon and Mandalay.

The town and village plans must be drafted in consideration of ensuring decent living, sufficient supply of electricity, accessibility of potable water, better transportation, sanitation, and job opportunities for the people in all aspects for people-centered development.

While the rural development is the fundamental requirement, systematic urban development is important for the future. 52.1 per cent of world population live in

Myanmar, urbanites constitute 32.6 per cent of the whole population.

The population in Yangon makes up about 10 per cent of the whole population of the country. Yangon with international airport and ports is a Myanmar's economic drive where products from Upper Myanmar and Lower Myanmar meet. It has the potential of a future mega city in Asia. Once it was the model city in Asia.

Similarly, Mandalay at the centre of the country is a commercial hub for trade with China and India. The Yangonites and Mandalayans form 20 per



Chairman of Planning Commission President U Thein Sein delivers an address at second meeting of the commission at the meeting hall of President Office.—MNA



on drafting city plan, town plan and village plan, a basic need for effective implementation of reform

urban areas. 44.7 per cent of the population of 600 million in Asia and Southeast Asia are urban dwellers. In

cent of the whole population and claim 30 per cent of Gross National Product. Towns of other Regions and States

should copy models of Yangon and Mandalay and implement urbanization plans for the future.

The issues of insufficient electricity, insufficient safe drinking water, incomplete sewage system, poor transportation infrastructures and air pollution facing these two cities today must be addressed first. The government's effort alone is not enough for these

measures. Foreign investments, low-interest loans and aids from foreign countries and capacity building courses must be obtained as there are needs for capitals, technologies and human resources.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-8-2012)

Gwa	(7.09) inches
Thandwe	(7.07) inches
Manaung	(6.02) inches
Sittway	(5.35) inches
MraukU	(4.80) inches
Kyaukpau	(4.60) inches
An	(4.57) inches
Ngathaingyoung	(4.25) inches
Pathain	(3.42) inches
Maubin	(3.31) inches
Kyauktaw	(3.27) inches
Bilin	(3.27) inches
Paung	(3.27) inches

PERSPECTIVES

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No need to worry about

The causes of environmental disruption are often divided into six categories: elemental, biological, slow-onset and accidental disruptions, disruptions caused by development, and environmental warfare. But particular attention should now be given to three of the six causes.

Elemental disruptions include all natural causes of disasters, such as cyclones, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, floods and tidal waves.

Biological disruptions are less threatening today than earlier in the century, as a result of the introduction of pesticides, insecticides and monitoring programmes. But they may combine with other causes.

Slow-onset disruptions are the result of interaction among human and ecological forces over extended periods. Global warming, deforestation, land degradation, soil erosion, salinity, siltation of waterways, waterlogging of pastoral land and desertification are included in this category.

Moreover, continuing high levels of population growth in poor regions intensify ecological deterioration. Necessity dictates short-term decisions for survival, for example using slash and burn techniques on ecologically fragile hillsides, rather than considering the long-term need of sustainability. Efforts to alleviate poverty should not put development before environmental considerations. The practice is self-defeating and increases the likelihood of future disasters.

Whatever may be, those problems would soon be successfully addressed through the environmental conservation law which is being discussed at the Hluttaw, and no need to worry about that.



Cartoon Hla Htut Oo

Outstanding students honoured in Kawkaireik

KAWKAREIK, 13 Aug—Kawkaireik Township Basic Education High School No. 2 of Kayin State held the parent-teacher association meeting and prize presentation ceremony for 2011-2012 academic year at its hall on 23 July morning.

Departmental officials

and members of the School Board of Trustees presented prizes to 37 students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours for 2012 academic year.

Headmistress Daw Khin Hnin Mu awarded four-distinction winner Naw Hnin Kathy Khin.—*Myanma Alin*

Union FM receives International Management Group (IMG)

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—The delegation of the International Management Group (IMG) based in Belgrade led by Director-General Mr. Dino Biciato paid a courtesy call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, at 8 am today.

The IMG is an implementing arm of the EU to conduct

capacity-building of the Myanmar Public Administration including training for Myanmar's ASEAN Chairmanship.

Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department and U Aung Lynn, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department were also present at the call.

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Experts meet to review Nomination Dossier of three city states

Deputy Minister for Culture
Daw Sanda Khin makes address at third time review Nomination Dossier.

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YANGON, 13 Aug — Experts met for the third time to review the Nomination Dossier which are being drawn to put Beikthano City State, Hanlin City State and Srikestra City State into the World Heritage List at the National Museum today.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, experts from the UNESCO, Myanmar Architectures Society, Myanmar Engineering Society, Ministry of Science and Technology and Department Archaeology, National Museum and Library.

At the meeting, the deputy minister called on the experts to complete the Nomination Dossier timely.

Technical Capacity Training Workshop on World

Heritage Management, the component-1 of the Capacity Building for Safeguarding Cultural Heritage in Myanmar, was implemented from 8 to 12 June and it has helped the management plan at large, she added.

On Job Trainings of GIS (1) and (2) have been conducted and GIS maps for the Management Plan and the Nomination Dossier have been completed, she said.

She also said that the ministry would seek approval from the Union Government as soon as possible to designate the Buffer Zone and the Protection Zone in the city states.

She thanked the experts for their earnest efforts for completion of the Nomination Dossier.

The meeting will be held till 16 August.—MNA

National Community Forestry Roundtable Meeting continues tomorrow



National Community Forestry Roundtable Meeting in progress.

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—The Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry and Regional Community Forestry Training Center-RECOFTC based in Thailand held National Community Forestry Roundtable Meeting at the hall of the forest research department in Yezin (Nay Pyi Taw) this morning.

Director-General U Sann Lwin of the Planning and Statistics Department, on behalf of the Union Forestry Minister, delivered an address at the opening.

The Director-General said that since ASEAN Social Forestry Network-ASEN held in Indonesia in 2010 for the fourth time, Myanmar has been giving a hand in national

community forestry activities. The Forest Department has planned three main tasks for continued existence of national community forestry

sector. The execution of forest research tasks, which is one of the three main tasks laid down, is being carried out through the roundtable meeting and the national community forestry research meeting to be taken place on 15 to 18 August.

Afterwards, Senior Programme Manager Mr.

Ronnakorn Triraganon of RECOFTC gave the purpose of the meeting that will finish tomorrow.

It was also known that Community Forestry Action Research Formulation Meeting will be held at New Park in NyaungU from 15 to 18 August.

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Cash assistance presented to students of veterans in PyinOoLwin

PYINOOLOWIN, 13 Aug—Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee presented cash assistance to offspring of war veterans for 2012-2013 academic year in PyinOoLwin Township WVO on 21 July morning.

At the ceremony, Brig-Gen Aung Lin Dway of the local station presented

K 20,000 each to university students, K 15000 each to university students of Distance Education, K 30000 each to high school students, K 24000 each to middle school students and K 17000 each to primary students.

A total of K 7 million was awarded to 324 students.

Myanma Alin

Distinction winning students honoured in Pyapon

PYAPON, 13 Aug—Alinyaung Education Service Committee of Pyapon held the second ceremony to honour the distinction winning students in the matriculation examination at

Nyein Chan Mingala Hall in Ward 2 of Pyapon in Ayeyawady Region on 25 August. The Committee presented cash awards to distinction winners.

Myanma Alin

As drought looms in India, fear for its cattle

MHASWAD, 13 Aug—Armed with the latest monsoon rainfall data, weather experts finally conceded this month that India is facing a drought, confirming what millions of livestock farmers around the country had known for weeks.

For over three months, even state agencies have been providing free fodder to those most vulnerable to a shortfall in India's annual monsoon—farmers who eke a living out of small landholdings and the milk provided by cattle.

At the end of April, Bhimrao Chavan and his wife

abandoned their land in western India and headed for a camp that doubles as a centre for the provision of free fodder. Their scrawny cattle and a couple of goats amble around a hut made of straw, leaves and plastic sheeting that Chavan and his family share.

At first, there was just a handful of families at the makeshift settlement on the outskirts of a small town some 320 km (200 miles) southeast of Mumbai in the state of Maharashtra. But as the monsoon rains failed to show week after week through June and July, turning fields across

the region from luscious green to parched white, the numbers there swelled.

Today, the Mhaswad settlement has the air of a refugee camp, teeming with some 6,500 people and nearly twice as many animals: cows, bullocks and goats that would have gone for slaughter or faced starvation had they not made the journey.

"The most important thing for me is keeping my cattle alive as that is my only source of income. Without them we can't survive," said 40-year-old Chavan as he cut sugarcane into small pieces for his cattle in the early morning sunlight.

India is heavily dependent on the capricious annual monsoon, which brings about 75 percent of the rainfall that the country receives, to irrigate crops and fill its reservoirs. Although agriculture accounts for just 14 percent of the economy's output, a successful monsoon can be life-changing for some 600 million people — half of the population — who depend on farming for a livelihood.

Reuters



Children wash their hands in a partially dried-out natural pond at Badarganj village, in the western Indian state of Gujarat, on 5 August, 2012.—REUTERS

Five injured as bomb explosion hits gov't bus in E Afghanistan

JALALABAD, 13 Aug—Five civilians were injured as a bomb targeting a government employees' vehicle went off on Monday morning in Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of eastern Afghan province of Nangarhar, officials said.

"The blast occurred at around 8 am local time on Monday and five people including four government service members with the provincial justice department and a passer-by were injured," a spokesman for provincial government, Ahmad Zia Abdulzai, told *Xinhua*.

The injured were shifted to a provincial capital hospital shortly after the blast.

He said an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) was placed in a rickshaw parked in a road in Masjedi Eidgah area and was detonated by a remote control device when the car

was running the area.

The area was cordoned off by security forces for fear of another blast and an investigation was launched, he said. Violence has been on the rise since Taliban launched an annual spring offensive on 3 May. The armed outfit has said anyone working for the government and the NATO-led troops are legitimate targets.

Four people including the governor of Ali Shing district in neighbouring Laghman province lost their lives as an IED struck their vehicle on Sunday. Afghan Taliban has launched massive IED attacks against ISAF and Afghan national security force in recent years. A total of eight people were killed and five others injured when a bomb exploded near a gov't bus in Paghman district of capital city of Kabul on 7 August.

Xinhua

Two earthquakes in Iran kill 300 and injure 5,000

DUBAI, 13 Aug—Overcrowded hospitals in northwest Iran struggled to cope with thousands of earthquake victims on Sunday as rescuers raced to reach remote villages after two powerful quakes killed nearly 300 people.

Thousands huddled in makeshift camps or slept in the street after Saturday's quakes for fear of more aftershocks, 60 of which had

already struck. A lack of tents and other supplies left them exposed to the night chill, one witness told *Reuters*.

"I saw some people whose entire home was destroyed, and all their livestock killed," Tahir Sadati, a local photographer, said by telephone. "People need help, they need warm clothes, more tents, blankets and bread."

The worst damage and

most casualties appeared to have been in rural villages around the towns of Ahar, Varzaghan and Harees, near the major city of Tabriz, Iranian media reported.

Tabriz resident Ahmad, 41, told *Reuters* his cousin living in a village near Ahar was killed and his body found.

"Nobody knows what happened to his wife and two daughters," aged 4 and 7,



Rescue teams search for victims in the earthquake-stricken village of Varzaghan in East Azarbaijan on 11 August, 2012. REUTERS

DUBAI, 13 Aug—An oil tanker collided with a US Navy ship near the Strait of Hormuz on Sunday but no one was hurt and shipping traffic in the waterway, through which 40 percent of the world's seaborne oil exports pass, was not affected, officials said.

"Both vessels are okay and the Strait of Hormuz is not closed, and business is as usual there," an Oman coastguard official told *Reuters*, declining to be named.

The Bahrain-based US Fifth Fleet said the Panamanian-flagged,

Japanese-owned bulk oil tanker *M/V Otowasan* collided with the *USS Porter*, a guided-missile destroyer, in the early hours of Sunday.

The navy vessel remained able to operate under its own power after the collision, which was not combat-related, the statement added without elaborating on how the accident happened. An investigation was underway.

Photographs released by the US Navy showed a large dent, several metres (yards) high, in the starboard side of the *USS Porter* just in

front of the ship's superstructure and above the waterline. Personnel hung over the side inspecting the damage.—*Reuters*



In this image released by the US Navy, the US Navy's guided-missile destroyer is seen damaged after it collided with a Japanese-owned oil tanker just outside the strategic Strait of Hormuz, on 12 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Fire in east London under control

LONDON, 13 Aug—London Fire Brigade updated on Sunday evening that the fire that broke out in east London is now under control, reliving the fear that it may influence the Olympics closing ceremony that is due to start in the night.

The Brigade said in a statement that it was called at about 13:15 local time, and the fire is at a recycling centre on in Dagenham, east London. Forty fire engines and more than 200 firefighters are combating it.

The Brigade said that the incident was declared under control at 17:30 pm.

But fire crews will stay at the scene throughout the night to completely extinguish the fire.

The fire took place not very far from the Olympic park, where the closing ceremony is due to start at 9 pm.

The BBC Weather Centres said the wind was likely to take the smoke northwards during the evening, away from the stadium. London Fire Commissioner Ron Dobson said the size of the fire is not seen in London for several years, and "it's certainly a dramatic end to the Olympics for the London Fire Brigade."

Xinhua



A police officer stands in New York Square in New York, on 12 August, 2012. New York City Police shot and killed a knife-wielding suspect as he weaved through Saturday afternoon traffic and pedestrians in New York's Times Square, authorities said.—REUTERS

Man shot dead by police in New York's Times Square

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—New York City police shot and killed a knife-wielding suspect as he sought to evade them through Saturday afternoon traffic and pedestrians in New York's Times Square, authorities said.

Police said on Sunday they approached Darrius Kennedy, 51, while he was smoking what appeared to be a marijuana cigarette. He became agitated, broke free from an officer's grip and pulled from his pocket a knife with a six-inch (15-cm) blade, said police spokesman Paul Browne.

Kennedy headed south, weaving through dense pedestrian and vehicle traffic, as more police officers arrived

at the scene.

"He was repeatedly told throughout this period to drop the knife and we have scores of witnesses who heard the officers doing that repeatedly," Browne told a Press briefing.

Kennedy was pepper-sprayed six times but did not respond. After he was again told to drop the knife, two officers fired on him, Browne said. Twelve shots were fired, and Kennedy was hit seven times — three times in the chest, twice in the left arm, once in the left calf and once in the groin. The two officers, who were not immediately identified, have been placed on administrative duty.

"Right when he pulled

the knife, the cops drew their guns," Lincoln Rocha, 28, who was visiting from Brazil, told the *New York Times* newspaper. "Some people were crouching near an office building... But others took out the cellphone cameras to try and capture it." As police officers pursued Kennedy, dozens of onlookers, including Rocha, trailed behind, he told the newspaper.

Kennedy was later pronounced dead at Bellevue Hospital Centre, Browne said.

The incident may stir additional controversy about the city's so-called stop-and-frisk policies, which have been criticized as targeting racial minorities. Kennedy was black.—*Reuters*

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The Cuban tree frog is one of many species affected by the fungal disease chytridiomycosis.
INTERNET



LONDON, 13 Aug—More changeable temperatures, a consequence of global warming, may be helping to abet the threat that a lethal fungal disease poses to frogs. Scientists found that when temperatures vary unpredictably, frogs succumb faster to chytridiomycosis, which is killing amphibians around the world. The animals' immune systems appear to lose potency during unpredictable temperature shifts. The research is published in *Nature Climate Change* journal. Chytridiomycosis, caused by the parasitic fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* (Bd), was identified only in 1998.

It affects frogs and their amphibian relatives — salamanders, and the worm-

Climate change may boost frog disease chytridiomycosis

like caecilians — and has caused a number of species extinctions. "I'm not convinced that the effect we've discovered could be considered responsible for declines or extinctions in the ways way that the spread of Bd can be considered responsible," said Thomas Raffel, lead scientist on the new research. "It might be, however, that climate change has sped up the decline or extinction after the parasite arrived," the Oakland University research told BBC News.

Over the years, various teams of scientists have conducted a whole raft of experiments to find, for example, whether Bd is more active in warm or cold temperatures. The new research looked at what happens in a more real-life situation—when chytrid fungus is actually on a vulnerable frog. And the key variable the scientists looked at was variability of temperature, rather than temperature itself. Cuban tree frogs (*Osteopilus septentrionalis*) infected with Bd were kept

under various conditions.

In some, the temperature was kept constant at either the bottom or top of their natural range (15C and 25C (59F and 77F)). In others, the temperature was switched predictably between the two values, mimicking the natural day-night cycle; and in a third set, the temperature was switched between 15C and 25C unpredictably. On its own, the fungus fared better in cooler conditions, and when the temperature changes were regular. But when it was already on the frogs, the pattern was reversed; the fungus grew faster under unpredictable temperature change.

The explanation is that being a simpler organism, it is able to adapt faster than the frogs' immune system. Previous research has found alterations in frogs' white (immune) cells due to temperature changes. But Dr Raffel suggested it was hard as of now to project what this meant for amphibians and the chytrid threat.

"There's a lot of observational evidence that climate change is leading to

increased variability and unpredictability of temperature and precipitation, and it's entirely possible that the kind of effects we observed could become more important in the future," he said.

"But I think it's really difficult to make extrapolations — partly because work needs to be done with additional species, and also because we haven't done the experiments yet that would allow us to make predictive models in a quantitative way."

Herpetologist Benjamin Tapley from the Zoological Society of London (ZSL), who was not involved with the study, also suggested it was too soon to draw strong conclusions.

"This paper presents some interesting and potentially useful information on climatic shifts and Bd," he said. "But there are now over 7,000 species of amphibian, and the relationship between each of these potential hosts and Bd will be species-specific; so I would be cautious of drawing broad scale assumptions."

Internet



The Nook Tablet is seen during a demonstration at the Union Square Barnes & Noble in New York, on 7 Nov, 2011.
REUTERS

Barnes & Noble cuts price on Nook tablets

NEW YORK, 13 Aug — Barnes & Noble Inc cut prices on three models of its Nook e-reader and tablet devices on Sunday, ahead of the peak of the back-to-school season and amid speculation that rival Amazon.com Inc is preparing to launch a new version of its Kindle Fire tablet.

Barnes & Noble, which has said the Nook has allowed it to win 27 percent of the US e-books market, said it had slashed the retail price of its Nook tablet with 16 GB of memory to \$199 from \$249. Amazon is the market leader with about 60 percent of e-book and e-reader sales.

The largest US bookstore chain also shaved \$20 off its 8 GB version of the tablet to \$179. Barnes & Noble lowered the price of its Nook Color by \$20, bringing it to

\$149, the latest reduction for that model.

The new prices went into effect on Sunday. Despite the popularity of the Nook devices, Barnes & Noble has had to reduce the price of various versions on a number of occasions to compete with Amazon, which is believed to be preparing to launch a new version of its Kindle Fire tablet. The earlier price reductions cut into Barnes & Noble's earnings.

The company, which has bet its future on staking a claim in the e-books industry, reported lower-than-expected revenue in the fourth quarter and said Nook revenue fell 10.5 percent. Signs at one Manhattan Barnes & Noble store already reflected the new prices on Sunday.

Reuters

New iPhone app checks your heart rate by reading your face

NEW YORK, 13 Aug — Aerobic fitness is one of the best ways to get — and stay — in shape. It requires getting your heart rate up, but it's also important to keep track of your pulse so that it stays within a helpful range and you don't end up over-doing it. A new app from a pair of MIT graduates can help you do it using only your iPhone or iPod touch.

Rather than rely on a cumbersome sensor band, the Cardio app (download for

iPhone) uses the iPhone's front-facing iSight camera to scan your face and determine your pulse. This works because as your heart rate increases, more blood is pumped to your face, and as it is the amount of ambient light your face reflects decreases. The Cardio app is able to detect these variations in reflectiveness and use them to determine your pulse within three beats per minutes, according to its creators, husband and wife PhD team



The app offers a simple, no-touch solution for checking your pulse.—INTERNET

Ming-Zer and Yukkee Poh.

The app sells for \$4.99 and user reviews on the iTunes Store are largely very positive so far, with comments praising its accuracy and ease-of-use. Now, if only they could come up with an app that could scan our faces and display our cholesterol levels, we'd be all set.—Internet

After Curiosity, uncertainty lingers on NASA's Mars programme

PASADENA, 13 Aug—This week's arrival of NASA's Mars rover Curiosity set the stage for a potentially game-changing quest to learn whether the planet most like Earth ever had a shot at developing life, but follow-up missions exist only on drawing boards. The United States had planned to team up with Europe on a trio of missions beginning in 2016 that would culminate in the return of Mars soil and rock samples to Earth, an

endeavour the National Research Council considers its top priority in planetary science for the next decade.

Citing budget concerns, the Obama administration terminated NASA's participation in Europe's ExoMars programme earlier this year, spurring the US space agency to re-examine its options before another flight opportunity comes and goes. Earth and Mars favourably align for launches about every 26 months. The situation is complicated by massive budget overruns in the \$2.5-billion Curiosity mission, intended to determine if Mars could now or ever have supported microbial life, and in the \$8 billion James Webb Space Telescope, a successor to the Hubble observatory.

Those overruns are partly to blame for leaving Mars exploration short of the multibillion-dollar commitment needed for another "flagship" mission of the scale

it would take to fetch rocks and soil from the Red Planet and bring them home. A NASA report due for release this month is expected to outline lower-cost alternatives for Mars missions that could launch in 2018 and 2020.

A second rover mission to follow up on Curiosity's findings or to explore one of three other candidate landing sites originally identified for Curiosity would be "the next logical step," said NASA's Mars exploration programme chief, Doug McCuiston. But he doubts he will have the money for it. Although unlikely to draw a crowd to New York's Times Square like Curiosity's spectacular landing did, a new orbiting satellite to detect and analyze minerals or peer beneath the planet's surface with infrared eyes would help scientists zero in on the best place for an eventual sample-return mission.—Reuters

Blizzard Battle.net hack attack hits millions



The attack exposed the email addresses millions use to get at Blizzard games such as World of Warcraft.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 13 Aug — Account details for millions of players have been stolen in a hack attack on Blizzard, the maker of World of Warcraft, StarCraft and Diablo. Blizzard revealed details of the breach

in a message posted to its Battle.net account management service. Players in North America should change their login details for the account management service, said Blizzard. So far, it said, there was no evidence that credit card numbers and other personal details had been taken.

In the message, Blizzard boss Mike Morhaime said it discovered on 4 August that there had been "unauthorized and illegal access" to its internal network. Its investigation into the breach revealed that whoever broke in got a copy of a list of all email addresses for Battle.net users outside China.

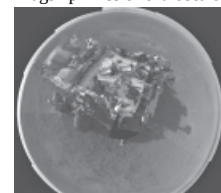
Battle.net is the overarching account management and login service gamers use to play Blizzard games including World of Warcraft, StarCraft 2 and Diablo 3.

Also accessed was information about the security questions and account authenticators used by players on North American servers. As well as players in the US and Canada this includes people in Latin America, Australia, New Zealand, and Southeast Asia. The attackers also stole a cryptographically scrambled list of the passwords used on North American Battle.net accounts. The technique

Blizzard used to conceal these passwords, said Mr Morhaime, made it hard to unscramble them.

Blizzard said that, as far as it knew, the information stolen would not be enough for attackers to gain unauthorised access to Battle.net accounts. Despite this, it urged players on North America servers to change their passwords, especially if that secret phrase or character combination was used on other services. It said it had begun an automatic process to force players to change their secret questions and get those who use authenticators to update their devices.

Internet



The Curiosity rover is seen in this stitched image taken by its Navigation cameras, located on the now-upright mast, in this picture released by NASA on 8 Aug, 2012.
REUTERS

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China controls 70 percent of the world's solar panel production and exports nearly 90 percent of its products to the eurozone and the United States.

XINHUA

Photovoltaic industry powering ahead

BEIJING, 13 Aug — Just nine months after the United States initiated an investigation against China's solar panels industry, Europe — the largest buyer of Chinese solar products — is likely to start another round of a trade war with Chinese manufacturers. German company SolarWorld AG has filed a petition with the European Union to request an anti-dumping investigation on solar products imported from China.

If the EU follows the US precedent and launches an anti-dumping investigation, the Chinese solar industry could suffer a serious blow, according to a joint statement issued by more than 30 Chinese companies. The statement underlined the fact that the domestic market — despite its promising potential — is not an immediate alternative for local companies. But things might change as the Chinese market develops. The challenges faced by China's solar industry mirror the ones faced by Peng Xiaofeng, the founder of Jiangxi province-based LDK Solar.

The New York-listed

company made Peng the fourth-richest man on China's Hurun Wealth List in 2008, when he was only 33 years old. LDK Solar used to be ranked No 1 in Asia for its wafer production capacity. Today, the company is still No 1 in the industry, but now for the amount of debt it holds on its balance sheet. And bankruptcy rumours have plagued it recently. Chinese manufacturers export nearly \$2 billion worth of solar panels annually to the US. And nearly 60 percent of China's solar exports — which are worth \$35.8 billion — were shipped to the European market in 2011.

While eurozone demand is shrinking due to the debt crisis and subsidy cuts, the US is imposing punitive tariffs, as high as 250 percent, which may block some Chinese companies from the market. Weakening external demand and a small domestic market have left Chinese solar manufacturers struggling. Major players, including Suntech Power Holdings, LDK Solar and Yingli Green Energy Holding, all posted bigger-than-expected losses in the first quarter of the year.

Xinhua

Shares steady, growth worries limit gains

TOKYO, 13 Aug — Asian shares steadied on Monday but gains were limited by further evidence of slowing global growth, while the bleaker economic outlook kept hopes alive that authorities around the world will embark on more stimulus measures.

After a deluge of weak data from several countries last week, topped by Friday's dismal Chinese trade figures, investors will be eyeing July US retail sales and consumer prices as well as the euro zone's second quarter gross domestic product reading on Tuesday, which is expected to show a contraction.

Fears were growing that the German economy could fall into recession in the second half of this year, crippled by the three-year euro zone debt crisis. Data on Monday showed Japan's economy grew 0.3 percent in April-June from the previous quarter, half as much as expected, and slowing from 1.3 percent growth in January-March as a rebound in consumer spending started to lose momentum and as Europe's debt crisis weighed on export demand.

"The latest round of global data releases shows that European activity is the main drag on the global economy at present," Barclays

Capital said in a research note.

"Data across a variety of indicators and regions support our economists' call that the ECB has more easing to do and our call that the euro should continue to weaken against the USD." Sentiment has been underpinned this month by expectations the European Central Bank will start buying sovereign bonds to lower borrowing costs for Spain, and the Federal Reserve will expand its monetary easing. Authorities, however, have suggested no such steps were likely before September.

Reuters



A man looks at an electronic board displaying share prices outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 25 July, 2012.

REUTERS

BlueScope and Nippon steel agree \$1.4b joint venture



The demand for steel in Asia's emerging economies is expected to grow robustly in the near term. — INTERNET

LONDON, 13 Aug — BlueScope and Nippon Steel, Australia and Japan's biggest steelmakers, have announced a \$1.4b (£890mn) joint venture in a bid to capture greater market share.

The Australian firm has agreed to sell 50% of its South East Asian and North American building products business to Nippon for \$540m in cash. The proceeds are expected to help ease BlueScope's debt burden. BlueScope shares rose as much as 50% in Australia after the deal was announced.

"This is a significant new platform to enhance our growth opportunities in some of the fastest growing markets in the world," Paul O'Malley, managing director of BlueScope said in a statement.

The proceeds received from Nippon Steel Corporation will afford BlueScope further financial flexibility and balance sheet strength to continue to grow businesses delivering strong returns."

Internet

Chronic disease to pose big challenge in coming decades

BEIJING, 13 Aug — China will face a big challenge on disease control because of a higher incidence of chronic diseases expected in the next 18 years. It is estimated that the number of people age 40 and older with chronic diseases in China will double or even triple by 2030, according to a report released by China Heart Congress on Friday. The 2011 report on cardiovascular diseases in China, by the National Centre for Cardiovascular Diseases, also shows that the country's death toll from chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease and diabetes, will increase by 50 percent by 2030.

The World Bank reported last year that more than 260 million people in China have been diagnosed with chronic diseases, which account for 85 percent of deaths in China. Nearly 70 percent of the country's medical costs are for chronic diseases. China now has about 230 million people with cardiovascular disease, which means one in every five people has heart problems. If the cardiovascular disease death rate could be reduced by 1 percent year-on-year in the next 30 years, it would save the country more than \$10 trillion, which is as much as 68 percent of the national GDP in 2010, the World Bank report said. Hu Shengshou, president of Fu Wai Hospital, China's largest hospital specialized in cardiovascular diseases, said the number of people with heart disease in hospitals

across the country is increasing by 10 to 20 percent every year. However, there are still big discrepancies among hospitals in terms of medical treatment. A survey by Fu Wai Hospital covering 43 hospitals in China indicated that the death rate in some hospitals after coronary bypass surgery is about 6 percent. But in some hospitals, the rate is less than 1 percent. In terms of the death rate of acute myocardial infarction, one of the most common cardiovascular emergencies, discrepancies are also witnessed among hospitals in Beijing.

The death rate in some hospitals is 20 times higher than in those with the lowest rates. "The numbers are amazing. Even in the capital of China, we have a lot of room to improve our medical treatment," Xinhua



Village doctor Ke Ziming, right, performs a health checkup on 62-year-old Hong Bixia, left, on Thursday in Jinjiang, Fujian Province. — XINHUA



A sign on the wall at Rose Hill Elementary School encourages healthy eating in Commerce City, Colorado, on 1 May, 2012. — REUTERS

Weight gain slower where school-food laws are strong

NEW YORK, 13 Aug — Regulating the foods and beverages sold outside of federal meal programmes at schools may help curb the child obesity epidemic, suggests a US study released on Monday. Researchers found that fifth graders in states with strong "competitive food laws" packed on fewer pounds than did kids in states with no such legislation. "I definitely see this as encouraging evidence that the laws can have a positive impact," said Daniel R. Taber of the University of Illinois at Chicago, who worked on the study. "But we need to recognize that it is not going to influence all students."

Childhood obesity has soared in recent decades. In 2008, more than a third of US youths were either overweight or obese, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. The new findings come as the US Department of Agriculture is updating its standards for competitive foods sold at schools across the nation as required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.

A host of programmes are geared toward stemming the obesity tide by providing healthier school foods. Just last week, one study showed half as many adolescent students as in 2006 can still buy high-calorie sodas at school.

But so far there's little evidence that such programmes work, Taber said. So he and his colleagues tapped into an earlier study following 6,300 students in 40 states from 2003 to 2006 (fifth to eighth grade). They compared the children's body mass index (BMI), a measure of weight in relation to height, with the competitive food laws in each state. — Reuters

G20 plans response as food prices climb

SINGAPORE, 13 Aug — The Group of 20 countries are planning a meeting to coordinate a response to surging food prices, the *Financial Times* reported on Monday, as the worst US drought in more than half a century devastates crops, lifting grain prices to record highs. G20 officials plan to hold a conference call in the week of 27 August to discuss a meeting, which could be held in late September or early October, the *Financial Times* said, quoting four unnamed officials familiar with the conversations.

Benchmark Chicago corn climbed to an all-time high on Friday after the US Department of Agriculture cut its production estimate by 17 percent, intensifying fears the world is headed for a repeat of the 2008 food price crisis. The G20 meeting would be the first of the Rapid Response Forum, a newly created body to promote early discussion among decision-level officials about abnormal international market conditions, the newspaper said.

The forum is part of the G20-backed Agricultural Market Information System, created last year at the initiative of France and seen as a key policy response to the 2007-08 crisis, it said. — Reuters

UN chief launches new initiative to protect oceans



The UN chief, Ban Ki-moon (pictured in June), on Sunday announced an initiative to protect oceans from pollution and over-fishing and to combat rising sea levels which threaten hundreds of millions of people. The initiative, called the Oceans Compact, sets out a strategic vision for the UN system to work more effectively to tackle the "precarious state" of the world's seas.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—The UN chief on Sunday announced an initiative to protect oceans from pollution and over-fishing and to combat rising sea levels which threaten hundreds of millions of the world's people. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the "Oceans Compact" initiative sets out a strategic vision for the UN system to more effectively tackle the "precarious state" of the

world's seas. Ban highlighted the "grave threat" from pollution, excessive fishing and global warming.

"Our oceans are heating and expanding," he said in a speech to a conference marking the 30th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea.

"We risk irrevocable changes in processes that we barely comprehend, such as the great currents that affect weather patterns."

"Ocean acidification (from absorbed carbon emissions) is eating into the very basis of our ocean life; and sea level rise threatens to re-draw the global map at the expense of hundreds of millions of the world's most vulnerable people."

The UN chief, who also called for action to curb piracy and irregular sea migration, said he hoped for progress towards a legally binding framework to combat "runaway climate change" at a UN conference in Doha in November. But action could also be taken now. Ban said the Compact was aimed at "improving the health of the oceans" and strengthening their management through an action plan to be overseen by

a high-level advisory group. This would be made up of senior policymakers, scientists and ocean experts, representatives from the private sector and civil society and leaders of the UN organizations involved.

The UN chief said his initiative would also support implementation of the Law of the Sea treaty, which came into force in 1994.

He called the treaty one of the world's "most significant legal instruments" and a tool for sustainable development which all nations should ratify. "It contributes to international peace and security, the equitable and efficient use of ocean resources, the protection and preservation of the marine environment and the realisation of a just and equitable economic order."

The United States is the only major power not to have signed the convention. Republicans in the Senate contend it would undermine US sovereignty and are blocking ratification.

"The world's oceans are key to sustaining life on the planet," Ban said in his introduction to the Oceans Compact.—INTERNET



Sudanese children stand next to a water canal in the eastern Kassala State, in June 2012. At least 1,000 families have been affected by flooding in impoverished eastern Sudan, where some communities have been cut off by rising waters, the United Nations said. INTERNET

At least 1,000 families hit by east Sudan floods: UN

KHARTOUM, 13 Aug—At least 1,000 families have been affected by flooding in impoverished eastern Sudan, where some communities have been cut off by rising waters, the United Nations said on Saturday.

More than 600 families lost their homes in Wadelhilewe district of Kassala state, while almost 400 others escaped the flooding and sought safety at a refugee camp known as Kilo 26, in the state's Khashm El Girba district, said Felix Ross of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

"Families have been out in the open for several days," he told AFP.

Flood waters prevented the UNHCR from accessing

two other villages, Arab 1 and Arab 2 in Khashm El Girba, where a smaller number of people are believed to have been affected, he said.

Flooding was first reported more than a week ago, Ross said. UN agencies have been assisting the government by providing tents, mosquito nets, plastic sheeting, blankets and kitchen sets, he added.

"It's a real disaster," said Khashm El Girba district chief Yahya Mohammed Ahmed.

Thousands of people have lost their homes and access to drinking water, or are cut off by the flood waters, he told AFP, adding that no deaths had been reported so far. "We expect more rain and more water in the coming days,

which will worsen the situation," he said.

In May, Khartoum ordered seven international aid organizations to cease operations in eastern Sudan, saying some projects were badly managed, of poor quality and too costly.

The agencies provided healthcare for women and children, demining, water, sanitation and nutrition projects for about 600,000 people, aid agencies said.

A 2006 peace deal ended more than a decade of low-level insurgency in Sudan's east but tensions remain.

Flooding has also affected at least 14,000 people in the Darfur region of western Sudan over the past week, the UN's humanitarian agency said.—INTERNET

Chinese Taipei airport shut after lightning strikes runway

TAIPEI (China), 13 Aug—Taipei's Songshan airport was briefly closed after its sole runway was hit by lightning, delaying 25 flights, according to an official.

The strike on Saturday afternoon left a hole some 70 centimetres (28 inches) long and 50 centimetres wide. Authorities closed the transport hub for just under two hours after being alerted to the damage by an airport worker. "Twenty-five flights to and from the airport, 20 of them on domestic routes, were delayed before the damage was fixed at 8:10 pm (1210 GMT)," a Civil Aeronautics Administration official told AFP. Around 3,500 passengers were affected, he said.—INTERNET



This file illustration photo shows a China Airlines plane taking off from Taipei's international airport, in 2009. Taipei's Songshan airport was briefly closed on Saturday after its sole runway was hit by lightning, delaying 25 flights, according to an official. INTERNET

Urban disasters spotlight strain on Asian cities



Picture taken on 10 August, shows a woman holding a young boy as she wades through floodwaters in a street in the township of Apalit on the outskirts of Manila. INTERNET

MELBOURNE, 13 Aug—Deadly floods, power blackouts and traffic gridlock — many of Asia's biggest cities are buckling under the strain of rapid economic development, extreme

weather and an exodus from the countryside.

Poor strategic planning, paltry investment in infrastructure and a lack of political will have also left the region's overcrowded

metropolises highly vulnerable to the pressures of climate change, experts say.

Over the past year Bangkok and Manila have been hit by the most devastating floods in decades, while India recently suffered the world's worst-ever power blackout due to surging demand from industry, homes and offices.

It is a situation that is increasingly out of step with growing affluence in Asia, where millions of people escape from poverty every year but face a return to third-world conditions when disaster strikes.

Many Asian cities are "lagging behind in infrastructure provision, whether we talk about sewers, roads or electricity supplies,"

said Professor Sun Sheng Han, an urban planning expert at Australia's University of Melbourne.

At the heart of the problem lies a lack of vision in a region where urban development policies reflect a mixture of "political goals and economic ambitions," he told AFP.

In the Thai capital Bangkok, years of aggressive groundwater extraction to meet the growing needs of its factories and 12 million inhabitants have taken a heavy toll.

Yet despite warnings the city — built on swampland and slowly sinking — risks being below sea level in half a century from now, a building boom shows no sign of abating with apartment towers mushrooming around the city.—INTERNET

Three hospitalized after boat accident in Stockholm

STOCKHOLM, 13 Aug—Three people were sent to hospital after a ferry drove into the pier in the Swedish capital city of Stockholm on Saturday, local media reported.

Another 11 people were slightly injured, according to the Swedish television SVT.

Police were now looking into the accident. The captain of the ferry had already passed an alcohol test.—Xinhua

Three dead in crane collapse in NW China

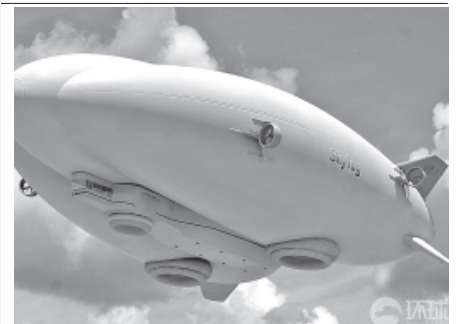
LANZHOU, 13 Aug—Three workers were killed after a crane collapsed at a construction site in northwest China's Gansu Province on Saturday, local authorities said.

The accident happened at 10:45 am, when workers were dismantling a tower crane in a residential community in the city of Linxia, according

to the provincial administration of work safety.

The administration said one of the crane's arms broke off and fell to the ground, crushing three workers. Two died at the scene, while the third perished after being sent to a local hospital.

An investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.—Xinhua



Photos of US military airships disclosed. — XINHUA

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“there is a plan to give priority to local people for appointment, promotion, transfers and assignment of duties for staff in Kachin State if they have same qualifications” member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Myint Aung replied: According to the Union Civil Services Board Law, respective services organizations are to carry out the appointment of staff level posts. So, selection and appointment of staff has been handed over to Central Authority Organizations, Union Ministries and heads of Region and State governments. Union Civil Services Board Law section 8 (i) clearly states that Region or State

governments will have to carry out the formation of civil services organizations and appointment of necessary civil staff in line with State Service Personnel Law and by mean of making coordination with Union Government.

After State Service Personnel Law has been passed, selection and appointment of staff and promotion will become clear, there by contributing to more systematic management of civil services organizations. Staff's transfers to remote areas should not be seen as taking actions. The Union Ministries are taking actions against staff who break the rules regardless of posting areas. If absentia in duty, appointment, promotion and

transfer are not fair and not in accord with the procedures, authority concerned will take necessary actions when respective region/state/self-administrated zone governments present the truths.

Regarding the question of U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency on “there is a plan to issue an order for official accommodation at the plots for which long-service staff have paid designated amounts to the State by installments”, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin replied:

Except for 29 staff housing plots developed between 1994 and 2000, houses were not built at the remaining plots. Since 2003, local authority concerned has allowed local farmers to do farming at vacant lands. After Nargis storm hit in May, 2008, mechanized farming model agricultural zone was implemented as national project with the aim of ensuring paddy sufficiency. New plots have been given to twenty nine houses that included in the zone. And houses whose values are not less than their original values have been built for them.

Under the guidance of the Government, Department of Human Settlements and Housing Development handed over 9723.88 acres of modern mechanized farming

model special agricultural project to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. On behalf of the State, Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development refunded K 12000 of land preparation paid by staff for the plots. It is found that implementations of projects on these lands by the companies have been suspended. Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation will make coordination as land management of allotted staff plots has been handed over to Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

As U Khaing Maung Yi wanted to know how to solve that matter accurately and how much compensation would be awarded to the public by the government with its kindness and empathy, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin said that it would be under the arrangement of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for its related matter had been handed over the ministry by order. As it was concerning with the Government, it would have to be carried out by the Government and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, if necessary, Yangon Region government. No satisfactory answer could be given because that matter was in progress. But he was sure that it would be successfully completed.

Concerning the answering of the deputy minister on the query raised by U Khaing Maung Yi of Ahlon Constituency, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw urged the Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee to present a report on it with the committee's review and record it.

At proposal submitting session, Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency submitted a proposal to amend or revoke some limitations on application of writ.

Any representatives wishing to discuss the proposal may register not later than 1 pm on 14 August. The day on which the discussion would be made will be announced.

The discussions on the bill on foreign investment were participated by the Bill Committee on the amendments of paragraphs and sub-paragraphs, Economic and Trading Development Committee and Investment and Industrial Development Committee including representatives who submitted the amendments U Win Than of Thabaung Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency, Dr Win Myint of Hline Constituency, Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North)

Constituency, U Aye Myint of Insein Constituency, U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency, U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency, U Khin Maung Oo of Monywa Constituency and Dr Soe Yin of Kamayut Constituency, as well as Joint Secretary of Myanmar Investment Commission Deputy Minister Thura U Thung Lwin of the Ministry of Rail Transportation on their



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respective paragraphs and sub-paragraphs.

The discussion on the bill continues tomorrow.

Today's meeting came to an end at 3:30 pm. The 26th day meeting starts at 10 am tomorrow.

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National Culture and Fine Arts University provided with publications



**Head of Public Affairs Section from US
Embassy and Director of American Center Ms
Adrienne B Nutzman donates publications to
Rector U Kyaw Oo of National Culture and Fine
Arts University (Yangon) for its library.**—MNA

YANGON, 13 Aug—The Head of Public Affairs Section of US embassy and Director Ms Adrienne B Nutzman of American Center presented publications to the library of National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) at its Swedaw Building on 9 August.

The faculty members led by Rector of the University U Kyaw Oo attended the ceremony.

The director of AC viewed library of the University, lecture halls, shooting being made by students of Film and Drama Department, dancing being practised by students of Theatrical Drama Department, drawing paintings and depicting sculpture.—MNA

Statement of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on its trip to the Kachin State (5/2012)

The Secretary of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and two members of the Commission visited Myitkyina and Waingmaw of the Kachin State from 23 to 27 July 2012 and carried out the following tasks of the Commission:-

- Visited 16 relief camps, met with the people of the camps and expressed words of encouragement to them.
- Summoned and examined the witnesses in connection with the complaints, assumed to involve the violations of human rights in the Kachin State.
- Met with the Chief Minister and the Ministers of the Kachin State Government and exchanged views on the prevailing situation in the Kachin State.

Based on the activities and the findings of the Commission team, the following recommendations are made:-

- on studying and examination of the camps that the Commission team visited, it was found that although over one year has elapsed, the basic needs of the peoples of the camps were able to be fulfilled as before. The departments and the organizations concerned are urged to supply additional medicines required for the provision of health care for and treatment of ailments caused by seasonal changes.
- the people at the relief camps expressed that they wished to return to their villages and that land mines in the surrounding areas of the villages be cleared. To carry out mine clearance before the resettlement work is commenced, there should be cooperation among the armed groups and the relevant domestic and foreign organizations. The villagers should be educated about land mines.
- according to the statements of the witnesses made in connection with the complaints, it was found that there were certain violations of human rights of the

populations of the villages by the armed groups. Therefore, it is strongly urged not to violate human rights under any circumstances and to act in accordance with human rights standards.

- according to the statements of the witnesses from the Tarlawgyi village of the Myitkyina Township, there were instances of forced recruitment of soliders from villagers of Tarlawgyi by the KIA. It was learnt that 53 villagers of Tarlawgyi who were serving as the people's militia of the KIA have returned to the legal fold. It is urged that no armed group should engage in forced recruitment of soldiers in any area.
- it was learnt that the Tatmadaw arrested and interrogated two villagers of Tawlawgyi in early January 2012 and they were prosecuted by the authorities concerned under the existing laws. In order not to adversely affect the rights of the persons concerned, the court proceedings should be expeditiously concluded.
- the Commission does not wish to make any comment on the interrogation of the suspects by security forces for security reasons and on their prosecution in accordance with the law. However, torture during the interrogation constitutes violation of human rights and must be avoided.

The Government has received encouragement and support from within and outside the country in establishing a democratic state. Similarly, the Government has made historic accomplishments in its efforts to bring about lasting peace. Under these circumstances, concerted efforts should also be made by all to establish peace in the Kachin State in accordance with the desire of the people.

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Dated: 14 August 2012

Issues of poor utility services and infrastructures...

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The country is establishing relations with world countries regardless of the East or the West. The country could not stand alone in that global village so that it has to establish amicable relations with every country. As each country has focused on their own interests, Myanmar, cautious of every possible impact, is also communicating in the national interest. What the country profited from these relations is the winning respect on the world stage.

Urbanization working committee must be formed for development of the towns. Policies must be adopted by

education and health.

Municipal organizations must be formed systematically as soon as possible with representatives elected by the people under regional administration. Respective Region and State governments must draft Municipal Act in accord with the constitution.

The swift drafting of village plans for rural development has been directed. The plans must be implemented with the construction of inter-village roads and roads linking villages and towns, repair of old roads and rapid compilation of numbers of farmland, farm workers,

constitution, and foreign loans and aids would be distributed equally to each Region or State. Investment Commission must coordinate for equitable share of local foreign investments. The regional governments must strive for development of their own region. The grassroots should be empowered to elect the competent village administrators who can distance themselves from bribery and is willing to bring the good to the village in accordance with the law. Only then, will the township administrators be able to rely on them for all-round development of the village. They are also responsible to deal with economic, education and health affairs and to ensure the rule of law.

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government. The chiefs of every organization are responsible for whatever their subordinates do and must handle the bribery effectively.

Stability, security of the society and the rule of law are sine qua none for development of each region of the country. Stability, security, the rule of law, effective law enforcement, peaceful coexistence of the ethnic groups in accord with the new system, and human rights regardless of race, religion and gender must be given special priorities.

In conclusion, the development of towns and villages in each region must be pursued after considering city plans to be implemented in Yangon and Mandalay.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that he would make supplementary discussion for success of projects to be implemented for the development of the country. Chief ministers of Yangon and Mandalay Regions would discuss measures to be taken in cooperation with respective departments for conceptual plan, master plan and land use management for urban development plans of the cities in the regions. Similarly, other Region/State chief ministers and officials would make sector-wise discussions.

The country would become developed overnight in a few years if the already adopted projects would be realized. Environmental conservation and sustainable development should be put into consideration in realizing plans. Lessons from industrialized and developing nations in these aspects and latecomer advantages should be taken.

Although ODA had pledged that developed



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham makes discussion.—MNA

countries would share some amount of their GNP with least developed countries and developing countries to encourage these countries take measures for environmental conservation and sustainable development, the assistance has yet to be received. In the light of these situations, these measures could be carried out with own plans.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe discussed the conceptual plan for Yangon city development plan, people-centered reforms for fulfilling the needs for their living and transportation while drafting master plan, land use management, plans for settlement of land disputes, plans for cooperation with respective departments as directed by the President and plans for more effective municipal tasks. Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint reported on conceptual plan for Mandalay city development plan, land use management, plans for development of Yatanarpon Cyber City and

other industrial zones, plans for cooperation with respective departments and plans for more effective municipal tasks.

The chief ministers of Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State and Sagaing Region discussed urban development, population densities in townships, drafting township development plan for creating job opportunities, investments for electricity supply in townships and regions to which the national grid does not reach, establishing industrial blocks, industrial zones, manufacturing factories, wholesales centers, plantations, investments for smoother transportation, plans for reducing barriers along the road, reforms for better municipal tasks, high meal prices following butcher licenses, difficulties for breeding by the people on manageable scale and plans to resolve the problems.

The meeting was concluded at 4 pm. The meeting continues for the second day on 14 August.

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye making discussion.—MNA



Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai holds discussion.—MNA

the coordination of the regional government and the local people for ensuring socio-economic development, creating favourable urban environment, establishing small and medium industrial enterprises, establishing environmental friendly factories which can guarantee more job opportunities, building urban housings, and providing

spoiled farmlands, and jobless people for the economic status of the village depends on the farming. Village administrators and township administrators are responsible for development of their own village and township.

Budget allotment and taxation must be carried out in Regions and States in accordance with the

entrenched in every level, the officials will have to tackle the issue seriously. It is immoral and unethical act for both who give and take the bribe. It must be stopped with serious actions as it harms the dignity of the government and of the country. All are urged to clear the flaw to ensure the clean

Colombian, Nepalese cultural experts visit NCFAU (Yangon)

YANGON, 13 Aug—A delegation comprising of the cultural experts of the heritage department of the foreign affairs ministry of Colombia paid a visit to National Culture and Fine Arts University (Yangon) under Ministry of Culture on 10 August, where they inspected students studying respective subjects in each department of the university.

Similarly, the officials of Film Development Board (FDB) of Nepal at 2 pm held a meeting with Rector U Kyaw Oo and heads of departments, lecturers and officials concerned at National Culture and Fine Arts University

(Yangon), and they exchanged views on mutual cooperation in cultural sectors between the two countries, between the

universities and motion industries of both sides.

The delegation observed the students' learning styles for dancing, painting,

woodcarving and producing videos and then viewed works of art created by the final-year students.

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Experts of Cultural Heritage of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia view studying of students practically.

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Deputy Minister attends opening courses

YANGON, 13 Aug—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win attended the opening of the Management Course No (50/51), Advanced Tailoring Trainer Course No (26), Management Course No (2) and Clerical Course No (80/81) at Central Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs on Myawady Mingyi Road at No (51) Ward in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, here, this morning.

After the opening ceremony, the deputy minister and party inspected hostels, lecture hall, mess hall and thriving perennial and seasonal plantations in the compound of the training school.

Altogether 160 trainees are attending the 12-week course.

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School textbooks and six exercise books each ...

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uplift international cooperation at National Centre for English Language and Myanmar-India Centre for English Language Training, so efforts are being made for ensuring availability of native speaker faculty members.

U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency No 5 asked a question **whether there is plan to appoint general workers at basic education schools.** The deputy minister replied that before appointment of general worker posts at basic education primary schools, the staff in pay scale of daily wages will be appointed at the school as of 2013-2014 academic year.

U Than Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No 10 asked he wanted to know **the plan to solve problems of teachers from BEPSs in villages.** The deputy minister replied that in realizing the compulsory education system, school textbooks and six exercise books each are provided to students from KG to fourth standard free of charge. School textbook shops are allowed to enjoy eight per cent discount in selling school textbooks. Textbooks are transported from presses to main warehouse and then to sales centres through State fund. The school textbooks are distributed in accord with the student numbers in the examination result. Therefore, if the number of textbooks is less than that of the student numbers, necessity number of books can be demanded with the list. Thus, all the students may accept the school textbooks sufficiently.

The budget was allotted as imprest money K 50000 to BEPS with less than 100 students per year, K 80000 to less than 200 students, K 100,000 to more than 200 students.

U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No 12 asked **where there is a plan to renovate or rebuild Basic Education Primary School in Kokka Village of Hanthawady Village-tract in Gangaw Township and whether there is a plan to create opportunity for teachers of English subject to attend Diploma of**

Global English Course being conducted at National Centre for English Language. The deputy minister replied that new schools of basic education are being built and extended through the State allotted fund and contributions of the State, parents and wellwishers annually. The capital fund for 2013-2014 fiscal year will be scrutinized for renovation of Basic



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 6 raising question.

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Education Post-Primary School in Kokka Village of Gangaw Township.

The Global English Course, being opened at National Centre for English Language, is aimed at raising English proficiency of departmental staff. Thus, teachers from higher and basic education departments in Yangon Region are attending the courses on Saturdays and Sundays of their accord.

The course gives lectures on uplift of oral skill including teaching English to teachers from higher and basic education sectors. Arrangements will be implemented soon to train the teachers so as to provide multiplier courses to raising English proficiency of teachers from basic and higher education sectors by coordinating experts and organizations at home and abroad.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No 12 asked **whether there is a plan to construct new school buildings at basic education schools in Thazi Township.** The deputy minister replied that four of 12 basic education schools will be extended with new school buildings on priority in

Thazi Township for 2013-2014 academic year.

U Thein Hlaing of Sagaing Region Constituency No 8 asked **where there is a plan to upgrade No 6 Basic Education Middle School (Branch) to BEMS in Kalay.** The deputy minister replied that BEMS (Branch) No 6 in Tahan Ward of Kalay will be upgraded to the BEMS this academic year.

After that, the Amyotha Hluttaw approved the **Bill Revoking International Relations Act** sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with its approval.

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Hsun Dok Ciint read the report of the **Bill Committee on Bill Amending Limitation Act.**

U Kyaw Tun Aung of Rakhine State Constituency No 5 discussed amendment, supplement and substitution matters in the bill.

The Hluttaw decided to re-hear the bill by the Bill Committee again.

Afterwards, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints and Appeals Committee U Hmat Yi and Chairman U Aung Nyein submitted the report of the committee to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw invited those representatives who want to discuss the report to enlist not later than at 4 pm, 16 August, 2012.

Afterwards, Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee of Amyotha Hluttaw submitted the report to the committee to the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw invited those representatives who want to discuss the report to enlist not later than at 4 pm, 16 August, 2012.

Afterwards, the proposal **urging the Union Government not to post the clerks for ward/village-tract administration at one ward or village over three years** submitted by U Hla Swe of Magway Region constituency No 12 was discussed by U Thein Shwe of Ayeyawady Region constituency No 10 saying that it was found that the proposal aimed at preventing the clerks for ward/village tract administration from doing inappropriate acts interfering and influencing the power of the administrative officers.

However, what should be considered is that transferring a clerk every three year would be helpful

to administration at grass root levels. Those who serve as ward/village-tract administration officials should have the nationalistic fervour and should be willing to work in the interests of the people. Meanwhile, the people in their part are to support the democratic system. When the democratic system began to pick up speed, the country would get rid of the corruption. The translation of the proposal to transfer a clerk every three year into action would impact greatly some young service personnel. He suggested to discover only those who were responsible for inappropriate acts and to take action against them. The Ward or Village-tract Administration Law have been enacted, he said. He also suggested to posts for the clerks for the ward or village-tract administration should be assigned with experienced personnel if there is no educated personnel to assign to the post, and the chairmen and the clerks for the ward or village-tract administration should receive training for administrative skills.

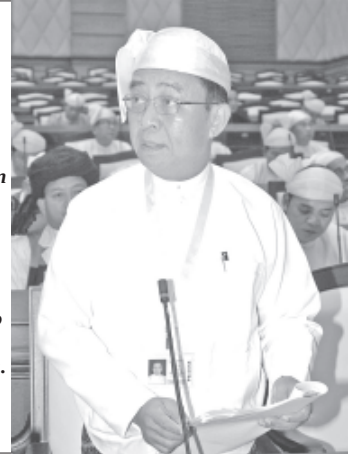
U Saw Aung Kyaw Naing (a) Shar Bu Phawt of Kayin State constituency No 1 said that it is found that clerks are more powerful than the ward or village-tract administration officials and he has the same view with U Thein Swe. He also called on the Union government for taking necessary measures to solve the issue.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied that the General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs has assigned lower division clerks to the post of ward/village-tract clerks to help office works at 16681 wards/village-tracts.

With the permission of the ward/village-tract administration officers, they have to collect monthly data related to the administration, socio-economy, management at the offices and

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replies to questions.

MNA



security issues with 27 forms and have to report it to the ward/village-tract administration officials. The ward/village-tract administration officials have to handle the issues of administration, socio-economy of wards and villages and the clerks have to support the works to be met with success.

The township/district administration officials have to supervised the clerks and if someone complain about them, the township/district administration officials have to look into the cases and have to take necessary actions against them.

If 16681 clerks are transferred every three year, they will face difficulties for their basic necessities including livelihood and travels. Besides, there would be weak in office works as there is only one at an office, and there would happen wrong statistics and delays as an incoming clerk of an office is familiar with new region.

Therefore, the proposal should not be introduced to the Hluttaw and it should be put on record.

U Hla Swe who submitted the proposal suggested to put the proposal on record and the Hluttaw decided to put it on record.

U Tin Mya of Sagaing Region constituency No 7 submitted **a proposal to draw a new Myanmar**

Citizenship Law and to revoke the current Myanmar Citizenship Law (the 1982 Pyithu Hluttaw Law No-4).

A Hluttaw representative seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw agreed to discuss the proposal and invited those who want to discuss the proposal to enlist.

Afterwards, U Maung Aye Tun of Rakhine State constituency No 9 submitted **a proposal calling on the Union Government in an attempt to prevent riots like the riots broke out in Rakhine State in June, 2012, to uncover the illegal migrants entered the country through borders and to take actions against them in accordance with the law, and in an attempt to provide safe and security to local people and for their livelihood, to draw plans in comply with the time and situation and to implement them.**

The proposal was put to the vote and was rejected as those who favoured the proposal was less than 40.

The meeting ended at 2.10 pm and will continue tomorrow.

During today meeting, six questions were answered, one bill was approved, one bill is discussed, two reports were submitted, one proposal was discussed and two new proposals were submitted.

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STIPENDS PROVIDED: Shwegyin Township War Veterans Organization presented stipends for students of veterans at its office on 1 August. Secretary of Township WVO U Kyaw Yin Tun gives stipends to students.

MYANMA ALIN

Management Staff Grade-4 Course commences

YANGON, 13 Aug—The Management Staff Grade (4) Course No. 1/2012 of General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs was opened at the management development training school of Mingaladon Township GAD on 6 August morning.

The director-general of the GAD made a speech.

Altogether 106 male trainees and 19 female trainees at Management Staff Grade-II and township administrators are attending the eight-week course.

Myanma Alin



Yekyi-Zayathla railroad inundated

YEKYI, 13 Aug—Due to heavy rains as of 28 July, the railroad was put under with nine-inch water level between Yekyi and Zayathla stations near Degon Village of South Laha Village-tract in Yekyi Township at 8.30 am on 4 August.

The train schedule was suspended for passengers to be free from danger.

Myanma Alin



Car plunges into road side of Expressway

KYAUKDAGA, 13 Aug—A Volvo car plunged into the right roadside due to out of control at 3 pm on 28 July.

The accident occurred between mile post 99/1 and 99/2 on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway in Kyaukdaga Township of Bago Region.

Volvo with number plate 3B—driven by Hsan Lin Naing, 36 of Bo Lay Yon Street in Ward 13 of Dagon Myothit (East) Township. The driver and two persons on board the car were injured in the incident.

Kyaukdaga Township Police Station opened a file

Cultivation of Palethwe paddy demonstrated in Taungup

TAUNGUP, 13 Aug—A demonstration on cultivation of high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on the farmland of U Tin Shein in Gyogyakwin Village-tract in Taungup Township of Thandwe District in Rakhine State on 31 July morning.

The demonstration showed off system to grow saplings from the nursery nurtured by good agricultural patterns.

At the demonstration, Township Administrator U

Tint Lwin explained use of high yield and marketable Palethwe paddy to contribute to social life of the farmers and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Thein Htay practical works for applying good agricultural patterns.

Departmental personnel, members of Township Agricultural Supervision Committee and staff of Agriculture Department, village administrators and local farmers enjoyed the demonstration on cultivation of monsoon Palethwe hybrid paddy on five-acre plot.

Myanma Alin

Prevention against floods demonstrated in Myanaung

MYANAUNG, 13 Aug—As Ayeyawady River raises its water level around Myanaung, the local people participate in flood preventive measures.

The demonstration on flood preventive measures was held at 12/4 embankment in Kazunkhon Village of Myanaung Township on 22 July so as to prevent floods organized by Myanaung Township Irrigation Department.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aye Kyu and Staff Officer of Township Irrigation Department explained facts about damaging the embankment and protection tasks.

The demonstration depicted prevention against



overflow of embankment, emergency prevention against damage of embankment and other methods.

Members of Kanaung Police Force led by the Commander of Township Police Force, members of Township Red Cross

Battalion and Red Cross Brigade, members of Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people participated in the demonstration.

Myanma Alin

Taxation knowledge disseminated to students in Letpadan

LETPADAN, 13 Aug—Letpadan Township Internal Revenue Department of Bago Region and Education Department jointly organized the talk on taxation at Nawade Hall of Basic Education High School in Letpadan on 26 July afternoon.

Before the talk, Township Administrator U Thiha and Township Education Officer U Thang Htay gave speeches.

Next, Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Tin Cho Lwin disseminated knowledge about taxation and distributed pamphlets on taxation to the attendees.—Myanma Alin

Self-reliant concrete road commissioned into service in Hinthada

HINTHADA, 13 Aug—A ceremony to put Yadana self-reliant concrete road into service was held in Thayetgon Village of Ywathagon Village-tract in Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region at 3 pm on 29 July.

On the occasion, Hinthada Township Administrator U Tin Aung

Win and Ward Administrator U Hla Myint made speeches.

Member of the road construction committee U Wai Lin spoke words of thanks.

After that, Hinthada Township Administrator U Tin Aung Win, Senior Engineer U Aung Soe of Township Development Affairs Committee and Road Construction Committee member U Tin Tun Aung cut the ribbon to open the road.

The concrete road is 2500 feet long, built at a cost of K 6 million.

Myanma Alin

District News

US Universities, Mandalay universities to join hands

MANDALAY, 13 Aug—Universities in the United States of America and Myanmar universities will cooperate in academic matters.

Pennsylvania University of the United States of America and Mandalay University of Medicine will focus on upgrading of

medical libraries and practical works.

Likewise, John Hopkins University of the United States of America and Mandalay University will join hands in conducting the subject-wise part time courses and post-graduate full time courses.

Kyemon

of lawsuit against driver Hsan Lin Niang.—Kyemon



Workers injured in traffic accident in Yedashe Township

YEDASHE, 13 Aug—A trawlergyi carrying workers caused upside down at 8.20 am on 4 August on Thagara-Koebin Yoma crossing road in Yedashe Township of Bago Region.

The vehicle driven by Than Win, 37 of Magway from the west to the east carrying about 20 daily

waged workers plunged into the roadside between mile posts 1/0 and 1/1 on the road.

A total of 19 persons on board the vehicles were injured in the accident. The injured were rushed to Swa Station Hospital. Thagara Police Station opened a file of lawsuit for the traffic accident.—Kyemon

Nepal's handicraft exports increase 32.31 pct

KATHMANDU, 13 Aug—Exports of handicraft items increased by an impressive 32.31 percent in the last fiscal year ended in mid-July, compared to export figures of 2010/11, thanks to better promotion of Nepali handicraft in international market and strengthening of US dollar vis-à-vis Nepali rupee.

According to Federation of Handicraft Associations of Nepal (FHAN), Nepal exported handicraft items worth 4.11 billion rupees (some 46.7 million US dollars) in 2011/12, up from 3.11 billion rupees (some 35.3 million dollars) recorded in the previous fiscal year.

Metal craft was the country's major exportable handicraft items during the review year, contributing to around 22.54 percent of the total handicraft export.

Bikash Ratna Dhakwa, president of FHAN, was quoted by Monday's *Republica* daily as saying Nepal's handicraft exports increased due to growing participation of Nepali handicraft producers in international trade fairs and due to the appreciation of dollar against rupee. "Demand for metal products has been growing in China and European countries since past few years," said Dhakwa.

According to FHAN, export of textile products increased by 33.99 percent recorded in 2010/11. Similarly, exports of non-textile goods increased by 30.86 percent in the previous fiscal year.

Woolen goods and felt products stood at second and third position in terms of export earning, recording a rise of 43.11 percent and 25.98 percent respectively compared to 2010/11. Similarly, exports of pashmina increased by 10.89 percent, silk products by 79.11 percent, cotton goods by 53.59 percent, hemp goods by 49.18 percent and allo goods by 90.74 percent. However, exports of Dhaka products fell by 17.29 percent.—*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 12 Aug. 2012, shows the debris of a crashed training plane at the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Tekirdag province in northwestern Turkey. Two pilots were killed after a training plane crashed into the Sea of Marmara on Sunday, local newspaper *Hurriyet Daily News* reported on its website.—*XINHUA*

Two killed in training plane crash in northwestern Turkey

ANKARA, 13 Aug—Two pilots were killed after a training plane crashed into the Sea of Marmara off the coast of Tekirdag province in northwestern Turkey on Sunday, local newspaper *Hurriyet Daily News* reported on its website.

The CIRRUS-type plane, with two pilots on board, reportedly lost contact with air control about 4 kilometres off the coast of

Marmara Eregli, 90 kilometres west of Istanbul, an official named Irfan Demiroz was quoted by semi-official *Anatolia* news agency as saying.

Turkish police and coast guard team were then dispatched to the area for search and rescue. The teams conducted a search in the Marmara Eregli district of Tekirdag province to locate the wreckage of a training

plane that lost contact with air traffic control.

The teams later found the bodies of pilot Hikmet Arat and pilot-in-training Liza Senel.

Demiroz earlier said the two pilots aboard the plane were missing, adding that the plane was en route from Istanbul's Hazerfen Airport to the western town of Edremit.

Xinhua

Indonesia to gradually modernize its weaponry

JAKARTA, 13 Aug—The weaponry of Indonesian armed forces (TNI) is going to be gradually modernized as the sound economy supports financing amid the higher demand for professionalism of the forces.

The modernization solely aims to offset the country's long absence on improving the weaponry that would put it in one par with ASEAN peers.

While more tasks, including in handling

catastrophes and taking part in the international peace mission, as well as overcoming national threat such terrorism and transnational crimes, are waiting for the participation of the forces.

This clearly indicates that the rise of defence budget and the purchase of more *Sukhoi* jet fighters, tanks and other military equipment is not aimed at triggering arm race in the region.

Thank to the accelerating

economic growth that has allowed to strengthen the military budget in the Southeast Asia's largest economy.

Growing investment, accelerating government spending and huge household consumption in the country with over 238 million population has pushed the country's economy to expand by more than 6 percent since 2010.

Xinhua

Thousands evacuated in Spain forest fires

MADRID, 13 Aug—More than 4,000 people have been evacuated from their homes in Spain's Canary Islands because of forest fires that are difficult to control due to a heatwave and strong winds, authorities said on Sunday.

The worst hit-areas are Tenerife, a popular tourist destination, and La Gomera, where temperatures have topped 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) since Friday, restarting fires that had been put out during the week after destroying more than 3,000 hectares of land since 4 August.

The fires have destroyed

200 hectares of land in Tenerife and 470 hectares in La Gomera since Friday and some roads have been closed on both islands. Other areas, including the northern province of Galicia, have been affected by fires in the past few days.

Spain has already suffered a number of forest fires in various regions this year. Around 50,000 hectares of land were destroyed in the first five months of 2012, making this year the worst since 2002, according to the Environment Ministry.

Thousands were evacuated in Valencia in July,

also a popular tourist area, and four French people died



last month in fires in the border area between Catalonia and France. The tourism sector has been a major engine of growth

Wildfire advance on residential areas in La Gomera, Spain, on 12 Aug. 2012.—INTERNET

for the Spanish economy as it struggles with a painful recession that has left almost one in four jobless.—*Reuters*

Sudan "very optimistic" about border agreement with South Sudan

KHARTOUM, 13 Aug—Sudan is "very optimistic" it can reach a border security agreement with South Sudan that would allow a resumption of oil exports from the South, a senior official of the Khartoum government said.

Sudan's Second Vice President al-Haj Adam Youssef said both sides did

not need to solve all outstanding conflicts to reach such an agreement.

"We are very optimistic about the (border) security issue," he told reporters on Saturday.

His comments were the strongest indication yet that the border security issue between the two hostile

African neighbors can be solved.

Oil is essential to both countries and they have reached an agreement about how much landlocked South Sudan will have to pay to export its oil through northern pipelines, ending a dispute that saw the South shut down its entire output in January.

But before exports can resume Sudan wants a security agreement for the 1,800 kilometre (1,200 mile) long border, much of which is disputed.

Border fighting brought the two countries close to another war in April. It was worst violence since South Sudan became independent a year ago under a peace agreement to end a long-running civil war with the North.—*Reuters*

China, Malaysia vow to further boost bilateral ties

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia), 13 Aug — Chinese and Malaysian foreign ministers agreed on Sunday to further boost bilateral ties and regional cooperation. Friendship and cooperation between China and Malaysia have achieved significant progress in recent years, with leaders of both countries exchanged visits frequently and cooperation in all areas deepened continuously, said Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi while meeting with his Malaysian counterpart Anifah Aman in Kota Kinabalu in East Malaysia.

China will further develop its relations with Malaysia by continuing their high level exchanges, broadening their financial cooperation and deepening cultural exchanges, Yang said.

Yang, who met Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on Saturday, told Anifah that China would make the building of joint industrial parks proceed smoothly and push forward cooperation on large joint projects. Earlier, the two countries have agreed to set up joint industrial parks in Qinzhou, China and Kuantan, Malaysia, respectively.

Meanwhile, China highly values the importance of developing the strategic partnership with ASEAN and is committed to its bigger role in East Asian cooperation and regional integration, Yang said. China is willing to participate in pragmatic cooperation under various mechanisms in East Asia and work with Malaysia to promote peace, stability and prosperity in the region.

Malaysia attaches great

significance to its relations with China and sees China as a major partner to drive Malaysian economy, Anifah said. He told Yang that his country is satisfied with the frequent high level exchanges and achievements in areas such as trade, investment, education, human resources and tourism between the two countries in recent years.

Malaysia is willing to maintain close ties with China and further boost pragmatic cooperation, he said.

Anifah also praised China for its constructive role in international and regional affairs as well as its contribution to promoting its relations with ASEAN and regional development.

Malaysia will further coordinate with China in developing China-ASEAN relations, he said.—*Xinhua*



Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman (R) meets with his visiting Chinese counterpart Yang Jiechi in Kota Kinabalu, east Malaysia, on 12 Aug. 2012.—XINHUA

Australia's Qantas plane lands safely in Perth after experiencing engine failure

SYDNEY, 13 Aug—An investigation is underway after a Qantas plane from Sydney to Western Australia's Perth experienced an engine failure, local media reported on Monday.

According to the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reports, the engine of the A-330, which left Sydney with 254 passengers, was reduced to idle power at 3,000 feet over

Perth. The plane landed safely at Perth Airport on late Sunday night and was towed to the gate. Qantas says engineers are trying to work out what went wrong with the engine.

Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV EASY PROSPERITY VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.8.2012 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.

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

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AGENT FOR: M/S T.S LINES**

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This file photo shows a government veterinarian worker spraying anti-bird flu disinfectant over birds and fowls at Medan city market in North Sumatra province, in January. An Indonesian man died of bird flu on 30 July, the health ministry said, in the country's ninth fatal case this year.—INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV VINAKANSAL 01 VOY NO ()**

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PHN HAIL LONG TSC**

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Bird flu claims ninth victim this year in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 13 Aug—An Indonesian man has died of bird flu, the health ministry said, in the country's ninth fatal case this year.

"The deceased was a self-employed 37-year-old male," according to the report on the ministry's website.

The man was hospitalised on 24 July with a high fever and was placed on a ventilator five days later, according to the report. He died on 30 July.

Authorities do not know how the man contracted the virus, but said he lived near poultry farms.

Indonesia has been hardest-hit by bird flu, with 159 fatalities reported since 2003 out of 359 worldwide, according to World Health Organization figures, which include the latest death. Bird flu, also known as the H5N1 virus, typically spreads from birds to humans through direct contact, but experts fear it could mutate into a form that is easily transmissible between humans.—Internet

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**MV POSITIVE PASSION VOY NO (35)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV POSITIVE PASSION VOY NO (35) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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South African police stand guard outside a farm in Irene. Nine members of a vigilante group guarding against cattle theft were shot dead in South Africa and some 30 were missing after a revenge attack by villagers, local media reported on Saturday.—INTERNET

Nine dead, 30 missing in S African vigilante killing

DURBAN, 13 Aug—Nine members of a vigilante group guarding against cattle theft were shot dead in South Africa and some 30 were missing after a revenge attack by villagers, local media reported on Saturday.

Police discovered the ninth body on Saturday after the shooting two days back in the hills near Pomeroy, 180 kilometres (110 miles) from the eastern port city of Durban, the South African Broadcasting Corporation said, quoting police.

Around 30 members of the vigilante group were still missing.

The police were not immediately available for comment.

The group on Thursday caught and allegedly beat up a man suspected of stealing cattle, police spokesman Vincent Mdlunge told Sapa news agency.

Local residents then ambushed the vigilantes.

Cattle wars are a longstanding feature in the eastern KwaZulu-Natal province, whose capital is Durban.

In a separate incident a week ago, five men were shot dead and 17 injured in an attack elsewhere in the province blamed on a clan feud, raising concern over violence in South Africa's most populous, Zulu-dominated province.

Internet

Friends suspected of trying to free accused Lamborghini thief

SAN RAFAEL, 13 Aug—Friends of a teenager accused of stealing a \$200,000 sports car in a spectacular escapade last year tried but failed on Friday to bust him out of a juvenile detention facility on his birthday, investigators said on Friday.

Max Wade turned 18 on Friday while being held in a juvenile hall in San Rafael on charges he stole a celebrity chef's Lamborghini in a Hollywood-like acrobatic heist. He also faces a possible

life sentence for allegedly shooting into a truck carrying a girl who had spurned his romantic overtures.

Following the botched attempt to free him, Wade was transferred to a county jail, as scheduled, because he had reached the legal age for adult incarceration.

The breakout effort was detected around 4:35 am local time on Friday, when a juvenile hall counselor saw a sledgehammer striking the window of Wade's cell, said

Michael Daly, who runs the facility. The counselor immediately removed the birthday boy, whose bail is set at \$2 million. But whoever was trying to set him free had vanished before law enforcement arrived on the scene.

A search turned up a backpack containing a change of clothes, a sledgehammer and a bolt cutter, which authorities believe was used to slice through two perimeter fences.—Reuters

S African man fractures arm in whale collision

DURBAN, 13 Aug—A South African man fractured his arm after a catamaran crashed into a whale off the eastern port city of Durban but the Leviathan was unhurt, an official said on Saturday.

Derrick Pienaar, 50, suffered a fracture in his right arm, National Sea Rescue Institute official Craig Lambinon said.

"Mr Pienaar's injury was sustained after he fell on deck after the sport fishing boat, which he was a passenger on, struck a whale while the

boat was underway," he said. Seven others on board with him were unhurt but the

whale "appeared to not be injured," said Lambinon.

Internet



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Five members of Ariz family get married on same day



In this 8 Aug. 2012 photo, Andee Waldie, right, helps paint a directional sign with her brother Bradford and soon to be sister-in-law Megan, in Mesa, Ariz. Five of the eight siblings of the Waldie family will be married to their spouses on 10 August. While trying to plan wedding dates with out-of-state family and guests, dad Doug Waldie suggested they all marry on the same day.

It's a mega wedding day for a Mesa, Ariz, family with five siblings walking down the aisle on the same day.

The East Valley Tribune reports the five Waldie children all got engaged within a few months of each

other.

While trying to plan wedding dates with out-of-state family and guests, dad Doug Waldie suggested they all marry on the same day.

So five of the eight Waldie children got married on 10 Aug at a Mormon church in Mesa: 28-year-old Emily, 26-year-old Bradford, 25-year-old Sydney, 24-year-old Walker and 20-year-old Brooke.

Each ceremony was separate, but the reception was scheduled for all five couples on Friday night at the Falcon Field Air Force Museum.

Eighteen-year-old Andee Waldie, one of two unmarried sisters, was a bridesmaid for four of the couples.

Four bears break into cabin, drink 100 beers

A mother bear and her three cubs broke into a Norwegian cabin this week, reportedly drinking more than 100 beers, eating all the food and even knocking over a wall.

"They had a hell of a party in there," owner Even Borthen Nilsen told *The Local*. "The entire cabin was destroyed."

Nilsen says paw prints on the cabin windows and bear excrement outside the dwelling leave little doubt they were responsible.

And besides, your average criminals don't typically break down a wall when the front door will work just fine.

His mother and grandmother were first on the scene, finding the entire cabin ransacked, including a set of destroyed appliances.

"The beds and all kitchen

appliances, stove, oven and cupboards and shelves were all smashed to pieces," he said.

ABC News adds that along with the 100 beers, the family of bears also reportedly ate all of the food inside the cabin, which included chocolate spread, honey (of course) and marshmallows. You know, just the bear essentials.

And perhaps worst of all, Nilsen is worried that the family of bears might return for a follow-up engagement.

"The mother has taken her young there, thus there is no guarantee that it won't happen to other cabins, or to our hut again," he said.

There have been a number of recent, unexpected bear appearances. Earlier this week, a black bear walked into the lobby of a New Mexico resort. The incident was

captured on the resort's surveillance camera but the bear had backed out the same door before authorities arrived on the scene.

And back in April, a family of bears walked onto a Pennsylvania news weather set, rummaging around freely while the meteorologist hid away in a side room, continuing the broadcast.



A black bear walks into the lobby of The Lodge at Angel Fire Resort in New Mexico.

News Album

Italian special effects master Rambaldi dies at 86

MILAN, 13 Aug.—Special effects master and three-time Oscar winner Carlo Rambaldi died on Friday in southern Italy after a long illness, Italian news media reported. He was 86.

Rambaldi was known as the father of "ET" He won visual effects Oscars for Steven Spielberg's 1982 extraterrestrial hit, as well as Ridley Scott's film "Alien" in 1979, and John Guillermin's "King Kong" in 1976.

"Carlo Rambaldi was ET's Geppetto," said Spielberg, referring to the fictional character who created Pinocchio. "All of us who marveled and wondered at his craft and artistry are deeply saddened by the news of his passing."

Rambaldi worked on more than 30 films, but was best known for his work on

ET, for which he created three robots, two costumes worn by actors in the scenes when ET walked, and gloves for the hands.

Rambaldi, a wizard of a discipline known as mechatronics — which combines disciplines including mechanical, electronic and system design engineering — did not hide a disdain for computerized effects.

"Digital costs around eight times as much as mechatronics," Rambaldi was quoted by the Rome daily *La Repubblica* as having once said. "ET cost a million dollars and we created it in three months. If we wanted to do the same thing with computers, it would take at least 200 people a minimum of five months."

Rambaldi was born in 1925 in the northern Italian

region of Emilia-Romagna and graduated from the Academy of Fine Arts in Bologna in 1951. While he dreamed of becoming an artist, he was drawn into the world of cinema when he was asked to create a dragon for a low-budget science fiction movie in 1956.

He moved to Rome and found work in television before his first big success, the 1975 Italian horror film "Deep Red." He drew the attention of Dino De Laurentiis, who brought him to Hollywood to work on "King Kong."

Italian director Pupi Avati described Rambaldi as "a child who loved to play and make his toys. A child who dreams of making a theme park of all his characters," the news agency ANSA reported. The pair worked together on a 1975



This 10 April, 2002 file photo shows special effects artist Carlo Rambaldi walking on stage after drawing a cartoon of ET during the Italian David Di Donatello cinema awards in Rome's Cinecittà studios.

INTERNET

film.

"In those years, Rambaldi was the only craftsman capable of creating, as he did, a fig tree 12 meters high that he carried to the center of Ferrara with a huge truck, a fig tree that was to change color with the seasons, and also shed its leaves."—Internet

Judge rules website violated Jackson copyrights

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug.—A federal judge has ruled that a website and businessman working with Michael Jackson's mother has violated some of the singer's copyrights and should be blocked from future uses of the works.

US District Judge Dean Pregerson sided with the singer's estate in a ruling Friday against Howard Mann and the website www-michaeljacksonsecretvault.com.

The estate sued Mann in January 2011, claiming he was violating copyrights and posed unfair competition to Jackson's estate. Pregerson ruled that the website improperly used art from the film "This Is It," a logo featuring Jackson and the song "Destiny," as well as

other material.

A phone message for Mann's attorney was not immediately returned on Friday. Mann has collaborated with Katherine Jackson, who is a beneficiary of the singer's estate. The ruling does not address damages.—Internet



In this 5 March, 2009 file photo US singer Michael Jackson announces that he is set to play ten live concerts at the London O2 Arena in July, which he announced at a Press conference at the London O2 Arena.—INTERNET

Beyonce performs and films music video at UN



In this photo provided by Parkwood Entertainment, singer Beyonce performs "I Was Here" in the United Nations General Assembly Hall, Friday, 10 Aug. 2012.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 13 Aug.—Superstar singer Beyonce has serenaded a different New York City venue: The United Nations.

Beyonce performed her song "I Was Here" on Friday in the UN's General Assembly

Hall in honour of World Humanitarian Day, which is 19 Aug. A music video of the performance will debut the same day.

Beyonce sang in front of hundreds, including Julia Stiles, R&B singer The-Dream and songwriter Diane Warren, who wrote the song.

Warren said in an interview that she initially called Beyonce's husband, Jay-Z, and played the song for him over the phone. He quickly called Beyonce, and days later she recorded it. It appears on her album "4," released last year. Anderson Cooper hosted, saying with a laugh: "Is this what happens at the UN every Friday night?"—Internet

Chad Johnson arrested on domestic violence charge



In this 7 March, 2012, file photo, NFL football player Chad Johnson, right, poses with his fiancée, Evelyn Lozada, at an event in New York. Johnson was arrested on 11 Aug. 2012.

INTERNET

DAVIE, 13 Aug.—Dolphins receiver Chad Johnson was arrested on Saturday on a domestic violence charge, accused of head-butting his newlywed wife during an argument in front of their home outside Miami.

Johnson and his wife, Evelyn Lozada, were at dinner and she confronted him about a receipt she had found for a box of condoms, said Davie police Capt. Dale Engle. The argument got heated and continued on the drive home, he said.

When they arrived in their driveway in Davie, the 34-year-old Johnson head-butted Lozada, she told police. Lozada, who is on the reality show, "Basketball Wives," was treated at a

hospital for a cut to her forehead, Engle said.

Johnson, who changed his last name back to Johnson from Ochocinco after his 4 July wedding to Lozada, was being held on Saturday night in Broward County Jail where he will remain until he can appear before a judge, which Engle says might not be until Monday. He is charged with simple battery, domestic violence, which is a misdemeanor.

Team officials were "aware of the situation and are in the process of gathering of relevant information," Dolphins spokesman Harvey Greene said. Johnson's agent, Drew Rosenhaus, declined to comment.

Johnson signed with the Dolphins in June, four days

after he was released by New England. A six-time Pro Bowl receiver with Cincinnati, he caught only 15 passes in 15 games for the Patriots last year after they acquired him in a trade for a pair of draft picks.

On Friday night in the Dolphins' 20-7 loss to Tampa Bay in the exhibition opener, Johnson let the only pass thrown to him slip through his hands.

He was known as Ochocinco for the past four seasons. The name was a playful reference to the No. 85 he wore on his jersey.

Johnson and Lozada were prominent in the recent first episode of HBO's "Hard Knocks: Training Camp with the Miami Dolphins."

Internet



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero (R) celebrates teammate Yaya Toure's goal during their FA Community Shield match against Chelsea, at Villa Park in Birmingham. Man City won 3-2.—INTERNET

BIRMINGHAM, 13 Aug — Manchester City manager Roberto Mancini has backed Carlos Tevez to play a starring role for the Premier League champions after his stunning strike inspired a 3-2 win over Chelsea in the Community Shield. Tevez was in vibrant form at Villa Park on Sunday as the Argentine forward provided a glimpse of the talent that City missed for much of last season during a

self-imposed exile that followed his touchline row with Mancini at Bayern Munich.

The former Manchester United star returned late in the season to help City clinch their first English title for 44 years, but Mancini believes Tevez will be much fitter and more motivated this season. He put City ahead with a blistering second half shot after Yaya Toure had

Tevez can spark more Man City glory, says Mancini

cancelled out Fernando Torres's first half opener for Chelsea. Samir Nasri bagged City's third and Ryan Bertrand's late consolation couldn't stop Mancini's men warming up for their title defence with their first Community Shield win since 1972.

But it was the form of



Manchester City's Aleksandar Kolarov lifts the trophy after winning their FA Community Shield match against Chelsea, at Villa Park in Birmingham.—INTERNET

Tevez that most pleased Mancini ahead of next weekend's Premier League opener against Southampton. "I'm very happy," said Mancini. "Carlos worked very well. His form is better than last year. He wants to play football." With foreign players it's difficult. He didn't play last year for six months. If he wants to play, he's going to be top.

"Having Carlos for the last 10 games (of last season) was important. But he is now 100 per cent. This is the first time in four years we have him fit." Mancini also confirmed that England midfielder Jack Rodwell will complete a move from Everton after undergoing a medical, and then suggested he expects the club to add to their first summer signing.

Internet

'Happy and glorious' Olympics come to rocking end

LONDON, 13 Aug — With a little British pomp and a lot of British pop, London brought the curtain down on a glorious Olympic Games on Sunday in a spectacular, technicolor pageant of landmarks, lightshows and lots of fun. The closing ceremony offered a sensory blast including rock 'n' roll rickshaws, dustbin percussionists, an exploding yellow car and a marching band in red tunics and bearskin hats. The Spice Girls staged a show-stopping reunion, and Monty Python's Eric Idle sauntered through "Always Look on the Bright Side of Life" — accompanied by Roman centurions, Scottish bagpipers and a human cannonball.

It all made for a psychedelic mashup that had 80,000 fans at Olympic Stadium stomping, cheering and singing along. Organizers estimated 300 million or more were watching around the world. What a way to end a games far more successful than many Londoners expected. Security woes were overcome, and traffic nightmares never materialized. The weather held up, more or less, and British

athletes overachieved. It all came with a price tag of \$14 billion — three times the original estimate. But nobody wanted to spoil the fun with such mundane concerns, at least not on this night.

"We lit the flame, and we lit up the world," said London



Athletes enter the Olympic Stadium during the Closing Ceremony at the 2012 Summer Olympics, on 12 Aug, 2012, in London.—INTERNET

organizing committee chief Sebastian Coe. "When our time came, Britain, we did it right." International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge declared the Olympics over with praise for the athletes. "Through your commitment to fair play, your respect for opponents, and your grace in defeat as well as in victory, you have earned the right to be called Olympians," he said, adding: "These were happy and glorious games." But the night was about splash more than speeches.

Festive and fast-moving, the ceremony opened with pop bands Madness, Pet Shop Boys and One Direction, a shout-out to Winston Churchill and a tribute to the Union Jack — the floor of Olympic Stadium floor arranged to resemble the

British flag. Monochrome recreations of London landmarks were covered in newsprint, from Big Ben's clock tower and Tower Bridge to the London Eye ferris wheel and the chubby highrise known as the Gherkin.

Street percussion group Stomp built the noise into a frenzy, and dancers brandished brooms, in a nod to the spontaneous popular movement to clean up London after riots shook neighbourhoods not far from Olympic Stadium just a year ago.— Internet

Kvitova, Li rally to reach Montreal final

MONTREAL, 13 Aug — Petra Kvitova and Li Na won their maiden major titles last season and the pair battled back from one-set deficits on Sunday to stay on course for a first tournament victory of the season at the Montreal Cup.

The 2011 Wimbledon champion Kvitova rallied to defeat former world number one Caroline Wozniacki 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 after Li had recovered from a 5-1 deficit in the deciding set to record a 3-6, 6-3, 7-5 victory over Lucie Safarova in the first semi-final.

While Kvitova has been consistent at grand slam level this season, the powerful Czech has yet to produce the form that claimed the Wimbledon crown and the WTA Championships in a breakthrough 2011 campaign.

However, her play in Montreal has been impressive since struggling to overcome Ksenia Pervak in her opening match of the \$2 million tournament.

Reuters



Petra Kvitova of Czech Republic.

International Sports



Rio de Janeiro Mayor Eduardo Paes holds the Olympic flag after receiving it from IOC President Jacques Rogge (C), as London Mayor Boris Johnson (L) watches during the ceremonial handing over of the Olympic flag at the closing ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic stadium on 12 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

IOC moves into new territory after London triumph

LONDON, 13 Aug — After London rose to the occasion for a third time with an outstanding summer Games, the Olympics now moves towards uncharted territory.

The 2012 Games proved as successful as the 1908 and 1948 editions following grim warnings about possible transport, security and weather disruptions. "These were happy and glorious Games," International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said at the closing ceremony.

Now the spotlight will shine on Rio de Janeiro and the first Games to be staged in South America. If Rio delivers, the Games could then conceivably go to Africa, the final continent for the Olympic movement. "Rio is an experiment," said Gerhard

Heiberg, the chairman of the International Olympic Committee marketing commission.

It is new. They have never had such a big event in the whole of South America. They have to do a lot on the infrastructure side.

"Hopefully it will go well, we think it will go well. If that is successful, I think the opening for going to Africa will be even bigger because you prove that in a developing nation it is possible. Why not 2024?" Kenya's Prime Minister Raila Odinga announced earlier this week that the capital Nairobi plans to bid for the 2024 Olympics, with the IOC due to elect the host city in 2017. Tokyo, Madrid and Istanbul are bidding for the 2020 Games, with a decision next year.

Reuters

Dominant Djokovic captures Toronto Masters title

TORONTO, 13 Aug — Novak Djokovic kicked off his North American hard court season with a clinical 6-3, 6-2 win over Frenchman Richard Gasquet to clinch the Toronto Masters on Sunday, marking the second consecutive year he has won the Canadian event. The top-seeded Serbian, who won 12 months ago when the tournament was held in Montreal, made quick work of Gasquet, holding serve throughout a 61-minute match, during which he overwhelmed his opponent with an impressive arsenal of shots.

The win capped a wild week for Djokovic and a number of other players, who had little time to recover after competing at the London Olympics and then were forced to battle numerous rain delays that wreaked havoc on the playing schedule. "It's been a long week, a tough week, especially for the players coming from the Olympics but I am very glad that I came



Novak Djokovic of Serbia kisses the championship trophy after defeating Richard Gasquet of France during their mens final match at the Toronto Masters tennis tournament in Toronto on 12 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

here," said Djokovic, who lost in the bronze medal match at the Olympics three days before his opening match here.

When the 14th-seeded Frenchman sent a return shot long in the final game, Djokovic raised both arms skyward and let out a loud roar in front of a capacity crowd that included Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Reuters

Menezes' position in jeopardy after Brazil's loss to Mexico

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Aug — Brazil's football confederation (CBF) has refused to guarantee the future of under-pressure national coach Mano Menezes. Menezes, who is one of the few international coaches to also be in charge of his country's under-23 team, has

faced calls for his sacking after Brazil's 2-1 loss to Mexico in Saturday's Olympic final.

"The team is on the right track but that doesn't mean Mano will stay," CBF vice-president Marco Polo Del Nero told Terceiro Tempo on Sunday. "I'm not the one who will decide. It will be the

president Jose Maria Marin who has the final word. The position is open which is how it should be at times like this." Among Menezes' possible replacements are Santos manager Muricy Ramalho and Brazil's 2002 World Cup-winning coach Luiz Felipe Scolari.—Internet

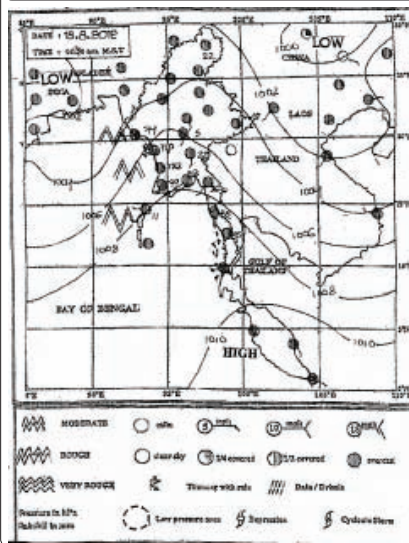
Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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- 7:15 am
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
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- 8:05 am
- 4. Song Of National Races
- 8:10 am
- 5. Songs Of Yester Years
- 8:20 am
- 6. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions
- 8:30 am
- 7. Documentary
- 4:00 pm
- 8. Martial Song
- 4:20 pm
- 9. One Village & One Product
- 4:30 pm
- 10. Teleplay
- 5:10 pm
- 11. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:55 pm
- 12. "Road to 27th SEA GAMES" (Weightlifting)
- 6:20 pm
- 13. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm
- 14. Sing A Song
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. Bakery World
- 17. TV Drama Series
- 18. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 14th August, 2012**

No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	23/91	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
2	Kayah	25/84	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
3	Kayah	26/79	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
4	Chin	24/75	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
5	Upper Saging	34/93	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
6	Lower Saging	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers (100%)
7	Tanintharyi	26/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
8	Bago	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
9	Magway	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers (100%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
11	Mon	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers with regionally heavyfall (100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
13	Rakhine	27/81	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers with regionally heavyfall (100%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
18	Neighbouring Nya Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers (100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers (100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers (80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Saging and Magway Regions. Scattered in Upper Saging and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayah State. Fairly widespread in Bago and Tanintharyi Regions. Chin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Mandalay and Ayeyarwady Regions, Rakhine and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thabe (7.07) inches, Gwa (7.09) inches, Manung (6.02) inches, Sitway (5.35) inches, MraukU (4.80) inches, Kyaukpada (4.40) inches, Aungmye (4.57) inches, Ngathachong (4.25) inches, Patheingyi (3.42) inches, Mawlaik (3.31) inches and Kyaukse & Billa & Pang (2.27) inches each.

Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Bay inference

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Delacca, Gulf of Mottama, off and along the Tanintharyi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water.

State of the Sea

Outlook for subsequent two days

Likelihood of increase of rain in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Golf: McIlroy proves doubters wrong with second major

KIAWAHISLAND, (South Carolina), 13 Aug — Rory McIlroy brushed aside any lingering doubts over his ability to be a dominant force in golf by storming to a second major title with a stunning eight-shot victory at the PGA Championship on Sunday. McIlroy's first big triumph, a similar eight-shot victory at last year's US Open, was followed by a series of poor showings in the majors, including a missed the cut in his title defense and tying for 60th place at the British Open last month.

The latter result prompted questions to be raised about whether the Northern Irishman was practicing enough or simply spending too much time with tennis player girlfriend

Caroline Wozniacki. On Sunday, shooting a six-under-par 66 on the tough Ocean Course, the longest track ever for a major tournament, he gave a resounding answer to his critics and was not about to let slip his chance to reply to those who doubted him. "I was a little frustrated with how I was playing earlier on in the year, but a few people in this (media) room were probably pushing panic buttons for no reason," the 23-year-old told reporters.

The criticism clearly stung and McIlroy said he had provided the perfect reply. "I don't think I could have answered it in any better way and to be honest... it did motivate me. I did want to go out there and prove a few



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland lifts the Wanmaker Trophy after capturing the PGA Championship at The Ocean Course on Kiawah Island, South Carolina, on 12 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

people wrong and that's what I did. It took me all of four weeks to get my game back and get out of my mini-slump and this is the result," he added. But those words were, typically for the affable Northern Irishman, said with a wry smile rather than a snarl, helped of course by the enormity of his achievement

on Sunday.

The victory margin eclipsed the previous best for the PGA Championship of seven set by Jack Nicklaus in 1980 and he also became the youngest player to win two major titles since the then-23-year-old Seve Ballesteros clinched that year's Masters.—Reuters

Andy Murray tries to get geared up after gold

CINCINNATI, 13 Aug — Andy Murray's gold medal is back home on a cabinet. He hasn't even had time to pick an appropriate spot for the grand prize of his career. There's a more immediate challenge: get back in form for the US Open. Murray took a few days off to let a sore left knee heal and get some needed rest for the start of the Western & Southern Open in suburban Cincinnati. The tournament opened on Sunday with two matches in the men's bracket.

Bernard Tomic of Australia beat American Ryan Harrison 6-4, 7-6 (5). James Blake overcame a sluggish start—five unforced errors in the first two games—and beat South Africa's Kevin Anderson 7-5, 6-4, winning

both sets on aces.

Blake came in ranked No. 106 in the world and knocked off the 32nd-ranked player, his biggest upset of the season. "Everyone in the locker room is making fun of me for being the old guy,



Andy Murray, from England, pauses during a news conference at the Western & Southern Open tennis tournament, on 12 Aug, 2012, in Mason, Ohio.—INTERNET

saying I should be in the coaching box," the 32-year-old Blake said. "Tonight I had a little bit left."

Murray is the defending champion in Cincinnati, but a worn-down one after the greatest moment of the Scot's tennis career. He barely had time to celebrate his Olympics gold medal win over Roger Federer at Wimbledon, spending the next day doing interviews and having dinner with his friends.

The following morning, he was on a plane for Toronto and the Rogers Cup. After two days of matches, he withdrew last Thursday because of the sore knee and tiredness from the hectic few days. Murray blamed the soreness on having to adjust overnight from Wimbledon's soft grass

to the hard courts.

"Going onto a new surface, that presents new challenges," Murray said Sunday. "I felt good after winning the gold medal, but coming over to play on hard courts, your body starts to hurt a little bit, you're sore in the joints." "You have to work on different shots as well. So that can occupy your mind a bit. You're not feeling great straight away. Switching surfaces is a new challenge, something that's taken me a few days to adjust."

Murray will be one of the top draws in a tournament missing Rafael Nadal, who dropped out because of a sore knee, and defending champion Maria Sharapova, who is recovering from a stomach virus. He's already had quite a summer.

Internet



In implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan, the ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards was held at Basic Education High School No 2 in Kengtung on 6 August. The ceremony was organized by Shan State (East) Immigration and National Registration Department. At the ceremony, Shan State Minister for Border Affairs and Security Col Aung Thu hands over cards to Headmistress Daw Nyunt Kyi.
MYANMA ALIN

Police seize over 100 kg heroin in southern Turkey

ANKARA, 13 Aug—Turkish police confiscated 106 kg heroin in the province of Adana in southern Turkey on Monday, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Acting on a tip-off, Adana police chased a suspected truck heading to Turkey's largest city, Istanbul, the report said, adding that the police intercepted the truck in the northwestern province of Eskisehir.

Following the search, the police found 106 kg heroin hidden in the vehicle and detained three suspects in connection with the illicit drug.

Turkey has long reportedly been a transit point for drug smuggling from Middle East to Europe.

Xinhua

There are 0.6 million registered workers who have rights to enjoy social security across the country

Union Ministries are taking actions against staff who break the rules regardless of posting areas

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw Session continued for 25th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.05 am today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, 398 MPs and member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw and Deputy Speaker of Rakhine State Hluttaw as observers.

At the session, three questions were raised and replied, one new proposal submitted and one bill discussed.

At the question-and-answer session, U Aung Hsan of Pabedan Constituency raised the question on **“there is a plan to find ways by respective departments to help workers from factories, departments, companies and supermarkets in Yangon Region to enjoy the social security, to help the workers from markets in Pabedan Township become a member of social security board, to open social security clinics in Pabedan and Latha Townships and to enable odd-job workers to enjoy the social security rights”**

With respect to the question, Deputy Minister for Labour U Myint Thein replied: There are about 0.6 millions registered workers who have rights to enjoy social security across the country. Among them,

0.35 million are from shops, factories, departments, companies, supermarkets and markets in Yangon Region. These departments have registered at social security board and put social security fees. So, workers from these departments are now enjoying the social security benefits. Twenty nine departments in which more than five workers have from markets in Pabedan township, have registered at Social Security Board and 404 workers from this department have insured.

Although workers from Pabedan and Latha Townships have insured at Social Security Board Branch Office No.4 located at No.327/367 on Maha Bandoole Park Road in Kyauktada Township, they can have the rights to receive medial treatments at their nearest social security clinics in Yangon Region. But they are to take out the benefits at Social Security Board Branch Office No.4. Workers who live in Pabedan and Latha townships and register at any social security offices in Yangon Region can receive medial treatment at social security clinic near Thakin Mya Park in Ahlon Township. And respective branch offices at which they pay social security fees, issue the benefits to them.



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann attends 25th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

Plans are under way to open social security clinics in respective townships and to provide health care to workers by singing with private hospitals and clinics after Social Security Law (2012) has been enacted. According to Social Security Law (1954), odd-job workers do not includes in Social Security Plan. But, new Social Security Law (2012) to be prescribed soon covers

provisions that all workers are to register. So, workers themselves can register according to their wills. If employers and employees insure by paying social security fees, they will have rights to enjoy the benefits prescribed in Social Security Law.

Regarding the question of U Zone Tenint of Chipwe Constituency on (See page 7)

School textbooks and six exercise books each provided to students from KG to fourth standard free of charge in realizing compulsory education system



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attends 25th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—The Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for the 25th day at Amyotha Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw Building, here, at 10 am today, attended by 210 Amyotha Hluttaw representative including Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied to the questions on education sector raised by six Hluttaw representatives.

U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 6 asked **whether there is a plan to hire part time foreigner professors for enhancement of English proficiency.** The deputy minister replied that in the past, as English major courses were conducted only at Yangon Institute of Education, the English language professors were hired from abroad for training the

students with high proficiency. At present, English major courses are being conducted at arts and science universities across the nation.

The Ministry of Education places emphasis on training English language courses to the faculty members and students for uplift of their proficiency, sending scholarship students to foreign countries, assigning them to attend the international meetings, realizing faculty exchange programmes based on bilateral agreements and implementing comprehensive education sector review-CESR to be able to turn out faculty members from Institutes of Education and Education Colleges.

Moreover, the English language proficiency courses are being conducted to (See page 9)

Flood warning for Ayeyawady, Sittoung and Shwepyin Rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that according to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada (1355) cm has exceeded by (13) cm (about 0.4-ft) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (1342) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today. The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1205) cm has exceeded by (135) cm (about 4.4-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (3) days.

According to the (09:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Shwepyin River at Shwepyin (735) cm has exceeded by (35) cm (about 1.1-ft) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (700) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.—MNA

Terry free to play Champions League opener after appeal



John Terry missed Chelsea's Champions League triumph after his sending off in the semi-final.—INTERNET

BERNE, 13 Aug—Chelsea captain John Terry will be free to play in their opening Champions League match this season after his three-match European ban was modified on appeal by UEFA on Monday.

“Chelsea FC’s John Terry has had his three-match suspension reduced on appeal,” UEFA said in a statement on their website (www.uefa.com).

“Although the central defender is still suspended for three UEFA club competition matches, the third game of the ban has now been deferred for a probationary period of three years.” UEFA said the final match of the ban would only take effect if he re-offended.

Terry served the first match in last season’s Champions League final in May against Bayern Munich which his team won on penalties and will also sit out the Super Cup match against Europa League winners Atletico Madrid on August 31.—Reuters