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Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Ministers

Under Section 235, Sub-section (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 68 Sub-section (a) of the Union Government Law, the following Union Ministers have been permitted to resign from their posts.

1. U Khin Maung Myint
2. U Zaw Min

Ministry of Construction
Ministry of Electric Power No.1

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Our Three Main National Causes

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

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Permission granted to resign from the post of Union Auditor-General

Under Section 245, Sub-section (b) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (a) of the Union Auditor-General Law, Union Auditor-General U Lun Maung has been permitted to resign from his post.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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Deputy Minister reshuffled

Under Section 234, Sub-section (a) and Sub-section (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 16, Sub-section (b), Paragraph (9) of the Union Government Law, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win has been appointed at the Ministry of Religious Affairs as deputy minister.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives UN Under-Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in the Hluttaw complex here at 8.30 am today.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on reproductive health and birth-spacing awareness, maternal and child care activities and taking the 2014-census in Myanmar.

Also present at the call together with Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann were chairmen from the Pyithu Hluttaw committees and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw

Thura U Shwe Mann cordially greets
UN Under-Secretary-General and Executive
Director of United Nations Population Fund
(UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin.

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Myanmar players sharpen their skills with former USA basketball players

YANGON, 28 Aug—Three former basketball stars including the assistant director from WNBA and NBA, the world famous basketball matches, showed their basketball skills to Myanmar selected basketball women's and men's teams at Kyaikkasan Basketball Ground in Bahan Township, here, this morning. The group including Charlotte Bobcats

basketball team General Manager Richard Cho, Los Angeles Lakers assistant coach and Former NBA Player Daruin Han, former Women's National Basketball Association player Allison Feaster and former NBA player Marty Conlon gave trainings to Myanmar selected basketball teams and conducted sports workshops.—MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Our main focus

Nowadays, the main focus of the developing countries around the world is the development itself. Their various means for development include the adoption and implementation of action plans, advice from international experts, efforts to gain capital and technology and fulfill the requirements through inviting foreign loans and investments, and capital accumulation.

In fact, it is a general concept that adequate amount of capital is important for national development. Accordingly, capital accumulation is of vital importance for national development. The role of international aids is especially important in accumulating capital.

A nation will become a global level well-rounded developed country only if it enjoys continuous progress based on firm economic foundation. Development will be followed by rapid rise in multiple sectors including health, education and social fields. But this development must be centred on the people for all inclusiveness.

In the global drive for development, Japan, South Korea, Chinese Taipei and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China have become renowned Asian Tigers or Asian Dragons at the end of 20th century and the early part of 21st century. Moreover, China and India are among the biggest and fastest growing emerging markets serving as engines of global economic growth.

An analysis of their development shows that these emerging markets or Asian Tigers or Asian Dragons have different backgrounds, cultures, and national developments and unique natural environments. But the similar fact is that they have become developed economies or very fast developing economies on account of their respective governments that took the leading role in adopting and implementing national development action plans.

Now, we have an elected government taking the leading role while seeking and applying all possible effective means for national development and democratization process with people-centred system as the core. So, we all must rally behind the government for the successful realization of democratic goals and achieving rapid development, which is our main focus.

CCTV cameras are in operation for security.



Hla Htut Oo

Union A&I Minister, Vietnamese agriculturists view progress of plantation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held discussion with a five-member delegation led by Dr Mai Van Quyen (Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board) and Dr Phan Van Du (Deputy General Director of the Crop Production Southern Vietnam), both from Vietnam, at the Ministry, here, this morning.

The meeting mainly focused on development of agriculture sector between the two countries, gaining profitable prices and cooperation in rural development.

As Vietnam has gained a lot of experience in exporting rice to the world, the Union minister sought help, experience and technology helping agro-based firm thrive.

Doing necessary research works jointly with experts from abroad in producing fertilizer is essential for both of the various kinds of crop such as paddy, corn, pea, edible oil crops, sugar cane, and



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raw rubber, said the Union Minister.

Cooperation tasks lead to lucrative agro-business based on research, experiment and exchange knowledge.

The Union Minister inspected vegetable plantation and Palethwe hybrid paddy strain at farmer

educative farm (500) acres in Koeywa-Thabyegon, groundnut farm (10) acres near Taegyigon Village, Zabuthiri Township, and Palethwe hybrid paddy strain (Basmati), Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

He viewed implementation of mechanized farming at Palethwe hybrid paddy strain

field (440) acres at Ahlyinlo Village in Maezaligone Village-tract.

The Union Minister looked into Palethwe hybrid paddy strain (100) acres at Yezin Agriculture of University and progress of the paddy field at Yezin Agriculture Research Department.

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Korean media delegation meets officials of ministries in Nay Pyi Taw



Media men from Republic of Korea in meeting with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Under the arrangement of Exchange Visit of ASEAN- Korea Media People 2012, visiting members of Korean media delegation met with officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, yesterday afternoon and asked they want to know.

Similarly, they met officials of Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development and had discussions.

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Myanmar Teams to take part in 6th Asia Junior Sports event

YANGON, 28 Aug—A Myanmar youth sports team comprising 19 members including managers and coaches from Myanmar Judo Federation and Myanmar Badminton Federation led by Vice-President U Aye Kyi of Myanmar Judo Federation left here by air yesterday evening for Japan to compete 6th Asia Junior Sports Tournament 2012 to be held in Japan from 28 August to 3 September. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by executives and officials from Myanmar Judo Federation and

Badminton Federation.

Myanmar Judo team comprises Daw Thi Thi Shein, Daw Khin Khin Mu and Sergeant Zaw Lwin as coaches and Ye Htet Aung, Chit Min Thu, Saw Zin Ko Khaing, Kyaw Teza Naing, Nan Chan Chan Myae as athletes. Badminton team includes U Thein Htay, U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin and Daw Khin Mar Nyo as coaches and Lin Htet Kyu, Shwe Maung, Phone Pyae Naing, Thet Htar Thuzar, Shoun Lé Khaing and Su Hlaing Myint as athletes.

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Dialogue on Water-Food-Energy Security 30 Aug

YANGON, 28 Aug—Irrigation by Department will hold the Dialogue on Water-Food-Energy Security as a Major Contributing Constituent for Sustainable National Development in cooperation with Myanmar Water Resources Partnership (Interim) at International Business Centre, here, on 30 August.

At the ceremony, resource personnel will be read out the papers and those interested may enlist to participate in discussion dialing 01-578202 and 09-54-25552.—MNA

Latest poll shows most Americans still expect Obama to win reelection

TAMPA, 28 Aug—As the Republican National Convention (RNC), which will nominate Mitt Romney as the party's presidential nominee, opened in a low-key ceremony on Monday, a latest poll showed that most Americans still predict that President Barack Obama will win the race in November. Fifty-eight Americans expect Obama to win the reelection on 6 November, up 2 percent from last survey in May, while 36 percent say Romney will win, unchanged from May, according to the *USA Today*/Gallup poll conducted on 20-22 August.

This reflects that, despite the past three-month hard campaigning, Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, has generally failed to increase his support among American voters. Obama's supporters are much

more optimistic than Romney's. Eighty-six percent of Obama supporters say he will win the race, compared to 9 percent who think he will lose. Meanwhile, 65 percent of Romney supporters think he will win the election, compared to 28 percent who predict that he will lose. Democrats are also more optimistic than Republicans about their candidate's chances, with 80 percent of Democrats predicting an Obama win, compared to 60 percent of Republicans expecting Romney to win.

Although the presidential race between Obama and Romney has generally been a tight one, Americans by a fairly wide margin expect Obama to win, probably because he is the incumbent, the Gallup said. As to the implications of this poll, Gallup said that it can go



US President Barack Obama

either way for both candidates. For the Republicans, the thought that their candidate is the underdog could motivate them to campaign for Romney and get out and vote, or could be discouraging and end up suppressing their vote. Similarly, Democrats' confidence that their candidate will win could encourage them to get out and vote to make sure that is a reality, or could cause complacency and lower their turnout percentage, the Gallup said.

The Republican Party

officially kicked off the RNC in Tampa, Florida, on Monday, in a low-key short ceremony, as the first-day agenda has been canceled due to the threat of Tropical Storm Isaac. Romney, together with his running mate House Representative Paul Ryan, is expected to be officially nominated as the Republican presidential nominee on Tuesday night by about 5,000 RNC delegates, formally setting up a close race with the Democratic Party's Obama/Biden ticket.—Xinhua



Egypt's President Mohamed Morsi

Egypt's foreign policy will base on balanced relations: president spokesman

CAIRO, 28 Aug—Egypt's foreign policy targets balanced foreign relations in a way that guarantees Egyptian interests and national security, President Mohamed Morsi's spokesman Yasser Ali said on Sunday in a Press conference. "Morsi's orientation to Africa, Gulf countries, China, then Iran is a step in the way to such balanced foreign relations," Ali said.

Ali asserted that Egypt's security can be achieved by reinforcing relations with African states, Islamic states and the economic and political powers in the world. "Morsi's foreign visits begin with China on 28 August, then a visit to the US, (which) will be followed by (his visit to) Brazil," Ali said.

Morsi will pay a state visit to China on Tuesday in a bid to enhance the bilateral relations between the two countries. "Morsi's visit to China has a political aspect including finding a solution to the Syrian crisis, and an economic aspect including increasing the Chinese investments in Egypt," said the spokesman.

Xinhua

ASEAN wants more investment, tourists from China

SIEM REAP, (Cambodia), 28 Aug — The bilateral relationship between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China is very good and the regional bloc wants to see more investment and tourists from China, ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitsuwan said here on Monday. "The ASEAN relation with China has been very productive and both sides certainly take the relationship very seriously," he said in an exclusive interview with *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the 44th ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting.



ASEAN Secretary-General Surin Pitsuwan

He said that the bilateral trade between ASEAN and China is growing very fast and the trade balance has been in China's favor. "Certainly, we are hoping that there will be more investment coming from China in order to sustain this growth and to make the relationship more balance," he said. Asked about China's role in helping ASEAN realize the Economic Community by 2015, Surin said China is the largest market for ASEAN and the country is certainly a growth engine for ASEAN as it has been the growth engine for the rest of the world.

He added that China has helped ASEAN a lot in infrastructure development. In ASEAN's process to build an economic community by 2015, Surin said that ASEAN has done well in terms of soft infrastructure such as agreements, protocols, and various elements of cooperation and coordination

among member states. "To date, we have ratified about 73 percent of all the major instruments of cooperation among ASEAN," he said. "We have less than 30 percent to go, and our challenge is how to implement every of them, and how to translate the regional ASEAN commitments into the national agenda implementation, rules, laws and regulations."

"We will accelerate our efforts in order to make sure that all these agreements are not only ratified, but also implemented," he said. He expressed confidence that ASEAN will be able to achieve the Economic Community by 2015 thanks to ASEAN's joint commitment and help from dialogue partners. He said the upcoming ASEAN Economic Community would be a market of 600 million people and would be more attractive to the world in terms of trade and investment.—Xinhua

Sydney to host G20 finance meeting in 2014

SYDNEY, 28 Aug — Sydney will host a G20 Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' meeting in 2014, Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard and Treasurer Wayne Swan announced on Tuesday. In a joint media release with the prime minister, Swan says as an iconic Australian city and a dynamic business and financial centre, Sydney is an ideal host city for the meeting. Swan says the meeting will attract up to 2000 delegates and support staff,

including international media, putting Sydney in the international spotlight. "Along with the G20 Finance Ministers' meeting that will take place in Cairns, this meeting will do important preparatory work for the G20 Leaders' Meeting to be held in Brisbane," Swan said. "This will be a complex event to organize and the commonwealth will be working closely with the NSW (New South Wales) Government to deliver a

successful meeting."

According to the Treasurer, members of the G20 account for 85 percent of global GDP, 80 percent of global trade, and most of Australia's major trading and investment partners. The G20 brings together leaders, finance ministers and central bank governors from major developing and advanced economies to address critical economic and financial challenges facing the world.

Xinhua

Pirates kidnap 24 in gunfight off Togo coast

LAGOS, 28 Aug—Pirates attacked an oil tanker Tuesday off the coast of Togo, taking control of its bridge and kidnapping 24 sailors before escaping amid an exchange of gunfire with a naval patrol boat, an anti-piracy organization said.

It wasn't immediately clear if anyone was injured in the attack on the Greek-owned oil tanker, which had been anchored about 17 nautical miles (19 miles) away from Lome, Togo's capital. The pirates took control of the vessel quickly, though an alarm from the ship alerted the Togolese navy, said Noel Choong, an official with the International Maritime Bureau.

The navy boat trailed the tanker and sailors exchanged gunfire with the pirates before the tanker escaped, Choong said.

A naval spokesman could not be immediately reached for comment Tuesday.

Tuesday's attack is just the latest to target West Africa's Gulf of Guinea, which follows the continent's southward curve from Liberia to Gabon. Over the last year, piracy there has escalated from low-level armed robberies to hijackings and cargo thefts. Last year, London-based Lloyd's Market Association — an umbrella group of insurers — listed Nigeria, neighboring Benin and nearby waters in the same risk category as Somalia, where two decades of war and anarchy have allowed piracy to flourish.

Internet



China's aircraft carrier starts 10th sea trial.—XINHUA

Colombian president confirms contact with Rebel FARC

BOGOTA, 28 Aug—Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos confirmed on Monday that his government has contacted in Cuba with leaders of the rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) as a first step to start peace talks.

In a televised address, Santos said government and rebel representatives have conducted "exploratory talks" in Havana and signed an agreement to initiate peace talks on 5 October in Oslo, Norway, hoping to end the decade-long conflict between the two sides.

Santos said more details of the contact would be released later, adding that military operations against the FARC would continue

"on every single centimeter of national territory" even in the peace process. Later on Monday, Santos met with former President Cesar Gaviria, who media outlets predict would be named as a government negotiator in the dialogue with the FARC.

Gaviria, a veteran diplomat, also served as secretary general of the Organization of American States from 1994 to 2004. The FARC is Colombia's largest rebel group with about 9,000 members. Although it suffered serious defeats in fightings with government troops from 2000 to 2010, it has recently increased hit-and-run attacks, especially on oil and mining facilities.

Xinhua



Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos

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China's ZTE aims to double smartphone, tablet shipments

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A ZTE company logo is seen at the company's exhibition pavilion during the CommunicAsia information and communications technology trade show in Singapore on 19 June, 2012.—REUTERS

HONG KONG, 28 Aug.—ZTE Corp, the world's fourth-biggest mobile phone vendor, said on Tuesday it aims to more than double smartphone and tablet computer shipments in 2012 as it targets booming global demand.

ZTE, which is also the fifth-ranked telecommu-

nications gear maker globally, said it aimed to ship 40 million smartphones this year, up from 15 million in 2011, and expected to sell about 1 million tablet computers, more than double the 2011 figure.

Of the 40 million smartphones, more than half would be sold in China, the company said.

"Our smartphones are selling quite well in certain mature markets such as Japan, the US, Europe, Australia and in certain emerging countries," Senior Vice President Zhang Renjun told Reuters on the sidelines of a company event.

The company's target of 40 million smartphones is higher than an estimate of 30 million it provided to analysts last week after it announced

its earnings.

ZTE posted an 85 percent drop in second-quarter profit, as its margins were squeezed by sluggish equipment sales and fierce competition in handset.

The Shenzhen-based company, which launched its first basic mobile phone in Africa little more than 10 years ago, said in April it could be shipping 100 million smartphones a year by 2015.

ZTE, with phone models such as Blade, Skate, Era and Windows-based Tania, has diversified into consumer gadgets, selling dongles, smartphones and tablets.

In February, it launched its first tablet in the United States with partner Sprint Nextel.

Reuters



GalaxyCamera

SEOUL, 28 Aug.—While Apple gets ready to ban Samsung's Galaxy S II smartphone, rumour has it the company plans to launch a new member of the Galaxy line this week: a digital camera.

Samsung will be debuting its new Android-powered smart camera at IFA, an electronics trade show in Berlin, according to website GSM Arena.

The camera is rumored to come with a 16-megapixel sensor, and run on Android 4.0 (Ice Cream Sandwich). It's also expected to sport a 4.8-inch screen, borrowing from another popular member of

Samsung to announce android-powered Galaxy S camera this week

the Galaxy line of devices: the Galaxy S III.

The camera is also tapped to have an integrated cellular connection for uploading pictures to networks like Facebook and Instagram while you're on the go, but won't likely be voice-capable.

Samsung isn't the only company to launch a smart camera. Nikon recently announced its own Android-powered camera: the Coolpix S800c. While it runs the much older Android 2.3, Nikon's camera has full access to the

Google Play marketplace, so you can run any apps that are compatible with the older OS. It will be available in September.

Polaroid also unveiled an Android-powered camera at the Consumer Electronics Show in January; but it has yet to get an official release date.

What do you think of smart cameras? What apps would you like to run on a camera? Let us know in the comments.

Internet

200-year-old 'monster larva' mystery solved

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug.—For nearly two centuries, scientists have pulled so-called "monster larva" from the guts of fish and wondered what these thick-bodied creatures looked like as grown-ups. Now one biologist believes he has finally matched the larva with its adult counterpart.

"It's very exciting to have solved a nearly 200-year-old conundrum," Keith Crandall, a biology professor at George Washington University, said in a statement.

Drawing from genetic evidence, Crandall reported in the journal *Ecology and Evolution* this month that the larva, *Cerataspis monstrosa*, is actually a baby version of the deep-water aristeid shrimp known as *Plesiopenaeus armatus*.

Making this match-up between the baby and adult forms was not as easy as finding a larger version of the larva. In fact, the two couldn't look more different, the researchers said. *C. monstrosa* has a thick body covered in armor with "exceptional horn ornamentation," the

researchers write. Yellowfin and blackfin tuna and dolphins prefer this "monstrous and misshapen animal," as the larva was called, for prey—and it was in these predators' gut contents that scientists had encountered the monster larvae.

Its adult form, *Plesiopenaeus*, which calls the deep waters of the Atlantic Ocean home, looks more like a lobster.

Scientists began to suspect a link between the two in the 19th century.

"Because previous studies suggested an affinity between *Cerataspis* and penaeoid shrimp, and more specifically the family Aristeidae, we sampled heavily within these groups," Crandall explained.

His lab had been collecting crustacean DNA information for several years, providing a database to compare the *Cerataspis* DNA and make the link. They found a 99.96 percent match between the sequences of five genes for both organisms.

Internet

Prehistoric tiny bugs found trapped in amber

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug.—Scientists have found three well-preserved ancient insects frozen in amber—and time—in what is Earth's oldest bug trap.

The discoveries of amber-encased insects in Italy may sound like something out of "Jurassic Park" but these bugs are even older than that. They are about 230 million years old, which puts them in the Triassic time period, and about 100 million years older than what had been the previously known oldest critters trapped in fossilized tree resin, or amber.

Goopy tree resin is like sap but without water and can't be diluted.

Researchers painstakingly examined 70,000 droplets of amber found in northeastern Italy. Stuck in them were two microscopic

mites and much of one fly. The mites are too small to be seen with the naked eye and the fly is a tad tinier than a fruit fly, researchers say.

The discovery was reported on Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

While older insects have been found in rock fossils, these are different because they are not compressed and better preserved, said study lead author David Grimaldi, curator of the American Museum of Natural History in New York. And you can see more detail, he said.

"That's the great thing about amber. You can make this incredible detailed comparison with living species," Grimaldi said.

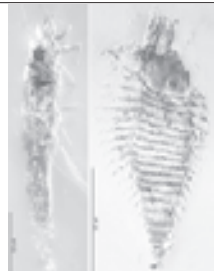
And when Grimaldi compared the ancient mites to their modern day

descendants, he was surprised about how similar they are. Except for difference in the mouth and fewer legs, "they're dead ringers for (modern) gall mites," he said. The modern ones can be found in bubbles or galls on plant leaves.

And that's surprising because the world itself has changed a lot from when these bugs were alive.

Back then, there was only one giant continent, some early primitive dinosaurs and no flower plants. Mites now live on flowering plants, but their ancient relatives must have stayed on trees, Grimaldi said.

Derek Briggs, director of the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History and who wasn't part of the research, called the bugs' discovery tantalizing, adding that it could



This undated handout photo provided by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences and the University of Göttingen shows photomicrographs of the two new species of ancient gall mites in 230-million-year-old amber droplets from northeastern Italy.—INTERNET

help researchers further understand how life evolved on land.—Internet

IBM to roll out new mainframes despite shrinking market

computers.

International Business Machines Corp is the dominant provider of mainframe computers, selling machines that run on powerful microprocessors of its own design and priced starting at about \$1 million. Its chief competitors are high-end servers from Hewlett-Packard Co and Oracle Corp.

IBM said it spent more than \$1 billion developing the updated machines, focusing on efforts to boost their computing performance, capacity and features.

Analysts said existing customers are likely to

appreciate the new bells and whistles. But they cautioned it will be tough for IBM to win new clients as most businesses are already enamored of cheaper technology that is widely considered "good enough" for all but the most mission-critical tasks.

"It's going to be harder and harder for IBM to find new customers and new opportunities for the mainframe," said Charles King, an analyst with technology research firm Pund-IT.

Officials with IBM said the company has

"thousands" of mainframe customers around the globe but declined to be more specific.

Gartner estimates that annual global sales of mainframes will fall this year and each year through 2016, declining a total of 14 percent over the five years to nearly \$4.7 billion.

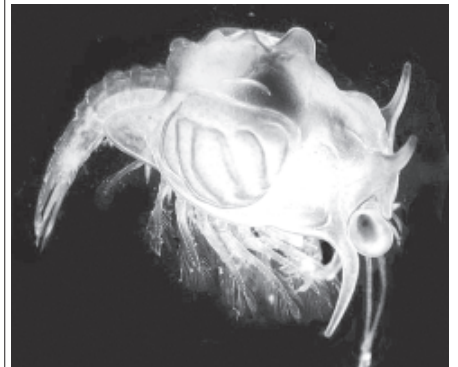
Shipments of the new product begin next month. Mainframe sales typically pick up for several quarters after a product launch due to pent up demand from customers waiting for the newest technology.

Reuters



A worker is pictured behind a logo at the IBM stand on the CeBIT computer fair in Hanover on 26 February, 2011. REUTERS

BOSTON, 28 Aug.—IBM will unveil a new version of its iconic mainframe computer on Tuesday, adding new security and data analytics features as it struggles to stem declines in the sluggish market for high-end business



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Circumcision pluses outweigh risks: Pediatricians

CHICAGO, 28 Aug—The nation's most influential pediatricians group says the health benefits of circumcision in newborn boys outweigh any risks and insurance companies should pay for it. In its latest policy statement on circumcision, a procedure that has been declining nationwide, the American Academy of Pediatrics moves closer to an endorsement but says the decision should be up to parents.

"It's not a verdict from on high," said policy co-author Dr Andrew Freedman. "There's not a one-size-fits-all answer." But from a medical standpoint, circumcision's benefits in reducing risk of disease outweigh its small risks, said Freedman, a pediatric urologist in Los

Angeles. Recent research bolstering evidence that circumcision reduces chances of infection with HIV and other sexually spread diseases, urinary tract infections and penis cancer influenced the academy to update their 13-year-old policy.

Their old stance said potential medical benefits were not sufficient to warrant recommending routinely circumcising newborn boys. The new one says, "The benefits of newborn male circumcision justify access to this procedure for those families who choose it." The academy also says pain relief stronger than a sugar-coated pacifier is essential, usually an injection to numb the area.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and



Social worker Shannon Coyne poses for a portrait with her 11-month-old son in Philadelphia. Coyne and her husband decided against circumcision for their son.—INTERNET

Convention has estimated circumcision costs range from about \$200 to \$600 nationwide. Coverage varies among insurers and several states have stopped Medicaid funding for circumcisions.

Internet

CAG pulls up ONGC for not placing emphasis on exploration activity

NEW DELHI, 28 Aug—The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has pulled up the State-owned Oil & Natural Gas Corp (ONGC) for not placing desired emphasis on discovering oil and gas and being tardy in monetising its discoveries.

CAG's report on Hydrocarbon Exploration Efforts of ONGC, which was tabled in Parliament on Tuesday, expressed concern at the company's lack of adequate efforts and results in new fields and wanted the Oil Ministry to reset annual targets set out in MoU that the firm signs with the Government.

"ONGC did not place the desired emphasis on its core exploration activity. Coupled with low priority on exploration are the anomalies

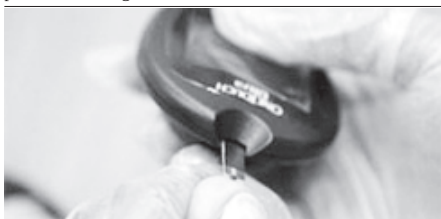
in MoU target-setting and reporting as well as performance measurement which can potentially mislead the stakeholder," it said. CAG said ONGC showcases a healthy reserve replacement ratio while production continues to remain static.

"ONGC was also tardy in monetising its

discoveries which contributed to low production," CAG said. "While external benchmarking of performance was not done, nationally ONGC had among the lowest efficiency in drilling compared to private as well as central public sector enterprise (Oil India Ltd) which led to non-achievement of work commitments and payment of liquidated damages," it said.—Internet



"There was a shortfall of 332,855 metres and 109 wells in ONGC's exploration performance. Except Western Offshore Basin, none of the other Basins could drill the targeted exploratory wells," it said.—INTERNET



Dormant virus might make you diabetic

BERLIN, 28 Aug—Most people infected with cytomegalovirus (CMV) carry it for a lifetime without any ill effects, but should the dormant virus become active, because of a weakened immune system, it could make you a diabetic.

New research by Leiden University Medical Centre and University of Tubingen Medical Schools in Germany shows that CMV infection is a significant risk factor for the type 2 diabetes in the elderly.

Obesity, inactivity and aging are known to be tied to insulin resistance, one of the first signs of diabetes.

However, only a third of those with insulin resistance go on the develop type 2 diabetes, according to a Leiden and Tubingen statement.

So what marks these people as different? Why do their pancreas fail? Genetic and environmental factors are thought to play a part but so also does inflammation.

People with type 2 diabetes usually have raised levels of biological markers for inflammation such as elevated C reactive protein (CRP) and larger numbers of active white blood cells.

CRP, synthesised by the

liver, is used mainly as a marker of inflammation, which is how the immune system respond to an infection or a disease.

Chronic infections, including CMV, can "stress" the immune system and when researchers from Leiden Tubingen Universities compared glucose regulation with antibodies to CMV in over 500 participants of the Leiden 85-plus Study, they found that having CMV was associated with type 2 diabetes.—Internet

Why today's kids don't get good night's sleep

LONDON, 28 Aug—Too many fizzy drinks and not enough bedtime stories are reasons why younger generation does not sleep as well as their grandparents, according to a new study.

Research by the Sleep Council found that today's seven to 14-year-old children go to bed almost 40 minutes later than their grandparents.

They are also much more likely to snack on crisps and fizzy drinks before bedtime while their grandparents enjoyed cocoa or hot milky drinks..

Around 54 per cent of the older generation either had a story read to them or had a quiet time to read independently—whereas only 27 per cent of today's youngsters read before bedtime and 58 per cent watch television.

If parents ditched the bad

habits, bedtime would be less stressful and their offspring would sleep better, experts claimed.

According to the survey—which asked 1,006 grandparents with grandchildren aged seven to 14, to compare their early lifestyle with that of their grandchildren—21 per cent spent more than three hours each day playing outside.

That compares to the 28 per cent who said their grandchildren now spend less



Today's seven to 14-year-old children go to bed almost 40 minutes later than their grandparents.

INTERNET

Japan cuts economic assessment as global slowdown bites

TOKYO, 28 Aug—Japan's government cut its assessment for the export-reliant economy for the first time in nearly a year as slowing global growth weighed on exports, clouding recovery prospects and adding pressure on the central bank for further stimulus.

Deceleration in the United States and China, on top of Europe's debt crisis, caused the downgrade, the government said on Tuesday, warning that further global slowdown and sharp market swings posed risks to the world's third-largest

economy. The first such downgrade since October 2011 matches the assessment of private-sector analysts, but is somewhat bleaker than the view of the Bank of Japan (BOJ), which has said the economy is starting to pick up moderately.

"Looking at both domestic demand and overseas economies, I don't expect the economy to slide back into a recession but I cannot say it will stage a recovery either," said Yasuo Yamamoto, senior economist at Mizuo Research Institute in Tokyo, adding that Japan may

enter a soft-patch in the third quarter. The government assessment underscores policymakers' concern that fresh stimulus measures could be needed, as exports may struggle to recover before the effect on the economy of spending on rebuilding from last year's earthquake begins to fade. "The economy is moderately recovering helped by reconstruction demand, while some weak movements were seen recently," the Cabinet Office said in its monthly report. In the previous month's report, the government also said the

economy was recovering moderately on reconstruction demand but merely noted that there were difficulties.—Internet

A man looks out on the sea as a cargo ship loaded with containers is seen at a port in Tokyo on 25 July, 2012.—INTERNET



Psoriasis therapy may reduce heart attacks

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug—A treatment of psoriasis was associated with a significantly reduced risk for heart attack compared with other forms of treatment, US researchers say.

Dr Jashin J Wu, director of dermatology research at Kaiser Permanente Los Angeles Medical Centre, said tumour necrosis factor inhibitors are used as a treatment for psoriasis to block the inflammatory response of the disease.

Wu and colleagues at the medical centre conducted a retrospective study, using patient files, with at least three diagnosis codes for psoriasis or psoriatic arthritis, without previous heart attacks, from January 2004 to November 2010.

Of the 8,845 patients included in the study, 57.4 percent were not treated with any systemic therapy or phototherapy (topical treatment group), 18.9 percent received a tumor necrosis factor inhibitor for at least two consecutive months (tumor necrosis factor inhibitor treatment group) and 23.7 percent were treated with oral systemic agents or phototherapy (oral/phototherapy treatment group).

Internet

Two traffic accidents leave 47 dead in China

BEIJING, 28 Aug — A double-decker bus rammed into a tanker loaded with highly flammable methanol on a northern Chinese highway, causing both vehicles to burst into flames in one of two serious accidents that left 47 dead over the weekend. The official *Xinhua News Agency* said 39 people were on the long-distance sleeper bus when it crashed and only three survived. It said the survivors were hospitalized, but didn't describe their condition.

The tanker had just returned to the highway after a rest stop when it was apparently rear-ended by the bus at around 2:40 am close to the city of Yan'an in Shaanxi Province, the official China News website said. The bus had left Hohhot in Inner Mongolia and was headed south to Xi'an city, it said. *Xinhua* photos showed the charred metal skeleton of the bus rammed up against the back of the tanker.

An official with the local Communist Party propaganda bureau in Yan'an confirmed that the crash occurred but was unable to give details and was unsure of the death toll. In the second accident, 11 people were killed and another was seriously hurt when a van crashed into a truck on Sunday afternoon in southwest China's Sichuan Province, *Xinhua* reported. Road safety is a serious problem in China. According to *Xinhua*, poorly maintained roads and bad driving habits result in about 70,000 deaths and 300,000 injuries a year.— *Internet*



A view over Loch Lomond in Scotland. Two young boys have died and a man is still missing on Monday after a canoe capsized in Scotland's Gairloch. INTERNET

Three children die, father missing in loch tragedy

GAIRLOCH, 28 Aug—A search is continuing on Tuesday for the body of a father believed to have died when his canoe capsized in a sea loch, in an accident that claimed the lives of his two young sons and a girl aged five. Ewen Beaton, 32, was one of two adults in the boat with four children when it overturned in Loch Gairloch, near Ullapool in the Scottish Highlands on Sunday.

His sons Jamie, two, and Ewen, five, were rescued by

helicopter and airlifted to hospital, but died on Sunday night.

On Monday, a third child, Gracie Mackay, died in the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Her father, 35, and sister, 8, had managed to swim to shore and raise the alarm.

Beaton's family issued a statement through police, saying: "We are utterly devastated by what has happened and the loss of our beautiful little boys. We

appreciate all that has and is being done by emergency services to find their adoring father, Ewen.

"It is too difficult to say anything more at this time and we would appreciate our family being left in peace to grieve our terrible loss."

Stornoway Coastguard was alerted to the incident at around 4.15pm on Sunday after Gracie's father and her sister, named locally as Garry Mackay and Callie, made it to the shoreline.— *Internet*

China adds 76 m mobile phone users in first seven months

BEIJING, 28 Aug—China added 75.78 million mobile phone users during the first seven months of 2012, including 55.34 million 3G subscribers, official data showed on Monday. However, the number of fixed-line users fell 1.91 million during the same period, according to a statement by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

The telecommunication industry reported 610.67 billion yuan (96.93 billion US

dollars) in primary business revenues in the January-July period, up 9.2 percent from a year earlier, the statement said.

Revenues from mobile telecommunication rose 11.3 percent year on year during the first seven months, accounting for 73.04 percent of the total, up 1.4 percentage points from a year earlier, while the rest of revenues came from fixed-line businesses, according to the statement.— *Xinhua*

NATO: 202 Afghan bases closed, more to come

KABUL, 28 Aug — NATO has closed more than 200 bases in Afghanistan and transferred nearly 300 others to local forces, a concrete step toward its 2014 target of handing over security responsibility, NATO officers said on Sunday. All 202 closed facilities were small, ranging from isolated checkpoints to bases of a dozen to 300 soldiers, said Lt Col David Olson, a NATO forces spokesman. Most of the closures have been along the country's main highways, spread across nearly every province, Olson said.

Another 282 bases of the same size have been handed over to the Afghan government, he said. That means international forces now operate about half as many bases in Afghanistan as in October of 2011, when they ran about 800 bases. The closures are part of the large-scale drawdown over this year and next as international forces prepare to transfer security tasks to the Afghan government at the end of 2014. Most of the troops that are leaving are American, and therefore most of the closures are US bases.

"As our Afghan security force partners take more responsibility for their own security, more bases will be closing and transitioning," said Brig Gen Steven Shapiro, who is heading up the operation to return or hand over US equipment. He said that so far the US government has given about 20,000 pieces of equipment worth about \$3 million to the Afghan government, ranging from chairs to large generators.

"Our footprint here will continue to shrink," Shapiro told reporters at a briefing about how non-military equipment is being processed as numbers of American forces decrease. The US started drawing down forces from a peak of nearly 103,000 last year and plans to have 68,000 troops in Afghanistan by October.— *Internet*



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, the burnt wreckage of a double-decker sleeper bus and a tanker loaded with highly-flammable methanol sit on a highway in Yan'an City, northwest China's Shaanxi Province on 26 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

Iranians overjoyed by hosting NAM summit

TEHERAN, 28 Aug — "Welcome to Teheran for the 16th NAM summit..." Banners and posters are hanging along the streets across Iran's capital of Teheran, reminding passers-by that a big event is going on in one of the largest cities in the region. Iran will host the 16th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) this week. With local TV channel circulating along the developments of this event, which is divided into three stages — senior officials meeting on 26-27 August, ministerial level meeting on 28-29 August, and the summit from 30 to 31 August — even teenagers playing in the streets of Teheran know something special is taking place here.

The Iranian government has geared up security in the capital, especially around the convention centres and hotels where foreign guests stay, with the number of checkpoints increased and policemen

patrolling along major roads in downtown area. But for most residents in Teheran, the summit is something which makes them proud and overjoyed. A 61-year-old retired man even mistook the crowds around the Teheran Grand Hotel, where many foreign journalists covering the summit are staying, for the celebration of a big "holiday." "There is a five-day holiday here, I think," the man said merrily to *Xinhua*, pointing to a grocery run by his younger friend. "But don't worry, all shops will still be opening. You can buy things as you want," he said.

Realizing that most representatives to this summit come from developing countries, some Iranian citizens said they hoped the meeting would help resolve or alleviate major problems the world is facing, such as the Syrian crisis and the Iranian nuclear issue.— *Xinhua*



An expert-level meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement, NAM, takes place in Teheran, Iran, on 26 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

False alarm triggers Australia's Brisbane Airport evacuation

BRISBANE, 27 Aug — Flights at Brisbane Airport in Australia's Queensland are expected to be delayed after a false alarm sparked a mass evacuation at the airport, local media reported on Monday.

The fire alarms at the airport went off before 8:30 am local time on Monday and all passengers and staff at the airport were evacuated, the *Australian Associated Press (AAP)* reported.

A spokeswoman for Brisbane Airport Corporation told AAP that it was a false alarm. "We are having to rescreen everyone," she said. "It's not clear at this stage but there may be flight delays." The company is investigating the cause of the false alarm, the spokeswoman said.— *Xinhua*

Over 1 million vie for 20,000 car plates in Beijing

BEIJING, 28 Aug — Winning rate for Beijing's car registration lottery has dropped to less than 2 percent in August, marking the lowest rate since the car plate lottery scheme was launched last year, local authorities said on Sunday.

Among the accumulated 1.05 million private car applicants, only 19,926 were given the right for car registration on Sunday when the city's 20th license plate lottery was held, a spokesman with the Beijing car registration lottery office said.

The Beijing municipal government ushered in the car plates lottery scheme in January last year to limit the number of vehicles on the road. Under the scheme, only 240,000 new private car plates are issued every year, and 20,000 every month.

About 200,000 people applied for car registration in January last year when the first license plate lottery was held in the city. But the winning rate has been shrinking with the growing number of applicants.

Beijing now reports more than 5 million vehicles, statistics with the Beijing Municipal Traffic Management Bureau show.

Xinhua

A Way to Happiness — Contentment

Khin Aye Kyu

He who is content is indeed a rich man, for the way to peace and happiness is to develop contentment. Even when we are trying to make a living to satisfy the basic necessities of life, one needs satisfaction and contentment to be happy. Not allowing "Lobha" (greed or desire for more than one can obtain) to get out of control. If one can accept and live within our means there will be contentment and a certain degree of happiness. However desire is often unlimited and if we allow greed to proceed unchecked, there will always be desire for more and there will never be satisfaction, contentment or happiness. But it does not mean that we must be satisfied without any effort to do better—i.e lack of ambition, but only that we must try to be content with what one has been able to achieve, when one has tried his or her best. People must make a living and cannot be entirely free from greed and his desire to make a good living can vary according to circumstances. However this greed should be within reasonable limits and not exceed this limit. If we can control excessive desire and to be content with what can be obtained, there will be happiness. The ability to adapt to the existing situation and

to be content with what one can have. If everyone can develop this habit, they will be able to find contentment and happiness.

Greed rises in want of satisfaction. The evil of greed is hard to remove. People should quench this fire whenever and wherever they appear by correctly judging as to what can give true satisfaction. Greed is like a fever. If you get this fever you will be tormented by sleeplessness. Greed and desires are endless. It is like a man who drinks seawater; he gets no satisfaction and his thirst only increases. To satisfy greed and desire, people will struggle and fight with each other, king against king, vassal against vassal, parent against child, brother against brother, sister against sister, friend against friend, they will fight and even kill each other to satisfy their greed and desire. This is because people will often ruin their lives in the attempt to satisfy desires. They will steal and cheat and commit adultery and then being caught will suffer from the disgrace of it and its punishment. This is because people are not contented with what they have.

To be content is something which is incomparable. In this life there is nothing we can exchange with contentment.

To be contented with what you have and what you own, to be contented with the things or wealth you have accumulated by lawful means—that is true contentment. Don't be unhappy and crave for the things you don't possess. If you burn with "Lobha" (greed) your health will suffer. Only contentment will bring satisfaction. There was once a golden Hintha bird whose wife and three daughters of his former existence were living in poverty. The golden Hintha felt sorry for them, so he visited them often and gave each of them a golden feather. The wife and three daughters were very greedy. They were not contented. So the next time the golden Hintha visited them they plucked out all the golden feathers. But because of their greed the golden feathers turned into ordinary white feathers. This little story shows the folly of greed. Not being satisfied and contented, they had lost all. It is possible to have an attitude that gives contentment towards life, and it will become a habit later on and no extra effort will be needed to be contented and cope with any circumstances, and life will be contented and happy.

Personal and household goods donated to flood victims in Kyaukme



KYAUKME, 28 Aug—People of Kyaukme Township collectively donated rice, edible oil, salt, personal goods and household goods worth

over K 4 million and K 2.9 million amounting to about K 7 million to flood victims of Lashio.

On 25 August, on behalf of the wellwishers, youth of Theravada Buddhist Association of Kyaukme and One Added Parahita Youth Group presented donations to the victims in Lashio.

They donated relief aids to people from 485 households from Wards 1 and 7 of Lashio.

Kyemon

Books, publications donated to village library

ZIGON, 28 Aug—A ceremony to donate books and publications to Mayin Library was held in Mayin West Village of Mayin Village-tract in Zigon Township of Thayawady District in Bago Region on 22 August morning.

On the occasion, Village-tract Administrator U Tin Ohn made a speech, and Staff Officer Daw San San Kyaw of District Information and Public Relations Department gave lecture with the title "Only



when literature meets high standard, can people step on high class.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Mar Mar Oo donated 645 books on various subjects and wellwishers, furniture and 500 books to the library.

Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated K 1 million and the local people over K 800,000 for construction of the library building.—*Myanma Alin*

Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Union holds AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Union Ltd. held the Annual General Meeting for 2011-2012 fiscal year at its hall on 22 August morning.

Deputy Director of Cooperative Department of

Ayeyawady Region U Cho Tun made a speech. The meeting approved the report of Board of Directors, financial statement, audit report and profit-sharing accounts and passed six matters in the meeting.

Myanma Alin

Horizon of vocational students broadened with traffic rules

LOIKAW, 28 Aug—A ceremony of giving educative talks on traffic rules was held at Women's Vocational Training School, here, on 22 August.

At the ceremony,

Assistant Director Daw Nan Soe Soe Haq of Directorate of Road Transport under the Ministry of Rail Transportation of Kayah State in Loikaw gave educative talks to the students.—*Myanma Alin*



Fingerlings released to paddy fields in Thongwa



YANGON, 28 Aug—Thongwa Township Fisheries Department held the ceremony to release fingerlings into paddy field of U Than Soe, on 23 August with the aim of developing fishing production, ensuring sufficiency of fish consumption and undertaking poverty alleviation and rural development.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thaung, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Zaw Than and members of Township

Agricultural Coordination Committee, departmental officials, members of social organizations, Village Administrator and farmers released fingerlings into the paddy fields and Phayalay Creek.

Myanma Alin

Superintendent Dr Yin Thanda Lwin explained activities of nourishment.

After that, the officials presented awards to model mothers who won the prizes in ceremony.

Later, they distributed ferrous sulphate and Vitamin B-1 tablets to expectant mothers.—*Myanma Alin*

Awards presented to model mothers in Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 28 Aug—A ceremony to present awards to model mothers in activities of nourishment week was held at the meeting hall of people's hospital in Kyaukse

Township, Mandalay Region, on 18 August.

At the ceremony, Acting Township Administrator U Myo Lwin gave a speech and Medical

District News

Information for anti-human trafficking

Nowadays, the government is accelerating its tasks in taking preventive measures against trafficking in person. In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in taking the anti-human trafficking measures.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

Answers to Hluttaw should...

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Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung answered queries raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency asked **how much unsecured loan was disbursed with 15 percent interest for small and medium enterprises.** The deputy minister answered that 24.14 percent of loans disbursed by private banks to farming, manufacturing, trading, transportation, construction and services industry went to the manufacturing sector.

Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency asked **about opening stamp sale booths by Internal Revenue Department near various courts.** The deputy minister

answered that stamps could be bought easily at Internal Revenue Department offices of the townships where the courts exist. The demand could not meet for the moment following the changes in tax rates, but it would be distributed sufficiently.

As Daw Tin Nwe Oo suggested officials to observe delays and difficulties in buying stamps, the deputy minister responded with the promise to improve the sale of stamps.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said the answers of ministries in Hluttaw are pledges. If the promise is not fulfilled, the Hluttaw would take actions. It would strengthen the rule of law. The answer of the respective ministry regarding the stamp was generalized. The



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Kyi Myint of Latha Constituency raising question.—MNA

ministry could have held sufficient number of stamp after an order was issued. As it could damage the State and the government in this transition period, it could be addressed with seriousness. The answer should not be generalized and the

inappropriate systems and ways should be changed as soon as possible. Rules, rules and regulations, orders and directives should be reviewed and pragmatic measures should be taken.

The Hluttaw representatives are to raise questions, presenting evidences, and those who answer the questions should answer clearly with respect for the people. The Government's Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee monitored the answers and report the Hluttaw of the failures to fulfill the promise.

The receipt of Bill revoking Land Acquisition (Mines) Act approved and sent by Amyotha Hluttaw on 21 August was notified. The Bill Committee will have to scrutinize the bill and submit to the Hluttaw with the report. The Hluttaw representatives



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Soe Soe of Htigyaing Constituency makes question.—MNA

willing to discuss the bill are to submit their name list not later than 31 August.

A total of 12 Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal to cure eye patients in central Myanmar and arid regions in special programmes submitted by U AungThaung

of Taungtha Constituency.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said ophthalmology departments of the Health Department and anti-trachoma and blindness projects are providing necessary treatment for eye patients from all walks of life. Courses were provided to community health staff, members of social organization and volunteers to prevent blindness. Educational talks are aired in Myanmar Radio and Television. As the Ministry of Health is providing necessary treatment for eye patients, the proposal should be put on record.

As there was no one against the proposal, it was approved.

Today's session concluded at 3.30 pm and the 35th day session takes place tomorrow.—MNA

Meeting to review telecommunications bill (draft) held



Union CPT Minister U Thein Tun addresses meeting to review telecommunications bill (draft). MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun highlighted the need to transform into Competition Business Model, establishing local and foreign partnership and inviting foreign investments, at meeting to review telecommunications bill (draft).

The law and rules should have no loopholes as multinational organizations and corporations would learn the laws and rules before investing Myanmar, the Union Minister said.

While reforms are being taken in communications industry, the firm legislation is needed, he underscored.

The legislation was drafted with the assistance of International Telecommunications Union as a convergent law, the Union Minister said, inviting frank suggestions.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister, Director-General of Communications Directorate, Managing Director of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, departmental heads, and representatives of respective ministries.—MNA

Myanmar citizen Aung Myat (a) Kham Hon temporarily extradited to People's Republic of China to help pass judgement on Sai Naw Kham

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—The temporary extradition of Myanmar citizen Aung Myat (a) Kham Hon who is in custody at Kengtung Jail awaiting verdict under a local law to the Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China took place at the office of the Deputy Head of Shan State Police Force at 4 am today. The Deputy Head of Shan State Police Force (Kengtung) Police Lt-Col Kyaw Tun and Director-General Mr Uu Yuejin of Drugs Control Department under the Ministry of Public Security of the PRC handed over and accepted the culprit.

Sai Naw Kham who was the prime suspect in the killing of 13 Chinese sailors

in the Thai territorial waters on 5 October 2011 was arrested in Laos on 25 April 2012. He was handed over to the PRC by Laos on 10 May 2012.

As Aung Myat (a) Kham Hon was the mastermind behind the crime committed by the Sai Naw Kham group, he was temporarily handed over to the Ministry of Public Security of the PRC under Section 28 of Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law Chapter 6 of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to help pass judgement on Sai Naw Kham, and he would be sent back to Myanmar after the final judgement.

MNA

Myanmar disabled athletes leave for England to compete in London Paralympic Games 2012

YANGON, 28 Aug—A seven-member Myanmar disabled athletes team led by President Maj-Gen Nay Lin of Myanmar Disabled Athletes Federation left here by air yesterday evening for England to participate in London Paralympic Games 2012 to be held in London of England from 24 August to 11 September. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by

officials from Myanmar Disabled Athletes Federation and Commander-in-Chief Office (Army).

Myanmar Disabled Athletes team comprise Vice-President U Myo Myint of MDAF, Secretary U Peter, Executive U Thein Win, Coach U Aung Myint Tun and Win Naing and Naing Sis Aung as athletes.

MNA

Stipend granted for offspring of war veterans

NATTALIN, 28 Aug—Myanmar War Veterans Organization Headquarters

and Nattalin Township War Veterans Organization held a ceremony to grant

stipends for offspring of war veterans at the office of Township War Veterans Organizing Committee in Nattalin Township, Bago Region, at 9 am on 24 August.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zaw Lwin and Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization WO II Kyan Tun (Rtd) delivered addresses and gave stipends K 1.2 million to 61 students.

Myanma Alin



Yamethin MCWA holds low-cost cookery contest

YAMETHIN, 28 Aug—Yamethin Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the low-cost cookery contest as part of nourishment week activities at its office, here, on 24 August.

Chairperson of District MCW Supervisory Committee Daw Htar Htar Win, Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Yi Yi Thauang and members and in-

charge of MCWA Dr Myint Myint Maw viewed low-cost cooking utensils and materials.

In the contest, Wah Toe May group won the first prize, Khit Myoh Ma group the second and Aung Myay the third.

Chairpersons of district and township MCWAs and members fed refreshments to pre-primary students.

Myanma Alin

Income tax levy aimed...

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So, there is no any plan to provide the township with a modern fire engine. In the



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Gam Hsai raising question.—MNA

2014-2015 financial year which is the fifth five-year short-term projects period, plans are under way to build one building and staff quarters. According to the 30-year plan, arrangements are being made to equip it with one fire engine and light fire engine in order that it can be upgraded into Unit-3 level one in the 2016-2017 financial year.

After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe read out the Bill Committee's report on amended Basic Education Bill (2012) sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw with its approval. Hluttaw sought to approve the each para of the Bill.

Afterwards, member of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Sun Doka Kyin submitted the Bill Committee's report to discuss the Bill amending the Union Auditor-General's Law to be discussed by Hluttaw, sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with its amendments, and proposal.

Hluttaw decided to discuss the bill and announced that those wishing to discuss it are to register their names. After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee Dr Tin Shwe and Chairman U Nyunt Tin submitted the Committee's report.

The representatives who want to discuss it are to register their names. Afterwards, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw

International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo read out the committee's report. Those wishing to discuss it are to register their names.

Sixteen representatives discussed the proposal on "impeachment of the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal in connection with the breach of the provisions of the Constitution and the failures to discharge the vested duties" submitted by U Zaw Myint Pe of Mandalay Constitution No.5. Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal U Thein Soe discussed facts about the proposal.

Hluttaw took the vote to approve it by standing up and decided to approve it as there is over two-third of eligible voters. The meeting



Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe replies to queries.

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came to an end at 4.10 pm, and the 35th day session will go on at 10 am tomorrow.

At today's session, two questions were raised and replied; the approval of Basic Education Bill (2012) sought; the Bill amending the Union

Auditor-General's Bill, submitted; the reports of ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee and International Relations Committee submitted; and one proposal discussed and approved.—MNA

Library and Information Centre of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee opened



Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin extends greetings at opening of Library and Information Centre.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—The opening ceremony of Library and Information Centre of Pyithu Hluttaw Social Development Committee was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw committee building (1-4) here this morning.

It was formally opened by Chairman of the committee U

Maung Maung Swe and Executive Director of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Dr Babatunde Osotimehin. The opening ceremony was also attended by the secretary and members of the Social Development Committee, the Asia and Pacific regional director of

UNFPA and the UNFPA resident representative to Myanmar. Chairman U Maung Maung Shwe and the UNFPA executive director extended greetings.

They discussed matters related to population density and reproductive health.

MNA

Workshop on development of region level mines sector in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Workshop on development of region level mines sector, quality promotion for foreign export and market penetration took place at the meeting hall of Kayin State government office on 25 August noon.

It was attended by Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, Deputy Speaker U Mann Hla Myaing, state ministers, Hluttaw representatives State Chief

Justice U Saw San Lin and judges, departmental officials, entrepreneurs and in charges from 37 companies.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Thein Htaik said that mineral deposits were spotted in Kayin State, the Ministry of Mines is granting permits to operate mining works in accord with laws, rules, regulations and principles of the ministry, efforts are being made to establish plant, mineral refineries. The Union Minister went on to say that local entrepreneurs are needed to

take advanced technology, investments and consultations in cooperation with foreign entrepreneurs, the ministry would render necessary assistance for private sector, plans are under way to establish an industrialized country in order to undertake socio-economic development of local people.

Those present participated in discussion for development of region level mines sector, quality promotion for foreign export and market penetration.

MNA

Roads and bridges inspected at Yangon and Bago Regions

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected the construction site of Seikkyi-Khanaungto suspension bridge on 25 August.

The total length of the Seikkyi-Khanaungto suspension bridge will have 480 feet long and 11 feet and three inches wide main bridge.

The length of two approach bridges is 1200 feet and 30 feet wide. A 24 feet wide two-way motor road is flanked by three feet wide pedestrian ways on both sides. Clearance of the bridge is 422 feet wide and 40 feet high. The bridge can withstand 36 tons of loads. The construction of the bridge has completed by 43 per cent. The bridge will

have four miles and three furlongs long approach road on Hlinethaya bank and 800 feet long on Khanaungto bank.

The deputy minister inspected maintenance of Indagaw-Htongyi-Kawa-Ohnhne road, Bago river crossing bridge (Kawa) near mile post No.8/0 and construction of posts at Kamaboak bridge near mile post No. 15/3.

MNA

Fingerlings released into paddy fields



YANGON, 28 Aug—Fingerling releasing ceremony into paddy field was held at U San Tun's paddy field, Southern Ward, Kungyangon Township, here, on 23 August morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administer U Kyaw Zeyar Linn, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Thein Han and township level officials and local farmers released 80000 fingerlings into the paddy field.—Myanma Alin



Three former basketball stars from WNBA and NBA demonstrate basketball skills to Myanmar selected basketball teams. (News on page 1)—MNA

Cherry FM holds third anniversary

TAUNGGYI, 28 Aug—Cherry FM that broadcasts good radio programmes to townships of Shan and Kayah states marked the third anniversary celebration in Pindaya of Danu Self-Administered Zone on 15 August noon.

The ceremony comprised distribution of gifts to local people,

entertainment of songs, offering of meals to members of the Sangha in the monastery of Saikkhaung Village of Hsihseng Township and donation of 3000 oil lamps at Sulamuni Pagoda in Taunggyi.

Programmes of Cherry FM are being aired to Shan and Kayah states through 89.8 Mhz as of 15 August 2009. At

present, the broadcasting extended to Mandalay and Yangon regions from 5 am to 11 pm daily.

Requests for songs and birthdays and information from various regions can contact Taunggyi Branch, Tel: 081-22181. Lashio Branch 82-26192 and Tachilek Branch, 084-53248.—*Myanma Alin*

Workshop on durability of library held



TATKON, 28 Aug—The workshop on durability of self-reliant libraries was held at Yaungchi U Library in

Magyibin Village of Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, on 22 August afternoon.

Head of Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tint Tint Khaing explained the durability of libraries, Village Administrator U Thaw Zin and Library Committee member U Soe Win functions of the library.

At the workshop, participants discussed durability of the libraries. The head of Township IPRD and Photographer-II U Tin Soe Lwin responded to the discussions.

Myanma Alin

Bags of rice supplies to flood victims of Hlegu

YANGON, 28 Aug—Due to heavy rains and flows of torrent water, Yangon-Mandalay Highway was

inundated in the section of Yangon Region.

Road sections from milepost No. 1/2 to 2/2 were

flooded and four wards of Hlegu Township inundated.

The people from the flood houses and animals have been evacuated to safety.

Township authorities, red cross and fire brigade members will distribute bags of rice and utensils to the flood victims.

Kyemon



Male wild elephant dies in Chaungtha protected forest

PATHEIN, 28 Aug—A male wild elephant died at Yaysan Hill in Chaungbichaung creek at Chaungtha protected forest in Ngwehsaung Sub-township of Pathein Township.

Staff of Forest Department on 29 February made a field trip to check the death of elephant and submitted a report to region, district and township authorities on 7 March.

According to the investigation of the medical officer, the male elephant died due to a sharp and pointed arm like poisonous arrow and then its ivory was extracted.

Senior Forester U Yu Maung Tun of Forest

Department opened a file of lawsuit at 7.20 pm on 25 August, Ngwehsaung Police Station investigates the offender under Wildlife Protection Law section 37 (a).—*Kyemon*



TREES PLANTED: The collective tree growing ceremony was held near Alekan Village for greening of environments of Myaing Township in Pakokku District on 26 August. Assistant Director U Maung Maung Kyaw of District Forest Department, Myaing Township Administrator U Myint Tin and villagers of village-tract grow teak, neem, rain and eucalyptus saplings.

MYANMA ALIN

Korean media delegation visits Shwedagon Pagoda



Korean media delegation members visiting Shwedagon Pagoda. MNA

YANGON, 28 Aug—Under 2012 Exchange Visit of ASEAN and Korean Media People, Korean media delegation members, accompanied by officials of Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of

Information, paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda this afternoon.

They also paid homage to Chauktetgyi Shwethalyaung reclining Buddha Image in the evening.—*MNA*

Nourishment Week activities held in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 28 Aug—The activities of Nourishment Week in August were undertaken at the hall of Shwepyitha Township People's Hospital in Yangon North District on 24 August morning, with an address by Chairman of Township Health Committee Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Mi Mi

Khaing explained works for health of children and expectant mothers.

Next, the chairman of Township Health Committee and members, Chairman of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Soe

Moe and executives, members of social organizations gave vitamin A tablets and anti-tape worm to children under five. Moreover, they presented medicines to 36 expectant mothers.

Myanma Alin



Officials of Shwepyitha Township Health Committee and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association give vitamin A tablet to children.

Landslides on Kengtung-Tachilek Road

KENG TUNG, 28 Aug—Due to heavy rains in Mongphyat District of Shan State (East), landslides occurred in 16 places between mile posts No. 378/7 and 390/3 on Kengtung-Tachilek Road on 18 August.

The Deputy Commissioner of Mongphyat District General Administration Department and members, officials of Public Works and

Thawdawin Co in groups cleared the road for proper transport.

At about 2 pm on 20 August, the road can be used as usual for transportation.

Myanma Alin

District News

Twined branches of coconut plant in significant view

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—In nature, coconut plant must have one trunk.

In the compound of Daw Khin Myaing at Hsinthay Village of Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, a coconut plant can be seen with two branches.

Two branches of the coconut plant are thriving as twined branches in a photo taken on 25 August.

Myanma Alin



UN chief urges continued action to control illegal small arms trade

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Aug — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday called for a sustained commitment to control the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons worldwide, emphasizing their devastating effects and the high cost of human lives. In a statement delivered by UN Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson at a UN meeting to review the action to curb the illegal trade of small arms and light weapons, Ban noted: "Illicit small arms remain the weapons of choice for those who seek to challenge legitimate State power, to spread fear and insecurity, or to pursue criminal goals."

The UN meeting, known as the Second Review Conference of the UN

Programme of Action on Small Arms and Light Weapons, opened here on Monday morning, and it will run through 7 September. Over half a million people are killed each year from these weapons, with civilians and impoverished people disproportionately affected, the secretary-general said. According to the Small Arms Survey, there are an estimated 875 million small arms in circulation worldwide, produced by more than 1,000 companies from nearly 100 countries. Ongoing, coordinated efforts are key, Ban said. "There are no quick solutions — it will take a sustained process that requires the commitment of all."



"The full implementation of the Programme of Action is both an urgent priority and a long-term project that will demand perseverance and resolve," he said. The Programme of Action was adopted by consensus in 2001 after attention to the wide spread availability of small

UN Secretary-General
Ban Ki-moon.
INTERNET

arms and light weapons, and their predominate role in present day conflicts. The programme details recommendations for member states to control the illicit flow of such arms through national legislation, regional cooperation and international assistance.—Xinhua

Venezuela's refinery accused of negligence

CARACAS, 28 Aug — Neighbours of Amuay refinery and members of the Falcon's oil workers' union accused Petroleo De Venezuela SA (PDVSA), the Venezuelan state-owned oil company, of negligence in the wake of a deadly blast, which killed 48 people and injured 84 others on Saturday morning. The company was blamed for not looking after a gas leak alert, according to local Press on Sunday. The blast, which occurred on Saturday early morning at 1:11 am (0541 GMT) and the fires later due to the gas leak in Amuay refinery, razed 209 homes and 11 nearby shops, plus a Bolivarian National Guard facility.

Amuay in northeast Venezuelan state of Falcon is one of the three crude oil refineries of the Paraguana Refinery Complex, the second largest in the world. Venezuelan Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez said on Sunday in a television broadcast, "We are currently in the cooling and quenching works. Our processing areas are normal. We have made a programmed stop. Our effort now is to quench the fire in two tanks." Venezuelan officials said the blast affected nine fuel deposits but thanks to the fire fighters work, the fire was quickly controlled in seven of them.

Ramirez also said the domestic market's fuel supply is guaranteed, and "we have 10 days of stocktaking products such as fuel and diesel. There are 4 million fuel barrels stocked and we have a full production in the rest of the country's refineries." The Venezuelan government has deployed a contingency operation immediately after the blast, including the evacuation of several families to safer places. President Hugo Chavez, who arrived Sunday afternoon at Amuay refinery, expressed his government's mourning for the tragedy and called on the people to stay calm and help the affected people in Falcon state.—Xinhua



Image provided by Venezuela's Presidency shows Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez (L) visiting a victim of a refinery explosion, at a hospital in Punto Fijo, Falcon State, Venezuela, on 27 Aug, 2012.—XINHUA

Israeli war jets strike on Gaza in response to rocket attacks

GAZA, 28 Aug — Israeli war jets struck several targets in northern Gaza Strip on Monday night in response to earlier rocket attacks carried out by Gaza militants on southern Israel, witnesses and security sources said.

The witnesses and sources said Israeli F-16 warplanes fired at least seven bombs at two sites belonging to militants in northern and southern Gaza Strip, adding that several powerful explosions were heard all over the area. Ambulances and rescue teams rushed to the targeted area, but no injuries were reported so far.

The witnesses said the targeted places in northern Gaza are former security posts currently used by Hamas militants.

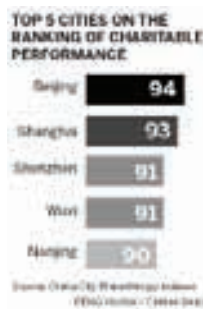
The security sources said one security post in northern Gaza city was targeted, as well as one military training post of Hamas' armed wing in southern Gaza city.

Xinhua



Slovenian accordionist
Zoran Zorko.
XINHUA

Beijing No 1 in ranking of most philanthropic cities



BEIJING, 28 Aug — Beijing was listed No 1 in a ranking of the most philanthropic Chinese Mainland cities unveiled on Monday. The capital city ranked first among 321 cities on the Chinese Mainland with a score of 94 out of a possible 100 points, according to a report based on the China City Philanthropy Indexes 2012. Shanghai

ranked second, while Shenzhen tied with Wuxi in East China's Jiangsu Province for third place. The indexes, designed by the China Charity and Donation Information Centre, which is affiliated with the Ministry of Civil Affairs, measured cities' philanthropic performances in six areas.

They are charitable donations, accounting for 20 points; charitable organizations, 20 points; charitable projects, 16 points; voluntary service, 20 points; government support, 12 points; and the culture of philanthropy, 12 points.

The Beijing government was the most supportive of philanthropy among all surveyed cities, as it scored 11.5 points while the average for other cities polled was 5.76 points. Government support for philanthropy was

measured in several ways, including financial support, the implementation of preferential tax policies for donors and management of charitable activities.

Liu Youping, deputy director of the centre, said the Beijing government has been actively supporting grass-roots organizations, which contributed to its high score in the ranking. Since 2010, Beijing has allocated specific funds from the government's annual budget to subsidize NGOs to provide public services, with an investment of 50 million yuan (\$7.86 million) this year, Beijing News reported.—Xinhua

Slovenian accordionist sets new Guinness world record

LIJUBLJANA, 28 Aug — Slovenian accordionist Zoran Zorko has set a new Guinness world record for his recent marathon accordion performances that lasted 35 hours and 32 minutes.

Zorko's record was set during his performances in, among others, Ljubljana's Congress Square, the lake-side resort of Bled, and an accordion festival in a border town of Brezice between Thursday and Sunday. Finland's Anssi Laitinen held the previous record by continuously playing for 31 hours and 25 minutes in 2010.

Under Guinness world records rules, Zorko had to

play the accordion continuously with a maximum of 30-second breaks between songs. He could not improvise and all his songs needed to be by recognized authors.

A song could only be played once within a four-hour period.

Every full hour of playing earned Zorko a five-minute break. "During these five minutes, I go to eat, go to the toilet and do everything else necessary for my daily life," Zorko told Xinhua in Brezice on Sunday. The self-taught accordionist cannot read notes, making his record all the more remarkable.

Xinhua

31 Chinese fishermen missing in S Korea due to typhoon

SEOUL, 28 Aug — Two Chinese fishing boats with 34 crew members aboard capsized on Tuesday in waters about 1.8 kilometers from South Korea's port of Hwasun in Jeju's Seogwipo, an official from the Chinese Consulate stationed on Jeju has confirmed.

Three crew members have been rescued and 31 others went missing, the official said. The two fishing boats, "Yuejiangchengyu" No 91104 and No 91105, both from Weihai city of East China's Shandong Province, capsized around 2:40 am local time due to gale-force winds and high waves caused by Typhoon Bolaven, the official said.

According to report of Yonhap, South Korea's official news agency, two crew members reported the accident to South Korean authorities after coming ashore. They were taken to a hospital for treatment as one of them sustained serious injuries and the other complained of difficulty breathing.

A third crew member was rescued later. Currently, the Chinese Consulate is maintaining close contact with local police in regards of search and rescue effort.—Xinhua

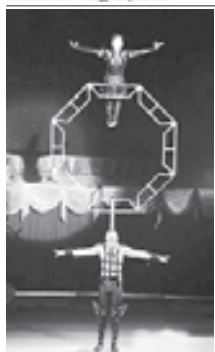


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Cuban duo's Devotion members perform during the Circuba International Circus Festival 2012, at "Trompoloco" tent, in Havana, capital of Cuba, on 27 Aug, 2012. China won the Grand Prix and a gold medal of the festival.
XINHUA

Chinese troupe crowned at int'l circus gala in Cuba

HAVANA, 28 Aug — A Chinese acrobatic troupe has won for the second consecutive year the top prize at Cuba's International Circus Festival, dazzling both audience and jury with their skill and creativity. In addition to the Grand Prix, the Fuyong Acrobatic Art Troupe also garnered a gold star, the event's equivalent to an Olympic gold medal, local media reported on Monday.

Cuban acrobatic troupe Los Ovalerys also won a gold star at the festival, the 14th edition of the annual gathering of circus performers from around the world. Silver and bronze stars went to Brazilian, Cuban, Belorussian and Swedish performers, while the Popularity Prix was won by the Gauchos from Argentina for their performance using hunting bolas.

The Best Male Performance Award was won by Mexican juggler Christopher Atayde, and the female award by Belorussian gymnast Alena Kulikova. The festival, titled Circuba 2012, kicked off last Wednesday with performers from 20 countries. After presenting 29 performances in Havana, the festival will for the first time travel to other provinces across the country.

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Mi-38 helicopter

Russian helicopter reaches 8,600-meter high altitude

MOSCOW, 28 Aug — A Russian-made *Mi-38* helicopter climbed up to an altitude as high as 8,600 meters on Monday, its maker Russian Helicopters said.

The new *Mi-38* transportation and passenger helicopter, with a four-man crew, has climbed over 8,600 meters during the 14th World Helicopter

Championships in the Moscow region, setting the record for helicopters weighing 10-20 tons.

The previous record of 8,500 meters was also set by a Russia crew. Crews from 10 foreign countries, including Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Britain, China, Germany, Poland, Ukraine, France and Switzerland, have

participated in the Championships.

According to the Russian Helicopters, mass production of the *Mi-38* has been slated for 2015. Depending on modification, the multirole helicopter could also be equipped with Russian- or Canadian-made engines.

Xinhua



Athletics official dies after being hit by javelin

BERLIN, 28 Aug — An athletics official has died after he was speared through the throat by a javelin, local police said on Monday.

Dieter Strack, 74, went to measure a throw but was hit as the javelin landed during a German junior athletics meet. He was rushed to hospital for an emergency operation but died overnight, police said.

There were about 800 spectators in the stadium when the accident happened and the meet in the western city of Duesseldorf was immediately cancelled.

The local *Rheinische Post* newspaper reported that the 15-year-old competitor who threw the javelin was also being treated for shock.

Xinhua



A person of the Salvadorean National Service of Territorial Studies (SNET, by it's acronym in Spanish) points a map which shows the location of an earthquake in San Salvador city, capital of El Salvador, on 27 Aug, 2012. A 7.3-magnitude earthquake jolted off the coast of El Salvador late Sunday, triggering a brief tsunami warning along central American coast but causing no major damage or casualties.—XINHUA

7.3-magnitude quake hits off El Salvador coast, no damage reported

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug — A 7.3-magnitude earthquake jolted off the coast of El Salvador late on Sunday, triggering a brief tsunami warning along central American coast but causing no major damage or casualties.

The tremor, which struck at 22:37 local time (0437 GMT Monday), was centred at 120 km south of Usulután, El Salvador, with a depth of 54 km, the US Geological Survey said.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre (PTWC) put into effect a tsunami warning for Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Panama and Mexico.

A small, 10-cm tsunami has been observed at the El Salvador port of Acajutla following the quake, the PTWC said. The warning was canceled later. No damage to coastal areas or shipping has been reported.—Xinhua



Residents evacuated due to the wildfire are seen at Santa Maria de la Alameda near Madrid, capital of Spain, on 27 Aug, 2012. Four wildfires have been reported on Monday near Madrid, forcing the evacuation of some 2,000 people in 5 residential areas.—XINHUA

Two charged in death of NY girl, 5, found in trash

NIAGARA FALLS, 28 Aug — Two teenagers were arrested on Monday in connection with the death of a 5-year-old girl who vanished from her great-grandmother's house and whose body was found dumped in a garbage can, authorities said. The arrests came after one of the teens went to police on Monday morning and led them to a garbage can containing a trash bag holding the body of Isabella Tenant, authorities said. He told them he had helped a friend dispose of it after the friend had killed her, they said.

Isabella's family had

called police earlier Monday to say she was missing from her great-grandmother's home in Niagara Falls, where she'd been staying overnight. Isabella's great-grandmother said she had last seen her on Sunday night with 16-year-old neighbor and family friend John Freeman. Authorities said it was Freeman's friend, 18-year-old Tyler Best, who led them to her body, which he said he helped Freeman hide. Authorities said it appeared Isabella had been killed without weapons being involved.

Police on Monday said they had charged Freeman as

an adult and he faced a murder charge. They said Best was charged with tampering with evidence. Freeman and Best were in custody and couldn't be reached for comment on Monday. There was no listed home phone number for them, and no information about attorneys was available. Freeman and Best were scheduled to be arraigned on Tuesday. At a news conference on Monday afternoon, police Chief Detective William Thompson said there were signs of injuries but no indication of sexual abuse. "It's a terrible crime," he said.—Internet

Toddler almost crushed by car

A young girl has escaped serious injury after she fell off the back of a motorbike and narrowly missed being hit by a moving car in east China.

The moment was captured by traffic surveillance cameras in Jinhua in Zhejiang Province, according to state television CCTV.

The video, which has been broadcast on CCTV, showed the motorbike being driven between two lanes before stopping at the traffic lights.

Two children are seen on

the back of the motorcycle.

But as the lights change, the girl, wearing a white dress and reported to be two-years-old, fell off the foot rest of the motorbike and rolled towards the rear wheel of a car.

The vehicle was slowly moving after the light turned green. The woman driving the motorbike leapt off and rushed to pick up the child, the video showed.

State TV said the girl only suffered slight bruising.

News Album



A guest relaxes in bed at the D Pet Hotel in New York

No expense has been spared catering for the needs of pampered pooches set to check-in to New York City's first luxury hotel for dogs.

Set to open in Manhattan's Chelsea neighbourhood next month, the plush accommodation aims to ensure man's best

Luxury hotel for dogs set to open in New York

friend 'gets the same quality [hotel] as a human being does'.

Cared for canines can trade in their kennels for a comfy night's sleep in a double bed, or wind down by catching a film in their room on a bespoke flat-screen TV.

'As a New Yorker, when you go on vacation, and you stay in a fabulous hotel, with fabulous services, your dog is staying in a fabulous hotel with fabulous services,' explained investor Shawn Hassanzadeh.

Any pet guest looking to stay in shape can head

down to the hotel's state-of-the-art gym, equipped with personal trainers and treadmills.

There are also three different playgrounds for the spoilt pets to play in or the option of a tour around the Big Apple for a small additional fee.

Lady pups can also book into the hotel for a day spa, being chauffeur driven to and from the premises in a SUV or Lamborghini. "We thought, what a perfect thing for New York," said co-owner Kerry Brown, "where we've got

tons of people who are working, tons of people who are travelling. "When it comes to taking care of your pet, which most people see as their kids, you want to make sure every detail is taken care of well." She added: "And we make sure every detail is taken care of. It is a lot of effort."

The first luxury hotel for pets opened up in Hollywood four years ago, with many more springing up across the US since. Standard rooms will cost \$79 (£50) a day, while luxury suites are available for \$200 (£130).

Snooki of 'Jersey Shore' delivers baby boy



TV personality Nicole 'Snooki' Polizzi poses at the launch of her new fragrance Snooki by Nicole Polizzi in New York.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 28 Aug— "Jersey Shore" star Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi early on Sunday gave birth to her first child, a boy.

The reality TV star and her fiancé, Jonni LaValle, welcomed 6-pound, 5-ounce Lorenzo Dominic LaValle into the world at just before 3am on Sunday at Saint Barnabas

Medical Centre in Livingston, NJ, MTV said.

"The world just got another Guido!!!," a Polizzi rep told MTV. "Nicole, Jonni & Enzo are doing great!"

MTV congratulated Polizzi and her fiancé and looked toward the newborn's possible appearance on "Jersey Shore."

"We couldn't be happier for Nicole and Jonni on the healthy delivery of their baby boy!," MTV said in a statement. "We look forward to Lorenzo's first trip to the Jersey Shore and can't wait to see his first animal print onesie."

MTV has said it's bringing "Jersey Shore" back for a sixth season, with the 24-year-old Snooki as part of the action, but has declined to offer specifics on how big a part Snooki will play in the show about hard-partying Italian-American friends.

INTERNET



Television personality Valerie Bertinelli (L) reacts to comments as actress Betty White (R) looks on during an unveiling ceremony honouring Bertinelli with the 2,476th star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on 22 Aug, 2012.

INTERNET

Betty White: Lucky to be working at 90

HOLLYWOOD, 28 Aug— US actress Betty White, 90, said she doesn't owe her longevity to healthy eating habits because hot dogs and Red Vines are among her favourite foods.

The comedienne actress said she feels "so good and energetic" and feels lucky to still be working at her age.

"There's no spare time, so I'm active all the time. I think that forces you to stay well. To be 90 ... and still be working — that's what I wouldn't have expected. I'm

the luckiest broad," she told *People* magazine.

"I should follow better eating health rules," the "Hot in Cleveland" star said. "But hot dogs and Red Vines and potato chips and french fries are my favourite foods." Red Vines are California-produced red licorice.

While White may not actively hit the gym, she said she still gets enough exercise.

"I have a two-story house and a very bad memory," she joked. "I'm up and down those stairs all the time."—INTERNET

Singer-songwriter Steve Earle has deal for 2 books

NEW YORK, 28 Aug— Steve Earle likes the literary life.

The Grammy-winning singer-songwriter, and published author, has a two-book deal with Twelve, the publisher announced on Friday. Earle will write a memoir, scheduled for 2014, and a novel set in the 19th century about an escaped slave. A previous Earle novel, "I'll Never Get Out Here Alive," came out last year.

According to Twelve, an imprint of Hachette Book



Steve Earle performs at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival in New Orleans, on 5 May, 2012.—INTERNET

Group, Earle's memoir will tell of his friendship with Townes Van Zandt, his drug problems and the making of the 1995 album "Train a Comin'."—INTERNET

2NE1 makes a surprise announcement

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug— "This is our first time saying this... Our (New Evolution global concert) tour is confirmed in Malaysia, Indonesia and Singapore!" announced Korean girl group 2NE1's leader CL during a live

Facebook chat on Wednesday.

However, 2NE1 members CL, Minzy, Dara and Bom, who were previously in Singapore for the Mnet Asian Music Awards last year, did not reveal exactly when their Singapore stop will be happening.

Aside from the announcement about the additional stops added to their New Evolution global concert tour during the live chat at Facebook headquarters in California, the quartet also shared some highlights of their first stop of the tour in New Jersey which saw 7,000 screaming fans.—INTERNET



Korean girl group 2NE1's New Evolution global concert tour poster.—INTERNET

Rocker Robert Plant says his 'big voice' is back

NEW YORK, 28 Aug— Robert Plant has got his "big voice" back again.

The former Led Zeppelin singer has been concentrating on softer projects, such as his 'Raising Sand' album with Alison Krauss, and his Band of Joy group, but after a recent concert in London, realised he has slipped back into full rock mode.

He said: "That was the great thing about the adventures with Alison, and singing with Patty [Griffin, his partner] and [Band of Joy guitarist] Buddy Miller, that I started singing differently."

"Somebody said to me in London when we played the Forum recently, 'You had your big voice back.'"

"I put the big voice away for quite a long time because I thought, we know how to do that. So it was good to get it out again. It's all the same really, you just have to use the right colours for the right picture."

Robert has now formed a new band, Sensational Space Shifters, and is putting together a new album, which he describes as "12 tracks, 11

originals and no sentimental stuff," and was informed by his recently going back to the Mississippi delta where blues music originated from.

He added to the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper: "I don't know when it was that I first came here. If I said I came looking for Robert Johnson... I was actually just looking for clues. And I found clues."

"When I came here in the 1980s, before the museum was here, when RL Burnside and Junior Kimbrough were still playing, there was still an actual scene for that grinding [blues] stuff, so it was very easy for white kids to get on to that. I suppose that was the last really great flurry."

INTERNET



This 30 July, 2010 file photo shows singer Robert Plant posing at Bayfront Amphitheatre in Miami.—INTERNET

Greta Garbo's belongings to hit the auction block



A cameraman films a portrait of actress Greta Garbo (1905-90), on 6 Feb 2006, before the opening of the exhibition "Portraits from her Private Collection" in Frankfurt.

INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 28 Aug— Hundreds of items belonging

to Greta Garbo, including designer clothing, will be auctioned off in December, Julien's Auctions announced on Wednesday.

The legendary actress's "personal collection... has never been previously available and (is) rarely seen by others," the Beverly Hills-based auctioneers said in a statement.

The sale, set for 14 and 15 December, will include clothes and accessories from star designers such as Emilio Pucci, Louis Vuitton,

Givenchy and Salvatore Ferragamo.

Furniture, art and decor from her New York apartment and her mansion in Sweden will include "colourful rugs, featuring modern, abstract motifs", the auctioneers said, adding Garbo was "known as a stylish and highly imitated trendsetter".

A selection of Garbo photographs taken at Hollywood studios will also be up for grabs, in addition to autographed documents.

INTERNET



Rain's 'R2B: Return to Base' to open in 13 cities in North America

SEOUL, 28 Aug— Beginning on 24 August, the jet pilot action movie will screen in theaters in LA, San Diego, Seattle, Dallas, Atlanta, Washington DC, Philadelphia, New York, New Jersey, Honolulu, Toronto and Vancouver. The movie will also screen in Chicago beginning on 31 August.

After opening in North America, the movie will expand to other continents with 30 countries already set to screen the movie.

The movie stars Rain, Kim Sung Soo, Shin Se Kyung, Yoo Joon Sang and more and premiered in Korea on 14 August.—INTERNET

Shanghai could lose Drogba, Anelka

SHANGHAI, 28 Aug—Former Chelsea strikers Didier Drogba and Nicolas Anelka could be sold by China's Shanghai Shenhua due to an escalating equity stake row among shareholders, local media reported.

Chairman Zhu Jun, who holds a 28.5 percent stake, would only pay his share of the club's daily costs if his demands for greater control were not met, according to the *China Daily*.

Zhu currently controls the Chinese Super League club along with five state-

owned enterprises after becoming a shareholder in 2007. The agreement was that if he invested \$23.6 million over two years, his stake would increase to more than 70 percent, the newspaper reported.

The *Oriental Sports Daily* reported that Zhu had ploughed more than \$94 million into the club in the past five-and-a-half years, while the state-owned companies had spent nothing. The transfer of shares stalled in 2009 and again last year, a source told the *Oriental*.

"It is annoying and has had a bad effect on many of our tasks," a club official said. "The biggest problem is that the operation and financing work of the club cannot be carried out normally."

"The equity stakes issue has become the biggest bottleneck for the development of Shenhua."

If unresolved, Zhu, who has been signing all the cheques, could decide to cough up just 28.5 percent of the club's expenditure, potentially affecting player salaries.—Reuters



Shanghai Shenhua's striker Didier Drogba hugs teammate Nicolas Anelka (R) after scoring against Hangzhou green town at the Shanghai Hongkou Stadium in Shanghai, on 4 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

Clijsters wobbles a bit at the start but cruises

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Kim Clijsters overwhelmed American teenager Victoria Duval 6-3, 6-1 on Monday in a powerful start to the final tournament of her career at the US Open.

The three-times champion at Flushing Meadows wobbled a bit in the opening set against the 16-year-old wildcard but prevailed in 51 minutes.

Duval was the youngest player in the women's draw and won three straight games at one point in the first set against the former world number one.

Clijsters, 29, will retire after the US Open to concentrate on family life.

Reuters



Kim Clijsters of Belgium.

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Europe Ryder Cup team captain Jose Maria Olazabal (L) and Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium pose with the Ryder Cup trophy after the team announcement news conference for the 2012 Ryder Cup at the Gleneagles Hotel, Scotland on 27 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Poulter and Colsaerts get Ryder Cup wildcard picks

LONDON, 28 Aug—England's Ian Poulter and Nicolas Colsaerts of Belgium were named by captain Jose Maria Olazabal on Monday as Europe's two wildcard picks for next month's Ryder Cup.

World number 26 Poulter and 35th-ranked Colsaerts join 10 automatic selections in the 12-man team for holders Europe for the 28-30 September match against the United States at the Medinah Country Club in Illinois.

"Every one of you pretty much guessed Ian was going to be there. That was not a difficult pick because he has a great Ryder Cup record and he's playing well," Olazabal told a news conference at Gleneagles, Scotland.

"He had some issues earlier this season when he got ill and couldn't play as much as he wanted. But his attitude and his spirit in the Ryder Cup has always been great and he is a player that likes to be in that environment."

Murray, Stosur, Sharapova cruise at US Open

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—Andy Murray's serve was anything but golden on the opening day of the US Open but the Olympic champion still had too much firepower for Alex Bogomolov Jr and led a parade of favorites into the second round on Monday.



Britain's Andy Murray.

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The top guns had little trouble making it through their first-round encounters, with world number one Roger Federer, three-times champion Kim Clijsters, and top-seeded Victoria Azarenka hardly breaking sweat.

Murray was at his best when it mattered most, recording a service break in a healthy nine of 19 chances

against the 29-year-old Russian to win 6-2, 6-4, 6-1 in two hours, 15 minutes.

However, the Scotsman, who beat Roger Federer to win the gold medal at the London Games in what he called his best career victory, successfully landed only 49 percent of his first serves in humid, windy conditions against Bogomolov.

Not to be outdone, Azarenka, seeking her second major title after winning this year's Australian Open, blew past Russian Alexandra Panova 6-0, 6-1 in just 50 minutes.

Defending champion Samantha Stosur needed only

51 minutes to blitz Croatia's Petra Martic 6-1, 6-1, while 2006 US Open winner Maria Sharapova blew by Hungary's Melinda Czink 6-2, 6-2. Stosur lost in the first round of the Australian Open and the Olympics and was beaten in round two at Wimbledon but her rout of Martic suggested she will not relinquish her US Open crown without a fight.

Reuters



Maria Sharapova of Russia.—INTERNET



Samantha Stosur of Australia.—INTERNET

Abraham crowned new world super middleweight champion

BERLIN, 28 Aug—Germany's Arthur Abraham is the new world WBO super middleweight champion after his unanimous win over compatriot Robert Stieglitz.

Abraham, 32, who defended his IBF middleweight title 10 times between 2005 and 2009, is now the world champion at the heavier weight after the judges scored the fight 116-112, 116-112, 115-113 on Saturday.

"This is an emotional moment for me and it's hard to describe how I feel," said Abraham.

"I always wanted to be

the middleweight world champion and now I am the super middleweight champion too.

"I trained hard for this and I had to box cleverly against such a good champion."



Germany's Arthur Abraham.—INTERNET

Having held the title for three years, Stieglitz was well beaten with heavy bruising and cuts around both eyes at the end of the punishing title bout, while Abraham was left relatively unmarked.

Abraham lived up to his 'King Arthur' moniker and the new champion now has a record of 27 knock-outs in 35 wins and three defeats.

Having laboured to a points win over Piotr Wilczewski to defend his European WBO title in March, Abraham was back to the best fighting for the world title.

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Patchy putting underpins Tiger's puzzling year

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—In many ways, Tiger Woods' 2012 PGA Tour campaign is the most perplexing of his entire career.

While the former world number one has triumphed three times on the US circuit this season — more than anyone else — he has often faded over the weekend after being in prime position to push on for victory.

In his latest slide, Woods trailed by just three shots after two rounds at last week's Barclays tournament in Farmingdale, New York, before struggling with his putter as he closed with scores of 72 and 76.

He was so frustrated by his final-round performance at Bethpage Black, where he won the 2002 US Open, that he left the course without speaking to any media outlet.

The Tiger Woods of old, especially when in his regal pomp of the late 1990s and early 2000s, was considered a

supreme closer and arguably the best pressure putter of all time from inside 15 feet.

He relentlessly piled up 14 major titles and, in part because of his unprecedented aura of dominance, he frequently benefited in final rounds as his closest rivals wilted under the spotlight.

However the 2012 Tiger model is a surprisingly unpredictable one. Having ended a two-and-a-half-year title drought on the PGA Tour with a five-shot win at the Arnold Palmer Invitational in March, it seemed the floodgates would once again open for the greatest player of his generation.—Reuters



Tiger Woods of the US

INTERNET

Federer stunning in first round at US Open

NEW YORK, 28 Aug—World number one Roger Federer produced a stunning opening performance at the US Open on Monday, but then said Novak Djokovic deserved to be the favourite for the title.

Five-times champion Federer ran through his full array of shot-making as he dismissed American Donald Young 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 to reach the second round.

Having won his 17th grand slam title with his victory at Wimbledon last month, Federer is many people's pick to add a sixth US Open crown to his ever-

growing resume.

But the Swiss said the efforts of Serbia's Djokovic in recent times gave him the edge.

"I still think Novak is the favourite for the title coming in here," Federer told reporters after his one hour, 34-minute victory under the lights.

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Roger Federer of Switzerland.—INTERNET

International Sports

Focus Myanmar TV Programme**MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL**
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- 7:00 am
1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
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2. To Be Healthy Exercise
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3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
4. Cultural Dances
- 8:15 am
5. Teleplay (Health)
- 8:30 am
6. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Maha Gita Classical) (Amateur (First Division) (Level Men & Women))
- 4:00 pm
7. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
8. Musical Programme
- 4:15 pm
9. Dance Of National Races
- 4:25 pm
10. Classical Song
- 4:30 pm
11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Business Management)
- 4:45 pm
12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 4:50 pm
13. Documentary
- 5:35 pm
14. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm
15. Traditional Boxing
- 8:00 pm
16. News
- 17. Korea NG Award
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. Dramatic Arts Competition (Narration of religious Stories)

UN staff killed in southern Somalia

NAIROBI, 28 Aug—The UN Food and Agriculture Organization says one of its staff members was killed during an attack by armed radicals in southern Somalia.

The UN agency said on Tuesday in a statement that Yassin Mohamed Hassan was killed Monday in Marka, a strategic town that Somali government forces backed by African Union (AU) peacekeepers seized from radical Al-Shabaab fighters, who have control of the area.

Qaeda terror network.

"Our deepest condolences go out to the family and colleagues of Yassin Mohamed Hassan," FAO Director-General Jose Graziano da Silva said in the statement.

The statement said the 32-year-old Hassan, who served the FAO for more than four years, was part of a mission that oversees irrigation infrastructure rehabilitation in Somalia.

Xinhua



Six Taliban fighters stand handcuffed after they were captured with their ammunition by Afghan security forces in Helmand Province, south of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 28 Aug. 2012. Afghan security forces captured six Taliban fighters with their ammunition during their operations on Tuesday, officials said.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**Weather forecast for 29th August, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35/95	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	30/86	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	24/75	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sgawing	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sgawing	37/99	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HB)	(100%)
8	Bago	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mou	26/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HB)	(100%)
12	Vangun	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	25/77	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	31/88	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyarwady	30/86	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Bay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Vangun	32/90	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/82	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Region, scattered in Lower Sgawing and Bago Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sgawing Region, Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States, with regionally heavy fall in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region and Mon State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Mawlaik (4.0) inches, Dwaik (3.1) inches, Thameik (3.1) inches, Gwaik (3.1) inches and Laungmy (2.7) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times (Deltic, Gulf of Muttama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong Monsoon.

Cash donated to build library in Mingin Township

MINGIN, 28 Aug—U Kyaw Ngwe-Daw Khaing Khaing Myint (Yun Shwe Sin gold refinery) between 25th and 26th Streets in Mandalay Region donated K 2.5 million to build a library for development of human resources and K 4.5 million to build a rural health branch, amounting to K 7 million at Mauktet Village-tract in Mingin Township, Sagaing Region, on 9 August.

Patron of Library Committee Padana Nayaka Sayadaw of Aungmye Thazi Monastery accepted the donations.

Myanma Alin



SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSED: The discussion on development of sports sector in Mandalay Region was held at the hall of Mandalay Region Sports and Physical Education Department in Mandalay Region on 21 August morning. Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing speaking at the meeting.—KYEMON

US southern coast on high alert as Tropical Storm Issac approaches

TAMPA, (Florida), 28 Aug —The southern US states of Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama are on high alert on Monday against the threat of the approaching Tropical Storm Issac, which has already curtailed the 2012 Republican National Convention (RNC) that just began in Tampa, Florida. Issac, which was about 600 kilometers southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River on Monday morning, was expected to become a hurricane in about one day, according to the forecasts by the US National Hurricane Centre.

It has caused heavy rains and strong gust of winds in Key West, Florida, from

Sunday, but inflicted no major damage. It was heading along the Gulf of Mexico to the coasts of Louisiana and Alabama, wheeling off the western coast of Florida, including Tampa which only experienced occasional strong winds and rains on Monday morning. Issac is expected to land in the coastal areas of the Gulf of Mexico late Tuesday or Wednesday.

The states of Florida, Louisiana and Alabama have all declared a state of emergency to prepare for the threat of Issac, for fear that it might repeat the disaster that Hurricane Katrina brought to the Gulf coast just seven years ago. Thousands of residents living in Louisiana, Mississippi

and Alabama on Monday were told to evacuate their coastal homes, US media reported.

Alabama Governor Robert Bentley on Sunday issued an order for mandatory evacuations of residents living both along the Gulf coast and in low-lying inland areas that were facing dangers of flooding. "I am urging everyone to take precautions now, monitor weather warnings, and be prepared for whatever Isaac may bring," Bentley said. Residents in Jefferson Parish, St Charles Parish and parts of Plaquemines Parish in Louisiana were ordered to evacuate as of Monday morning, while Governor Bobby Jindal also called on

residents in the coastal areas prone to flooding to voluntarily evacuate. Along its way, Issac has already killed at least six people in Haiti before hitting southern Florida on Sunday and then continuing its violent thrust to the US Gulf coast.

For fears of a massive disruption of transportation, power supply and communications, the 2012 Republican National Convention, scheduled to be held in Tampa from Monday to Thursday, was forced to cancel all planned activities on its first day. The convention went immediately to recess after a brief opening ceremony on Monday afternoon, and will reconvene on Tuesday.—Xinhua

US flags to fly at half-staff to honour astronaut Armstrong

WASHINGTON, 28 Aug—US President Barack Obama on Monday directed that US flags be flown at half-staff for the funeral of astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man to walk on the moon. According to a proclamation issued by the White House, Obama ordered that US flags shall be flown at half-staff at the White House, and all public buildings and grounds, as well as all military posts, naval stations and vessels throughout the

day when the legendary astronaut is buried.

The arrangement was "a mark of respect for the memory of Neil Armstrong," said Obama in the proclamation. The order came two days after the former astronaut's family announced last Saturday that he died at age 82. Obama on Saturday lamented the death of Armstrong, calling him a man "among the greatest of American heroes — not just

of his time, but of all time."

Armstrong, an iconic space explorer, commanded the Apollo 11 spacecraft that landed on the moon on 20 July, 1969 and has been best remembered by saying "That's one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong and his fellow astronaut Buzz Aldrin spent two and a half hours walking on the moon, collecting samples, conducting experiments and



Neil Armstrong

taking photographs, while astronaut Michael Collins remained in orbit in the command module.—Xinhua

Answers to Hluttaw should be explicit with respect for the people



Photo shows representatives attending 34th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 34th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 415 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Six questions were raised and answered, a

notification was made and one proposal discussed at today's session.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw answered two questions related to agriculture raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Maung Maung Tin of Yekyi Constituency asked

whether there is a plan to increase agricultural loans for winter crops to a reasonable amount. The deputy minister answered that, as the budget for all agricultural loans for 2012-2013 fiscal year had been fixed, there is no plan to increase the amount of agricultural loans for winter crops.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency asked whether there is fee for transferring saving account of a farmer at Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank and which action would be taken if any. The deputy minister answered that the original banking account could not

be transferred to any family members or fellow villagers. If any complaint, mentioning the names of the township bank branch and involved staff, is lodged, serious actions would be taken against them.

Union Minister for Electric Power No (2) U Khin Maung Soe answered queries raised by two Hluttaw representatives.

U Lun Thi of Kungyangon Constituency asked about condition of nationwide electricity supply, pragmatic measures for supply of more electricity, and plans for satisfying electricity demand of developing enterprises and domestic and foreign investments. The Union minister answered that 30 power plants are in operation on the power grid. Short-term and long-term plans would be implemented for generating more electricity. The ministry is in negotiation to establish one

gas-fired power plant each in Hlawga, Thakayta and Ywama of Yangon and five hydropower plants would be completed by 2030-2031.

Feasibility studies are being conducted in Mon, Kayin, Kayah, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States and Tanintharyi, Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions to generate wind power. Plans are under way to invite public partnership, various private investments and to adopt sustainable plans.

U Soe Soe of Htigyaing Constituency asked whether there is a plan to supply electricity round the clock in Maunggon village and Myataung village-tract in the township. The Union minister answered that the electricity would be distributed if the company which owns the ferronickel factory near the villages and local authorities agreed to supply electricity through the factory.

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Income tax levy aimed at scrutinizing the source of income

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 34th day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.05 am today, attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 216 MPs.

At the session, with respect to the question of U Zone Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No. 2 on "to exempt income tax levied on the capital for the construction of houses and buildings and investments", Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Lin Aung replied: income tax levy is aimed at scrutinizing the

source of income. If they can state the source of income, they do not need to pay taxes for it. If not, they will not get income tax exemption.

The Section 2 of Income Tax Law states that "This law shall come in effect across the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. In addition, the enforcement of the law shall be on Myanmar citizens who are living outside the country." All citizens are to pay the similar tax rates in accord with the Taxes Law. Regarding the question of U Gam Hsai of Kachin State Constituency No. 2 on "if there is a plan to equip Waingmaw with a



Photo shows 34th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress. MNA

Sven: Gerrard must quit Liverpool

Steven Gerrard has been urged to quit Liverpool by former England boss Sven Goran Eriksson.



Steven Gerrard

LONDON, 28 Aug—Eriksson, who has been unemployed since leaving Leicester City last year, warned the 32-year-old that he must act as quickly as possible if he is to lift the

Premier League trophy before the end of his career. "Steven Gerrard is Mr Liverpool and has won the Champions League, Super Cup, FA Cup and League Cup with them," said Eriksson.

"But the question is whether he will ever win a Premier League title. As things look now, absolutely not.

"A lot of things have to

change at Liverpool for that to happen.

"The owners have to pump in money and buy the right players. Andy Carroll and Stewart Downing have been such expensive signings, but they've not been a success in the red shirt.

"When I look at their team today I see just three world-class players: Pepe Reina, Gerrard and Luis Suarez.

"Without them a Champions League place is very far away. I don't begrudge a good guy like Steven winning the league. But maybe he needs to change clubs if he wants to have that title."

Eriksson added that his advice for Gerrard has nothing to do with any animosity towards the Anfield club. "Both my dad and I have been Liverpool fans since the club's heyday in the 1980s," he said, "but the Liverpool we see today are far from the top level."

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modern fire engine", Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe said: Fire station in Waingmaw Township is unit-2 level. And auxiliary fire brigades members are taking fire preventive measures with the use of three fire engines.

A Unit-2 level fire station has two fire engines. At present, the station has three fire engines. And Waingmaw Township is located about 10 miles of Myitkyina Township and it can be reachable in a short period in case of fire.

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Flood warning for the Sittoung River

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Aug—The water level of the Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded its danger level starting from 6.30 pm on 24 August 2012, according to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, it has exceeded by 7 cm (about 3 inches) above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next 24 hrs commencing this noon, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA