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True patriotism

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

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

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

Order No. 28/2012

14th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME(31st August, 2012)

Deputy Minister appointed

Under the Section 234, Sub-sections (a) and (d) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 16, Sub-section (b), Paragraph (9) of the Union Government Law, U Ye Htut has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Information.

Sd/Thein Sein

President

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Notification No. 62/2012

14th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME(31st August, 2012)

Enforcement of Farmland Law designated

It is designated that the Farmland Law has come into force on 31st August 2012 (14th Waxing of Wagaung, 1374 ME) under the Section 2 of the Farmland Law.

Sd/ Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Applying of writs against decisions of Union level organizations contrary to constitution



Pyithu Hluttaw representatives sign in the attendance book.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw session continued for 37th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 403 MPs.

Two questions were answered, one new proposal put forward, one proposal discussed

and one urgent proposal submitted at today's session.

Regarding the question of U Oo Rel of Pruhsu Constituency about if there is any plan to open

matriculation examination centre at Pruhsu beginning 2012-2013 academic year, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied that measures would be taken to launch exam centre beginning 2012-2013 academic year.

Regarding the question of Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyaukdaga Constituency about the State's measures for health care service delivery to rural people who live in remote areas out of the reach of health care service, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that mobile health care teams comprising assistant health officers, female health staff, midwives, public health care supervisor grade-2 and others make field trips to villages in 20 townships in far-flung areas to provide medical treatment to local people from three times to 12 times a year since 2011-2012. It was projected to extend the service to

180 townships within four years.

Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyaukdaga Constituency submitted a proposal calling for the measures to narrow the health care service gap between urban and rural regions to the lowest possible level, seconded by U Min Swe of DaikU Constituency.

The Hluttaw approved to discuss the proposal as no MP raised objection.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said according to verbal report of the Shadaw Constituency MP, though a doctor has been assigned to Shadaw Township Hospital, but the appointee has not arrived yet, posing barrier in medical attention to local people. He urged the focal ministry to check whether the report is correct or not and to handle the matter as quickly as possible with shortage of doctors and nurses and other requirements of Kayah State Shadaw Hospital.

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'Touchdown Jesus' statue in Ohio to be rebuilt



Touchdown Jesus.

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Man catches 30-pound turtle in NYC



Kaheem Evans with his turtle that he caught off of Canarsie Pier in Brooklyn.

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Liverpool, Inter into Europa League group stages



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A general view of the opening ceremony of 16th Non-aligned Movement (NAM) summit is seen in this picture taken in Teheran, Iran, on 30 Aug, 2012.

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PERSPECTIVES

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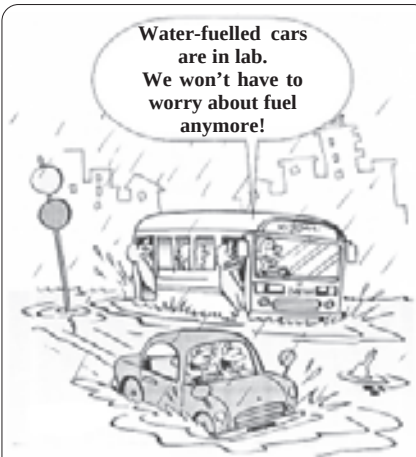
Self-study

Myanmar people have valued education since ancient times. Thanks to the monastic education system, Myanmar's literacy rate was higher than those of Asia and Pacific region. Myanmar education system puts more emphasis on lessons learnt from teaching and parrot-learning method rather than self-study practices. Today youths are paying more attention to tuition and guides and largely relying on spoon-feeding. To promote education system, we need to shift from ordinary education to the self-study learning.

In this context, the course syllabus should not place too much emphasis on teacher-centered approach but on student-centered approach. Interaction between teachers and students is also crucial.

The students have to pay too much time for tuition, courses and guides, neglecting the self-study. The essence of education is to get own thought. Although some people are not graduated, they are so industrious and learn anything they want to on a self-study basis. So, the self-study is of prime importance.

For instance, how can we solve an unseen problem if we have no own ideas and thinking power? Youths are future leaders of the country. Only when they have own thinking power, can they solve problems they face. We need to instill such practices into them since young. We need to cultivate our new generation to get self-study practices.



Cartoon Hinthia

OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONOURED: Ngathainggyoung Sub-Township Basic Education High School held the prize presentation for outstanding students and the parent-teacher association in Yekyi Township of Patheingyi District on 14 August. Headmaster U Zaw Win presents prizes to the students with flying colours.—MYANMA ALIN



Workshop on development of breeding and fisheries in Kachin State held

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Kachin State government, the Ministry of Cooperatives and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries held a workshop on implementation of sector-wise, region-wise short- and long-term plans for development of cooperatives, breeding and fisheries at the city hall in Myitkyina on 29 August morning, with an address by Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun discussed about coordinating procedures by the Ministry of Cooperatives and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, development of



cooperative syndicates and systematic formation of cooperative societies according to rural area development and poverty alleviation tasks.

Pyithu Hluttaw

representative from Nagmon Township, Kachin State trader's association and representatives from various syndicates participated in adopting for

implementation of sector-wise, region-wise short- and long-term plans for development of cooperatives and breeding tasks.

MNA

People in Rakhine State provided with cash and foodstuff



NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—A ceremony to provide cash, clothes and foodstuff for local people of Rakhine State who have lost houses and property in recent situation was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here, this morning.

Pyithu Hluttaw

representative U Khaing Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Yi, member of Sports, Culture and Public Relations

Development Committee and member of Farmland and Other Lands Confiscation Investigation Commission

and wife Daw Mon Swe Thein and family donated 122 umbrellas worth K 488,000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Khaing Maung Yi (a) U Khin Maung Yi and Ya Ya Japanese language students, 100 umbrellas worth K 400,000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Nyunt K 10000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Swe K 11000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyin Wan K 15000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Captain Tha Sein K 10000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Aung Thein K 15000, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Khin Saw Wai K 11000, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Mahn Aung Tin Myint K 10000 and Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Kyaw Thein K 10000 through Deputy Minister U Phone Swe who returned honouring certificates to them. Wellwishers explained the purpose of donating cash and kind.—MNA

Second phase of overage car import substitution programme

1. The Government put the announcement of its overage car import substitution program in the State-run newspapers as a first step on September 11, 2011.
2. This programme includes three phases—as a first phase, over-40-year vehicles with the number plates “sa”, “hsa” and “za” on September 19, 2011; between over-30-year and the over-40-year vehicles with the number plates “zamyinze” and “Nya”, on November 8, 2011, as a second phase; and over-20 and 30-year vehicles with the plates “Nagyi”, “Htazinhoo”, “Dadwe”, “Daotchaik”, “Nangai” and “Pasauk”, on January 2, 2012, as a third phase. Till 22nd August, 2012, the number of overage cars has reached 61852. The car with the number plate “Pa” is completed by 81.39%. A total of 1054 registered auction vehicles—Mazda B 360, Mazda B 600 and Mazda Familia brands—also includes in the programme as of 12th July, 2012. The number of these vehicles has reached 840 on 12th August, 2012. And it is completed by 79.70%.
3. As from 5th September, 2012, State/Region Office of the Road Transport Administration Department will carry out the overage car import substitution program for the vehicles with the number plate “ba”, as a second step.

Ministry of Rail Transportation



IAEA says Iran has doubled underground potential nuclear capacity.—XINHUA

IAEA says Iran has doubled underground potential nuclear capacity

VIENNA, 31 Aug — Iran has expanded its potential capacity to refine uranium in an underground site by doubling its centrifuges from 1,064 to 2,140, an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) report said on Thursday.

According to the latest quarterly report on Iran's disputed nuclear programme, Iran continues its

uranium enrichment and hides the 2,140 centrifuges in Fordow facility, of which 696 were operating.

The report also said the nuclear facilities were buried deep inside a mountain for better protection against military strikes. According to the report, Teheran has increased its high-level uranium 44kg since May, to a total of 189 kg at present.

Xinhua



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 26 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

Iranian, Egyptian presidents talk about NAM objectives, regional developments

TEHERAN, 31 Aug — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi held talks here on Thursday about the objectives of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) and regional developments, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported. Quoting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Amir Abdollahian, Mehr said the two presidents held talks in a "friendly atmosphere" and reviewed the objectives of the NAM

and their concerns.

The Islamic republic officially assumed the NAM rotating presidency from Egypt on Thursday. At the opening ceremony of the NAM summit in Teheran, Morsi, who arrived here on Thursday morning, handed over the NAM's rotating presidency to his Iranian counterpart. During the meeting, the Iranian president congratulated Morsi for his victory in Egypt's presidential election and Morsi described Iran's presidency over the NAM as an "opportunity"

for the movement, Amir Abdollahian was quoted as saying.

About Iran-Egypt diplomatic relations, the Iranian official said the issue has only been discussed on the ministerial level. Morsi is the first Egyptian leader to visit Iran since diplomatic ties between the two countries were broken off in the wake of Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution. The Egyptian president left Iran after handing over the NAM presidency to Iran, said Mehr.

Xinhua

Netanyahu to speak on Iran at UN General Assembly

JERUSALEM, 31 Aug — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Thursday he would speak out about the dangers of Iran's nuclear programme in an address next month to the UN General Assembly in New York. It was not immediately known if Netanyahu would meet US President Barack Obama during his 27-30 September visit. The two leaders last met in March at the White House.

In a statement, Netanyahu said that at the assembly's annual general

debate he would "tell the nations of the world in a clear voice the truth about the terror regime of Iran which represents the greatest threat to world peace". Recent rhetoric by Israeli leaders cautioning that time is running out to stop what they say is an Iranian quest for nuclear weapons has raised international concern over possible Israeli military action. The United States has urged Israel to give diplomacy and international sanctions more time to work.

Israel is widely assumed

to be the only nuclear-armed power in the Middle East, and Iran insists its atomic work is solely for peaceful purposes, which Teheran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reiterated at a conference on Thursday. Israel strongly condemned Khamenei's strong criticism of the Jewish state uttered at the same meeting of the Non-Alignment Movement, in which he called Israelis "ferocious Zionist wolves" in how they treat the Palestinians.

Reuters

Chinese president reaffirms support to Europe in addressing debt crisis

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Chinese President Hu Jintao said on Thursday that China firmly supports Europe's efforts to overcome the debt crisis and the important role that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other institutions play in resolving European debt issues. Hu made the remarks while meeting with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel in the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

In regards to the European debt crisis, Hu said Europe's early financial recovery is conducive to the stability and recovery of the world economy and to China's economic growth. He said China is ready to maintain communication and coordination with the international community to jointly prevent risks, safeguard the stability of the global financial system and promote sustainable recovery and growth in the world economy.

Merkel said many uncertain factors currently exist in the world economy, as the eurozone is faced with difficulties. The calm, appropriate response of China and the confidence and support it places on the euro and the European economy are especially precious to Europe. She also said the eurozone nations are confident and determined to properly address the debt problem and further advance European integration.



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) shakes hands with German Chancellor Angela Merkel in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Aug, 2012. —XINHUA

Germany hopes to increase trade, investment and economic cooperation between Europe and China, said Merkel, who also expressed opposition to trade and investment protectionism. Merkel is in Beijing to attend the second round of China-Germany government consultation. Hu congratulated the success of the China-Germany government consultation, saying China is ready to work with Germany to practically implement the results achieved in both high-level meetings and the second round of government consultation.—Xinhua

Foreign giants plan 20.8 b USD investments in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 31 Aug — A senior Indonesian official said that investments totaling 200 trillion rupiah (about 20.8 billion US dollars) were already in pipeline, help spur the country's economic growth, local media reported on Friday. The Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM) BKPM chairman Chatib Basri said those investments would come from a number of major foreign companies including L'Oreal of France, Lotte of South Korea and the

Chinese state-owned investment holding company SDIC.

"We are processing all of the investment (applications) but while trying to endorse these, we will also improve several factors to help investment come in soon," he said on Thursday. Such improvements included the application of an online tracking system to allow investors to check the stages of their permit applications starting from September,

Chatib added. Investments in the pipeline included projects in the manufacturing industry and infrastructure sectors, such as railways and power plants, according to Chatib.

Investment in the manufacturing sector comprises a petrochemical complex totaling 5 billion US dollars, to be built by South Korean Honam Petrochemical Corp, Asia's second-largest petrochemical producer and subsidiary of Lotte Group; cement plants worth 3 billion

US dollars by the State Development and Investment Corporation (SDIC), China's largest state-owned investment holding company; and a 126 million US dollars tire plant by Italian tire maker Pirelli, according to BKPM's list.

Several global, fast-moving consumer goods producers are also setting up local plants, such as a cosmetics plant totaling 100 million (about 125.42 million US dollars) by L'Oreal and a diaper factory totaling 300 million US dollars by Nippon Shokubai of Japan.

Xinhua

Isaac's remnants bring headaches but also relief to drought

NEW ORLEANS, 31 Aug — The remnants of Hurricane Isaac continue to cause headaches on Friday, bringing heavy rainfall and the threat of flash flooding to the lower Mississippi Valley as Gulf Coast residents get ready to start their cleanup efforts. The first hurricane to hit the United States this year will be remembered for striking New Orleans on the anniversary of 2005's deadly Hurricane Katrina — and providing a first, successful test of the city's pricey new flood defences. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu concluded that the ring of defences was "operating as designed." Now a tropical depression, Isaac can still trigger tornadoes in Mississippi and Louisiana, the National Hurricane Centre said — among the final acts of a storm that punched above its weight in terms of impact and often confounded forecasters.

One bright spot: rain that is expected to reach the central US Midwest over the weekend, a godsend to farmers suffering from the worst drought in more than 50 years, even if too late for many of this season's crops. Isaac caused widespread flooding and property damage in the US Gulf Coast region, mostly because of its unexpectedly heavy and persistent rainfall. The system lingered near New Orleans for the best part of two days, sometimes moving as slowly as five miles an hour (8 km per hour). "Most of them blow through and are over with. This one is just hanging around too long," George Dubaz, a New Orleans tour guide, said during the deluge. The storm caused anywhere from \$700 million to \$2 billion in insured onshore losses, disaster modeler AIR Worldwide said on late Thursday.—Reuters



Sherry Henson (L) and Charmin Cosse work in the water to try to save cattle along Highway 23 after Hurricane ISAAC in Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana on 30 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

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Students walk out of a showroom at the headquarters of Samsung Electronics in Seoul on 28 October, 2011.

REUTERS

Samsung triumphs over Apple in Japan patent case

TOKYO, 31 Aug—A Tokyo court ruled on Friday that Samsung Electronics' mobile devices did not violate an Apple Inc patent involved in synchronizing mobile devices and computers, awarding the South Korean maker a victory a week after it lost a bruising landmark patent case in the United States.

In rejecting Apple's suit, Tokyo District Court Judge Tamotsu Shoji said Samsung's products did not infringe on the US firm's technological scope.

A US federal jury found last week that Apple did not infringe on any of Samsung's patents, while the South Korean firm had copied key features of iPhone.

The same jury awarded Apple \$1.05 billion in damages and it is now seeking speedy bans on the sale of eight Samsung phones in the US market.

"We welcome the court's decision, which confirmed our long-held position that our products do not infringe Apple's intellectual property," Samsung said in a statement following the verdict from the Tokyo court.

A representative for Apple in Japan declined to comment.

In Seoul, Samsung shares were up 0.7 percent in a flat market. A spokesman for NTT Docomo Inc declined to comment, while a KDDI Corp spokeswoman said she did not see any major impact from the decision. Both Japanese mobile carriers sell the popular Samsung Galaxy series.

Shares in NTT Docomo last traded down 1.8 percent at a 2-week low, while KDDI was down 1.2 percent. Shares in local rival Softbank Corp, the first Japanese carrier to sell the iPhone and which doesn't sell the Samsung Galaxy line, were down 1.1 percent.—Reuters

Amazon teams with Nokia, snubs Google for maps

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 Aug—Amazon.com Inc's new Kindle Fire will have mapping services via a tie-up with Nokia Oyj, according to two people familiar with the situation, filling a gap in the tablet's capabilities while snubbing Google Inc's popular service.

The world's largest Internet retailer, which says its nine-month-old Kindle Fire now accounts for one in five US tablet sales, has teamed up with Nokia on mapping, the two people told Reuters.

Amazon will release at least one new version of the Kindle Fire next Thursday.

Amazon will also add location capabilities to the

new Kindle Fire, which requires either a GPS chip or a process known as WiFi triangulation, the people said on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak ahead of



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos holds up the new Kindle Fire at a news conference during the launch of Amazon's new tablets in New York, on 28 September, 2011.

REUTERS

Thursday's launch event.

Mapping services, which are popular features on tablets, typically include street maps, information about local businesses and sometimes traffic status. They can also support navigation instructions and third-party applications that depend on location information, such as travel services.

Location capabilities mark the location of tablet and smart phone users.

Google Inc's Nexus 7 tablet, which competes directly with the Kindle Fire, comes with GPS receiver chips to support location and mapping functions.

The first Kindle Fire launched last year and at \$199 costs half the price of the entry-level Apple Inc iPad, helping it rapidly gain consumer acceptance. On Thursday, Amazon said its Kindle Fires had completely sold out.

Analysts say the 7-inch device helps drive sales of digital media such as ebooks and music, which in turn propels core retail growth for the company.

Amazon may unveil larger versions of the Fire on Thursday in Los Angeles, analysts and media say, which will compete more directly with the iPad.

Reuters

Sony CEO says Vita gaming sales near expectations

BERLIN, 31 Aug—Sony Chief Executive Kazuo Hirai said on Thursday that its new gaming device Vita was mostly selling in line with its expectations, though in some places it was off the pace.

Vita hit the stores earlier this year, the latest in a line of mobile gaming gadgets in the spirit of Nintendo's Game Boy and Atari's Lynx, but some analysts have questioned whether there is room for such a device in a market increasingly dominated by games played on smartphones and tablets.

"Worldwide, the Vita is pretty much along where we

would expect it to be, maybe trending behind in certain territories," Hirai told Reuters on the sidelines of IFA, Europe's biggest consumer trade show, held in Berlin.

He declined to disclose where sales were lagging.

When he took the helm at Sony in April, Hirai vowed to revive the fortunes of the company, maker of the Walkman music player and PlayStation games console, after years of competition from foreign rivals had broken its dominance in consumer electronics.

Part of the plan is betting Sony's future on mobile

devices such as the Xperia smartphone, gaming and digital imaging, while developing new businesses,



President and CEO of Sony Corporation Kazuo Hirai addresses a news conference before the start of the IFA consumer electronics fair in Berlin, 29 August, 2012.

REUTERS

including a medical unit.

Sony has high hopes for its PlayStation Mobile gaming service, in which Vita

plays a key role, and which will be launched later this year along with a range of new games.—Reuters

Genome of mysterious extinct human reveals brown-eyed girl

LEIPZIG, 31 Aug—The genome of a recently discovered branch of extinct humans known as the Denisovans that once interbred with us has been sequenced, scientists said on 30 August.

Genetic analysis of the fossil revealed it apparently belonged to a little girl with dark skin, brown hair and brown eyes, researchers said. All in all, the scientists discovered about 100,000 recent changes in our genome that occurred after the split from the Denisovans. A number of these changes influence genes linked with brain function and nervous system development, leading to speculation that we may think differently from the Denisovans. Other changes are linked with the skin, eyes and teeth.

"This research will help [in] determining how it was that modern human



Scientists have just completed sequencing the entire genome of a species of archaic humans called Denisovans.

INTERNET

populations came to expand dramatically in size as well as cultural complexity, while archaic humans eventually dwindled in numbers and became physically extinct," said researcher Svante Pääbo at the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology

in Leipzig, Germany.

Future research may turn up other groups of extinct humans in Asia "in addition to Neanderthals and Denisovans," Pääbo told LiveScience.

Although our species comprises the only humans left alive, our planet was once home to a variety of other human species. The Neanderthals were apparently our closest relatives, and the last of the other human lineages to vanish.

However, scientists recently revealed another group of extinct humans once lived at the same time as ours. DNA from fossils unearthed in Denisova Cave in southern Siberia in 2008 revealed a lineage unlike us and closely related to Neanderthals. The precise age of the Denisovan material remains uncertain—anywhere from 30,000 to 80,000 years of age.

Internet

A new species of fish discovered in Vietnam

HANOI, 31 Aug—A new species of fish with a penis on its head has been discovered in Vietnam. But it's not what you're picturing—actually it's probably worse. This penis includes a rod and a jagged hook used for grabbing the female during sex.

The fish, *Phallostethus cuulong*, was discovered by researchers in Vietnam's Mekong Delta. It is the newest member of the *Phallostethidae* family, a

group of fish with small, skinny, nearly transparent bodies that live in Southeast Asia, and which are distinguished by the location of their sex organs.

The more technical name for the male fish's penis is the priapium, a complex, muscular organ that looks like it's attached to the fish's chin. The priapium includes the urogenital opening and the anus, as well as a bony rod and a sawlike hook, used to clutch on to the female during

mating, the researchers said. The female fish's genital opening is also located at her throat.

The hook may sound sinister but it seems to serve a practical function. For most fish, fertilization takes place outside the female's body, but for the *Phallostethus cuulong* and the rest of the family, the eggs are fertilized inside. Hooking on to his mate during sex probably ensures that the male fish will have more success in fertilizing her.

The fish, though bizarre in its penis placement, is not the only organism with a scary sex organ. During sex, the hermaphroditic sea slug, *Siphopteron quadrispinosum*, playing the male role will stab its partner with a syringelike penile appendage and inject prostate fluids into the body. Equipped with large hooks at its base and several tiny spines, the sea slug penis latches onto the female reproductive system.

Internet



Preserved specimen of *Phallostethus cuulong*, showing dorsal (A), lateral (B) and ventral (C) views.—INTERNET

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Hookah smoking as bad as cigarettes for lungs

JERUSALEM, 31 Aug—Hookah can cause as much harm to lung function and respiratory system as cigarette smoking, a new study has claimed. Hookah is thought to be “less dangerous” than cigarettes because it forces the smoke to go through water before it reaches the lungs. Most physicians believe it filters out the harmful toxins.

But researchers from Iran, headed by Dr Mohammad Hossein Boskabady found that water pipe smoking and deep inhalation cigarette smoking had the same effects on respiratory system, *‘The Jerusalem Post’* reported.

“Our findings reveal that there were profound effects of water pipe smoking on lung function values, which were similar to the effects observed in deep inhalation cigarette smokers,” researchers were quoted as saying by the paper.

The study compared lung function and respiratory symptoms among water pipe smokers, deep- or normal-inhalation cigarette smokers and non-smokers.

Three groups of smokers, including 57 water pipesmokers, 30 deep inhalation cigarette smokers and 51 normal inhalation cigarette smokers were identified and studied.



Hookah smoking as bad as cigarettes for lungs.—INTERNET

In addition, 44 non-smokers were studied as a control group. Results showed an increased prevalence and severity of respiratory symptoms among water pipe smokers and cigarette smokers. Similar effects of water pipe smoking and deep inhalation cigarette smoking on respiratory status were found. A quarter to a third of water pipe smokers suffered from wheezing, while almost 37 per cent had chest tightness and 21 per cent had a cough. “Our study is the first report regarding the importance of the method of cigarette smoke inhalation with respect to effects on the respiratory system,” Boskabady said.—*Internet*

Professor David Penington from Bionic Vision Australia said he believes the eye will eventually enable “useful vision,” but that “much still needs to be done in using the current implant to ‘build’ images for Ms Ashworth.”—INTERNET

Australians implant ‘world first’ bionic eye

major breakthrough for the visually impaired.

Bionic Vision Australia (BVA), a government-funded science consortium, said it had surgically installed an “early prototype” robotic eye in a woman with hereditary

Ashworth’s retina and contains 24 electrodes which send electrical impulses to stimulate her eye’s nerve cells.

Researchers switched on the device in their laboratory last month after Ashworth had fully recovered from surgery and she said it was an incredible experience.

“I didn’t know what to expect, but all of a sudden, I could see a little flash — it was amazing,” she said in a statement.

“Every time there was stimulation there was a different shape that appeared in front of my eye.

Penny Allen, the surgeon who implanted the device, described it as a “world first”.

Ashworth’s device only works when it is connected

inside the lab and BVA chairman David Penington said it would be used to explore how images were “built” by the brain and eye.

Feedback from the device will be fed into a “vision processor” allowing doctors to determine exactly what Ashworth sees when her retina is subjected to various levels of stimulation.

“The team is looking for consistency of shapes, brightness, size and location of flashes to determine how the brain interprets this information,” explained Rob Shepherd, director of the Bionics Institute which was also involved in the breakthrough.

“The next big step will be when we commence implants of the full devices,” he said.—*Internet*



CANBERRA, 31 Aug—Australian scientists said on Thursday they had successfully implanted a “world first” bionic eye prototype, describing it as a

sight loss caused by degenerative retinitis pigmentosa.

Described as a “pre-bionic eye”, the tiny device is attached to Dianne

US stocks close lower with S&P below 1,400

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—US stocks closed lower on Thursday with the Standard & Poor’s 500 dropping below 1,400, ahead of the central bank’s Jackson Hole meeting.

The Dow Jones industrial average lost 106.77 points, or 0.81 percent, to 13,000.71. It was in negative territory for the month.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 was down 11.01 points, or 0.78 percent, to 1,399.48 and the Nasdaq Composite Index tumbled 32.48 points, or 1.05 percent, to 3,048.71.

The CBOE Volatility Index, widely known as the best gauge of market fear, climbed to near 18.

Investors remained cautious on Thursday before Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke gives a speech on Friday at the Fed’s annual meeting in Jackson Hole.

On the economic front, the Labor Department said

the number of people initially applying for unemployment benefits was unchanged at 374,000 last week. The figure did nothing to calm concerns about the job market among investors, who had been expecting the number to fall.

Also adding to the concerns, German unemployment rose for a fifth consecutive month, increasing by 9,000 to 2.9 million. The jobless rate remained unchanged at 6.8 percent.

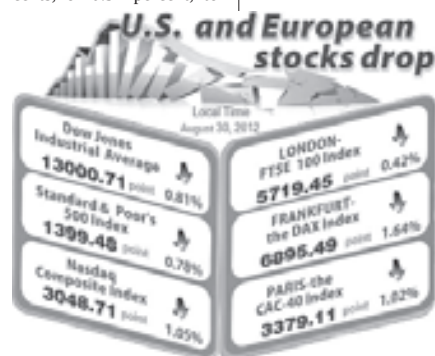
Meanwhile, Italy sold about 4.8 billion euros (6 billion US dollars) in five and 10-year notes, with the 10-year paper pricing to yield 5.82 percent.

The sale indicated modest investor confidence in the region.

As for other markets, US crude prices fell on Thursday for a second consecutive day as concerns over Hurricane

Isaac faded.

Light, sweet crude for October delivery lost 87 cents, or 0.91 percent, to



settle at 94.62 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. But in London, Brent crude for October delivery edged up 11 cents, or 0.10 percent to close at 112.65 dollars a barrel.

The US dollar rose

The graphic shows the major indices of US and European stock markets drop on 30 Aug, 2012.

XINHUA

India's Q1 GDP growth plunges to 5.5%; slowest in 3 years

NEW DELHI, 31 Aug—Showing persistent sluggishness, economy grew by 5.5 percent in the April-June quarter this fiscal due to poor performance of manufacturing, mining and farm sectors.

The gross domestic product (GDP) had expanded by 8 percent in the April-June quarter of 2011-12.

During the quarter ended 30 June, the manufacturing sector grew marginally by 0.2 percent, against 7.3 percent growth in the same period of 2011-12, according to the official data released today.

Mining and quarrying sector recorded a growth of 0.1 percent during the quarter under review, as against a contraction of 0.2 percent in Q1 of 2011-12.

Farm production expanded by 2.9 percent in the first quarter against 3.7 percent in the same period last year.

The trade, hotels, transport and communications segment also witnessed lower pace of growth at 4 percent compared to 13.8 percent expansion in the same quarter year-ago period.

The growth rate of electricity, gas and water supply also dipped to 6.3 percent in Q1, from 8 percent in the corresponding period last fiscal.

However, the growth in the construction sector was robust at 10.9 percent during Q1 of 2012-13, as against 3.5 percent in the year-ago period.

Growth rate of services sector, including insurance and real estate, also improved to 10.8 percent in the first quarter, from 9.4 percent recorded in April-June quarter last fiscal.

Economic growth in the January-March quarter was at nine-year low of 5.3 percent, as the provisional estimate released earlier.

Internet



India's economic growth declines to 5.5 percent in April-June this fiscal, from 8 percent in the same period a year ago.—INTERNET

New phlebovirus detected in Missouri

BOSTON, 31 Aug—The first phlebovirus found to cause illness in humans in the Western Hemisphere was discovered due to two severely sick farmers, US researchers say.

Two men from Missouri independently went to a medical facility with fever, fatigue, diarrhea, a decrease of platelets in blood and a decrease in the number of white blood cells in the blood, which places individuals at increased risk of infection.

Both farmers had been bitten by ticks five to seven days before the onset of illness. Ehrlichia chaffeensis are pathogens naturally transmitted between animals and humans. The researchers said the lone star tick was suspected as the causal agent.

Electron microscopy revealed viruses consistent with members of the Bunyaviridae—a family of negative-stranded RNA viruses.

Next-generation sequencing and analysis identified the viruses as novel members of the phlebovirus family—which is novel in the Americas—as the cause of the illness, the researchers said.

Internet



Local residents gather near a damaged bus at the accident site near central Pakistan's Dera Ghazi Khan on 29 Aug, 2012. At least seven people were killed and some 80 others injured in a head-on collision between two buses on the Indus Highway in Pakistan's central district of Dera Ghazi Khan early Wednesday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Dunya.—XINHUA

31 injured in gas station blast in Cuba

HAVANA, 31 Aug—Thirty-one people were injured in a gas station blast on late Tuesday in Santiago de Cuba, the second largest city of Cuba, with five of them in critical condition, state-run media said on Wednesday.

Daily Sierra Maestra reported that a truck crashed into a gas pump at a station located in the south side of the city, tipping it over and spilling fuel that apparently was ignited when a driver started his motorbike, sparking a fire at about 7:30 pm local time (00:30 GMT).

Though parts of the gas station were completely charred, television images showed that firefighters were able to extinguish the flames before the fire spread to adjacent buildings. The injured were immediately taken to emergency rooms and later transferred to the specialized burn care unit at a local hospital.—Xinhua

Firemen called to rescue cow stuck up a tree

LONDON, 31 Aug—A cow had to be rescued by fire services in northern England after it tumbled down a 30 metre river embankment and got stuck in a tree.

Fire crews in Cumbria were surprised to receive a call to rescue the cow, which had toppled 10 metres down a slope of the river Leith before a tree broke its fall.

The bruised bovine was discovered after its farmer noticed one of his cows was missing. The animal was sedated by a vet before being winched out of the tree by firemen using specialist equipment. "Fire crews had to wear body armour in case a stray hoof lashed out at them," said a spokesman for Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service. "The vet checked the cow over and it seemed reasonably happy and relatively unscathed," he said.—Internet

Restart date unclear for Venezuela refinery hit by blast

CARACAS, 31 Aug—A restart to production at Venezuela's largest oil refinery, closed since Saturday by the world's deadliest refinery accident in fifteen years, could take another two to three days, officials said, although an exact date was unknown.

Energy Minister Rafael Ramirez said in televised comments on Wednesday that fires at the Amuay refinery, where 48 people died, had been finally extinguished and workers were moving ahead with preparations to restart production.

The "gradual" process

could possibly take "two or three days", Ramirez said, although officials at the refinery told Reuters the final timing for a restart could not be determined while parts of the facility continued to cool.

"While the cooling efforts continue, we can't know an exact date," said an official from state oil company PDVSA, which runs the 645,000 barrels per day refinery. Meantime, authorities will continue to investigate what may have caused the gas leak that led to the blast.

In addition to those killed, the pre-dawn explosion destroyed

hundreds of nearby homes.

The accident was the most deadly for the global oil industry in recent years, nearing the toll of a 1997 fire at India's Visakhapatnam refinery, which killed 56.

Ahead of presidential elections in October, opponents of President Hugo Chavez have seized upon the blast to criticize what they say is poor upkeep of facilities in the oil industry, the motor of Venezuela's economy.

Before Saturday's blast, the country's refineries have routinely suffered lesser accidents and numerous unplanned outages.

Reuters



Iraqi troops fire live rounds during a training session with US forces on using American Abrams-M1A1 tanks at the joint Iraqi-US Basma military base on the outskirts of Baghdad in 2010. INTERNET

Iraq takes delivery of final batch of US tanks

BAGHDAD, 31 Aug—Iraq's military took delivery of nine American M1A1 Abrams tanks, the last in an order of 140 that it has received over the past two years, the US embassy in Baghdad said in a statement on Wednesday.

The tanks, which were displayed at a demonstration exercise at a military training complex southeast of the capital, are part of Baghdad's efforts to build up its military, which US and Iraqi officials admit cannot secure the country's borders, airspace, or maritime waters.

"The Iraqi Army officially took possession of nine M1A1 tanks at Basma

Combat Training Centre, Iraq, on 27 August," the statement said. The 140 tanks cost a total of \$860 million, \$804 million of which was paid by Iraq with the remainder of the cost borne by the US, according to Commander Gary Ross, a spokesman for the Office of Security Cooperation-Iraq, part of the US Embassy.

Iraq received the first batch of tanks, which it ordered in March 2009, in August 2010.

The tanks' capabilities and their operators' training was put on display at the Basma complex on Wednesday, the statement said.

"This exercise clearly

illustrates the growing capabilities of the Iraqi Army," said OSC-I commander Lieutenant General Robert Caslen.

Iraqi Army chief of staff Lieutenant General Babaker Zebari has persistently said that the country's military will not be able to fully defend it until 2020, though US and Iraqi officials insist the armed forces and police are capable of maintaining internal security.

Baghdad has made \$12 billion worth of military acquisitions from the US, whose forces pulled out of Iraq in December, notably including the purchase of 36 F-16 warplanes.

Internet

Nine dead, 44 trapped after China colliery blast

CHENGDU, 31 Aug—Nine miners have been confirmed dead and 44 others are still trapped underground after a gas blast occurred in a coal mine on Wednesday afternoon in the southwestern province of Sichuan, local government said in the early hours of Thursday morning.

A total of 120 miners were working underground at the Xiaojiawan Coal Mine in Panzhihua city when the blast occurred at around 6 pm, sources with the rescue headquarters and the city government said. As of midnight, 70 people had been lifted out of the mine and were rushed to seven hospitals in Panzhihua. But three miners died at hospital, according to the sources. Six of 50 workers trapped underground have been confirmed dead.

Rescue work involving more than 70 people is underway. A work team led by Yang Dongliang, director of the State Administration of Work Safety (SAWS), is on the way to the mine to oversee the rescue work. The coal mine is owned by Zhengjin Industry and Trade Co, Ltd in Panzhihua, some 750 km southwest of the provincial capital Chengdu. Sources said the owner of the mine has been put under police custody for investigation.—Xinhua



People watch water gushing out from Liujiaxia Hydropower Station on the Yellow River during a flood peak adjustment operation, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 28 Aug, 2012. Liujiaxia Dam, a major hydroelectric dam in Gansu Province, has been discharging flood waters for one month, after its water level crossed over the alarm levels as a result of heavy rains on the upstream region of the Yellow River. The dam is discharging water with an average flow of 2,000-2,500 cubic metres per second now, much fewer than 3,500 cubic metres per second at the beginning period of the flood peak adjustment.—XINHUA

US designates 128 more counties as drought disaster areas

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug—The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Wednesday designated 128 additional counties in fourteen states as primary natural disaster areas due to damage and losses caused by drought and excessive heat.

During the 2012 crop year, 1,892 counties across 38 states had been designated as disaster areas—1,820 due to drought, said US Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack in a statement, adding that it made them eligible for assistance like low interest emergency loans.

Sixty-three percent of the nation's hay acreage and 72 percent of the cattle acreage are in an area experiencing drought, said Vilsack, quoting the US Drought Monitor. These fresh figures indicate drought condition is mitigating moderately.

However, the severe drought disasters sweeping from California to upstate New York have still caused significant crop damage to many crops including corn, soybeans, pastures and

rangeland.

To assist producers constantly, the USDA announced a two-month extension for emergency grazing on about 3.8 million acres of conservation land, said Vilsack. Earlier this summer, the USDA had cut interest of emergency loans to 2.25 percent from 3.75 percent.

In addition, the department also negotiated with crop insurance companies to provide a 30-day grace period for farmers on insurance premiums in 2012.

While the worst drought in half a century had caused shortfalls in farm production, it would not have a detrimental impact on the income of farm sector, as shortages was raising crops prices and insurance payments would offset crop losses, the department said on Tuesday in a report.

Net farm income in the United States was forecast to be 122.2 billion US dollars this year, up 3.7 percent from a revised 117.9-billion-dollar in 2011, according to the report.

Xinhua

Reinsurance. What's that?

Win Myint Han

(a sequel to "An Introduction To Insurance", 3.8.12)

Reinsurance has not yet become a household word in Myanmar. It would take decades to be so. Even in the most developed regions like Europe and North America unlike insurance reinsurance still remains a technical term, exclusively concerned with underwriters and having nothing to do with insuring public. Why do insurers reinsure their loss exposures? The simplest and most unmistakable answer is more or less the same as that to the question of why people insure. People insure their lives, properties, and liabilities etc, because they wish to maintain their current financial position and social status. In extreme cases they want to be protected from financial ruin, if even something untoward happens to them unexpectedly. Underwriters cede a part of their large loss exposures to reinsurers with a view to avoiding at best severe financial losses or at worst bankruptcy. In that regard many people including so-called educated intellectuals misunderstand the aim, object and function of reinsurance. About some years ago those engaged in insurance business in Myanmar were both shocked and amused by a question raised by a famous economist with a Ph.D. tail. That gentleman said, "How much profit has your reinsurance programme realized up to date?" Boke Daw (ပုခင်). May Lord Buddha bless those half-baked or unguided. Reinsurance under any circumstances can never yield a profit, simply because it is merely a mechanism of protection from severity and frequency of losses which could easily result in the insolvency of underwriters. As reinsurers reimburse bigger portions of the claims paid, to reinsured in compliance with their contractual obligations, the latter's financial stability is not much imperilled, thereby without affecting continuance of the ceding companies as insurers. Another point worth considering is that in order that a reinsured be reimbursed by his reinsurers, the subject-matter reinsured must be lost, damaged or liability incurred. Supposing that the subject-matter reinsured is an aircraft flying with passengers, no one in his right mind will crave a reinsurance claim, because only when that aircraft crashes down with the resultant loss of lives, that claim is receivable. Likewise, the owner of a house insured against fire will never wish the destruction of his house by fire, even though he stands to be indemnified therefor. Accordingly insurance or reinsurance is a last resort by which insuring people or insurers intend to recoup their losses in case "the sky will not fall, but if it does fall," as a famous Myanmar saying goes. Dr F.L. Tuma had matter-of-factly said:-

"The purpose of reinsurance is purely technical. It is a means which an insurance company uses to reduce, from the point of view of possible material losses, the perils which it has accepted. When a carriage fitted with a shock absorber passes over a rough street, the road becomes no smoother, but the passenger will feel the jerks less as these are absorbed by the contrivance carried as a special addition to the vehicle. So it is with reinsurance; it does not reduce losses but it makes it easier for insurance to carry the material consequences."

Spread of risks is more pronounced and focussed with reinsurance, as reinsurers (reinsurance companies) irrespective of their sizes and financial strength usually accept only small portion of the business ceded, thereby causing the risks to be as widely spread as possible.

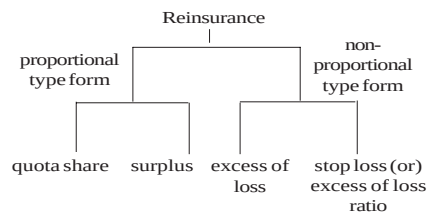
Whenever a proposition for reinsurance of a risk is received, (mostly facultative reinsurances) the broker concerned goes to the lead reinsurer who specializes in that particular class of insurance with a piece of paper called Slip in which the essentials of the risk are mentioned. If the leader decides to write it, he signs a percentage of the cession he takes. Then the broker goes around the market, canvassing other reinsurers who sign their respective percentages of the cession in the Slip if they are so willing until more than 100% of acceptance is spread. With the advent of the state-of-the art information and communication technology, the broker need not go as before. As a practice reinsurance brokers canvass more than 100% acceptance for a cession to be on the safe side and the reinsurer's shares are accordingly reduced pro rata finally, basing on the total percentage covered.

As insurers seek protection by ceding bigger portion of or all of the business written, as shown above to reinsurers, they also retrocede (reinsure) some percentage of the

liabilities assumed by them to those who are known as retrocessionaires. But up to date transfer (reretrocession) of risks to others by retrocessionaries is unheard-of. (not to be confused with the placement amongst the retrocessionaries themselves)

For insurance dealings between insurers and insured are made both directly and through agents. But in the case of reinsurance ceding companies usually make use of reinsurance broker's services, mainly because through their intimacy with reinsurers coupled with their specialized knowledge of reinsurance market conditions they could obtain cheaper premium rates (for nonproportional reinsurances) and better terms than the ceding companies. Lloyd's underwriters accept the business ceded to them only through Lloyd's brokers.

There are also exchange of reinsurances on reciprocal basis. As contracted between them on receipt of an inward reinsurance the underwriter concerned places his own outward reinsurance with the insurer who has placed his with the former. In this way underwriters try to incur no or little cost for buying the required reinsurances by offsetting the same with the premium income earned for accepting inward reinsurances. Reinsurance can be categorized into 2 types, proportional and non-proportional under which come 4 forms as shown below:-



Under the proportional type premium and losses are shared between the cedent and the reinsurer proportionate to their respective shares whereas non-proportional type requires them to share premium and losses not in proportion to their respective obligations. In order to place a reinsurance, one of the forms must have to be employed.

Quota share

This is the simplest form of reinsurance requiring no much administrative burden on the part of a cedent. Participation in a quota share reinsurance by a ceding company and its reinsurer is in proportion to their respective shares usually mentioned in terms of percentages such as cedent 20% and reinsurer 80% etc. This form enables the reinsurer to transact the most balanced class of business as both players are concerned with each and every risk accepted. Reinsurers prefer it to all other forms so much so that cedents are rewarded with both ceding and profit commission. Because of its simplicity, it is mostly recommended for a new underwriter or a new class written. On account of its very nature the quota share system in no way reduces the incurred loss ratio on the retained account.

Surplus

Shortcomings found in the quota share form led to the introduction of surplus. The difference between them is that a surplus reinsured has to cede only the amount in excess of the retention limit fixed for each kind of risk underwritten. There may be 4,5 kinds of risk for each of which a separate retention limit is fixed. As cedents limit their retentions of the various kinds of risk, based on the merits or demerits thereof, and cede the excess amounts, it constitutes a great improvement over the quota share. Since 100% of the premium generated from the risks wholly retained by the cedent remains with him and unretained portions of large or sub-standard risks are also ceded, the probability of losses on the retained account is remarkably reduced, thereby conversely causing adverse effect to the reinsurers.

In a surplus reinsurance treaty as retention limit of the cedent equals one line, volume of business which can be ceded is enumerated by number of the lines contained in a treaty. Accordingly a surplus treaty is usually called a 5-line, 10-line surplus treaty and so on. If the retention is 1 million kyats, then a 10-line surplus treaty indicates a kyat-10 million capacity for reinsurance. There can also be 2nd surplus or 3rd surplus treaties.

Like the quota share form the surplus reinsurance treaty has its own disadvantages. The chief weakness is the

considerable clerical work necessitated by the detail information required to be recorded by the reinsured and transmitted also to the reinsurer for each and every risk written.

Excess of loss

In an excess of loss reinsurance a cedent is concerned only with the losses occurring on the risks ceded and not with sums insured thereof. Accordingly he has to fix his own retention of loss in monetary value for a class of insurance on the basis of per risk or per event as the case may be. And the loss in excess of the retention also called deductible shall be borne by the reinsurer up to a mutually agreed pecuniary limit.

According to its non-proportional nature premium generated from a class of insurance placed under this form is not proportionately shared between the 2 parties. In order to facilitate the excess of loss reinsurers, excess of loss cover is usually arranged in layers with certain reinsurers responsible for their own layers and not for others.

A treaty usually contains at least 3,4 layers. As the frequency of small and medium sized losses can be reasonably expected in the first and second layers, they are designated as working cover whereas the remaining layers are known as catastrophe cover as they have to absorb the catastrophic losses.

As that form permits the ceding office to retain a far larger amount of gross premium received and simultaneously gives protection against severe losses, it becomes the most favorite amongst the reinsured. Accordingly no commission of whatsoever nature is permissible. Only when reinsurers are fully satisfied with the cedents' conduct of business such as underwriting policy and skill, experience etc they sell excess of loss facility to the latter.

Stop loss (or) excess of loss ratio

As the name suggests, it stops the losses at a certain specified point thereby preventing the cedent from sustaining further losses. A stop loss treaty is usually arranged for a one year period to cover losses incurred in excess of the cedent's incurred loss ratio, (say) 75%, 80% of the annual earned premium up to (say) 125%, 130% or a pecuniary value which ever is less. The reinsurer takes good care in fixing the loss ratio point high enough or closer to 100%. Because if the point is fixed lower such as 50%, 60% of the earned premium the ceding office will be guaranteed a profit at the expense of the reinsurer.

Another tool employed by the reinsurer is that when he is required to make good the losses exceeding the specified point, he compels the cedent to bear a percentage of the losses such as 5%, 10% by inserting a clause to that effect in the contract.

Reinsurance methods

Before a reinsurance is effected, a method by which the same is to be placed needs to be selected. The 4 methods broadly in use are facultative, treaty, facultative-obligatory and pool.

Under the facultative method introduced earlier than others it is optional for both the cedent and the reinsurer as regards offer and acceptance of a risk. That is-the cedent is at liberty whether to offer reinsurance for a risk and so is the reinsurer to accept it. As it takes time for reinsurers to negotiate with cedents and complete the placement even if they accept the cession, cedents are placed in an awkward position, because they cannot decide to accept or reject the risks within a short time. That is why the method of treaty under which automatic reinsurance coverage is guaranteed was introduced. But the facultative method still lingers on because it is useful for very big risks which do not correspond with a treaty. As an insurer can readily and freely write the risks presented which accord with the treaty of reinsurance with the full knowledge that they are automatically reinsured, that method is mostly employed by the underwriters.

The facultative-obligatory method is made up of the principal elements of both treaty and facultative ones in order to eliminate the disadvantages of both. Under it the cedent may or may not cede a risk but if he does, the reinsurer has no choice but to accept it.

The pool method is primarily used for very large and extraordinarily hazardous risks by some insurers who participate in a pool to write such risks.

Applying of writs against decisions of Union level...

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U Kyaw Naing Htay of Indaw Constituency, U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency, Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale Constituency, U Tun Aung Kyaw of Ponnagyun Constituency and U Khin Maung Win of Lanmadaw Constituency discussed the proposal of Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency submitted on 13 August to amend and cancel some restrictions in writ application.

Judge of Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt replied that the authority to issue writ dominates ordinary legal provisions. Though it is prescribed that the verdict of court concerned is the final decree under the ordinary law, the decree of the court can be changed with the writ. However, the writ cannot influence the provisions in the constitution. The constitution is the supreme law of the nation. The decree of the Union-level organizations described in Section 295(c), 324 and 402 in the constitution is the final one under the constitution and thus writ cannot be applied against such decrees. It would

be against the constitution if it is allowed to apply writ over the decrees of such organizations. The Supreme Court of the Union in paragraph 44 (a) of writ application procedure prohibits application of writ over the decrees and actions of Union-level organizations which are vested with power to issue final decision by the constitution. It is not sensible to revoke the provision as it is in conformity with the constitution.

The Supreme Court of the Union has thus restricted re-application of writ against the decision made by it as there is no reason to allow application of writ for several times. So, it is not sensible to revoke provisions in paragraph 44 (b) of writ application procedure.

The writ issued by the Supreme Court of the Union is the order to manage courts at lower levels. It is not allowed to file writ against verdicts and decisions made by the Supreme Court of the Union. Under those circumstances, it would not be required to cancel paragraph 44 (a), (b) and (c) of writ application procedures.

As there is no provision against hearing of writ cases alone in the constitution and paragraph 47 of the writ application procedures meets the international provisions, it would not be required to amend the paragraph.

The time for claims for personal interests is fixed in line with limitation act and there are other laws, rules and procedures issued to handle the claims that are not relevant to limitation act. As such, the words in paragraph 61 should not be cancelled. Proposer Thura U Aung Ko discussed his explanation. The Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw that the proposal calls for coordination of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee, Bill Committee, Legal Affairs and Judicial Affairs Committee, related organizations and personalities to reach agreement.

The Hluttaw approved to take actions for the proposal as it agreed. U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency submitted proposal **urging the Pyithu Hluttaw committees to make record the laws related to their functions, and bylaws, rules and regulations, orders, instructions and procedures and Union level agencies which manage relevant laws to cooperate and assist the committees.**

The Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw that it did not need to discuss specifically the proposal as it is the responsibilities of the Hluttaw committees.

The session came to an end at 1.20 pm and the 38th session continues at 10 am on 3 September.—MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw

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Permission granted to Shan State Kokant Democratic Party to form political party

It is hereby announced that Shan State Kokant Democratic Party with its headquarters in Kyishan Street, Tonchan Ward-1, Laukkai Township, Shan State has been granted permission to be registered as a political party under the Section-9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 31 August 2012.

The Registration No of the party is 60.

By order,
(Win Ko)
Member
Union Election Commission

Myanma Rice and Paddy Cultivation and Export Coordination Meeting held



NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—The Myanmar Rice and Paddy Cultivation and Export Coordination Meeting was held at the Ministry of Commerce, here this afternoon.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing said that plans are under way to seek the possible problems while transporting the goods. He also said departmental persons and organizations would keep watchful eye on necessity of people while moving towards development country. Only when the farm

products are earned good incomes, the farmers are found of their farms than those others. We should take consideration on smooth transportation as well as yielding of paddy strains when we want to plant the rice mills. Taxes on edible crops are reduced now instead of paying 8 percent before. Taxes on trade of fertilizer, pesticide and farm equipment are given exception. Rice is allowed to export to foreign countries as usual. The paddy strains which produced starting from October are bid as reserved rice. Efforts are

being made to find out the ways that will be beneficial for farmers and to export paddy strains to foreign countries. The market is open for farm products and if need, we purchased farm products from foreign countries when consumer demands are highly required. Improvement of supply chain concerning paddy industry will be allowed freely, discussed the union minister.

Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said in his speech that the paddy will be produced 1281.88 million baskets as per acre



Union Minister for Border Affairs and Myanmar Economic Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay being welcomed by Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. Ahmad Faisal bin Muhammad at reception to mark 55th National Day and 79th Armed Forces Day, held at Sedona Hotel on 31st August.—MNA

yield will be 78.81 baskets in planting over 16.26 million monsoon paddy across the nation in 2012-2013. The monsoon paddy has grown over 13.47 million till 30th August, 2012, completed over 82.84 million. The short reserved paddy strain stored up to 403976 with full capacity in order to replace loss of paddy on account of flood. As the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation are trying to penetrate foreign market, the good quality paddy strains will be grown more and more with the use of modern planting technology in cooperation with entrepreneurs and respective companies. Basmati paddy strain is ready to distribute to farmers. Modern rice mills are take part in vital role for producing more rice instead of using old ones. Not only the grains are produced as vermicelli, rice noodle, rice oil but paddy husk will be useful in generating electric power. The by products will turn

into paddy based industry so as to earn good incomes, taking the place of paddy market on the globe.

In 2015, the farmers will be cheerful by trying to firm paddy market in local and on the globe in cooperation with official concerned and responsible persons. As Myanmar is agro-based country, we should pay attention on agro business, if not, they will be migrant workers. The world is always changing because of climate change and developed

countries such as USA, India, Japan and China as well as neighbouring Vietnam, Thailand, the Philippines and Indonesia would face natural disasters. We have experienced in helping Ayeyawady Region, the paddy pot while the Nargis destroyed it in the past. We should cooperate with each other while we are trying to improve agro business with added momentum, gaining the knowledge from the meeting, said the union minister.—MNA

Vaccination injected to animals in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—A veterinarian team led by Deputy Director-General Dr Aung Gyi of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department made field trips to eight townships of Ayeyawady Region from 23 to 29 August to be able to provide health care of buffalos and cows in the flood-hit areas.

The team gave vaccinations to 2464 buffalos and cows in Kyaunggon Township, 802 in Kangyidaunt Township, 165 in Yekyi Township, 587 in Athok Township, 179 in Ngathaingyoung Township, 577 in Thabaung Township, 85 in Patheingyi Township, totaling 4859, 829 pigs, 140 goats, six horses and six dogs.—Myanma Alin

Moehti Moemi gold mine being shaped into town

YAMETHIN, 31 Aug—Moehti Moemi Gold Mine Region in Yamethin Township is being built as a new mining town.

The group of companies is implementing the short-term and long-term plans for emergence of the international standard mining region.

"We face some difficulties on oppositions. But, we are easing the problems. We need good services to be able to serve the interests of the State and the people. In addition, we need more loyal workers for new plans," said a member of the company.

Kyemon



Outstanding students honoured in Pyapon

PYAPON, 31 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours for 2012 was held by Pyapon Township Alinyang Educational Service Committee at Nyein Chan Mingala hall at No 15 on Shwenatku Pagoda Street in Pyapon on 25 August.

At the ceremony, Chairman of AESC U Aung Win (reporter Aung Win) and officials gave speeches. Dean of Myanmar Department of West Yangon University U Soe Naing (Ph.D) explained sector of modern knowledge age.

Later, the officials

presented cash awards, medals and completion certificates to 23 outstanding students who got two distinctions and above.

Myanma Alin



Repairing of inundated roads completed in Patheingyi District

PATHEINGYI, 31 Aug—Due to heavy rains and swollen of water from river, flood hit Patheingyi, Kangyidaunt, Thabaung, Kyonpyaw, Yekyi and Kyaunggon townships as of 1 August. Moreover, floods eroded

roads.

Inundation occurred at mile posts No 4/1 and 10/1 on Patheingyi-Shwemyintin-Wayachaung Road, at mile posts No 0/0 and 0/5 on Patheingyi-Shawpya-Chaungtha Road, on Setdaungyi-

Thabaung-Yekyi Road, Patheingyi-Monywa (Yekyi) Road, Patheingyi-Monywa (Kyaunggon) Road, Patheingyi-Monywa (Kangyidaunt) Road, Hinthada-Athok-Kyaunggon Road, Kyaunggon-Pantanaw Road, Dahka-Einme Road, Patheingyi-Shwemyintin-Thabaung Road, Patheingyi-Yangon being undertaken by Public Works.

About 500-600 cars run along Patheingyi-Monywa Road daily. Bags of sand and gravel have been laid down along the road to prevent floods and erosion. At a time when the road is inundated, the road was closed temporarily from 8 pm to 5 am for working



Taxation talks given to students in Yanbye

YANBYE, 31 Aug—Organized by Yanbye Township Internal Revenue Department of Rakhine State held a talk on facts about taxation at Maha Pyinnya Kyaw Hall of Basic Education High School in Yanbye on 17 August.

At first, Township Education Officer U Aung Tun Mya lectured facts about taxation.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Win Naing explained matters related to taxation.

Later, pamphlets on taxations were distributed to teachers and students.

Myanma Alin

FOOTBALL COMPETED: The rainy season football tournament of Kyimyindine Township Basic Education High School No 3 was held for 2012-2013 academic year at the school sports ground on 23 August. Photo shows player students actively participate in the football tournament.

MYANMA ALIN

Workshop to transform to mechanized farming held in Shwenyaung

SHWENYAUNG, 31 Aug—With a view to raising social life of rural people and developing agricultural produce, a workshop on transforming to mechanized farming was held at No 85 tractor station in Agricultural Mechanization Department on 26 August.

At the workshop, Head of Shan State Agricultural Mechanization Department U Hsan Aung explained systematic reclamation of farmlands, land pre-

parations, cultivation of crops and harvesting and winnowing. Those present took part in the discussions. Officials replied to their queries.—Myanma Alin

Workshop on development of ICT held



TOUNGGOO, 31 Aug—A workshop on development of Information and Communication Technology was held at the hall of University of Computer Studies in Tounggoo on 24 August morning.

Pro-Rector Dr Maung Maung Latt of

Technological University gave a speech, and then Principal of University of Computer Studies Dr Ei Ei Hlaing explained the ways for local development of ICT and for fulfilling the requirement of departments and regions.

Myanma Alin

Fingerlings released into paddy fields

PYAPON, 31 Aug—A fingerling releasing ceremony into 200.02 acres of paddy plot owned by 20 farmers was held at Chaungphyay Village-tract in Dedaye Township on 21 August.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Tin Shwe, departmental officials, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Thein Htaik and staff, village administrators and farmers released 100,000 fingerlings into the paddy field.

Myanma Alin

District News

maintenance of road from 14 to 18 August.

At day time, the vehicles were allowed to roll on the road. On 24 August, almost of all the section of the road could be repaired, said the senior engineer of the District Public Works.

Kyemon



Firefighters work at extinguishing flames from fuel storage tanks at Amuay oil refinery in Punto Fijo, in the Peninsula of Paraguana, on 28 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET



CARACAS, 31 Aug — Venezuelan Attorney General Luisa Ortega Diaz said on Thursday that the explosions at the Amuay fuel processing plant had killed 42 people and injured 132, with eight still missing. In an interview

Venezuelan refinery blast kills 42, injures 132, with eight still missing

broadcasted by state-run Venezolana de Television, Ortega, who is heading the investigation into the

only 20 of the 132 injured remained in the hospital as of on 29 August, Ortega said. In addition, some 280 people from 77 families had been treated for shock and other psychological trauma or received some type of social assistance from the Public Prosecutor's Office, she said. Last Saturday, a gas leak at Amuay fuel processing plant ignited and sparked fires at three fuel storage tanks which were finally extinguished on Wednesday. Amuay fuel processing plant, in the country's northwest Falcon state, is one of three processing plants at the Paraguana Refinery Complex (CRP), the second largest in the world.

The blast destroyed or damaged some 500 homes and businesses around the

complex, the authorities said. Ortega said she had appointed a team of seven investigators to look into the explosion but had nothing to announce so far. Meanwhile, Rafael Ramirez, energy minister and president of Venezuela's state-owned oil company PDVSA which is in charge of the CRP, said Amuay fuel processing plant could resume operations in three days. In an interview with Venezolana de Television, Ramirez said operations would "certainly restart" by Sunday. Ramirez said thousands of PDVSA workers and volunteers were taking part in repairing homes damaged by the blast, while firefighters were continuing to cool down the three fuel tanks.

Xinhua

Pakistan police arrests three Afghan militants near military sites

ISLAMABAD, 31 Aug — Pakistani police on Friday morning said they have arrested three foreign terrorists along with explosives from the military city of Wah, local media reported. Local media quoted police officials as saying that on some secret information they raided a graveyard and arrested three militants of

Afghan national in the Wah, a city 30 km to the north west of capital Islamabad in the eastern Punjab Province.

Police also confiscated hand grenades, detonators and 22 kilograms of explosives from them that they hid in the graveyard near the cantonment area, the centre of the country's defence industry. Police officials

feared that the terrorists could attack the Pakistan Ordnance Factories (POF), which is responsible for conventional weapons production.

In August 2008, this factory came under the double suicide bombers attack that killed at least 70 and wounded over 100 others. Both suicide bombers detonated themselves at the factory's gates when

the workers were coming out after ending their work shift. It has been proven the deadliest attack on a military site in Pakistan's history. The detained terrorists revealed that their two other companions were also present in the Punjab province to fulfill their terrorist plan. Police officials said that they, with the help of intelligence agencies, were working hard to arrest the other two militants before they materialize any attack.

Xinhua

Obama to highlight Iraq withdrawal

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug — President Barack Obama will Friday mark the second anniversary of his declaration of the end of US combat missions in Iraq, highlighting his leadership credentials at a key political moment. Obama will fly to Fort Bliss in Texas to meet service members and their families, one day after the end of the Republican National Convention and days before he headlines the Democratic Party's jamboree in North Carolina.

He last travelled to the sprawling base on the Texas and New Mexico border two years ago, to meet troops home from the war, hours before delivering a televised address on the end of combat operations from the Oval Office. "The visit will focus on, I think, that important anniversary," said White House spokesman Jay Carney. "It will also focus on the fact that the president has always said that part of ending the war in Iraq responsibly is standing by those who served."

"The president will focus his visit on our efforts to support US service members and their families as we have ended the war in Iraq and are winding down the war in Afghanistan." Obama declared the end of American combat operations in Iraq, after a seven-year war, on 31 Aug, 2010. All US forces returned home at the end of last year. Although Obama's trip is billed as an official one, consistent with his duties as US commander-in-chief, it will be seen in a highly political context.



A US army soldier stands in front of a military vehicle ready to be shipped out of Iraq at the US Camp Victory complex in 2011. President Barack Obama will Friday mark the second anniversary of his declaration of the end of US combat missions in Iraq, highlighting his leadership credentials at a key political moment.

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The president made his political name opposing the Iraq war even before he was elected to the Senate in 2004, and regards bringing US troops home as the fulfillment of one of his core political promises. His decision will feature prominently next week in three days of speeches and events culminating in his acceptance of the Democratic Party nomination as he seeks a second term in the White House in November. Polls show that Obama's foreign policy performance is one of his strongest credentials as he asks voters for re-election, even as Republicans accuse him of weakness abroad and of presiding over an erosion of US power.—Internet

Rainstorms to hit west China

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Meteorological authorities on Friday forecast rainstorms in west China over the next three days, as well as a cold front that will bring temperatures down in north China. From Friday to Sunday, heavy rain and storms will soak north China and the eastern side of west China, as well as regions along the Yellow and Huai rivers, the National Meteorological Centre said on Friday. Southwestern Shaanxi province and northern areas in the Sichuan Basin will be hit hard, with precipitation likely to reach 140 mm, the centre said.

Meanwhile, a cold front will bring gales and drop temperatures by up to eight degrees Celsius in the provinces of Gansu, Ningxia, Shaanxi and the Inner Mongolia autonomous region, as well as north and northeast China, from Friday to Sunday, the centre said. The centre forecast a foggy morning in Liaoning, Hebei, Jiangsu, Anhui and Henan provinces, the Shandong Peninsula and the municipalities of Beijing and Tianjin on Friday, with visibility reduced to less than 200 metres in some regions.—Xinhua

Police hunt for gunman after Sydney shooting

SYDNEY, 31 Aug — Police are hunting for a gunman following a shooting which left two men dead in Sydney's west, local media reported on Friday. Police and other emergency services were called to Boronia Street in the Sydney suburb of South Wentworthville at around 9:10 pm (local time) on Thursday after reports of gun shots, the New South Wales (NSW) Police Force said on Friday. On arriving at the scene, police found a white

ute crashed into another car in the front yard of a home and two men inside with multiple gunshot wounds. Police believe the men, one aged in his early 20s and the other in his early 30s, were the victims of a targeted attack.

"What this is about is a specific targeted attack by people who knew each other, not someone who was shooting at houses without knowing who lives there," NSW Police Deputy Commissioner Nick Kaldas

told the radio networks of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC Radio) on Friday. Both men were treated by paramedics at the scene before being taken to Sydney's Westmead Hospital where they both later died, police said. It was reported that a man approached the victims who were sitting in the ute and opened fire. The driver tried to drive off but crashed into another vehicle in the front yard of a nearby home.—Xinhua

Foreign troop fatalities in Afghanistan



Graphic showing coalition deaths by country in Afghanistan since 2001. Five Australian troops were killed this week in two separate incidents, defence officials said.

INTERNET

SYDNEY, 31 Aug — Australia said on Friday it would complete its mission in Afghanistan despite suffering its deadliest day in combat since the Vietnam War and the prospect of further deaths

caused by rogue soldiers. Defence Minister Stephen Smith said the "terrible combination" of three troops being shot dead by an Afghan colleague and two others dying in a helicopter crash within 24

Australia says killings will not speed up Afghan exit

hours was the worst scenario he had seen in the job. "It doesn't do anything to my resolve to stay the course, because staying the course is absolutely the right thing to do," Smith told reporters.

"We can't stay in Afghanistan forever, we don't want to stay in Afghanistan forever, and equally it would be wrong to leave prematurely or to leave tomorrow as some people suggest." Smith said an immediate withdrawal would "increase the risks", compared to the planned gradual transition in which

Afghan forces will take control of security in Uruzgan province from the Australians by late 2013. "We would increase the prospect of Afghanistan again returning to a breeding ground for international terrorism," he said. Late on Wednesday, three Australian troops were shot dead at close range by an Afghan soldier inside a patrol base near Tarin Kowt in restive Uruzgan, where some 1,500 Australians are deployed. In the second incident, two Australian special forces soldiers were killed when their

helicopter crashed in Helmand province on Thursday morning. NATO has struggled to counter the so-called "green-on-blue" attacks in which uniformed Afghans turn their weapons against their international allies. This was the third such incident to target Australian troops. Smith said the attacks eroded trust between the troops and led to extra precautions, such as the use of a "guardian angel" in which one armed foreign soldier is tasked with watching Afghan soldiers to prevent attacks.—Internet

Britain revokes London Metropolitan University's license to sponsor int'l students

LONDON, 31 Aug — UK Border Agency (UKBA) said on Thursday that it has revoked London Metropolitan University's license to sponsor students from outside the European Union (EU). It means students from outside the EU, whose number now exceeds 2,000 at the university, are no longer allowed to study there. Though the decision may mean that those students have to find another sponsor in 60 days or may be deported, UKBA said, "London Metropolitan University students who are already in the UK with a current, valid UK visa do not need to do anything immediately."

UKBA said that a government-led taskforce is being created to support those affected genuine students to find another institution where they can continue their studies in the country. Immigration Minister Damian Green said the university had failed in three particular areas. More than a quarter of the 101 students sampled were studying at the university when they did not have permission to stay in the country. A "significant proportion" of checked files found "no proper evidence" that the mandatory English levels had been reached.

In addition, the

university didn't know whether its students are turning up for their course and whether they are using a student visa to enter the country for work. "Our absolute priority is to our students, both current and prospective, and the university will meet all its obligations to them," said Malcolm Gillies, vice-chancellor of London Metropolitan University. Higher education is an important export industry in Britain, bringing in 12.5 billion pounds (19.8 billion US dollars) every year, according to National Union of Students (NUS).

Xinhua

S Korea, US wrap up joint annual drill

SEOUL, 31 Aug — South Korean and US forces wrapped up a joint annual exercise aimed at enhancing defence readiness against potential security threats, the Combined Forces Command (CFC) said on Friday. The computer-assisted simulation exercise, dubbed Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG), was focused on combined planning, military intelligence, logistics and command and control operations, according to the CFC.

Launched on 20 August, the drill, which officials said was defensive in nature, mobilized more than 56,000 South Korean and 30,000 US troops for operations at various sites nationwide. "The exercise was based on realistic scenarios that enabled us to provide valuable training on our essential tasks and ensured we are fully prepared to defend the Republic of Korea," Gen James D Thurman, commander of the US forces stationed here, said in a statement.

Observers from seven countries including Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom participated in the drill to ensure it abided by the Armistice Agreement that halted the 1950-53 Korean War.

Xinhua



A general view of the opening ceremony of 16th Non-aligned Movement (NAM) summit is seen in this picture taken in Teheran, Iran, on 30 Aug, 2012. —XINHUA

No explosives found after threatening message grounds flight

BEIJING, 31 Aug — Airport police said they found no trace of explosives on a plane that was forced to change its route on Thursday night after the airline that owns it received a threatening message.

Shenzhen Airlines said the company received an anonymous threatening phone call after flight ZH9706 took off from Xiangyang in central China's Hubei Province for Shenzhen in south China's Guangdong Province. The flight landed at Wuhan Tianhe International Airport in central China's city of Wuhan at 11:24 pm out of concerns for passenger safety, airport operators confirmed. Police conducted a thorough inspection but found no dangerous items on the aircraft or in the passengers' belongings.

All the 71 passengers delayed by the incident have boarded a new flight, which departed for Shenzhen at 10:46 am on Friday, the airport said. The incident is the second to occur this week, with an Air China flight from Beijing to New York being forced to return to Beijing over a threatening message on Wednesday evening. However, no abnormalities were detected on the flight, which left for New York for the second time hours later. —Xinhua

APEC ministers advocate financial literacy education

MOSCOW, 31 Aug — The finance ministers of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) members have agreed to promote financial literacy education in the region.

In a policy statement issued on Thursday by the ministers after their gathering here, the top officials decided to promote this educational programme with the help of a Russian trust fund.

With the ongoing development of social, economic and financial system and the growing complexity of financial products, financial literacy has become an essential life skill for every economy to build up sound, efficient and transparent financial mechanism, said the ministers. Previous surveys conducted worldwide and in APEC economies showed that

large amount of the population have insufficient knowledge to understand basic financial products, underestimate their risks and often fail to make optimal decisions on managing their finances.

Financial education by effective consumer protection cannot by itself prevent possible problems, but it can lessen the risk of crises by "enabling individuals to effectively use financial products and services," said the ministers. In addition, financial literacy will also help common people effectively participate in economic activities and thus promote recovery and economic growth in the wake of financial challenges, said the agreements.

Xinhua

Wang Jun (1st R, Front), China's vice finance minister, addresses a news conference of the 19th APEC Finance Ministers' Meeting in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 30 Aug, 2012. —XINHUA



Zhang Xin (5th L), consul general of China in Jeju, poses for photos with rescued Chinese fishermen at Jeju International Airport on 31 Aug, 2012. XINHUA

Rescued Chinese fishermen to return home from S Korea

SEOUL, 31 Aug — A group of fishermen rescued after two Chinese fishing boats capsized off the southern island of Jeju in the wake of Typhoon Bolaven earlier this week is set to return home on Friday, according to Chinese consulate officials in Jeju.

Of 18 crewmen from the wrecked fishing ships, 16 people will leave for Shanghai at 1:30 pm (local time) via China Eastern Airlines flight MU 503. The other two will temporarily stay in South Korea. They were saved after the two boats ran aground in waters off Jeju

on early Tuesday as Typhoon Bolaven, the strongest to hit South Korea in almost a decade. Rescuers pulled 12 people to safety, and six swam ashore.

The confirmed death toll from the incident stood at nine as of Friday morning, and six were still missing, spokesman Ko Chang-keon of the Seogwipo Coast Guard in Jeju told Xinhua. Ko said 10 vessels and two helicopters were taking part in an ongoing search for the missing.

Xinhua

Pentagon threatens legal action over bin Laden book

WASHINGTON, 31 Aug — The Pentagon warned on Thursday that it was considering legal action against a former US Navy SEAL for material breach of non-disclosure agreements with his first-hand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

In a letter obtained by Reuters, and subsequently released by the Pentagon, the Pentagon's top attorney said the Department of Defence was also considering legal action against anyone "acting in concert" with the author.

It hinted that the book's royalties might be subject to

signed," said the letter by Jeh Johnson, the Pentagon's General Counsel. "The Department of Defence is considering pursuing against you, and all those acting in concert with you, all remedies legally available to us in light of this situation."

The author may have hoped to publish the book anonymously but his identity as Matt Bissonnette was quickly revealed and confirmed independently by Reuters.

It was unclear how many others the Pentagon may consider legally culpable, given the broad language in



A policeman walks in front of the compound where al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden was killed in Abbottabad on 3 May, 2011. —REUTERS

government claims.

The letter, addressed to "Mark Owen," the pseudonym under which the book was written, identified two separate non-disclosure agreements he signed with the Navy that legally committed him to never divulge classified information, which is a crime. "You are in material breach and violation of the non-disclosure agreements you

Johnson's letter. A spokeswoman at publisher Dutton, which is an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

US officials have said they were surprised by his book, "No Easy Day," which was not vetted by government agencies before its publication to ensure that no secrets were revealed.

Reuters

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Graphic showing the area off the coast of Indonesia's Java where a boat carrying some 150 asylum-seekers sank on Wednesday en route to Australia.—INTERNET

CANBERRA, 31 Aug — Afghans were among the 54 survivors from an asylum-seeker boat that disappeared two days ago off the Indonesian coast, but hopes of finding about 100 more missing were fading fast on Friday. An AFP reporter on a rescue boat said he saw four Afghan survivors and a bodybag on board. They had been in the water for at least 24 hours when they were plucked to safety. "All survivors, including three with injuries, will be taken to Merak, Indonesia, for medical attention," the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) said.

The Australia-bound wooden boat carrying about 150 people including children sent a distress signal early on Wednesday morning. It was about eight nautical miles from the main

Afghans among 54 rescued from asylum boat

Indonesian island of Java. Alerted by Australia, Indonesia sent out a rescue team but 10 hours later abandoned the search. Australian authorities took it up again, and by late Thursday said 55 people had been pulled from the water. Australian authorities revised the number of survivors down to 54 after learning one of those recovered was dead. They were handed over to Indonesian rescue teams and would be taken to the port of Merak.

But hopes were diminishing of finding anyone else alive after two days in the water. "We have a window of opportunity — people can survive in the sea

for up to 36, maybe 48 hours," Australian Home Affairs Minister Jason Clare told reporters. Indonesian and Australian rescuers said they would not abandon the search. "The standard search period for us is seven days," Gagah Prakoso, a spokesman for Indonesia's National Search and Rescue Agency (Basamas), told AFP. "We're now focusing efforts on evacuating the survivors. There are three Indonesian boats so far taking part in the rescue — one Basamas boat, one navy ship and one marine police boat." Three merchant ships and two Australian aircraft were also scouring the water, AMSA said.

Internet



Australian navy personnel transfer asylum-seekers to a Indonesian rescue boat near Panaitan island, West Java on 31 August, 2012 after the refugee boat sank.

INTERNET

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1236)

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Rescuers race to save trapped miners after deadly blast

Rescue team members from Dazhou City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, prepare to carry out rescue operation at the Xiaojiawan Coal Mine in Panzhuhua City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 30 Aug, 2012.—XINHUA



PANZHUHUA, 31 Aug — Rescuers in southwest China's Sichuan Province were racing on Thursday to save 21 miners trapped in a coal mine following a gas blast that has left 26 dead. More than 300 rescuers have been dispatched to the Xiaojiawan Coal Mine in the city of Panzhuhua to retrieve the trapped workers.

Rescuers were lowered into the mine to search for the trapped miners while

paramedics waited aboveground. Li Hua, a rescuer with Panzhuhua Coal Mine Group, said he entered the pit three times early Thursday morning and successfully pulled two miners out of the mine alive. However, rescue efforts at the mine were hampered by narrow underground spaces, cave-ins and high temperatures in the gas-filled pit, according to the rescue headquarters and rescuers.

Temperatures reached 80 to 90 degrees centigrade and carbon monoxide was dense in the zone where the miners were trapped. Only some paramedics wearing masks were able to enter the shaft, authorities said. "The shaft of the mine has been severely destroyed, making our rescue work very hard," Li, the rescuer, said. Rescuers had pulled six miners alive out of the mine as of 6 am on Thursday.—Xinhua

Swiss acupuncturist charged in 16 HIV infections

GENEVA, 31 Aug — A self-styled healer has been indicted by a Swiss court on charges that he intentionally infected 16 people with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in cases going back more than a decade, authorities said on Thursday.

The unidentified man was indicted by a five-judge panel in Bern-Mittelland regional court on charges of intentionally spreading human disease and causing serious bodily harm, offenses that carry maximum penalties of five to 10 years respectively, said the regional prosecutor's office in Bern, the Swiss capital.

The office said in a statement that most of the victims attended a music school that the man operated. A spokesman for the prosecutor, Christof

Scheurer, said the man also practiced as an unlicensed, self-styled acupuncturist — a trade which he is believed to have used between 2001 and 2005 as a pretext to prick and infect some of his victims with blood that was infected with AIDS. HIV is transmitted through bodily fluids such as blood, semen or breast milk.

The police investigation concluded that the man had used various pretexts to prick his victims, but it remained unclear exactly what objects he had used.

In other cases, the investigation found, the self-described healer — who is not HIV-positive — had served his victims drinks that made them pass out so he could infect them. "The defendant denies everything that is alleged,"

the prosecutor's statement added. The cases apparently came to light when Bern hospital Inselspital began to investigate similar complaints of infections in connection with a so-called healer.

Prosecutors say the probe, which was launched after one alleged victim filed a criminal complaint in early 2005, has finally been completed, but that it took years because of a number of difficulties ranging from the use of genetic testing to identifying victims while adhering to protections for patient privacy.

Proceedings against a second suspect in the case have been permanently closed, the statement said, because his involvement could not be confirmed.

Internet

'Touchdown Jesus' statue in Ohio to be rebuilt

Two years have passed since a lightning fire destroyed a 62-foot Jesus statue in Southwest Ohio, which will be replaced by a new 51-foot statue by late July.

The statue nicknamed "Touchdown Jesus" was built at the Solid Rock Church along Interstate 75. The name was given because of the way Christ was depicted with his arms raised in the air. Another nickname "Big Butter Jesus" was given for the statue's creamy colour.

It was hit by lightning in June, 2010.

The new statue will now be called "Lux Mundi," which is Latin for "Light of the World," according to *The Christian Post*.

Crews will begin erecting the statue on 16 July, and by 20 June the replica will be ready to be unveiled to the public, according to the sculptor Tom Tsuchiya.

The steel foundations for the statue were first laid out in late 2011, and its cost amounts to somewhere between \$250,000 and \$750,000.

The great costs to build the statue remains



Touchdown Jesus

controversial, with some criticisms that it is a "graven image," and the money should instead be used for helping people, reports *CP*. The Solid Rock Church, however, has insisted that the sculpture is

there as a symbol.

The new statue will be constructed with fire-resistant material.

News Album

Man catches 30-pound turtle in NYC

A New York City angler said he was surprised when he caught a 30-pound sea turtle off a Brooklyn pier.

Kaheem Evans, 23, was fishing from the Canarsie Pier Wednesday when he caught the turtle, the *New York Daily News* reported.

The turtle, Evans said, appeared to be a baby loggerhead and weighed about 30 pounds and was about 2 feet long. Loggerhead turtles can grow to be about 3 feet long and weigh as much as 300 pounds.

"I've been fishing here since I was a kid, but I've never caught a turtle," said

Evans. Evans notified wildlife officials and a rescue crew retrieved the turtle.

"It's just a good thing the fisherman knew enough to call us," said Rob DiGiovanni, executive director of the Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation.



Kaheem Evans with his turtle that he caught off of Canarsie Pier in Brooklyn.

Eddie Van Halen has surgery for digestive disease



Guitarist Eddie Van Halen of the band Van Halen performing in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Eddie Van Halen has undergone emergency surgery for a digestive disease and is canceling his tour in Japan to recover.

His representative said on Thursday that the guitarist had a "severe bout of diverticulitis," a painful condition that involves the formation of pouches on the outside of the colon. He is expected to recover in four to six months.

The rep added that the 57-year-old will not require more surgeries to treat the disease.

The musician had plans to tour Japan in November and will reschedule the dates for next year.

Van Halen is best known for hits including "Jump," "Why Can't This Be Love" and "When It's Love." The group released a new album, "A Different Kind of Truth," in February. *Internet*

Charlize Theron in talks for film on Marie Colvin

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—Charlize Theron is in talks to produce and possibly star in a feature film about the slain war reporter Marie Colvin, a rep for Theron told *The Wrap* on Thursday.

Thunder Road's Peter Lawson and Basil Iwanyk are producing, having optioned the rights to the Vanity Fair article, "Marie Colvin's Private War," written by Marie Brenner. Colvin was the American reporter who died



covering the civil war in Syria last February for the UK's *Sunday Times*. She was known for her compassio-

Actress Charlize Theron arrives at the 69th Annual Golden Globe Awards held at the Beverly Hilton Hotel on 15 January, 2012 in Beverly Hills, California.—INTERNET

nate coverage of war victims and reported from several conflict zones including Chechnya, Kosovo, Sierra Leone, Zimbabwe and Sri Lanka, where she lost her left eye in 2001. The project is currently out to writers. *Internet*

LeAnn Rimes sues two women over recorded phone call

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—LeAnn Rimes has sued two women she claims illegally taped a phone conversation with her and posted edited snippets online.

The country singer's lawsuit filed in Los Angeles seeks damages of more than \$25,000 against Kimberly Smiley and her daughter Lexi, who are described in the case as supporters of the ex-wife of Rimes' husband Eddie Cibrian. The suit claims Rimes did not know she was being recorded and spoke to the Smileys to get them to stop posting negative things about her online.

Kimberly Smiley says the case is a publicity ploy.

The lawsuit comes one day after the 30-year-old entered an in-patient treatment facility in what her publicist Marcel Pariseau describes as an attempt to "learn and develop coping mechanisms." Rimes will



Country singer and actress LeAnn Rimes.

perform on weekends through September.—*Internet*

HBO to air Rolling Stones documentary on 15 November

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—From Keith Richards' tell-all book to assorted concert documentaries, fans of the Rolling Stones may feel they've learned it all about their favourite band.

Not so fast. "Crossfire Hurricane," a new documentary about the British supergroup's rise to prominence, will debut on HBO on 15 November.

And there will be plenty of dirt. Mick, Keith and the rest of the gang, from their teenage years to their apex of fame. Packed clubs, drug use,



The Rolling Stones (L-R) Charlie Watts, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and Mick Jagger pose as they arrive for the opening of the exhibition "Rolling Stones: 50" at Somerset House in London on 12 July, 2012.—REUTERS

friendship and screaming women all serve as a backdrop

to the rise of one of the most successful bands in music history. Brett Morgen ("The Kids Stays in the Picture," "30 for 30," "Say It Loud: A Celebration of Black Music in America") directs.

"Crossfire Hurricane" invites the audience to experience firsthand the Stones' nearly mythical journey from outsiders to rock and roll royalty," Morgen said in a statement. "This is not an academic history lesson. 'Crossfire Hurricane' allows the viewer to experience the Stones' journey from a unique vantage point. It's an aural and visual roller coaster ride."—*Internet*

Actor Steve Franken dead at 80



Photo of Steve Franken

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Character actor Steve Franken, best known for his work on TV's "The Many Loves of Dobie Gillis," has died of cancer in Los Angeles, his family said. He was 80.

Franken's wife, Jean, confirmed his 24 Aug death to *The New York Times*. The type of cancer he suffered was not specified.

The New York-born actor's film credits include "The Fiendish Plot of Dr Fu Manchu," "Which Way to the Front?," "Hardly Working," "The Missouri Breaks," "The Party" and "The Americanization of Emily."

He was a frequent guest on TV shows such as "Bewitched," "Love, American Style," "Mission: Impossible" and "Seinfeld."

Franken is survived by his wife and their daughter, Anne; two daughters from his marriage to ex-wife Julia Carter—Emily Franken and Abigail Glass — and two grandchildren, the *Times* said on Wednesday.—*Internet*

Oscars change rule for best original song nominees

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—There will be more songs vying for Oscars at next year's Academy Awards. The motion picture academy said on Thursday that there will be a minimum of five nominees in the original song category at next year's ceremony.

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences says that the five nominated songs receiving the highest number of votes from music branch members will be up for the final award. The voting process previously only allowed songs that earned an average score to be nominated.

Only two songs were nominated for the trophy earlier this year for the first time in Oscar history, with "Man or Muppet" from "The Muppets" winning the prize.

The 85th annual Academy Awards will be presented on 24 Feb, 2013, at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.—*Internet*

Coroner: Sage Stallone died from heart condition

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug—Sylvester Stallone's son Sage died at age 36 from natural causes due to a heart condition, coroner's officials said on Thursday.

Sage Stallone's death on 13 July was attributed to a condition that causes blockage of the arteries, and no other factors were involved. It has been classified a natural death. The actor and film director's sudden death stunned his family and friends. Sylvester Stallone's publicist described him as "devastated and grief-stricken" and the actor skipped several promotional events for his film "The Expendables 2." Sage Moonblood Stallone was the oldest of Sylvester Stallone's children and co-starred with his father in two films. He also became involved in moviemaking, directing the 2006 short "Vic," which screened at the Palm Springs Film Festival.—*Internet*



Sylvester Stallone, left, star of the film "Daylight," arrives at the film's world premiere with his girlfriend Jennifer Flavin, centre, and his son Sage Stallone, who co-stars in the film, in Hollywood district of Los Angeles.—INTERNET



Bret McKenzie
INTERNET

Liverpool, Inter into Europa League group stages

LONDON, 31 Aug—European heavyweights Liverpool and Inter Milan qualified for the Europa League group stage after coming through their respective play-off ties on Thursday.

Luis Suarez's goal sent Liverpool into the knock-out phase with a 1-1 draw against Scottish Premier League side Hearts.

Brendan Rodgers' team had a 1-0 advantage from last week's first leg at Tynecastle but despite dominating for long periods at Anfield, they failed to put the visitors out

of reach. David Templeton looked set to make them pay for their wastefulness when his weak shot was allowed into the net by Pepe Reina with six minutes left.

But four minutes later Suarez burst away down the left and managed to find the net from close-range.

At the San Siro, Inter made life complicated for themselves with the 33rd minute sending off of Luca Castellazzi.

Unheralded Romanian visitors Vaslui converted the subsequent penalty to take a shock lead. Inter's Rodrigo



Vaslui's Polish defender Piotr Celeban (L) runs for the ball with Inter Milan's Japanese midfielder Yuto Nagatomo during their UEFA Europa League qualifying football match at San Siro Stadium in Milan.

INTERNET

Palaccio9 levelled but Vaslui regained the advantage only for Fredy Guarin to grab an injury time equaliser to put the Serie A giants through 4-2 on aggregate.

Liverpool have Premier League company in the knockout stages as Newcastle edged Greek side Atromitos 1-0 at St James'

Park, the goal coming from substitute Haris Vuckic, to qualify 2-1 and join compatriots Tottenham Hotspur in Friday's draw in Monaco.

Last season's Europa League runners-up Athletic Bilbao were held 3-3 in Finland by HJK but coasted through with a 9-3 aggregate win.

Internet

Liverpool's Uruguayan forward Luis Suarez (L) goes around Hearts' Jamie MacDonald (C) during the UEFA Europa League Play-off second leg football match at Anfield in Liverpool, north-west England.

INTERNET



China's Chen ditches retirement plans

BEIJING, 31 Aug—China's Olympic champion Chen Yibing has made an abrupt U-turn on his decision to retire from gymnastics after a surprise defeat in the men's rings competition earlier this month. Hot favourite to retain his Beijing title in the strongman event, Chen was beaten by Brazil's Arthur Zanetti, in a stunning upset which triggered howls of protests from Chinese officials.

But Chen, sounding more conciliatory than after his galling London setback, has now decided to continue competing—perhaps even until he is 32, the *China Daily* reported.

"I won't retire because of what I went through in London," said the 27-year-old Tianjin native, who helped China defend their all-around team gold. "I've

invested myself in gymnastics for more than 20 years. I can't just give it up."

In the Olympic rings final, Chen was celebrating from the moment he dismounted, kissing his index finger, the metal frame of the apparatus and winking at the TV camera.

Zanetti, the final



China's Chen Yibing kisses the apparatus after competing in the men's gymnastics rings final in the North Greenwich Arena during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 6 August, 2012.

REUTERS

challenger, burst his bubble, however, despite stumbling on landing.

Chinese coaches and officials fumed at the Brazilian's score, although Chen himself sounded more philosophical almost a month on from London.

"The referees' judgment was disappointing," he said. "But I saw all the spectators, my coach and even some opponents applaud to encourage me and I felt so relieved. 'I will for sure take part in next year's world championships and the National Games,'" added the four-times world champion.

"The 2017 National Games will be held in Tianjin. I might also compete in my home city then. I just want to have a good rest now." Chen will have knee surgery in October before resuming full training.—Reuters

Roddick says will retire after US Open

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—Hard-serving Andy Roddick, the last American male to win a grand slam tournament, will retire after the US Open, the former world number one said on Thursday. Roddick, who turned 30 on Thursday, made the announcement at a news conference ahead of his



Andy Roddick of the US.

match against Australian Bernard Tomic inside Arthur Ashe Stadium on Friday night. "I just feel like it's time," he said. "I don't know that I'm healthy enough or committed enough to go another year."

"I've always wanted to, in a perfect world, finish at this event. I have a lot of family and friends here. I've thought all year that I would know when I got to this tournament."

"When I was playing my first round, I knew," Roddick, who beat fellow American Rhyne Williams 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 in the opening round, is seeded

20th at the US Open, the last of the year's four grand slam tournaments. He said his decision to call it quits after 13 years as a professional, "has been a process, certainly not days."

"Certain parts of the year I've thought about it," he said. "Just with the way my body feels. With the way that I'm able to compete now, I don't know that it's good enough."

"I don't know that I've ever been someone who's interested in existing on tour. I have a lot of other interests and a lot of other things that excite me."—Reuters

Back problem gone Tiger plays down poor weekend form

NORTON, 31 Aug—Tiger Woods says he has shaken off his back problems and is confident his recent weekend struggles are not part of a new trend as he sets his sights on this week's Deutsche Bank Championship.

Woods entered the PGA Tour's lucrative four-event playoffs at the top of the FedExCup standings but faded in last week's Barclays tournament, finishing in a tie for 38th after being inside the top 10 at the midway point.

His slide was partly attributed to a tweaked back after sleeping on a soft hotel

bed, although he managed the pain successfully during his second round at Bethpage Black.

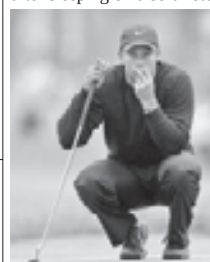
"The back is good," world number three Woods told reporters on Thursday while preparing for Friday's opening round at the TPC Boston. "It was nice to have the treatment there on the weekend and then have on Monday off."

"It's nice this tournament starts a little bit later, so I've got an extra day to kind of get some more treatment at home," he said of the unusual on Friday start. "Yesterday, it felt great. I hit it really well, and had no issues at all."

Woods slipped to third in the FedExCup standings after The Barclays and, though he is guaranteed a spot in the season-ending Tour Championship in Atlanta, his recent poor form over the weekend has prompted some to question his 'killer' instinct.

Internet

Tiger Woods of the US.



Saviola linked with Malaga after leaving Benfica

MADRID, 31 Aug—Argentine forward Javier Saviola parted company with Benfica on Thursday, amid reports in the local media that the 30-year-old is poised to join Spanish club Malaga.

"Benfica and the player Javier Saviola have reached an agreement on the termination of his contract,"

read a statement from the club, which did not provide further information.

Saviola's contract had been due to expire at the end of the 2012-13 season. A former Argentina international, Saviola joined Benfica from Real Madrid in June 2009 for a fee of five million euros (\$6.25 million).

Liverpool's Carroll joins West Ham on loan

LONDON, 31 Aug—Liverpool striker Andy Carroll ended months of speculation over his future by joining West Ham on a season-long loan on Thursday.

Carroll's future at Anfield has been in doubt since Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers admitted the England forward might be an awkward fit for the smooth passing style he wants the Reds to use.

West Ham and Carroll's former club Newcastle both made approaches for the 23-year-old several weeks ago and, after Liverpool failed to secure a better offer, it is the Hammers who have won the race for his signature.

The deal is likely to bring an end to Carroll's disappointing spell with Liverpool as West Ham have agreed an option to sign him on a permanent basis for an undisclosed fee at the end of this season.

It is a major coup for newly-promoted West Ham and boss Sam Allardyce, who briefly worked with Carroll at

Newcastle, and the forward could make his debut in Saturday's Premier League clash against Fulham at Upton Park.

Liverpool's then manager Kenny Dalglish paid a club record £35 million to sign Carroll from Newcastle in January 2011 as a replacement for Fernando Torres after the Spaniard joined Chelsea.

After scoring only 11 goals in 58 appearances, Carroll has been deemed surplus to requirements just 18 months later and Allardyce hopes to revitalise the striker's career at Upton Park.

Internet



Liverpool striker Andy Carroll

International Sports

Subpar Serena Williams battles into third round



Serena Williams of the US.

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—American Serena Williams survived a rare bad day on the courts as she beat Spain's Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez to claim a place in the third round of the US Open on Thursday.

The Wimbledon and Olympic champion, an overwhelming favourite for the title, needed 82 minutes to dig out a 6-2, 6-4 victory over 30-year-old Martinez Sanchez.

Williams began well enough, winning 12 straight points as she led 4-1 but struggled thereafter, double-faulting six times and making a host of simple mistakes.

Reuters



Argentine forward Javier Saviola

He scored 39 goals for the club in 121 matches and won the Portuguese league title in 2010.—Internet

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(1-9-12 09:30 am ~ 2-9-12 09:30 am) MST

- * News
- * WagaungA Festival For Presenting Offertories by Lot
- * Music Programme
- * News
- * Happy Mum & Healthy Baby Photo Contest
- * News
- * Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Featherback Balls Soup"
- * Skynet Cup (2012) Hockey
- * News
- * Park Royal Yangon Bridal Show 2012
- * News
- * Classic Meets JAZZ Concert
- * News
- * A Warm Welcome from the Golden Land
- * News
- * Wisdom House 6th Anniversary Book Launching Ceremony
- * News
- * Fabulous Coiffure Hairstyle
- * Myanmar Movie "Page-15"

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(1-9-2012) (Saturday)

- 7:00 am
 - Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatthandi Paritta
- 7:45 am
 - Sermon on Fullmoon Day of Wakhau (Myitta A Khadaw Nay)
- 8:10 am
 - Documentary
- 8:25 am
 - Nine Precepts administered
- 11:10 am
 - Musical Programme
- 11:15 am
 - Game for Children
- 11:40 am
 - Round Up Of The Week's TV Local News
- 2:30 pm
 - Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur First Division Level, (Women))
- 4:05 pm
 - Dhamma Sakka Sutta Reciting Competition (2nd Prize Winner) (Thanlin) (B-E-H-S-1)
- 4:25 pm
 - University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Chemistry)
- 4:55 pm
 - Beautiful "Asean"
- 5:35 pm
 - Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur Second Division Level) (Men)
- 6:20 pm
 - Myitta Suttan Sermon by Sidagu Sayadaw
- 8:00 pm
 - News
 - Cartoon Series
 - TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

Weather forecast for 1st September, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
2	Kayah	30/86	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	26/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	24/75	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	37/89	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Lamphay	25/77	23/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
8	Bago	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	26/79	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	33/91	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	27/81	21/70	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	36/97	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay, and Magway Regions. Scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper, Taitungyi Regions and Mon State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Hamalin (5.36) inches, Yay (3.90) inches, Dawei (3.19) inches, Launglon (2.99) inches, Khanti (2.81) inches, Bida (2.50) inches and Paton (2.20) inches.

Bay inference

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

State of the Sea

Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days

Continuation of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Quake of 7.9 magnitude strikes off Philippines: USGS

MANILA, 31 Aug —An earthquake of 7.9-magnitude struck off the Philippines on Friday and a tsunami warning has been issued for the region, the US Geological Survey and the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said.

The quake was centred off the east coast, 91 miles off the town of Guiuan in Samar Province at a depth of about 20 miles, USGS said.

The tsunami warning was issued for the

Philippines, Japan, Indonesia, Taipei, Papua New Guinea and other islands in the Pacific including the US state of Hawaii.

The NOAA Tsunami Centre later lifted a warning for Japan, Taipei and several other Pacific islands.

"Strong earthquake here in Taft, Eastern Samar! And it lasted very long too!" Samar congressman, Ben Evardone, told reporters via text message.

An official at the

Philippines' Volcanology Institute said he expected damage had been caused in Samar Province but he had yet to receive any reports.

"If you are anywhere near the coast I recommend that you head to higher ground," Paul Caruso of the USGS told Sky TV by telephone when asked about a threat of a tsunami hitting the coast of the Philippines.

MNA/Reuters



A graphic showing the Pacific ring of fire, a 40,000-kilometre arc of fault lines which forms a zone of frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. A 7.6 earthquake hit off the Philippine coast on Friday, triggering a tsunami warning for the eastern part of the archipelago and Indonesia. US seismologists said.—INTERNET

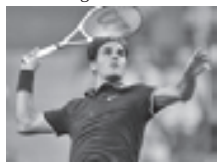
Rampant Federer strolls into US Open third round

NEW YORK, 31 Aug—World number one Roger Federer put on another evening exhibition at Flushing Meadows on Thursday as he brushed aside Germany's Bjorn Phau 6-2, 6-3, 6-2 to reach the third round of the US Open.

The five-times champion smashed 15 aces and 44 winners in all as he followed up his confident first-round win with another immaculate display, wrapping up victory in just 90 minutes.

"I enjoyed it a lot, it was a great match for me," Federer told the packed crowd inside the cavernous Arthur Ashe Stadium.

"I always enjoy it when I have the chance to come out here at night and make it a



Roger Federer of Switzerland

match for you guys."

In the last game of the match, Phau had the temerity to hit one reflex backhand pass off a Federer smash that the Swiss agreed had been the shot of the match.

"Bjorn had some incredible shot-making," Federer said. That backhand was ridiculous really.

"When it's against you, you don't really enjoy it but I was leading so it was OK. It was a lot of fun."

World number 83 Phau was once renowned as the fastest player on the Tour but, at 32, his speed is on the wane and Federer had him on the stretch from the start.

The Swiss broke in the fourth game to establish control and never loosened his grip on the match as he cruised through to a clash with Fernando Verdasco of Spain.

Federer has won all four of his meetings with Verdasco but knows better than to underestimate him when they play on Saturday.

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France's Gregory Bourdy, pictured in June 2012, held the early lead in the European Masters after carding an eight-under-par first round of 63.

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PARIS, 31 Aug—France's Gregory Bourdy held the early lead in the European Masters after carding an eight-under-par first round of 63 here on Thursday.

Bourdy leads European Masters

Bourdy climbed to the top of the leaderboard on the back of five birdies on his inward nine holes.

"It was a great day. I don't think I've ever played better," said Bourdy, who is aiming to pick up his first Tour win since 2009 and the Hong Kong Open.

"This course isn't the most difficult, but it's not the easiest either because you have to hit the ball very straight, and I managed to do that today.

"I only missed one shot all day, but still managed to

save par. My attitude was very good; I was very positive and that's why I finished very well."

He holds a two-stroke lead over England's Oliver Fisher and Sweden's Fredrik Andersson Hed, who share second on six-under-par 65 at Crans-sur-Sierre in the Swiss Alps.

There was a five-way tie for fourth on five under between Welshman Rhys Davies, England's Robert Coles, India's Anirban Lahiri, Scott Barr of Australia and England's David Howell.

Only two members of Europe's Ryder Cup team—Paul Lawrie and Peter Hanson—are competing here this week.

Scot Lawrie, aiming to add this to his win last weekend in the Johnnie Walker Championship at Glenagles, shot a two-under-par 69, as did Sweden's Hanson, who recovered well after bogeying three of the first nine holes.

Andy Zhang, the 14-year-old Chinese amateur, ended his first round with a one-over-par 72.—Internet

Poster girl for women's boxing is now Bollywood muse

MUMBAI, 31 Aug—India's latest Olympichero is hoping that a Bollywood movie on her life isn't just about the sweat, tears and grime.

Mary Kom, five-time women's boxing world champion, won a bronze medal at the London Games, and her exploits will now be captured on the big screen.

"I hope they show some romance in the film," the 29-year-old told Reuters in a

phone interview. "That's also important, right?"

The mother of two is married to Onler Kom, who is also her manager, and hopes director Omung Kumar depicts that part of her life in the film as well.

"They will show my struggle and how difficult it was, but I don't know who will play me—that is up to them," she said.

Bollywood isn't really known for its sports films, but

movies such as "Lagaan"—a historical epic revolving around a cricket match that was nominated for a foreign-language Oscar in 2002—and "Chak De India", centred around the Indian women's hockey team, have found box-office success.

This year, film-maker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra is working on "Bhaag Milkha Bhaag", a biopic on Milkha Singh, one of India's greatest track athletes.—Reuters



India's boxer MC Mary Kom gestures during an interview with Reuters at Balewadi Stadium in Pune, about 190 km (118 miles) from Mumbai, on 12 March, 2012.

REUTERS

Factory equipped with international standard safety system against smokes, sewage and other wastes

Representatives attending 37th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw.

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NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw session continued for 37th day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 MPs.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Defence Commodore Aung Thaw replied to the question of U Tin Maung Myint of Taninthayi Region Constituency No.3 on “arrangements made for the compensation of houses and farmlands of local people in the factory area; environmental degradation and smokes and wastes that can pose a danger to local people and the benefits for the State and local people after the establishment of factory”

He said that Union Myanma Economic Holdings Limited

(UMEHL) has planned to relocate 94 houses that is located in the compound of the factory, at Pozarbin Oil Palm farm on the roadside of Launglong-Kyauknimaw.

Plans are under way to carry out compensation for the plants, coordination between respective Region government, Township Administration and village townsenders for reconstruction of houses, upgrade and reconstruction of schools. In addition, tarred road and concrete bridges will be built on Nyinmaw-Sitbye-Laythongkhan-Gawin village road as some roads is located in the factory area. UMEHL will give new plots and pay compensation for the plants based on their life span.

The factory is equipped with international standard

safety system against smokes, sewage and other wastes. Production of finished goods with the use of crude oil rather than importation of finished petroleum products will contribute to economic development of the country. Estimated investment amount for that project is USD 2521. It is China's huge investment. Oil fuel energy is strategic items. It can facilitate the State's defence sector and get the benefit of mechanical and technology transfer.

After that, one representative discussed the Amyotha Hluttaw Commerce Committee's report. Hluttaw decided to take necessary actions on committee's decision after the report is recomplied in coopeartion with Hluttaw representatives.

Afterwards, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Mines and Resources Committee U Hla Swe submitted the proposal on **urging the Union government to implement the measures that can benefit the local people and increase the country's earnings after a Union-level Commission comprising officials from respective ministries and other scholars is formed so as to enable mines sector development, smooth running of works and environmental conservation.** A representative approved it. Hluttaw announced that the proposal is approved.

Afterwards, a representative approved the proposal submitted by U Ohn Tin of Rakhine State Constituency No.10 on **urging the Union government to supervise and control the fishing of offshore fishing ships in onshore fishing areas in the Myanmar costal regions.**

Hluttaw approved to discuss it and those representatives who want to discuss are to submit their names. The meeting came to an end at 11 am and the 38th day session will continue on 3 September. At today's session, one question answered, one report discussed, one proposal approved and one proposal submitted.—MNA

Earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—A severe earthquake of magnitude (7.9) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Philippine Islands Region) about (2100) miles southeast of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (19) hrs (22) min (12) sec MST today, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Fingerlings released into paddy fields in Momauk

MOMAUK, 31 Aug—Under the supervision of Bhamo District Fisheries Department of Kachin State, fingerling releasing ceremony was held at paddy field No. 173 in Momauk Township on 24 August.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner U Teza Aung of Bhamo District General Administration Department, Momauk Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing, Head of District Fisheries Department Daw Nyunt May, Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Aye Mya Mya Khaing, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Swe Zin Win, members of social organizations and departmental officials released fingerlings into the paddy field. So far, Momauk Township has set over 200,000 fingerlings on free at Nammauk Creek.

Myanma Alin

Celta take South Korea striker Park on loan from Arsenal



MADRID, 31 Aug—Celta Vigo have agreed to sign South Korea striker Park Chu-young on loan from Arsenal for the season, the promoted Spanish club said in a statement on Friday.

The 27-year-old made six appearances for Arsenal last season, scoring once, after joining from AS Monaco last year.

Park played in the 2006 and 2010 World Cups and helped his country to a bronze medal at the London Olympics, where he scored two goals.

Celta have lost their opening two matches on their return to La Liga this season.

Reuters

De Jong leaves Man City; Berbatov close to decision



LONDON, 31 Aug—Nigel de Jong became the first high-profile move of an expected frantic final day of the European transfer window on Friday.

The Dutch midfielder left Premier League champions Manchester City for Serie A side AC Milan for an undisclosed fee.

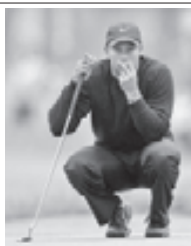
Bulgaria international Dimitar Berbatov remains poised for a move from Manchester United to Fulham, although United manager Alex Ferguson created a stir at a press conference when he suggested the striker could return to Tottenham Hotspur.—Reuters

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Genome of mysterious extinct human reveals brown-eyed girl



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Mobile Clinic launched in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 31 Aug—A ceremony to launch Mobile Clinic was held in conjunction with the health educative talks in Yebyukan Village of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago Region on 22 August.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Zaw and Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Moe Moe Aye gave health educative talks. Next, they donated refreshments and medicines to the older persons and provided free health care services to 105 people.

Myanma Alin