

President U Thein Sein felicitates President, Prime Minister of Belarus

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus and His Excellency Mr. Mikhail Myansnikov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2013.

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Myanmar, India see promotion of bilateral comprehensive cooperation, human resources development

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Ambassador of the Republic of India to Myanmar Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhaya at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

At the call, further

cementing friendly ties between the two countries, promotion of bilateral comprehensive co-operation and human resources development were frankly discussed.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President was Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Zin Yaw.

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*Vice-President of the Republic of
the Union of Myanmar*

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Toll-free bailey suspension bridge set to allow its first commute in July

According to an official of the Public Works, a 1680-foot bailey suspension bridge linking Seikkyi-Khanaungto and Twantay and Hlinethaya in Yangon would be commissioned into service in July.

“Its main structure is a steel truss bailey suspension facility. Two all approach bridges are also reinforced concrete steel truss ones. The bridge will link Seikkyi-Khanaungto and Twantay and Hlinethaya. It can

withstand 36-ton loads. The purpose of building the bridge is to evacuate local people as quick as possible in time of emergency. Moreover, it is intended to improve economic relations between the regions and contribute towards better socioeconomic status of local people,” says Deputy

Superintending Engineer U Win Zaw.

The bridge is set to allow its first commute at the end of July. Local people will be able to use the bridge free of charges upon completion.

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Free intensive care available for children under five at Yangon Children Hospital



YANGON, 2 July — According to Medical Superintendent Dr Than Htaik, plans are underway to provide medicines to Yangon Children Hospital to ensure free intensive care for the children under five as K 500 million have been allocated from the State budget for buying medicines for this year.

“With the aim of ensuring the reduction of under five children mortality rate, under five clinics are being operated by the health centres in regions and states. Children who were transferred to the hospital will be provided with free medicines. Free vaccination is also included in the program. We are

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trying hard to accomplish the mission. The hospital will be financed by an allocation of K 825 million from the State budget. So far K 500 million have been allocated. It is planned to purchase medicines and to provide children at the hospital with free intensive care”, says Dr Than Htaik.

He continued that it was impossible to give free health care to all children; that some treatment demands high cost. A cancer patient needs thousands of kyats for medicines per day; that another way would be used to give treatment to children with cancer; that local and foreign donors were invited; that supply of essential drugs would be made; and that patients, in their part, would need to buy medicines for chronic diseases, if necessary.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

Former residents allowed to resettle in People's condominium complex in Botahtaung Township

DEVELOPMENT

YANGON, 2 July — A signing ceremony between former residents of People's Housing on 51st street in Botahtaung Township and two construction companies—Maha Nawarat Myay and Aungmyin Pyaeson—for People's Housing Development Project took place at the meeting hall of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction on

development in which two condominiums will be built in accord with calm coordination among the people, the government and private companies, Director U Yu Khaing of DHSHD says “the 50th/51st street housing development is a people-centered pilot project for DHSHD. It is a task of implementing the people's expectation. I believe the project will achieve success as the people made a demand

will implement the project by adopting a people-centered approach”.

It was learnt that the companies and the department went half and half on all the bills for the rents and transportation charges of housing residents. Housing residents were provided with K 3.6 million each for their two-year rents.

The director said that former residents would be allowed to resettle in the condominium complex



Bogyoke Aung San Road, here, on 30 May.

Regarding the housing

for development of the people's housing within a legal framework and we

till posterity as they were relatives of original residents, the rental on the

condos will reasonably increase in accord with the increased rent in the market.

Chairman U Aung Min of Aungmyin Pyaeson construction company says “my company and Maha Nawarat Myay have to bear the cost of rent

and transportation for housing residents. It was a good news for them. The

ARCHAEOLOGY

Plan for designation as Historical Park in neighborhood of Stupa of former Thai King in Linzinkone cemetery submitted for official approval

MANDALAY, 2 July — Archaeologist Tampawady U Win Aung at a press meet on 29 June said that he was seeking for official approval of Mandalay Region Government to designate an area of around 20 acres as a Historical Park in the neighborhood of the Stupa of the former King of Thailand at Linzinkone cemetery in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region.

He continued that according to archaeological evidence a team of Thai archaeologists discovered during their excavations at the site in February and March, the group verified the Stupa found at the site and approved that the Stupa holds remains of the Thai former King. Unearthed remains revealed that the skull is a skull of a man which is believed to be about 60 years old and the remains are believed to be relics of a monk due to the discovery of a girdle and



a button at the other end of the girdle in an urn wrapped with a piece of cloth from a robe.

Historian Dr Tin Maung Kyi wrote a thesis about the tomb of Thai King during 1986-87. The thesis is bilingual in English and Myanmar. In the thesis, the dethroned Thai King passed away while still in the monkhood during the King Bodaw era and he was cemented at Linzinkone cemetery.

It was learnt that the purpose of designation as a Historical Park in the area of 20 acres in the neighborhood of the Stupa of the former

Thai King is to preserve archaeological evidence, to attract tourists and to create potential economic opportunities for local people in the neighborhood of Amarapura Township.

The press meet was organized by the committee for excavation of royal cemetery led by Journalist Natmauk U Tun Shein, Myanmar traditional architect U Aye Myint, Archeologist Tampawady U Win Maung and a Thai team comprising archaeologist and engineers led by Historian Mr. Mickey Heart.

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buildings on 51st street are expired ones and they are inappropriate for people to live in. So, we planned to rebuild 224 apartments here into condominiums and to build a hotel on the remaining plot. The 12-storey condominium will include five elevators and a playground, an Internet café and a billiard bar on the eighth floor. Each and every condominium will have an area of 600 square feet. The old apartments had only 400 or 360 or 380 square feet. I promise we, the two construction companies, do our best”.

Chairman U Naing Win of Maha Nawarat Myay construction company says “we provided each resident with K 3.6 million for the rent for two years. We transported their belongings to their new places with the help of our cars including manpower. We will build a magnificent condominium complex within two years”.

“I have been living here since more than 15 years ago. Collaborative

efforts between the DHSHD, construction companies and residents could bring success. A beautiful condominium complex will emerge next two year, thereby contribution towards better living standard of former residents”, says Chairman of Chin National Party U Zo Zam.

The 51st street buildings were constructed around 60 years ago by DHSHD under Pyidawtha project and government staff were allowed to rent the apartments there. As the buildings were very old and residents in risk of danger, the DHSHD, the companies and residents made coordination and agreed to build a condominium complex within two years. Upon completion, former residents of about 400-square foot apartments will be allowed to resettle in the condominiums with an area of 600 square feet each.

Kyemon-Tint Lwin (North Okkalapa) & Aung Min (Dala)

WORLD



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano adjusts his headphones during a conference on nuclear safety at the IAEA headquarters in Vienna on 1 July, 2013.

REUTERS

UN nuclear chief warns of 'dirty bomb' threat

VIENNA, 2 July—More action is needed to stop militants acquiring plutonium or highly-enriched uranium that could be used for atomic bombs, nuclear experts and government officials said on Monday.

Speaking at a meeting in Vienna, Yukiya Amano, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), warned against a "false sense of security" over the danger of nuclear terrorism.

Amano, holding up a small lead container said to have been used to try to traffic highly enriched uranium in the former Soviet Republic of Moldova two years ago, said it showed a "worrying level of knowledge on the part of the smugglers".

"This case ended well," he said. "Unfortunately, we cannot be sure if such cases are just the tip of the iceberg."

Analysts say radical groups could theoretically build a crude but deadly nuclear bomb if they have the money, technical knowledge and the amount of fissile material needed.

Reuters

South Africa's Mandela still 'critical but stable'

JOHANNESBURG, 2 July—Ailing anti-apartheid leader and former South African President Nelson Mandela remained in hospital on Monday in a "critical but stable" condition, the government said.

Mandela has been in a Pretoria hospital for more than three weeks receiving treatment for a recurring lung infection, his fourth hospitalization in six months.

VIENNA, 2 July—Washington does not plan to limit US liquefied natural gas exports to countries with which it has not signed free trade agreements, including Japan, US Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz said on Sunday.

"We have no ceiling on the amount of export," Moniz said in an interview with *Kyodo News*, suggesting the United States will continue allowing LNG exports while checking domestic market prices.

The United States has become the world's largest natural gas producer

following its development of shale gas. Moniz said as long as US natural gas exports remain modest, a sharp increase in domestic prices is unlikely and the expansion of exports is expected to lead to increased production.

In May, the United States said it would allow LNG exports to non-FTA partners. Japan had asked for a ban on such exports to be lifted amid the suspension of most of its nuclear reactors since the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster and rising energy import costs.

The United States is expected to start exporting LNG to Japanese utilities Chubu Electric Power Co and Osaka Gas Co as early as 2017. Japan has reached tentative contracts and if approved, "Japan will have those imports," Moniz said, without commenting on specific deals.

The United States is producing about 680 billion cubic metres of natural gas per year, Moniz said.

Whether shale gas would eventually replace coal would be "based upon market prices," he added.

On US President Ba-



US Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz (R) and Japanese Senior Vice Foreign Minister Shunichi Suzuki shake hands in Vienna, Austria, on 1 July, 2013.

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rack Obama's action plan to tackle global warming, Moniz said one of its key elements is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. "Nuclear has to be one of the

options for a low carbon future," he said, adding that the US government would offer assistance for the construction of new small reactors.—*Kyodo News*

Afghan policemen arrive at the site of an attack in Kabul, on 2 July, 2013.

REUTERS



KABUL, 2 July—Insurgents including a suicide bomber in a truck launched an attack on Tuesday in an area in the north of the Afghan capital used by foreign firms supplying NATO forces in Afghanistan, police said, the latest in a string of raids in Kabul.

Four employees of a foreign logistics and supply

company were wounded in the attack, a driver for the company and a witness said. Police said at least two attackers were killed.

Kabul police chief General Ayoub Salangi said the early morning attack began when a suicide gunman drove a bomb-laden truck into a vehicle bay in a compound north of Kabul

Insurgents attack logistics company in Afghan capital

airport, triggering a loud explosion.

At least two other attackers then engaged in a brief gunfight with Afghan security forces before they were killed, Salangi said. Two suicide vests packed with explosives were recovered from the scene, he said.

A *Reuters* witness said he saw the bodies of two people being carried away, although it was not clear if they were those of the attackers or of other victims.

Atiqullah, a 54-year-old truck driver for the company, said at least four co-workers had been wounded in the attack.

"I woke up to go for morning prayer and suddenly there was a very heavy explosion followed by gunfire," said Atiqullah, who uses only one name.

"We escaped from the compound and went to another company nearby. Security forces came in 30 minutes and rescued us," he

said.

The attack on the logistics company was the latest in a series of high-profile assaults by insurgents in Kabul and comes amid escalating violence across Afghanistan as most foreign combat troops prepare to withdraw by the end of 2014.

It comes a week after Taliban fighters managed to penetrate the most secure area of Kabul and attack buildings in an area that includes the palace of Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

On Monday, Afghanistan's main intelligence agency, the National Directorate of Security (NDS), said they had arrested a man in Kabul carrying a suicide vest and an automatic rifle who had planned to attack one of their compounds.

Another would-be suicide attacker, a Pakistani citizen, was arrested in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad also on Tuesday, police said.—*Reuters*

World "within reach" of halving hunger by 2015, UN report says

NEW YORK, 2 July—Although one in eight people around the globe still does not have enough to eat, the goal of halving hunger by 2015 is close to being realized, according to a UN report released on Monday. "The hunger reduction target is within reach if recent slowdowns in progress can be reversed." The Millennium Development Goals Report 2013 said, referring to the goal of slashing undernourishment rates by half between 1990 and 2015. While the numbers remain "disturbingly high" with 870 million not consuming enough each day, the proportion of undernourished people in the total population has decreased from 23.2 percent in 1990-1992 to 14.9 percent in 2010-2012.

"This suggests that progress in reducing hunger has been more pronounced than previously believed, and that the target of halving the percentage of people suffering from hunger by 2015 is within reach." The 60-page report also highlights the fact that Southeast Asia is the only developing region that reached the hunger reduction target ahead of the 2015 deadline with achievements being made in Cambodia, Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. Laos is also close to meeting its national target, UN officials said.—*Kyodo News*



A child views messages of support outside the home of ailing former President Nelson Mandela in Houghton, Johannesburg, on 1 July, 2013.—REUTERS

manity on this day in tribute to our former President," President Jacob Zuma said in a statement.

Mandela's health also dominated a two-day visit to South Africa by US President Barack Obama over the weekend.

Obama met the Mandela family on Saturday, offering words of comfort and praising the retired statesman as one of history's greatest figures.—*Reuters*

The faltering health of the 94-year-old, a figure admired globally as a symbol of struggle against injustice and racism, has reinforced a realization that the father of the post-apartheid South Africa will not be around forever.

While he lies in hospital, many South Africans are looking ahead to his 95th birthday on 18 July.

"We must all be able to do something good for hu-

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Authors lose class status in Google digital books case

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 July—Google Inc notched a legal victory in its bid to create the world's largest digital books library, winning the reversal of a court order that had allowed authors challenging the project to sue as a group.

A panel of the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals in New York said Circuit Judge Denny Chin prematurely certified a class of authors without first deciding if the "fair use" defence under US copyright law allowed Google to display snippets of books.

The three-judge panel also signaled it may prove improper to allow a class action on behalf of poten-

tially hundreds of thousands of writers arguing that the Google Books Library Project improperly copied their works without permission.

"Putting aside the merits of Google's claim that plaintiffs are not representative of the certified class—an argument which, in our view, may carry some force—we believe that the resolution of Google's fair use defence in the first instance will necessarily inform and perhaps moot our analysis of many class certification issues," the panel said.

A class action would let The Authors Guild, an association of authors, and others sue as a group rather

than individually, potentially resulting in higher awards and lower legal costs.

Google has scanned more than 20 million books after partnering in 2004 with major libraries around the world such as the Harvard University library and the New York Public Library. The lawsuit began in 2005, and Google has estimated that it could eventually owe more than \$3 billion if The Authors Guild, which has demanded \$750 for each scanned book, were to prevail.

"We're obviously disappointed," Michael Boni, a lawyer for The Authors



An employee rides her bike past a logo next to the main entrance of the Google building in Zurich on 9 July, 2009.—REUTERS

Guild, said in a phone interview. "We're going to litigate the fair use now, and that is the shooting match."

Matt Kallman, a Goog-

le spokesman, in an emailed statement said the Mountain View, California-based company is "delighted" with the decision.

Google has said its digitization of current and out-of-print works would help researchers and the general public.—Reuters

Sony Xperia Z Ultra smartphone with 6.4-inch screen announced



TOKYO, 2 July—After numerous leaks and rumours, Sony has officially announced the Xperia Z Ultra, a smartphone/ phablet that features a 6.4-inch display.

The phone's design is based on Sony's OmniBalance philosophy in line with the design of the Xperia Z and Xperia Tablet Z. The phone sports a slim profile with a thickness of 6.5mm and weighs 212 grams. Sony says that the width of the phone is com-

parable to that of a Passport. It comes in Black, White and Purple colours.

The Xperia Z Ultra is powered by a 2.2GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 800 processor and has 2GB of RAM. It offers 16GB of internal storage expandable up to 64GB via microSD card.

The Xperia Z Ultra's screen has a resolution of 1080x1920 pixels and is the first smartphone display that integrates Sony's Triluminos technology, which the company introduced at CES with its Bravia televisions. Sony claims that through the technology the display reproduces a greater range of rich, natural colours to deliver true, natural shades. The technology also includes X-Reality for mobile, Sony's intelligent super resolution display technology which as per the company, analyses each

image and reproduces lacking pixels to optimise quality for the sharpest videos.

The phone sports an 8-megapixel Exmor RS rear camera and a 2-megapixel front facing camera. It has a 3000 mAh battery. The phone includes 4G LTE, NFC, and Bluetooth 4.0 connectivity options.

Just like the Xperia Z, the Xperia Z ultra is also dust and water proof and comes with IP55 and IP58 certification. It even allows users to take photos underwater.

Another interesting feature of the Xperia Z Ultra is its handwriting recognition functionality. The phone's screen is compatible with any pencil and selected stylus or pen with tip diameter over 1mm.

The Xperia Z Ultra comes with new and updated Sony Media Applications including new apps for Walkman, Movies and Album.—PTI

15-year-old girl invents flashlight powered by heat from hands



LONDON, 2 July—A 15 year old girl in Canada has invented a flashlight that produces light just by using the warmth of your hand. Ann Makosinski, from British Columbia, invented the thermoelectric 'Hollow Flashlight' that works via the thermoelectric effect.

The thermoelectric effect is the direct conversion of temperature differences to electric voltage and vice-versa. "I'm sure we've all had that annoying experience when we desperately need a flashlight, we find one, and the batteries are

out," Makosinski told NBC News. "Imagine how much money we would save and the amount of toxins leached into the soil etc reduced if we didn't use any batteries in flashlights!" she said.

To create the flashlight, Makosinski measured how much electricity could be generated from the heat of a palm about 57 milliwatts and how much she needed to light the LED about half a milliwatt.

Next, she got several Peltier tiles which when warm on one side and cool on the other could generate

electricity, and a few other bits necessary to make the current usable by a normal LED.

Finally, she mounted the tiles and circuitry onto a hollow aluminum tube; air inside the tube would cool the Peltier tiles, while the warmth of a hand would heat the other side. With a little tweaking of voltages and other components, the invention worked.

The light generated is modest, but enough to find your keys or light the page of a book. It worked for around half an hour in her tests at an ambient temperature of about 10 degrees Celsius, but would last longer or shorter depending on temperature differences.

"The flashlight I have made is more of a prototype than a final product, but the components in my device are quite strong," Makosinski said.

PTI

Monkey robots may soon be sent to explore the Moon

BERLIN, 2 July—Planet of the apes! German researchers have developed a new monkey robot that could some day be sent to the Moon to explore the lunar landscape.

Scientists at Germany's Research Centre for Artificial Intelligence created the robot imitation of an ape that walks on its back feet and front knuckles.

According to Gizmag, the mechanical monkey has been lately practicing how to walk and balance in the centre's mock lunar landscape.

However, exploring the



hazardous lunar landscape calls for a variety of forms and researchers are exploring their options.

The robot ape moves without cables connecting

it to something else and is able to walk forwards, backwards and even sideways. It can also turn itself in a new direction, Phys.org reported.

What is new in this ef-

fort is the target an ape and the approach the team is taking in attempting to replicate the way a real ape moves. Each part of the body is seen as both a single entity and as a part of a larger system. Thus, each body part has been designed to accomplish certain goals as both a single unit and as a part of a larger whole system.

The back feet, for example, each have pressure sensors, rather than simple joints. Those sensors provide information to the Control and Information Processing Compartment which relates what the feet

are "feeling" to information coming in from other parts of the body.

The initial result is a robot that has the shape of an ape and walks roughly like one. The team notes that they are only still in the beginning stages of development of the robot.

The plan is to refine all of the robot's parts to gradually remove the stilted movements with the smooth transitions seen with real animals. One of those changes will be replacing the current rigid spine with an accentuated spinal column.—PTI

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Factories rebound in June, but hiring down



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange, on 27 June, 2013.—REUTERS

S&P 500 extends gains to year's second half on solid data

NEW YORK, 2 July—Stocks ended higher on the first day of the third quarter on Monday, supported by signs of strength in manufacturing and construction sectors. But the major stock indexes pulled back from their session highs late in the day as investors sold some shares to book profits.

The S&P 500 .SPX, which rose as much as 1.27 percent earlier in the day, ended just 0.54 percent higher. But the gains followed the S&P's rally of 12.6 percent in the first six months of 2013. That marked the strongest first half of the year since 1998 for the benchmark S&P 500.

"We've had a couple days of pretty good moves, and on Friday and today, you've had some intraday profit-taking," said Rick

Meckler, president of hedge fund, LibertyView Capital Management LLC, in Jersey City, New Jersey.

Wall Street has been showing signs of stabilization in the past week after a selloff that was triggered by concerns that the Federal Reserve's bond-buying policy, which has partly fueled this year's rally in equities, would end sooner than expected. June was the S&P 500's first negative month since October.

"Certainly people who were caught in the down-draft had a chance to buy either down there (when markets sold off) or recover and lighten up a little bit," Meckler said.

Among the S&P 500's 10 industrial sectors, the telecom and utilities sectors were the decliners of the day.—Reuters

NEW YORK, 2 July—Manufacturing expanded last month, rebounding from an unexpected contraction in May, but hiring in the sector was the weakest in nearly four years, which could make the Federal Reserve think twice about how soon to scale back its stimulus.

A separate report on Monday showed construction spending neared a four-year high in May, a sign that it is regaining some strength after having collapsed during the 2007-2009 recession.

But even with recent consumer and housing data suggesting the US economy is on a path of moderate

growth, pockets of concern remain, particularly with regard to employment.

The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) said its index of national factory activity rose by slightly more than expected in June to 50.9 from 49, with a reading above 50 marking expansion.

The gauge for new orders rose to 51.9 from 48.8, while production jumped to 53.4 from 48.6, helping the overall index bounce back from May's contraction—the first in six months.

"It's nice to see manufacturing moving back into growth territory from contraction," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Eco-



Ford Assembly workers install a battery onto the chassis of a Ford Focus Electric vehicle at the Michigan Assembly Plant in Wayne, Michigan on 7 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

nomics Advisors in Holland, Pennsylvania. But a measure of employment fell to 48.7, the lowest reading since September 2009. It stood at 50.1 in May.

That could feed concern about the strength of the US recovery, particularly now that the Federal Reserve has said it could wind

down its massive stimulus programme later this year.

"Unfortunately on the employment side, they are not hiring," Naroff said. "That's not a good sign. The employment issue is key. If those jobs are not there, you are not going to get consumer demand."

Reuters

Rothschild to advise on potential RBS split

A logo at a Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) branch is seen in the City of London on 6 March, 2013.—REUTERS



LONDON, 2 July—The British government is set to name Rothschild to advise on a potential break-up of Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS.L),

the *Financial Times* reported on Monday.

Rothschild beat competition from Deutsche Bank and Bank of America Merrill

Lynch at presentations last week and its role as adviser could be announced as soon as this week, the newspaper said, citing people close to the situation.

Finance Minister George Osborne said last month he would examine whether to split RBS — 81 percent owned by the government and still lumbered with toxic loans from a boom-era property binge in the UK and Ireland — into a good bank and hived its soured assets off into a so-called "bad bank. Roth-

schild is expected to begin its study on the potential split immediately, with a view to completing it by September, the FT said. It added that the Treasury is also expected to pick an asset valuation specialist to go through RBS' loan book.

"The government will set out more details on the review of RBS assets in due course," a Treasury spokesman said via email.

RBS and Rothschild declined to comment.

Reuters

Tribune to buy 19 local TV stations for \$2.73 billion

NEW YORK, 2 July—Tribune Co said on Monday that it would acquire 19 television stations from Local TV Holdings LLC for \$2.73 billion in cash, making it the largest TV broadcaster in the United States.

The purchase from New York private equity firm Oak Hill Capital Partners is another step for Tribune, the publisher of the Los Angeles Times and the Chicago Tribune, in transforming itself largely to a broadcast company as it seeks to sell off its newspaper division.

Tribune, which currently has 23 television stations and eight newspapers, emerged from bankruptcy protection in December.

With Local TV, Tribune will now have stations in large markets like New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Cleveland, Denver and Seattle and will reach the most

households in the United States. Its shares were up 6.6 percent at \$60.65 on the pink sheets in afternoon trading.

The purchase is especially important for its WGN America, a national feed of its Chicago TV stations that it repackages as a superstation and distributes through cable and satellite to more than 76 million homes.

Besides advertising revenue, TV stations get re-

transmission fees from cable companies looking to broadcast their programs on local TV.

"Retrans is a growing stream of revenue," said Benchmark Co analyst Edward Atorino. "Internet revenue a few years ago was peanuts; now it's getting into tens of millions of dollars. Mobile TV revenue is on the horizon."

Reuters



A man enters the Tribune Tower in Chicago, on 2 April, 2007.—REUTERS

Unnecessary repeat cholesterol tests common

NEW YORK, 2 July—One-third of people with heart disease have their cholesterol levels checked more often than guidelines recommend, a new study of Veterans Affairs (VA) patients suggests.

Researchers said such extra testing may be a waste of time and money if it doesn't lead to improvements in patients' health.

The findings are "very surprising," according to Dr Michael Johansen of The Ohio State University in Columbus, who has studied cholesterol management.

He said doctors may order more tests to meet (or exceed) performance measures, and because they get paid for running a cholesterol panel.

Performance measures from the American Heart Association and other groups call for annual cholesterol tests for adults with

heart disease, although new guidelines are in the works.

For their study, researchers led by Dr Salim Virani of the Michael E DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Centre in Houston tracked over 35,000 people with heart disease. All of them had their LDL ("bad")

going to do with this information with someone who is at target for cholesterol?" Virani said.

People with additional health problems, such as diabetes or high blood pressure, were most likely to get their cholesterol panel repeated. "The guidelines

say so, so people do it, but there's not really anything you're going to do with those numbers," Johansen,

who wasn't involved in the new research, told Reuters Health.

Most of the study patients were already taking a cholesterol-lowering statin, he noted. The average cost of a cholesterol test is about \$16, the researchers wrote Monday in *JAMA Internal Medicine*. That works out to almost \$204,000 in early tests in their study population—not including the cost of both patients' and doctors' time.—Reuters

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WORLD

Deadly fire engulfed Arizona firefighters in seconds

PRESCOTT, 2 July—An elite squad of 19 Arizona firefighters killed in the worst US wildland fire tragedy in 80 years apparently was outflanked and engulfed by wind-whipped flames in seconds, before some could scramble into cocoon-like personal shelters.

Details of Sunday's deaths of all but one member of the specially trained, 20-man Granite Mountain Hotshots were vague a day after they died in a blaze that destroyed scores of homes and forced the evacuation of two towns in

central Arizona.

But fragments of the firefighters' final moments painted some of the picture as an investigation was launched into how the disaster unfolded and their remains were borne away in a cortege of 19 white coroner's vans to Phoenix for autopsies.

The solemn procession from the team's home base in the town of Prescott was welcomed by a police and firefighter honour guard after passing beneath a flag-draped arch of ladders extended from two fire trucks parked on either side of the

roadway.

Fire officials said the fallen men, most in their 20s, were victims of a highly volatile mix of erratic, gale-force winds, low humidity, a sweltering heat wave and thick, drought-parched brush that had not burned in some 40 years.

The deaths brought an outpouring of tributes from political leaders, including US President Barack Obama, who is on an official trip to Africa. Arizona Governor Jan Brewer called the deaths "one of our state's darkest, most devastating days" and or-

dered state flags flown at half staff through Wednesday.

At least 1,800 people crammed into sports hall at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on the outskirts of Prescott for a memorial service on Thursday. A lone piper played amazing grace, as friends and relatives of the fallen wept and hugged.

US Representative Ann Kirkpatrick of Arizona said one of the firefighters was a family member by marriage, with whom she had celebrated Christmas.

Reuters



The Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew is shown in this undated handout photo provided by the City of Prescott in Arizona on 1 July, 2013.—REUTERS

No EU-US trade talks without guarantees on spying

PARIS, 2 July—French President Francois Hollande on Monday called on Washington to offer Paris and its European allies guarantees on the spying issue before continuing free trade negotiations.

"We can not accept this kind of behaviour between partners and friends...We know there are systems that need to be monitored, notably in the battle against terrorism, but I don't think this risk exists within our

embassies or the European Union," Hollande said.

"All the elements have been gathered to demand all the explanations. We want this to stop fast," he stated.

French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius was meeting US ambassador in Paris for more clarification on the issue that prompted outrage across the European bloc, the president added.

In a move to ease tensions, US President Barack

Obama on Monday promised to provide its European allies with the entire requested information on the spying allegations.

On Saturday, the German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported on its website that the US National Security Agency had tapped EU offices and gained access to EU internal computer networks. The magazine said its report was based on confidential documents.

Xinhua



People walk inside the newly-opened Hangzhou East Station in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 1 July, 2013. With the building area of 1.13 million square metres, the Hangzhou East Station, China's largest railway terminal, officially opened on Monday.—XINHUA

US intelligence leaker Snowden seeks asylum in Russia

MOSCOW, 2 July—Edward Snowden, a fugitive former US National Security Agency contractor, has applied for political asylum in Russia, local media said on Monday, quoting Russian Foreign Ministry officials.

Interfax news agency said British citizen Sarah Harrison, a legal adviser to the anti-secrecy website Wikileaks who is accompanying Snowden, contacted the consular station of the Foreign Ministry at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport where Snowden is believed to be stuck after leaving Hong Kong. She passed over a request from Snowden for

political asylum in Russia, the agency said.

Earlier on Monday, Russian President Vladimir Putin said Snowden might be allowed to stay in Russia on condition he stop his activities harming "our American partners," Itar-Tass news agency said. Snowden is wanted by the United States for leaking US security secrets. Snowden issued a statement on Monday, in which he harshly criticized the US administration under President Barack Obama, saying, it has "unilaterally revoked my passport, leaving me a stateless person."

"Without any judicial order, the administration

now seeks to stop me exercising a basic right. A right that belongs to everybody. The right to seek asylum," the statement said. Meanwhile, a US State Department spokesman said that Secretary of State John Kerry told Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi that it was regrettable that Hong Kong allowed Snowden to travel to Russia despite Washington's request for his arrest.

"He expressed our concern and our regret," Patrick Ventrell, press office director, told reporters in Washington, saying Kerry made the remarks during a meeting with Wang in Brunei on Monday.—Kyodo News



A man lies on a hospital bed after being wounded during one of two bomb attacks in the city of Baquba, about 50 km northeast of Baghdad on 28 June 2013. REUTERS

Iraq violence kills 761 in June

BAGHDAD, 2 July—The number of people killed in militant attacks across Iraq reached 761 in June, lower than the multi-year high hit the previous month, the United Nations said on Monday.

More than 1,000 people were killed in violence in Iraq during May, making it the deadliest month since the height of sectarian bloodletting in 2006-07.

Violence is still well below the level it was then, but al-Qaeda's Iraqi affiliate and other Sunni Muslim insurgents launch attacks on a daily basis, seeking to undermine the Shi'ite-led government and provoke wider confrontation.

The vast majority of

casualties in June were civilian, with 131 policemen and 76 members of the Iraqi security forces also killed, the United Nations said in a statement.

The worst-affected region was Baghdad, where 258 people were killed and the death toll in Salahuddin, Diyala, Nineveh and Anbar provinces each exceeded 100, the statement said.

On Monday, police discovered the bodies of eight former members of a government-backed Sunni militia who had been killed execution-style and dumped near the town Tarmiya, 25 km (15 miles) north of the capital.

Sectarian tensions in Iraq and the wider region

have been inflamed by the civil war in Syria, where mainly Sunni Muslim rebels are fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad, who is backed by Shi'ite Iran.

A decade after the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, a stable power-sharing compromise is yet to be found between Shi'ites, Sunnis, and ethnic Kurds who run their own autonomous region in the north.

Last year, a total of 4,471 civilians were killed in what rights group Iraq Body Count described as a "low-level war" with insurgents — the first annual climb in the death toll in three years.—Reuters

Japan's aid agency moving Japanese workers out of Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 July—The Japan International Cooperation Agency is temporarily relocating most Japanese aid workers from Afghanistan in response to frequent terrorist attacks, a JICA official said on Monday.

The temporary reduction from the recent peak of around 30 could affect Afghan reconstruction as

JICA workers have been engaged in infrastructure and agriculture development support work under Japanese aid worth \$4.8 billion since 2001.

"The personnel reduction represents our flexible response to security situation changes," said Hiroaki Takashima, who heads a JICA office in Kabul. "But

we will continue our operations." As Taleban and other antigovernment rebels have stepped up their attacks in Afghanistan, the Japanese government has recommended that Japanese citizens including aid workers leave the country. Countries other than Japan have not taken such action.—Kyodo News

LOCAL NEWS

Shan State government takes charge of Nyaungshwe cultural museum

TAUNGGYI, 2 July—Shan State government has taken charge of Nyaungshwe Cultural Museum in northern Shan State.

The Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture transferred the museum to the state government on 29

May.

The museum was the palace of former Nyaungshwe emirates, known as emirates museum, cultural museum or Buddhist museum since 1960.

The department will keep its staff until November as the local government staff started to

take responsibilities of the museum this July.

The museum has 91 documentary photos, 138 costumes and 338 items of former emirates.

The entry fee for foreigners is two US dollars.

MMAL-Naing Tun (TGI)

MCDC fines undisciplined dumpers

MANDALAY, 2 July—Mandalay City Development Committee is taking action against undisciplined dumping in the city area.

MCDC fined a chewing betel shop for dumping into

Shwetachaung drain and warned that legal action would be taken if it would continue to do so.

MCDC is keeping a watchful eye on undisciplined dumpers



Mandalay region government gets revenue share

MANDALAY, 2 July—Internal Revenue Department transferred share of revenue collected in Mandalay Region on 25 June.

The revenue shared at the ceremony was collected by motorbike registration.

“Licences were issued for unlicensed motorbikes during five-month period from 5 June to 4 November, 2012 in 2012-

2013 fiscal year,” head of region Internal Revenue Department said.

Out of the total amount of revenue collected, K 1119.518 million were donated to the region government.

The department collected the sum of revenue K 4478.072 million.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

day and night.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Vehicle donated to free funeral service group

TAUNGTHA, 2 July—Donors handed over a Toyota Hiace worth K 17 million to Myitta Sitta free funeral service association in Taungtha Township on 30 June morning.

The vehicle was donated by U Thura Kyaw, wife Dr Moe Thuzar Lwin and son Aung Pyae Sone Oo, U Haik

Tin family, Ko Aung Kyaw, Lone Lone and Bo Tun and brothers, U Maung Lone (Shwe Nadi Family), Dr Hla Tun and brothers, U Khin Maw and U Khin Zaw.

Donors handed over the vehicle to U Tha Din, chairman of the association.—MMAL-Lin Lin Kyal (Taungtha)



Mandalay subscribers pleased with newspaper distribution

MANDALAY, 2 July—Mandalay Sub-Printing House is printing and distributing colour papers of Myanma Alinn, Kyemon and The New Light of Myanmar to subscribers in upper Myanmar.

The dailies are distributed to readers in Thabeikkyin Township in Pyin Oo Lwin District in Mandalay Region by 20 buses of Shwe Chinthe Bus Line, Mandalay Shwe Pyi Bus Line and Yadanabon Shwe Pyi Bus Line.

The readers are satisfied



Newspaper readers in Mandalay Region can now read dailies earlier than before.

with the improvement in the distribution which enables them to read daily papers right on the day of printing.

“We have read days old newspapers due to poor transportation. Now, we can read the newspapers earlier due to better transportation and extension of bus lines. We are satisfied with colour

papers carrying more pages and more sections,” U Pho Kyaw, Yadanabon gatekeeper, said.

He is not the only one who finds himself pleased with the new distribution system. Almost all readers in the region love to read dailies on time.

MMAL-Soe Naing Win

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BEMSs opened in Natmauk

NATMAUK, 2 July—A ceremony to inaugurate Basic Education Middle School branches was held in Htanbingongyi, Kyaukkhwet and Dantdalunbin villages in Natmauk Township of Magway Region for 2013-2014 academic year.

On 30 June, Magway Region Minister for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min,

Magway Region Education Officer U Pe Tin, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Soe, Region Hluttaw Representative U Nay Win, Township Administrator U Than Ko, Township Education Officer Daw Khin Nyein Yu and officials formally opened the new school branches.

MMAL-Nay Lin

CAPTION NEWS



A truck bound for Pyinmana from Thaikchaung Junction plunged into the roadside on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw before arrival at Safari Park on 30 June.—MMAL-KYAW THURA (NAY PYI TAW)

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

One injured in truck accident in Lashio before morning

LASHIO, 2 July—A 22-wheeled truck ran into a house at the corner of Howun road in Lashio of Shan State due to alleged fatigue and recklessness of the driver on 30 June, according to the traffic police.

According to Police Sub-Inspector Saw Win, the truck hit the building as the driver could not manage himself awake.

Daw Shwe Ein, 51, a resident of the house, was injured in the accident but others were not hurt.

The truck carrying bags of corn was bound for Muse.

The police charged the driver with recklessness.

It was reported that truck driver must have C licence but the reckless driver in the case held the B licence.

MMAL-Ma Ma-Lashio



Truck bound for Muse hits a building in Lashio.

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 3 July, 2013

Adopt more inclusive strategies and broader vision

Over two years into his administration, the President is working hard to realize what most of people desire—economic development—within a modern national framework. In doing so, his government has launched eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, focusing on socio-economic improvement of rural people. This is a strong indication that changes are tangible in almost all aspects.

Realizing that all the people wish to live freely without any unnecessary burdens and have a secure livelihood, the government is working hard for the lifting of economic sanctions imposed on the country and is extensively engaged in enacting and implementing laws safeguarding labour rights, tackling forced labour and resolving industrial disputes.

The government's commitments are a far cry from two years ago and much progress is made midway through the third wave of reform but adequate follow-through is still highly required. As these changes are bound to have widespread social and economic ramifications, it means a great deal to the international community.

Meanwhile, there should be a sense of urgency in the minds of the upper echelons of the administration to effectively deliver improvements to the country's deficient public services and more transparent and accountable government. Toward this goal, more inclusive strategies and a broader vision should be adopted striking a happy medium between top-down system and bottom-up system.

The actions of some administrative bodies are at best ill-advised but it would likely linger on well into many decades. This illustrates that how difficult it would be to tackle such perennial problems in real time. To relevant organizations, the best thing to do is to be in any way obtrusive at a time when the people pin their hopes on a better future.

Hluttaw Complex receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—A 7-member group led by Yangon Region Minister for Electric Power and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo visited Hluttaw Building where the fifth day seventh regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw was being held today.—MNA

Interviews for jobseekers on 3-4 July

So far, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security has employed 55 of 82 job seekers, who had recently come back home from Malaysia.

At about 9 am on 3-4 July, interviews would be conducted by local companies and industries at the workers' proficiency training school under the Labour Department at No. (298) on Myananda Street, Ward 13, Yankin Township in Yangon.

Those interested may dial 01-564773.

Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall, here, at 3 pm today.

They had a cordial discussion on cooperation in development undertakings between the two countries, mutual interest in linking Myanmar with Southeast Asia by land and by sea, further cementing relations between the peoples of two countries, further strengthening friendly ties between Myanmar and India based on culture, exchange of experience between parliaments of the two

countries and exchange of parliamentary delegations.

Present at the call together with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker were Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Hluttaw Committee chairmen U Thein Win and Col Maung Maung Htoo, and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint shaking hands with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya.—MNA

**First Myanmar National Consultation on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits-ABS held**

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Jointly-organized by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity-ACB, an opening ceremony of the First Myanmar National Consultation on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits-ABS was held at Myat Tawwin Hotel, here, this morning.

In his address, Union Minister U Win Tun spotlighted depletion of natural habitats of biodiversity in Myanmar and impacts of excessive exploitation of forest resources, deforestation, transformation of natural forests to the lands for other purposes, traditional slash-and-burn farming in hilly regions, dumping of chemical waste in rivers and creeks, unsystematic fishing, import of alien species that can



Union Minister U Win Tun delivers an address at First Myanmar National Consultation on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits-ABS.—MNA

threaten habitation of biodiversity and illegal wildlife trade.

He expressed his belief that today's seminar could help formulate policies and legal provisions to have access to genetic

resources and fair and equitable sharing benefits and contribute to capacity building for implementation of Nagoya protocol.

Next, ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity-ACB Project Coordinator Mr.

Anthony Charles Thomas M Foronda spoke on the occasion.

Then, those present held discussions on matters related to the meeting that will continue tomorrow.

MNA

Only with participation of all, ...

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Next, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye reported on implementation works and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo discussed matters related to land compensations, environmental conservation and renewal of the contract as soon as possible.

Then, leaders of the

subcommittees, the deputy ministers and members, officials of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited and Myanmar-Wanbao Co., Ltd and those present reported on work progress and follow-up tasks.

Union Minister U Win Tun said that only the coordination with local people was the best way to

create a win-win situation for both sides.

In his concluding remarks, Union Minister U Hla Tun called for more participation of all than ever before to bring implementation of tasks to cent per cent.

Next, Union Minister U Hla Tun and party visited a garment factory in Salingyi Township where local trainees were

taking a tailoring course under the supervision of 18 trainers from the Ministry of Industry. On their arrival at Moegyo sulphuric acid plant near Kankon village in the township, they heard reports on environmentally-friendly production process and viewed round the plant that can produce 50 tons of sulphuric and 20 tons of oleum per day.

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NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Indian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhaya at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw in the Hluttaw Complex, here, at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo and officials concerned from the Hluttaw Office.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Gautam Mukhopadhaya and party.—MNA



Thai Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn and party tour Yangon



YANGON, 2 July — Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand accompanied by cadets of Royal Thai Armed Forces arrived in Yangon this morning as a trip to gain regional knowledge. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Pisanu Suvanaiaata and wife, Thai military attachés

and their wives, embassy staff and their families.

The Thai Princess and party went to National Museum on Pyay Road where they were welcomed by Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library and officials and an official gave an account of the museum.

The visiting Thai

Princess and delegation members viewed round the booths on display at the museum.

Next, they proceeded to Basic Education High School No (2) on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township where they were welcomed by the school head and teachers and students. The headmaster elaborated on background

Schoolgirls of Dagon BEHS No. 2 present songs and dances to Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand and Thai cadets.—MNA

Union FM sends felicitations to Belarusian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July— U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Vladimir Makei, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus, which falls on 3 July 2013.—MNA



Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand and cadets of Royal Thai Armed Forces visit National Museum in Yangon.—MNA

history of the school at Myoma Founder U Ba Lwin Hall.

Then, school children entertained them with traditional dances, and the Thai Princess and the school head exchanged gifts.

Afterwards, the Thai Princess planted a Gangaw tree in the compound of the school and viewed round learning of students and observed the school library.

In the afternoon, the Thai delegation visited Yangon University of Foreign Languages where Rector Dr Daw Lwin Lwin Soe gave an account of the university and the head of Thai Language Department elaborated on the department.

Next, students of the Thai Language Department sung Thai songs for the delegation. The Thai

Princess and the rector of the university exchanged gifts.

Then, the delegation viewed round the university and donated publications to the library.

On their arrival at Drug Elimination Museum on Kyundaw street in Sangyoung Township, they were welcomed by the curator and officials concerned. Police Major Zaw Min Oo gave an account of the museum, and officials conducted them round the museum.

In the evening, the visiting Thai Princess and party paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and left for Bangkok by special flight.

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Sports Ministry honours outstanding staff, students



Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan presents award to an outstanding staff.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—The Ministry of Sports honoured the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2012-13 academic year and presented outstanding staff excellent public service medals at the assembly hall of the ministry, here, today.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan said that today's awarding ceremony is meant to encourage next generation students and staff. The ministry has

planned to extend stipends in coming years. Staff were urged to do their best, he added.

Next, the Union Minister, Deputy Minister U Thaung Htike and the director-general presented the staff excellent public service medals to the outstanding staff and awards to the outstanding students with flying colours.

Besides, the offspring of staff, who are studying in the University of Medicine, were presented stipends.

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LOCAL NEWS

AGRICULTURE

Summer paddy harvested on model plot in Singaing



SINGAING, 2 July—The demonstration on harvesting summer paddy Palethwe hybrid paddy strain was held Theinnigon Village of Singaing Township in Kyaukse District on 30 June.

It was supervised by Deputy Head of Mandalay Region Agriculture Department U Hla Myint, district and township agricultural supervisory committees.

The Deputy Head of Mandalay Region Agriculture Department and the in-charge of the seed farm of Agriculture Department explained

that the model ploy was put under Palethwe hybrid paddy strain through good agricultural patterns. They then disclosed soil preparations, plant nurturing, fertilizer broadcasting and spraying, paddy transplanting and other cultivation tasks.

The model plot was used with saplings from Singaing Quality Paddy Farm. It produced 215.05 baskets of paddy per acre in wet status.

The quality paddy farm distributes quality paddy strains to the local farmers.—Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing (IPRD)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

The public may reach the numbers for their information and complaints but are requested to avoid manners causing disruptions to these phone lines.

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of

Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

Phone numbers receiving complaints from the public are Myanmar Police Force HQ (067-412222 and 067-412444), Nay Pyi Taw Police Force (067-550333), Kachin State Police Force (074-21444), Kayin State Police Force (058-23355), Sagaing Region Police Force (071-24996), Taninthayi Region Police Force (059-23998), Bago Region Police Force (052-23999), Magway Region Police Force (063-28099), Mandalay Region Police Force (02-61444), Mon State Police Force (057-24987), Rakhine State Police Force (043-22833), Yangon Region Police Force (01-2302199), Shan State Police Force (081-2125455) and Ayeyawady Region Police Force (042-23844).—MNA

Plan set for taking census in Taninthayi Region

DAWEI, 2 July—A ceremony to set the plan for taking census on population and housing data for 2014 was held at the ward administrative office in Ohlok Ward of Dawei Township in Taninthayi Region on 30 June morning.

Director U Hsan Lwin of Region Immigration and National Registration Department gave instructions on taking census.

Deputy Director U Yin Htwe of the district department reported on drawing the plan for the

taking census.

The Deputy Head of Dawei District Information and Public Relations Department explained matters related to taking census for 2014 and participation of the people in the activities.

Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt (IPRD)

FINANCE

Revenue share handed over to Shan State government fund in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 2 July—A ceremony to hand over revenue share to Shan State Government Fund by Internal Revenue Department and Customs Department was held at the meeting hall of the State government office in Taunggyi of Shan State on 29 June.

First, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat made an opening speech. State Finance and Revenue Minister U Khun Thein Maung accepted a revenue share of K 799.94 million presented by head of State Internal Revenue Department U Tin Tun Naing and K 761.842 million by head of State Customs Department U Zaw Hlaing.

It was attended by Shan State ministers, State chief justice, State advocate-general and State level



departmental heads, tax payers and invited guests.

Then, State Finance and Revenue Minister U Khun Thein Maung unveiled the signboard of Shan State Internal Revenue Department at the office of

Shan State Internal Revenue Department.

The State minister and party sprinkled scented water on the signboard and looked round the office.

Kyemon-Taunggyi IPRD

Township Education Network formed in Toungoo

HRD

TOUNGGOO, 2 July—A ceremony to form the Toungoo Township Education Network took place at Hokwan Hall, here, on 30 June morning.

The ceremony was attended by representatives of political parties from Toungoo Township, members of social

organizations, intellectuals, those from religious organizations, entrepreneurs and guests.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Win Naing Shein of Toungoo Township and Region Education Officer (Rtd) Sayagyi U Myint Swe made speeches.

The network was

constituted with nine patrons and 60 executives including General Secretary Dr Ba Swe, Secretary-1 U Hla Myo Win and Secretary-2 U Nanda and financial in addition to information, supporting, international relations and office staff sections.

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ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Stimulant tablets seized in Intaw Sub-Township

YAKSAWK, 2 July—It is learnt that stimulant tablets and narcotic drugs were seized in Khehe Village in Kyaukgu Village-tract in Intaw Sub-Township of Taunggyi District in Shan State (South).

On 25 June, Police Sub-Inspector Wunna Kyaw and police members from Kyaukgu Police Station together with witnesses U Kyaw Soe and U Kyaw Thu Wai searched the house of U Aung Mya in Khehe Village.

The authorities seized 5492 WY brand orange color stimulant tablets, 56 green color stimulant tablets and 80 ticals of opium.

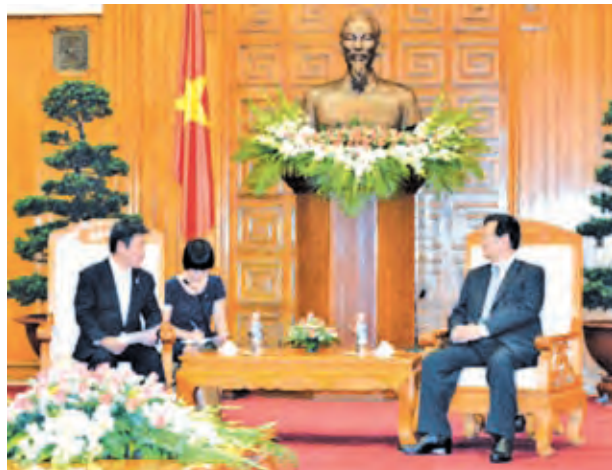
Kyaukgu Police Station filed a lawsuit against U Aung Mya and Daw Shwe Khaung over the case under Sections 15/19(a) of the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Zaw Win Hlaing (Yaksawk)

Human conquers the nature.

REGIONAL

Motegi pitches Japanese passenger jet to Vietnam



Japanese trade minister Toshimitsu Motegi (L) meets with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung in Hanoi on 1 July, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

HANOI, 2 July—Japanese trade minister Toshimitsu Motegi met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung on Monday and made a pitch for a small passenger jet being developed in Japan, as part of efforts to tap into the markets of emerging Asian economies.

State-run Vietnam Airlines reportedly plans to buy around 20 small jetliners by 2020 and Japan

is hoping to sell the Mitsubishi Regional Jet being developed by Mitsubishi Aircraft Corp.

Motegi and Dung also promised that the two countries will cooperate on Vietnam's nuclear power generation programme as well as the Trans-Pacific Partnership free-trade initiative.

Japan is committed to building two nuclear reactors in Vietnam. Speaking to reporters after his talks

with Dung, Motegi said the two countries had agreed to work out the construction plan as early as possible.

Motegi also urged the Vietnamese government to improve the country's investment environment and ease government regulations in order to facilitate Japanese investment in Vietnam.

Mitsubishi Aircraft has booked orders for 325 Mitsubishi Regional Jets from airlines including All Nippon Airways Co and Skywest Inc, a US regional airline, according to the Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry.

So far, Canadian and Brazilian companies are gaining the upper hand in the global competition to win orders for small jets. The world market for small passenger jets is expected to top 5,000 in the next 20 years. Motegi is making a three-day visit to Vietnam from Monday to reinforce bilateral economic ties.

Kyodo News

New Zealand recommits to UN refugee quota

WELLINGTON, 2 July—The New Zealand government on Monday renewed its commitment to take a quota of 750 refugees from the United Nations refugee agency each year for the next three years.

The 750 annual quota placed New Zealand sixth equal in the world for accepting refugees referred by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Immigration Minister Michael Woodhouse said in a statement.

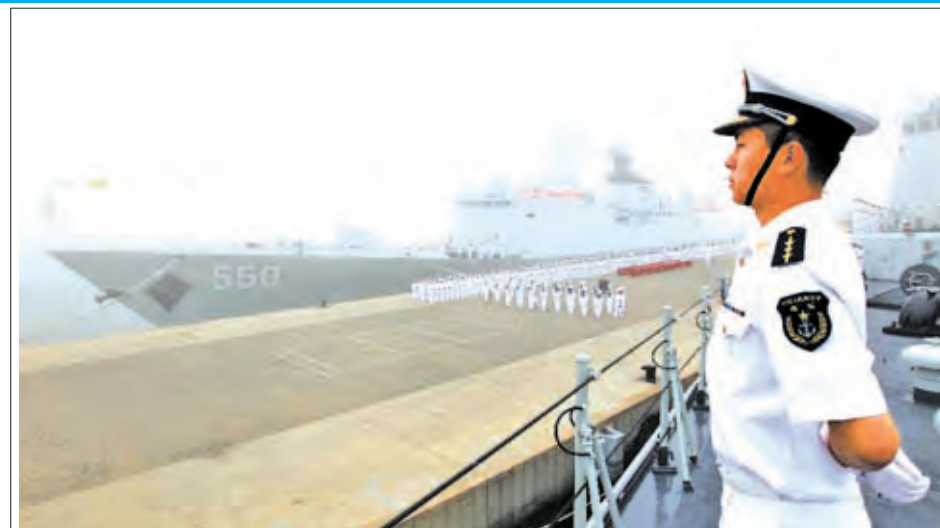
"This retains the long-standing commitment of successive New Zealand governments to meet

the needs of some of the world's most vulnerable people, in what are tight economic times," he said.

The government spent around 58 million NZ dollars (44.97 million US dollars) on resettling quota refugees each year, so it was a serious commitment.

Woodhouse said that 40 percent of the 750 places would be allocated to refugees from the Asia-Pacific region, and 40 percent to refugees from the rest of the world, namely Africa, the Middle East, and the Americas.

The remaining 20 percent, 150 places, would be



Chinese naval personnel take part in a ceremony for the departure of a fleet in the port of Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 1 July, 2013. A Chinese fleet consisting of seven naval vessels departed from east China's harbour city of Qingdao on Monday to participate in Sino-Russian joint naval drills scheduled for 5 to 12 July. The eight-day maneuvers will focus on joint maritime air defence, joint escorts and marine search and rescue operations.—XINHUA

Philippine president vows to arm air force with new aircraft

MANILA, 2 July—Philippine President Benigno Aquino III vowed on Monday to provide the country's Air Force new sets of aircraft before his term ends in 2016.

In his speech at the 66th Founding Anniversary of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) in northern Province of Pampanga, Aquino said

that based on the passage of the New Armed Forces of the Philippines Modernization Act last year, the government is allotting 75 billion pesos (1.73 billion US dollars) for the next five years to improve the capability of the military. "Rest assured that before we step down from our post, new and modern sets of aircraft

are already guarding our air space," he said.

These include lead-in fighters, long-range patrol aircraft, close air support aircraft, light-lift fixed-wing aircraft, medium-lift aircraft, attack helicopters, combat utility helicopters, air defence radars, and flight simulators, Aquino said.

Xinhua

Flood-hit northern Indian state announces relief measures for residents

NEW DELHI, 2 July—More than two weeks after monsoon floods devastated Uttarakhand, killing thousands, the government of the northern Indian state on Monday announced a slew of relief and rehabilitation measures mainly for local residents and businesses.

The state's Chief Minister, Vijay Bahuguna, announced the measures ranging from free rations to waiving off power bills of residents and compensation, a day after he created a flutter by saying that the exact death toll in the natural calamity may never be known.

"We have decided on compensation for all commercial establishments, from small dhaba (food outlet) vendors to hotels. Power bills have been waived off for affected families while free ration will be given to villages where connectivity has not been restored yet," he told the media in state capital Dehradun.

The Chief Minister said that no permission would be given in the future

for construction of houses and hotels on the banks of a river, saying, "this will be strictly followed."

"A statutory body, Uttarakhand Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Authority, will be formed and will be chaired by the Chief Minister. It will look over all rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention," he added.

Meanwhile, authorities have said that some 1,000 people are still stranded in the difficult terrains of the hilly state, as rescue operations are on the last leg. "The Indian Army and the Indian Air Force will air lift those still stranded in the mountains latest by Tuesday," an official said.

Uttarakhand, popular among Hindu pilgrims for its holy shrines and rivers, was hit by monsoon floods on 16 June, which triggered landslides and washed away towns and roads.

The state is said to have received this year the heaviest rainfall in the last 60 years.

Xinhua



Photo shows a wind turbine on a floating wind power mill at Onahama port in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, on 1 July, 2013. The 2-megawatt plant is scheduled to begin operation in October 2013 off Naraha, Fukushima Prefecture.—KYODO NEWS

6.2-magnitude quake hits Aceh, Sumatra, damaging hospitals, injures scores of people

JAKARTA, 2 July—A shallow 6.2-magnitude earthquake jolted Aceh province in northern tip of Sumatra Island on Tuesday, injuring at least five people, damaging one hospital and 10 houses, officials said here.

The quake struck at 14:37 pm Jakarta Time (0737 GMT) with epicenter at 35 km southwest Benermeriah district of the Prov-

ince and with a depth of 10 km, Subagio, an official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency told Xinhua by phone.

The intensity of the quake was believed to be 3 to 4 MMI (Modified Mercally Intensity) at Banda Aceh, Takengon, and Lhoksemawe, and 2 MMI at Medan the provincial capital of North Sumatra, he said.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 1 July, 2013 shows a shipyard in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province. The purchasing managers' index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector fell to 50.1 percent in June from 50.8 percent in May, according to data issued by the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing (CFLP) on 1 July.—XINHUA

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY

(INVITATION FOR OPENED TENDER)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -001(2013-2014)	9 5/8" Seamless Casing	(1) Lot	US \$
(2)	IFB -002(2013-2014)	5 1/2" Seamless Casing	(1) Lot	US \$
(3)	1FB -003(2013-2014)	20" & 13 3/8" Seamless Casing	(1) Lot	US \$
(4)	1FB -004(2013-2014)	Skit Mounted Three l Phase Separator	(1) Lot	US \$
(5)	IFB -005(2013-2014)	Steel Wire Rope	(1) Lot	US \$
(6)	IFB -006(2013-2014)	2 7/8" & 2 3/8" Tubings	(1) Lot	US \$
(7)	IFB -007(2013-2014)	HPZ 820 Work Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(8)	IFB -008(2013-2014)	Land Sat 7 Images	(1) Lot	US \$
(9)	IFB -009(2013-2014)	Windows CE GPS With ARCPAD	(1) Lot	US \$
(10)	IFB -010(2013-2014)	2900 Series Well Head	(1) Lot	US \$
(11)	DMP/L-001 (2013-2014)	Spares For CAT -D 3406 B Truck Engine	(2) Items	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-002(20 13-2014)	1 1/4" Pitch Quardruble Chain & Offset Link	(2) Items	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-003(2013-2014)	Foam Liquid Solution	(650) Gals	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-004(2013-2414)	(a) Caustic Soda(Flake) (b) Caustic Soda(Solid)	(650) M/T (8) M/T	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-005(2013-2014)	(a) 12V 13 Plate Battery (b) 12V 17 Plate Battery	(150) Nos (100) Nos	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 31-7-20th, 1300 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours Commencing from 1st July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER

Invitation of open Proposal

1. The Ministry of Electric Power invites all the Foreign and Local Investors to submit a Proposal to Supply Natural Gas (Regasified LNG) required for the Gas Turbine Power Plants in Yangon Region at the point of connection to existing Gas Pipe Grid of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in terms of DDP (Yangon);

Natural Gas

Methodology : Supply of Gas (LNG transformed to Gas with the aid of Floating Storage and Re gasification Unit-FSRU)

Quantity : 150 to 200 MMSCF perday before March 2014 and later on 500 to 600 MMSCF perday for 5 to 10years.

2. Both the Technical and Commercial Proposal shall be submitted not later than at 12:00 noon on 31st July 2013.

3. For detailed information and Technical Specification related to Natural Gas, please contact the following addresses during office hours;

Contact Address : 1) Chief Engineer's Office
Thermal Power Department,
Myanma Electric Power Enterprise,
Ministry of Electric Power,
Office No. (38), Nay Pyi Taw,
Myanmar Phone: 95 67 411070, 411180

2) Chief Engineer's Office
Yangon City Electricity Supply
Board, Ministry of Electric Power,
No, 197/ 199, Lower Kyeemyindine
Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon,
Myanmar Phone: 95 1214641

Ministry of Electric Power

Cuba
launches
private
non-farm
cooperatives

HAVANA, 2 July—Cuba launched its first batch of private nonagricultural co-operatives on Monday, as part of reforms pushed by Cuban leader Raul Castro.

There are 124 such cooperatives in the sectors of construction, transportation, waste collection and produce markets, which begin functioning from Monday, the official daily *Granma* reported.

"Through this new measure, we are hoping to manage as (private) cooperatives those state-run economic activities that have not been efficient," Grisel Trista Arbesu, head of the Business Improvement Group of the government Permanent Commission for Development and Implementation, was quoted as saying.

"The measure also allows the state to gradually extricate itself from activities that are not of vital importance to economic development," Trista said.

Ruben Toledo Diaz, also with the Development Commission, said such private-sector cooperatives are playing an increasingly more important role in the nation's economy, "though socialist state enterprises will continue to play the leading role."—*Xinhua*



Journalists cover the tropical storm at a dock when tropical storm Rumbia lands on Zhanjiang, south China's Guangdong Province, on 2 July, 2013. Tropical storm Rumbia landed on Zhenjiang on Tuesday morning and brought torrential rain and gales to some areas in Guangdong Province.—XINHUA

Tourists stranded, trains halted after
tropical storm Rumbia lands

NANNING, 2 July—More than 800 tourists have been stranded and eight trains have stopped running in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region after tropical storm Rumbia made landfall in neighbouring Guangdong Province Tuesday morning.

Rumbia, the sixth tropical storm to hit China this year, landed in the city of Zhanjiang at 5:30 am on Tuesday and is moving northwest toward Beibu Gulf.

According to the government of Weizhou Township, a small island located in the gulf, more than 800 tourists have been stranded on the island, as downpours, gales and large waves triggered by the tropical storm have resulted in the suspension of transportation services.

The government said the stranded tourists have sufficient supplies of food and other necessities.

The local maritime department has required

all boats to return to the island's harbour to dodge strong gales.

The railway bureau of Guangxi's capital of Nanning said three passenger trains and five freight trains were forced to halt operations on Tuesday morning.

Guangxi's provincial meteorological department has upgraded severe weather alerts in the region, saying the storm may enter the city of Yulin and continue to move northwest as it loses power.—*Xinhua*

Dagong Europe brings new angle in
int'l rating industry

MILAN, 2 July—The entry of China's domestic rating agency Dagong Global Credit Rating into the European market was a major event of international credit rating reform, Chairman of Dagong Europe and Chairman of Dagong Global Guan Jianzhong told *Xinhua* in an interview on Monday.

Dagong Europe, registered last month by the European Securities and Markets

Authority (ESMA) as the first Asian rating company operating in the European Union (EU), will provide new theories and criteria able to break the oligopoly of a very limited number of international rating agencies, Guan said.

"We believe this was the start of a new era in the rating business and our aim is to make this industry more adequate to the evolving sce-

nario in global financial markets," he said.

Guan noted that the lesson of the European debt crisis was that many economic entities with high ratings ended up in the credit crisis due to erroneous ratings, and thus it became a strategic issue how to change the situation where the European economy was highly dependent on the US-provided ratings.—*Xinhua*

US to deploy 12 more Ospreys
in Japan

TOKYO, 2 July—The Japanese Defence Ministry said here on Monday that the United States Forces Japan will deploy 12 more Osprey aircraft in the country in late July.

The ministry said in its website that the cargo, with the Ospreys on board, will arrive at the US Iwakuni airbase in Yamaguchi pre-

fecture in the last week of the month and the aircraft will be deployed at the US Futenma base in Okinawa prefecture after tests.

Despite strong public opposition, the United States transported 12 Ospreys to the Iwakuni base on 23 July last year and successively deployed the planes to the Futenma air-

base in October of the year.

The Ospreys started their first training in Japan on 6 March this year. Local residents in Okinawa strongly oppose the deployment of the Ospreys out of safety concerns and call for move the Futenma airbase, which is located in a residential area in the city of Ginowan, out of the prefecture.—*Xinhua*

Frequent flyer programme launched
for pets in Australia

SYDNEY, 2 July—An Australian airline on Monday launched a new frequent flyer programme for pets, the first of its kind in Australia.

Subscribers to Virgin Australia's loyalty program can now earn 300 points each time their dog or cat flies on

domestic flights.

Velocity Frequent Flyer CEO Neil Thompson said Virgin flies almost 30,000 pets each year around Australia.

"The programme builds on the unique family benefits currently available to our

members," said Thompson.

"We will continue to come up with creative and compelling ways to deliver meaningful rewards and recognition to our members. .. We know how important their companions are to them," he added.—*Xinhua*



A performer dressed in Canadian colors entertains the public during the Canada Day celebrations in Vancouver, Canada, on 1 July, 2013. Tens of thousands of spectators flooded the streets of Vancouver to participate in Canada Day festivities.—XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Kendrick Lamar, Gabrielle Douglas among BET Award winners



Gabrielle Douglas

NEW YORK, 2 July—Teenage Olympian Gabrielle Douglas, rapper Kendrick Lamar, actor Jamie Foxx as well as singers Rihanna and Nicki Minaj were among the top winners at the annual BET Awards

on Sunday.

The BET Awards celebrate black musicians, actors and athletes. The programme is televised on the cable TV network BET, Black Entertainment Television, part of Viacom Inc.

Lamar, who scored eight nominations, won the awards for best new artist and best male hip-hop artist at the 3-1/2 hour show at Hollywood's Nokia Theatre, which was hosted by actor and comedian Chris Tucker. Speaking to "all my little homeboys and homegirls back in the city," Lamar noted that he too came from a world of food stamps, welfare and public assistance housing.

"You're looking me on TV right now. This is living proof that you can do anything you put your mind to," Lamar said.

Douglas, 17 and an Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics, took home both the Young Stars award and the Sportswoman of the Year honor. "I'm really shocked right now," Douglas said after winning her second award of the night.

Drake's "Started at the Bottom" won Video of the Year, one of the night's top awards. He also won the Viewers' Choice award. Best Female Hip-Hop Artist went to Nicki Minaj for a fourth consecutive year. She said each time she wins, "it's a humbling experience."

Rihanna took home the prize for Best Female R&B Pop Artist, while Miguel won the Best Male R&B Pop Artist award.

Foxx, who starred in "Django Unchained," was named Best Actor.

Foxx paid tribute to "acting gods" he had met during his life, including Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte, as well as "Django Unchained" director Quentin Tarantino.

Kerry Washington of the television show "Scandals" won Best Actress.

The Sportsman of the Year honour went to NBA and Mi-



Rapper Kendrick Lamar

Williams and Snoop Dogg in tribute to Wilson's career.

The BET award for Best Movie went to the romantic comedy "Think Like a Man."

Rap duo Macklemore & Ryan Lewis were



Lady Gaga supports LGBT community

LOS ANGELES, 2 July—Pop star Lady Gaga gave a speech and participated in a Gay Pride kick-off rally to support lesbian, gay, sexual and transgender (LGBT) community.

"I'm here tonight to honour my heroes and luckily I have many to look up to — and many to look at tonight. We want nothing less than every other American," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Gaga as saying.

"We are not a niche, we are part — a big giant part — of humanity. We are the continuum. We are on going. We continue the spirit of the first official Gay rally in 1970 in New York, one year after Stonewall," she said.

"And although this weekend is a time for victory, I am a citizen of New York and I demand the right to safe streets; the violence that has taken place against LGBTs is unacceptable, here and anywhere. Enough is enough," she added.

Gaga also said that her past experiences of being bullied had made her all the more determined to set an example to struggling teens.

"I wasn't naturally thin like most of my female classmates. My Italian heritage showed its strength in my nose and I found it very, very hard during this time to maintain any healthy friendships and healthy sense of self," she said.

"I'm here for the youth and to be a visible figure for them, to help them become the best individuals they can, with no limits on their potential, their future," she added.

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ami Heat star LeBron James, while another Heat player, Dwyane Wade, was presented with the humanitarian award as founder of the Wade's World Foundation, aimed at helping at-risk children in underserved communities with educational, health and family service programmes.

Veteran R&B singer and former Gap Band lead vocalist Charlie Wilson was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award by Justin Timberlake, who performed along-side Pharrell



named Best Group, Collaboration went to A\$ap Rocky, featuring Drake, 2 Chainz and Lamar, for "Problems."

Mary Mary won the award for Best Gospel Artist, while Emeli Sande was named Best International Act. UK Best International Act: Africa was won by Ice Prince.

The show featured performances by a host of top performers including Robin Thicke, Stevie Wonder, Mariah Carey, Miguel, Ciara and Janelle Monae, who closed the awards joined by Erykah Badu.—Reuters



actor Jamie Foxx

SPORTS

Serena exit sends Wimbledon into twilight zone

LONDON, 2 July—Wimbledon entered the twilight zone on Monday as Serena Williams became the latest high-profile champion to fade into oblivion at a tournament where reputations and star status are counting for nothing.

Just when it seemed that this year's grasscourt major had exhausted its quota of shocks with grand slam champions Rafa Nadal, Roger Federer, Maria Sharapova and Victoria Azarenka all blotted out of the draw by the second round, along came Sabine Lisicki.

The German, playing fearless tennis, jettisoned American holder



Sabine Lisicki of Germany

Andy Murray



Williams 6-2, 1-6, 6-4 to leave Wimbledon gasping in disbelief once again.

"I'm still shaking, I'm so happy," gulped a tearful Lisicki, who fell flat on her stomach in her moment of triumph. "It's amazing, I love this court so much. It's unbelievable!"

It certainly was unbelievable because even before the first-week exodus of big names, top seed Williams had been the overwhelming favorite to win a sixth title at the All England Club having triumphed at three of the last four majors.

She also walked on

court on a 34-match winning streak but her exit left world number four Agnieszka Radwanska as the highest seed and Czech Petra Kvitova as the only former champion still alive in the women's draw.

"It's not a shock. I didn't do what I do best," summed up Williams, who relinquished her crown despite winning nine games on the trot to take a 3-0 lead in the final set. While Williams was left to pack away her orange hotpants, world number 24 Lisicki proved that when she turns up at Wimbledon, her game catches fire. She has now reached at least the quarter-finals in her last four appearances.

"Sabine was on today. She's always on against big players and big courts. She just has a super, super game to play well on grass," added 16-times major win-

Serena Williams



ner Williams. Men's top seeds Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray also feel at home on the lush green turf and both survived second-set wobbles to stay on track for a hotly-anticipated final.

Djokovic ended the run of evergreen 35-year-old German Tommy Haas with a 6-1, 6-4, 7-6(4) win and Murray knocked out Russian Mikhail Youzhny 6-4, 7-6(5), 6-1.

Eighth seed Kvitova dispatched Spaniard Carla Suarez Navarro 7-6(5), 6-3 to set up a last-eight meeting with Belgian Kirsten Flipkens and Radwanska made it a good day for Poland by outlasting Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.

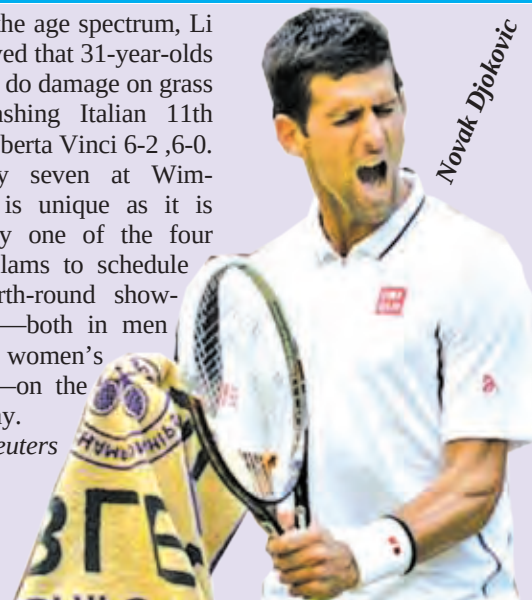
William's downfall also meant that Sloane Stephens was the only American, man or woman, to reach the quarter-finals.

The 20-year-old lived up to her billing as America's next big hope by beating Puerto Rican teenager Monica Puig 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. At the other

end of the age spectrum, Li Na proved that 31-year-olds can still do damage on grass by thrashing Italian 11th seed Roberta Vinci 6-2, 6-0.

Day seven at Wimbledon is unique as it is the only one of the four grand slams to schedule 16 fourth-round show-downs—both in men and women's singles—on the same day.

Reuters



Novak Djokovic

Lightning Li thunders into Wimbledon quarter-finals

LONDON, 2 July—Li Na narrowly missed out on handing Italian Roberta Vinci the dreaded double bagel as the Chinese sixth seed romped into the Wimbledon quarter-finals with a 6-2, 6-0 victory on Monday.

The 2011 French Open champion served for the first set at 5-0 up but was broken by the doubles specialist, who raised loud cheers on Court Three as she finally registered a game against

her name on the scoreboard. The 30-year-old Vinci, seeded 11th, held her next service game but from then on Li was an unstoppable force as she won the next seven games to reach the last eight at Wimbledon for the third time.

The Chinese favourite will next face either 2012 runner-up Agnieszka Radwanska or Bulgaria's Tsvetana Pironkova.

Reuters



Li Na

Rose victory was Casey's Irish Open inspiration

LONDON, 2 July—Paul Casey has suffered his share of trials and tribulations in recent years and it was close friend Justin Rose's first major victory at last month's US Open that inspired him to land the Irish Open title on Sunday.

The three-shot victory at County Kildare represented his first win on the European Tour for two and a half years, a period when form and fitness deserted him and he also went through a painful divorce.

"Watching Justin really lit the fire for me," Casey told reporters after a win that sent him soaring from 169th to 102nd in the world rankings.

"Justin's victory was phenomenal. He's a good friend and I was so proud of what he did, the way he played and the way he con-

ducted himself," he said of his fellow Englishman.

Casey's win was his 12th on the European Tour but he said it felt like a breakthrough triumph.

"Psychologically I think this is huge," the 35-year-old explained. "This almost feels like a first win." "I have struggled with confidence and this is a huge relief, knowing I am moving in the right direction, that I've got some great golf left in me for another 10-plus years."

England's Paul Casey reacts to his tee shot on the second hole during the first round of the 2013 US Open golf championship at the Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania, on 13 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Casey rubber-stamped his victory at Carton House by rolling in a 60-foot eagle putt at the final hole. "This week the putting clicked," he said. "I switched putters, put a new one in the bag." I think I was chasing things a little bit over the last couple of months because I knew I was playing quite well and just needed something to click."—Reuters



Cardiff complete signing of Denmark striker Cornelius

LONDON, 2 July—Cardiff City have completed the signing of Denmark international striker Andreas Cornelius from FC Copenhagen on a five-year deal, the promoted Premier League club said on Monday.

Cardiff said the 20-year-old, their first recruit ahead of City's Premier League debut in August, had a medical on Monday and would join his new team mates next week after a short vacation.

No transfer fee was given but media reports said it was around 8 million pounds.

"The Danish national team always wants players playing in foreign countries, especially in the English Premier League," Cornelius told the club website (www.car-

diffcity.co.uk).

"If I can improve as a player at Cardiff City, which I think I can, then I can be a better player for the Danish national squad as well."

Cornelius was the top

scorer in the Danish Superliga last season, scoring 18 goals in 32 appearances in his first full campaign in the top flight. He also graduated from university last weekend.—Reuters



Akaki Khubutia of Georgia fights for the ball with Andreas Cornelius (front) of Denmark during their international friendly soccer match in Aalborg, on 5 June, 2013.—REUTERS

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Locals buy melons at the Id Kah Bazaar in the city of Hotan, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 1 July, 2013. —XINHUA

Nepal proposes blueprint to boost agriculture

KATHMANDU, 2 July—Nepal has proposed to spend 5.5 billion US dollars in 20 years to increase agricultural productivity, according to the country's blueprint on agricultural development, officials said on Tuesday.

The recently finalized Agriculture Development Strategy (ADS) was handed over to the minister for agricultural development Tek Bahadur Thapa Gharti on Monday, according to Dr Prabhakar Pathak, joint secretary at Ministry of Agricultural Development

(MoAD).

The ADS, a road map for a 20-year vision and a 10-year plan for commercializing the country's farm sector, has targeted increasing agricultural growth to 5 percent a year in the medium term of first decade, and 6 percent by the year 2035.

The agricultural sector has an annual growth rate of 3 percent.

The ADS has focused on the measures to increase the productivity of farm products, draft several laws and regulations to en-

sure farmer's rights and their food security, Prem Dangal, a member of ADS steering committee, told *Xinhua*, "ADS has envisioned the plan to achieve a food surplus of 5 percent by improving land and labour productivity."

The strategy, which will replace the ongoing Agriculture Perspective Plan (APP 1995--2015), has targeted limiting the agriculture trade deficit to 181 million dollars in the first 10 years from the existing 350 million.

Xinhua

Sydney visitors invited to explore Aboriginal culture

SYDNEY, 2 July—Visitors to Sydney are invited to enjoy a free bicycle tour through the city's Aboriginal history next Monday, on 8 July, 2013, as part of a week-long celebration of indigenous culture.

Bikes, helmets and travel bags will be provided for two separate tours with limited spaces on Monday, beginning at 10 am and midday at the Rocks and finishing in Sydney's Hyde

Park.

The one-hour trip will take bike riders through the historical Rocks area, stopping at Circular Quay on Sydney Harbour where Aboriginal men used to spear fish and first contact was made between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people.

Riders will also explore artworks by indigenous artists and take a pit stop at the Australian Museum to peruse thousands

of rare artifacts from past and present Aboriginal culture.

"A lot of people don't realize that Aboriginal culture is everywhere. It's on your way to work, taking your kids to the park or even going through the city," said tour guide William Stevens, a Murriwarri man from northern New South Wales.

"Just by going for a ride on your bike you can

learn heaps about our culture," he added.

The tour is part of a festival of indigenous culture running from 7 to 14 July, 2013. Events include a day of traditional food, song, dance, native animals and art in Hyde Park on Monday, plus a flag-raising ceremony, photography exhibition, artist talks and workshops throughout the week.

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Children read books at the Henan Provincial Children's Library in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province, on 1 July, 2013. Many children enjoy reading during their summer vacation.

XINHUA

Force India hope to keep McLaren behind them

LONDON, 2 July—Force India are beginning to believe they could finish the Formula One season ahead of McLaren after adding more points to their tally at Sunday's British Grand Prix.

The Silverstone-based team, who operate on a far smaller budget than the sport's second most successful team in terms of race wins, now have 59 points to McLaren's 37 after eight of the season's 19 races.

Force India had both their cars in the points at a controversial Silverstone race punctuated by tyre fail-



Force India Formula One driver Paul Di Resta of Britain takes a curve during the second practice session ahead of the British Grand Prix at the Silverstone Race circuit, central England, on 28 June, 2013.—REUTERS

ures, with German driver Adrian Sutil seventh and Britain's Paul Di Resta ninth, while McLaren drew a blank for the second race in a row.

"We have a gap of 22 points...all they need is one race win and that will wipe out the entire deficit," Mallya told reporters.

"So I am going to be cautiously optimistic while saying that I want to remain ahead of McLaren and hang on to fifth place in the constructors' championship.

"If we keep scoring points and they don't come up with something dramatic like a race win, we should be able to keep our nose ahead of them," added the Indian liquor baron.

McLaren have not finished higher than fifth so far this season and are struggling to get their car up to speed after ending last year with Jenson Button winning

in Brazil.

With major rule changes and a new V6 engine coming next year, McLaren have already started switching resources to making sure the 2014 car is competitive from the outset.

"We are at a point where we've got to ensure that we are in a competitive situation next year so we are also now earlier than usual putting a lot more resource and effort on to next year's programme," McLaren principal Martin Whitmarsh said at the weekend.

Reuters

Life-saving of victims who sustain life-threatening injuries bill-2013 submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explained undertakings on the message on calling a



U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency asks questions.—MNA

session of National Defence and Security Council as quickly as possible, which was sent to the President on 25 June, at today's Pyithu



Chairman of Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee Thura U Aung Ko submits proposal.—MNA

Hluttaw Session.

Council's resolutions should be publicized. The resolutions cover the points such as relentless efforts for peace, coordination for coming out of fruitful results, all inclusiveness and use of local funds and assistances alone in the peace-making processes and review of negative impacts that can cause a danger to people's life and security.

Regarding the questions of U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency **on increase of disbursement of agricultural loans to beans and pulses growers**

and loan repayment at next crop season.

Deputy Minister for Agricultural and Irrigation U Ohn Than replied that Myanma Agricultural Development Bank (MADB) has disbursed a loan of K 557.85 billions to famers in 2012-2013 FY. As of 2013-2014 FY, K 1461 billions will be issued. There would be limitations as the total loan amount has increased threefold compared with last financial year. MADB's loan disbursement is from public's saving deposits of Myanmar Economic Bank. There is no plan to increase loan amount to K 70,000 as

loan disbursement for farm crops has been increased to K 20,000 from K 10,000.

With regard to the second question, the Deputy Minister replied that MADB is disbursing short-term loans. Minimum loan repayment period is 7-10 months or one year as there are differences in harvest seasons and famers' loan repayment periods. It is impossible for loan repayments of those who failed to pay back their loans last year to the full at next season.

"This question is a very suitable one. The bank disburses agricultural loan of K 100,000 per acre

for summer and monsoon paddy in our region. It is OK for the farmers but not for growers of cold season crops. Loan amount should be increased for winter crops and beans and pulses growers," Dr Soe Moe Aung of Bilin Constituency said.

Hluttaw decided to discuss **the life-saving of victims who sustain life-threatening injuries bill-2013** which is submitted by Chairman of Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee Thura U Aung Ko.

The meeting came to an end at noon. The sixth day session go on tomorrow.

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Communication Bill approved at today's Amyotha Hluttaw session

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—The new members of Finance and Legal Affairs Commission was approved at today's Amyotha Hluttaw session.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Daw Khin San Yi replied to the question of Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.8 on actual percentage of AEC marks. Hluttaw approved to discuss the Customer Protection Bill submitted by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

After that, Secretary U San Tun of Bill Committee read out committee's report on communication bill. And Hluttaw approved the Communications Bill submitted by the



Union Minister U Win Myint discusses proposal.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Win Than.

Seven MPs held discussions on the proposal on necessary measures and actions taken for enforcement of "the control of smoking and consumption of tobacco

products law".

Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency No. 9 discussed that smoking and consumption of tobacco is related with socio-economic development and poverty in addition to danger to health. It is seen that smoking in developed countries has dropped thanks to the

smoking control laws. Due to it, Tobacco companies shift their investments to developing countries. All organizations in Myanmar should ensure effective control of smoking and tobacco consumption on a wider scale. Tobacco companies should take account of people's health,

economy and poverty alleviations rather than their profits. He highlighted exclusion of tobacco and alcohols from ASEAN's free trade and agreement for not having illegal trade. He also suggested that UNESCO should take action against investments of developed countries and

e-Cigarette cases. Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint discussed the proposal. And that proposal was approved with the majority of votes. The meeting came to an end in the evening. The sixth day session continues tomorrow.

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Deputy Minister U Win Than submits proposal.

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Dr Mya Oo of Bago Region Constituency-9 takes part in discussion.—MNA



Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency-8 asks questions.—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi responds to the questions.—MNA

Only with participation of all, will investigation commission's report be realized: Union Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—A work coordination meeting of the Committee for Implementation of the Investigation Commission's report on Lapadaungtaung Copper Mine Project took place at the meeting hall of Myanmar-Wanbao Company in the copper mine area yesterday.

In his address, Chairman of the committee Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun called on four subcommittees to make more efforts to accomplish the mission, targeting a win-win situation in implementing their



Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun addresses coordination meeting of the Committee for Implementation of the Investigation Commission's report on Lapadaungtaung Copper Mine Project.—MNA

respective tasks. He stressed the need to engage with local people in a friendly way and to attend to their needs.

He emphasized the need for soonest implementation of the works of copper mine project in a fair and transparent manner, thereby contributing towards greater socioeconomic status of local people and further cooperation in national

development tasks after understating the functions and work programmes of the committee.

Only with participation of all, will the investigation commission's report be realized. Strenuous efforts are needed to implement the tasks and all officials concerned are to review strengths and weaknesses of their respective tasks, he added.

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Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 2 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about (850) miles south of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (14) hrs, (10) min (16) sec M. S. T today, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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