

President U Thein Sein felicitates President Obama

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to the Honourable Barack Obama, President of the United States of America, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America which falls on 4th July 2013.

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Police will be trained for quell violence and riots in accord with modified manual: Deputy Home Affairs Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Today's Pyithu Hluttaw session covered nine agendas in which 10 questions were answered and one bill submitted.

In his reply regarding the matter of security and narcotic drug, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint answered that actions were being taken against any illegal organizations that are carrying out disturbance acts, causing negative impact on the interest of the country and its people after making necessary investigation into it.

Next, he replied that

tasks of heightening the public awareness of dangers of narcotic drugs were in progress including Kunheing Township and departments concerned would be committed to alternative crops growing, education and rehabilitation works.

Afterwards, he responded to the question about formation of more anti-riot squads and giving trainings meeting international standards to them that police battalions had been formed for quell violence and riots and plans were underway to form one more battalion in Meiktila and to add three more security com-

panies to auxiliary forces in Nay Pyi Taw and states and regions. After modifying the current anti-riot manual, police forces in states and regions would be trained in accord with the new manual and training courses organized by Myanmar Police Force would follow the manual.

"His answer is complete. I am glad to hear plans to conduct training courses with the help of Australia and EU" says U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency who raised the question.

Today's session came to an end in the afternoon.

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The sixth-day seventh regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.

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A&I Ministry supports proposal to recheck stats and facts of irrigable land areas for accuracy in agricultural statistics



The sixth-day seventh regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.

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NAY PYI TAW, 3 July — Today's Amyotha Hluttaw saw answering three questions, submitting two bills, making decision and seeking approval for two proposals after discussions.

A proposal to approve the bill regarding

the waterway transport submitted by Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein was seconded by two representatives and the Hluttaw approved it.

Next, six representatives held discussions on the proposal to recheck facts and stats of irrigable

land areas for accuracy in agricultural statistics and to seek the official approval of the Union government.

Regarding the proposal, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw seconded the proposal

submitted by U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No (6), highlighting the importance of accurate agricultural statistics while comprehensive efforts were in progress to boost agricultural produce.

As the majority was in favour of the proposal, it was approved.

Regarding the proposal, U Hla Swe of Magway Constituency said that the proposal won unanimous support of the Hluttaw as obsession

of stats and facts about irrigated farmlands occurred outside and statistics were to be subjected to close scrutiny.

Next, three representatives and Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Set Aung held discussions on the proposal to establish National Single Window-NSW by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8). The proposal won the majority support and

it was approved.

Then, Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaint and Petition Committee read out a report on findings in connection to the case of Daw San of Kyaungsu village in Lemyathna Township of Ayeyawady Region, and the Hluttaw Speaker decided to discuss the report as a proposal at the Hluttaw.

Today's session ended in the evening and the seventh-day session continues tomorrow.

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700-year-old shipwreck antiquities found in central Vietnam



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Ahlon robbery suspects held to police custody within four hours

AHLON, 3 July — A 14-year-old girl and a housemaid had fallen victims to an armed robbery at an apartment on the sixth floor of a building on



Sittwin street at Hsinmin ward in Ahlon Township, here, at about 8 pm on 1 July.

While Ma Yamin Aye, 14, daughter of the house owner Daw Nge, 43, and housemaid Daw Aye Hmon, 48, were at home on that day, unknown five men arrived there. Two of them forced their way into the house and asked for K 3 million to give them, putting a knife on the back of Daw Aye Hmon.

After Ma Yamin Aye replied that the money they asked had already gone to Ma Thida, they took a one-tical MC necklace worth about K 600,000, a one-tical golden bracelet worth about K 600,000, a 0.25 tical gold ring studded with a white gem worth about K 150,000, a 0.25 tical locket worth about K 150,000, a pair of

0.25 tical golden earnings worth about K 150,000, a golden item worth about K 30,000 and K 150,000 in cash totaling about K 1.85 million. During the robbery, Daw Aye Hmon was beaten and stabbed by men. As soon as they left the apartment, Ma Yamin Aye ran to an emergency ladder at the back of the house and shouted for help, ward dwellers and authorities concerned rushed there and transported the injured housemaid to Yangon General Hospital.

Police carried out a search for the robbers and arrested them at a guest house in Hlinethaya Township within four hours. They were charged with armed robbery by Ahlon police station.

Kyemon-Tin Maung
Oo-Ahlon

CRIME

Nyaungshwe: A town of earning foreign exchange

NYAUNGSHWE, 3 July — Myanmar is thronging with flocks of globetrotters daily. Of them, 80 per cent of tourists visits Nyaungshwe. Nyaungshwe sees arrivals of tourists that range from 200 to 300. The state government charges a fee of five dollars for entrance at the Nyaungshwe tollgate. Tourists arrive in Nyaungshwe by air via Heho airport or by car via Bagan-NyaungU and Mandalay.

Arrivals of tourists at Nyaungshwe reach a peak during the period from October to February. French, German, Dutch, Spanish,

British, Italian and American visitors represent a large number among the visitors to Nyaungshwe. They crowd Nyaungshwe individually or in groups under their own plans or arrangements of travel agencies.

There are 15 companies operating as travel agencies in Nyaungshwe. Visitors are picked up at Heho airport and they are accommodated at hotels in Nyaungshwe. Tourists take a motorized boat trip arranged by travel agencies to PhaungdawU Pagoda in Inlay Lake from Nyaungshwe. They like to photograph the scenic

beauty of Inlay Lake. There are 150 licensed boats in Nyaungshwe. A return fare to Inlay is K 20000 per head. Nyaungshwe is home to 100 licensed tour guides and 100 local tour guides. As the present number of tour guides is not enough to provide services to the increased number of tourists, new generation tour guides are being nurtured by providing them with training courses. A licensed tour guide earns from USD 600 to USD 1200 a month. Twenty more hotels are under construction in Nyaungshwe as 29 hotels in

TOURISM

Unattended mosquito-repellent coil causes fire in Taungdwingyi Township

FIRE



TAUNGDWINGYI, 3 July — A mosquito-repellent coil was attributed to an outbreak of fire at a house in Taungdwingyi Township of Magway Region.

The fire is believed to have started from an unattended mosquito-repellent coil at the house of U Hlaing Bwar on Ngamin street in sector (6)

at Maungdine ward-2 of the township at about 7.30 am yesterday.

Fire crew accompanied by one fire truck each from Taungdwingyi Township Fire Service Department, Maungdine ward and Shwe-O ward-1 managed to bring the fire under control in cooperation with ward dwellers and the fire died down at about 8 am. Taungdwingyi Township police station charged the house owner with fire negligence.—Kyemon-Myint Thu Tun

operation are always packed with globetrotters and they are set to complete before October. So, Nyaungshwe is a town of earning foreign exchange.—Kyemon-Tin

Hlaing (Meiktila)

Passenger bus ploughs into back of stationary car



YANGON, 3 July — A stationary car was struck by a speedy passenger bus on Thudhamma road in North Okkalapa Township at about 2 pm yesterday.

The passenger bus of No (43) Bus Line ploughed into the back of the stationary hire car, Rosa, as the driver lost control the speed while it swerved sharply from the

Photo shows a road accident in which a timber log-loaded truck veered off the road and smashed an electric post that carries 33 KV 12-metre power line and part of a fence as its tie rod was broken at Shwepyitha log yard in ward-13 in Shwepyitha Township on 2 July.

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middle lane to allow a car that was trying to overtake it behind. The impact of the crash forced the hire car away, causing it to end up smashing some pipelines of YCDC by roadside.

The crash caused damage to front windscreen and right headlight of the passenger bus, front and rear parts of the hire car. Passengers on board the passenger bus got no injury, but the driver sustained injuries to his arm and he was sent to North Okkalapa Hospital.

Actions are being taken against the case by traffic police.—Kyemon-035

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School Environment Day

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

Ministry of Education

Chinese monks donate stationery to Yaungchidaw primary school in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 3 July — Chinese monks led by the presiding Sayadaw of Buddha Tooth Relic Temple in the People's Republic of China visited Yaungchidaw primary school at Kya-O village in NyaungU Township on 27 June.

The Sayadaw presented gifts, stationery and sports gear to teachers and students of the primary school. Moreover, the Sayadaw

DONATION

gave away pictures of Buddha Tooth Relic to local people. The Sayadaw says, "I accepted Myanmar is my second home. Today's donation is a first step to next donations. It is planned to make more donations. I wish Myanmar children to be good and able citizens."

Kyemon-NyaungU Phee

WORLD

Iran says new US sanctions will complicate nuclear issue

DUBAI, 3 July—Iran has played down the impact of US sanctions that came into effect this week, but said the measures would complicate a resolution to the dispute over its nuclear programme. The new sanctions, which came into effect on Monday, target trade with Iran's shipping and automobile sectors, gold sales to Iran and handling of the Iranian currency, the rial - a further attempt to force Tehran to curb its nuclear activities.

In recent years, Iran has vigorously pursued its development of nuclear technology which Western countries suspect is masking its attempts to develop a weapons capability, allegations Iranian officials have

repeatedly denied. "We have no doubt that sanctions are a broken policy and we are surprised about why the American government and other governments who take part in these sanctions continually repeat a mistaken and failed policy," the state television website quoted Foreign Ministry spokesman Abbas Araqchi as saying late on Monday.

"Removing sanctions would count as a confidence-building measure and can assist in a resolution of the issue but increasing sanctions would have no result, apart from making the issue more complex and harder to resolve," he said.

Hopes for a resolu-



A Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL Group) container is seen on the German-owned cargo vessel "Smaragd" at Malta Freeport in the Port of Marsaxlokk outside Valletta on 10 Feb, 2012.

REUTERS

tion to the nuclear dispute were boosted last month with the election as president of Hassan Rouhani, a former nuclear negotiator who promises a softer approach to foreign relations than hardline incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Analysts say it remains uncertain whether Iran with Rouhani as president will be more amenable to the

demands of world powers that it halt its most sensitive enrichment, to a fissile concentration of 20 percent, and stop work at Fordow, an underground nuclear facility where uranium is enriched. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has the last word on all the big decisions in Iran, especially on the nuclear issue.—Reuters

Obama ends Africa trip with power pledge

DAR ES SALAAM, 3 July—Ending his week-long tour of Africa, US President Barack Obama on Tuesday pledging a multi-billion-dollar power project for the continent.

The US president launched the "Power Africa Initiative" to help African nations overcome the electricity deficit.

Obama, who arrived in Tanzania on Monday, said the US has set aside 7 billion US dollars and that the private sector has also committed 9 billion dollars for the project which would be implemented through Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.

He was speaking when he visited Symbion Power Plant, an American energy firm at the Ubungu power complex in Dares Salaam, Tanzania's economic hub.

Obama said delaying the projects would not benefit the countries and their people.

Tanzania's Minister for Energy and Minerals Sospeter Muhongo said Tanzania, which is among six beneficiaries of the project in Africa, has already made the list of its power projects and handed them to the US Embassy.

The projects will begin to be implemented after completion of the environmental impact assessment, Muhongo said, adding that most of the projects aim to increase power access to rural dwellers. He said the US

boost has come at appropriate time as Tanzania gears to roll out its plans to double power production from current level of 1,438.24 MW of installed capacity to 2,780 MW by 2015. "And our aim is to reach a point where we will be producing more than 3,000 MW," he said. Obama said his tour of Senegal, South Africa and Tanzania has shown him that there is a lot of potential for the countries to develop themselves.

He said Africa has all it takes for its countries and people to develop and what is needed is commitment to put into good use the ample resources at its disposal.

"In Senegal I have seen how farmers put into use new technologies which multiply their productivity hence income. I have seen farmers applying new technology, buying new tractors for the first time and tripling their income," he said.

While in Soweto, South Africa, Obama said he met young people who showed him their desire and commitment to change and become young leaders and entrepreneurs. "I have seen progress in a lot of areas such as health, agriculture, energy and leadership. I have been inspired a lot," he said.

Obama noted that the countries he has visited have demonstrated to him that Africa is ready to unleash its potential to full prosperity, committing his country to assist the continent realize the dream.—Xinhua



File photo taken in March 2012 shows the buildings containing the No 7 reactor (L) and the No 6 reactor at Tokyo Electric Power Co's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant in Niigata Prefecture.

KYODO NEWS

TEPCO to file for procedures to restart idled nuclear reactors

TOKYO, 3 July—Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Tuesday it will swiftly apply for a state safety assessment of two of its reactors in Niigata Prefecture to restart their operation, even as the utility continues to grapple with the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant.

The announcement was made ahead of the introduction of a set of new nuclear regulations next Monday, which will effectively restart the stalled procedures to resume the country's reactors, most of which are currently offline.

"As we have finished preparations for the Nos 6 and 7 reactors at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant, we have decided to file applications (for their safety assessment) as swiftly as possible after the new regulations take effect," TEPCO President Naomi Hirose

said at a Press conference in Tokyo.

Hirose did not say exactly when the company aims to submit the applications, while adding he hopes to meet the officials of Niigata Prefecture and local governments hosting the plant "as early as possible" to provide explanations.

But it remains uncertain whether TEPCO will be able to quickly win local consent for the safety assessments to be conducted by the Nuclear Regulation Authority, given that Niigata Governor Hirohiko Izumida has been critical of restarting the plant.

In Niigata Prefecture, Izumida expressed frustration over the latest development, saying, "We have not heard any explanations. There is no greater disregard of local people than this."—Kyodo News



An accident investigator stands by the wreckage of a South African registered cargo aircraft that crashed on Saturday 7km northwest of the Francistown International Airport in the northeastern part of Botswana just before it landed, on 2 July, 2013. Botswana's Aircraft Accident Investigating Unit within the country's Ministry of Transport and Communications on Tuesday announced that investigations into last Saturday's plane crash in the northeastern part of Botswana are ongoing.—XINHUA

Nearly 50 killed in Iraq bombings

BAGHDAD, 3 July—At least 45 people were killed in bomb attacks across Iraq on Tuesday, most of them in busy markets and commercial areas of the capital Baghdad, police and medics said.

The deadliest assault took place in the predominantly Shi'ite Shaab neighbourhood of northern Baghdad, where two car bombs killed eight people. There were also explosions in the mainly Shi'ite districts of Abu Dsheer, Kamaliya, Tobchi and Shula.

"A blast hit near a crowded market full of people shopping," said Ali Sadoun, a policeman whose patrol was stationed in Shula. "When police and people gathered to help the wounded, a second bomb went off, tearing through

bodies." Sunni Muslims were the apparent targets of blasts in Amriya and Abu Ghraib, on the city's western outskirts.

A sustained campaign of attacks since the start of the year has increased fears of wider conflict in a coun-

try where ethnic Kurds, Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims have yet to find a stable power-sharing compromise.

Insurgents including al-Qaeda's Iraqi affiliate have been recruiting from the country's Sunni minor-

ity, which resents Shi'ite domination since the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Intercommunal tensions have been inflamed by the civil war in neighbouring Syria, which is increasingly being fought along sectarian lines, drawing in Shi'ite and Sunni fighters from Iraq and elsewhere to fight on opposite sides of the conflict.

Outside Baghdad, a bomb blast near a funeral tent in the city of Baquba killed six people.

Further south, a car bomb in Amara Province killed four people and in the city of Basra, three blasts hit a hotel frequented by foreigners working in the oil industry, wounding three guards.—Reuters



Iraqi security forces inspect the site of a car bomb attack in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 2 July, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



700-year-old shipwreck antiquities found in central Vietnam

HANOI, 3 July—Thousands of antiquities from an ancient sunken ship have been discovered in Binh Son District in Vietnam's central Province of Quang Ngai, state-run news agency reported on Monday.

Among the discovered objects, over 4,000 artifacts, including coins and ceramics,

were recovered undamaged, which are believed to date back to the 13th century.

The objects were collected from the seabed during an excavation on 4-23 June, according to the Quang Ngai provincial steering board for archaeological exploration and excavation of underwater cultural heritage.

The ship measures 20.5 metres long and 5.6 metres wide with 13 holds. Remnants left from holds 4 to 6 prove that the ship caught fire before sinking. The findings are expected to contribute to the research of Vietnam's ceramics in the 13th century and enrich the country's cultural heritage.—Xinhua

Bahrain to study restrictions on VoIP services

DUBAI, 3 July—Bahrain is to study whether to restrict Internet-based telecom services, the communications minister of the restive Arab state told *Reuters*, although no final decision was imminent. Internet-based communications including Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), instant messaging and social media helped activists launch and nurture the uprisings that toppled long-standing rulers in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya in 2011.

Many Arab opposition activists prefer to use VoIP and other Internet technologies to communicate because they are much harder to bug than a regular phone line, and cheaper. Bahrain's Minister of State for Communications said the government did not monitor conventional telecommunications and a decision to study the use of VoIP was motivated by a variety of risks posed by

used in fraudulent enterprises like phishing and identity theft." Since the Arab Spring uprisings, several Gulf governments have pushed for greater oversight and control of VoIP and other hard-to-trace communication tools such as BlackBerry Messenger. Saudi Arabia, which is connected to Bahrain by a causeway and sent troops to help put down the protests on the island in 2011, warned the likes of Skype and Whatsapp



Bahrain, a majority Shi'ite country ruled by the Sunni al Khalifa family, has also been buffeted by political unrest since 2011, with mostly Shi'ite Bahrainis agitating for democratic reforms and a greater say in government.

the technology. "There are examples of VoIP technology being used for pornography, which naturally clashes with our values in the kingdom,"

said the minister, Sheikh Fawaz bin Mohammed al-Khalifa. "We also would not want technology being used to subvert state security, or be

in March that they flouted local rules.

The Saudi government banned VoIP provider Viber last month.—Reuters

Apple plans Nevada solar farm in clean energy push for data centres

SAN FRANCISCO, 3 July—Apple Inc said it plans to build a new solar farm with NV Energy Inc for power supply to its new data centre in Reno, Nevada, a major step towards its goal of having its data centres run on renewable energy.

Apple and other technology companies such as Amazon.com Inc and Microsoft Corp, that build and run computer

server farms have come under criticism for their high consumption of electricity and other resources.

These data centres cater to an explosion in Internet traffic, streaming content through mobile devices and hosting of services to corporations.

The new solar farm will provide power to Sierra Pacific Power Co's electric grid that serves Apple's data

centre and when completed will generate about 43.5 million kilowatt of clean energy a year, Apple said in a statement.

Apple already runs its largest data centre in the US on solar power.

The centre in Maiden, North Carolina produces 167 million kilowatt hours, the power equivalent of 17,600 homes for one year, from a 100-acre solar farm and fuel



cell installations provided by Silicon Valley startup Bloom Energy.

Reuters

An Apple logo is seen at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2013 in San Francisco, California on 10 June, 2013.
REUTERS

More Filipinos use cellphones as "mobile computers"

MANILA, 3 July—Filipinos are using their mobile phones not only to communicate but also as mobile computers as well, according to a recent market study issued on Tuesday.

TNS, a global customized research company, said in its report that Filipino consumers are not just using cell phones to call and texting messages and photos, but also as a means to have "internet-on-the-go," allowing users to be always online. Of the 38,000 respondents in Metro Manila, 75 percent of the respondents surveyed used mobile phones to take photos or videos; 45 percent to browse the internet; 44 percent to access their social networking sites; and 37 percent to check their emails. The study was conducted from November 2012 to January 2013.

"Based on the findings

of the study, the increase in various mobile activities explain the growing trend of Wi-Fi accessibility in public areas," said TNS Philippines Managing Director Gary de Ocampo. About 35 percent of Metro Manila respondents connect to the internet via Wi-Fi access in public areas in 2013.

The study also showed that Filipino consumers changed their purchasing priorities from buying phones based on physical features to choosing a phone that will enhance personal experience. Smartphone usage in the Philippine is now at 53 percent compared to overall mobile phone usage of 89 percent.

The study identified five growth potential for increase mobile usage video calling, Wi-Fi at home, watching live TV shows, blogging and streaming video like YouTube. The sale of smartphone in the Philippine market is seen to increase significantly in the next few years as prices go down. The TNS study also revealed that most Filipinos living in Metro Manila own "multiple screens" or more than just one device. A typical household owns at least four of the following devices: a mobile phone (89 percent), smartphone (53 percent), tablet (14 percent), desktop (39 percent), laptop/netbooks (37 percent) and smart TV (4 percent.)—Xinhua



The TV grab taken from Russia 24 state TV channel on 2 July, 2013 shows the Proton-M rocket crashing after blasting off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. A Proton-M rocket crashed one minute after blasting off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos said on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Russian rocket crashes in satellites launch

Moscow, 3 July—A Proton-M rocket crashed one minute after blasting off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan, Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos said on Tuesday.

Live TV broadcast showed that the rocket, carrying three Glonass-M satellites, changed its flight direction a few seconds after takeoff, falling and exploding over the space

centre. Specialists were immediately evacuated from launch pads nearby, as a toxic cloud generated by the rocket fuel appeared over the site.

"There was an accident during the Proton-M launch. The rocket fell and exploded on the territory of the launch site," a Roscosmos spokesman said, adding an investigation commission has been set up.—Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Avatar-based videos encourage women to lose weight

WASHINGTON, 3 July—Watching an avatar, or a computer-generated figure, that performs weight-loss behaviours in a virtual community might help some women shed pounds in the real world, according to new US study released on Monday.

“This pilot study showed that you don’t have to be a gamer to use virtual reality to learn some important skills for weight loss,” Melissa Napolitano, an associate professor at the George Washington University, said in a statement.

She added the findings, published in the *Journal of*



Diabetes Science and Technology, suggest that “virtual reality could be a promising new tool for building healthier habits.”

Previous research had shown that using virtual reality to reinforce behaviour could be effective, so Napolitano and her colleagues wanted to establish whether it could be used to help people lose weight.

To find out, the team first conducted a survey among 128 overweight women. Most of them had tried to lose weight during the last year and the majority had never used a virtual reality game.

Despite the fact that

most of these women had no experience with the concept, the researchers found that 88 percent said they are willing to try it.

Eight of the 128 women were then chosen for the study and allowed to pick avatars that they thought resembled their own skin colour and shape.

These participants came to Napolitano’s clinic once a week and watched a 15-minute DVD featuring an avatar demonstrating healthy weight loss behaviours.

In one lesson, for example, the women watched the avatar sitting down for dinner and learned about portion sizes. In another lesson, they watched an avatar walk with moderate intensity on

a treadmill and learned the walking pace needed to help with weight loss goals.

After four weeks of treatment, the women in this pilot study had lost an average of 3.5 pounds (about 1.6 kilograms), a fairly typical amount for traditional diet plans, Napolitano said.

“This is just the first step to show that women, even those who are not gamers, are interested in an avatar-based technology to help them with a weight-loss plan,” said Napolitano.

“We are excited by the potential of this technology as a scalable tool to help people learn the skills to be successful at weight loss over the long run.”

Xinhua

Factory orders rise, hint at stability in manufacturing

WASHINGTON, 3 July—New orders for factory goods rose for a second straight month in May, adding to tentative signs of stabilization in manufacturing after a recent slowdown.

The Commerce Department on Tuesday said new orders for manufactured goods increased 2.1 percent. April’s orders were revised to show a 1.3 percent rise instead of the previously reported 1 percent advance.

Economists polled by *Reuters* had forecast new orders received by factories increasing 2 percent.

Manufacturing slowed in recent months, weighed down by deep government spending cuts and slowing global demand, especially in China and the recession-hit

Europe. However, there are signs the loss of momentum has run its course or is at least starting to ebb.

Data on Monday showed a gauge of national factory activity bounced back into growth territory in June, with new orders pushing higher.

That improving tone was also evident in reports last month showing a modest rise in factory output in May and a pick-up in business spending plans.

The Commerce Department report showed factory orders rose in most

categories, though orders for motor vehicles fell 2 percent. However, new transportation orders jumped 10.9 percent.

Orders excluding the volatile transportation category rose 0.6 percent after edging up 0.2 in April.

Outside transportation there were gains in orders for machinery, computer and electronic products and primary metals. Orders for electrical equipment, and appliances and components orders also rose.

The department also said orders for durable goods, manufactured products expected to last three years or more, rose 3.7 percent instead of the 3.6 percent increase reported last week.

Durable goods orders excluding transportation were up 0.5 percent rather than 0.7 percent.

Orders for non-defence capital goods excluding aircraft—seen as a measure of business confidence and spending plans—increased 1.5 percent instead of the previously reported 1.1 percent rise.

Reuters



Brazil’s trade deficit highest in 18 years

RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 July—Brazil registered a trade deficit of 3 billion US dollars in the first six months of 2013, the highest in the past 18 years, the government said on Monday.

According to the Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade, the first half of this year has seen the worst economic figures recorded in any initial six-month period since 1995, when Brazil registered a trade deficit of 4.22 billion US dollars. Exports amounted to 114.5 billion US dollars, down 4.8 percent from the same period last year, while imports reached 117.5 billion US dollars, a

record-high level. The government attributed the poor results to the financial crisis in developed countries that caused the market for Brazilian products to shrink, and to an accounting delay that let the cost of some late 2012 oil imports to appear in the 2013 accounts.

Despite the poor results registered so far in 2013, the government expects improvements in the rest of the year.

Last year, Brazil had its worst trade performance in a decade, with a trade surplus of 19.43 billion US dollars, down 34.7 percent from 2011.—Xinhua



Several Boeing 777s sit on the assembly line at the company’s plant in Everett, Washington, on 18 Oct, 2012.—REUTERS

Japan’s MUFG agrees to buy \$5.61 billion stake in Thai lender

HONG KONG, 3 July—Japan’s Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group (MUFG) (8306.T) has agreed to buy a controlling stake in Thailand’s Bank of Ayudhya Pcl BAY.BK for up to 560 billion yen (\$5.61 billion) as Japanese lenders expand into fast-growing Southeast Asian economies to beat slower growth at home.

MUFG’s purchase of up to 75 percent of Thailand’s fifth largest lender would be the biggest acquisition by a

Japanese bank in Southeast Asia. It also ends General Electric Co’s (GE.N) six-year-old investment in Ayudhya, with GE raising \$2.41 billion by selling its stake in the Thai bank in two tranches.

The deal requires approval from Thailand’s finance ministry as foreign ownership in domestic banks is capped at 49 percent. MUFG told a briefing it believes Bangkok would “take a favourable view” and said it was considering

merging its Thai operations with Ayudhya to comply with Thailand’s single presence policy on bank ownership.

MUFG has sizable operations in Japanese corporations in Thailand, where Toyota Motor Corp (7203.T) and other conglomerates own manufacturing plants. Under the terms of the deal, MUFG will make a tender offer priced at 39 baht per share, allowing GE to sell its entire 25.33 percent stake in the Thai bank.—Reuters



Chrysler’s US sales in June rise 8 percent

DETROIT, 3 July—Chrysler’s US sales in June rose 8 percent on strong demand for its two best-selling vehicles, the Ram full-size pickup truck and Jeep Cherokee SUV, the company said on Tuesday. Chrysler Group LLC, majority-owned by Italy’s Fiat, reported US sales last month of 156,686 vehicles, in line with analysts’ expectations and the company’s best June results since 2007.

Overall US auto industry sales in June are expected to show a rise of up to 8 percent and could reach their strongest monthly pace since before a recession pushed Chrysler

and General Motors into bankruptcy in 2009.

Economists polled by Thomson *Reuters* expect an annual sales rate in June of 15.4 million vehicles. Several analysts and research firms who follow the auto industry closely anticipate a rate of 15.5 million to 15.7 million.

Chrysler falls in the optimists’ camp as it expects a sales pace in the month of about 16 million vehicles, including medium and heavy trucks. Those vehicles typically account for about 300,000 sales annually.

“The fundamentals for continued industry gains in

new-vehicle sales remain intact,” Chrysler US sales chief Reid Bigland said in a statement. Monthly sales are seen as an early indicator of the US economy’s health.

The auto industry has held up better than the broader economy as easier credit availability and pent-up demand for vehicles have driven demand.

In May, US auto sales rose more than expected as construction workers and oil drillers bought more pickups to meet growing demand for their services, a trend major automakers expect to continue through the rest of the year.

Reuters

WORLD

Osaka seeks cruise ship tourists from overseas

OSAKA, 3 July—The Osaka city government has made efforts to lure high-income tourists on cruise ships from Europe, the United States and Asia in a bid to boost the city's economy.

Osaka port has fallen behind its rivals such as Yokohama, Kobe, and Hakata in visitor numbers from oceangoing cruise ships, with the trend partly attributed to low name recognition.

In 2012, a total of 33 cruise ships arrived at Osaka port, a 1.5-fold increase from the level in 2007, according to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism. But the number remains far smaller than Yokohama

in Kanagawa Prefecture, south of Tokyo, which led the country with 142 ships, Hakata in Fukuoka Prefecture in southern Japan, with 112, and Kobe in Hyogo Prefecture, west of Osaka, with 110 ships.

The city government is currently touting its proximity to Kyoto and Nara, two ancient cities full of historical sites that are popular tourist destinations, in cooperation with the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

"If we successfully attract about 50 cruise ships a year, we predict economic effects will surpass 20 billion yen," a city government official said.

On the morning of 8 May, the 116,000-ton



Officials from the Osaka city government and the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry inspect the cruise ship Diamond Princess on 8 May, 2013 at Osaka port in western Japan.

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cruise ship *Diamond Princess*, which is about 290 metres long with 18 stories and run by Santa Clarita, California-based Princess Cruise Lines Ltd, arrived at Osaka port.

Shigetaka Sato, head of the chamber of commerce, also appeared at the port

to welcome about 2,000 passengers from the ship, showing his intention to spearhead the city's ongoing efforts to lure visitors.

Data from the tourism ministry also showed that a total of 1,105 cruise ships visited Japanese ports during 2012.—Kyodo News

Belarus to cooperate with China in national cyberspace protection

MINSK, 3 July—Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko has said that Belarus is going to expand the scope of its cooperation with China significantly to improve the protection of its national cyberspace, local media reported on Tuesday.

The aim of the cooperation with China is to protect Belarusian databases, telecommunications links and state secrets from foreign interference, Lukashenko said in his Belarus Independence Day message in Minsk.

"I think that in the near future we will be able to discuss this problem with China's leader," he said.

"We have no other choice. The world has already entered into an era of undeclared cyber wars, and we have no right to lose here. This is why we must dramatically step up cooperation with our allies, particularly with the People's Republic of China — the country that has managed to create an effective system for the protection of the national cyberspace," Lukashenko noted.—Xinhua

US to delay key health-reform provision to 2015



A patient waits in the hallway for a room to open up in the emergency room at Ben Taub General Hospital, Texas, on 27 July, 2009.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 3 July—The Obama administration said on Tuesday it would not require employers to provide health insurance for their workers until 2015, delaying a key provision of President Barack Obama's healthcare reform law by

a year, to beyond the next election. The move raised questions about the future of other provisions of the law, including the mandate for individuals to obtain health coverage in 2014, and followed widespread complaints from businesses

Germany jails Russian couple who spied on NATO and EU for decades

STUTTGART, 3 July—A middle-aged, middle-class couple who are presumed to be Russian were jailed in Germany on Tuesday for passing on hundreds of NATO and EU documents in two decades of spying for Moscow.

At the moment of her arrest in 2011, Heidrun Anschlag was, in true spy-thriller fashion, receiving a coded radio transmission from Moscow, the court in Stuttgart said.

"Through their excellent training and carefully crafted cover stories ... the defendants posed a significant, abstract danger to Germany," said the judges, sentencing Heidrun Anschlag and her husband Andreas—not their real names—to 5-1/2 and 6-1/2 years' prison respectively.

The pair, now in their 50s, entered Germany in 1988 and 1990, posing as Austrian citizens from South America. While their cover has been broken, investigators have to this day failed to uncover their true identities.

From their home in the university town of Marburg, they passed on political and military secrets from the EU and NATO obtained from a contact in the Dutch Foreign Ministry's visa section, and sought out recruits.

From 2008, their main task became managing this contact, who was paid at least 72,200 euros (62,075 pounds).

Described by Moscow as a "valuable source in need of particular protection", the Dutch man was arrested in March 2012 and jailed for 12 years.—Reuters



Heavy smoke billows from a warehouse near the Changsha South Railway Station in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 2 July, 2013. A fire engulfed the warehouse Sunday without injuring anyone. Local fire department took more than two hours to douse the fire.—XINHUA



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Assistant Commissioner Wayne Rideout displays a picture of pressure cookers used by two individuals arrested while conspiring to commit an attack in Surrey, British Columbia on 2 July, 2013.—REUTERS

SURREY, 3 July—Canadian police said on Tuesday they foiled an al-Qaeda-inspired plot to detonate three pressure-cooker bombs during Monday's Canada Day holiday outside the parliament building in the Pacific coast city of Victoria, arresting a Canadian man and woman and seizing their home-made explosive devices.

Police said there was no evidence to suggest a foreign link to the planned attack, which targeted public celebrations outside the parliament building in Victoria, capital of the Province of British Columbia.

They declined to detail any links between the two Canadians and the al-Qaeda network. They also said they were not aware of any connection to the 15 April bombings at the Boston Marathon

in which three people were killed by devices built from pressure cookers.

"This self-radicalized behaviour was intended to create maximum impact on a national holiday," Wayne Rideout, assistant commissioner of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, told a news conference.

"They took steps to educate themselves and produced explosive devices designed to cause injury and death."

Police said there was no risk to the public at any time because they began monitoring the suspects in February and had known all along what was happening.

The two people charged are John Stuart Nuttall and Amanda Korody, Canadian-born citizens from Surrey, British Columbia, authorities said.—Reuters

and their lobbyists about reporting requirements for employers with 50 or more full-time workers.

Retailers and other business interests welcomed the change, which analysts said could stymie a main avenue of attack on Obama's signature domestic policy achievement as campaigning for the 2014 midterm congressional election gets under way later this year.

Republicans called it evidence that Obama's plan was a failure, while Democrats termed it a demonstration of flexibility.

Whether that flexibility opens the door to further changes in the healthcare law is now a matter of debate. The law, known as "Obamacare," was passed in 2010 and upheld by the US Supreme Court a year

ago. "If this is negotiable, it seems like anything is negotiable," said Malcolm Slee, a tax lawyer working with businesses on health-care implementation.

Companies would have had to pay the Internal Revenue Service \$2,000 for each full-time employee who did not get health coverage, beginning 1 January, when the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is scheduled to come into full effect.

"This is designed to meet two goals," Mark Mazur, the Treasury Department's assistant secretary for tax policy, said in a government blog. "It will allow us to consider ways to simplify the new reporting requirements consistent with the 2010 law."

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Free Air of Our Right for Healthier Life Forum organized

YANGON, 3 July—Free Air of Our Right for Healthier Life Forum was organized in Parkroyal Hotel here on 29 June.

One-minute silence was observed at the beginning of the forum in tribute to those killed in coal poisoning.

U Win Myo Thu, Sein Lan Amimyay Development Association Chairman,

delivered a speech at the ceremony.

Retired General Manager of Mining Department U Saw Moe Myint discussed mining industry in Myanmar and Retired Director of Occupational Health Department Dr Than Htut, the air pollution and public health.

A Green Peace documentary was screened at the ceremony before the public petition was read out. Those present at the forum raised questions. The forum was organized by Sein Lan Amimyay Development Association and ECODEV.

MMAL-Myat Sandi

Thin Zaw

32 houses evacuated in Mandalay due to erosion



MANDALAY, 3 July—A total of 32 houses have to be evacuated to safety as Ayeyawady River eroded riverbank in Nyaungbintha village in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region.

Mandalay Region Transport Minister U Kyaw Hsan, head of Region Directorate

of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems U Win Hlaing, head of Patheingyi Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Soe and officials visited the site on 31 June.

The minister inspected the preventive measures and encouraged the volunteers

working together with staff of the Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems.

A gravel retaining wall will be built along the river bank.

The minister then viewed the works and attended to the needs.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Educative talks on traditional medicines organized in Lewe Tsp

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LEWE, 3 July—Educative talks on traditional medicines and the use of herbal medicines were organized at Inbu Basic Education Primary School and Myoma Post-Primary School in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 21 June.

Head of Lewe Township Traditional Medicine Clinic Daw Aye Aye delivered talks on personal hygiene and diarrhoea.

Traditional medicine practitioner Daw Khaing Khaing Thin gave talks on herbal medicines and dengue fever.

Another traditional

medicine practitioner Daw Hnin Thida Myo discussed six kinds of taste with charts and figures.

The team also organized similar talks in Baho Post-Primary School on 14 June, in Lewe Basic Education High School No (1) on 18 June and Lewe BEHS-2 on 19 June.

MMAL-Ko Ko (Yupa)

Model one-acre plot of summer paddy yield nearly 140 baskets



PATHEINGYI, 3 July—A model one-acre plot of five-acre summer paddy plantation in Thamada village-tract in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Region yielded 139.48 baskets on 1 July.

Head of Mandalay Region Agriculture Department U Hla Myint Aung, Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe and staff were present

at the harvest. The paddy plantation is owned by farmer U Hsan Win of the village. Patheingyi Township has put a total of 21435 acres under summer paddy and 378 acres under Paletwe summer paddy in 2012-13 fiscal year.

The officials then inspected 112 days old thriving plantations.

MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)



YANGON, 3 July—Vehicles in Yangon have to join long queues at private filling stations as the fuel demand is increasing and the number of the private filling stations reduced.

According to an in-charge of a station, the private filling stations have expanded sale capacity to 6000 gallons of gasoline a

day from 4000 gallons.

The private filling stations are allowed to increase competitiveness in the market which was once monopolized by Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise.

The return of longer queue at the filling stations was caused by temporary shutdown of the filling

stations which failed to meet standards set by the ministry.

MMAL-Aung Than (Mingala Taungnyunt)

Illegal wood products seized in five vessels

CRIME

MAWLAIK, 3 July—A combined team seized five vessels carrying illegally extracted timbers in Mawlaik Township jetty in Sagaing Region on 29-30 June.

Two vessels were seized on the first day of surprise checks and three others on another day, according to Region Hluttaw Representative U Soe Myint. Vessels running in Chindwin River are transporting consumer goods and fuel to Hkamti, Homalin and Phaungpyin where they loaded the illegally extracted wood products to avoid returning empty.

“Actions have been taken against five vessels carrying illegal woods,” a

senior officer of Region Forest Department confirmed.

Among the seized vessels were Aung Kyaw Thu and Yan Naing Win vessels. Officials declined to name other vessels.

MMAL-Awza (Monywa)

Two dies of electrical shock in Thingangyun Tsp

YANGON, 3 July—Two died of electric shock in two separate cases in Thingangyun Township here on 29 June.

A man was killed on the spot by the electric shock while clearing the dumps in an under-construction building in Yan Nyein street in Yan Aung ward. The man was identified by the police as Nyan Lwin Oo, 24, from

Shwegyin Township.

In a separate incident, the township electrical staff met his tragic end while replacing a new cable at a lamp post in Thuwanna. He died on the way to Sanpya hospital. Win Zaw, 32, is a grade 3 electrical staff. The Thingangyun and Thuwanna police stations have filed cases as regards the deaths.—MMAL-Tin Kyi



PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 4 July, 2013

Understanding democracy

The democracy is the most longed for political system. But there is still no consensus how to define it. In essence equality, freedom and rule of law have been identified as the most important characteristics of democracy. We are on the right track of democracy. But we have to question ourselves if we do thoroughly understand these very basics of the political system almost new to us. The mere word “democracy” will not be able to shape our future and the future of our country, but our perception will.

The most cherished word “democracy” does not belong to the government nor the parliament nor any other institution. It does belong to the whole system. There is no such an institution that could alone represent and ensure democracy. But, there is only “democratic” institution that complies with democratic norms and standards, and practices democracy. It is not all about the government or the parliament alone. A political system is basically formed with government, legislature, judiciary and people. Any part of it needs to be “democratic” to establish democracy.

Democracy ensures that everyone is equal before the law. Law is the most important feature of democracy. It is the charter between the people and other institutions governing the people. An institution or community will never become “democratic” if it does not embrace the importance of laws, put the trust in them and obey them. People in democracy society have the rights to demand changes to the laws, but they are not entitled to defy them. The democracy cannot be built on the mistrust in the laws.

After two years of democratic governance, we have yet to answer these basic questions. What do we want: democracy or mob rule? Do we want exclusive rights at the cost to equality? Does freedom mean for us doing what we ever want? Is there any type of freedom or right to force anyone else to behave in any particular way? Do we actually understand and embrace the rule of law?

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Ms Ana Maria Ramirez as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Argentine Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Ms Ana Maria Ramirez joined the Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1978 and served in various capacities at the Argentine Embassies and Permanent Mission in Western Berlin, Washington D.C and New York. Since 2011, she has been serving as Argentine Ambassador to the Kingdom of Thailand. She is also concurrently accredited to the Lao PDR and the Kingdom of Cambodia.

Ms Ana Maria Ramirez will be concurrently accredited as Argentine Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok.

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs

U Wunna Maung Lwin attends the 46th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM).—MNA

NATIONAL

Work coordination of Pyithu Hluttaw's Committees/Commission held



Work coordination meeting between Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Committee chairmen, secretaries, commission members in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Work coordination meeting between Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and Committee chairmen, secretaries, commission members, took place at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this afternoon.

In his opening speech, the

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that it was second meeting during the 7th regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw. Would Hluttaw's undertakings achieve success only when the committee accomplishes its main duties—legislative duty and ensuring check and balance. So far, a total of 53 laws have been enacted

during Hluttaw's two-and-half year term. Some laws are under discussion, and there remain a flood of laws to be amended and enacted, he added. He called for reviewing amendments and enactment of laws.

The Committee Chairmen reported their respective committee's

works. After that, those present touched upon miscellaneous matters. The meeting came to an end with an concluding speech by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

It was also attended by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and officials from Hluttaw Office.

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Union FM attends 46th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, related Meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back Myanmar this afternoon after attending the 46th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM), ASEAN Post Ministerial Conferences, 14th ASEAN Plus Three Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 20th ASEAN Regional Forum, 3rd East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 6th Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting, 3rd Mekong-Korea Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Lower Mekong initiatives Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Friends of Lower Mekong initiatives held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei

Darussalam from 29 June to 2 July 2013.

The Union Minister attended the 46th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting held at the International Convention Centre, Bandar Seri Begawan on 30 June 2013. During the AMM, the Union Minister informed his counterparts that Myanmar will work closely with the ASEAN Member States towards the successful implementation of the ASEAN activities and work for the future plans when it assumes the ASEAN chairmanship in 2014.

The Union Minister also attended the 6th Mekong-Japan Foreign Ministers' Meeting and the 3rd Mekong-

Korea Foreign Ministers' Meeting held in the afternoon of 30 June 2013 and exchanged views on possible areas of cooperation among the countries in the Mekong region, namely, Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam, and Japan and the Republic of Korea.

The Union Minister co-chaired the ASEAN-United States of America Ministerial Meeting, together with Mr John Kerry, Secretary of State of the United States of America, held in the morning of 1 July 2013. He reviewed the ASEAN-United States dialogue relations and its future direction and

exchanged views on the regional and international issues of mutual interest and concern.

He also attended Lower Mekong initiatives Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Friends of Lower Mekong initiatives Foreign Ministers' Meeting. He submitted a proposal to establish Mekong University in Myanmar.

On 2 July, he discussed regional and international development and the future direction of the ASEAN Regional Forum.

While in Bandar Seri Begawan, the Union Minister met with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs from Malaysia, Thailand, Bangladesh, People's Republic of China, Canada, India, Republic of Korea, Mongolia, Norway and Timor Leste and discussed bilateral issues and areas of cooperation with them.

The signing ceremony of the Kingdom of Norway to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia was also convened during the 46th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting.

During the Meetings, the Union Minister informed that Myanmar will be hosting the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting and related Meetings when it assumes the ASEAN chairmanship in 2014.

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NATIONAL

Union FM felicitates US counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 4 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 the Honourable John Kerry, Secretary of State of the United States of America, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the United States of America which falls on 4th July 2013.—MNA

Outstanding students honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—The Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry honoured outstanding students who passed the 2012-2013 Matriculation Examination with flying colours at the office of the Department, here, this afternoon with an opening address by Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun.

The officials concerned presented prizes to those outstanding students.

A total of 220 students—four six-distinction winners, 18 five-distinction winners, 28 four-distinction winners, 28 three-distinction winners, 38 two-distinction winners, 104 one-distinction winners—passed the exam with flying colours.

The Union Minister attended workshop on Rural Livelihoods and Climate Change Adaptation in Himalayas (Himalica) for Myanmar jointly organized by MOECAI and International Centre

for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) at the same venue today.

It was also attended by officials of the ministries concerned, Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and members of leading bodies of Danu Self-Administered Zone, Inn-thar Literature,



Union Minister U Win Tun addresses Multi Stakeholder Planning Workshop on Rural Livelihoods and Climate Change Adaptation in Himalayas (Himalica) for Myanmar.—MNA

Culture and Regional Development Association, and responsible persons and experts.

The Union Minister said that useful suggestions

Salingyi Tsp sees new school building, rural health...

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Afterwards, Union Minister U Hla Tun and party attended openings of a new building of the rural health department and “Yaung Ni Oo” Library in Latpadaungtaung Village in Salingyi Township.

They, then, provided books, stationery and sports gear to the students at Latpadaungtaung Village Basic Education High School (branch).

The new building of the rural health department and “Yaung Ni Oo” Library were constructed with the contribution of donors U Soe Hlaing and



Union Minister U Hla Tun and party pose for documentary photo in front of Yaung Ni Oo library.—MNA

wife Daw Than Than May, under the supervision of Latpadaungtaung Sayadaw Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Avudha.

The donation of those buildings is meant to promote rural health care sector and broaden the public knowledge.

The building of the rural health department was constructed at a cost of K 3.2 million and the library, at K 7.5 million.—MNA

Test-growing of Hsin Akari-3 quality paddy strain achieves success

MOHNYIN, 3 July—Hsin Akari-3 quality paddy strain was successfully produced at Mohnyin Agriculture Research Farm, said Assistant Research Officer Myint Thauung.

He continued saying that the quality paddy strain is distributed to all regions. The more the quality paddy strain is in high demand,

the more farmers want to invest in it. Foundation seed is aimed for Kachin State, he added.

Hsin Akari-3 is suitable for not only in Kachin State but also in upper Sagaing Region.

The paddy plantation can produce over 100 baskets per acre.

NLM-001



Test-growing of Hsin Akari-3 quality paddy strain seen at Agriculture Research Farm.

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Yangon University, Dongseo University of ROK to cooperate



NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Deputy Minister for Education Dr Ba Shwe and the Honorary Consul General of Myanmar Mr Won. B. Dahn of the Republic of the Korea

held talks on information and communication technology, international studies, computer science and biotechnology subjects and exchanges of faculty

members and staff between Dongseo University in Busan of the Republic of Korea and Yangon University.

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Gift for primary students in Natmauk Township

NATMAUK, 3 July—A ceremony to donate stationery to the students of No.169 Basic Education Primary School for 2013-2014 academic year was held at the school in Htanpingon Village, Natmauk Township, Magway Region on 1 July.

At the ceremony, Headmistress Daw Ohnma Swe gave a speech and under the patronage of mother Daw Tin Mya, Daw Khin San Myint family donated 70 dozens of exercise book, 30 dozens of pencil, 10 dozens of pen and 10 dozens of ruler to 56 students.

Kyemon-Pu Ti Bwa (Natmauk)



Duties of Taninthayi Region's project assigned

DAWEI, 3 July— Duties of Taninthayi Region's project (2013-2014) were assigned at the town hall of Dawei on 1 July.

On the occasion, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko delivered an address.

Region in charge director U Kyaw Than of the Planning Department explained purposes of the

project plans.

Next, the Region Chief Minister assigned their respective duties to relevant personnel including the deputy commissioners.

It was also attended by the region Hluttaw speaker and the deputy speaker, the region chief justice, region ministers and officials concerned.—Kyemon-

Kyaw Kyaw Latt (IPRD)



Basic spoken English course, computer course conclude

SAGAING, 3 July—The basic spoken English and basic computer course No. 7 concluded at the Fisheries Department (Upper Myanmar) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on 1 July morning.

Head of Sagaing Region Fisheries Department U Sai Kyaw Myint made concluding remarks. Deputy Head of Mandalay Region Fisheries Department U Aye Lwin presented certificates to the trainees.

Principal of the Fisheries Training School U Zaw Win announced the list of outstanding trainees and officials awarded them.

The training course run from 18 June to 1 July, and it was attended by three trainees from

Sagaing Region, three from Mandalay Region and one from Shan State.

Kyemon-Myo Win

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY

ASEAN Dengue Day observed in Magway

MAGWAY, 3 July—A ceremony to mark the ASEAN Dengue Day 2013 was held at the hall of Magway Region Health Department in Magway on 1 July.

Magway Region Minister for Social Affairs U Aung Kyaw Min made an opening address.

Head of Magway Region Health Department Dr Zaw Htay explained outbreak of dengue haemorrhagic fever, death rate and preventive measures and educative talks to be given to the people.

Kyemon-Khin Marlar (Magway)



ASEAN Dengue Day being observed in Magway with attendance of trainees and departmental personnel.

Union Minister at the President Office U Aung Min and wife being welcomed by US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J Mitchell and wife at the reception to mark 237th Anniversary Independence Day in Yangon on 2 July.

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DONATION

BG blood donation group provides stationery to BEPSs in Taikkyi

YANGON, 3 July— BG blood donation group In-Charge U Saw Naing, members U Tun Tun, Ko Kyaw Kyaw and wellwishers from Botahtaung Township in cooperation with BG blood donation group In-Charge U Thet Oo and members from Taikkyi Township on 29 June presented 290 dozens of exercise books, 219 dozens of pencils, 84 dozens of ball pens, 11 dozens of rulers, 20 dozens of erasers and 81 compasses to 653 students from the villages in Aiangkalaung region in Taikkyi Township.

They also donated 32 dozens of exercise books, 16 dozens of ball pens and

cash assistance K 40,000 for 32 Nargis-hit orphans in Kwaykon-Sarphyuwa Village and 71 dozens of exercise books and 15 dozens of ball pens for 31 students.

Kyemon-Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Monsoon tree planting ceremony held in Bago

BAGO, 3 July—The monsoon tree planting ceremony for 2013-14 of the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry took place in the precinct of Shwethahlaung Reclining Buddha Image in Bago, Bago region on 1 July.

It was attended by Bago

Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and wife, officials of Bago Region General Administration Department, members of WAO, teachers, fire brigade members, red cross members and local people.

Kyemon-Moe Win Thu (Bago)



Police friendly join hands with people in Mayangon Tsp

YANGON, 3 July—A meeting between policemen and townselders at the hall of Mayangon Township Police Force Commander's Office on 30 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Naing invited suggestions from the local people and urged them to openly point out strong and weak points of the force.

Member of Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda Board of Trustees U Sein Han, writer Maung Sein Hlaing (Oktha) (U Sein Aung), Ward 5 administrator U Myo Win, Ward 6 administrator U Saw Lwin and townselders gave advice on strong and weak

points of the police members and exchanged views.

It was attended by Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Than Naing, Station Head Police Captain Khin Maung Hla, ward administators, entrepreneurs and townselders, totalling about 40.

The township MPF commander and station head heartily accepted the advices and kept promise that they would obey to the suggestions of the townselders. They said that the MPF keeps open to all for advice and suggestions online or on paper anytime. Kyemon-Zaw Gyi (Manita)



REGIONAL



Photo taken on 2 July, 2013 shows the scene of the 3rd East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers meeting in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei.—XINHUA

Pakistan rejects Afghan gov't claim over Taliban power sharing plan

ISLAMABAD, 3 July—Pakistan on Tuesday rejected as completely baseless the comments and “ideas” attributed to it by Afghan officials relating to alleged “power-sharing formula” with the Taliban or attempting to “bring fiefdoms to Afghanistan.”

Afghan Deputy Foreign Minister Irshad Ahmadi said in Kabul on Monday that Pakistan has suggested the Afghan government to share power with the Taliban as part of the end game.

Ahmadi had claimed that Pakistan's security adviser Sartaj Aziz had floated the proposal in his

meeting with Afghan ambassador Umer Daudzai in Islamabad on Friday.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai had also said in Kabul at the weekend that he has heard some rumours from Pakistan for handing over some parts to the Taliban.

Pakistan angrily rejected the Afghan government's claim.

“This is a fabrication as no such notions have been expressed by any Pakistani official,” the Pakistan Foreign Ministry said.

“This is not our policy to encourage any fissiparous tendencies. In fact, Pa-

kistan has always supported a peaceful, stable and united Afghanistan,” Pakistani foreign ministry spokesman said in a statement.

He said Pakistan is playing a constructive and positive role to facilitate an Afghan-led and Afghan-owned reconciliation process.

Pakistani Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif has reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to support the efforts for peace and stability in Afghanistan and the region in his telephone conversations with Afghan President Karzai after taking office last month,

he said. “The negative statements from Afghan leadership and officials tend to vitiate the atmosphere and constrain development of close and cooperative ties between the two countries,” the spokesman said.

The spokesman said “Pakistan hopes that Afghanistan will reciprocate our constructive efforts, refrain from attributing misleading ideas to us, and work together for sustainable peace and stability that is so vitally important for progress and prosperity of the two countries and the region.”

Xinhua

New Zealand pushing for greater economic integration in Pacific

WELLINGTON, 3 July—New Zealand will be looking to push for increased trade and economic opportunities among Pacific island nations at this week's Pacific Island Forum Economic Ministers Meeting in Tonga, Associate Minister of Finance Jonathan Coleman said on Wednesday. “The Forum Economic Ministers Meeting is a chance for finance ministers to share experiences and develop collective responses to wider issues of economic growth and regional integration,” Coleman said in a statement. “It is important that New Zealand contributes to this dialogue, and that we assist with driving forward change. Sustainable economic development is vital to unlocking the Pacific's potential and developing security and prosperity,” he said.

“New Zealand is committed to supporting increased trade, investment and economic opportunities

in the Pacific.”

The annual meeting on 4 and 5 July would bring together 15 ministers and representatives from across the Pacific. Coleman would also attend Tongan King Tupou VI's birthday celebrations, along with the Royal New Zealand Navy band, which would take part in celebrations.—Xinhua

Japan to revive Ship for World Youth Programme

TOKYO, 3 July—The government plans to revive the Ship for World Youth Programme to promote understanding between Japanese and foreign youths and train leaders through a one-month global voyage, government officials said on Tuesday.

The programme was abolished by the previous government led by the Democratic Party of Japan to help reduce government

spending for fiscal 2013 that began in April.

Since the Liberal Democratic Party won back the reins of government from the DPJ late last year, however, the present government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has viewed the programme as useful for training youths, the officials said.

The Cabinet Office considered details of the programme through a relevant panel and concluded

the programme meets the aim of the government's economic growth strategy, they said. The Abe government plans to earmark funds for the programme in a budget for fiscal 2014, they said.

Japan launched the annual Ship for World Youth Programme in 1967. Past participants until fiscal 2012 numbered about 6,600 from Japan and 63 foreign countries.—Kyodo News

Cambodia reports 9th bird flu death this year

PHNOM PENH, 3 July—Cambodia on Tuesday reported its ninth human death from bird flu this year, with the government warning that the virus remains a “serious threat” to Cambodians.

The victim, a six-year-old girl from Preyleu village in Kampot Province, was confirmed positive with H5N1 on 28 June and died later in the day after she was transferred from a private clinic to Kantha Bopha hospital in Phnom

Penh, according to a joint statement released by the Health Ministry and the World Health Organization.

The statement said there had been poultry deaths in the village recently and the girl was likely to have been exposed to sick and dead poultry before she fell ill.

It was the 13th case this year and the girl was the 34th person to have been infected with the H5N1 virus in Cambodia. “Avian influenza H5N1 re-

mains a serious threat to the health of all Cambodians,” Cambodian Health Minister Mam Bunheng said.

He said children seem to be most vulnerable as they like to play where poultry are found, urging parents and guardians to keep children away from sick or dead poultry.

Globally, there have been 632 confirmed human cases of H5N1 avian influenza since 2003 with 376 related deaths.

Kyodo News



Visitors view giant panda Shin Shin back on public display at Tokyo's Ueno Zoo on 2 July, 2013. She was removed for observation the previous month for a condition later found likely to be a “false pregnancy.”

KYODO NEWS

80 pct of trafficking cases in Vietnam target women, children

HANOI, 3 July—Up to 80 percent of trafficking cases in Vietnam target women and children, according to the General Police Department on Crime Prevention and Control under Vietnam's Ministry of Public Security.

Statistics show that since 2005, Vietnam has recorded over 3,200 cases of human trafficking with over 7,000 victims. During 2012 and the first six months of this year, 700 cases involving over 1,300 victims were recorded, mostly people living in difficulties. More than 80 percent of them were taken out of the country.

These figures were released at a conference held in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Tuesday to launch a national project to enhance international cooperation against human trafficking. The conference was co-hosted by the Steering Committee on Crime Prevention and Control, the

Ministry of Public Security and the United Nations Children's Fund.

Vietnam is both an immediate scene of the crime and an entrepot for traffickers travelling to a third country. The perpetrators include foreign nationals. The crime is now on the rise in the country's 63 cities and provinces nationwide, especially those bordering China, Cambodia and Laos. Apart from women and children, traffickers also target men, infants, pregnant women and human organs.

The project targets at least 5 percent of all human trafficking cases dealt with via international cooperation. It also demands 100 percent of internationally funded projects be implemented as planned.

Vietnam is seeking to sign bilateral anti-human trafficking cooperation agreements with at least three countries and territories by 2015.—Xinhua



Volunteers help students ahead of the Vietnam's national university entrance examination in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, on 2 July, 2013. Over 1.71 million Vietnamese students will sit for the exam.

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(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(2013-2014)	1 1/4" Pitch Quadribble Chain & Offset Link	(2) Items	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-003(2013-2014)	Foam Liquid Solution	(650) Gals	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-004(2013-2014)	(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.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67 -411097/411206

Invitation to Open Tender for IP Transit Services 2013-II for Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications(MPT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology invite open tender for capacity of 2.5 Gbps of IP Transit Services that to be used for Internet Backbone and this services should be provided via the link that are described in the below table. MPT will pay in foreign currency for those services.

Sr	Link	Capacity
1	Myanmar-China Cross Border(Muse)	1x 2.5 Gbps (1 x STM 16)

2. Bidder should submit the open tender (Technical and requirement Proposal) on August 2, 2013 during 09:30 to 16:30 at Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and MPT will deny the tender that is submitted over the assigned period as above.
3. Bidder should submit the price proposal when we call you the day of price bargaining.
4. Tender documents are available from Head Office Building of Overseas Department, Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, Near 8 mile junction, KaBaAye Pagoda Road, Yangon, Myanmar and detail can be asked to telephone number + 95 1 650118 during office hours.

Tender Evaluation & Selection Committee

Yangon City Electricity Supply Board Invitation of proposal for Generation and Distribution of Electricity Supply to Industrial Zones.

1. Local and Foreign Investors who interested in Generation and Distribution of Electricity Supply to 15 Number of Industrial Zones in Yangon Region are invited to submit the proposal.
2. The Proposal shall be submitted not later than 12:00 noon on 31st July 2013.
3. For detailed information related to the captioned subject please contract to individual Industrial Zone Committee's Office and the following office.

Office of the Chairman
Yangon City Electricity Supply Board
Ministry of Electric Power
No(197/ 199), Lower Kyeemyindine Road,
Ahlone Township, Yangon Region.
Ph - 951-215042, 951-215043, 951-215046

Invitation to Open Tender for Equipment Tender 2013-A-OVS for Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

1. Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), Ministry of Communications and Information Technology invite open tender for **Equipment Tender 2013-A-OVS** that to be used for overseas department and those are described in the below table. MPT will pay in local currency (Kyats).

Sr.	Description	Quantity
1	Backhaul Link (STM-16) equipment for International Voice & IPLC	1 lot
2	MPT satellite Terminal Gateway machinery	1 lot
3	Engine Main Breaker (800Amp)	2 Nos.
4	Copier (Cannon , Multifunction)	3 Nos.

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Tender Evaluation & Selection Committee

Foreign translators awarded for promoting Chinese culture

BEIJING, 3 July—Ezra Vogel, an American expert on China, along with five other foreigners on Tuesday won the special book award for promoting Chinese culture around the world.

The other prize winners included Italian sinologist Lionello Lanciotti, Argentinean writer Jorge E Male-

na, Egyptian writer Mohsen Said Fergani and Indonesian publisher Yoza Suryawan, according to the General Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television.

Swedish translator Anna Gustafsson Chen, who has translated works by China's first Nobel prize winner

in literature Mo Yan, also received an award. The Special Book Award of China was set up in 2005 to reward foreign translators, writers and publishers for their contribution to introducing Chinese culture to the world. A total of 33 foreign experts from 14 countries have won the prize.—Xinhua

Heavy rains kill 11, affect millions in SW China

CHENGDU, 3 July—Storms and flooding left 11 people dead and four others missing in southwest China's Sichuan Province

as of Tuesday, according to the provincial flood control office.

Torrential rains have battered much of the Si-

chuan Basin since June 29. The central and northern parts of the basin have seen heavy rain, with precipitation in Suining's

Chuanshan District reaching 623.7 mm, the highest since 1951, according to the provincial meteorological bureau.

The flood control office said 2.55 million people in 42 counties across the province have been affected by the rain as of 7 p.m. Tuesday. About 127,000 people have been relocated, 119,000 hectares of crops have been damaged and 6,600 houses have been destroyed.

The rain also damaged 13 reservoirs in the province, the office said.

Local civil affairs departments have allocated disaster relief supplies for those affected by the rain.

The National Committee for Disaster Reduction and the Civil Affairs Ministry dispatched work groups to affected regions to direct relief work on Monday.

In neighboring Chongqing Municipality, nearly 900,000 people have been affected by heavy rain since 30 June.

Xinhua



Vehicles park at the entrance to a flooded underground parking lot in Suining, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 2 July, 2013. Torrential rains hit Suining from 29 June to 2 July, leaving six people dead, two missing and some 1.62 million affected.—XINHUA

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Myanmar Language
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Three major US auto makers report soaring sales

CHICAGO, 3 July—All three major American automakers — Ford Motor Co, Chrysler Group and General Motors Corporation — reported strong sales gains last month in comparison with the same period a year ago, according to statistics released on Tuesday.

Ford said its sales went up by 13.4 percent in June. The Dearborn automaker's small cars, which include the Fiesta subcompact, Focus and C-Max compact cars, surged 39 percent. Ford's Escape compact SUV posted its best monthly sales total ever to hit 28,694 units. Chrysler sold 156,686 vehicles in June, a rise of 8.2 percent and the best June sales result since 2007. Chrysler's Fiat, Jeep and Chrysler brands all posted sales gains.

GM sales rose 6.5 percent to 264,843. Cadillac sales went up 14.9 percent while the Chevrolet brand had a 7.4 percent sales gain.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Lindsay Lohan is scheduled to leave the rehab early August this year.

Lindsay Lohan to go into hiding post rehab

LOS ANGELES, 3 July—Troubled actress Lindsay Lohan is planning to go into hiding after she gets out of the rehabilitation centre in August this year.

Sources close to the 26-year-old told tmz.com that Lohan has now realized that she has been powerless in combating her addictions. Lohan also feels New York and Los Angeles only feed her demons, so she needs to get out.

Lohan is scheduled to leave the re-

hab early August and she plans to move somewhere in the US where there is no paparazzi and go somewhere she can get back in touch with her true self.

The sources connected with her treatment claimed that the 12-step programme is working for Lohan's betterment.

Lohan is currently at the Cliffside Malibu rehab centre. She was previously getting her court ordered treatment at the Betty Ford Centre at Rancho Mirage.—PTI

Mick Jagger and his non-demanding girlfriend

LOS ANGELES, 3 July—Rolling Stone Mick Jagger reportedly loves the fact that his girlfriend L'Wren Scott never pressurises him for marriage. The couple has been dating each other for 12 years.

"She's been on Mick's case non-stop. What he liked about her at first ... was she absolutely didn't try to tie him down. She's a stylist, designer and has a jewellery and perfume range. Mick loved the fact she was totally independent," thesun.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

However, Jagger, who had been married twice before, might want to get married for the third time as he trusts Scott.

"He likes having someone around he can trust," the source said.—PTI



Mick Jagger is dating L'Wren Scott since the last 12 years.

Tom Cruise in Cher's top five lovers list

LOS ANGELES, 3 July—Singer Cher, who dated actor Tom Cruise for a brief period, describes him as a great guy and says he was one of her best lovers.

The duo dated each other briefly for a while in the 1990s and Cher, 67, has only good

things to say about Cruise, 50, reports thesun.co.uk.

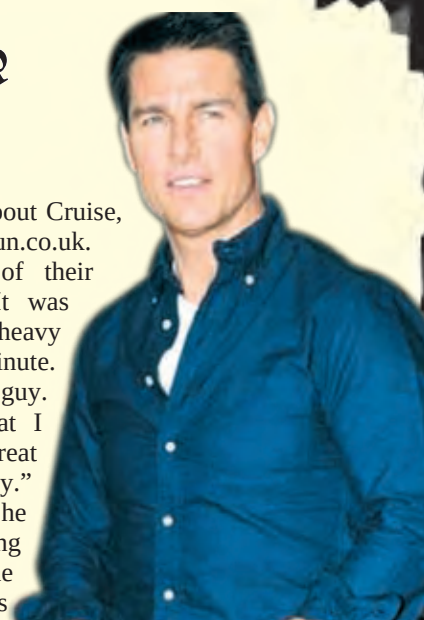
She said of their relationship: "It was pretty hot and heavy for a little minute.

He's a great guy. The person that I knew was a great and lovable guy."

Asked where he ranked in her long list of lovers, she said: "He was in the top five!

I just had the greatest lovers ever."

Cher has also dated celebrities Val Kilmer and Gene Simmons in the past.—PTI



Cher dated Tom Cruise for a brief period in the 1990s.

Robert Pattinson dates while Kristen Stewart waits

LOS ANGELES, 3 July—Actress Kristen Stewart reportedly looked grim faced while flying out of an airport, while her former lover Robert Pattinson spent the weekend with a mystery woman.

Kristen is keeping herself busy with work ever since she split from her Twilight co-star in May.

She recently announced that she will be a part of a sequel to Snow White and the Huntsman despite rumours that the precursor's director Rupert Sanders was responsible for her break-up with Pattinson.

Meanwhile, Pattinson, 27, went shopping for a ping pong table. He later drove his truck with the unknown redhead girl on the passenger seat, and a brand new table tennis table in the back seat, reports thesun.co.uk.

Pattinson took the stranger lady to his mansion. PTI



Robert and Kristen broke up in May this year.

Pharrell Williams sues will.i.am over 'i am'

NEW YORK, 3 July—Music producer Pharrell Williams filed a lawsuit on Monday asking a US court to rule he has not violated any trademark that Black Eyed Peas rapper will.i.am owns for the phrase "I AM."

The lawsuit, filed in Manhattan federal court, said that will.i.am, whose real name is William Adams, has repeatedly sent letters to Williams demanding he stop using versions of the phrase "I AM" on a website founded by Williams, iamother.com.

The website, according to the lawsuit, focuses on "encouraging individuality through different forms of expression."

Trademarks owned by Williams's company, I Am Other Entertainment, do not have periods between the "i" and the "am," while those owned by will.i.am do, the lawsuit said.

Further, the lawsuit claimed, will.i.am's trademark for "I AM" covers clothing and is "relatively weak" because similar trademarks already exist.

An attorney for will.i.am was not immediately available for comment. The lawsuit asked the court to declare that the phrase "I Am Other" does not "infringe, dilute or unfairly compete" with will.i.am, said Brad Rose, counsel for Williams.

Williams is part of the musical duo The Neptunes and has collaborated with artists including Justin Timberlake, Kanye West and Jay-Z.

The Black Eyed Peas have sold more than 31 million albums, according to will.i.am's website.

The case is I Am Other Entertainment, LLC v William Adams, US District Court for the Southern District of New York, No 13-4547.—Reuters



Recording artist will.i.am performs at the 2013 Wango Tango concert at the Home Depot Center in Carson, California on 11 May, 2013.

SPORTS

Swansea sign midfielder Pozuelo from Real Betis



Sevilla's Gary Medel (L) and Real Betis' Alejandro Pozuelo fight for the ball during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan stadium in Seville on 18 Nov, 2012. REUTERS

LONDON, 3 July—Swansea City have signed midfielder Alejandro Pozuelo from Real Betis on a three-year deal, the Premier League club said on Tuesday.

Although the 21-year-old's contract with Betis

had run out, Swansea said on their website (www.swansea-city.net) they paid an undisclosed transfer fee.

He is the third Spanish player to join the Swans for next season following the arrivals of Jose Canas,

also from Betis, and Jordi Amat from Espanyol.

Swansea, who finished ninth last season under Michael Laudrup, travel to the Netherlands on Wednesday for a 10-day pre-season tour.

Reuters

Former England boss McClaren joins QPR backroom staff

LONDON, 3 July—Former England soccer manager Steve McClaren has joined the backroom team at relegated Queens Park Rangers, the club said on Tuesday.

McClaren had been out of work since his second spell at Twente Enschede came to an end in February.

He joins the west London club as manager Harry Redknapp plots their return to the Premier League after they finished bottom last season.

"I'm delighted to take up this position offered to me by Harry and QPR," McClaren said on the club website (www.qpr.co.uk).

"Whilst it still remains my ambition to manage again this gives me an ideal opportunity to stay involved and work on the field with one of the top

managers in this country and a very ambitious club.

"Rest assured, I'll be doing all I can for Harry, the club and the fans to help QPR return to the Premier League."

After McClaren's England team failed to qualify for Euro 2008, McClaren joined Twente and led

them to the Dutch title in 2010. He moved to Germany to take over at VfL Wolfsburg but was sacked in February 2011. He had a short spell at English second-tier club Nottingham Forest before resigning and returned for an unsuccessful second stint at Twente.

Redknapp said: "Everyone in the game



Bartoli outbreaks Stephens to reach semis

LONDON, 3 July—Marion Bartoli beat Sloane Stephens 6-4, 7-5 in a bizarre rain-interrupted quarter-final that featured eight successive breaks of serve on Tuesday to leave the French 15th seed one match away from a surprise second Wimbledon final.

Bartoli, beaten by Venus Williams in the 2007 final, snaffled the first set by winning the first two points played after a two and a half hour rain break.

There followed an extraordinary second set that included eight straight dropped service games as Stephens, the only remaining American in the either singles competition, garnered only one point in four service games.

Both women finally managed a hold each before Bartoli, yet to drop a set in five matches in the tournament, broke to love to secure a semi-final clash with Belgian Kirsten Flipkens who upset 2011 champion Petra Kvitova.

"I've felt great here since 2007, obviously grass suits me," said Bartoli who was not so enamored with the lush lawns when refusing to play on in light drizzle late in the first set.

"The courts are already a bit slippery anyway and they can get dangerous when it gets wet so I don't

know why the crowd got against me for that," she said after being booed for making her stand while Stephens was keen to play on.

"I was returning extremely well but not serving well—the opposite of

before the rain delay really. I just need to put the two together in the next match."

Reuters

Marion Bartoli of France reacts after defeating Sloane Stephens of the US in their women's quarter-final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 2 July, 2013.

REUTERS



Montgomerie fails to qualify for British Open

LONDON, 3 July—Former world number two Colin Montgomerie blew his chance of taking part in this month's British Open after a second-round 76 left him

three over par in qualifying on Tuesday.

The 2010 European Ryder Cup captain was one shot off the lead after an opening-round 69 during

Local Final Qualifying at Gullane in Scotland before a round of 76, featuring four bogeys and a double bogey, saw him miss out by four strokes. "I got to five under and threw it away—never mind," the 50-year-old Scot said in a news release. "It's not my schedule. I just played badly this afternoon. I didn't get going at all."

Montgomerie, who won a record eight order of merit titles on the European Tour between 1993 and 2005, has never won a major despite several close calls with five runner-up spots among a total of 10 top-10 finishes.

There were three quali-

fying spots up for grabs at Gullane with amateurs Ben Stow and Matthew Fitzpatrick joining Sweden's Oscar Floren in securing their places at the 18-21 July major at Muirfield.

At the qualifying event at The Musselburgh, Steven Tiley dominated the field to win by three shots to book his berth along with Scot Lloyd Saltman and Tyrrell Hatton. At Dunbar, amateur Grant Forrest shot 67 and 65 for an eight-under-par aggregate and was joined in The Open field by Indian Shiv Kapur and Australian John Wade, who finished a stroke behind.—Reuters



Colin Montgomerie

Radwanska outlasts Li in epic quarter-final

LONDON, 3 July—Last year's runner-up Agnieszka Radwanska, the highest ranked player left in the women's draw, moved closer to reaching successive Wimbledon finals after outlasting China's Li Na 7-6(5), 4-6, 6-2 in an epic last-eight duel on Tuesday.

The Polish fourth seed, seeking her first grand slam title after losing in three sets to Serena Williams 12 months ago, set up a semi-final showdown with German Sabine Lisicki having staved off a Li fightback, the distraction of two rain interruptions and then squandering seven match points.

"She was playing unbelievable tennis I had two

that's why I was struggling with my legs." Former French Open champion Li wasted chances to take the opening set and after a short rain break, the sixth seed hit back to take the second from 4-2 down as her aggressive strokes to the corners of the court, combined with frequent net approaches, began to penetrate.

But Radwanska, who had her right thigh heavily strapped up before the start of the decider, regrouped under the now-closed roof following a second rain delay.

She secured a double break but spurned two match points at 5-1 up and another five in the next



Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland reaches to hit a return to Li Na of China during their women's quarter-final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 2 July, 2013.—REUTERS

tough matches before so I was happy to go through to the semi-finals," a relieved Radwanska told the BBC.

"It was just too much tennis in the last few days

game. With nerves frayed, she finally sealed victory when the never-say-die Li, losing in a Wimbledon quarter-final for the third time, went long.—Reuters

GENERAL



Lukasz Kubot of Poland hits a return to Benoit Paire of France during their men's singles tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 29 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Janowicz, Kubot no longer Poles apart at Wimbledon

LONDON, 3 July—What should have been a dream showdown between Roger Federer and Rafa Nadal has turned into the battle of Poland as Lukasz Kubot and Jerzy Janowicz unexpectedly find themselves in Wimbledon's quarter-final mix along with Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray.

The shock exits of seven-times champion Federer and Nadal during a topsy turvy opening week at the grasscourt major paved the way for Kubot to set up the unlikelyst of quarter-finals against 6-foot-8 countryman Janowicz.

"Whatever happens one of us will be in the semi-fi-

nals which makes history for Polish tennis. We are happy about what's going on right now—it's magical," said a beaming Kubot, who has entertained the crowds with his high-kicking celebratory can-can routine.

The two friends are poles apart in the rankings, with Kubot a lowly 130th while world number 22 Janowicz has been tipped as the next big thing in tennis.

On the eve of Poland's match of the century, though, the two stood side-by-side draped in their country's red-and-white flags as the world's media bombarded them with questions.

While Kubot and Jano-

wicz are two new faces at what the players call the 'business end of a grand slam' Murray and Djokovic are old hacks. Top seed Djokovic, in pursuit of a second title at the All England Club, will be contesting his 17th consecutive major quarter-final against 2010 runner-up Tomas Berdych. The Czech beat six-times grand slam winner Djokovic in their only previous clash on grass—at Wimbledon in 2010—and in their most recent meeting, but the Serb will be more eager to rely on the overall 13-2 win-loss record he holds when the two lock horns on Wednesday.

Reuters

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| 9. News/ International News | 23. News/ Weather Report |
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Two killed, boy hurt in Texas boat collision

HOUSTON, 3 July—Two people were killed and a 12-year-old boy hurt after two boats collided in the US state of Texas, local media reported on Tuesday.

The accident took place in Lake Fork near Quitman, about 120 km east of Dallas city, around sunset on Monday night, local TV ABC13 said.

Two adults were pronounced dead by rescuers who rushed to the scene and the boy was hospitalized and his conditions were not immediately known.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department said one of the boats sank at the scene and would be raised and towed to shore for examination.

It was not clear what happened exactly at the site and the identities of those involved have not been revealed.—Xinhua

China building emergency radio broadcast network

BEIJING, 3 July—China is constructing a special emergency radio broadcasting system to spread rescue and relief information in disaster-affected areas. The State General Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television, China National Radio and other departments are jointly building the broadcasting network, according to a statement released after a Tuesday symposium on the construction of national emergency radio services.

The network is expected to be put into operation by the end of 2015, the statement said.

China currently has no special system for releasing essential information, such as warnings, relief materials transfers and reconstruction, to people in disaster-affected regions.

The plan, which experts have called an important measure for coping with disasters, was inspired by a similar but smaller-scale radio network established

after a fatal 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit Lushan in southwest China's Sichuan Province on 20 April.

The radio service, jointly initiated by China National Radio and local radio and TV stations, broadcast government relief measures and secondary disaster warnings to disaster-affected people via loudspeakers, AM radio frequencies and satellite facilities between 22 April and 23 May.

Xinhua

Philippines cautions citizens in Egypt amid tension

MANILA, 3 July—The Philippine government warned on Tuesday its nationals in Egypt to take caution amid the political tension there.

Spokesman for the Philippines' Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Raul Hernandez said that in light of the political tension in Egypt and the ongoing

ing demonstrations in Cairo and its suburbs, the Philippine Embassy in Egypt has intensified its monitoring of the situation and has assigned duty officers to man the Embassy and its communication lines 24/7.

It is also in close coordination with the Filipino community, he added.

Hernandez said that

the Philippine Embassy has "advised our citizens in Egypt to stay away from areas where protests are held and to exercise caution in public areas at all times." He said the Embassy there will also regularly issue public advisories regarding developments on the peace and order situation in that country.—Xinhua



Children play with the "Dancing Sand" kit specifically for indoor use during a promotion event on 11 June, 2013 in Tokyo's Shibuya Ward.

KYODO NEWS

Aerobatic teams Swifts arrive in St Petersburg for International Maritime Defence Show

ST PETERSBURG, 3 July—The aerobatic teams Swifts and Russian Knights are arriving in Pushkin on the outskirts of St Petersburg on Tuesday after having their departure from Moscow delayed by bad weather, the press service for Russia's Western Mili-

tary District today reported.

The aerobatic teams will entertain crowds at the 6th International Maritime Defence Show to be held in St Petersburg from July 3-7. Seven ships from Russia's Baltic Fleet will also take part in official proceedings.—Xinhua



Honorary Patron of MWAFF Daw Khin Khin Win presents award to Police Captain Yin Yin Aye.—MNA

Salingyi Tsp sees new school building, rural health structure, library

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—A new school building “Pyinnyagonyi” was opened at Htantaw Village Basic Education Primary School in Salingyi Township yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of the Committee for implementation of the report of Investigation Commission on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun, Union Minister U Win Tun, Vice-Chairmen of the

Committee Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, committee members, group leaders, and officials concerned from Myanma Economic Holdings Limited and the Myanmar-Wanbao Mining Copper Ltd.

Next, Union Ministers U Hla Tun and U Win Tun, the Chief Minister, Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and party provided books and stationery to the students at the newly-opened school building.

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Myanmar Women’s Day observed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 3 July—Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation (MWAFF) Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of President U Thein Sein attended Myanmar Women’s Day ceremony, at the meeting hall of MWAFF in Dekkhinathiri Township, here, this morning.

Union Minister for

Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said that Myanmar is actively participating in ASEAN Women’s Affairs Committee and ASEAN Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Rights of Women and Children. Drafted National-level Women Development

Plan (2013-2022) would be enacted soon. She called for doing their bits in country’s reform processes.

MWAFF President Daw Mya Mya called for keeping Myanmar’s fine traditions by all Myanmar women.

Honorary Patrons Daw Khin Khin Win and Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, Daw Khin Aye Myint, Daw

Kyu Kyu Hla wife of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin awarded outstanding women.

After that, Honorary Patron Daw Khin Khin Win and party looked round MWAFF’s documentary photos and books.

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Honorary Patron of MWAFF Daw Nan Shwe Hmon presents award to woman athlete Ma Aung Hngein.—MNA



Honorary Patron of MWAFF Daw Khin Aye Myint presents award to Fire Sergeant Than Than Htay.—MNA

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking marked in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 3 July—To mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, No. 1 Basic Education High School in Mohnyin held an educative talk on drugs

abuse at Aung San Hall of the school on 28 June, with an address by Headmistress Dr Wathan Myat Thin.

At the talk, Head of District Health Department Dr Thin Thin Hlaing talked

about impacts of drugs on society, Dr Rolan of Community Led HIV/AIDS Intervention Programme, the activity of Community Led HIV/AIDS Intervention, and U Pyae

Oo Kyaw, the activity of Substance Abuse Research Association (SARA).

Next, prizes of SARA were presented to the winners for essays and painting contests on World Drug Day and pamphlets distributed to over 200 students.—NLM 001

Kyaukpantaung wildlife sanctuary: One more natural habitat for biodiversity of mountain ecosystem in Paletwa Township of Chin State



Chin State surrounded by mountain ranges is a region which is seen as representing the mountain ecosystem and providing a natural habitat for hundreds

of species of plants and animals.

Forest Department is

trying hard to extend natural habitats offering protection for forest depletion, environmental degradation and endangered species which are in danger of becoming extinct.

Under the agreement of the Union Government, the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry had set up “Kyaukpantaung wildlife sanctuary” on an area of 50.43 square miles in Paletwa Township of Chin State in accord with Notification No (55/2013) dated 17-6-2013.

Now, Chin State sees two natural habitats—the newly-established Kyaukpantaung wildlife

sanctuary and already-established Natmataung National Park on an area of 275.50 square miles.

Sofar 38 natural habitats that occupy a total area of 14681.54 square miles (5.62 per cent of a total area of the country) have been established in Myanmar. Moreover, eight parks/sanctuaries with a total area of 3113.95 square miles (1.19 per cent of a total area of the country) are under consideration in accord with rules and regulations for designation as natural habitats.

The ministry laid down a Myanmar forestry policy, targeting a total

area of natural habitats to reach five per cent of a total area of the country and formulated a 30-year primary project for national forest sector with the aim of extending natural habitats up to 10 per cent of a total area of the country and works are in progress. Now, the ministry has accomplished the aim of the project of Myanmar forestry policy and extended establishment of natural habitats that occupy 10 per cent of a total area of the country is on target to reach, it is learnt.

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