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Press conference of Central Committee for Rakhine State Peace, Stability and Development Implementation held

Press conference of Central Committee for Rakhine State Peace, Stability and Development Implementation in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 9 July— The press conference on Rakhine trip by Chairman of the Central Committee for Rakhine State Peace, Stability and Development Implementation Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon Branch), here this morning.

It was attended by Secretary of the Central Committee and chairmen of the works committee, Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister, the State Advocate-General, foreign ambassadors, diplomats, officials from UN agencies and local and foreign media.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw said that the government has resolutely taken measures for putting an end to the communal violence in Rakhine State and ensuring the safety and security of the lives and prosperity of the people there, irrespective of their racial or religious background. The trip gave us all a great chance to witness the situation in Rakhine State and the works done so far, by the State government, regional government and the concerned working committees under the guidance of the Central Committee in collaboration with the UN agencies and international organizations, he added. He continued that the State sees a number of achievements on the humanitarian works but there are challenges on humanitarians work, recovery and development assistance.

Secretary of the Central Committee Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win explained transparent cooperation of the Union government and the state government with UN agencies and INGOs. For more effective coordination, Coordination Centre has been opened in Sittway since 4 May, 2013. It really effects correct information sharing and coordination tasks. Coordination Centre should be extensively opened in the conflict-affected areas such as Meybon, Pauktaw, Minbya, MraukU and Kyaukpyu Townships.

The Central Committee is placing great emphasis on recommendations by the Rakhine State Conflict Investigation Commission's Report. UN agencies and International Organizations also suggest that under the government leadership, confidence and trust-building and reconciliation efforts reducing tensions between the two communities should be addressed and get free movement to undertake the normal livelihood activities of IDPs, he added.

Chairman of the Socio-Economic Development Working Committee Union Minister U Aye Myint explained briefly about the supply and distribution of paddy seeds and fertilizers, completion of water ponds and wells, supply and distribution of tractors and power tillers, completion of training course for utilization of tractors and power tillers, land cultivation, use of fuel for agricultural machineries, distribution of fuels, requirements of fishing boats and fishing nets and the matters related to education, health, communication and job creation.

Out of 19,860 baskets of paddy seeds that had already arrived in Rakhine State in May, 15,487 baskets have been supplied to 9,930 farmland acres till 4 July and the remaining paddy seeds shall be distributed to the required areas.

11 water ponds and 4 handheld wells are already completed in five designated townships—Minbya, MraukU, Yathedaung, Myebon and Pauktaw and it cost K 34.82 million.

In May 2013, 2 tractors and 288 power tillers and accessories have already

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SPJD, JMACE donate fire engines, hoses to FSD

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Under the arrangement of the Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) of the Japanese Government, a ceremony to donate eight fire engines and 1150 hoses by the Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) and Japan-Myanmar Association for Culture & Economic Exchange (JMACE) was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko spoke words of thanks.

The Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar made a speech. The Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) and Japan-Myanmar Association for Culture & Economic Exchange (JMACE) explained purpose of donations and handed over related documents to the Director-General of Fire Services Department.

Later, the Union minister, the Japanese Ambassador and officials viewed eight fire engines and 1150 hoses.—*MNA*

Fire engines donated by Society for Promotion of Japanese Diplomacy (SPJD) and Japan-Myanmar Association for Culture & Economic Exchange (JMACE).—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Odd News

Ancient silver coins, stones discovered in Kyaikto Township

KYAIKTO, 9 July — According to a tip-off that an activity of buying and selling silver coils and silver stones was in progress at a house in Moppalin village in Kyaikto Township of Mon State, Theinzayat police station rushed there on 5 July and found that pieces of ancient history were discovered from a drain.

Investigations revealed that Daw Kyin Aye (a) Kadon Ma of Eindawkon ward in the village found an earthen pot with no lid and two white-coloured metal coins next to it in the drain in front of the house of U Than Htaik in Bote ward at about 1.30 pm on 3 July. She took the pot out of the drain together with Daw Pyu Pyu Win, wife of U Than Htaik, and discovered 232 metal coins in it. Next, they told U Kyaw Swa Win and Daw Sein Aye, brother and aunt of Daw Pyu Pyu Win, about their discovery and they continued searching for more coins.

They found four more metal stones that weigh nearly one viss and 70 ticals and which are believed to be silver and 19 more silver coins at the place.

According to observers, the unearthed silver coins are believed to have been struck in late Hanlin era or early Vesali era. Each silver coin weighs about eight grams and the diameter of the coins range from 2.5 centimeters to three centimeters. Each coin bears a picture of Thiriwutsa on one side and a picture of conch shell on the other side.

Now, unearthed silver items had been given back to those who discovered them after investigation and officials are urging them to hand over the coins and silver stones to the Archaeology Department.

Kyemon-Ye Khaung Oo

Crime

Gold jewellery stolen in burglary at FMI City

YANGON, 9 July — Hlinethaya police station was reported that a housebreaking from which around K 10.7 million worth of gold jewellery were stolen took place in FMI City in ward-4 of Hlinethaya Township, here, on 3 July.

U Win Chein, 65, of Ma/ F 24 on Shwesabei 2nd street in FMI City informed the police that he found a back door and window open when he got into the house at about 8 pm on 2 July and he had gold jewellery worth K 10.7 million stolen. He locked the door before he left the home for his house in Myenigon in Sangyoung at about 10 am on 1 July, he said. It was learnt that a ruby necklace, a ruby bracelet, a ring with seven pieces of diamonds, a pair of ruby earrings, a platinum chain and a jade locket were stolen in a burglary at the house.

Hlinethaya police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

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Sunday, 14th July, 2013

School Environment Day

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

Ministry of Education

Talks on curbing crimes, ending sexual abuse against adolescents given

YANGON, 9 July — An educative talks on curbing crimes and ending sexual abuse against adolescents was organized at the administrator's office in ward-94 in Yuzana Garden City in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, here, on 6 July.

Police Officers made a clarification of security measures including full-time patrols and ambush being carried out by the police, called on local people to report their suspicions to the police as quick as possible and stressed the need for participation of all in the drive to curb crime and end sexual violence against adolescents.

Kyemon-512

Gold chain snatcher caught within few hours

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — Police in cooperation with dwellers arrested a suspected gold chain snatcher a few hours later the accused fled after snatching a gold chain of a 60-year-old man at Kalarkyaung market in ward-2 in Mayangon Township in Yangon on 2 July.

The suspect was identified as Myo Aung Win, 39, of Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady Region.

U Myint Oo of Aden Housing in ward-3 of the township had fallen victim of the snatcher shortly after he got off his car in front of the market at about 7.30 am on that day. The suspect snatched the gold chain worth K 858,500 as his first attempt to snatch a purse of the victim failed. As U Myint Oo reported to a police patrol and the police at once looked for the snatcher in cooperation with the people, the suspect was caught with the gold ring snatched from the man within a few hours.

Bayintnaung police station filed a lawsuit against the suspected snatcher.

Kyemon-Min Min Latt

Sense of duty makes a person strong and tall.

Young man found dead with no external injuries on the shore of Ngamoeyeik creek

YANGON, 9 July — A young man was found dead with no external injuries on the shore of Ngamoeyeik creek in ward-29 of Thingangyun Township at about 3.30 pm on 4 July. The dead body was identified as Thein Zaw, 15, of Kyauksein street in ward-33 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township. According to the father of the victim, he had disappeared while taking a bath in the creek in front of Ngasutaung monastery in ward-33 of Dagon Myothit (North) Township at about 4.30 pm on 2 July.

Thuwunna police station opened a case and the body is in North Okkalapa hospital for an autopsy to be performed whether or not there is evidence of third party hand in the case, it is learnt.

Kyemon-040

Minor collapse occurs at Bayintnaung flyover construction site

YANGON, 9 July — A collapse happened to pier (14) of the under-construction Bayintnaung flyover at about 4.40 pm on 8 July. The post collapsed on the road as it was hit by a crane while construction works of Bayintnaung flyover were in progress on Thamine Railway Station road in ward-1 in Mayangon Township. It was learnt that no casualty was reported.

Kyemon-037

Excessive speed-related motorbike accident claims three lives

NYAUNGLEBIN, 9 July — A road fatality happened to three persons on a motorbike in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region on 6 July. The fatal accident occurred at a place between mile post Nos (0/7) and (1/0) on Peinzalok Myotchaung motorway, four furlongs from Peinzalok police station and claimed lives of three persons on the motorbike. The victims were identified as Ko Kyaw (a) Kayin Gyi, 30, and Ko Min (a) Zaukhtoe, 19. The third person's name and address is under investigation.

The motorcyclist is believed to have lost control while driving at excessive speed that attributed to the tragic accident.

Kyemon-Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

WORLD

UN nuclear agency and Iran may meet in August

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Yukiya Amano reaches for paper before an IAEA meeting in Vienna on 5 June, 2013. — Reuters

Vienna, 9 July — The UN atomic agency and Iran may hold a new round of nuclear talks in August, diplomats said on Monday, in what would be their first meeting since last month's election of a relative moderate as the Islamic state's president. If it does take place, the meeting will be scrutinized by the West for any sign of increased Iranian readiness to compromise in the decade-old international dispute over its nuclear programme after the 14 June election of Hassan Rouhani.

A diplomat in Vienna, where the International Atomic Energy Agency is based, said he believed the aim was for an IAEA-Iran meeting in mid-August but that no decision had yet been taken. "I think that no meeting in August would be a bad sign," another Western envoy said. That would be shortly before the IAEA issues its next, quarterly report on Iran's nuclear programme in late August and ahead of a week-long session of the UN agency's 35-nation governing board in September. Western officials accuse Iran of stonewalling the IAEA's inquiry into suspected atomic bomb research and say Teheran in the past has been keen to meet with the agency shortly before board meetings to try to blunt criticism voiced there.

The IAEA-Iran discussions are separate from, but still closely associated with, broader negotiations between Teheran and six world powers aimed at an overall political solution to the dispute that would head off the risk of a new Middle East war. The IAEA, in an e-mailed response to a question, said it had no news to report about any future discussions with Iran. They last met in May in Vienna, without achieving a breakthrough.International hopes for a resolution of the nuclear dispute were boosted by the election of Rouhani because he has promised a more conciliatory approach to foreign relations than incumbent President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. But Western officials stress that it is Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who decides nuclear policy and it remains to be seen whether he will allow any shift in course.Iran says it is enriching uranium only to fuel nuclear power stations, and for medical purposes. But refined uranium also provides the fissile material for nuclear bombs if processed further, which the West fears may be Teheran's ultimate goal. IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano told *Reuters* last month he remained committed to dialogue with Iran to address the UN agency's concerns about what it calls the possible military dimensions to the country's nuclear programme.—*Reuters*

US considers pulling all troops from Afghanistan

Washington, 9 July— The United States is considering pulling out all its troops from Afghanistan next year, US officials said, amid tension between the President Barack Obama's administration and Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government.

Obama is committed to wrapping up US military involvement in Afghanistan by the end of 2014, but the United States has been talking with officials in Afghanistan about keeping a small residual force there of perhaps 8,000 troops.

US officials did not deny a report that Obama has become increasingly frustrated by his dealings with Karzai. Their relationship fell to new depths after last month's US move to open peace talks with the Taleban, which led Karzai to suspend talks on a security pact between the two allies.

Reuters

*US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel (C) poses for a picture with members of the US Army and Marines during his visit to the Kabul Military Training Center in Kabul on 10 March, 2013. —*Reuters

Okinawa Gov calls for cancellation of new Osprey deployment plan

Tokyo, 9 July — Okinawa Gov Hirokazu Nakaima called on the central government on Monday to reconsider the planned deployment of 12 more *MV-22 Osprey* combat-troop carriers at a US Marine Corps base in Japan's southwestern island prefecture, including its cancellation, citing continuing local concern about the aircraft's safety.

In a meeting in Tokyo, the governor handed Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida a list of written requests, including redistributing the existing 12 Ospreys at the Futenma Air Station on Okinawa's main island to multiple bases in the country. Kishida replied that he will do his utmost about the requests, with Nakaima pressing for an answer to the requests. "The anxieties felt by the people of Okinawa Prefecture about the Ospreys have not been addressed at all," the governor told reporters after the meeting, criticizing the planned deployment of 12 more tilt-rotor aircraft at the Futenma base, which sits within the densely populated city.

Nakaima plans to meet with other senior officials of the central government on Tuesday, including Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga and Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera.

Kyodo News

Japan restarts procedures to reboot idled nuclear reactors

Tokyo, 9 July — Japan restarted procedures on Monday to allow idled nuclear reactors to be brought back online, putting in place new nuclear regulations that reflect the lessons learned from the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi complex disaster. While power utilities rushed to apply to the Nuclear Regulation Authority for safety assessments of a total of 10 reactors in the hope of cutting soaring fuel costs for boosting non-nuclear thermal power generation, none of them is likely to restart anytime soon as it could take around six months for each process to finish.

Facing what the NRA calls the world's toughest nuclear regulations, utilities may also opt to give up efforts to restart some of the country's 50 commercial reactors and scrap them rather than investing in costly safety measures. On Monday, four regional utilities filed applications for the restart of 10 reactors at five nuclear power plants in Hokkaido, Fukui, Ehime, and Kagoshima prefectures, presuming that the safety measures they have prepared will clear the new requirements. Tokyo Electric Power Co, the operator of the stricken Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex, has also expressed its intention to request an NRA safety review for its two reactors in Niigata Prefecture, but local opposition made it difficult for the utility to take the move on Monday.

Under the new requirements, utilities will for the first time be obliged to put in place specific countermeasures against possible severe accidents like reactor core meltdowns, as well as against huge tsunami — the direct cause of the Fukushima crisis. Among those applying for restarts, reactors that could precede others include the No 3 unit at Shikoku Electric Power Co's Ikata plant in Ehime Prefecture, which has been found not to have geologic faults that need to be checked and has already prepared a newly required seismic-isolated emergency response centre. Reactors must also have a venting system with filters that can reduce the amount of radioactive substances when pressure needs to be released from reactor containers during emergencies, but pressurized water reactors like the No 3 unit at the Ikata plant are given a five-year moratorium to meet the requirement.

Kyodo News

S Korea sends advance party to North ahead of Wednesday talks

Seoul, 9 July — South Korea on Tuesday sent an advance party to a suspended joint industrial complex in the North's border city of Kaesong to prepare for working-level government talks set for Wednesday aimed at reopening the shuttered zone, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry.

The 25-member team comprising government officials and engineers will carry out such tasks as setting up the venue and checking communication and power lines for the talks. The talks are a follow-up to a meeting held at the truce village of Panmunjeom over the weekend where the two sides agreed in principle to reopen the suspended complex.

Operations at the zone, which has long been a symbol of inter-Korean cooperation, came to a halt on 9 April after Pyongyang, amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, withdrew its 53,000 workers employed by more than 100 South Korean companies there.

The industrial zone, which brought together South Korean capital and North Korean cheap labour, has been the last remaining symbol of reconciliation amid the tensions.

Kyodo News

Egyptian military vehicles block a street near Cairo on 8 July, 2013, amid demonstrations by supporters of former President Mohammed Morsi, who was ousted by the military. Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Sony, Samsung and LG believe India is ready for UHD TVs

NEW DELHI, 9 July—A television priced at Rs 27 lakh? Yes. Manufacturers like Sony, Samsung and LG believe India is ready to be developed as a market for high-end ultra high definition (UHD) sets with demand for bigger screen sizes expected to grow.

Recently these companies have introduced their range of UHD televisions which are priced between Rs 17 lakh and Rs 27 lakh with screen sizes of 84 inches and 85 inches, hoping that they would be able to create a niche segment and get more margins from these high-end products.

"Now, customer demands for even bigger screen sizes, upwards of 55 inch. For these kinds of large screen sizes, HD is actually not good enough to experience the best picture quality," Sony India General Manager, Marketing Tadato Kimura told *PTI*.

Therefore, it was inevitable to create a better technology to cater to this kind of demand and to complete the large screen experience (with UHD technology), he added.

The manufacturers are clear that they will be catering to a select set of customers with the UHD products, which have been also launched worldwide only recently.

"Ultra HD TVs are a niche segment. In our opinion, the customer of ultra HD TVs is a pioneer who understands the technology, and seeks the unique experience the product delivers," LG India Marketing Head-Home Entertainment Rishi Tandon said.

Expressing similar sentiments, Samsung India Senior VP-Consumer Electronics Atul Jain said: "It is a new technology which is being introduced in the Indian and the global markets. So in many ways, we are creating the market in India at this moment."

The UHD TVs have better pixel resolution quality, four times than normal HD TVs, with richer and more saturated colours in much bigger screen size, although they are priced at a premium.

At present the biggest screen size that Sony and LG sell in normal HD TVs is 65 inch 3D TVs in the price range of Rs 3.60 lakh to Rs 3.75 lakh. Samsung offers up to 75 inch HD TV for Rs 7.50 lakh.

For LG, it is yet another step in widening its range of products in the market.

Sony has earmarked Rs 250 crore to promote its Bravia range of TVs, including the 4K series.

Meanwhile, LG will also have a 360 degree campaign to promote its upcoming products. Similarly, Samsung has also planned to target the class with premium marketing activities for promoting Ultra HD sets.

When asked how confident they are selling these ultra expensive televisions, LG said it is targeting to sell 1,000 units in the coming festival period, while Sony and Samsung did not share an exact number saying they have just started exploring the market.—*PTI*

Israel's Matrix opens mobile app development centre in China

TEL AVIV, 9 July—Israeli information technology provider Matrix has opened a mobile application development centre in Changzhou, China, the company said on Monday.

The new centre will specialize in developing mobile apps for Matrix clients in China and around the world. Matrix said it expects to launch additional centres across China.

Financial details were not disclosed. The centre is a joint venture of Matrix and PTL Group, a Chinese based company owned by Israeli shareholders, serving as a partner to Matrix and John Bryce in China. Zvi Shalgo, chief executive of PTL Group and chairman of the Israeli Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai, said an increasing number of Israeli and international companies are opening development centres in China to leverage the knowledge of the target market as early as the development stage and customize products for the Chinese market.

"This cuts the time to market and improves the competitive advantage," he said. In addition to the Matrix Global development centre, PTL expects to open three more research and development centres for Israeli companies with operations in China, including telephony, robotics and satellite communication.

Reuters

Solar plane lands in New York, completing US journey

NEW YORK, 9 July—An airplane entirely powered by the sun touched down in New York City late on Saturday, completing the final leg of an epic journey across the United States that began over two months ago.

The Solar Impulse, its four propellers driven by energy collected from 12,000 solar cells in its wings to charge batteries for night use, landed at John F Kennedy Airport at 11:09 pm EDT, organizers said.

The experimental aircraft had left Dulles International Airport outside Washington for its last leg more than 18 hours earlier, on a route that took it north over Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey.

The spindly aircraft had been expected to land in the early hours of Sunday, but the project team decided to shorten the flight after an 8-foot (2.5 metre) tear appeared on the underside of the left wing.

The condition of the aircraft was declared sufficiently stable to continue, and pilot Andre Borschberg was not in danger, the organizers said.

The Solar Impulse is the first solar-powered plane capable of operating day and night to fly across the United States. With the wingspan of a jumbo jet and the weight of a small car, the aircraft completed the first leg of the journey from San Francisco to Phoenix in early May and flew later that month from Phoenix to Dallas.

From there it flew to St Louis, stopped briefly in Cincinnati, then flew on to Washington, where is has remained since 16 June.

Intended to boost support for clean energy technologies, the project began in 2003 with a 10-year budget of $112 million (90 million euros).

It has involved engineers from Swiss escalator maker Schindler and research aid from Belgian chemicals group Solvay.

Reuters

Pilots and founders Bertrand Piccard and Andre Borschberg (R) wave to the crowd after Solar Impulse lands at JFK airport in New York on 6 July, 2013.
REUTERS

DoT against giving another chance to Bharti Airtel on penalty case

MUMBAI, 9 July—The DoT is learnt to be against giving another chance to Bharti Airtel on the Rs. 650 crore penalty issue even as the company has sought a personal hearing from Telecom Minister Kapil Sibal on the matter. "As regards, representation of Bharti Airtel, the issue has been examined by DoT, TRAI also. Therefore, further opportunity again is not a desirable proposition.

"It is suggested that all the orders for imposing penalty for all 13 service areas may be issued without further delay," sources quoted the concerned DoT official as mentioning in an internal note. When contacted, an Airtel spokesperson declined to comment on the matter.

It may be recalled that Bharti Airtel's joint managing director and CEO, Gopal Vittal earlier in a letter had said the company should be given an opportunity to explain its position.

"There has been no violation and that we are in full compliance of the licence terms an early opportunity of personal hearing is given to us to represent our case before any final decision is taken by DoT on this issue," Vittal said in a letter.

On 24 June, Telecom Minister Kapil Sibal was understood to have approved levying of Rs 650 crore penalty on Bharti Airtel for violating roaming norms in 13 service areas between 2003 and 2005 (at the rate of Rs 50 crore per service area).

DoT said it had found Bharti Airtel routing national and international calls as local calls (SLD) under a scheme till 2005 despite being told to stop it in 2003, and that it caused loss to the government exchequer and state-run Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) across 13 service areas. The operator had not stopped the service at least up to June 2005 even after specific directions from the DoT was issued on 20 June 2003, sources said.

Bharti Airtel has claimed that DoT made no effective communication with it on this issue since 2005.

It further said that penalty on company are proposed after long delay of 8 years and "as a result of delay we are likely to be seriously affected in our ability to produce or lead evidence which may also be no longer in existence to establish our case."

In a separate note, industry representatives have asked DoT to work on rationalisation of penalty on telecom players instead of the current practice of imposing maximum penalty of Rs 50 crore fine without assessing magnitude of damage caused by the violation. Industry estimates that the total penalty on companies in the sector are to the tune of Rs 6,500 crore.

PTI

BUSINESS & HEALTH

GSK examines Botox sales tactics used in China

Signage is pictured on the company headquarters of GlaxoSmithKline in west London on 21 July, 2008.—Reuters

Shanghai, 9 July—GlaxoSmithKline said on Monday it was investigating new allegations that its staff had used improper tactics to market Botox in China, but had so far found no evidence of bribery or corruption.

The move follows a claim that GSK staff allegedly handed doctors cash and other rewards for prescribing Botox treatment, which the British group sells in China under an agreement with patent-holder Allergan.

The latest allegations against GSK, which is already under investigation by Chinese police for unspecified "economic crimes", were first reported by the *Wall Street Journal*. The newspaper said internal documents and email showed GSK's China sales staff were also apparently instructed to use their personal email addresses to discuss marketing strategies related to Botox. A GSK spokesman in London said the company believed the new allegations over Botox came from the same source who previously made claims over corruption in China—claims which GSK said earlier it had investigated and found to be without foundation. "Nevertheless, we are investigating these new claims. However, our inquiries to date have found no evidence of bribery or corruption in relation to our sales and marketing of therapeutic Botox in China," the spokesman said.

"GSK has some of the toughest compliance procedures in the sector. We are proud of our high standards and operate in accordance with them."

The *Wall Street Journal* said emails and documents it had seen also discussed a marketing strategy for Botox that targeted 48 doctors and planned to reward them with either a percentage of the cash value of the prescription, or educational credits, based on the number of prescriptions the doctors made.

The strategy was called "Vasily", after the Russian World War II sniper Vasily Zaytsev. "We have investigated the specific claim on the so-called Vasily program. Our investigation has found that while the proposal didn't contain anything untoward, the programme was never implemented," the company spokesman said.—*Reuters*

Jaguar Land Rover, DHL say strike contingency plans in place

London, 9 July—Jaguar Land Rover (JLR) TAMOJL.UL and logistics firm DHL DHL.UL said on Monday that plans are in place to minimize the impact on production at the carmaker's British plants from a threatened strike by DHL staff.

About 750 of the 1,000 DHL employees serving JLR's plants at Castle Bromwich and Solihull in central England voted for a walkout last week over the company's refusal to award them similar terms and conditions to some JLR staff.

The Unite union wants a 12.8 percent pay rise over two years for employees who sort parts and 20.6 percent for drivers. DHL said it had offered staff a 4.5 percent pay rise for 2013, plus a guaranteed 3 percent for 2014.

A source close to JLR played down fears that production could stop altogether and that the carmaker was studying "a range of options" to ensure parts continued to reach the production line. The options were not specified.

"It's very early in the process, which gives the unions and the employers space to negotiate," a Unite spokesman said. A further 800 DHL workers at JLR's Halewood factory in north west England, where the Land Rover Evoque is made, are due to vote on industrial action later on Monday, he said.

Unite also plans to ballot workers at other logistics firms, Staffline and NAC, who do work for JLR, on possible industrial action over the next four weeks, the spokesman said. A DHL spokeswoman said, "Detailed contingency plans are in place to minimize disruption to the customer (JLR) and we strongly urge the union to reconsider its reckless action and give a clear message to our customer and employees that Unite supports UK growth."

The Solihull plant produces Land Rovers and Range Rovers, while Halewood makes the Range Rover Evoque small SUV. Castle Bromwich builds Jaguars, including its new F-Type. JLR's Solihull and Halewood plans last year moved to three-shift, 24-hour production to meet growing demand for JLR vehicles. The carmaker—the biggest exporter of manufactured goods in the UK—has been a rare bright spot for Britain in recent years as its economy stagnates, with demand soaring for its luxury cars in China, Russia and America.

Reuters

A Jaguar symbol is seen outside the Jaguar Land Rover's Halewood assembly plant in Liverpool, northern England, on 2 March, 2011.—Reuters

Manchester United adds Russia's Aeroflot to global sponsorship cast

Manchester, 9 July—State-controlled airline Aeroflot (AFLT.MM) joined Manchester United's (MANU.N) growing list of global sponsors on Monday, the first Russian company to partner with the English soccer champions.

Aeroflot is a sponsor of the Sochi 2014 Olympics and replaces Turkish Airlines as United's partner in a five-year deal unveiled at the club's Old Trafford stadium. "It's a significant step for our first global partnership to be with one of the most successful and well-loved football clubs in the world," Aeroflot CEO Vitaly Saveliev said.

Financial terms were not disclosed. United claims to have 659 million followers worldwide and is carving out a lucrative series of global and local sponsorship deals.

Although United and Aeroflot may sound an unlikely combination, there is already heavy Russian investment in European soccer through owners including Roman Abramovich at Chelsea and sponsors such as Gazprom.

Airlines also enjoy the global exposure provided by Premier League teams.

Etihad is the main sponsor of United's local rival Manchester City, while Emirates is partnered with Arsenal. General Motors last year agreed to take over as United's main shirt sponsor from 2014 in a seven-year deal worth $559 million.—*Reuters*

New Manchester United manager David Moyes poses with a soccer shirt in front of the home team dugout before a news conference at Old trafford in Manchester, northern England on 5 July, 2013.
Reuters

First test-tube baby born after new, cheaper genome screening

London, 8 July —The first test-tube baby to come from an embryo screened for genetic defects using a new, low-cost technique that could improve in-vitro fertilization success rates was born last month and is a healthy boy. The birth in June was announced on Monday as part of a study that scientists said validated the concept of next-generation genome screening, although more clinical tests are needed before the system is used widely. The new technique uses modern low-cost DNA sequencing to spot both whole chromosome abnormalities and specific gene defects before an embryo is implanted in the womb.

Only around 30 percent of embryos selected during in-vitro fertilization (IVF) — when eggs are fertilized with sperm in a lab dish — actually implant successfully, and chromosomal defects are a major factor in failures.

Other genetic screening methods have been developed over the past decade but the new system should be substantially cheaper, researchers believe. "We can do this at a cost which is about a half to two-thirds of what current chromosome screening costs are," said Dagan Wells of the University of Oxford.—*Reuters*

Lloyds shares hit two-year high on overseas buyers' interest

London, 9 July—Lloyds Banking Group (LLOY.L) shares jumped to a 2-1/2 year high on Monday as overseas investors stepped up their interest in buying part of the bank, with media reports suggesting some may want half the government's stake.

Former Standard Chartered (STAN.L) chief executive Mervyn Davies is talking to others about forming a consortium to be an "anchor" or cornerstone investor in part-nationalized Lloyds which the government is planning to sell, a person familiar with the matter said.

Davies is a partner at US private equity firm Corsair Capital. It was too early to say how big a stake any consortium might want, the source said.

Sky News said a Corsair-led consortium of sovereign wealth funds and financial firms could buy up to 10 billion pounds ($14.9 billion) of Lloyds, or half the government's 39 percent stake. The government has received a number of tentative enquiries about the sale, including from overseas investors, a person familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

Britain is keen to start selling its 20 billion pound holding in Lloyds this year, and dozens of top investment banks will pitch for the job of handling the sale by a Treasury deadline on Monday.

The *Sunday Times* said Singapore state investor Temasek TEM.UL had made an approach about buying a 4.5 billion pound stake in Lloyds, although industry sources said there had been no direct approach to the British government.

By 1030 GMT Lloyds shares were up 2.8 percent at 66.4 pence, after hitting 66.6p, their highest level since February 2011 and comfortably above the 61.2p level the government regards as its break-even price.

"Given the shares are trading at a premium to what the government paid and the capital position seems to be where it needs to be and the signs of improvement in the UK economy, everything seems to be moving in the right direction," said Gary Greenwood, analyst at Shore Capital.

Reuters

WORLD

Euro zone nears deal on lifeline for Greece

Greece's Finance Minister Yannis Stournaras talks to International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Christine Lagarde (R) during a euro zone finance ministers meeting in Brussels on 8 July, 2013. REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 9 July— With fresh promises from Greece to redouble its reform efforts to keep international financial aid flowing, euro zone finance ministers will decide on Monday if Athens gets the cash it needs all at once or by drip feed.

There will also be warning shots to Portugal to ensure that its economic reforms stay on track despite political stress. After more than three years on a lifeline from Europe, Greece's governing coalition is split over how to meet the demands of its bailout programme, putting the country centre stage and threatening to reignite the euro zone debt crisis. But a week of talks in Athens, culminating in promises to reform the public sector, appeared to convince the troika of international lenders—the International Monetary Fund, the European Commission and the European Central Bank—that Greece is committed to rebuilding its economy.

That paves the way for Greece to receive 8.1 billion euros ($10.5 billion) as part of its 240-billion euro rescue package, although ministers meeting in Brussels may split up the cash into installments to force through unpopular reforms ranging from sacking public workers to selling state assets.

"If we get proof that Greece is living up to everything, then Greece will get its money," Luxembourg Finance Minister Luc Frieden told reporters as he arrived at the meeting. In Athens, thousands of Greek municipal workers and state school teachers took to the streets to protest against the public sector layoffs that the government has promised in exchange for the funds. In a cautiously worded statement, the troika said it believed Greece can meet targets on reforming its economy. "Important progress continues to be made," the statement said, cautioning of an 'uncertain' outlook.

Greek officials said on Sunday the troika agreed to give Athens more time to make staff cuts and that 25,000 state workers must be moved into a so-called mobility scheme by the end of 2013 — to be transferred or laid off within a year. Among the most upbeat of the ministers was France's Pierre Moscovici, who signaled money could be paid by the end of the month. "The basis exists for a political accord," he said.

Reuters

New York ex-governor Spitzer to run for city comptroller

Former New York governor Eliot Spitzer speaks at the Reuters Global Financial Regulation Summit 2010 in New York in this on 28 April, 2010 file photo.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 9 July— Eliot Spitzer is re-entering politics to run for New York City comptroller, five years after resigning as New York governor in a prostitution scandal. "I'm hopeful there will be forgiveness. I'm asking for it," Spitzer, 54, told the *New York Times* in an interview on its website. Spitzer, a Democrat, said he saw a more activist role for the comptroller, the city's chief financial officer. In comments to *Reuters*, he said he hoped voters were ready to move on and help him fulfill his dream to serve "on behalf of the public once again."

He hoped the financial community would want someone "who understands markets" in the comptroller's office, which he aimed to revitalize the way he did the attorney general's office a decade ago. The city comptroller manages five pension funds, does budget analyses, and audits city agencies. Spitzer was dubbed the "sheriff of Wall Street" during his time as attorney general, when he aggressively prosecuted financial crimes. He became governor in 2007 but resigned after being identified as a client in a prostitution ring.

Spitzer, who became a television commentator after leaving public office, said he made the decision to run over the 4th July weekend. Current comptroller John Liu is running for mayor. The deadline for filing a petition to be on the 10 September primary ballot to succeed him is Thursday, by when Spitzer must collect 3,750 signatures. He is expected to face off against Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer in a Democratic primary. Other candidates for comptroller include Republican John Burnett, a Wall Street executive, and former madam Kristin Davis.

Spitzer's announcement comes as another scandal-tarnished New York Democratic politician, attempts a political comeback. Former US Representative Anthony Weiner is a frontrunner in the New York mayoral race, two years after admitting sending lewd photographs of himself to women.

Reuters

Egypt's president orders inquiry into killings outside Republican Guard HQ

CAIRO, 9 July—The Egyptian presidency ordered forming a judicial committee to investigate killings that took place outside the Republican Guard headquarters early Monday morning, official news agency *MENA* reported. The bloody clashes left at least 42 people killed, most of them alleged by the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) as supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi, accusing the security forces of firing on the protesters during their dawn prayers.

Meanwhile, *MENA* reported that two policemen were killed and six others injured in the same clashes, while the army revealed one officer was killed and 40 soldiers were wounded.

Xinhua

Turkish police fire water cannon to prevent park protest

ISTANBUL, 9 July—Turkish police fired teargas and water cannon on Monday at protesters who tried to defy a closure order and enter an Istanbul park at the centre of protests against Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan's government. Gezi Park was only open for a few hours after Istanbul's governor allowed people back in, following often violent protests last month against plans to redevelop the area, when riot police ordered it shut ahead of a planned rally.

Hundreds of people were forced to leave before the start of the protest organized by the Taksim Solidarity group of political parties and non-governmental organizations opposed to the redevelopment.

Police then intervened with water cannon to break up a crowd of several thousand marching along Istanbul's main pedestrian shopping street towards Taksim Square where the park is located. Clashes between police and protesters continued late into the evening in the Taksim area, with police firing repeated volleys of teargas at small pockets of demonstrators who fled down side streets. Shortly before midnight (2100 GMT) the park was once again opened to the public, even as isolated clashes continued on nearby streets, broadcaster NTV and other media reported. A spokesman for Taksim Solidarity told a news conference police detained more than 80 people. One seriously wounded person suffered a brain hemorrhage and was being treated at a nearby hospital.

Riot police use a water cannon to disperse protesters in central Istanbul on 8 July, 2013.—REUTERS

After a police crackdown on a small demonstration on 31 May, the Gezi Park protests grew into broader action against what critics see as Erdogan's increasingly authoritarian style of government. The unrest died down in late June, but on Saturday police fired teargas and water cannon to disperse protesters who again sought to march on Taksim Square. The protests have been unprecedented in Erdogan's rule, which began in 2002 with the election of his AK Party. —*Reuters*

Government to assign email addresses to all Iranians

DUBAI, 9 July—Iran is to assign all citizens an individual email address which the communications minister said on Monday would aid interaction between state authorities and the people. It was unclear whether the move would add to regulations on Internet use imposed by a conservative Islamist leadership wary of secular cultural influences it blames on the West.

President-elect Hassan Rouhani, a relative moderate who takes office next month, has called for less state intervention in people's private lives, including less filtering of the Internet and a loosening of media controls. More than half of the Islamic Republic's 75 million people use the Internet, official figures show. But authorities have tried to limit access with tools including a filter that blocks many websites on the grounds they are offensive or criminal.

State authorities in March blocked software used to get around the filter. Many people said they experienced unusually slow Internet speeds ahead of the 14 June election, a phenomenon critics saw as an apparent attempt to make it harder to organize pro-reform candidate rallies via social media.—*Reuters*

A customer uses a computer at an Internet cafe in Teheran on 9 May, 2011.—REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

DISASTER

Riverside houses evacuated as erosion escalates

PAKOKKU, 9 July— Tatmadawmen from Pakokku local battalion, members of social organizations, volunteers and township development support group help residents along Ayeyawady Bank in Myingon village, Theingon village and Mayoegon village in Pakokku Township on 5 July evening as the erosion escalated.

The efforts was organized by the Pakokku District Management Committee chairman and the Township chairman.

The chairman of Township social development committee and members joined the efforts.

The villagers were relocated at Kwinnyogyi area one mile from each village.

A total of 100 households in Theingon village, 94 households in Mayoegon village and 14 households in Myingon village were evacuated to safety.

MMAL-Aung (Mandalay University)

Indian Consulate Library marks second birthday

MANDALAY, 9 July— Library of Indian Consulate in Mandalay turned two years on 7 July.

The second anniversary of the library was celebrated at Hotel Mandalay in Chanmyathazi Township.

Indian Consul-General Dr Madan Mohan Sethi and Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing delivered speeches.

Mandalay Technological University Rector Dr Aye Mying, Mandalay University Pro-rector Dr U Saw Pyone Naing, Head of Cardiac Department of Mandalay General Hospital Associate Professor Dr Kyaw Soe Win, MRCCI vice-president U Soe Myint, vice-president of Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Federation U Thein Htut, and Dr Myo Htet of the Believable book club gave talks on knowledge and education.

The ceremony was attended by members, non-member teachers and students and guests.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

AGRICULTURE

Yesagyo farmers start planting monsoon paddy

YESAGYO, 9 July— Farmers from villages in Yesagyo Township in Magway Region has started planting monsoon paddy thanks to supply of irrigation water by Waya-Thazi river water pumping station.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Sein Maung and staff are making field trips to the paddy plantations to distribute quality strains and GAP techniques.

The pumping station is supplying adequate irrigation water for monsoon paddy in the region —*MMAL-Pe Tun Zaw (Yesagyo)*

Yangon Rice Donors Association meets

YANGON, 9 July— Yangon Rice Donors Association held annual general meeting at its office in Kyimyindine Township on 30 June. The Pariyatti Sasananuggaha Yangon Rice Donors Association was established in 1287.

They heard a sermon from State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara.

Chief executive U Aye supplicated on religious affairs and donated provisions to members of the Sangha.

They then sought sermons from Maha Bodhi Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panditabhivamsa and shared merits. The 87th plenary meeting was held in the afternoon.

MMAL-Ko Gyi Tin

Yangon Region Auditor-General Office grants stipends

YANGON, 9 July— Yangon Region Auditor-General Office granted stipends to students from staff families for 2013-2014 academic year at the office yesterday.

Yangon Region Auditor-General U Myint Aung presented stipends for primary school, middle school and high school students.

He said in his speech that the stipends are investments in education.

The amount of stipends granted a the ceremony was K 510,000 in total.—*MMAL*

Langkho gets new self-reliant library

LANGKHO, 8 July—A new self-reliant library was opened in Wuntain village in Wuntain village-tract in Langkho Township in northern Shan State on 6 July morning.

The ceremony was attended by Langkho District Deputy Commissioner U Htoo Lwin who delivered an address at the ceremony.

Head of Shan State Information and Public Relations Department U Sai Sit Tit explained the purposes of opening libraries in Myanmar and Shan languages.

The district deputy commissioner, district and township departmental personnel, township women's affairs organization, township maternal and child welfare association, township war veterans organization donated books for the library.

The estimated cost of the library is K 1.7 million and the library received the government funding of K 1 million

MMAL-Township IPRD

Peace talk agents thanked

MYITKYINA, 9 July— Kachin State government presented certificates of honour to departmental personnel, social organizations, companies, individual and foundations for making meeting between Union-level peace making committee and KIO reps a reality at the ceremony at State General Administration Department Office in Myitkyina yesterday.

State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Ja spokes words of thanks and presented 54 certificates to individuals and organizations a token of thanks.

The meeting between the Union-level peace making committee and KIO representatives was held in Majal Hall in Myitkyina in Kachin State on 28-30 May.

MMAL-Khin Maung Tun

SPORTS & CULTURE

Miss, Mr Shwe Mann competitions organized

MANDALAY, 9 July— Miss and Mr Shwe Mann fitness and physical culture competitions were held in commemoration of 2013 World Olympics Day in Mandalay City Hall on 7 July.

A total of 49 contestants—24 for Mr Shwe Mann contests and 25 for Miss Shwe Mann contests—participated in the event.

Ex-champions U Chit San, U Chit Pee and Daw Kyi Kyi, Region Fitness and Physical Beauty Subcommittee chairman U Han Myaing awarded K 100,000 to each winners.

Chairman U Han Myaing, deputy chairman U Tin Aung Kyi and officials, Mandalay Region Women's Affairs Organization chairperson Daw Tin Tin Cho presented awards and medals to the winners. They then presented certificates of honour to sponsors.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 10 July, 2013

Illegal drug trafficking obstacle to development

Globally, drugs threaten the health and welfare of youth and children, families and communities, and billions of dollars generated by the drug trade feed corruption, enhance the power of criminal networks and create fear and instability. Drug addicts found it difficult to free themselves from the curse of addition and enjoy dignified, productive lives. Their road is not easy. It demands courage, commitment and the compassion of dedicated mentors.

Illegal drug trafficking is a clear obstacle to development. This cross-border problem requires a robust and coordinated law enforcement response within and among countries. Tackling organized crime and the illicit drugs trade is a shared responsibility. But the rule of law is only part of the equation.

A human rights and science-based public health approach is the only sound basis for preventing and treating addition and related consequences such as HIV transmission through unsafe injecting practices. The emerging problems of new psychoactive substances, many of which are not under international control, must be decisively addressed, and all the people must be made aware of the dangers of these drugs.

Myanmar's anti-drug efforts, indeed, date back to the time of Myanmar Kings and successive governments had to undertake a series of activities to address narcotic drug problems, based on their own capacity. The threat now is not only confined to opium, heroin and marijuana but manifests itself also in stimulants. This could stymie a main avenue of efforts in the intensifying of sweeping reforms.

As the promise of the off-the-shelf drug seems much closer than one could hope even a year ago, a threat posed by narcotic drugs remains as the key security headache for the country.

First Asia Pacific Company of Philippines to invest in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Executive President Mr. Stanley Yang of First Asia Pacific Company Ltd of the Philippines called on Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U Lun Thi at the Hluttaw Complex, here, this noon.

The Filipino delegation expressed their hopes for making investments in Myanmar, especially in the natural resources sector such as mining, oil and natural gas explorations and palm oil industries.

The Committee Chairman clarified the undertakings of Pyithu Hluttaw's committees, responsibilities of the committee and studies in legal affairs, welcoming the company's investments in Myanmar.—*MNA*

Environmental Conservation a Must

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Press conference of Central Committee...

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been delivered to Rakhine State and 282 power tillers have been distributed and the remaining 6 power tillers have already kept in Sittway as a reserve. It cost K 506.93 million for those machines.

Regarding the training courses for proper utilization of Tractors and Power Tillers, Agricultural Mechanization Department has already conducted training courses for proper utilization of Tractors and Power Tillers in villages of Kyauktaw, Pauktaw, Minbya, Maungdaw and Yathedaung Townships in the Rakhine State in order to perform the startup of cultivations in time.

The diesel price during the training course costs K 3.37 million. 3521 acres of land has been cultivated by Farm Machineries and Accessories by using 17 Tractors and 2 Power Tillers owned by State Government and the remaining land will be cultivated before the end of the ploughing season.

For the supply of fertilizers for agricultural activities, 12, 800 bags of fertilizers arrived in Sittway by early June 2013 and 8, 614 bags have been distributed to various townships—Minbya, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Yanbye, Maungdaw, Pauktaw, Yathedaung and

South East Asia Analyst Mr. Larry Jagan raising questions.—MNA

Sittway—according to their requirements. The remaining bags have been handed over to Rakhine State Government as a reserve and for necessary use.

Regarding with the distribution of diesel fuels, the total of 6,952 galloons of diesel have been issued to Sittway, MraukU, Minbya, Kyauktaw, Myebon, Pauktaw, Yathedaung, Maungdaw and Yanbye Townships.

2000 sets of different types of fishing nets and 500 rolls of ropes have already been delivered to the relevant fishermen. Over K 430 million is required to buy fishing boats and related fishing nets.

A total of 7034 students are studying at 23 camps in six townships and 209 teachers are required to fulfill the requirements of education. Actually, 33 schools are to be constructed within the affected areas in the Rakhine State and among them, 26 schools will be built by UNICEF and seven by the Ministry of Education. The Government of Rakhine State has approved to construct the schools in respective villages by using US$ 1 million Aid from Indonesia.

BBC Reporter U Ko Ko Aung raising questions. MNA

In the health sector, 29 temporary clinics are to be constructed at 11 townships in Rakhine State. The phone cards have been delivered to 69 camps for better communication in this Region. Extension of auto telephone lines will be carried out.

Rakhine State Advocate-General U Hla Thein said that shelters have been arranged for 90 per cent of victims before the rainy season even though the plan would be dilemma because of Mahasen. The job would be better than before will be arranged for those people in this region. To live peaceful co-existence and not to happen any conflicts between two social groups, cooperation with unity will overcome these issues.

Reporter Mrs. May Wong of Channel News Asia (Singapore) questioning.—MNA

The Union Ministers, the deputy ministers and responsible persons replied to questions raised by local and foreign media persons.

Q: We heard that some prisoners died in the prison in Rakhine State and please let us know why they died? Second questions is: which action is being taken against those who occupied the places which were owned by Bangalis before the conflict happened?

A: The news that the Prisoners died in the Sittway Prison is just a rumour. If prisoners die in Sittway Prison, responsible departments will report us.

For the second question: according to the law in Myanmar, the government is solely responsible to manage an area after fire. Both Bangali and Rakhine are not allowed to stay in the area. Regarding the resettlement in the area, it has something to do with a policy that could deter conflicts. Currently, the Union government, Rakhine State government and international agencies are working together to resettle the both communities under the shelters.

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Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw making clarifications.—MNA

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win answering queries.—MNA

Rakhine State Advocate-General U Hla Thein answering questions. MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw's legal affairs discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Legal affairs being handled by Pyithu Hluttaw were discussed in the meeting between Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and Managing Director Mr. Romain Caillaud of Vriens & Partners at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex this noon.

It was attended by Chairman of the Bill Committee U T Khun Myat and members of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission.

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Farmers Channel to be launched in Sept

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— A Farmers Channel will be launched on trial by Myanma Radio and Television in September.

Plans are also made to broadcast the Hluttaw channel, tribe channel and readers channel after the farmers channel, said Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi at the coordination meeting on broadcasting the Farmers Channel and FM radio lines between Ministry of Information and Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at the Agricultural Research Department here today.

In his speech at the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Kyi said the channel would serve farmers, disseminating agricultural knowledge and skills to them and would help the country to ensure boosting agricultural production.

Besides, the channel would play a part in assisting in agricultural plans and in promoting socio-economic life of the people.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing also called on agricultural experts to educate farmers on all agricultural sectors and to take part in the Q and A session with farmers.

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Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi and Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing observe agricultural products.

MNA

Myanmar to cooperate with UNOPS

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Regional Director Mr. Bruce Mccarron, United Nations Office for Project Services-UNOPS' Asia, Europe and Middle East Office from the UNOPS Headquarters, Copenhagen, Denmark paid a courtesy call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs at the Ministry this noon.

At the call, cooperation between Myanmar and UNOPS was discussed.

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Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin shaking hands with Regional Director Mr. Bruce Mccarron.

MNA

Myanmar, US to promote trade, investment

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint held talks with a business delegation led by Regional Managing Director Ms Kathy Santillo of the US-ASEAN Business Council, at the ministry today.

They discussed promoting trade and investment between Myanmar and the US, car importation policy, auto mobile showrooms, and financial matters.

MNA

***Union Minister U Win Myint delivering address in the meeting with Regional Managing Director Ms Kathy Santillo of the US-ASEAN Business Council.*—MNA**

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Q: Please let me know how measures would be taken to build the mutual trust between the two communities? It is found that the conflict has spread to other countries such as Malaysia and India. How does the government take measures to settle the issue.

It will take time for both communities to heal themselves to relieve from metal trauma. The two different communities are staying separately because they feel that they are safe only when they are separated. That is the current and temporary problem. Our government is working our best to bring peaceful coexistence to the two communities.

We all not only denounce the terror attacks on holy places but also on any place in any country and on any place in the world. The government has been making all out efforts for peaceful coexistence of different communities in the country and for community peace.

All countries should cooperate each other to stop the spread of conflicts to other countries.

Q: Regarding the rule of law in Rakhine State, How many cases have been judged and how many cases remained to be judged. How can we measure the peaceful coexistence in the long run?

A: Five hundred and seven culprits of 195 cases have been sentenced. Courts are still hearing 45 cases involving 662 culprits.

Q: How many security forces are deployed in Rakhine State?

A: Over 6000 forces comprising 2000 policemen of Rakhine State Police Force, over 3000 security forces and 1200 border region and immigration forces, and forces from the Tatmadaw are cooperating to provide security to the state.

MNA

E.M.M.A Fair Myanmar-2013 from 12 to 15 July

YANGON, 9 July— The first-ever E.M.M.A Fair Myanmar-2013 would be launched at Tatmadaw Convention Center from 9 am to 4 pm daily from 12 to 15 July.

A total of 126 companies from the United States, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Hong Kong and Taiwan show more than 120 kinds of electronics, motor, machinery and automobile at 146 booths of the fair.

The fair is jointly-organized by Taipei World Trade Center Company Ltd, Yorkers Trade & Marketing Service Co Ltd, Myanmar Industries Association and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

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LOCAL NEWS

Mobile medical team gives free health care services to locals in Myeik

MYEIK, 9 July—Mobile medical team comprising the specialists from Military Hospital (5/100) led by Thanthayar Aye monastic education school Sayadaw Maha SaddhammaJotika-dhaja Bhaddanta Sujata and Myeik District Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo gave their 19th free health care services to local people at basic education post-primary school in Thakayta Ward on 7 July.

The mobile medical team gave free health care services to 370 people from Thakayta Ward and nearby wards and donated medicine to them.

The people are pleased with effective free medical treatment given by specialists and it is beneficial to them.

Kyemon-Khaing Htoo (Myeik District IPRD)

Fire engulfs vermicelli factory in Monywa Township

MYEIK, 9 July—A fire broke out a the vermicelli factory of U Myo Myint (a) U Tha Htoo, south of auxiliary fire brigade station in Payitgon North Village of Monywa Township yesterday, said Township Fire Services Department.

The fire engulfed a shut and 30 viss of vermicelli.

Eight members of FSD and 10 auxiliary fire brigade members together with local people put out the fire with the use of five engines within 30 minutes.

Monywa Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against manager of the factory Yan Aung Lin of Payitgon North Village under the law.

Kyemon- Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

Rakhine State High Court honours outstanding students

HRD

SITTWAY, 9 July—A ceremony to present awards to outstanding students of judicial staff of the Rakhine State High Court was held at the hall of the high court in Sittway of Rakhine State at 10 am yesterday.

The students passed matriculation examination with flying colours in 2012-2013 academic year.

Chief Justice of the State High Court U Kyauk made a speech on the occcasion.

The Chief Justice, the judges of the High Court and the Rakhine State Judicial Officer presented prizes and certificates of honour to the outstanding students.

Also present on the occasion were staff of the State High Court and prize winning students.

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Immigration and Population Ministry

WORLD POPULATION DAY

Adolescent Pregnancy

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Sagaing Region Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks

SHWEBO, 9 July—In order to ensure food sufficiency of the State, sell surplus rice to foreign countries, perform reclamation of modern farmlands, grow high yield good strains, minimize loss and wastage by using advanced combine harvester, increase per acre yield and apply GAP, Shwebo Township Agriculture Department performed a demonstration of good agricultural patterns at a paddy plantation in Aungchantha Village on 6 July. Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended the ceremony and greeted farmers and fulfilled the requirements.

The chief minister and party inspected the under-construction of Mu River crossing bridge that links Yekyiwa Village of Shwebo Township and Mukangyi Village of Debayin Township. The bridge measuring 840 ft long has 18 ft wide motorway and it can withstand 60-ton of load. The construction works started in 2010 and completed by 95 percent and it was constructed at an estimated cost of K 1200 million, said Junior Engineer (2) U Maung Maung Aye.

The chief minister called for timely completion, durability of the bridge, minimizing loss and wastage and systematic maintenance, and met with locals in Yekyiwa Village.

Kyemon-U Kyaw Zaw (Shwebo)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Monsoon tree planting ceremony held in Khamaukkyi Sub-Township

KHAMAUKKYI, 9 July—The monsoon tree planting ceremony was held in the compound of BEHS in Khamaukkyi Sub-Township in Kawthoung District on 6 July.

Under the arrangement of Forest Department, the sub-township administrator and departmental officials, members of NGO, students and locals planted 500 saplings in the compound of the school.—*Kyemon-Khamaukkyi IPRD*

80,000 flowery and windbreaker plants for greening of environs of Wunnatheikdi Roundabout

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—The shady and perennial trees are being grown for greening gymnasiums, athletes hostels and its environs on Pyinmana-Taungnyo motor road in Ottarathiri Township under the supervision of Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry.

"Over 100 daily wage workers are engaging in our works. We planted shade and perennial trees and 40,000 saplings will be grown along the road and near sports village," said an official.

About 40,000 more flowery plants, shade and perennial trees will be planted near horse racing venue and football stadium and saplings are being nurtured at nurseries.

Kyemon-Nay Hline (Pyinmana)

Citizens view river lanterns on the Songhua River in Jilin City, northeast China's Jilin Province, on 7 July, 2013. Some 300 local residents floated a total of 14,630 river lanterns on the Songhua River here on Sunday in the hope of hitting the Guinness World Record for the largest number of river lanterns floated at the same time.—XINHUA

Singapore studies possibility of extra-territorial legislation on transboundary haze

SINGAPORE, 9 July — Singapore's attorney-general is studying the possibility of introducing extra-territorial legislation to deal with transboundary haze, which has been a recurring problem in the region, Law and Foreign Affairs Minister K Shanmugam said on Monday. Speaking in the parliament, Shanmugam said he asked the attorney-general to consider what legal options are available if there is credible and usable evidence that Singapore-linked companies are involved.

The slash-and-burn practices are still seen in Sumatra in neighbouring Indonesia, leading to thick smog over Singapore and many of the cities in Malaysia recently. The air pollutant index soared to unprecedented hazardous levels, affecting the tourism industry, too. The smog was reduced only recently by rains in the region. A number of companies in the palm oil industry, including some from Singapore, have reportedly been involved in such practices in the dry season, typically from June to October, to save cost.

Shanmugam stressed that the primary responsibility for taking action against the companies still lies with Indonesia. He said Singapore is still awaiting Indonesia's response after the republic formally sought clarification through a diplomatic note on whether any Singapore companies were involved. He said it is important to focus on cooperation and to persuade neighbours to work together to put in place a long-term solution.

"Where we raise it, when we raise it, how we raise it, whether issues of international law get involved, we have worked out the options."—*Xinhua*

Asian Crisis Management Conference to be held in Philippines

MANILA, 9 July — More than 100 crisis managers and disaster experts from major cities in Asia will gather in the Philippines this week to tackle the region's disaster preparedness, a senior government official said on Monday. Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) Chairman Francis Tolentino said the country will host the 11th Asian Crisis Management Conference (ACMC) on 10-11 July, coinciding with the country's National Disaster Consciousness Month in July.

With the theme "Recovering from a Devastating Disaster and Moving Forward: A Major Asian City's Rehabilitation and Recovery Efforts", the 11th ACMC will get together experts from 13 member- cities of the Asian Network of Major Cities21 (ANMC21).

ANMC21 is an organization of Asia's largest capital cities working together on issues such as urban planning, sustainability, and crisis management. Its members includes Bangkok, Delhi, Hanoi, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, Metropolitan Manila, Seoul, Singapore, Taipei, Tokyo etc.

World Bank is also co-hosting the conference and will send its regional disaster managers to participate and present its report. The MMDA chief said the Philippines' hosting of the 11th ACMC is timely, considering the country is among the Asian countries worst hit by disasters in 2012.—*Xinhua*

Pakistani PM vows to promote cooperation with China

GUANGZHOU, 9 July — Visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif said here on Sunday his government will promote partnership between the two countries by implementing cooperation projects.

The cooperation achievements made by Pakistan and China's Guangdong Province reflect the profound friendship between people of the two nations, he said while visiting south China's Guangdong Province.

Pakistan welcomes enterprises from Guangdong Province to invest in the country, said Sharif when he met with Zhu Xiaodan, governor of Guangdong Province, in the provincial capital.

Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif

Zhu said Guangdong is willing to boost bilateral trade and two-way investment, and promote cooperation in the fields of power industry, infrastructure construction, tourism and agriculture with Pakistan.

He added that the province will put in more efforts to support the development of Kashgar in Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, which contribute to the construction of an economic corridor between the two countries.—*Xinhua*

Rare Sumatran tigers kill Indonesian villager, trap five others in tree

JAKARTA, 9 July — Rare Sumatran tigers in Indonesia's northernmost Province Aceh killed and ate a villager and trapped five other villagers in a tree, a local police chief said on Monday. Dicky Sondani, police chief in Aceh Tamiang Regency, told *Kyodo News* a 30-member team of policemen and soldiers have been trying since Saturday to rescue the villagers, who have been trapped in a tree in Mt Leuser National Park, but the efforts have still produced no results.

According to Sondani, six villagers entered the 7,927-square-kilometre national park on Wednesday to seek agarwood, a rare dark resinous heartwood used to produce incense and perfume. Suddenly, five tigers attacked them after an animal trap installed by the villagers to catch deer caught and killed a tiger cub, the police chief said. One of the villagers, a 28-year-old man, was killed and eaten by the tigers. Five villagers escaped the attack by climbing a big tree.

They later sent messages via cellphone to other villagers who reported their whereabouts to police. "Their condition now is very weak," Sondani said, adding the tigers have been waiting under the tree and the number has increased to seven.—*Kyodo News*

Japan swelters in heat as rainy season ends in most parts

TOKYO, 9 July — Extreme heat continued to cover Japan on Monday, with temperatures exceeding 38 C in some spots for the first time this year as the rainy season came to an early end in most parts of the country. The mercury rose as high as 38.6 C in Koshu, Yamanashi Prefecture, and 38.2 C in nearby Kofu, eastern Japan. Temperatures topped 35 C at 95 observation points around the country, according to the Japan Meteorological Agency. Tatebayashi in Gunma Prefecture experienced a third day of sweltering heat, peaking at 37.8 C.

Temperatures hit 37.5 C in Tajimi, Gifu Prefecture, and 37.3 C in Kumagaya, Saitama Prefecture. People suffered heat stroke amid the high temperatures, with 21 high school students taking part in a sports festival in Matsukawa, Nagano Prefecture, taken to hospital. A female student was hospitalized. In Karatsu, Saga Prefecture, eight high school students were also brought to hospital for suspected heat stroke, were mild.

In the Kanto region including Tokyo, thunderheads developed due to unstable atmospheric conditions. In the capital, three men were struck by lightning near a river, leaving one dead. The agency expects the mercury to top 37 C Tuesday in Maebashi, Gunma Prefecture, as well as in Nagoya and Kyoto, raising an alarm over heat stroke. The agency announced the end of the rainy season across the country Monday, except for northern and northeastern Japan plus the Sea of Japan side of central Japan, two days after declaring the season's end in the Kanto-Koshin region including Tokyo.

Girls play with water in Kofu, Yamanashi Prefecture, on 8 July, 2013. Extreme heat continued to cover Japan, with temperatures exceeding 38 C in some spots the same day for the first time in 2013.—KYODO NEWS

The season ended between six and 13 days earlier than usual in the regions from southwest to central Japan. The weather agency issued a high-temperature advisory against heat stroke. According to the agency, active convection currents near the Philippines have stimulated a Pacific high-pressure system earlier than usual.

Kyodo News

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Photo taken in the town of Fujikawaguchiko in Yamanashi Prefecture on 8 July, 2013, shows lavender plants in full bloom in Oishi Park by Lake Kawaguchi near Mt Fuji (back).—KYODO NEWS

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPENED TENDER)
(2/2013)

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 -011(2013-2014)	HP Design Jet 44" Plotter with Direct Jet	(1) Lot	US $
(2)	IFB -012(2013-2014)	1500 Series Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US $
(3)	IFB -013(2013-2014)	900 Series Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US $
(4)	IFB -014(2013-2014)	600 Series Well Head Assy	(l) Lot	US $
(5)	IFB -015(2013-2014)	Casing Lines (Steel Wire Ropes)	(l) Lot	US $
(6)	IFB -016(2013-2014)	Cement Additives (Anti Foams & Silica Flour)	(2) Items	US $
(7)	IFB -017(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Rig	(8) Items	US $
(8)	IFB -018(2013-2014)	20"LSAW API 5 L X-46 3 LPE Steel Line Pipe	(48285)MTR	US $
(9)	IFB -019(2013-2014)	14" ERW API 5 L X-46 3 LPE Steel Line Pipe	(53110) MTR	US $
(10)	IFB -020(2013-2014)	10" ERW API 5 L X-42 3 LPE Steel Line Pipe	(32190) MTR	US $
(11)	DMP/L-006 (2013-2014)	Barite Powder	(5,000) MT	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-007(2013-2014)	(a) 1 1/2" Dia Manila Rope (b) 1 1/4" Dia Manila Rope	(50) Coils (85) Coils	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-008(2013-2014)	Electrode, Head Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Patches	(1) Lot	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-009(2013-2014)	Air Conditioner (1.5) HP (Split Type)	(11) Sets	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-010(2013-2014)	Geological Mud testing Equipment	(4) Items	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 5-8-2013, 1300 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 8th July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Vietnam attracts over 4.7 bln USD from Chinese investors

HANOI, 9 July—Vietnam is a destination with a lot of business opportunities, as remarked by Chinese investors at the recent business forum of ASEAN-China and Vietnam, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI).

As of June 2013, there are 15,067 foreign direct invested (FDI) projects operating in Vietnam, with a total registered capital of 218.82 billion US dollars. Of the figures, mainland China has 925 projects, worth 4.7 billion dollars, ranking 13th among 101 countries and territories investing in Vietnam.

According to MPI, during the 1991-2011 period, the two-way Vietnam-China trade turnover increased sharply from 31 million US dollars to 11 billion dollars. The figure is expected by both sides to rise to 60 billion dollars by 2015.

As of June 2013, Vietnam has 10 projects in China, with total registered capital of 13.2 million dollars, mainly in manufacturing and services areas, reported the ministry.—*Xinhua*

Royal Norwegian Consulate (Yangon)
Vacancy Announcement

(1) Manager	(Male/Female) 1
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Applicants must be qualified the following requirements-

* CV form
* Necessary evidence letters
* Expected salary (in Kyats or USD)
* Employee Registration

Remark : Applicants must send them to Postal Code (754) not later than 5:00 pm on (24.7.2013)

The most suitable and qualified persons among applicants will be invited for interview as soon as possible.

Ping An to buy the Lloyds Building in London

LONDON, 9 July—Ping An Insurance Group agreed to purchase the Lloyds Building from Commerz Real, a German closed-end fund, for 260 million pounds (388 million US dollars), London-based property broker Savills said on Monday. The transaction represents the first purchase by a Chinese insurance company in Britain.

The Lloyds Building, a landmark property designed by Richard Rogers, is home to the world's leading insurance market and let in its entirety to the Society of Lloyds on a lease expiring in 2031.The building is located in the City of London and was purchased by Commerz Real in 2005 for 231 million pounds.

"This is a potentially landmark transaction, given it is the first by a Chinese Insurance company overseas. It is a high profile and confident entry to the market for them and further illustrates the dominance of overseas investors in London at present,"said Jon Crossfield, director at Savills' Central London team.

"We are delighted with the transaction and it has been a major success for our investors. The current liquidity and investor demand within the London market presented an ideal time for us to seek an exit in line with our original business plan," said Roland Holschuh, a member of the Management Board of Commerz Real.

Chinese enterprises have announced two huge investments in London real estate market this year.

Xinhua

Robert Pattinson not dating Riley Keough

Robert Pattinson broke up with Kristen Stewart

Los Angeles, 9 July—Elvis Presley's granddaughter Riley Keough has rubbished reports that she is dating Robert Pattinson.

There were reports that Twilight star was dating the redhead after a woman who bears a striking resemblance to Riley was photographed with Pattinson in the actor's Silverado pickup truck over the weekend, E! Online reported.

But Keough's representative says there's no truth to the dating report, insisting it's impossible since Keough, who featured with Pattinson's ex Kristen Stewart in The Runaways, was not photographed the day Pattinson's picture was taken.

"Riley isn't dating Rob. And I can confirm that Riley was not photographed at all this weekend," the representative told JustJared.com.

Pattinson was photographed driving his truck with a redheaded woman. They picked up a ping-pong table before returning.

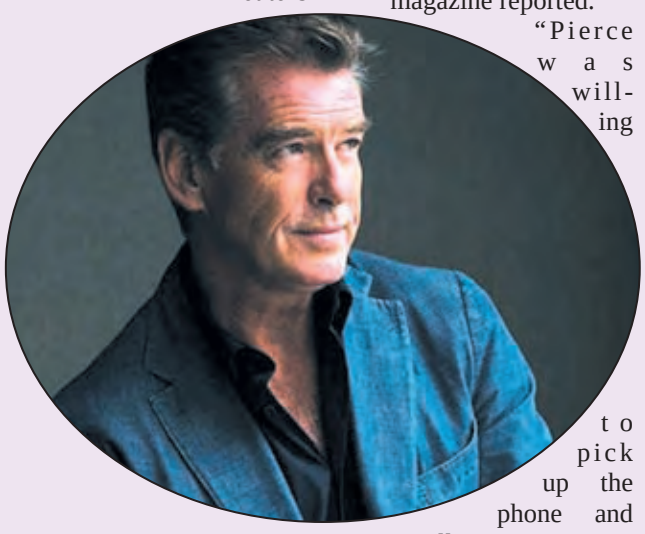
The 27-year-old actor broke-up with long-time girlfriend in May as apparently their four-year-old romance could not recover from Stewart's affair scandal with director Rupert Sanders.

Reuters

Pierce Brosnan fought hard to save daughter's life, says friend

Los Angeles, 9 July—Bond star Pierce Brosnan tried everything to save his daughter Charlotte, who died recently after a lengthy battle with ovarian cancer.

It is the second time that the actor lost someone dear to cancer as his wife and Charlotte's mother Cassandra Harris also died from the disease, *People* magazine reported.



Pierce Brosnan's daughter Charlotte died of ovarian cancer.

"Pierce was willing to pick up the phone and call anyone, go anywhere, take her anywhere, do anything for her at anytime. He was desperate," said Lisa Paulsen, president of the Entertainment Industry Foundation and a longtime Brosnan family friend.

"Charlotte fought her cancer with grace and humanity, courage and dignity. Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our beautiful dear girl," Brosnan said after the death of Charlotte, whom he adopted after his marriage to Cassandra.

Charlotte is believed to be the fourth generation in her family to get ovarian cancer.

"After Cassie passed away, Pierce became a fierce champion and ambassador to all things related to women's cancer research. I told Pierce, 'Despite the fact that Charlotte didn't end up benefiting from long-term new ovarian cancer therapies, so many things that you have done have led to so many discoveries'," said Paulsen.

PTI

Jonita Gandhi: Lucky my first Bollywood song for Shah Rukh Khan-starrer

Chennai, 9 July—Indo-Canadian vocalist Jonita Gandhi, who had the privilege of singing for superstar Shah Rukh Khan-starrer Chennai Express along with singing legend SP Balasubramanyam (SPB), considers herself "lucky" and describes the experience as "unbelievable" and "special".

Jonita crooned the opening track called Chennai Express in the film with SPB.

"I still can't believe that my first song in Bollywood is for Shah Rukh Khan, and to sing that song alongside SPB sir makes the experience even more special. I think I was at the right place at the right time," Jonita said.

Even though she couldn't record with SPB, she still finds herself lucky to share the track with him.

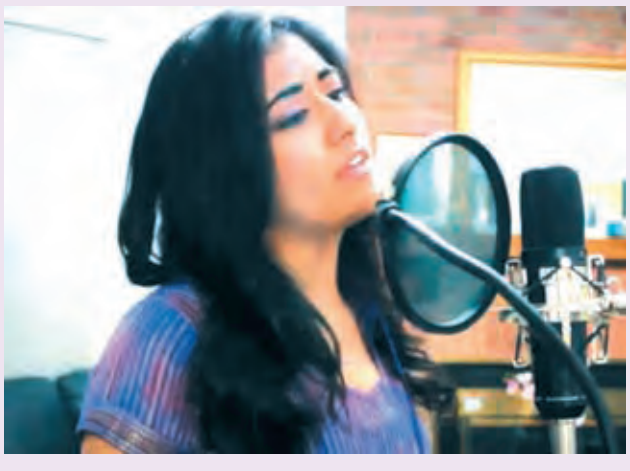
"I couldn't meet SPB sir because we had recorded the track separately, but I feel lucky to be on the track with him. How many even get such an opportunity!" she said.

Raised in Canada with Indian roots, Jonita doesn't consider herself alien to Bollywood music.

"My father is a musician and I started singing in his band since very young age. I used to sing with him at several community events. Even though I was raised in Canada, Bollywood has always been dear to me because I used to sing mostly Hindi songs at shows," said Jonita, who shifted base to India while chasing her dream to be a singer.

"My passion to be a singer eventually led me to pack my bags and come to India. Even though I have a degree in business administration, deep down I wanted to be a singer," she added.

Jonita has already crooned a number each in Bengali and Malayalam, but her number from Chennai Express will mark her debut as it is releasing first.



Jonita has sung the title track of Chennai Express.

Popular for her cover versions of songs such as Tum Hi Ho and Pani Da, Jonita has no strategy to survive in the industry.

"I don't have any particular strategy because I want to learn as I move forward in the industry. I also want to put to use everything I have learned over the years. I'm trained in Western classical and now I'm learning Hindustani, so that I can be open to singing all types of songs but not just one kind," she added.

Is merging Indian music with western style healthy?

"I think with so many languages in India, it helps in taking music beyond one particular language. Sometimes, it also depends on the story of a film and its characters. I wouldn't say it's healthy, but neither do I say it's bad," she said.

Reuters

Paris has been hospitalized since 5 June after she attempted suicide.

Paris Jackson to enroll at boarding school for troubled teens

Los Angeles, 9 July—Paris Jackson, daughter of late King of Pop Michael Jackson, will be reportedly moved to a boarding school for troubled teens when she finally checks out of hospital following her suicide bid.

The 15-year-old's mother Debbie Rowe and grandmother Katherine Jackson are determined to ensure that she makes a full recovery, reported *New York Post*.

"They do not think she is anywhere near ready to go home yet. In an attempt to protect Paris, Katherine and Debbie will enrol her at the USD 10 million Diamond Ranch Academy in Utah, a treatment centre for struggling children," a source said.

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SPORTS

Aston Villa striker Benteke hands in transfer request

Aston Villa's Christian Benteke (top) heads to score his second goal against Sunderland during their English Premier League football match at Villa Park in Birmingham, central England, on 29 April, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 9 July—Aston Villa's Belgium striker Christian Benteke has asked for a transfer and will be allowed to leave if a suitable offer is made, the Premier League club said in a statement reported by British media on Monday.

Benteke's 19 league goals last season, following his move from Belgian club Racing Genk on a four-year deal for a fee of about seven million pounds ($10.46 million) in August, helped a struggling Villa side avoid relegation.

The club's manager Paul Lambert was quoted by the BBC as saying he still hoped the 22-year-old, who was fourth-highest scorer in the Premier League last term, would stay at Villa Park. "While we're hugely disappointed that Christian has put in a transfer request, it's important that people appreciate we are trying to build something strong and vibrant here at the club, something this club demands and stands for, and we want Christian to be part of that," Lambert said.

Benteke, who has been linked with several clubs including Villa's Premier League rivals Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur, has not travelled on the Midlands side's pre-season tour to Germany because he has been given extra time off until 18 July.

"Having received his transfer request, we have also informed him that should we receive an offer within an appropriate timeframe during pre-season which meets our valuation we would act upon it. But he will remain a Villa player should this not happen," the club said in a statement on the BBC website.

"He was reminded that there are three years remaining on his contract, we consider him to be a Villa player and expect that he will be with us for the 2013-14 season."

Reuters

Ronaldo wants to retire at Real Madrid

MADRID, 9 July—Cristiano Ronaldo wants to play out the rest of his career at Real Madrid, club president Florentino Perez said in an interview on Monday.

The Portugal forward and former World Player of the Year has a contract with the Spanish giants until 2015 but media speculation has linked the 28-year-old with a possible move away from the Bernabeu. "The person who wants to retire at Real Madrid is Ronaldo, and Real want him to retire here too," Perez, who has just been returned for another four-year term as president, told broadcaster Univision in quotes carried in the Spanish media.

"There haven't been any negotiations (on a new deal) because he is on holiday. Be in no doubt, Cristiano will retire here because he wants to. Just as (Zinedine) Zidane and other great players have done." Real have presented two new signings as they start to rebuild under new coach Carlo Ancelotti, with playmaker Isco and defender Dani Carvajal brought in from Malaga and Bayer Leverkusen respectively.

The nine-times European champions have been linked with a possible bid for Wales and Tottenham Hotspur winger Gareth Bale, but Perez played down the speculation. "He is a great player that belongs to a club we are very friendly with," he said. "But we haven't made any offer."

Real Madrid Cristiano Ronaldo gestures to his teammates during their Spanish King's Cup final soccer match against Atletico Madrid's at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 17 May, 2013. REUTERS

While Real are reportedly close to landing Real Sociedad midfielder Asier Illarramendi, the future of Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain remains uncertain.

The 25-year-old said he wanted to leave the Bernabeu at the end of last season and he has been linked with interest from Arsenal. "We don't want him to go," Perez said. "Furthermore, no one from Arsenal has been here to make any type of offer, not for 27 million euros, or anything." Real return to start pre-season training on 15 July and play their first warm up match away to Bournemouth, six days later.—*Reuters*

Long jumper Watt out of world championships

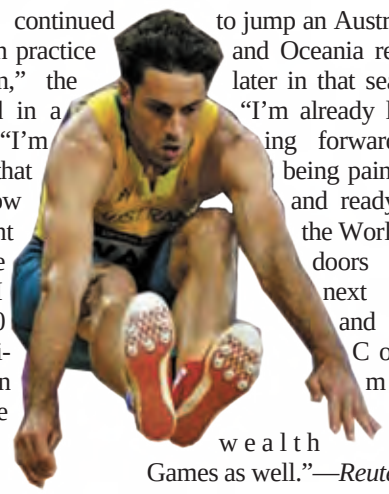
MELBOURNE, 9 July—Olympic long jump silver medalist Mitchell Watt is to miss this year's world championships in Russia after a season interrupted by injury, the Australian said on Tuesday.

Former world number one Watt, who was runner-up to Briton Greg Rutherford at the London Games, said he would not be able to compete at his full potential in Moscow in August and needed more time to get back to full fitness.

"I have been battling ankle and Achilles pain across my early season and this has caused continued trouble for me in practice and competition," the 25-year-old said in a news release. "I'm not someone that just wants to show up at an event and given these circumstances I will not be 100 percent competitive this season and need more time to overcome the issue," added Watt, who also won silver and bronze medals at the 2011 and 2009 world championships. Watt will remain in Australia to continue his recovery and had targeted 2014 for his return to major competition.

"I'm only 25 and I have already been fortunate enough to win four major championship medals but this was a very tough call," he said of missing the 10-18 August championships.

"That said, we made the same decision in 2010 when I didn't compete at the World Indoors and I went on to jump an Australian and Oceania record later in that season. "I'm already looking forward to being pain free and ready for the World Indoors early next year and the Commonwealth Games as well."—*Reuters*



Australia's Mitchell Watt

Manchester United's Wayne Rooney in focus as Moyes era starts in Asia

BANGKOK, 9 July—Intense speculation over Wayne Rooney's future looks set to dominate the headlines this week as Manchester United begin their new era under David Moyes at the start of a bumper series of pre-season tours to Asia.

Wayne Rooney

Britain's Daily Mail on Tuesday linked Rooney with a 60-million-pound ($90-million) bid from United's English Premier League rivals Chelsea — who also arrive in the Thai capital this week, led by returning manager Jose Mourinho.

Moyes's first outing as United boss, starting with Saturday's friendly in Bangkok, will be forensically scrutinised for clues about the want-away star, who made a transfer request just before the departure of legendary boss Alex Ferguson.

Britain's *Daily Mail* on Tuesday linked Rooney with a 60-million-pound ($90-million) bid from United's English Premier League rivals Chelsea — who also arrive in the Thai capital this week, led by returning manager Jose Mourinho.

The new starts by Moyes and Mourinho, and the opening of the July-August transfer window, will put extra focus on this year's Asian visits with Barcelona, Liverpool, Manchester City and Spurs also among the clubs headed east.

With Manchester City led by incoming manager Manuel Pellegrini, the three biggest powers of English football will all be under new leadership during the pre-season spree, spread over a giant arc from Kuala Lumpur to Sydney.

It is a sign of the times that Moyes will make his United bow not at Old Trafford or even Oxford's Manor Road —where Ferguson debuted in 1986— but at Rajamangala Stadium in suburban Bangkok, against a Thai All-Star XI.

But the ex-Everton manager may be glad to run the rule over his squad, and make inroads towards retaining Rooney, away from the full glare of the English media as he faces the unenviable task of following Ferguson's 38-trophy reign.

"Whoever was going to take over this job knows what the manager did before," Moyes said this week. "The manager before was incredible. His achievements, there are no better."

"All I can do is what David Moyes has done before. I will definitely continue the traditions of Manchester United, but I have to put my own stamp on the club."

Mourinho is also hoping to build a legacy in his second stint at Chelsea, after forays to Inter Milan and Real Madrid, and is likely to parade new signings Andre Schurrle and Marco van Ginkel during the club's tour to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia. The Portuguese, styling himself as the "Happy One" after returning to London, is said to be on the look-out for a new target man while he chews over the future of erratic striker Fernando Torres, as well as veteran club captain John Terry.

Manchester United head to Sydney after Bangkok and they will also visit Japan, home country of their forward Shinji Kagawa, as well as Hong Kong.—*PTI*

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Denmark's Thomas Bjorn tees off on the 10th hole during the second round of the Nordea Masters golf tournament at the Bro Hof golf club north of Stockholm on 31 May, 2013, in this picture provided by Scanpix. REUTERS

Weekley and Bjorn book British Open tickets

LONDON, 9 July—American Boo Weekley and Dane Thomas Bjorn are among 10 players to book their places in next week's 142nd British Open at Muirfield through the FedExCup and Race to Dubai standings.

The Royal & Ancient organizers said in a news release on Monday that five Race to Dubai money-list exemptions had been secured by Bjorn, South African Richard Sterne, Australian Brett Rumford, Finn Mikko Ilonen and Briton Marc Warren.

The 42-year-old Bjorn will be playing in his 16th British Open. He has twice finished tied second, at St Andrews in 2000 and at Sandwich three years later.

The Dane was also a double European Tour runner-up last month, at the BMW International in Germany and the Austrian Open.

Former Ryder Cup player Weekley, Billy Horschel, Russell Henley, Jimmy Walker and Harris English have booked their tickets for the third major championship of the season through the US PGA Tour's FedExCup points table.

Weekley ended a five-year drought by winning the Crowne Plaza Invitational in Texas in May.

He finished tied 13th at the British Open in 2009.

Swede Jonas Blixt, winner of the Greenbrier Classic in West Virginia on Sunday, is among eight players to get into golf's oldest major through the world rankings.

The other seven are fellow Swede Fredrik Jacobson, British pair Chris Wood and Martin Laird, Americans Ken Duke and Kyle Stanley, Marc Leishman of Australia and Graham DeLaet of Canada.

The British Open begins on 18 July.—*Reuters*

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14. News/ International News/ Weather Report

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28. News
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Venezuelan leader declares "emergency" in Amazonas state

CARACAS, 9 July — Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro on Monday declared a state of emergency in southeast Amazonas, the country's second-largest state, saying its weak programmes and infrastructure merit federal government support.

"The state is in a critical to serious social and structural situation and we are going to declare a state of emergency in Amazonas state. We are going to dedicate all of our strength and effort to resolve these problems," Maduro said in a televised broadcast on state VTV.

Maduro opted for the measure after analyzing the results of a state assessment held in Amazonas from 25 June to 8 July as part of the "Street Government" plan of his administration. Maduro, after winning the presidential elections in April, launched "Street Government" with a countrywide tour on 25 April that began in the western state of Zulia.

The plan aims to give Maduro firsthand knowledge of the problems affecting Venezuelans in different regions, and has so far taken him to the states of Miranda, Tachira, Barinas, Bolivar, Anzoategui, Aragua, Carabobo, Vargas, Trujillo and Merida and the Capital District of Caracas. "We can in the very short term resolve 90 percent of the problems we have detected in the past days in Amazonas," Maduro said.

One such problem is an area hospital that has been under construction for more than 10 years, Maduro said, adding his government would step in to complete the project. He blamed Amazonas Gov.

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US system for flagging hazardous chemicals is widely flawed

NEW YORK, 9 July —A 27-year-old US programme intended to warn the public of the presence of hazardous chemicals is flawed in many states due to scant oversight and lax reporting by plant owners, a *Reuters* examination finds.

Under the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, private and public facilities must issue an inventory listing potentially hazardous chemicals stored on their properties.

The inventory, known as a Tier II report, is filled with state, county and local emergency-management officials. The information is then supposed to be made publicly available, to help first responders and nearby residents plan for emergencies. But facilities across the country often misidentify these chemicals or their location, and sometimes fail to report the existence of the substances altogether. And except for a handful of states, neither federal nor local authorities are auditing the reports for errors. *Reuters* identified dozens of errors in Tier II reports in recent years and found several facilities that failed to report altogether.

Emergency personnel stand in front of a subway train before a re-enactment of a hazardous situation in the lower level of the Bay Subway station that is no longer in use in Toronto on 25 Jan, 2011. REUTERS

Two states — Illinois and Wisconsin — introduced errors into the public databases through which they disclose information from Tier II reports.

The reports document the presence of hazardous chemicals, such as ammonium nitrate, lead, sulfuric acid and diesel fuel. In 2006, clothing company Carhartt Inc failed to report that its plant in Morehead, Kentucky, was storing chlorine on the premises. Two firefighters were exposed and one suffered chemical burns when they shut a leaking valve at the plant without proper safety gear. Carhartt said the plant was shuttered at the time of the leak, but didn't say why reports weren't filed.—*Reuters*

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MPF to take actions against illegal money lenders if it receives complaints

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — Ten questions were answered, three bills were accepted and one bill was submitted at the ninth-day Pyithu Hluttaw session today.

Regarding the question about illegal money lenders raised by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Township Constituency, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs MPF Chief Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun replied that actions would be taken against illegal money lenders by Myanmar Police Force in accord with ward or village-tract administrative Rules-2012 if it received complaints lodged by sufferers or anyone with firm evidence. He added that if existing The Money Lenders Act 1945 and micro financing law were found impractical in modern day, amendments could be made by departments concerned in accord with the constitution.

With regard to the reply of the deputy minister, U Thein Nyunt says, "Firstly, I was pleased to hear that the police will take actions against unlicensed money lenders if they are informed. Secondly, I thought complaints had not reached the superiors regarding no complaints were received. So I handed over letters of complaints from Yankin, Shwepyitha and Dawbon Townships to the deputy minister. I would like to welcome the green light given to amend the existing laws, if necessary.''

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw informed representatives that it received the three bills including the telecommunication bill sent by Amyotha Hluttaw.

Then, U Soe Naing, chairman of agriculture, livestock and fisheries development committee, submitted a bill to improve the socioeconomic status of farmers, and U Khin Maung Nyo, member of the bill committee, read out the report of the committee.

The bill comprising eight chapters and 28 sections covers matters related to short-term and long-term loans, technical assistance, input factors, the right to grow crops which are suitable to the own regions of farmers and to fetch fair prices in selling their produce.

Today's session came to an end at 12 .30 pm and the tenth-day session continues tomorrow.

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The ninth-day Pyithu Hluttaw session in progress.—MNA

Myanma Timber Enterprise to sell 600,000 tons of hardwood annually to private sawmills through open tender

Union Minister U Win Tun replies to questions.
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U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency-6 raising questions.
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Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw responds to questions.
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Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency-8 submits proposal.
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U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency-9 taking part in discusssion.
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NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— In his reply to the question raised by U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No (9) at today's Amyotha Hluttaw session, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun said that arrangements had already been made to sell 600,000 tons of hardwood annually to private sawmill owners through open tender by Myanma Timber Enterprise and to distribute sawn woods to the people through private sector.

He added that the Forest Department was annually collecting facts and stats of forest resources with the help of modern technology and conventional methods for ensuring a systematic forest management and information about the amount of annual extraction of forest resources and other data were being released.

Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myint Zaw responded to the question of U Myo Myint of Mandalay Region Constituency No (6) that the ministry would implement small-scale hydropower projects if it was asked to build the plants by respective states or regions.

Next, two members of Amyotha Hluttaw bill committee read out the committee's reports regarding the bills with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw, and the Hluttaw decided to present different points between the two hluttaws on the employment and capacity building bill to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Then, eight representatives took part in discussions on River Water Treatment proposed by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8).

Union Minister U Win Tun expressed his view regarding the proposal that emphasis was being given to distribution of safe water from water treatment process by the ministry, region/state government and development affairs committees.

As the majority was in favour of the proposal to apply strong tactics for economic development of Myanmar by Dr Myint Kyi, the Hluttaw decided to discuss it.

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Union Minister U Than Htay holds discussion with Regional Managing Director Ms Kathy Santillo of US-ASEAN Business Council Inc and party.—MNA

US-ASEAN Business Council to assist Myanma energy sector

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July— Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay received a US-ASEAN Business Council delegation led by Regional Managing Director Ms. Kathy Santillo of US-ASEAN Business Council Inc at the Ministry of Energy, here, this morning.

During the meeting, they frankly discussed bilateral cooperation in achieving Myanma economic growth with technical assistance and investments of the US-ASEAN Business Council, cooperation with global companies in oil and natural gas exploration, ways to overcome challenges, supply of natural gas for future need of the country and production of electricity, potentials for generating electricity with the use of energy resources such as coal and water without harming ecosystem, useful ways to generate electricity without harming ecosystem, plans to promote socioeconomic status and progress of cooperation with the Extractive Initiative Transparency Industry.

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