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President U Thein Sein to pay official visits to UK and Northern Ireland, France

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July— At the invitations of His Excellency Mr. David Cameron, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, and His Excellency Mr. Francois Hollande, President of the Republic of France, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will pay official visits to the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and the Republic of France in the near future.—MNA



President U Thein Sein shakes hands with Senator The Hon Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia.

MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Emir of the State of Qatar

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Highness Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, on his appointment as the Emir of the State of Qatar on 26 June 2013.

MNA

Australia to grant 100 million Australian Dollars to Myanmar's educational reform this year

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July— President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Senator The Hon Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here this morning.

The President said that Myanmar is placing special emphasis on socio-economic development of people in rural areas. The government is implementing micro credit schemes in cooperation with the private sectors as those people's major requirement is capital. Aus Aid is carry-

ing out rural development tasks in Indonesia and the African countries. He expressed thanks for Aus Aid's assistance to Myanmar. He requested the FM to convey his invitation to the Australian Prime Minister to visit Myanmar.

The Australian Foreign Minister said that both Myanmar and Australia would promote trade and investments thanks to trade commission office in Yangon. The Australian companies are making investments in Myanmar. He pledged that Australia would grant 100 million Australian

Dollars to Myanmar's educational reform this year. And Australia has provided five million Australian Dollars for peace-making process with national race armed groups, he added.

They also held talks on education and health care programme for victims in Rakhine State.

It was also attended by Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Kyi and U Soe Thane, departmental heads, the Australian Ambassador to Myanmar and high-ranking officials.

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Thetkalchaung river crossing bridge enables Ngaputaw dwellers to reach Pathein within 30 minutes drive

All townships in Ayeyawady Region except Ngaputaw Township can be reached easily by road and local people of 25 townships are able to travel from one place to another by car. But, Ngaputaw Township which is dotted with a large number of rivers and creeks is accessible only by waterway and the township is used to be away from strategic road network for many years.

So, the government has designated the 21-mile long Pathein-Ngaputaw motorway as road network No (11) and it was upgraded to tarred one, enabling Ngaputaw township to connect other strategic roads. The Thetkalchaung river crossing bridge on Pathein-Ngaputaw road in Pathein District was commissioned into service on 8 July. It is the 38th facility emerged in the time of the

government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. In his address at the opening ceremony, Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin said that the bridge would enable Ngaputaw dwellers to travel to other places at any time.

Construction of the newly-opened bridge started on 1-1-2011 and was completed on 26-6-2013, taking two years, five months and 25 days. Thanks to the bridge, there will be smooth and speedy flow of local commodities from one place to another in the region, thereby contributing towards improvements in economic, social, education, health and administrative sectors of the region. Although it took three hours to reach Pathein from Ngaputaw by boat in the past, now Pathein can be reached within 30 minutes drive.

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung spoke words of thanks on the occasion, calling for constant maintenance for durability of the bridge.

The newly-inaugurated Thetkalchaung bridge linking between Kangyidaunt Township and Ngaputaw Township in Ayeyawady Region is situated at mile post No

(12/0) on Pathein-Ngaputaw road. It is 1880 feet long and each approach road is 4630 feet long. It has a 24 feet wide motorway flanked by three feet and six inches wide pavement each on both sides. Its water clearance area is 215 feet wide and 40 feet high and it can withstand 60 tons of load.

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Renaming of the Union Ministry

Under the agreement reached at the seventh regular session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has been renamed as the Ministry of Finance.

Sd/ Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Rakhine State Chief Minister's inspection tour of Sittway



NAY PYI TAW, 10 July — Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin inspected Kaladan multimodal transit transport project, road works on Shwepyar Kannar ring road in Sittway and paving Sittway road financed by the Ministry of Border Affairs on 5 July.

The under-construction concrete road is 9240 feet long from Naryisin junction to Setyon junction and is 1774 feet long from Setyon junction to the port totaling 11014 feet long. It is 40 feet in width and eight inches in thickness.

The chief minister

attended the closing ceremony of Basic Tour Guide Course (4/2013), jointly organized by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the state government, at Thazin Hall of old campus in Sittway on 6 July. The chief minister and General Manager U Tin Nyo of the ministry spoke on the occasion.

Next, the chief minister presented cash awards to outstanding trainees and the general manager completion certificates to trainees. A total of 64 trainees from 17 townships took the course.

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Sunday, 14th July, 2013

School Environment Day

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

Ministry of Education

Development

Natural Disaster

Mandatory evacuation for two villages to escape from escalation of riverbank erosion

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July — “This is third time for us. No more farmlands are left. We are in a difficult time for food and shelter as there is nothing we can work due to erosion,” says a villager of Theingon village.

It was learnt that hundreds of people from Theingon, Mayoegon, Shadaw and Htanaunggon villages near Ayeyawady Bridge (Pakokku) had been evacuated to safety to be free from escalating erosion along the river. Theingon and Mayoegon have been worst hit by riverbank erosion, it is learnt.

As the sloughing is expected to worsen and the bank along Ayeyawady River in Pakokku Township is becoming an increasing worry, especially for Mayoegon village with the population of 380 from 94 houses and Theingon village with 390 from

95, Tatmadawmen, police members, departments concerned, members of auxiliary fire brigade, social organizations and political parties gave a helping hand in the mandatory evacuation for the residents of the two villages on 4 July.

The Theingon village administrator said that every household had to save K 500 per month as a preparation for possible danger of erosion since four or five years ago; that they put all their savings including donations into buying four acres of farmland to relocate the households; that one acre cost K 3.6 million; and that it was difficult to buy more lands for nearly 200 households as each acre was divided into only 10 plots.

The erosion-stricken two villages are situated about four miles far from each other.

All villagers have to go to Pakokku to do odd-jobs as their farmlands were eroded. Besides, No (88) Basic Education Primary School where 64 school children from the two villages attend to is under demolition due to erosion. It was learnt that officials concerned visited there on 5 and 6 July and vowed to provide necessary assistance.

“Nothing is left due to erosion. Fire and storm victims can get assistance, but it is hard to see donation for us,” Ko Myo Nyunt of Mayoegon village gives voice to his worry about the future.

For cash and kind donation for residents evacuated from the two villages on the bank eroded by river water, anyone may contact Ph: 09 401621064 and 09 401510691.

Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)



Photo shows Tatmadawmen lending a helping hand in evacuation for residents of erosion-hit two villages in Pakokku Township.

Myotha Industrial Park for central Myanmar development

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July — While infrastructure projects for development of central Myanmar are in full swing, Mandalay Myotha project will be implemented

and 38 miles from Monywa.

Upon completion, the jetty serves as a trading centre for flow of commodities from four corners of the country.

be able to enjoy adequate supply of electricity due to establishment of power stations that can create job opportunities for those living in the 50-mile radius



in Myingyan District, the core of central Myanmar. The project includes construction of Hsimeekhon jetty (Ayeyawady jetty) and Myotha industrial park in Ngazun Township in Myingyan District.

It is planned to implement the Hsimeekhon jetty (Ayeyawady jetty) construction project on an area of 400 acres to be able to serve as a port for passengers and goods transported from various parts of the country. Crop warehouses, other port businesses and solar powered or coal-fired power plants will be included in the project. The Hsimeekhon jetty designated to be built on the bank of Ayeyawady will be situated 36 miles from Mandalay, 28 miles from TadaU Airport, 11 miles from Industrial Park

Myotha Industrial Park construction project designated to be implemented on an area of more than 10000 acres in Ngazun Township includes small-and medium-scale enterprises, trade centers, scientific research centers, single housings, high-rise buildings, shopping malls and supermarkets, golf courses, gardens and green zones and transportation facilities. The project will be implemented by the region government in cooperation with companies. Phase-1 of the project will start on an area of 450 acres. So far construction of staff structure has been completed by 80 per cent.

Thanks to the project, smooth and secure transport routes will emerge. Moreover, local people will

of Ngazun Township. A total of 1500 plants and factories will provide employment in the area. It can thereby contribute to industrialization-driven urbanization and better living standards.

Now is the time when the government is aiming at a sustainable market economy. So, Royal Hi-tech Group was reconstituted itself into a public company as a preparation for the entry of stock share market into Myanmar. It was certified as a business entity by Mandalay Myotha Industrial Development Co., Ltd on 28 March. Now, its shares go on sale, allowing any one to buy 10 shares. One share is priced K 10000, it is learnt.

Kyemon-Than Zaw Min (Mandalay)

WORLD

Pilots in Asiana crash relied on automatic equipment for airspeed



A British Airways Oneworld jumbo jet lands near the charred remains of Asiana Airlines Flight 214 on the runway at San Francisco International Airport in San Francisco, California on 9 July, 2013. —REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 July — The pilots aboard the Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 that crashed in San Francisco relied on automatic equipment—an auto-throttle system—to maintain airspeed and did not realize the plane was flying too slowly until it was just 200 feet (60 metres) above the ground, the head of the US National Transportation Safety Board said on Tues-

day.

In her third detailed briefing on Saturday's crash that killed two Chinese passengers and injured more than 180 other people, NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hersman also said two flight attendants were ejected from the plane after its tail hit a seawall in front of the runway and was torn off. Both were found injured but alive on the side

of the runway.

Hersman said many questions remained about the incident. The South Korean airline's flight crew members were not tested for drugs or alcohol after the crash, a requirement for pilots of US-based carriers involved in accidents, she said.

The accounts given to investigators by the pilots, as relayed by Hersman, con-

firmed information from the plane's flight data recorder that showed the plane was travelling 25 percent below its target airspeed as it came in for landing.

While she has declined to speculate on the cause of the crash, much of the information released by the NTSB suggests pilot error as a main focus of the investigation.

The pilot in charge of landing the plane on Saturday was in training on the 777 and was roughly halfway through the process, while seated next to him was a co-pilot on his first flight as an instructor. Both were experienced pilots, although they had not flown together before, Hersman said. "At about 500 feet, he realized that they were low," Hersman told reporters, referring to the instructor pilot's account of the failed last-second attempts to avoid Saturday's disaster. "Between 500 and 200 feet (150 and 60 metres), they had a lateral deviation and they were low."

Reuters

Cesium readings further climb in groundwater at Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 10 July — Radioactive cesium readings in groundwater samples taken from an observation hole by the sea at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station increased further on Tuesday compared with the samples taken the day before, Tokyo Electric Power Co said early Wednesday.

Tuesday's samples showed 11,000 becquerels of cesium-134 per liter and

22,000 Bq/L of cesium-137. They were 111 times and 105 times greater than the samples on Friday.

Monday's samples registered 9,000 Bq/L of cesium-134 and 18,000 Bq/L of cesium-137.

The reason for the spike in readings remains unknown. TEPCO said it will intensify the monitoring.

Kyodo News



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter over the town of Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, shows the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station on 9 July, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Syria rebels likely behind Aleppo chemical attack

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 July — Russian scientific analysis indicates a deadly projectile that hit a suburb of the Syrian city of Aleppo on 19 March contained the nerve agent sarin and was most likely fired by rebels, Russia's UN envoy said on Tuesday. The incident at Khan al-Assal in the northern Province of Aleppo killed more than two dozen people. Both the government and rebels have blamed each other for what they say was an attack involving chemical weapons. Both sides also deny using chemical weapons.

Russia, alongside Iran, is Syria's closest ally and chief arms supplier. The United States cast doubt on the Russian analysis and along with France called for full UN access to Syrian sites where chemical weapons use was suspected.

Moscow's UN Ambassador, Vitaly Churkin, said Russian experts visited the location where the projectile struck and took their own samples of material from the site. Those samples, he said, were then analyzed at a Russian laboratory certified by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons.

"It was established that on 19 March the re-



A general view shows what forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad say is the site where Tuesday's chemical weapon attack occurred on 23 March, 2013.—REUTERS

bels launched an unguided Basha'ir-3 projectile towards Khan al-Assal controlled by the government forces," he said. "The results of the analysis clearly indicate that the ordnance used in Khan al-Assal was not industrially manufactured and was filled with sarin." "The projectile involved is not a standard one for chemical use," Churkin said. "Hexogen, utilized as an opening charge, is not utilized in standard munitions. Therefore, there is every reason to believe that it was armed opposition fighters who used the chemical weapons in Khan al-Assal."

Churkin said he had informed UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon of the Russian findings. Ban is scheduled to meet Ake Sellstrom, the Swedish scientist heading a UN team estab-

lished to investigate allegations of chemical weapon use in Syria, in New York this week.

Reuters

Czech President swears in cabinet in showdown with parliament

PRAGUE, 10 July — Czech President Milos Zeman swore in a cabinet led by a longtime ally on Wednesday that faces almost certain rejection by parties in parliament, raising the prospect of prolonged political uncertainty in the central European nation.

The leftist president confirmed economist Jiri Rusnok as prime minister, hoping that he can pull the Czech economy out of a recession now into its

second year and lead the country into an election due next year.

But the cabinet is likely to lose a vote of confidence, due within 30 days, as Rusnok's appointment has infuriated both the three parties of the outgoing center-right coalition and the leftist opposition, who all view it as a power grab by Zeman.

Rusnok, who served as finance minister in a Zeman-led cabinet a decade

ago, replaces Petr Necas, who resigned last month after a close aide was charged with bribery and abuse of office. Prosecutors have asked parliament to lift the center-right former premier's parliamentary immunity.

If Rusnok loses the parliamentary vote of confidence, Zeman is meant to appoint another prime minister. But there are no time limits and politicians fear Zeman could drag

out the process, leaving Rusnok's team in place for many months to carry out the president's wishes. Such a course would increase the risk of gridlock in policymaking which could hold up a 2014 budget plan and rattle investors, who have long viewed the Czech Republic as a safe haven among emerging economies.

Rusnok's new cabinet includes several people who have worked as advisers to Zeman and former members of the opposition Social Democratic party, which Zeman led until 2002.

Reuters

China, US discuss cyber security

WASHINGTON, 10 July — China and the United States held a strategic security dialogue on Monday and Tuesday, discussing the thorny issue of cyber security. The two sides held candid in-depth discussions on cyber security, including the mechanism of a bilateral cyber working group, international cyberspace rules, and measures to boost dialogue and cooperation on cyber security.

Both sides expressed the willingness to improve the mechanism of the cyber working group on the basis of mutual respect and equality so that it can play a positive role in enhancing mutual trust, reducing

mutual suspicion, managing disputes and expanding cooperation.

The two sides agreed to hold an informal meeting at an appropriate time before the next strategic security dialogue.

The strategic security dialogue is within the framework of the fifth China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) which kicks off on Wednesday. The S&ED covers a wide range of political, security, economic and financial topics as well as major regional and international issues of common concern.

Top on the agenda are discussions on the implementation of the consensus

reached by Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Barack Obama at their summit in California last month on building a new type of major-country relationship based on mutual respect and win-win cooperation.

Acting as special representatives of Xi, Vice Premier Wang Yang and State Councilor Yang Jiechi will co-chair the fifth S&ED with US Secretary of State John Kerry and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew — special representatives of Obama. Wang and Lew will co-chair the economic track talks, while Yang and Kerry will co-host the strategic track talks.—Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

France eliminates threat to cut off internet pirates

PARIS, 10 July—France has put an end to the most controversial element of a copyright piracy law that allowed the government to cut off the Internet subscriptions of repeat offenders.

The Socialist government of Francois Hollande published an official decree on Tuesday to erase the provision in the law that allowed courts to deprive copyright violators of their internet connectivity if they transgressed on three occasions. However, other sanctions, such as fines, will remain in place.

The tough anti-piracy law championed by previous President Nicolas Sarkozy was embraced by the music and movie industries but came under fire from critics who said it threatened civil liberties.

"This measure is necessary because it ends a penalty that is not suited to today's world, and because it illustrates the new orientation of the government's efforts to fight online piracy," Minister of Culture Aurelie Filippetti said in a statement on Tuesday.

She added that France would now focus its efforts



French President Francois Hollande attends a ceremony to pay tribute to late former Olympic champion Alain Mimoun in the courtyard of the Invalides in Paris on 8 July, 2013.—REUTERS

on websites that profit from illegal downloading rather than individual users.

France was one of the first countries to adopt a "three-strikes" law to protect artists and intellectual property owners from copyright violations. But the law, passed in 2009, has barely made a dent in online piracy as consumers moved to new technologies such as the streaming of video or music instead of downloads.

Only one person actually had his Internet access cut off in a ruling that came in June.

The French law was similar to those in place in

Australia, New Zealand and South Korea. Users are sent a series of notifications to warn them that they have allegedly infringed copyright and information on legal alternatives. Repeat offenders then face fines or the removal of their internet access. Music and entertainment companies lobbied hard for these types of laws, which eventually required Internet service providers and telecoms companies to identify their customers by the IP addresses where alleged illegal downloads occurred. The practice was opposed by privacy advocates and Internet activists.

Reuters

China's Alibaba on hunt for acquisitions after IPO

SHANGHAI, 10 July—China's e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd's will use proceeds from its potential IPO to fund acquisitions, media reported on Wednesday, as the firm looks to broaden its mobile services.

The group will not include most of its financial businesses, such as the Alipay online payment platform and its micro-loan services, in the potential IPO, Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Lu was quoted as saying in the *China Daily*.

Alibaba has not officially announced that it will hold an IPO, but people familiar with the matter say the company has intensified

its meetings with investment banks over the past few weeks. The issue is expected to value Alibaba at \$60-\$100 billion, and could raise \$15 billion, making it one of the world's biggest internet IPOs and a much sought-after prize for bankers and stock exchanges.

Lu, who succeeded founder Jack Ma in May, said the timing of Alibaba's listing would depend on whether he had a good acquisition target.

Alibaba paid \$294 million to buy a 28 percent stake in Chinese digital mapping company AutoNavi in May. It also invested \$586 million to buy an 18 percent stake in

Sina Corp's Weibo business.

Most of Alibaba's revenue comes from its e-commerce platforms such as Taobao and only its profitable businesses will be sold in the IPO, the paper said.

The group posted a 171.1 percent jump in net profit in the fourth quarter as its revenue rose 84 percent to \$642.2 million, according to a regulatory filing by major shareholder Yahoo Inc. Alibaba last year split Taobao into three units: Taobao Mall, Taobao Marketplace and eTao. The first two units had total transaction value of about 1 trillion yuan (\$163.15 billion) last year.—Reuters



A security guard walks past a logo of Alibaba (China) Technology Co Ltd at its headquarters on the outskirts of Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province on 16 March, 2010. REUTERS

Next US Mars mission could help bring back rocks, soil to Earth

WASHINGTON, 10 July—The next US rover to Mars should look for signs of past life, collect samples for possible future return to the Earth, and demonstrate technology for future human exploration of the Red Planet, a team of scientists and engineers in charge of defining the US 2020 Mars mission said on Tuesday.

The recommended science goals are highlighted in a 154-page document, which was submitted by the US government-appointed Mars 2020 Science Definition Team after five months of work.

The report said the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

(NASA) plans to re-use much of the design of *Curiosity*, which landed on Mars almost a year ago, to build the rover to ensure mission costs and risks are as low as possible.

It detailed how the rover would use its instruments for visual, mineralogical and chemical analysis down to microscopic scale to understand the environment around its landing site and identify biosignatures, or features in the rocks and soil that could have been formed by past life.

"The Mars 2020 mission concept does not presume that life ever existed on Mars," said Jack Mustard, chairman of the Sci-

ence Definition Team and a professor at the Geological Sciences at Brown University. "However ... past Martian life seems possible, and we should begin the difficult endeavor of seeking the signs of life."

The team, which is composed of 19 scientists and engineers from universities and research organizations, is also proposing the rover collect and package as many as 31 samples of rock cores and soil for a later mission to bring back for more definitive analysis in laboratories on the Earth.

It said that a retrieval mission could occur as early as the mid-2020s or wait until the 2030s but such timing would be determined by future budget availability and the technology capabilities that are developed in the coming years.

NASA intends to send humans to Mars by the 2030s, and samples collected and analyzed by the rover will help inform future human exploration missions to Mars, the team said.

The rover could make measurements and technology demonstrations to help designers of a human expedition understand any hazards posed by Martian dust and demonstrate how to collect carbon dioxide, which could be a resource for making oxygen and rocket fuel, it said.

Improved precision landing technology that enhances the scientific value of robotic missions also will be critical for eventual human exploration on the surface, it added.

"Crafting the science and exploration goals is a crucial milestone in preparing for our next major Mars mission," said John Grunsfeld, NASA's associate administrator for science in Washington.

"The objectives determined by NASA with the input from this team will become the basis later this year for soliciting proposals to provide instruments to be part of the science payload on this exciting step in Mars exploration," Grunsfeld said.—Xinhua

Microsoft to unveil big management reorganization on Thursday



The Microsoft logo is seen at their offices in Bucharest on 20 March, 2013.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 10 July—Microsoft Corp will unveil on Thursday its biggest management reorganization in at least five years, to better compete in a world of mobile devices and Web-based services, according to the technology blog AllThingsD.

The changes will shift the duties and responsibilities of many top Microsoft executives and are intended to eliminate overlap within the 98,000-employee company, AllThingsD reported on Monday, citing anonymous sources.

A new cloud comput-

ing and business-focused products unit would be headed by Satya Nadella, who currently oversees Microsoft's server business, according to a Bloomberg report last week. Julie Larson-Green, the current co-head of Microsoft's Windows operating system business, will lead the company's hardware efforts, including the Xbox video game console and the Surface tablets, Bloomberg said.

Microsoft declined to comment. Chief Executive Steve Ballmer remains under pressure to ramp up Microsoft's presence on mobile devices as the computer industry steadily declines.

Ballmer announced in his annual letter to shareholders last October that Microsoft now sees itself as a "devices and services" company, rather than a software maker.—Reuters



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Soy doesn't prevent prostate cancer return

NEW YORK, 10 July—Men who took soy supplements after having their prostate cancer removed were just as likely to see their cancer return as men who didn't take soy, in a new study.

"I think this study clearly demonstrates men in this particular situation... will not benefit," said Maarten Bosland, the study's lead author from the University of Illinois at Chicago.

According to the American Cancer Society, prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among men after skin cancer. It's estimated that one in every six men will be diagnosed with it.

Some doctors believed compounds found in soy—known as isoflavones—might help prevent prostate cancer, but more recent studies have found those and other nutritional supplements don't reduce the risk of developing the disease.

For the new study, published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Bosland and his colleagues randomly assigned 177 men who'd had their cancerous prostates surgi-

cally removed less than four months earlier to drink either a soy or placebo beverage every day for up to two years between July 1997 and May 2010.

Although the vast majority of the participants reported following the instructions, the study was stopped during an early evaluation because there was no benefit seen with soy, Bosland said.

He and his colleagues found that 27 percent of the participants in the soy group ended up having their cancer return according to prostate-specific antigen (PSA) blood tests, which are used to check for evidence of cancer.

That compared to about 30 percent in the placebo group. "When we did the analysis and there was an absolute absence of the effect, I was a little surprised. But in a way, it was good because the outcome was clear," Bosland told Reuters Health. "This adds to the evidence that nutrition supplements really aren't beneficial," said Dr Eric Klein, chairman of the Cleveland Clinic Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute.

Reuters

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on World Population Day 11 July 2013

As a staunch advocate of the education, health and rights of girls and an enduring believer in the power of young women to transform our world, I welcome the focus of this year's World Population Day on adolescent pregnancy. This sensitive topic demands global attention.

Far too many of the estimated 16 million teenage girls who give birth each year never had the opportunity to plan their pregnancy. Complications from pregnancy and childbirth can cause grave disabilities, such as obstetric fistula, and are the leading cause of death for these vulnerable young women. Adolescent girls also face high levels of illness, injury and death due to unsafe abortion.

To address these problems, we must get girls into primary school and enable them to receive a good education through their adolescence. When a young girl is educated, she is more likely to marry later, delay childbearing until she is ready, have healthier children, and earn a higher income.

We must also provide all adolescents with age-appropriate, comprehensive education on sexuality. This is especially important to empowering young women to decide when and if they wish to become mothers. In addition, we must provide comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services that cover family planning and the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. And we must guarantee the maternal health services that women need.

When we devote attention and resources to the education, health and wellbeing of adolescent girls, they will become an even greater force for positive change in society that will have an impact for generations to come. On this World Population Day, let us pledge to support adolescent girls to realize their potential and contribute to our shared future.—UNIC, Yangon

Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin UNFPA Executive Director's Message on World Population Day 11 July 2013

There are over 600 million girls in the world today, more than 500 million of them in developing countries. They are shaping humanity's present and future. The opportunities and choices girls have during adolescence will enable them to begin adulthood as empowered, active citizens.

With the right skills and opportunities, they can invest in themselves, in their families and their communities. However, pregnancy jeopardizes the rights, health, education and potential of far too many adolescent girls, robbing them of a better future.

About 16 million girls aged 15-19 give birth each year, and complications from pregnancy and child birth are the leading cause of death among girls in this age group, especially in developing countries.

Adolescent pregnancy is not just a health issue, it is a development issue. It is deeply rooted in poverty, gender inequality, violence, child and forced marriage, power imbalances between adolescent girls and their male partners, lack of education, and the failure of systems and institutions to protect their rights. To bring these issues to global attention, this year's World Population Day is focusing on adolescent pregnancy.

Breaking the cycle of adolescent pregnancy requires commitment from nations, communities and individuals in both developed and developing countries to invest in adolescent girls. Governments should enact and enforce national laws that raise the age of marriage to 18 and should promote community-based efforts that support girls' rights and prevent child marriage and its consequences.

Adolescents and youth must be provided with age-appropriate comprehensive sexuality education to develop the knowledge and skills they need to protect their health throughout their lives. However, education and information are not enough. Good quality reproductive health services must also be readily available in order for adolescents to make informed choices and be healthy.

At the local level, communities should provide the infrastructure to deliver reproductive health care in a youth-friendly and sensitive way.

Underlying all these efforts is the understanding that the dignity and human rights of adolescent girls must be respected, protected and fulfilled. Today, we call on governments, the international community and all stakeholders involved to take measures that enable adolescent girls to make responsible life choices and to provide the necessary support for them in cases when their rights are threatened. Every young girl, regardless of where she lives, or her economic circumstances, has the right to fulfil her human potential. Today, too many girls are denied that right. We can change that, and we must.—UNFPA

UBS once again the world's largest private bank as assets surge

ZURICH, 10 July—UBS (UBSN.VX) won back the title of largest private bank in the world as inflows of fresh client funds surged last year, indicating restored confidence following the financial crisis, according to a study.

The Swiss bank displaced Bank of America Corp (BAC.N) from the top spot in an annual benchmark compiled by London-based wealth management consultant Scorpio Partnership. It edged out the US bank with 9.7 percent growth in overall assets to \$1.705 trillion, compared with 5.9 percent at Bank of America.

The ranking is a coup for scandal-tarnished UBS, which in October said it would axe 10,000 staff and scale back its riskier investment banking division in favor of its private bank.

Activist fund Knight Vinke in May launched a campaign to break up UBS, though a forecast-beating first quarter and the highest wealthy customer inflows in six years took some of the sting out of the share-



The logo of Swiss bank UBS is seen at a branch office in the north-eastern Swiss town of St. Gallen on 3 July, 2013.—REUTERS

holder's demands. Overall, private banks won 24 percent more net new money, which represents a dramatic turnaround. Financial providers to the wealthy had struggled to win back client confidence in the wake of the global financial crisis.

However, the inflows have not yet translated to greater profits, which rose only 5.3 percent, according to Scorpio. This means private banks must still cut costs to lift profitability. "The analysis of the data shows there are still signs of weakness in the model for many operators," Scorpio said in the study. Pri-

vate banks typically sit on a high base of fixed costs, and in many cases, costly trading arms, so they rely on transaction fees generated by client trades for income.

This presents a problem when clients remain on the sidelines and park in cash products, as they largely have done since the financial crisis despite urgings from their advisors.

The findings come as private banks pull out the stops to entice the fast-growing ultra-rich segment, which although is not more profitable than the wealthy sector, makes up for it in volume.

The ultra-rich tend to feed more business to investment banking and asset management arms by demanding specialized and sophisticated services.

US banks Wells Fargo (WFC.N) and Morgan Stanley (MS.N) as well as Switzerland's Credit Suisse (CSGN.VX) round out the top five in the Scorpio benchmark.—Reuters

US regulators propose higher capital standards for big banks

WASHINGTON, 10 July — Federal regulators proposed on Tuesday the eight largest US banks have to boost their leverage ratio to five percent, higher than the three percent benchmark by the Basel III rules. The Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC) proposed that those most systemically significant US banks should maintain a tier one capital leverage buffer of at least five percent. In addition, the bank's deposit-holding subsidiaries would have to increase that ratio to

six percent.

The federal regulators believe a strong capital base at the largest banks can shrink their risk to the economy in the light of a repeat of the 2008 crisis. The proposal, if adopted, would take effect on 1 Jan, 2018. The rule will apply to the eight biggest US banks, including Goldman Sachs, Citigroup, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Morgan Stanley, Bank of New York Mellon and State Street Bank.

In a separate rulemaking, The FDIC and OCC also adopted the three percent benchmark set by the

27-nation Basel Committee on Banking Supervision in 2010. The Federal Reserve approved the final rule last week. "With the new capital rule, the federal banking agencies are taking an important step to strengthen the banking system and protect it from future financial crisis," said Comptroller of the Currency Thomas Curry.

Most US banks are required to abide by the three percent leverage ratio on 1 Jan, 2015, but the largest internationally active banks are required to apply the rule on January 1, 2014, according to the final rule.—Xinhua

WORLD

Berlusconi's final tax fraud appeal hearing set for 30 July

ROME, 10 July— Former Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's final appeal against a prison term and a ban for tax fraud is expected to be heard in court on 30 July, much earlier than expected, his lawyers said on Tuesday.

The speeded-up timetable heightened the pressures on Prime Minister Enrico Letta's fragile coalition government, which depends on the 76-year-old Berlusconi's centre-right People of Freedom party (PDL).

Berlusconi was sentenced last year to four years' jail with a five-year ban on holding public office, for complicity in tax fraud at his Mediaset television em-

pire, a decision that was upheld on appeal in May.

Although he may avoid jail due to his age if the sentence is confirmed, a ban on public office, depriving him of his seat in parliament, would deepen the problems bedevilling a government already divided over key elements of tax and economic policy.

Berlusconi, who often says leftist magistrates want to destroy him politically, is not a minister but plays a big behind-the-scenes role ensuring the stability of the coalition with his rivals in the centre-left Democratic Party (PD).

However Letta insisted that whatever the result of

the hearing, the government would continue.

"I am convinced there will not be any consequences for the survival of the government," he told a talk show on RAI state television.

A final appeal had been expected at the end of the year with reports in Italian newspapers speculating that the court could run into the statute of limitations at least on some of the charges, potentially curbing any sentence against Berlusconi.

However the decision to schedule the final appeal hearing before the normal summer break caught his legal team off guard and drew a furious reaction.



Italy's Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi looks on during a news conference at Chigi Palace in Rome on 4 Aug. 2011.

REUTERS

"I have never seen a hearing programmed as quickly as this. I am astonished," one of Berlusconi's lawyers, Franco Coppi, told Reuters. "This is a real squeeze on the rights of the defence."—Reuters

Egypt looks forward to new elections, back to week of bloodshed

CAIRO, 10 July— Egypt's interim authorities, boosted by \$8 billion in Gulf aid, start work on forming a cabinet on Wednesday, a week after the elected Islamist president was ousted by the army leading to a wave of violence in which at least 90 people were killed.

Wrangling between political groups over a decree setting the rules for the transition, designed to usher in parliamentary elections within about six months, could point to a bumpy road ahead.

Events of the last seven days are sure to overshadow the normally festive start to the fasting month of Ramadan, which begins on Wednesday, with Egypt's 84 million people more divided than at any time in their modern history.

Thousands of Islamists rallied outside a mosque in northeast Cairo overnight, where they have braved the heat and dust in a 12-day vigil, refusing to budge until toppled President Mohamed Mursi is returned to power. Just a few hundred metres away, outside the

military barracks where he is believed to be held, 55 Mursi supporters were killed at dawn on Monday when troops opened fire.

The movement says the victims were praying in peace. The government says the Islamists provoked the violence by attacking the soldiers.

The authorities announced an investigation into 650 suspects for offences from "thuggery" to murder and terrorism. Egyptian state media praised the army and denounced Monday's violence as the work of terrorists.

Amnesty International said that whether or not the security forces acted in response to provocations, they were guilty of using "grossly disproportionate force". Egyptians are still reeling a week after Mursi's overthrow, which initially sparked wild celebrations in Cairo and beyond by millions of people who wanted him gone, fed up with economic stagnation and what they saw as an Islamist power grab.

Reuters



Supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi hold up pieces of white shroud during a protest outside the Rabaa Adawiya mosque in Cairo on 9 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Republicans press White House to delay key Obamacare mandate



A Tea Party member reaches for a pamphlet titled "The Impact of Obamacare", at a "Food for Free Minds Tea Party Rally" in Littleton, New Hampshire in this on 27 Oct, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 10 July— Congressional Republicans pressed President Barack Obama on Tuesday to delay a requirement under his healthcare law that Americans obtain insurance next year after the administration gave employers a one-year reprieve from having to provide it to staff.

The US Treasury and White House announced last week that businesses would not be required to of-

fer health coverage, or pay a fine, in 2014 because the administration had yet to issue final regulations in time for employers to comply.

The move sparked a new wave of Republican efforts to discredit Obama's healthcare reform law and raised questions over whether the effort will be launched as planned.

In a letter on Tuesday signed by House of Representatives Speaker John

Boehner and 10 other leading House Republicans, they asked Obama for a detailed explanation of the delay of the "employer mandate," asking for a reply from the president by 1 August.

"Please ... provide to Congress your justification for only delaying the employer mandate at this time and not the new mandate on individuals and families," they wrote. "We agree with you that the burden was overwhelming for employers, but we also believe American families need the same relief."

But White House spokesman Jay Carney said the individual mandate would go forward because Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides financial assistance to help lower-income people pay for insurance while exempting those who cannot afford coverage.

"Next year, millions of Americans will get the help they need to purchase quality health insurance they

currently cannot afford," he said.

That financial assistance, coming in the form of refundable tax credits, will continue to be available to individuals in 2014, the Internal Revenue Service said on Tuesday in a three-page ruling, which confirmed the administration's reprieve.

Businesses, spared from penalties for not reporting employee health-care information to the IRS next year, are encouraged to comply voluntarily, the agency said. The agency will publish details on how to report that information later this summer.

Carney also criticized Republicans for failing to produce their own alternative to "Obamacare", instead voting 37 times to repeal or defund the president's law. Most of those measures died in the Democratic-controlled Senate. Carney said the Republicans would have denied benefits to the elderly, the sick and others.

Reuters

A worker of the Forensic Anthropology Foundation of Guatemala (FAFG, by its acronym in Spanish) analyzes the skeletal remains of a victim found in a clandestine cemetery, to perform a biological profile and identify their cause of death, in Guatemala City, Guatemala, on 9 July, 2013. The FAFG works to identify missing persons during the Guatemala's Internal Armed Conflict (1960-1996) which amount to 40,000 according to data of the Historical Clarification Commission (CEH, by its acronym in Spanish).—XINHUA



Egypt summons Tunisian Ambassador over

"interference in internal affairs"

TUNIS, 10 July— Egypt's Deputy Foreign Minister in charge of Arab affairs, Nasser Kamel, has summoned Tunisia's ambassador in Cairo, to express "surprise" at Tunisia's statements about the situation in Egypt, Shems FM reported late Tuesday night.

"These statements are

not in line with the privileged relations between Tunisia and Egypt," Kamel said, adding that his meeting with the Tunisian ambassador is in the framework of Egypt's refusal of any interference in its internal affairs.

On Sunday, the head of Tunisia's ruling Islamic party Ennahdha, Rached

Ghannouchi, condemned the ouster of Egypt's Islamist Mohamed Morsi, calling on Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood to "resist the decision."

In a statement issued last week, Ennahdha also condemned the ouster of Egypt's "first democratically elected president."

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Rioters who committed crimes, violence in Meiktila conflict get jail terms with hard labour

MEIKTILA, 10 July—Those who got involved in violence and committed crimes during the conflict in Meiktila on 20 March were sentenced today.

Meiktila District Court and Township Court heard the cases and sentenced them today.

Meiktila District Court sentenced Saw Hla Tun (a) Kyar Gyi to two years in prison with hard labour under Section 379; Hein Min Zar (a) Wa Toke to seven years with hard labour under Section 326 and two years with hard labour under Section 379 separately; Kyaw Swa (a) Mohamed

Ali to seven years with hard labour under Section 326, one year with hard labour under Section 427 and 10 years with hard labour under Section 302 (2); Ko Oo (a) Maung Oo to two years with hard labour under Section 379; Aung San Yu (a) Win Hlaing to two years with hard labour under Section 379; Lin Lin Aung to one year with hard labour under Section 379; Shunk Gae (a) Win Myint Thein to two years with hard labour under Section 379; Myint Soe to two years with hard labour under Section 379; Maung Naing (a) Kyaw Naing to one year with hard labour

under Section 427 and three years with hard labour under Section 436/114; Aung Tun to one year with hard labour under Section 427 and five years with hard labour under Section 436; Kyaw Htay (a) Kyaw Sein Win to five years with hard labour under Section 326 and 10 years with hard labour under Section 302 (2); Hsin Pauk (a) Pyai Phyo Zin to 10 years with hard labour under Section 302 (2); Zaw Lin to 10 years with hard labour under Section 302 (2) and two years with hard labour under Section 144; Aung Zaw Htay (a) Good Fighter to five years with

hard labour under Section 326 and two years with hard labour under Section 144 and Paik Htwe to three years with hard labour under Section 326/114. The will have to serve their sentences separately.

Similarly, Meiktila Township Court sentenced Win Zaw Oo, Aung Tun, Win Tun, Kalargyi, Kyaw Oo, Nwe Nwe Win, Kyaw Naing (a) Maung Naing to two years each with hard labour under Section 427. The court also sentenced Nwe Nwe Win to two years with hard labour under Section 505 to serve concurrently.

Meiktila District IPRD



MLF donates books to libraries in Madaya Tsp

MADAYA, 10 July—Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated books and publications to rural libraries in Madaya Township on 28 June morning. At the ceremony held at Madaya Township Information and Public Relations Department Head

Daw May Thu Myint discussed sustainability of libraries.

She then presented books donated by MLF to librarians and committees of Alinyaung Library in Bogone village and Hsesar Library in Kapaing village.—MMAL-040

NATIONAL SPORTS

Myanmar participates in Vietnam's Tracks and Fields Championship

YANGON, 10 July—Myanmar will participate in Vietnam's Tracks and Fields Championship as part of preparation for XXVII SEA Games.

Myanmar tracks and fields team is composed of manager U Wai Zin,

coaches U Kyaw Kyaw Win, U Saw Hein Shwe, Daw Khin Ohn, Liu Ging Lu and Chi Jian-wing, and athletes Kyaw Swar Moe, De Ye Wu, Soe Moe Win, Tun Tun Lin, Yin Yin Khaing, Le Le Win, Su Kyi Aung, Swe Li Myint,

Tin Zar Moe and Than Than Soe.

Most of them are sprinters and they will participate in many international events ahead of SEA Games to be hosted for the first time in Myanmar.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin

Professional football academy opened in Yangon

YANGON, 10 July—A professional football academy was opened in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon to help develop the football standards of the country by nurturing talents.

The academy that starts on 9 July has accepted 65 trainees.

Former Myanmar national team skipper and head coach of Kanbawza youth team exhibited his footballing skills on the first day of the training.

From the first batch of the academy, two were named for tentatively selected Myanmar U-16

team and 10 others joined the youth teams of professional clubs.

The Super Star Academy aims to develop footballing skills of the young players and turn them into promising young players.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin

Vehicle donated to free funeral service group

SITTWAY, 10 July—A new vehicle was donated to the free funeral service association of Wimaladhamma monastery on Akyaitaw hill in Sittway on 6 July. Donors U Aung Kyaw Zan and wife Daw Saw Theingi Tun of Aung

Zay Gabar Co Ltd handed over documents related to the vehicles to patron of the association U Maung Tun Kyaw who returned certificates of honour to the donors.

Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaing



Anti-smuggling Training Seminar for border liaison officers opened



Anti-smuggling Training Seminar jointly organized by Myanmar and UNODC in progress.

TACHILEK, 10 July—The Myanmar government and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime jointly conducted Anti-Smuggling Training Seminar for officers to be assigned to Myanmar-Thailand border liaison offices.

The opening ceremony of the seminar was held at Ye Bala Hall of Special Anti-Drug Squad in Tachilek on 8 July morning.

On behalf of the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, M-PAC Secretary Police Col Aung Htay Myint delivered an address and UNODC Programme Officer Giovanni Broussard explained purposes of organizing the seminar.

The seminar was attended by 32 staff

members of Myanmar Police Force, General Administration Department, Customs Department, Forest Department, and Immigration and National Registration Department who are routinely assigned to border liaison offices.

"The training is aimed at preventing smuggling of persons and goods. Three scholars led by UNODC Programme Officer Giovanni Broussard and lecturers from the ministry will give lectures on anti-smuggling PATROL matters. It will last four days from 8 July to 11 July. Similar courses will be opened in Kawthoung and Myawaddy soon," said the M-PAC secretary.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 11 July, 2013

Embark on fact-finding mission

Myanmar has nearly 60 million population. According to 2012 figures, it has more than 0.5 million Internet subscribers which constitutes merely 1% of the entire population and most of them access World Wide Web via mobile devices.

Virtually all Internet users in Myanmar have a Gmail account and a Facebook account. It is said in Myanmar that a person without a Facebook identity is like a person without a home address. So, it could be assumed that Myanmar has more than 500,000 active Facebook users. But it would be wrong to assume that every Facebook user honestly own one account or identity on the world's largest social networking site. It would not come as a surprise if the number of active Facebook subscribers in Myanmar is larger than the number of Internet users in Myanmar.

Myanmar's Facebook users is a tiny pool compared with 1.11 billion Facebook subscribers worldwide. But it is more than a social networking site in the country and is often politicized. It also has a considerable influence on social behaviours and opinions of the users and their communities.

An ancient Myanmar saying goes, "Each single word is equal to a pagoda." The sheer respect for texts force the ordinary people of Myanmar to often blindly accept anything what is worded. There is no such mission of finding fact and fiction in Myanmar. When it meets floods of information that have broken open the long-locked gate, there arise rumours, spread hate speeches, and follow other adverse impacts of social media.

The netizens of the country should embark on the fact-finding mission from every piece shared on the social networking sites to prevent rumours and hate speeches from overwhelming the public opinions.

5th meeting of ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee held

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The 5th meeting of ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday morning, with an address by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin.

At the meeting, making driving force in implementing follows-up plans of the committee, more cooperation among the ministries and organizations under the ASEAN Political and Security Community, ensuring effective implementation of various ASEAN meetings, progress of undertakings by the ten work committees under the ASEAN Political and Security Community Committee, their follows-up plans on logistic management and subject-wise preparations were discussed.

It was attended by Committee members deputy ministers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the deputy attorney-general of the Union Attorney-General Office, the deputy auditor-general of the Union Auditor-General Office, and representatives from the Myanmar Development and Research Department and Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

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Media development and Printing and Publishing Bill

Banya Aung

One of the characteristics of democracy is the development of media. In our country, just press freedom usually refers to a characteristic of democracy. Such ideology is now outdated due to development of information technology, new types of media and media market. It is found that development of media along with press freedom and reviewing the remaining factors is considered a characteristic of democracy in international community in the 21st century.

A country which is carrying out democratic reforms must draw a media policy which can ensure media development and above indicators. To be able to adopt the plan, we should use four approaches and the first approach is Media Institution.

As part of efforts for media reforms in conformity with democratic system, it is necessary to establish institutions which are suitable for future media environment and to draw laws related to the media institutions. For the development of printing and publishing enterprises, Printing and Publishing bill, one of the media institutions, has been put forward to the parliament.

At this juncture, it was found that some questions arouse as to if the Printing and Publishing Law is not necessary. In Myanmar, out of current 1399 registered publishers, only 633 are registered for publishing newspapers, journals and magazines. There are 8433 printing press registrations, and out of them, only hundreds are running for printing of journals, newspapers and periodicals while the remaining printing press are used for printing pamphlets, posters, novels etc. Therefore, while journalists are working professionally following the codes and ethics of journalism, the publishers should run their business in accordance with the basic principles for printing. Besides, it is necessary to revoke the 1962 Printing and Publishing Registration law which is not in conformity with the democratic norms and to enact a new law which is adaptable to the democratic reforms. Hence,

the Printing and Publishing bill has been brought before the parliament.

Drafting the bill has followed the principles of the international convention not to cause restricting the development of printing and publishing and to ensure development of the printing and publishing on the right way. Besides, the bill is also aimed at bringing about co-existence among Myanmar's societies, its specific characteristics and creating a socially responsible media which is in conformity with the country's cultural standard and values.

Therefore, the Article 7 of the bill which has been approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and has been put forward to Amyotha Hluttaw says:

As part of efforts for building a democratic society which is free, equitable and where the rule of law is established and for emergence of qualified print media which follow code of ethics, a printer or a publisher shall not print or publish the periodicals in which one of the following facts is involved.

- Expression that cause inflicting harm between national races or among national races and religions**
- Expression that instigates deterioration in the rule of law and violence**
- dirty expression**
- Expression that encourages and instigates crimes, atrocities, rioting, gambling and using narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs**

The above principles can be seen as ethics even and even an ordinary citizen should follow them, and there is no difficulties for a printer or a publisher to follow them. Besides, the principles do not restrict the expression of expression, the right given by the law.

To decide the Printing and Publishing bill during the seventh regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw, the bill committee of Pyithu Hluttaw held meetings on 1 and 2 July to discuss the Printing and Publishing bill which has been submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw since its six regular session held.

The bill committee meeting was participated by representatives of the Ministry of Information, representatives of the Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee, representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission and MPs who registered at the Hluttaw to discuss the bill. During the meeting, the committee discussed not only the bill but also suggestions of the Press Council (Temporary) made through the Ministry of Information and reviewed the discussion of the representatives of the Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee and advices of the MPs who registered to discuss the bill at Pyithu Hluttaw.

The amended Printing and Publishing Enterprise Law was approved at Pyithu Hluttaw Session on 4 July after the Bill Committee, Sports, Culture and Public Relations Development Committee and those MPs held discussion on the bill.

It is seen that the Press Council (Temporary) severely remonstrated about the bill after Pyithu Hluttaw has approved it. As a matter of fact, Pyithu Hluttaw not only took Press Council's suggestions into account but also omitted Information Ministry's suggestions. A new section is added to the bill, assuming that Hluttaw should do it. It can be said that it is Hluttaw's principle, not Ministry's or the Council's. I assumed that those who have held views of objecting all they don't agree on should be aware of the legislative nature in democratization process.

Ambassador U Tint Swe (1906-1953) wrote a book on democracy spirit in 1946. In his book, he explained **the spirit of democracy is broad-minded one. The MPs should have broad-minded views when their motions have failed at the parliament and lost the elections.**

It can be seen that in democratic countries including US and UK, there are serious discussions between the parties, a variety of interest groups and inside

and outside of the parliaments before the bills are approved.

It can be seen that all have to follow the majority's wishes after the bill has been approved at the parliaments. Those dissidents and organizations continue to make efforts for making amendments to the bill in a democratic way at proper time. Those dissidents are never angry about it even though they lose it. This is the democracy spirits and practices.

In fact, nobody would enjoy cent-per-cent wishes in legislation of the democracy system. There will be gives and takes between the majority party and the minority party, considering that the majority should pay attention to the wishes of the minority. British Prime Minister Gladstone (1809-1898) said that **British legislative system can not fully make people fulfill their dreams and wishes. They could get the practical things they can do. In this regard, we would do the best for the British.**

It can be seen that there are much differences between the bill which was approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and the 1962 Law. The core point is that Section 20 of the 1962 Law says that under the law, those who fail to follow an authority's order would face one to seven years sentences. This caused the emergence of manuscripts scrutinizing policy. And under this policy, the press media were supervised. That is to say, the 1962 law had given more power to the director of Press Scrutiny and Registration Division.

This bill has no such authority and power. And the sufferers can lodge an appeal. For instance, only the minister can revoke printing and publishing enterprise licenses and certificates. Those sufferers would have rights to lodge their appeal to the President. Similarly, it is impossible to designate the rules and regulations to be followed by printers and publishers in the forms of notifications. It needs to obey four international standards prescribed in the section 7. The minister or those who are vested by the minister only can make necessary

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NATIONAL

Japan to invest in Dawei special economic zone

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint, Chairman of Dawei Special Economic Zone Construction Special Working Group, received a Japanese delegation led by Mr. Hidenao Yanagi, Deputy Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan, at the UM FCCI's Office in Yangon yesterday.

At the call, they frankly discussed potentials for

cooperation of Japan in Dawei special economic zone project and its related projects.

It was attended by Deputy Ministers U Han Sein, Dr Maung Maung Thein, U Set Aung, Thura U Thaung Lwin, officials concerned from the Japanese Foreign Affairs Economic, Trade and Industry, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and diplomats of Japanese Embassy in Yangon.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives FM of Commonwealth of Australia

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Senator The Hon. Bob Carr, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Australia, at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here this evening.

They held a discussion on amity and cooperation between the two countries.

Also present on the occasion together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were chairmen of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Swe, U Hla Myint Oo, U Htay Myint and officials from Hluttaw Office. The visiting delegation was accompanied by the Australian Ambassador to Myanmar.—MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shaking hands with Senator The Hon. Bob Carr, Australian Foreign Affairs Minister. —MNA

Myanmar fishermen return home

YANGON, 10 July—A total of 123 Myanmar fishermen who were charged with intruding into India's water territory returned from Port Blair of India this afternoon.

A delegation led by Deputy Director-General U Aung Khaing of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Myanmar Airways International (MAI) chairman U Khin Maung Latt left Yangon International Airport by MAI charter flight for Port Blair of India to scrutinize and bring back those fishermen there. Officials from Myanmar embassy accepted the handing over of 123 fishermen from Indian government.

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and

Resettlement made cooperation with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Immigration and Population, Transport, Livestock and Fisheries, Information, Health, Region/State governments and Myanmar Fisheries Federation on returning of those fishermen.

Officials from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Yangon Region Government, Livestock and Fisheries, Myanmar Fisheries Federation, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Region and Mon and Rakhine States welcomed and encouraged the fishermen at the Airport.

Under the arrangements of the respective region/state governments, the fishermen left for their respective

regions by car. It is learnt that 107 fishermen are from Ayeyawady Region, five from Rakhine State, nine from Taninthayi Region, one from Mon State and one from Yangon Region, totaling 123.

U Aung Ko Win sponsored MAI charter flight fare for the fishermen. Myanmar Fisheries Federation donated K 3 million for those from Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Rakhine State for their return expenses. For those from Yangon Region and Mon State, respective governments donated cash for their return.

Since 2000, 4398 Myanmar fishermen have been brought back to their families.

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Union Minister for Industry U Aye Myint meets Mr. Hidenao Yanagi, Deputy Director-General of the Southeast and Southwest Asian Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japan.—MNA

Media development and Printing...

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investigation and announce it as illegal one when someone files a complaint about the violation of these four standards. But, publishers have the rights to apply their publications to Region or State Court so as to decide whether their publications are legal or not. Under the Section 97 of the Constitution, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has to monitor appendixes of regulations, notification, rules, regulations, bylaws, directives and procedures whether or not they are in accord with the Constitution and respective laws. Then, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is to amend and revoke them if necessary. The 1962 Law is totally different from the new one.

In addition, Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee has added a new crucial section to it. The Section 27 says that **action taken in accord with this law shall not hamper citizens' freedom of expressions and freedom of press.** It is obvious that Pyithu Hluttaw paid more emphasis on development of printing and publishing in a systematic

way without putting limits on it.

Here, I noticed that there are accusations that the Ministry has submitted the Printing and Publishing Bill by taking advantages of the media bill being drafted by the Press Council (Temporary) as a zero draft. In reality, the Ministry wanted to submit press law or media law which are considered as professional laws ahead of institutional law: business laws.

That's why, Union Minister U Aung Kyi, shortly after formation of Press Council (Temporary) on 17 September 2012, told the Press Council (Temporary) to formulate Zero Draft, and draw First Draft after seminars and workshops, jointly conducted by the ministry and local and foreign media, and Second Draft after holding discussions with the participation of experts from media world including parliamentarians and submit it to the parliament in accord with rules and regulations. The Union minister elaborated on the process while he was interviewed by BBC, and his clarification of the process

was carried by state-owned dailies issued on 25-10-2012. It can be witnessed that the Union minister explained the process again and again while giving interviews to local media—the News Watch, Luhtu Ponyeik and Mizzima journals.

But, the printing and publishing bill and public service media bill were submitted to the parliament first as the Press Council officially sent the Zero Draft on 31 May, 2013. After holding discussions with international organizations including UNESCO, the ministry sent back the zero draft with its amendments and suggestions to the Press Council on 7 June, 2013. The council accepted some suggestions of the ministry and sent the Second Draft to the ministry on 26 June, 2013. The ministry accepted 51 out of 68 points shown in the second draft of the council and sent back it to the council, giving reasons for each point on 3 July as 17 points are not agreed with the international standards and they are not required to be embodied in the law.

Although the Press Council released its Second Draft to media, it is found that it did not make the

media known the 17 points unaccepted by the ministry as they don't meet international standards. If the council had informed the media of the letter from the ministry and the reason why it cannot accept the 17 highlighted points of the ministry in a transparent way, the media and the public would have made a Public Debate on the remarks of the two sides to know which points are agreed with international standards.

With the aim of creating a Socially Responsible Media environment, the Ministry of Information is striving for emergence of media laws meeting international standards. Media laws are not only to protect the freedom of expression but also to be added necessary limitations into it in accord with the provision of **Article 29(b) of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights that says "In the exercise of his**

rights and freedoms, every one shall be subject only to such limitations as are determined by law solely for the purpose of securing due recognition and respect for the rights and freedoms of others and of meeting the just requirements of morality, public order and the general welfare in a democratic society."

According to today's state-of-the-art technology, it is impossible to cover all things under the media law alone. It can be witnessed that even democracies promulgated different laws like press law, broadcasting media law, public service media law, electronic law, cyber law, film law, etc based on the situations of the countries. So, formulation of more media laws is a must for our country. Collaborative efforts will be needed to enact the laws in support of media development. The process cannot be accomplished by

the government alone. It calls for participation of media persons and the entire people.

It is sure that there will arise different views according to with the nature of democracy. But such differences cannot hamper media reform in Myanmar. What kind of mindset will we need to establish to deal with it? In his book entitled "Democratic Mindset" written by Ambassador U Tint Swe, he suggests **"You can break the dishes you own if you want to do like this while argue with your spouse. Do not attempt to do like this when you getting into an argument with others over matters of the association, the community and the nation. Take the interest of the majority into consideration. Pay your respects to your own country".**

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Immigration and Population Ministry



WORLD POPULATION DAY

Adolescent Pregnancy

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Crime

Illegal logs seized in Katha District

SAGAING, 10 July—The assistant director and staff of Katha District Forest Department seized two ten-wheeled vehicles with the loads of illegal Tamalan logs near milepost 2/6 on

Katha-Bhamo Road on 27 June.

About 15.1178 tons of 134 Tamalan timber were seized from the vehicles.

Action is being taken against vehicles' owners U

Min Kyaing and U Win Naing Tun from Katha Township including U Hla Min of Waingmaw, the owner of logs.

Kyemon-Forest Department

Health Care Activity

Free eye care operations at Sitagu eye hospital



KALAY, 10 July—Sitagu Eye Hospitals have been opened across the country under the leadership of Sitagu Sayadaw Ashin Nanissara.

So far, the number of Sitagu Eye Hospitals has reached 22, including the one in Aungthitsa ward of Kalay Township.

On 22-28 June, eye

specialists performed free eye operations for 8th time there. The Sitagu Sayadaw supervised the eye surgery at the hospital.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

Bagan Thway blood donors marks 6th blood donation

YANGON, 10 July—The blood donation and cash donation was held at National Blood Centre of Yangon General Hospital on 7 July morning.

Patron of Bagan Thway Blood Donors Association Daw Tin Yi and Dr Nwe Nwe Oo of National Blood Centre made speeches.

Professor Dr Myo Win of Myat Mon Yadana Hospital explained advantages of donating blood.

Wellwishers donated cash to the association through responsible persons of the association.

Patron of the association U Yin Yu spoke words of thanks.

On that day, a total of 273 persons donated blood.

Present were the chairman, secretary and executives of Bagan Nyaung U Township Association (Yangon) and blood donors.

Kyemon-Kyaw Bo Win



Buddha Pujanira of Pan-aing Shwemokhtaw Pagoda in Mahlaing held



MEIKTILA, 10 July—A Buddha Pujaniya festival was held at Pan-aing Shwemokhtaw Pagoda in Mahlaing, Meiktila District.

The regional festival lasted 16 days from June

16 to July 1 and about 1000 shops gathered at the festival. Local products such as virginia leaves, glazed pots, sandal wood, local food, farming equipment and household goods were available at the festival.

The festival was crowded with vendors and people from Mahlaing, Meiktila, Wundwin, Thazi, Taungtha, Myingyan, Kyaukpadaung, Pakokku, Pyawbwe and Yamethin.

Kyemon-579

New power station comes into operation in Kyaukse

KYAUKSE, 10 July—Kyaukse Township sees more power consumption. The newly-opened power station (10 MVA) has started distributing electricity to the wards in the Township as of this month. Kyaukse Township Electricity Supply Enterprise is distributing electricity with an installed capacity of 30 MVA including the newly-opened facility.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing



FDAs opened in border towns

KYAUKSE, 10 July—Food and Drug Administration offices are opened in Muse, Myawady and Tamu which are sharing borders with China, Thailand and India

for inspecting the imported foods and drugs.

Permits will be issued to the importers after the foods and drugs had been imported. Moreover, skilled persons and experts are being recruited to form

the squad to be able to inspect quality of foodstuffs and drugs imported to the local market, said Director U Win Zaw of Myanmar FDA.

Kyemon-Zo Hay Hsa (Chin Hill)

Rescue teams take drill

MYEIK, 10 July—Members of rescue teams took rehearsals such as building makeshift tents, rescue of patients and victims, serving transport service, giving first-aid and sending patients to

hospital as works if natural disaster falls in Myeik of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region.

The rehearsal was participated by 35 members of Fire Services Department, 10 Red Cross Brigade members and 32 officers of Auxiliary Fire Brigade led by Head of Myeik District Fire Services Department U Zaw Win from 8 am to 9 am on 7 July.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Members of rescue team actively participate in rescue and response to disaster in drill.

REGIONAL

Opposition parties lack strategies to stop another LDP election victory

TOKYO, 10 July —With the ruling Liberal Democratic Party poised for another victory following big wins in the lower house election last December and the Tokyo metropolitan assembly election in June, opposition parties are finding it difficult to map out strategies to stop the LDP.

The upcoming House of Councillors election will be the only national election in the next three years, unless the House of Representatives is dissolved during its current four-year term through December 2016. With many parties, including small ones, contesting the upper house election, votes are likely to be split among the opposition parties, making it difficult for them to expand their influence. The main opposition Democratic Party of Japan is facing an uphill battle. Party leader Banri Kaieda has repeatedly used the phrase “great peril” in describing the situation.

Although the DPJ swept to power for the first time in the 2009 lower house election, ending more than 50 years of almost uninterrupted rule by the LDP, it has failed to rebuild since being ousted from power last December.

The DPJ's three years in government were marked by public dissatisfaction with its handling of key issues, including the relocation of a key US Marine base in Okinawa and the nuclear crisis triggered by the massive March 2011 earthquake and tsunami. In February,



Political party chiefs join hands before a debate on their policies in Tokyo on 3 July, 2013, ahead of the 21 July House of Councillors election. From left are Social Democratic Party leader Mizuho Fukushima, People's Life Party leader Ichiro Ozawa, New Komeito party leader Natsuo Yamaguchi, Democratic Party of Japan leader Banri Kaieda, Prime Minister and Liberal Democratic Party leader Shinzo Abe, Japan Restoration Party co-leader Toru Hashimoto, Your Party leader Yoshimi Watanabe, Japanese Communist Party leader Kazuo Shii and Green Wind party head Kuniko Tanioka.—KYODO NEWS

the party cited poor governance and its failure to keep its 2009 campaign pledges as the causes of its defeat in the lower house election, pointing to a lack of unity within the party.

“What the DPJ has to learn is party discipline,” said Steven R Reed, professor of political science at Chuo University. “Everybody has to be on message.” After the upper house election, “people against the LDP will look for the best place to vote, it may well still be the DPJ,” said Reed. “The election campaign has just started. We will fight to secure as many seats as possible,” Kaieda told re-

porters early in the election campaign. But his resignation would appear to be inevitable if the DPJ suffers another defeat in the 21 July election.

The Japan Restoration Party, which created a flurry of attention when it was launched in Osaka last September, has lost momentum and is facing a public backlash following controversial remarks by co-head Toru Hashimoto about Japan's wartime military brothels, which he described as “necessary” for maintaining army discipline. The party won 54 of the 480 seats in December's general election, significantly boosting

its pre-election total of 11, but in sharp contrast only two of its 34 candidates won seats in the Tokyo metropolitan assembly election in the wake of Hashimoto's remarks.

“I knew the popularity of the Japan Restoration Party was just like a bubble. In the process of trying to spread nationwide, the vulnerability of the party was exposed,” said Masahiro Iwasaki, professor of political science at Nihon University. Members of the party had banded together just to survive elections, without sharing the same vision or political positions, he added.

Kyodo News

Wall collapse kills 12, injures 7 in N China

TAIYUAN, 10 July —Twelve construction workers were killed and seven others injured after their make-shift house was buried by a collapsed wall in north China's Shanxi Province, local authorities said on Wednesday.

The accident occurred

around 7:30 pm on Tuesday at a construction site of a coal cleaning plant of Dacheng Liyuan Coalification Co, Ltd in Pingshu Village, Shouyang County, according to sources with the government of Jinzhong City, which administers the county.

An initial investigation indicated that the wall was toppled as a result of rainstorms, sources said.

Rescue work has ended by Wednesday morning. A further investigation into the cause of the accident is under way.

Xinhua



Rescuers search for survivors of a work shed collapse in Pingshu Township of Shouyang County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 9 July, 2013.—XINHUA

Vietnamese, Lao PMs hail completion of border marker project

HANOI, 10 July —Prime Ministers of Vietnam and Laos on Tuesday hailed the completion of the border marker project, saying it is of great significance in traditional friendship between the two countries. The appreciation was made at the grand ceremony to celebrate the completion of border marker planting held at border gate separating the Vietnamese town of Thanh Thuy in central Nghe An Province and the Lao town of Nam On in Bolykhamstay Province.

This is the joint achievement of the two countries in building a peace, stable and cooperative borderline, contributing to facilitating economic and trade exchange, said Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung.

Lao Prime Minister Thoongsing Thammavong, for his part, said that the border marker planting project plays an important role in building mutual trust and understanding, creating favourable conditions for travel, tourism, trade and investment from the central to localities, boosting poverty reduction in border areas. The two PMs proposed to continue working closely to-

gether to finalize legal documents to fully complete the project in 2014.

Vietnam and Laos have 2,067 km common borderline shared by 20 provinces, ten on each side. In 1977, the two countries signed a border demarcation treaty for the 1978-1987 period under which they were committed to finalizing the planting of 214 land border markers in 119 places. The result was recognized in the protocol on border demarcation and border marker planting signed by the two neighbours in October 1987.

In 2003, both sides completed a project to draw a 1:50,000 scale map of the Vietnam-Laos borderline. In January 2008, governments of Vietnam and Laos agreed to implement the joint project on upgrading and embellishing border markers.

According to head of the Lao Border Committee Bun Kot Sang Som Sak, after five years of working, the two sides finished positioning of 835 border markers in 793 locations and 20 benchmark pillars in a borderline of 2,067 km, sharing by 20 provinces, ten in each side.

Xinhua



Two Pakistani children push a motorcycle during the heavy rain in eastern Pakistan's Lahore, on 9 July, 2013. Four people were killed and three others injured when a two-storey house collapsed due to heavy rainfall in Gujranwala city, near Lahore, in eastern Pakistan's Punjab Province, local media reported on Tuesday.—XINHUA

State agencies alerted as typhoon approaches in N Philippines

MANILA, 10 July —The Philippine government alerted on Tuesday the concerned state agencies as Typhoon Soulik became stronger as it moved towards the northern part of the country.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) directed its regional offices to undertake precautionary

measures in their area of responsibility.

It also advised the local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils to “initiate pre-emptive evacuation of families in low-lying and mountainous areas if situation warrants.”

In the 5:00 pm weather forecast, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and

Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said that the typhoon was located at 1,570 kilometers east of Basco in northern province of Batanes with maximum sustained winds of 130 kilometers per hour near the center and gustiness of up to 160 kph. It was forecast to move west at 20 kph.

Xinhua

5.6-magnitude quake hits Kepulauan Mentawai region, Indonesia

HONG KONG, 10 July —An earthquake measuring 5.6 on the Richter scale jolted Kepulauan Mentawai region, Indonesia at 1704 GMT on Tue (0104 Beijing Time), the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10.30 km, was initially determined to be at 3.3165 degrees south latitude and 100.4740 degrees east longitude.

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Engagement

Dr. Thu Zar Soe

M.B.B.S (Ygn)

Daughter of

U Myo Swe & Daw Tin Soe, residing at
No.332, R(15), Mahabandoola Garden Street,
Yangon

and

Yeongshnn Ong

B.S in Computar Science

Son of

Hoteong Ong & Molly Khaw

residing at

No.293, Belia Rd., Canyon County, CA, USA

have been engaged on 10th July, 2013 at

Sedona Hotel (Dagon Hall), Yangon.

Yeongshnn Ong & Dr Thu Zar Soe

and both parents

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Severe floods affect 16,900 in SW China quake-hit region

CHENGDU, 10 July — Rainstorm-triggered floods have affected about 16,900 people in Ya'an City, southwest China's Sichuan Province, which was shaken by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake in April, local authorities said on Tuesday.

Heavy rain started to batter Ya'an early Monday morning, causing river water levels to rise in excess of

warning levels and flood in three of the worst-hit townships in the city's Yucheng District, according to the district government.

At least 16,900 people in 4,920 households in the district have been affected, and direct economic losses are estimated at 768 million yuan (about 125.18 US dollars).

Xinhua

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(2/2013)

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Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -011(2013-2014)	HP Design Jet 44" Plotter with Direct Jet	(1) Lot	US \$
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(3)	IFB -013(2013-2014)	900 Series Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US \$
(4)	IFB -014(2013-2014)	600 Series Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US \$
(5)	IFB -015(2013-2014)	Casing Lines (Steel Wire Ropes)	(1) 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 \$
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-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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AGENT FOR: NYK LINES

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Eight killed in suicide attack in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 July — At least eight people were killed and nine others injured when a suicide bomb blast rocked Pakistan's north-western District of Hangu on Monday. According to local Urdu TV Channel Dunya, the attack took place at about 4:15 pm local time when a suicide bomber targeted a vehicle carrying the brother and companions of pro-government tribal elder Malik Habib in Torawari area of Doaba town in Hangu District. Eyewitnesses said that the suicide bomber rammed his explosive-laden motorcycle into the vehicle near a taxi stand. The blast de-

stroyed the vehicle, killing six people and injuring at least 11 others on the spot. Two of the injured who were admitted to the district hospital in Hangu succumbed to their injuries, bringing the death toll to eight.

The loud explosion also incurred damages to nearby shops and cars, local media reported. Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari condemned the attack and directed the authorities to provide best available treatment to the injured people. Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif slammed the bomb blast and expressed sorrow over the loss of lives.

Xinhua

TENDER INVITATION

Mother Industrial Co., Ltd. is intended to establish active lime producing plant on full turn-key basis, of 200 ton per day output, using locally available raw material, with coal-gas firing system, using local coal.

Sealed tenders are invited from interesting companies. The detail can be obtained from the following contact office, before 16:00 hours 16th July 2013.

Managing Director

Mother Industrial Co., Ltd.

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Pyi Thar Bridge Road, Insein Township

(Brick Factory Danyin Gone).

Tel : 951-642358



Pedestrians walk past the "yuk" sculpture at the Hyde Park in Sydney, Australia, on 8 July, 2013. The sculpture spelling out the word "yuk" using thousands of used cigarette butts was installed in Sydney's Hyde Park to remind smokers of the pollution their discarded butts can cause. The two by five metre hollow perspex sculpture contains a small fraction of the estimated 500,000 butts thrown on Sydney city streets, footpaths and gutters every month.

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Don't Smoke

Matt Damon and Brad Pitt became friends after co-starring in the Ocean's Eleven franchise.



Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan (L) holds the trophy after winning the award for the best performance in a comic role as actors Jacqueline Fernandez (C) and Sonu Sood watch at the 14th annual More. REUTERS

Bollywood's Barfi wins at Indian film awards in Macau

MACAU, 10 July—The film Barfi scooped top honours in India's version of the Oscars at a ceremony in the Chinese gambling haven of Macau on Saturday that also celebrated a century of Bollywood, which makes up a big chunk of a multi-billion-dollar film industry.

Barfi is a romantic comedy about a mute and deaf man and his relationship with two women. The movie was praised by critics for its positive portrayal of physically disabled people, a somewhat unusual theme for Bollywood screenplays.

India, the world's biggest film producer, makes more than double the number of Hollywood movies on an annual basis. Already popular in countries with sizable Indian populations, Indian films are also

a growing hit with Chinese audiences as well as in Russia and Germany.

Hosted by Bollywood heartthrobs Shah Rukh Khan and Shahid Kapoor, the four-hour ceremony of pulsating dance routines and colourful costume changes was attended by an audience of over seven thousand screaming fans.

Some of Indian cinema's biggest names including Deepika Padukone set the Macau arena alight with high octane performances, while older generation actors like Boman Irani and modern pin ups such as Vidya Balan graced the green carpet.

Known for catchy songs, whimsical backdrops and raven-tressed actresses, Bollywood films typically transport viewers away from reality to a

world where good triumphs over evil and love reunites everyone, themes that resonate well in China.

"We make musicals. I think every film is a musical. Every film has at least six to seven songs," said Ayushmann Khurrana, nominated for best actor after his debut in "Vicky Donor", a romantic comedy about sperm donation. "So that is how Bollywood is completely different from Hollywood."

Best actress was won by Vidya Balan for Kahani while Ranbir Kapoor for Barfi took home the award for best actor. Barfi also won the award for best film.

India's film entertainment sector is booming and estimated to generate revenue of close to \$5 billion by 2015.

Reuters

Matt Damon: Feel sad that Brad Pitt has no privacy

LOS ANGELES, 10 July—Actor Matt Damon is sympathetic towards his friend, Hollywood star Brad Pitt, who is always followed by paparazzi and, thus, cannot enjoy his personal life.

Damon and Pitt became friends after co-starring in the Ocean's Eleven franchise.

The Bourne Identity actor has managed to raise his children away from the spotlight unlike Pitt and his fiancée Angelina Jolie. Damon is happy he doesn't lead a similar life.

"If you can control the celebrity side of celebrity, then it (being super famous) is worth it. I look at Brad — and I have for years — and when I'm with him I see the intensity of that other side of it," Esquire magazine quoted the 42-year-old as saying, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"And the paparazzi and the insane level of aggression they have and their willingness to break the law and invade his space — well, I wonder about that trade," he added. Damon feels bad for his celebrity friend as he

is not able to even walk his children to school.

"I remember telling him that I walk my kids to school, and his face just fell. He was very kind, but he was like, 'You b**tard'. Because he should be able to do that, too. And he can't," said Damon. Damon said that he is able to maintain a low-key life outside work as he is married to a non-celebrity, a former bartender Luciana Barroso. "I got lucky, I fell in love with a civilian. Not an actress and not a famous actress at that. Because then the attention doesn't double — it grows exponentially. Because then suddenly everybody wants to be in your bedroom," he said.

"But I don't really give them anything (to report on). If I'm not jumping up and down on a bar, or lighting something on fire, or cheating on my wife, there's not really any story to tell," Damon said.—PTI



SPORTS

Barca agree to sell Spain striker Villa to Atletico

MADRID, 10 July—Barcelona have reached an agreement to sell Spain striker David Villa to Atletico Madrid, the Spanish champions said in a statement on Monday.

The 31-year-old, Spain's all-time leading scorer, will move for a fee of up to 5.1 million euros with Barca reserving 50 percent of the rights over any future transfer.—Reuters



Spain's David Villa celebrates after scoring his third, and the team's seventh goal against Tahiti during their Confederations Cup Group B soccer match at the Estadio Maracana in Rio de Janeiro on 20 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Diego Maradona renews Dubai sports envoy contract

DUBAI, 10 July—Argentine football legend Diego Armando Maradona got his contract, as honorary sports ambassador, extended for a second year by the Dubai Sports Council (DSC).

The 52-year old former footballer called Dubai his "second home" and will continue to promote Dubai globally. The DSC has in the past expressed interest in submitting a bid for the Summer Olympics in 2024, reports Xinhua.

Maradona, who won Argentina the 1986 FIFA World Cup in Mexico, was in Dubai from autumn 2011 to mid-2012, coaching local club Al Wasl. He left this role last summer after an unsuccessful season.—PTI



Argentine football legend Diego Armando Maradona

Lionel Messi, Cristiano Ronaldo, Arjen Robben shortlisted for UEFA award

NYON, (Switzerland), 10 July—Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are competing with four Champions League winners from Bayern Munich in a 10-man contest to be named UEFA Best Player in Europe for the 2012-13 season. UEFA published on Tuesday the candidate list which included Arjen Robben, whose late goal clinched Bayern's 2-1 win over Borussia Dortmund at Wembley Stadium.

Thomas Mueller, Franck Ribery and Bastian Schweinsteiger from the German champion were also selected by journalists from UEFA member countries. Dortmund forward Robert Lewandowski makes the

list which features no defenders or goalkeepers.

Barcelona's Messi, the 2011 award winner, and Real Madrid top-scorer Ronaldo are also joined by Robin van Persie (Manchester United), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Paris Saint-Germain) and Gareth Bale (Tottenham).

The award is presented on 29 August at the Champions League group-stage draw in Monaco.

PTI



Lakers snap up Kaman to replace Howard

LOS ANGELES, 10 July—The Los Angeles Lakers moved quickly to absorb the loss of Dwight Howard by reaching an agreement to sign free agent centre-Chris Kaman on Monday.

After the NBA's prized big man Howard chose to leave the Lakers in favour of the Houston Rockets last week, Los Angeles began the process of recouping by agreeing to a one-year deal

with a new seven-footer.

The 31-year-old Kaman will ink a contract worth approximately \$3.2 million, according to local reports, when free agents can officially sign on Wednesday.

"I am going to be going back to LA and it's to play for the Lakers! I am excited about this move and can't wait to play!" Kaman posted on his Twitter feed.

Entering his 11th season, Kaman has career averages of 11.8 points and eight rebounds and just completed a one-year campaign with the Dallas Mavericks.

He was an All Star in 2010 while playing for the Los Angeles Clippers.

Reuters



Chicago Bulls small forward Jimmy Butler (21) guards Dallas Mavericks center Chris Kaman (35) during the first half of their NBA basketball game in Chicago, Illinois on 28 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

Liang becomes R&A's first Ambassador in China

LONDON, 10 July—Liang Wenchong has been appointed the Royal and Ancient's (R&A) first ambassador for golf in China, the rulemaking organization said on Tuesday.

Liang, his country's most successful golfer with 18 tournament victories worldwide, joins triple major winner Padraig Harrington and 2007 LPGA champion Suzann Pettersen as Working for Golf Ambassadors.

"Liang was the first player from his country to play in the British Open in

2008," the R&A's Duncan Weir said in a news release. "He has led the way for golf in China and will bring a great deal of experience and expertise to his new role."

"The R&A is already working hard with the China Golf Association to encourage people to learn more about golf and its values. Liang will help us to communicate these messages to an even wider audience." The R&A jointly governs

the sport worldwide along with the United States Golf Association and



Liang Wenchong

also organizes the British Open. This year's Open will be staged at Muirfield, Scotland next week.—Reuters



Liverpool's Steven Gerrard (L) challenges Fulham's Giorgos Karagounis during their English Premier League soccer match at Anfield in Liverpool, northern England on 22 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Karagounis signs on for another year at Fulham

LONDON, 10 July—Midfielder Giorgos Karagounis, Greece's most capped player, has signed a new one-year contract with Fulham, the Premier League club said on Tuesday.

Signed last year on a short-term deal, the 36-year-old played 28 times for the west Londoners last season and scored two goals.

Karagounis has 125 caps for Greece and captained the side to victory in the 2004 European championship after scoring the opening goal of the tournament against hosts Portugal.

Initially released by Fulham last month, he had been linked to a return to Panathinaikos or a move to Australia's Melbourne Victory.

Reuters

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Japan playmaker Shinji Kagawa

Dissatisfied Shinji Kagawa vows to improve next season

MANCHESTER, 10 July—Japan playmaker Shinji Kagawa has vowed to improve in his second season at Manchester United after a stop-start first campaign in England.

Kagawa joined from Borussia Dortmund a year ago and finished the season with a Premier League winners' medal but a knee injury mid-campaign meant he was only intermittently a regular starter.

"It was great to win the title with United," Kagawa told Inside United.

"But I feel I still have work to do."

"I would say I am half

satisfied, half unsatisfied."

The 24-year-old has won three league titles in a row having claimed back-to-back Bundesliga crowns with Dortmund before moving to Old Trafford.

He played a pivotal role in the Dortmund attack but has not enjoyed the same impact at United, although he still expects to prove his worth.

"You have to believe in yourself," he said.

"If you don't, things can go wrong both on and off the pitch."

"Being positive and believing in yourself is important, not only in football

but also in improving as a person."

Sometimes last season he was picked above Wayne Rooney, who allegedly has become disgruntled at the loss of his guaranteed first-team berth at United.

Alex Ferguson claimed before retiring at the end of last season that Rooney had asked for a move away from Old Trafford but Kagawa is hopeful the England international will remain and rekindle a successful partnership with Robin van Persie that wreaked havoc in opposition defences at the start of last season.

PTI

Lebanese manager kidnapped in south Nigeria

ONITSHA, 10 July—Gunmen have kidnapped a Lebanese manager from a construction company in southern Nigeria after an attack in which three soldiers were wounded, the military and a security source said.

The man was seized from the premises of the Nigerian-owned but Lebanese-run construction firm Setraco in Benin city on Monday, military spokesman Captain Roseline Managbe said. She had earlier suggested the attack had taken place on Tuesday.

The company was not immediately available for comment.

The security source said two of the three soldiers shot in the kidnapping later died of their wounds, although Managbe denied this. The military rarely admits significant casualties on its own side.—Xinhua

Three Somalis convicted of piracy, murder in yacht attack off Oman

NORFOLK, 10 July—Three Somalis were convicted on Monday of piracy, kidnapping and murder in the 2011 shooting deaths of four Americans sailing in the Indian Ocean off of Oman and could face the death penalty, according to court documents.

The three men — and eleven others who previously pleaded guilty — boarded the Americans' yacht armed with assault rifles and planned to sail it to Somalia

and hold the Americans for ransom. Instead, the hostages were killed by the pirates as they were being trailed by US military forces.

A federal jury, which has been hearing the case since early June in US District Court in Norfolk, found Ahmed Muse Salad, Abukar Osman Beyle and Shani Nurani Shiekh Abrar guilty on all 26 counts against them, according to court records.

The jury will be hear-

ing more evidence during the sentencing phase of the trial later this month.

Scott and Jean Adam, retirees from Marina del Rey, California, and their friends Phyllis Macay and Robert Riggle, both of Seattle, were killed aboard the California couple's 58-foot sloop, Quest. Prosecutors have said all four passengers were asleep when the boat was boarded on 18 Feb, 2011, by the armed assailants.—Reuters

Belarus, Bangladesh to boost trade in coming years

MINSK, 10 July—Belarus and Bangladesh will boost bilateral trade in the coming years, Belarusian Prime Minister Mikhail Myasnikovich said on Tuesday.

"There are real opportunities to increase our bilateral trade many times in the next few years," Myasnikovich said at the Belarusian-

Bangladesh Business Forum in Minsk.

According to the official, the economies of Belarus and Bangladesh do not compete with each other but complement each other and create many opportunities for mutually beneficial projects.

Bangladesh is a prom-

ising market for Belarus' potash fertilizers, chemical fibers, machinery and educational services, he added.

The two countries are expected to sign nine cooperation agreements during the forum, covering the financial sector, nuclear energy, education and culture.

Xinhua

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A man holds a poster of South Africa's anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela outside the hospital where Mandela is treated in Pretoria, South Africa, to pray for Mandela, on 9 July, 2013. Former president Nelson Mandela is still in a "critical but stable condition" in hospital in Pretoria, the South African presidency said on Tuesday.—XINHUA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Vice-Principal for MeySen Academy School and party

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Vice-Principal for MeySen Academy School Mr John Broman at the Credentials hall of the Presidential Palace, here this evening.

They had a cordial discussion on opening of English training schools

in order to ensure English Language proficiency at basic education schools in the nation and measures to submit proposals for logo of ASEAN Summit to be hosted by Myanmar and

future tasks.

Present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw and Dr Myo Myint and officials concerned.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Vice-Principal for MeySen Academy School Mr John Broman and party.—MNA



Myanmar Special Economic Zone Bill passed at Pyithu Hluttaw



Today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—At today's Pyithu Hluttaw session, MP Daw Dwe Bu of Ingyanyan Constituency raised the question on remedies for the losses due to the fake

contracts.

Regarding this question, Supreme Court of the Union Judge U Mya Thein replied that authority concerned should disseminate knowledge

on laws and issue the notifications which prohibit making fake contracts.

With regard to the question of Dr Nay Linn of Seikkan Constituency on criteria for allowing

of clinics and medicines advertisements, Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htwe replied that putting traditional medicine advertisements on Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) is allowed only with official documents from the Ministry of Health. Western medicines, clinic, hospitals and medical equipment advertisements are allowed with Companies' registration certificates, Import & Export Licenses, Drug Registration Certificates of FDA (Myanmar Food and Drug Board of Authority).

In the past, Press Scrutiny and Registration Division under the Ministry of Information allowed inserting of advertisements in journals

and magazines in accord with the designated rules and regulations. Copyrights and Registration Division (former Press Scrutiny and Registration Division) has no longer scrutinized the advertisements in journals and magazines after easing its rules. The Ministry made coordination with Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) and the Ministry of Home Affairs to supervise and control alcohols and beers adverts and the excise licensed companies. The daily newspapers under News and Periodicals Enterprises (NPE) allow clinics, hospitals and traditional drugs adverts along with related documents and certificates.

Yangon Region

Private Health Care Supervisory Committee of the Ministry of Health is making coordination with Yangon Region government to take legal actions against adverts with no medial ethics and unlicensed private clinics/hospitals, he added.

"My question is not aimed at damaging other's interests. It is seen that few adverts of such kinds are seen in State-owned newspapers, but many still seen in journals and magazines," MP Dr Nay Linn said.

Hluttaw approved Myanmar Special Economic Zone Law which was discussed on 25 June.

The meeting came to an end at 2 pm.

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Loans need to be disbursed for water sufficiency in Yenangyoung

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—The seventh regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the tenth day with eight agenda today.

Regarding the question of U Aung Nyein from Magway Region Constituency No. 2 on supplying water to 14 wards of Yenangyoung in Magway Region, Deputy Minister at the President Office U Aung Thein replied that it was difficult to implement the eleven main tasks for water sufficiency as

it would cost K 705.05 million approximately. Only when the Township Development Affairs Committee is disbursed international loans at soft interest (or) special funds, would the water supply tasks be carried out.

Seven representatives discussed the proposal on the Analyses Of Rates submitted by U Myo Myint from Mandalay Region Constituency No. (6).

U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than from Shan State

Constituency No. (2) seconded the proposal.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint said that the Ministry of Construction sought approval for the books on Analysis of Rates to the Business Economics Committee on 28 June, 2013. The descriptions of the book will be developed to be update if necessary. Therefore, he wholeheartedly endorsed the proposal.

The proposal was



Deputy Minister U Soe Tint replies to questions.

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Deputy Minister U Aung Thein responds to questions.

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U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency-2 takes part in discussion.—MNA

Myanmar, Australia see cementing relations, cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 July—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin hosted a working lunch to the visiting Minister

for Foreign Affairs of the Commonwealth of Australia the Hon. Bob Carr and delegation at the Aureum Palace hotel, here, today.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

approved by the Hluttaw by votes. Next, seven representatives took part in the discussion on the proposal of U Aung Nyein from Magway Region Constituency No. (2) on urging the Supreme Court of the Union to follow the suggestions of the committee regarding the

report on the case of Daw San from Kyaungsu Village of Koetae Village-tract in Laymyethna Township, Hinthada District, Ayeyawady Region.

Regarding the proposal, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt made clarification.

The Speaker of

Amyotha Hluttaw decided to continue the process only after thorough discussion has been made by legal experts, the Bill Committee and the Public Complaints and Appeal Committee on clarification of the Judge of the Supreme Court as many legal issues involved in the case.—MNA