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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham calls for taking measures to prevent under 18-year marriage, to assist in reducing unwanted pregnancies

Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses ceremony to mark World Population Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham has called for taking measures to prevent marriage under 18-year and having pregnancy before 20 years old and for assisting in reducing unwanted pregnancies in attempts to prevent teenage pregnancies.

In his opening speech at the ceremony to mark the World Population Day 2013 at Thingaha Hotel, here, today, the Vice-President said that Myanmar has been implementing the tasks for reproductive health adopted at the International Conference on Population and Development as part of efforts for reducing morality rate of children, especially children aged under one and five and morality rate of pregnant mothers, he added.

In Myanmar, the population of women aged between 15 and 19 has reached about 2.9 million while the country has a population of about 60 million. According to reproductive health survey in 2007, out of 1000 aged beween 15 and 19, 17 girls gave birth.

Today, Myanmar has abundant human resources due to decreasing in birth rate and increasing in life-expectancy since decades ago, and the population of labour age is about two times higher than dependent population in the country, he added.

Meanwhile, Myanmar should prepare to solve upcoming challenges of socio-economy issues as the country's aged population is rapidly increasing, expecting to reach 10% of the country's population in 2015, said Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

He also called on the people to continue to conserve Myanmar's fine tradition of taking care of aged people and stressed the need for educating the people on important role of aged people in societies.

Deputy Director Dr Theingi Myint of the Ministry of Health explained matters related to the motto "Adolescent Pregnancy" of the World Population Day.

At the ceremony, Ms Janet E Jackson, Resident Representative of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), clarified the measures being taken by UNFPA. The theme of World Population Day for this year is "Adolescent Pregnancy".—*MNA*

Resident Representative of UNFPA Ms Janet E Jackson.
MNA

Low pressure area still persists

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today, according to the observation at 6:30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists.

MNA

Yangon introduces BRT system

Byline: Saw Thein Win

A coordination meeting on introduction of a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system to Yangon was held at Yangon City Development Committee on 9 July. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Transport Minister U Aung Khin, members of Yangon Region Transport Coordination Committee and All Bus Lines Control Committee, experts and owners from bus lines. The meeting focused on the causes of traffic jams and seeking the ways for reduction of traffic congestions. Those present submitted their research papers. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) also discussed Yangon's traffic conditions and the problems to be monitored and handled.

Lanes, types of cars, system for BRT and formation of a close supervisory team and technical support committee were decided at the meeting.

They also discussed preparation, proposed period and related matters. The world cities and populous cities are facing increasing traffic jam problems, causing high expenses and health problem. So, the world countries use BRT system so as to avoid the above-mentioned problems. Like those countries, Myanmar introduces a BRT system to Yangon soon.

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LOCAL NEWS

Tourism

Inlay region sees a threefold jump in tourist arrivals

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — Inlay region in Shan State (South) is certainly worth a visit whenever local and foreign visitors arrive in Taunggyi. Globetrotters and local pilgrims arrive in Inlay in different travel programs. Some visit there in their own cars while others come in flocks to visit there under the arrangement of travel agencies or local tour operators.

Local pilgrims stay at monasteries in Taunggyi, Pindaya and Inlay or their relatives' houses. Groups of staff from government organizations or companies put up at offices concerned. But some families and tourists stay in licensed hotels, motels and inns with star rating and small inns and hotels with no star.

Hotels, motels and inns are found the most in Inlay, Taunggyi and Pindaya, but only two two-star hotels are situated in Inlay and one in Taunggyi.

Following an increased flow of foreign visitors into Myanmar, 14 more hotels were allowed to build at Mongthauk village, ThaleU, Khaungdine and Myaynikon during the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

Although construction works were suspended due to changes in 2011, the new government decided to give the green light to the plan of building 14 more hotels in which cent per cent or 50 per cent investments had already been made. According to an official of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, construction works are set to complete in November 2013 prior to 2013 SEA Games and 2014 ASEAN Summit.

The under-construction hotels will include ballrooms with international standard sound system that can hold 100 attendees for holding international conferences, seminars and workshops, he added.

It was learnt that there have been 16 branches of Yangon-based travel agencies at Taunggyi zone and two new agencies which are in office works for registration at Nyaungshwe. A total of 75 tour guides—69 for English language, four for Japanese and two for Thai—have been registered and 125 more trainees have been given certificates in 2013. Travel agencies have their own plans for tourists from Spain, Germany, France, Russia, Italy, Japan and China. During the period from October 2012 to June 2013, 88,742 foreign visitors visited Taunggyi, Inlay and Pindaya via Heho airport and 3,330 arrived there by car.

As the number of globetrotters has reached 92,072 for this year, there has been a threefold jump from last year. Arrivals of tourists had been seen the most in the month of January. According to a hotelier, hotel rooms including the rooms of the under-construction hotels and new hotels in hotel zone are not enough for expected arrivals of tourists for 2013-2014 fiscal year.

Kyemon-Naing Tun (TGI)

Hotel to emerge on Mt. Mottama

YANGON, 11 July — According to a responsible person of a company, Thanlwin Aye Company has a plan to build a hotel that can accommodate more than 100 visitors on Mt. Mottama in cooperation with Thiri Hantha Company.

As it is impossible to construct a high-rise hotel there, only bungalows will be built and it is planned to provide services to the number of visitors between 50 and 100. The company targets foreign visitors entered the country from Thailand as Nok Air airline will operate its flight to Mawlamyine in August. Thai visitors who go on a pilgrimage to Kyaikhtiyoe will be able to save time, it is learnt. According to Mon State Chambers of Commerce and Industry, it is expected to accept about 500,000 visitors entering Mon State following the meeting between the Myanmar and Thai businessmen.

Kyemon-Shwe Htoo

Development

ASEAN standard station hospital emerges in Gangaw Township

KALAY, 11 July — It was learnt that construction of a 16-bed station hospital meeting ASEAN standards had been completed in Hanthawady village in Gangaw Township. The hospital is the first of its kind in Myanmar.

According to an official regarding construction of the station hospital, it was a very first facility meeting ASEAN standards. The hospital was built on an area of 5.21 acres and arrangements had been made for the very convenience of medical staff who will be assigned there. The purpose of building the hospital was to benefit local people from nearby villages in Kalay and Gangaw Townships, providing full medical coverage.

Thanks to the newly-built station hospital, there will be one more station hospital in Gangaw Township where four station hospitals had already been put into service in Kyaw, Kan, Min and North Khinyan villages.

Kyemon-Wun Yan Kha-Thekkatho

Business

Yangon real estate market lively

YANGON, 11 July — Following the flurry of investments in construction of apartments and condominiums in Yangon, there has been a hike in rental prices. Thanks to renovation and reconstruction of old buildings, land shortage, growing population density, a massive influx of foreign investments, increased demand for hotel rooms and apartments, single housing and condominiums, Yangon property market has witnessed a sudden price increase in the rental and sale market of flats and plots.

"Labour-intensive manufacturing sector calling for spacious plots have driven up the property prices in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, Dagon Seikkan, South Dagon and Htantabin," said Ma Aye Aye Thin, an agent of real estate in Yangon.

The rental and sale market of single housings and flats in FMI, Nawaday Garden Housing and Aung Zeya Housing of Hlinethaya Township, is active thanks to Bayintnaung flyover construction project.

It was learnt that foreigners and businessmen preferred furnished rooms and apartments in condominiums and residences to expensive and inadequate hotel rooms.

The rental market of the property not only in the nearby downtown Yangon area but also in suburb areas gets lively, it is learnt.

Kyemon-Zagawah

Photo News

Photo shows a bird's eye view of newly-upgraded Maha Bandoola Park packed with people and children for recreation purpose on 9 July.
KYEMON-KHIN MAUNG WIN

***Photo shows undisciplined passenger buses and private cars blocking a pedestrian crossing near Sule Pagoda at the time when they were stopping at Sule traffic lights on 9 July.*—KYEMON-KHIN MAUNG WIN**

Sense of duty makes a person strong and tall.

WORLD

TwoKoreas to hold next round of talks on Kaesong on 15 July

Suh Ho (R) of South Korea arrives at a joint industrial zone in the North Korea's border town of Kaesong and shakes hands with Park Chol Su of the North on 10 July, 2013. The North and South Korean officials started working-level talks to discuss ways to reopen the suspended operations of the industrial zone.
KYODO NEWS

SEOUL, 11 July—North and South Korea agreed on Wednesday to hold the next round of working-level talks on 15 July to discuss the resumption of operations at the shuttered joint industrial zone in the North's border city Kaesong.

"We sufficiently explained each side's position and agreed to meet again after closely looking into them," Suh Ho, South Korea's chief delegate, told reporters covering the talks in Kaesong.

The joint industrial zone was shut down in early April when North Korea withdrew all its 53,000 workers, employed by more than 100 South Korean companies, from Kaesong.

In the morning session, South Korea called on North Korea to introduce measures to ensure it will not again disrupt operations in the industrial zone, according to a pool report distributed to reporters covering the talks.

Suh, a senior official from the Unification Ministry handling relations with the North, also called for allowing foreign companies to invest in the inter-Korean industrial zone and to turn it into an international industrial area.

He also called on North Korea to take responsibility for the closure of the zone that caused considerable damage to South Korean companies running factories there.

Pyongyang declined to discuss the issue, but said both sides should respect the spirit of the inter-Korean summit held in 2000, a landmark meeting between then South Korean President Kim Dae Jung and North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

The summit resulted in a string of inter-Korean projects, including the Kaesong industrial zone, and promoted national reconciliation between the two Koreas.

Park Chol Su, the North's chief delegate, said both sides should not take any actions that would affect normal operations of the industrial zone, and that inspections of the facilities should be completed for operations to resume as soon as possible.

The talks, which started around 10:30 am, were a follow-up to a meeting held at the truce village of Panmunjeom over the weekend, in which the two sides agreed in principle to reopen the suspended complex.—*Kyodo News*

Egypt prosecutor orders arrest of Brotherhood leaders

CAIRO, 11 July—Egypt's prosecutor ordered the arrest on Wednesday of the leaders of ousted President Mohamed Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood, charging them with inciting violence that saw 55 of their members shot dead.

A week after the army toppled Egypt's first democratically elected leader, the bloodshed on Monday has opened fissures in the Arab world's most populous country, with levels of bitterness unseen in its modern history.

Brotherhood spokesman Gehad El-Haddad said the announcement of charges against leader Mohamed Badie and several other senior figures was a bid by authorities to break up a vigil by thousands of Mursi supporters demanding his reinstatement.

The leaders were charged with inciting the violence which began before dawn, when the Brotherhood says its followers were fired on while peacefully praying. The army says terrorists provoked the shooting by attacking its troops. The past week's violence alarmed Western donors and Israel, which has a 1979 peace treaty with Egypt. Washington, treading a careful line, has neither welcomed Mursi's removal nor denounced it as a "coup", which under U.S. law would require it to halt aid including the $1.3 billion (872 million pounds) it gives the army each year.

The Brotherhood's downfall has been welcomed by wealthy Gulf states Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which offered Egypt $8 billion in aid on Tuesday.

The charges against the Brotherhood leaders were "nothing more than an attempt by the police state to dismantle the Rabaa protest", Haddad said by telephone from the vigil at Rabaa Adaweya mosque in northeast Cairo. He said some of the leaders whose arrest was being sought were at the site of the protest. "What can we do? In a police state when the police force are criminals, the judiciary are traitors, and the investigators are the fabricators, what can one do?"

In addition to Badie, prosecutors ordered the arrest of others including his deputy, Mahmoud Ezzat, and outspoken party leaders Essam El-Erian and Mohamed El-Beltagi. The new interim prime minister on Wednesday reached for liberals to revive a shattered economy as he began forming a government to try to heal the bitterly divided nation. Egyptians had hoped the start of the Ramadan Muslim fasting month would cool passions but it has been overshadowed by rancour.—*Reuters*

Supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi perform evening prayers at the Rabaa Adawiya square where they are camping in Cairo on 9 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Deadly Quebec train crash to be fertile ground for lawsuits

OTTAWA/ NEW YORK, 11 July—As investigators try to piece together how a parked oil freight train broke free and demolished the heart of a small Quebec town last weekend, a barrage of litigation could soon be hitting everyone from the US rail company to the Canadian government.

The key questions that will have to be answered in the coming weeks and months include whether any cases filed will be heard in Canada or the United States, which parties were most negligent and how liability for the crash is spread among them. Canadian authorities have launched an investigation and say they are looking into possible criminal negligence.

Fifty people are feared to have been killed when an unmanned train hauling 72 tanker cars of crude oil slid downhill from the town of Nantes and derailed in the town of Lac-Megantic on Saturday. Police have confirmed 20 dead, with 30 others still missing and a criminal probe begun.

It was the worst rail disaster in North America in more than two decades.

Lawyers say possible targets of litigation include train operator Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway, or MMA, its parent company Rail World Inc, and the train's engineer; the town of Nantes; the supplier of the crude, World Fuel Services Corp; and the Canadian government, which regulates the rail system.

But the first legal salvo will likely be fired over where the cases would be heard. While the catastrophe took place in Canada, the rail company is based in Maine, its parent is headquartered in Rosemont, Illinois, near Chicago, and the

A aerial view of the wreckage of the crude oil train is seen in Lac Megantic, on 8 July, 2013.—REUTERS

train was shipping crude from North Dakota.

The United States offers plaintiffs the prospect of larger recoveries than Canada, but they would need to prove a US venue would be the most convenient and appropriate. Lawyers said that could be tough when the damages to the rural Quebec town and its residents would likely be at the heart of any suit.

Once the venue for any lawsuit is settled, the challenge for any plaintiff will be to establish negligence. The question for a court could be whether MMA acted appropriately in leaving the train unattended overnight in Nantes with an engine running, and whether the engineer applied all the appropriate safety procedures.

One focus, experts said, is likely to be on the handbrakes the engineer applied and whether they were sufficient to meet Canadian railroad regulations.

Edward Burkhardt, Rail World president and MMA chairman, said on Wednesday the engineer told him he had set 11 handbrakes before leaving the train for the night. "Our general feeling now is that is not true. Initially we took him at his word," Burkhardt said.—*Reuters*

Boston Marathon bombing suspect pleads not guilty

WASHINGTON, 11 July — Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev made his first public appearance in court on Wednesday and pleaded not guilty to 30 charges for his alleged role in the tragedy that killed three and hurt over 200 others in April, US media reported.

Tsarnaev, 19, entered his plea on Wednesday in a US federal court in the city of Boston, where the twin bombings on 15 April claimed three lives and injured more than 200 people.

Tsarnaev's first public appearance came nearly two weeks after a federal grand jury in the US state of Massachusetts returned a 30-count indictment against him, including using weapons of mass destruction at the Boston Marathon to kill three Boston Marathon spectators and using a firearm to intentionally kill a local police officer.

Following the Boston Marathon bombing, the FBI identified two brothers, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev and 19-year-old Dzhokar Tsarnaev, as suspects behind the Boston bombings.

Four days later, Tamerlan died after a shootout with the police while Dzhokar was apprehended in a suburb of Boston following massive manhunt by law enforcement authorities.

The 19-year-old suspect was then rushed to hospital for treatment of serious wounds.

Tsarnaev had his initial court appearance a week after the bombing from his hospital room listening his charges by the federal prosecutors.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft launches initiative to make cities smart

HOUSTON, 11 July—US software giant Microsoft Corp launched a new initiative called CityNext to spur innovation and encourage leaders to create sustainable cities at its annual Worldwide Partner Conference in the US city of Houston on Wednesday.

Microsoft Corporate Vice President of Worldwide Public Sector Laura Ipsen announced the initiative in her keynote at the Toyota Centre in downtown Houston. The initiative leverages Microsoft's vast Partner Network and the company's technology solutions like Windows Azure and other devices and apps.

"Working with our vast Microsoft Partner Network, we can scale solutions and services to do 'new with less,' enabling cities to better compete in the global marketplace, drive citizen engagement, and foster economic, social and environmental sustainability," Ipsen said.

Through CityNext, Microsoft will work with city leaders and focus on eight core functions: energy and water; buildings, planning and infrastructure; transportation; public safety and justice; tourism, recreation and culture; education; health and social services; government administration.

Nine places have already embarked on the initiative including China's Hainan Province and Zhengzhou city, according to Sandy Gupta, national technology officer with Microsoft China.

CityNext empowers cities to make the most of existing investments and find the right combination of solutions, applications and programmes to transform their cities.

Navigant Research forecasts that the smart city technology market will grow from 6.1 billion US dollars in 2012 to 20.2 billion dollars in 2020, generating a total revenue of 117.3 billion dollars over the next seven years.

Xinhua

Solar headphones that can charge your mobile devices

LONDON,11 July—A pair of headphones that can harness solar power to charge mobile devices when you are on the move has been designed in the UK. Andrew Anderson, a Glasgow-based designer, launched the On-Beat headphones on crowd-funding site Kickstarter and hopes to have them on sale by early next year.

The headphone band is fitted with a flexible solar cell with a charge capacity of 0.55 watts. "The headphones have an integrated flexible solar cell that covers the full headband which capture solar energy whilst out and about," Anderson said on Kickstarter.

"The energy is stored in two light-weight Lithium Ion batteries held within the two ear cups for a balanced weight and fit on the head."

"For those rainy days we have also developed the headphones to be able to be charged via USB directly from your computer or mains socket," he said. Anderson hopes to raise 200,000 pounds to get the headphones into production.

"We are still working on the design and prototype. We need to improve the headphones—people want to know about noise cancellation," he told the BBC. He admitted that his father Frank had come up with the idea. "It's really simple—you would think it had already been done. You can buy solar chargers for phones but the thing is it's like you're carrying two phones around," he said.—*PTI*

Egyptian sphinx unearthed in Israel

JERUSALEM, 11 July—Archaeologists in Israel have unearthed parts of a unique sphinx belonging to one of ancient Egypt's pyramid-building kings, local media reported on Wednesday.

The relics were found in Tel Hazor National Park in northern Israel by archeologists led by Ben-Tor, a professor at Hebrew University's Institute of Archaeology, and Sharon Zuckerman, a lecturer at the same institute.

"This is the only known sphinx of King Mycerinus, who built one of the famous Giza pyramids," Ben-Tor told *Xinhua* on Wednesday, referring to the group of pyramids located in Egypt's

Giza governorate adjacent to Cairo. The sphinx bears a hieroglyphic inscription between its front legs with the name of King Mycerinus, who ruled in the third millennium BC. Another inscription reads "Beloved by the divine manifestation... that gave him eternal life."

The archeologists estimated that the original granite statue weighed about 500 kg. Ben-Tor said the sphinx is the only one "discovered in the entire Levant area (the land east to the Mediterranean)," adding it was likely brought here from Egypt's ancient city of Heliopolis, north of modern Cairo. However, the archeological team is not sure about how the statue turned up in Hazor, since there is no record of any relationship between Egypt and Israel during the time of Mycerinus.

More likely, the statue was brought to Israel in the second millennium BC during the dynasty known as Hyksos, who originated in Canaan, the archeological team said in a statement published by Hebrew University.

It could also have arrived in Hazor during the 15th to 13th centuries BC, when Canaan was under Egypt's power, as a gift from an Egyptian king to a local ruler.—*Xinhua*

Space station astronauts conduct spacewalk

WASHINGTON, 11 July—Two astronauts are venturing outside the International Space Station on Tuesday on the first of two July spacewalks to carry out a variety of maintenance and installation tasks.

American Chris Cassidy and Italian Luca Parmitano started their spacewalk at 8:02 am EDT (1202 GMT), which is expected to last six and a half hours, US space agency NASA said on its website. Cassidy will route power cables to support the addition of the new Russian Multipurpose Laboratory Module scheduled to arrive at the station later this year. He will also remove and replace a space-to-ground transmitter receiver controller, which failed in December 2012.

Parmitano's task list includes retrieving a pair of space exposure materials science experiments, removing a failed camera assembly, and photographing the state-of-the-art particle physics detector known as Alpha Magnetic Spectrometer-02 to provide researchers a visual assessment of its condition after two years in space.

The two will also team up to attach two grapple bars to thermal radiators to make them easier to remove and replace should they fail.

Xinhua

First Apple computer fetches $387,000 at auction

PALO ALTO, 11 July—The first original Apple computer hand-built and signed by the company co-founder Steve Wozniak has sold for more than USD 387,000 in an online auction.

The Apple 1, one of roughly 200 made by the fledgling Apple Computer Company in 1976, was bought by an unknown buyer at Christie's auction house.

The computer was designed and built by the American inventor, Wozniak, in Palo Alto, California.

Steve Jobs came up with the idea of selling it and the pair went on to found Apple—one the world's most valuable technology company, 'The Times' reported.

The original device comprised a single motherboard mounted on a wooden base, but was without a keyboard, a transformer or a display.

Though the device never took off, it was the precursor to Apple's breakthrough product—the Apple II, a machine that looks far more like today's desktop PCs and considered one of the most revolutionary computers ever created.

The Apple 1 sold at the auction is believed to be among the first 25 produced. It was inscribed with the serial number 01-0025 in black ink and was handbuilt by Wozniak.

Wozniak signed the computer work "Woz", the nickname that his friends and fans continue to call him. The date code on its processor is "1576," suggesting the chip was manufactured in the 15th week of 1976.

An Apple 1 was sold at an auction in Cologne, Germany last month, for USD 671,400, breaking all previous records for sales of a personal computer.

PTI

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Overseas remittances to Vietnam rise in H1

HANOI, 11 July— Overseas remittances to Vietnam through banks in southern Ho Chi Minh City hit 1.9 billion US dollars in the first half of 2013, an increase of 3 percent year on year, state-run Vietnam News Agency reported on Thursday.

The figure for the whole year is expected to reach 4.5-4.8 billion US dollars, according to the State Bank of Vietnam.

Overseas remittances to southern Ho Chi Minh City accounted for 42-43 percent of the country's total amount. In 2012, the city received 4.1 billion US dollars, of which 70 percent was invested in business, 23 percent in real estate, and the rest for the senders' relatives.

Normally, remittances to Vietnam climb substantially during the final months of the year as the traditional lunar New Year Festival (Tet) approaches.

In 2012, overseas remittances to the country totaled 10 billion US dollars, the highest figure for the last four years.

Vietnam ranked ninth on the World Bank's list of top-ten countries that attracted the most overseas remittances in 2012 and ranked second in the Southeast Asian region.

Statistics show that 4.5 million Vietnamese, including more than 400,000 guest workers, are living in more than 100 countries and territories worldwide, of whom over 80 percent were settled in developed nations.

Vietnam plans to send 90,000 people to work overseas in 2013, mainly to South Korea, Malaysia, Russia and China's Taiwan, over last year's figure of 80,000 people, according to Vietnamese Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs. —*Xinhua*

Barclays wins dismissal of credit union regulator's lawsuit

LONDON, 11 July— Barclays Plc (BARC.L) on Wednesday won the dismissal of a US credit union regulator's lawsuit over the sale of more than $555 million of mortgage-backed securities to two failed corporate credit unions.

US District Judge John Lungstrum in Kansas City, Kansas said the National Credit Union Administration waited too long by not filing its complaint until 25 Sept, 2012.

He said the deadline was 20 March, 2012, three years after the NCUA had been named conservator of the US Central Federal Credit Union and the Western Corporate Federal Credit Union.

The lawsuit accused Barclays and other defendants of making misleading statements about 12 residential mortgage-backed securities that the credit unions bought between October 2006 and June 2007.

It is one of 10 lawsuits that the NCUA has been pursuing on behalf of five credit unions it seized in 2009 and 2010 over losses they suffered on $14.1 billion of mortgage-backed securities amid a crumbling housing market.

Wholesale credit unions suffered more pain than retail counterparts because they had more leeway on how to invest.

"We respectfully disagree with the decision," NCUA spokesman John Fairbanks said. "We will continue to vigorously pursue our claims against the parties that sold the faulty securities to corporate credit unions."

Fairbanks had no immediate comment on whether the NCUA might appeal.

In April, Lungstrum also cited a statute of limitations in dismissing part of the NCUA's case against Credit Suisse Group AG (CSGN.VX). Lungstrum affirmed that ruling on Wednesday.

Half of the securities at issue in the various lawsuits were sold by JPMorgan Chase & Co (JPM.N), or Bear Stearns Cos or Washington Mutual Inc, both of which JPMorgan bought in 2008.

Banks that have settled with the NCUA include Bank of America Corp (BAC.N), Citigroup Inc (C.N), Deutsche Bank AG (DBKGn.DE) (DB.N) and HSBC Holdings Plc (HSBA.L) (HBC.N).

The cases are National Credit Union Administration Board v. Barclays Capital Inc et al, US District Court, District of Kansas, No. 12-02631; and National Credit Union Administration Board v. Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC et al in the same court, No. 12-02648.—*Reuters*

A woman sits in her mobility scooter outside a Barclays Bank in Leicester, central England on 24 April, 2013.
REUTERS

Anti-smoking measures set to save millions of lives

GENEVA, 11 July— Anti-smoking measures including complete ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship across the world have benefited nearly 700 million people since 2007, a report released by the World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday said.

The report showed that up to date 24 countries have introduced complete bans and 100 more countries are close to a complete ban, but 67 countries currently do not ban any tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship activities or have a ban that excludes advertising in national broadcast and print media. "If we do not close ranks and ban tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, adolescents and young adults will continue to be lured into tobacco consumption by an ever-more aggressive tobacco industry," said Margaret Chan, Director-General of WHO in a written statement.—*Xinhua*

OPEC crude output declines in June, share in global oil market expected to fall

VIENNA, 11 July—Output by the OPEC oil exporters declined in June, and its share in global oil supply is expected to fall in the next two years due to the increasing non-OPEC oil supply in foreseeable years, the Vienna-based OPEC said in a monthly report on Wednesday.

"Total OPEC crude oil production averaged 30.38 million b/d in June, representing a decline of 0.31 million b/d, compared with previous month," the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries said in its report. Statistics shows that the decline was led by the output reduction of Libya, whose output decreased by 206,000 barrels a day in June, accounting for nearly 70 percent of the total output decline, while Saudi Arabia continues to increase its output in the past two months.

The non-OPEC supply is expected to be the most dynamic crude oil production growth in the year 2013 and 2014, forecast to average 53.92 million b/d in 2013 and 55.06 million b/d in 2014, according to the report. The strong growth trend of the supply is led by the US crude production, the growth of which is supposed to be the highest among the non-OPEC countries in 2013 and 2014, and the output is forecast to average 11.33 million b/d in 2014 in the report.

Due to the non-OPEC crude supply growth and the weak world oil demand, the OPEC might see a lower share in the world oil market in the year 2013 and 2014, which is estimated to be 33.8 percent in 2013.

Xinhua

LightSquared to proceed to trial over Ergen trades

NEW YORK, 11 July— Bankrupt wireless communications firm Lightsquared Inc plans to go to trial with its lenders over whether Dish Network (DISH.O) chairman Charles Ergen's acquisition of big chunks of its loan debt violated an agreement pertaining to how LightSquared can restructure. The trial, announced on Wednesday by LightSquared and its lenders after the sides said they could not resolve the dispute consensually, escalates a battle between Ergen and Phil Falcone, head of LightSquared owner Harbinger Capital, over control of the company.

The dispute centres on a February agreement between LightSquared and an informal committee of some of its lenders governing certain aspects of LightSquared's restructuring. Key provisions of the deal have been kept private by the parties. According to court papers filed in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, the deal hinged on the lender committee being LightSquared's largest creditor constituency, which ceased to be the case once Ergen began buying up large chunks of the debt, thus voiding the deal, LightSquared has argued.

Ergen has countered that no breach occurred because he eventually joined the committee. A trial on the issue is tentatively set for August after sides could not resolve the matter consensually, the parties said on Wednesday in the Manhattan bankruptcy court.

Because portions of the deal are redacted, it is unclear exactly how a potential breach would affect LightSquared's bankruptcy. One effect it would have, according to the terms of the deal, would be to allow LightSquared to raise additional financing at its operating company that could rank ahead of claims held by Ergen. LightSquared is already in the process of trying to raise financing that would allow it to exit bankruptcy on its own, but an Ergen-controlled vehicle has offered $2 billion in cash to buy its assets.

Reuters

ARTICLE

"The Bill to Promote Farmers Interest" was presented in dailies issued on 30-6-2013 for public observation and giving suggestions. With regard to the bill, an article in English version written with suggestions and reviews by international economist Dr. Hla Myint who had taken duty of Rector of the Yangon University was translated to Myanmar by Khin Maung Nyo (Economics) and it was described for the public interest.

Comments on: Farmers Protection Act and Minimum Guaranteed Rice Price

Dr. Hla Myint

The definition of the "farmer" in the Farmers Protection Act does not appear to include the landless agricultural labourers. If so, the Act has left out the poorest section of the agricultural population in the country.

According to one estimate, there were some 10 million landless agricultural labourers in Myanmar in 2002/3[1].

At the same time, I understand that plans are afoot to introduce a minimum guaranteed rice price scheme to be funded by the national budget. I take it that the aim is to provide a safety net to protect the welfare of the farmers in the form of a guaranteed minimum price for their rice crops.

Thus, the government would intervene to pay the guaranteed minimum rice whenever the world market price for rice falls below the desired minimum. If it is deemed that such a government intervention is necessary at present, this world mean paying the farmers above the prevailing world market price for rice. Since rice is a major item in the household budget, this would result in a large rice of in the cost of living in Myanmar when the scheme comes into operation.

Faced with this unlooked for side-effect of the guaranteed minimum rice price scheme, the government could either allow the wages to rice to keep up with rice of the cost of living or it could try to keep down the wages unchanged.

If the government allows the wages to rice, it may seriously affect Myanmar's prospects of economic growth through the expansion of labour-intensive manufactured products.

For, it is Myanmar's low wages—the lowest in South East Asia—which gives her the comparative advantage in the export of labour-intensive manufactures. It is her low wages which attract foreign investors to come and reallocate the more labour-intensive process of the industries they control in Myanmar from the neighbouring countries where wages are getting higher.

Thus, a minimum guaranteed rice price policy could unwittingly undermine the promising start Myanamr has made in the export of labour-intensive manufactured products, e.g.; garment industry, with the lifting of the economic sanctions by the United States and Europe.

If the government try to keep the money wages unchanged, the rice in the cost of living world reduce the real wages and the standard of living of all wage earners, both the landless agricultural labourers and the factory workers and civil servants in towns.

Nowadays, the agricultural labourers are paid monthly money wages instead of baskets of rice at harvest time as in formers days. "(They) are net buyers of rice whose food expenses constitute the largest share of household expenses"[2]. Thus, the guaranteed minimum rice price scheme may end by aggravating the poverty of the poorest section of the population in the country.

The urban wage earners, the factory workers and civil servants may not be so poor as the agricultural labourers, but they are more able to organize demonstrations to express their grievances and the rise in the cost of living is a major grievance. Thus, the guaranteed rice price scheme, by fermenting urban unrest may also have serious political side-effects.

At this point it is salutary to take a brief look at Thailand's rice pledging scheme, which is similar to the minimum rice price scheme.

The rice pledging scheme, introduced by the present Pheu Thai led government pledges to buy white rice paddy at 15,000 bhat per tonne and Hom Mali fragrant paddy at 20,000 baht per tonne, both above the world market prices for them.

The Bangkok Post describes this scheme as a "rice fiasco" when the news leaked out recently that the scheme has suffered a loss of 260 billion bhat, about three times higher than the government originally projected. The newspaper goes on to explain:

"The result of this policy is that the government has become the largest—and the only—rice buyer with an estimated 18 million tonnes of milled rice held in stock piles, according to UN's Food and Agricultural Organization.

The stockpile does not include the 17 million tonnes of the 2012-13 main and secondary crops, which are to be bought.

The scheme is distinguished by several large failures—huge unsold rice stocks, a shortage of funds by the Bank of Agricultural and the Agricultural Co-operatives to but more paddy from farmers and the massive losses." (Bangkok Post, May 30, 2013, P, 10)

In addition, other critics of the rice pledging scheme have said that it mainly benefited the richer rice farmers.

The poorest farmers, hard pressed for cash, would sell their crop before harvest at the going market price to the middleman who then resell it to the government at the higher pledged price. It is highly likely that if the minimum guaranteed rice price scheme were introduced in Myanmar, the poorer Myanmar farmers would behave in the same way as their Thai counterparts.

The experience of Thailand illustrates the simple economic truth that if the government pledges to pay the farmers above the ruling market price for their rice, it would be left with large piles of unsold rice stock.

In the past, Myanmar government used the State Agricultural Marketing Board to buy the rice from the farmers at a priced fixed below the word market price. Even then, the State Agricultural Marketing Board had been unable to cope with the problem of efficient storage of the amount of rice, which the farmers had been willing to sell at the artificially depressed price. The usual practice was to build a large number of temporary "godowns" with walls of bamboo-matting and thatch roofs to store the rice pouring in from the government rice buying stations at harvest time.

This had annually resulted in abnormally high losses from the depredations of animal pests, spoilage of the crop through leaky roof, fire and theft.

There had been cases of the employees of the Marketing Board deliberately setting fire to the godowns to destroy the evidence of their theft.

I wonder whether the State Marketing Boards capacity for efficient storage of rice has improved since those days.

If not, I shudder to think how it would cope with the vastly larger amounts of rice which would be pouring in the government buying stations buying the rice from he farmers at a guaranteed minimum rice price fixed above the world market price.

Beyond this technical problem of efficient storage of unsold stock piles of rice, there is of course the economic problem how to dispose of the unsold stock piles of rice at a minimum cost to the country. At the moment, the government of Thailand is still struggling to solve this problem, resulting from its rice pledging scheme.

Is there no alternative way of improving the price which the Myanmar farmers can receive for his paddy crop without the guaranteed rice price scheme with its heavy financial costs and unfavourable side-effects?

I believe that there is an alternative approach, which deserves attention.

Here, we start from the fact that with a given world market price for rice, equal to the FOB price for milled rice in Yangon, the local price which an up-country farmer receives for his paddy crop world be below the Yangon price by a wide price margin.

This price margin is made up of various costs: the transport costs, the storage and milling costs, and all other logistic and transactions costs necessary to bring the paddy from its up-country location and transform it into milled rice in Yangon, ready to shipped to its export destination. This means that with a given world market price for rice, the reduction in any of these cost items world serve to increase the price which up-country farmer can receive for his paddy crop.

It is easy to see that with Myanmar's underdeveloped transport system, the up-country farmer would receive a better price for his crop if the transport system is improved to lower the cost of transporting his crop to Yangon or any other export destination.

But the fact that the transactions and logistic costs are high because of the under developed marketing and credit systems in Myanmar is less well-understood.

These high costs are commonly attributed to the exploitation of the peasant farmers by the middlemen and the moneylenders and used as an argument for the state control of rice marketing.

But the truth of the matter is that in Myanmar, unnecessary government regulations and out-dated laws, by causing delays and providing opportunities for bribe taking, have been an important factor in pushing up transactions costs. So, the libralization of the economy abolishing unnecessary regulations is a "costless" way of reducing the transactions costs. This provides the starting point for other positive measures to bring down the transactions costs. It is therefore encouraging to learn that:

"Modernization plans include upgrading Myanmar's financial system, building roads and airports as well as giving the country's 64 million people greater access to cell phones" (The Nation, Newspaper, June 5, 2013, P, 4a)

Improvements in Myanmar's marketing and credit system[3] requiring extensive reorganization and institutional changes may take time to show results.

They may not have the populist appeal of a minimum guaranteed rice price policy claiming to raise the price of rice paid to the farmers at a stroke of the pen.

But if successfully carried out, the policy to lower the transport and transactions costs would not only increase the price which the up-country farmers could receive for their paddy, but would also have favourable effects on the country at large. These policies would facilitate the expansion market transactions and stimulate economic growth.

Further, while the minimum guaranteed rice price scheme has the effect of raising the coast of living the lowering of transport and transactions costs would lower the price of imported goods to the final consumers and keep down their cost of living.

Hla Myint
June 2013, Bangkok

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LOCAL NEWS

Myitnge social services group gets ambulance

MYITNGE, 11 July—The free social and funeral services groups have now been formed in countryside towns and villages.

They are in need of ambulance and vehicles.

Donors Daw Hla Oo and family donated a HIACE ambulance to social services group in Nyaungnibin village in Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region.

The donation ceremony was held at the Dhammayon of Nyaungnibin village YwaU monastery on 9 July morning.

Farmer U Nyunt Wai of Nyaungnibin village said, "Our Nyaungnibin village relies on agricultural business. Farmers constitute a large part of population here. Risk of snake bite is quite high. If one patient could not be admitted to the hospital in time, it is life-threatening. Vehicle is essential to the social services group."

MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)

Joint Press Conference by MCIT, Telenor Mobile Communications and Ooredoo held

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— A Joint Press Conference by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, tender winners—Telenor Mobile Communications and Ooredoo—took place at the Ministry here yesterday evening.

Officials concerned from the two companies highlighted their plans to be made in the ICT and communication technological sectors of the country. They answered the queries raised by local and foreign media.

It was attended by Deputy Ministers U Win Than and U Thaung Tin, Communications Director Mr. G Lenn Mandelid of Pelenor Mobile Communications, Chief Executive Officer of Ooredoo Mr. Ross Cormack and local and foreign media.

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HRD

Mawlamyine to get a UNICEF kindergarten

MAWLAMYINE, 11 July—Education officials in Mawlamyine held a meeting on 6 July on opening a kindergarten in No (1) Basic Education Primary School in Thirimyaing Ward in Mawlamyine in Mon State with the support of UNICEF.

The meeting was attended by Staff Officer of Shan State (South) Education Director's Office Daw Aye Aye Thwe, teaching coach of Yangon Pyinnya Dazaung Group Daw Mya Thida Htway, headmaster U Nyi Nyi Lwin, ward administrator U Thaung Win and members of school board of trustees, totaling 20.

As the participants of the meeting agreed the opening of the kindergarten and threw their support of the emergence of the school, the site for the construction of the building was chosen at the meeting.—*MMAL-La/012*

Lewe GAD provides cash aids, stipends

LEWE, 11 July—A ceremony to provide cash aids for uniforms of Lewe Township General Administration Department staff and stipends to their offspring was held at the office in Lewe Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 2 July. Township Administrator U Hla Shaung provided stipends and cash assistance for uniforms.

The township department provided K 638,000 for uniforms of 28 staff and K 225,000 as stipends to 32 students of the staff families.

MMAL-Ko Ko Yupa

Sagaing School for the Blind honours outstanding students

SAGAING, 11 July—Sagaing School for the Blind under the Social Welfare Department honoured outstanding students in the matriculation exam at its hall on 7 July.

Assistant Director of Sagaing Region Social Welfare Department Daw Myint Myint Kyi delivered an address and the principal of the school explained functions of the school.

The school thanked the headmistress and teachers of Basic Education High School No. 2 for their help to the students of the school for the blind. The assistant director then awarded two-distinction winner Ma Thazin Oo.

The Japan-Myanmar massage parlour donated three computer sets and accessories.

Nine donors donated K 295,000 through officials who returned certificates of honour to them.

MMAL-137

Traffic rules enforcement efforts speeded up in Mon State

MAWLAMYINE, 11 July—Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee is speeding up traffic rules enforcement efforts with the support of Mon State government.

The traffic police squads led by Police Major Nyunt Wai of No (9) Traffic Police Platoon are making surprise checks, fining the breachers of the traffic rules and dissemniating traffic rules education.

A total of 577 vehicle drivers and 3645 motorcyclists have been charged with traffic rules violation from January to June.

Mon State Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee will organize educative talks on traffic rules in six townships in Mawlamyine District and four tounships in Thaton District.

They will also make field trips to ensure all the vehicles abide by traffic rules.—*MMAL-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)*

Kyaikthanlan Pagoda lift installation completed 75%

MAWLAMYINE, 11 July—Installation of lift in historic Kyaikthanlan Pagoda has been completed by 75 percent.

The installation is funded by Mon State government.

The estimated cost of the installation of second lift at the eastern archway is more than K 500 million.

MMAL-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

Nant Falon market in Tamu temporarily closed for three days for security reasons.

Tamu border market closed for three days due to security concerns

TAMU, 11 July—Nant Falon market in Tamu the India–Myanmar border town has been closed for three days on 8-10 July due to security concerns.

The market committee and shopkeepers agreed on the provisional shutdown of the market where the border trade with India mostly takes place.

The move came in the light of extorting money from an Indian merchant by an India rebel in Tamu. The Indian merchant was rescued by the shopkeepers of Nant Falon market.

MMAL-Win Naing (Tamu)

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Tree planting ceremony organized in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 11 July—A monsoon tree planting ceremony was held in Border Guard Force near Waingmanaw (Arkha) village in Mongkoe village-tract in Tachilek District of Shan State on 6 July.

It was attended by District Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htway, departmental personnel, staff, residents and members families of the force and members of Mizzima social association.

A total of 1115 saplings were planted at the ceremony.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

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PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 12 July, 2013

Save our mother land

A living organism cannot live by itself. Organisms interact among themselves. Hence, all organisms, such as plants, animals and human beings, as well as the physical surroundings with whom we interact, form a part of our environment. All these constituents of the environment are dependent upon each other. Thus, they maintain a balance in nature. As we are the only organisms try to modify the environment to fulfill our needs; it is our responsibility to take necessary steps to control the environmental imbalances.

The environmental imbalance gives rise to various environmental problems. Some of the environmental problems are pollution, soil erosion leading to floods, salt deserts and sea recedes, desertification, landslides, change of river directions, extinction of species, and vulnerable ecosystem in place of more complex and stable ecosystems, depletion of natural resources, waste accumulation, deforestation, thinning of ozone layer and global warming.

The environmental problems are visualized in terms of pollution, growth in population, development, industrialization, unplanned urbanization etc. Rapid migration and increase in population in the urban areas has also led to traffic congestion, water shortages, solid waste, and air, water and noise pollution are common noticeable problems in almost all the urban areas since last few years.

Environmental pollution is defined as the undesirable change in physical, chemical and biological characteristics of our air, land and water. As a result of over-population, rapid industrializations, and other human activities like agriculture and deforestation etc., earth became loaded with diverse pollutants that were released as by-products.

The 3R's of reduce, reuse and recycle have been considered to be a base of environmental awareness and a way of promoting ecological balance through conscious behavior and choices. These patterns of behavior and consumer choices will lead to savings in materials and energy which will benefit environment. We need to impart knowledge on 3R's programme to people.

Team for compilation of Lisu national races' history formed

MYITKYINA, 11 July—A Coordination meeting on forming team for compilation of Lisu national races' history, which is organized by Myanmar Lisu Literature and Culture Central Committee, was held at the Committee office in Myitkyina from 6 to 9 July.

State Lisu National Races Affairs Minister U Ar Si called for availability of sound evidences and cooperation between members.

The team is formed with 33 members—chairman, secretary, ten committee members, 11 representatives from Putao, Myitkyina and Bhamo Districts, six each from Yangon and Mandalay Regions and four from Shan State. Lisu Star Group Co., Ltd donated K 5 million.

Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

ARTICLE

Record of meeting between Union Information Minister U Aung Kyi and Myanmar Press Council (Temporary)

Wai Yan Maung

The opening speech of Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi at the talks with five representatives from the Press Council (Temporary) which was held on 23 March, has been described in daily newspapers on 9-7-2013.

The Union Minister held talks with Chairman of the Press Council (Temporary) U Khin Maung Aye, Secretaries U Kyaw Min Swe, U Pe Myint and Dr Myo Thant Tin on Printing and Publishing Bill. The following is the translation of Union Minister's discussions.

Discussion made by the Union Minister

U Kyaw Min Swe's three-point discussion is the question of disregarding the Press Council (Temporary). It is not like so. The Press Council is drafting the Press Law. I recognize and accept it. But members of the Press Council have no rights to draft media law. Media law covers broadcasting as well as radio transmitting. First of all, I would like to say that I agree and recognize drafting of press law by the Press Council.

Another point is the matter of printing at a time when the Press Council was formed. I myself put it in the draft bill. That point also includes in my letter sent to the uncle. My aim is to include printing publishing law in the press law so as to avoid doing the two things at the same time. In practice, I sent eight letters to you to know the latest condition on 12 February. I did not get any reply about it. At that time, we certainly knew that press matters do not include in it according to the message. So, we assume that it is impossible to omit printing and publishing and needs to put it separately. In fact, we invited publishers as we had preparations for it. The purpose of inviting them is that there are 5000 publishers. Among them, 4500 publishers are not from journalism fields. It is expected that 250-500 publishers are from journalism. The bill was submitted to Hluttaw only after 90 % of those publishers had amended it at their wills. That is to say, we carried out it with support of 90 % of printing and publishing enterprises.

Under the Constitution and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law, legislation is union-level body's duties. Our presentation is only at a draft stage even though the union-level organization performs a vested duty. We have no legislative power. Legislative power is only in the hand of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Passing of bill could be done by sharing of duties to Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw through Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. We are responsible for administration. As we all know, Hluttaw's duty is legislation.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had already accepted the bill we put forward in accord with the law. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had already assigned Pyithu Hluttaw to start holding discussions on it. Now is the time when the draft law is under debate at the Pyithu Hluttaw. I would like to say that the present situation is **we are in no position to make a u-turn**. If the draft law was not taken into consideration and the new draft law was submitted, it is unlikely that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will accept it now. So, I think it would be better to place more emphasis on the part of amending it. It can be amended to our complete satisfaction. It is an opportunity. If we neglect the present opportunity and put forward another draft law, it is uncertain how much of per cent in success could be brought. If so, the process will be in a quandary. It is a matter of printing and publishing. But, it cannot be said exactly whether or not it concerns journalists. I would like to see amendments to every point concerning journalists. Draw the Press Law to put forward it.

Drawing the Press Law by Press Council is the right thing. We accept it. We want to see journalists enjoying their rights under the press law when we are in office. It can be drawn in accord with international standards. I think journalists would be in a predicament while dealing with the Right to Information.

It can be embodied in the Pres Law. It is impossible to add it in the Printing and Publishing Law as the law covers a flood of matters related to publication, not a matter of journalist only. I frankly reported it to the parliament. Sayadaws are deeply unhappy about the situation in which a lot of banned books which are defined as impediments endangering the teachings of Buddha are easily available on the streets. Monks say it is a cause to suffer in hell. I felt full of remorse when I heard the monks said. Saya U Kyaw Zaw Naing was dead. We don't know how long we will be here. We don't want to see such kinds of sins to occur. I hope to have a fair outcome for both sides. It is a win-win solution that allows journalists to enjoy freedom as much as possible and remaining works to keep going without delaying its progress.

Background factors: I know very well that there are many background factors as to the above-mentioned discussion of the Union minister. I would like to present to make the researchers and the public known the factors as far as I can.

1. The Union minister held talks on formation of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) with media persons at Chatrium Hotel on 17-9-2012. All of media persons were present at the meeting and a 29-member Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) was formed in favour of the majority.

2. After organizing the council, the Press Council made coordination to start the zero draft, to write the first draft after discussing the zero draft at the workshop participated by Ministry of Information and local and foreign media, to write the second draft based on the outcomes of the discussion after conducting a workshop with the participation of Hluttaw representatives, local and foreign media in February, 2013, and to submit the bill to Hluttaw in accordance with the rules and regulation of the second draft.

The steps for writing the drft were expressed in the BBC's interview with the information minister carried on the 25th Oct. 2012 issue of the state-run dailies, in 30 Oct, 2012 issues of the News Watch Journal and the Mazzima Journal and 23 Nov. 2012 issue of the Public Image.

3. Ministry of Information sent some points that should be included in the zero draft to the Press Council (Temporary)on 29 September, 2012.

4. during the period from 29, Sept. 2012 to 30, Nov. 2012, Ministry of Information sent letters for eight times, making complaints about photos that are contrary to the culture of Myanmar, gambling money, stories complained by sufferers for breaching code of ethics and informing the council to send back the Zero Draft in time.

5. Though the ministry notified the Press Council by letter about suggestions from the ministry, settling the complaints and sending back the Zero Draft, the council did not reply, signaling that they are not serious about cooperation with Ministry of Information. Therefore, Ministry of Information was worried that there would be lawless than the current time when the existing law still took effect if it revoked the 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law while the council did not accept the ministry's 29 Sept. 2012 suggestions and did not include provisions for the printing and publishing in the draft. Therefore, the ministry, consulting law experts, drafted a printing and publishing bill and it was scrutinized step by step.

6. Regarding books and CDs which are considered as untrue and are prohibited, Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws passed a resolution during the 18th meeting of the 47-member committee of the sixth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held on 4th and 5th December, 2012, and informed the government through the Ministry of Information to carry out necessary measures.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of U Moe Zaw Shwe, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department under the Ministry of Religious Affairs on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Win Khant Deputy Director-General Transport Department Ministry of Transport	Director-General Transport Department Ministry of Transport
(b) U Htein Lwin General Manager (Material & Admin) Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power	Managing Director Myanma Electric Power Enterprise Ministry of Electric Power

U Tin Yu presents Credentials to President of Ukraine

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Ukraine, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Viktor F Yanukovych, President of Ukraine, on 5 July 2013, in Kiev.

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Myanmar, Japan discuss labour affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint received former Japanese Labour Minister Mr. Masakuni Murakami and party at his office, here, this morning.

At the call, they frankly discussed undertakings for labour affairs, sending Myanmar workers to Japan, conducting language courses and contributing to opening courses for capacity building of workers in the country.

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Record of meeting between Union Information Minister...

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7. On 29 December, 2012, Ministry of Information received a "Printing and Media Bill" dated 26 December, 2012 being drafted by the Press Council (Temporary) sent unofficially by a responsible personnel. As we expected, there was no principles, rules and regulations related to printing and publication in the bill and the Section 38 of that bill says the law revoked the 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law. Hence, after reaching agreement with 20 representatives from the associations related to printing and publishing on 14 February, Ministry of Information practised the right of the ministry in accordance with the Section 77 under the Chapter 8 "Bills that submitted to Hluttaw" of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rules and submitted the Printing and Publishing bill to Pyithu Hluttaw.

(To be continued)

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Four-country Tatmadaw Golf Friendly kicks off

***Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek J. Mitchell at Zeyathiri Beikman.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended opening of the four-country Tatmadaw Golf Friendly at Yepyar Golf Course, here, this morning.

Myanmar, Indian, Singaporean and Thai golf teams participated in the Tatmadaw Golf Friendly at Yepyar Golf Course and Nay Pyi Taw Golf Course separately till tomorrow.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Derek J. Mitchell at Zeyathiri Beikman, here.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation between the two armed forces.—*MNA*

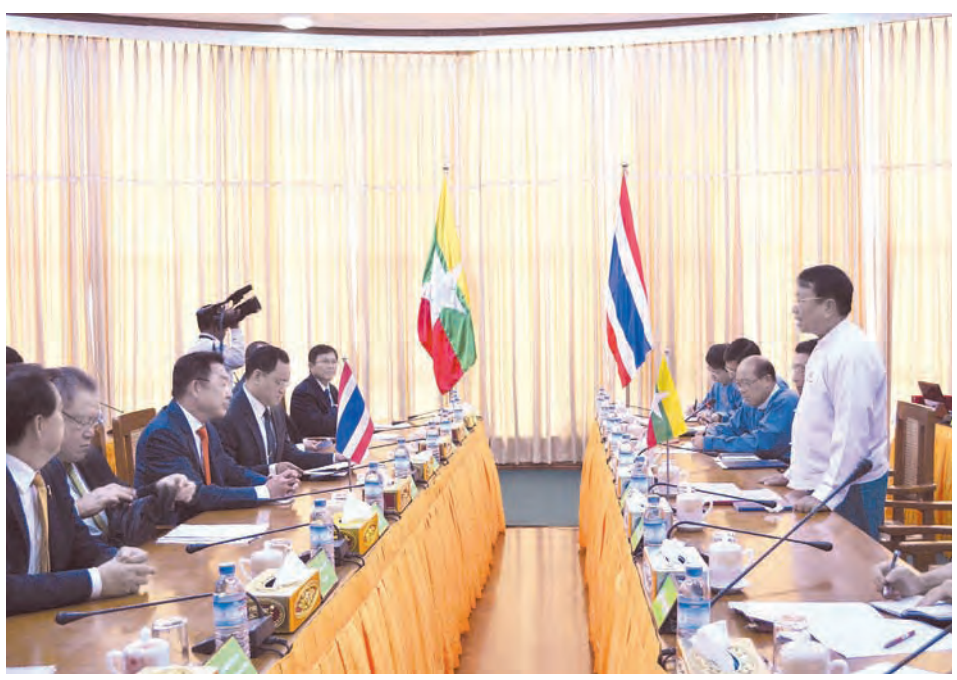
***Vice-Senior General Soe Win greets golfers from four countries before golf friendly.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe held talks with a delegation led by Minister of Energy Mr Pongsak Ruktapongpisal of Thailand at his office, yesterday morning.

The Union Minister discussed implementation of Tasan and Mongton hydropower projects on Thanlwin River and Hutgyi hydropower project, providing natural gas to gas power plants to generate electricity, sending back some volume of natural gas to Myanmar for gas power plant.

The Thai Minister on his part explained that cooperation in development of electrical sector in Myanmar and sending back necessary natural gas for gas power plants.—*MNA*

Myanmar, Thailand discuss electric sector development



***Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe holds talks with Thai Minister of Energy Mr. Pongsak Ruktapongpisal.*—MNA**

LOCAL NEWS

Business

Indo-Asian International Trade Expo 2013-Myanmar from 12 to 22 July

YANGON, 11 July—Indo-Asian International Trade Expo 2013-Myanmar will be held at Myanmar Convention Center here from 12 to 22 July.

Exhibitors from Singapore, India, Pakistan, Mauritius and other countries will participate in this show.

The ten-day event will be the first international trade expo in Myanmar, providing an ideal platform to the participants not only to enhance their business opportunities but also to experience a blend of different cultures.

Fashion show, product launches, competition and networking opportunities will be some of the highlights of this show.

Sagawah

Water donation, cash-providing ceremonies held

PYAPON, 11 July—Water donation ceremony in conjunction with cash-providing ceremony was held at the meeting hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Pyapon on 8 July.

It was also attended by the deputy commissioner, the township administrator, departmental personnel, members of township development supporting committee, the executive officer and donors. Township Administrator U Nyi Nyi Lin extended greetings and Executive Officer of township Development Affairs Committee U Myint Maung explained the tasks and the purpose of donation.

The donor presented K 6.5 million to the official and gave away certificates of honour to all well-wishers.

Next, the donors presented gifts to those who made strenuous efforts in Kandawgyi extended renovating tasks and in water distribution tasks in Ward-19.

Senior Engineer U Tin Maung Soe of township Development Affairs Committee spoke words of thanks and he invited donors to make more donations.

Kyemon-Chan Thar (540)

CDs on songs for SEA Games distributed in Mon State

MAWLAMYINE, 11 July—CDs on songs for the coming SEA Games are being distributed to the people as of 8 July to choose the best five songs.

A total of 225 CDs have been distributed to Mawlamyine Township, 75 to Mudon Township, 100 to Thaton Township, 50 each to Thanbyuzayat, Ye, Kyaikmaraw, Chaungzon, Paung, Bilin and Kyaikto townships.

Enthusiasts may select the best five songs and fill on the prescribed forms and then they must put into the billot boxes at the respective Township Sports and Physical Education Department, not later than 15 July.

The winner in the choosing the song will be awarded K 1 million.

Kyemon-694

Dawei marks World Malaria Day-2013

DAWEI, 11 July—A ceremony to mark the World Malaria Day-2013 and National Malaria Week was held at Dawei General Hospital, here, on 8 July, with an address by Taninthayi Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Aung.

Dr Tin Tun Oo, leader of malaria control program in Taninthayi Region, explained ongoing works and follow-up tasks at the ceremony.

Next, the region minister and party viewed round documentary photos on activities in the fight against malaria.

Health staff distributed educative pamphlets to those present. World Malaria Day 2013 theme is "**Invest in the future: defeat malaria**".

Kyemon-Po Shwe Thun (Dawei)

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets seized in Panglong Sub-Township

PANGLONG, 11 July—A case of seizure over 576 WY brand stimulants was exposed in Kyuyon Village of Panglong Sub-Township of Loilem District on 5 July.

A squad comprising IP Tin Soe, SIP Zaw Htoo and policemen of Loilem District Special Branch together with witnesses searched the house of Sai Ti, son of U Kaw Ya at 18-house street in Kyuyon Village of Panglong Sub-Township.

They seized 570 orange WY brand stimulant tablets of suspect and six green WY brand stimulant tablets of suspect weighing 57.6 grams worth K 2.3 million and K 12,500 of proceeds of selling stimulant tablets from the pockets of Sai Ti.

Panglong Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Sai Ti under Sections 15/19(a)/20(1) of the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

A similar case was exposed in Loimonmong Village of Loilem Township on 7 July.

A squad compriseing IP Tin Soe, SIP Zaw Htoo, Police Sgt Nay Win Tun and members together with witnesses, acting on tip off, searched the pine plantation near the road to Loimonmong Village of Loilem Township in the afternoon.

They searched a motorbike driven by Ta Khin, son of U Oung from Loimonmong Village and seized 550 R1 branc orange stimulant tablets and six R1 brand green stimulant tablets of suspect weighing 55.6 grams worth K 2.2 million.

Loilem Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Ta Khin under Section 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem IPRD)

Schoolchildren fed milk in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 11 July—A ceremony to feed milk to students was held at Basic Education Primary School in 14th-Mile Village in Bankachun Village-tract of Kawthoung Township on 9 July afternoon.

Deputy Commissioner of the district U Kyaw Swa Tun made a speech.

The Assistant Township Education Officer and the head of District Health Department explained advantages of drinking milk.

Next, wellwisher agricultural and livestock breeding entrpreneurs U Aung Naing and U Hsan Laik fed milk to 150 students under the arrangement of Kawthoung Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung IPRD)

Rural Electrification

Loans disbursed to village electrification commitee

HSIPAW, 11 July—A ceremony to disburse loans to Kyangin Village Electrification Committee was held at the hall of Hsipaw in Shan State on 9 July afternoon.

Shan State Minister for Electricity and Industry U Sai Tun Yin made a speech and heard reports on plans of electrification to the village presented by townselders.

The state minister presented K 50 million loan to the chairman of Kyangin Village Electrification Committee. A local spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Shan State Minister U Sai Tun Yin presents loan to an official.

Chin State Plans Implementation Committee holds coord meeting

HAKA, 11 July—Chin State Plans Implementation Committee held meeting 2/2013 at the hall of Chin State Government in Haka on 9 July.

Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai made clarifications on guidance of the President at the meeting of Planning Commission of the nation held in Nay Pyi Taw in June and called for cooperation in all sectors to implement first five-year plan for the regional development.

Secretary of the State Committee Acting Head of Chin State Planning Department U Khin Maung reported on accomplishments of the project targets in 2012-2013 fiscal year and planning matters. Members of the committee also submitted reports on their respective sectors. The meeting adopted the planning works.

Kyemon-Chin State IPRD

BOJ upgrades economic assessment for 7th month

The Policy Board of the Bank of Japan holds a meeting at the BOJ head office in Tokyo on 11 July, 2013. The central bank decided to upgrade its assessment of the Japanese economy for the seventh consecutive month during the meeting.—KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 11 July—The Bank of Japan on Thursday upgraded its assessment of the Japanese economy for the seventh consecutive month, stating it is "starting to recover moderately" amid improvement in corporate sentiment and solid consumer spending.

The nine-member Policy Board decided unanimously to maintain its aggressive monetary easing policy introduced in April. It said it will conduct market operations to increase the monetary base at an annual pace of about 60 trillion to 70 trillion yen.

The central bank revised down slightly the country's economic growth outlook for the current fiscal year through next March, saying it is expected to expand 2.8 percent, compared with a 2.9 percent increase projected in late April.

In lifting the assessment of the domestic economy, the bank used the word "recover" for the first time in two and a half years since January 2011. In the previous meeting on 11 June, the BOJ said the economy "has been picking up."—*Kyodo News*

Located 30 kilometres (18.64 miles) east of Huzhou, Zhejiang Province, the Ancient Town of Nanxun is a well-known for its rich cultural heritage, boasting a history that dates back 760 years. It was founded in 1252, towards the the end of Emperor Chunyou's reign in the Southern Song Dynasty (1127-1279). As one of the most well-preserved old towns in the region, Nanxun Ancient Town is now among the top six ancient towns situated in southern China.—XINHUA

Philippine President vows to continue to fight corruption

MANILA, 11 July—Philippine President Benigno S Aquino III and his administration will continue with his effort to make the government corruption-free up to the last day of his administration, a senior government official said on Wednesday.

This was after Berlin-based Transparency International disclosed that 35 percent of Filipinos surveyed felt that corruption "has decreased a little" over the past two years.

Meanwhile, 19 percent believed that corruption "increased a lot" and 31 percent said it "has stayed the same" under the Aquino administration. Only two percent said it "has decreased a lot."

But for Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda, the latest Global Corruption Barometre of 2013 released by the Transparency International was an indication that the government's fight against corruption was gaining headway.

"We recognize that there are still some levels of corruption but the people have seen that there is a consistent fight against corruption under this government and so that has been recognized by those surveyed," he said in a Press briefing.

He said the Aquino government will continue to fight corruption.

"This is an ongoing process and it will continue to the very last day in our administration," Lacierda stressed.—*Xinhua*

Visitors select jade accessories at the 2013 China Pan-Asia Stone Expo in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 10 July, 2013. The eight-day expo kicked off on Wednesday at the Kunming International Convention and Exhibition Centre. XINHUA

Indonesia's top figures ready to run for 2014 presidential election

JAKARTA, 11 July—Senior figures in Indonesia, the largest country in Southeast Asia, are preparing to run for the 2014 presidential election that will see a brand new figure elected as the president, replacing President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono who has served a maximum two five-year presidency since 2004. Among the top figures expected to run in the presidential election are former government officials, a former military commander, political party chairman and governor.

Some of those figures would have to take part in the presidential convention held by political parties to qualify their candidacy through political parties.

One of those figures who has gained high popularity among the public to become the country's next president is Jakarta Governor Joko Widodo. According to results of surveys by polling agencies, he has gained the highest electability.

The former mayor of Surakarta city in Central Java ascended to his current post after winning the Jakarta regional election late last year. Together with his deputy, an Indonesian Chinese descent Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, Joko Widodo obtained the capital city's gubernatorial post that obliged him to serve until 2017. Joko Widodo, very popular with his nickname Jokowi, is well known for his do-it-quickly attitude in governing his jurisdiction. He was named one of the world's ten best majors by an international institution last year.

Within months in his current post, he quickly moved to reorganize the city's flood control mechanism, housing for urban poor and medical assurance for the poor while initiating development of the mass transport system to overcome the dire traffic jam problem in the city. Responding to the high electability rate, he said that it reflected the public preference.

"I would not be tempted by those results. Decision to run or not in the presidential election is very much depended on Ibu Megawati Soekarnoputri," he said recently, referring to the chairperson of Indonesia Democratic Party of Struggle (PDIP), the political party he adheres to.

Megawati Soekarnoputri, former Indonesian president, has yet to issue decision on presidential candidacy from the PDIP.

Xinhua

Manila vows to release report on Taiwanese fisherman's killing

MANILA, 11 July—The Philippine government assured on Wednesday that it will release the report of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) on the killing of a Taiwanese fisherman in May.

Presidential Spokesperson Edwin Lacierda told a news briefing that the NBI has gone through an exhaustive investigation.

"So we will release the report as we see, as the Philippine government deems it, as how they view the situation," he said.

President Benigno Aquino III had ordered the NBI to conduct a thorough probe into the incident involving the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). A 65-year-old Taiwanese fisherman was killed when coast guards fired on a Taiwanese fishing boat.

Justice Secretary Leila de Lima, who has jurisdiction over the NBI, submitted the report to the President last month.

Aquino has yet to disclose the result of the investigation. But De Lima earlier said that part of the recommendations was the filing of criminal and administrative charges against the PCG personnel involved in the tragedy.—*Xinhua*

Photo taken on 10 July, 2013 shows a flooded area in north Vietnamese Province Ha Giang. Heavy rains and floods hit many parts of Ha Giang Province this month, killing two people and causing huge damage to crops. —XINHUA

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Engagement

Dr. Thu Zar Soe
M.B.B.S (Ygn)
Daughter of
U Myo Sway & Daw Tin Soe, residing at
No. 332, Room (15), Mahabandoola Garden Street, Yangon
and
Yeongshnn Ong
B.S in Computer Science
Son of
Hoteong Ong & Molly Khaw
residing at
No. 29315, Abelia 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

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PACIFIC TRADER VOY NO (005)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PACIFIC TRADER VOY NO (005) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ORINET OVERSEAS CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ZAMBALES VOY NO (117)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZAMBALES VOY NO (117) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

A volunteer heading for America presents the Chinese cuisine book of Confucius Institute in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 July, 2013. Chinese cuisine book written by Confucius Institute and Lee Kun Kee Food Co, Ltd was officially released on Tuesday. —XINHUA

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

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -011(2013-2014)	HP Design Jet 44" Plotter with Direct Jet	(1) Lot	US $
(2)	IFB -012(2013-2014)	1500 Series Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US $
(3)	IFB -013(2013-2014)	900 Series Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US $
(4)	IFB -014(2013-2014)	600 Series Well Head Assy	(l) Lot	US $
(5)	IFB -015(2013-2014)	Casing Lines (Steel Wire Ropes)	(l) Lot	US $
(6)	IFB -016(2013-2014)	Cement Additives (Anti Foams & Silica Flour)	(2) Items	US $
(7)	IFB -017(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Rig	(8) Items	US $
(8)	IFB -018(2013-2014)	20"LSAW API 5 L X-46 3 LPE Steel Line Pipe	(48285)MTR	US $
(9)	IFB -019(2013-2014)	14" ERW API 5 L X-46 3 LPE Steel Line Pipe	(53110) MTR	US $
(10)	IFB -020(2013-2014)	10" ERW API 5 L X-42 3 LPE Steel Line Pipe	(32190) MTR	US $
(11)	DMP/L-006 (2013-2014)	Barite Powder	(5,000) MT	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-007(2013-2014)	(a) 1 1/2" Dia Manila Rope (b) 1 1/4" Dia Manila Rope	(50) Coils (85) Coils	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-008(2013-2014)	Electrode, Head Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Patches	(1) Lot	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-009(2013-2014)	Air Conditioner (1.5) HP (Split Type)	(11) Sets	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-010(2013-2014)	Geological Mud testing Equipment	(4) Items	Kyat

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

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

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S WONGSAMUT OCEAN SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA RANCAK VOY NO (729)

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Vancouver launches campaign to raise date-rape awareness

VANCOUVER, 11 July — Police and pub owners in the Canadian city of Vancouver have a message for young males preying on vulnerable, intoxicated women: you are being watched and such behaviour will be punished. In a new two-month "Don't Be That Guy" awareness campaign launched last weekend, seven posters will appear in 25 local bars and nightclubs throughout the summer telling males aged 18-25 that sex without consent is illegal.

The primary goal of the campaign addressing date rape is to reduce incidence of sexual assault, particularly those facilitated by drugs and alcohol, Constable Sandra Glendinning of Vancouver's police department told *Xinhua*. Calling the campaign a proactive way to prevent crime, Glendinning said the police are targeting males between 18-25 as most of the perpetrators of sexual assault come from this age group.

The posters bear such thought-provoking slogans as "Just because you help her home ... doesn't mean you get to help yourself," and "It's not sex when she's passed out." Another shows two men with the slogan "It's not sex when he changes his mind," targeting the city's large gay community.

Under the initiative, bar employees are being trained by detectives with the Vancouver police sex crime unit to recognize predatory behaviour.

But Vancouver's drinking establishments are already among the best self-policed in North America because of staff vigilance, said Curtis Robinson, chair of BarWatch, a non-profit group supporting the campaign.

He noted that BarWatch-member staff are already vigilant to over-service, overcrowding and recognizing drunk customers. "Say you see a male walking to the door with an extremely intoxicated female, they (bar staff) will intervene and ask (the woman), 'is everything OK,' or 'do you have any friends here?' It's just a heightened sense of safety and security," said Robinson, who was a policeman for 27 years.

Xinhua

Sophia Loren to return to big screen in son's film

Italian actress Sophia Loren poses during a photo call in Rome on 15 June, 2011. REUTERS

ROME, 11 July—Italian actress and long-time Hollywood star Sophia Loren is set to return to the big screen in a short film directed by her son, which they are shooting in Naples this week.

Loren, 78, will star in her son Edoardo Ponti's adaptation of Jean Cocteau's one-person play "The Human Voice", which charts the breakdown of a woman who is left by her lover.

Wearing a cream suit and a polka dot scarf, Loren drew crowds of onlookers to watch her film scenes on the streets of Naples, the city she grew up in.

The French play has been translated into Italian, much of it in the Neapolitan dialect, according to media reports. Filming is set to last about a month and will take place in Rome and Naples.

Loren became established as an actress in Italy during the 1950s but a contract with the US studio Paramount Pictures saw her catapulted to international stardom and perform opposite the likes of Clark Gable, Charlton Heston and Marlon Brando.

In 1962, she won an Academy Award for best actress for her role in Italian Director Vittorio De Sica's "Two Women".

Loren last appeared on the big screen in the 2009 romantic musical "Nine" by US Director Rob Marshall, which also starred Penelope Cruz, Nicole Kidman and Daniel Day-Lewis.

In 2010 she appeared in Vittorio Sindoni's "My House is Full of Mirrors" an Italian television mini-series about the life of her mother Romilda Villani.

Cocteau's "The Human Voice" is best known in its 1959 opera adaptation by Francis Poulenc.—*Reuters*

Elisabeth Hasselbeck leaves 'The View' for 'Fox & Friends'

LOS ANGELES, 11 July—Television commentator Elisabeth Hasselbeck is leaving ABC's daytime talk show "The View" after a decade to join the Fox News Channel as a co-host on morning talk show "Fox & Friends," Fox News said on Tuesday.

Hasselbeck, 36, a conservative who often clashed with the show's other presenters, including former co-host and liberal Rosie O'Donnell, will wrap up her 10-year run on Wednesday, ABC said in a statement.

"She stood behind her political views even if they were not the most popular opinions at the table, never shying away from voicing a difficult question," ABC said in the statement.

Elisabeth Hasselbeck attends the Milly by Michelle Smith Fall/ Winter 2011 collection show during New York Fashion Week on 16 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

Hasselbeck's departure comes after veteran TV journalist Barbara Walters said in May that she would retire in the summer of 2014. Co-host and comedian Joy Behar said she would leave the show after the current season concludes on 9 August.

Reports emerged in March that Hasselbeck was leaving "The View" when the current season ends in August, but ABC, owned by the Walt Disney Co (DIS.N), responded by saying Hasselbeck was under a long-term contract.

Hasselbeck will replace Gretchen Carlson in mid-September on "Fox & Friends" and will join co-hosts Steve Doocy and Brian Kilmeade.

"She has proven to be an excellent conversationalist and I am certain she will make a great addition to our already successful morning franchise," Fox News Chairman and CEO Roger Ailes said.

Carlson, 47, will anchor a one-hour daytime show on News Corp-owned (NWSA.O) Fox News Channel in the fall.

Reuters

Elton John postpones summer tour due to appendicitis

Musician Elton John performs at the 20th Annual Race to Erase MS benefit gala in Los Angeles on 3 May, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 11 July—British singer Elton John has postponed a summer tour because he is suffering from appendicitis, his website said on Tuesday.

The 66-year-old "Candle in the Wind" singer was due to perform in London's Hyde Park on Friday as part of a European tour, but called in the doctors after falling ill and was diagnosed with appendicitis.

"Sir Elton is currently undergoing a course of intensive antibiotics and is expected to undergo surgery in the UK in the coming weeks, once doctors can be confident they have sufficiently reduced toxins within the inflamed appendicitis site," a statement on his website said. John was advised by his doctors and surgical team to postpone all forthcoming shows from the tour, which also includes dates in Italy, Germany, Spain, France and Monaco. "Elton is incredibly disappointed to postpone these tour dates," a spokesman said in the statement. The "Crocodile Rock" singer's website showed he was still scheduled for a 28-date 2013 tour ending in Prague on 18th December. "He is eager to be back on top form and return to play the remaining shows starting in early September 2013," the spokesman said.—*Reuters*

Britain heads for highest-ever sales of single records

Pharrell Williams (L) and Robin Thicke perform at the 2013 BET Awards in Los Angeles, California on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 11 July—This year looks set to be the biggest ever for sales of single records in Britain, thanks in part to smash hits like "Get Lucky" by Daft Punk and Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines," according to the Official Charts Company.

Single sales have risen by 6 percent in the past year, making it the fifth year running that the sales record has been broken, the company said. This year, nearly every single in the Official Top 40 chart has sold over 300,000 copies, it added. Get Lucky, featuring Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers has been the biggest single of the year, having sold over one million copies since it was released just over 10 weeks ago.

Reuters

Actress Amanda Bynes' bong-throwing case put off until September

NEW YORK, 11 July—American actress Amanda Bynes, wearing a long blue wig and sweat pants, appeared briefly in court on Tuesday on charges of marijuana possession and throwing a bong out a window and a judge postponed her case until September.

Bynes, 27, made no comment during the hearing but has previously denied the charges of possession, reckless endangerment and attempted tampering with evidence.

All the charges against Bynes, who has made headlines in recent months for erratic behaviour, odd posts on Twitter and legal problems, are misdemeanors.

In addition to setting a 26 September court date, Judge Diana Boyar set an 26 August deadline for filing motions to dismiss the charges.—*Reuters*

Actress Amanda Bynes arrives for a court hearing at Manhattan Criminal Court in New York on 9 July, 2013. REUTERS

SPORTS

Petersen's penalty saves earn Danish women draw with Swedes

*Denmark's Mariann G Knudsen (C) is challenged by Germany's Linda Bresonik (R) and Kim Kulig during their Algarve Women's Football Cup match at Algarve stadium in this file photo taken on 11 March, 2009.—*Reuters

Stockholm, 11 July—Goalkeeper Stina Petersen saved two penalties as Denmark held hosts Sweden to a 1-1 draw in Gothenburg on the opening day of the women's European Championship on Wednesday.

Mariann Knudsen had given Denmark the lead midway through the first half of the Group A match, snapping up a loose ball before advancing and firing in a low shot.

Sweden equalized before halftime, defender Nilla Fischer flicking home a header after Denmark conceded a free kick in the middle of the field.

With Denmark choosing to play free-flowing, passing football, the Swedes dominated in the air and threatened regularly from set pieces.

The hosts had two chances to wrap up the game in the second half but captain Lotta Schelin saw her penalty saved by Petersen after Kosovare Asllani was tripped in the box.

Asllani stepped up to take the Swedes' second spot kick when Theresa Nielsen was penalised for handball with five minutes to go but her weak effort was also saved by Petersen.

Earlier in the day, Italy and Finland played out a 0-0 draw in the tournament's opening game in the coastal town of Halmstad.

Sweden face Finland in Gothenburg on Saturday evening, with Denmark taking on Italy in Halmstad.

Reuters

Barca forward Deulofeu joins Everton on season loan

Madrid, 11 July—Everton have agree to take Barcelona's teenage forward Gerard Deulofeu, described as "an incredible footballing talent" by manager Roberto Martinez, on loan next season, the Premier League club said on Wednesday.

The pacy 19-year-old, a product of Barca's youth academy and a Spain under-20 international, played mostly for the La Liga side's B team last term and scored 18 goals in 34 matches.

He also made four appearances for the first team and in May agreed to extend his Barca contract until 2017. "Gerard is a real diamond of Spanish football and a boy with incredible footballing talent," Martinez said of his fellow Spaniard on Everton's website (www.evertonfc.com).

"I am delighted that he has chosen to take the next step of his career with Everton."—*Reuters*

Barcelona forward Gerard Deulofeu (L) attacks Club America forward Isaac Acuna in the second half of their soccer match in Arlington, Texas on 6 August, 2011. Reuters

Moyes says Wilfried Zaha set for Manchester United tour; insists Rooney not for sale

London, 11 July—Manchester United manager David Moyes has confirmed that new signing Wilfried Zaha will join Manchester United's squad for their preseason tour of east Asia and Australia.

Zaha only began preseason training on Monday after taking time off to recover from England's European Under-21 Championship campaign and Moyes wanted to talk to the former Crystal Palace man before deciding whether to take him along on the trip which sets off later Wednesday.

"He will travel with us on the tour," Moyes told *talkSPORT*.

"He has only been with us for two days but I will take him away, see how he goes and have a look."

"This club has a great record of putting young players in the team. Hopefully Wilfried can be one of them."

Wilfried Zaha

Wayne Rooney will also be part of the tour, although there has been no further developments on his future, with Moyes again insisting that the 27-year-old striker was not up for sale.

"The club have already stated Wayne is not for sale," Moyes said.

"I have met Wayne two, three, four times. A lot has been said about myself and Wayne over the years but we have a really good relationship. He came to my house, I have been to his recently to have a chat. Also he is here every day.

"I will say he is training great. They are telling me it is the best shape they have seen him in for a long time.

"From that point of view I am taking it as a positive and I am going to try and get the best Wayne Rooney I possibly can." United's tour takes them to Thailand, Australia, Japan and Hong Kong before they return home for a further friendly in Sweden and then Rio Ferdinand's testimonial against Sevilla at Old Trafford on 9 August and the Community Shield two days later.—*PTI*

UK court rescinds Carlos Tevez's community service

Carlos Tevez

Macclesfield, (England), 11 July—Carlos Tevez has been cleared to start the season with Juventus after having his court-ordered punishment rescinded in England.

The former Manchester City striker still had to complete the majority of his 250 hours' of unpaid community service that was imposed after a string of driving offences before leaving the Premier League club. But the terms have been changed by Macclesfield Magistrates' Court near Manchester, with Tevez paying a fine now instead.

District Judge Bridget Knight says "it is not, I repeat not, a case of a footballer thumbing his nose at a court order." Tevez thanked the court for its "help and assistance" and says he is "looking forward to a new chapter." Tevez joined Juventus last month in a transfer worth up to 12 million pounds ($18 million).—*PTI*

Fernandinho hopes Man City will help his World Cup dream

*Manchester City's new signing Fernandinho poses for photographers at the club's Carrington training ground in Manchester, northern England on 10 July, 2013.—*Reuters

Manchester, (England), 11 July—Brazil midfielder Fernandinho is hoping to catch the eye of his national team manager before next year's World Cup on home soil by shining for his new club Manchester City.

The pacy 28-year-old joined the Premier League club from Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk last month for what British media have widely reported to be about 30 million pounds ($44.49 million) and is keen to prove he is worth every penny.

"It was very important for me (to be City's top close season target) and I want to repay the club for what they have done for me by playing well on the pitch and winning as many matches and as many trophies as possible," he told a news conference on Wednesday.

"My first aim is to play well for my club Manchester City and if I do have good performances I'm sure that I will catch the attention of the national manager."

Fernandinho, who has five international caps, was not in Luiz Felipe Scolari's Brazil squad for last month's Confederations Cup which the hosts won with a 3-0 victory over Spain in the final.

He is known in England for scoring in Shakhtar's 2-1 win at home to Chelsea in the Champions League group stage last season.

Fernandinho started his career with Atletico Paranaense in his homeland before becoming one of a host of talented Brazilians to head for Shakhtar with whom he spent the last eight seasons and won the 2009 UEFA Cup. He expects a few differences now he is playing in England.

Reuters

GENERAL

Condolences
U Lo Hsing Han
(80 Years)

Our condolences go to U Lo Hsing Han, beloved husband of Daw Kyin Pheung Shin, residing at No. (F-1) Mon Myat Myitta Housing Estate, passed away on 6.7.2013 (Saturday) at 10:30 pm. We felt our heartly condolence for him and wish him to reach the heaven.

U Yan Haw and
Wife Daw Khin Khin Htet
Asia Metal Group of Companies

Tourists cool off on the beach in Shanghai, east China, on 11 July, 2013. The highest temperature in Shanghai reached 38.4 degrees Celsius on Thursday.— XINHUA

Asleep in Jesus
Mr. Dudley Mcintyre
Aged (75) years
(W/officer (Retd)-Mingalardon Airbase (Airforce)

Mr. Dudley Mcintyre, son of (Mr. and Mrs. Mcintyre), son in law of (Mine Pun Saw Bwa Gyi Sao San Tun and Daw Sao Khin Thaung), beloved husband of (Daw Sao Myint Kyi), beloved brother of Mrs. Pamela Kare (Mr. Billy Mc Intyre); Mrs Betty Mc Intyre, Mrs. Colleen Mc Intyre, (Mrs. Milly Mc Intyre); Mrs. Audrey Mc Intyre was called to his Heavenly Home at Padamyar Hospital at 12:45 pm on 10.7.2013. Funeral service will be held at Mrs. Pamela Kare residance No. 7/9 Nwe Kyai Phyu Street; Yae Aye Kwin Qtry on 12.7.2013 (Friday) at 12:00 (noon) and then will be entombed at Christian Cathalic cemetery Taunggyi. (Friends and relatives please kindly accept this as the only intimation. Memorial service will be held at Mrs. Pamela residence on 14.7.2013 (Sunday) at 10:00 am.)

The bereaved family

Champion Singh swaps red carpet for Scottish Open greens

LONDON, 11 July—India's Jeev Milka Singh has shunned the red carpet of Bollywood to concentrate on the greens of Castle Stuart and the defence of his Scottish Open crown this week.

In choosing to play the tournament, which starts on Thursday, the 42-year-old will miss the premiere of a film based on the life of his father, Milkha Singh, known as the Flying Sikh, who finished fourth in the 400 metres at the 1960 Rome Olympics. However, Singh, who won in a playoff against Italy's Francesco Molinari last year, said he had arrived in Scotland with his father's blessing.

"We did discuss it and being a sportsman himself, he wanted me to defend this championship," Singh told the European Tour website (www.europeantour.com).

"The director did a show for the family before I flew out. I've seen the movie and I think it's a fantastic movie," he added.

Singh will need to shake off a finger injury and some indifferent form, having missed the cut in his last four starts, if he is to overcome a field that also includes world number eight Phil Mickelson and number 13 Ernie Els.

"The right index finger is not 100 percent, and I just feel that I'm going to stop thinking about it now," Singh said. "It just hurts when I hit shots, but I've got to go with the flow."

Four-times major winner Mickelson is using the Scottish event as a warm-up for next week's British Open at Muirfield, a tournament he has never won.

"I think it would be one of my greatest accomplishments to be able to conquer links golf and to win an Open championship over here," said Mickelson. "Although I've come close maybe twice, I have not really played my best golf."

The left-hander is also keen to shake off the disappointment of his final round at last month's US Open when he started with a one-shot lead but ended up tied fourth, two strokes behind winner Justin Rose.

"I don't want to diminish it, because it takes a while, and it hurt," said Mickelson.

"But part of professional golf is dealing with losing and dealing with disappointment and being resilient and using it as a stepping stone.

"And so rather than look at it as a failure, I want to use it as an opportunity to take advantage of where my game has got in these last few months and try to have a great second half of the year, starting here in the Scottish Open and the Open as well as the US PGA Championship and our FedEx Cup back in the US."

South African Els will also have one eye on the Open when he tees off at Castle Stuart for what he hopes will be the perfect preparation for the defence of his title.—*Reuters*

Jeev Milkha Singh of India watches his shot from the second tee during the fourth and final round of the Dubai Desert Classic at the Emirates Golf Club, on 3 Feb, 2013.— REUTERS

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China on orange alert for gales from Typhoon Soulik

BEIJING, 11 July—China's National Meteorological Centre (NMC) on Thursday maintained its orange alert for Typhoon Soulik, the second-highest level on its four-tier typhoon warning system.

Soulik is moving toward sea waters east of Taiwan at 20 km per hour, and it is expected to hit or pass the waters off Taiwan early Saturday morning, said the NMC.

Then, it will head toward waters off the mainland's coastal provinces of Zhejiang and Fujian.

Influenced by Soulik, scale 8-10 winds will sweep waters east of Taiwan and the southeastern part of the East China Sea from 8 am on Thursday to 8 am on Friday.

Areas directly hit by Soulik will experience extremely strong winds ranging from scale 15-17, said the NMC.

The NMC urged more preventive and emergency response measures, such as warning ships to return to port.

The National Marine Environmental Forecasting Center of China on Thursday morning issued a yellow-level wave warning for Typhoon Soulik.—*Xinhua*

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun meets former Japanese Labour Minister Mr Masakuni Murakami.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun receives former Japanese Labour Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— Vice-President U Nyan Tun met a delegation led by Mr Masakuni Murakami, former Labour Minister of Japan at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here this morning.

Both sides held a cordial discussion on further cementing friendly ties between the two countries, multi-faceted cooperation including economy, social and culture sectors, investment of Japanese entrepreneurs and Japan's cooperation in Special Economic Zone Projects.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Myint Thein, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikio NUMATA and officials.

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MPs discuss land grab investigation commission's report at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July— Fifteen MPs discussed a proposal to urgently undertake the investigation commission's reports on land confiscation issues during a meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today.

They urged Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to approve the report part 1 and part 2 of the investigation commission.

In his discussion, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin constitutency also called on members of the region and state investigations commissions to avoide land brokers and not to be swayed by political instigations.

He also urged the investigation commissions to seek land certificates, receipts of crop tax, ownership certificates and reliable witnesses for land ownership in attempts to settle the land confiscation issue without grievances for farmers.

U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa constituency expressed that it is a clear and transparent way to return the land to the original owners.

During the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also put the foreign visits of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Vice-Speaker, representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw on record.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw also put the message of the President on assigning Security and Border Affairs Ministers to Kayah State and Magway Region.

The report 1/2013 of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts was put forward to the today meeting. The report complained the state-owned enterprises about getting shares from gold minings through profit sharing system without production and investing.

The report also urged the Union Government to scrutinize the debts that the State would get from gold mining businesses and to collect the all debts by 2014-2015 FY.

The findings of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union and the report 3/2013 of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts were presented to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The report called on the Union Government for carrying out reforms with drawing statistics and auditing and to ensure transparency in conformity with the new constitution.

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

Australian Foreign Affairs Minister and party conclude visit

Senator The Hon Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia visits Yangon Heritage Trust Office.

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YANGON, 11 July—A visiting delegation led by Senator The Hon Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of the Commonwealth of Australia visited Yangon Heritage Trust Office on Pansodan Road in Kyauktada Township. They observed the functions and buildings this morning.

The visiting delegation left here by air this evening. They were seen off by the Australian Ambassador and officials at Yangon International Airport.

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Public Notice to Communication Bill

The Communication Bill which was submitted by the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology to the Hluttaw is under discussion at Pyithu Hluttaw. It is hereby announced that the public are invited to make complaints about the bill in person at No.(I-2), Bill Committee Building in the compound of Hluttaw, Nay Pyi Taw at 13:00 pm to 18:00 pm (daily) from 12 to 15 July or dial 067-591358.

Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communications and Construction Committee

Complaints for bribery and corruption

Complaints about bribery and corruption can be addressed to the Anti-Corruption Committee, the President Office at Office No. 18, Nay Pyi Taw, by anyone with his/her name, NCC No., address and firm evidence.

Action will be taken against those who got involved in bribery and corruption in accordance with the law after a thorough investigation.

Public Notice to Bill on Promoting Interests of Farmers

The Bill on Promoting Interests of Farmers which was submitted by Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee to the Hluttaw, is being discussed at Pyithu Hluttaw. It is hereby announced that the public are invited to make complaints about the bill in person at No.I-10, Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee in the compound of the Hluttaw, Nay Pyi Taw at 13:00 pm to 18:00 pm (daily) from 13 to 18 July and dial 067-591512.

Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee