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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends fourth-day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—At today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session, seven MPs held discussions on farmland report which was discussed yesterday.

U Mya Thein of Bogale Constituency said that Investigation Commission's report findings are based on actual events on the ground. The Union government should take action over commission's suggestions. He urged Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to approve commission's undertakings and suggestions to be in accord with Section 228 of the Constitution if necessary for the interests of the farmers who had to suffer losses.

Daw Khin San Hlaing

of Pale Constituency said that as a MP, she needs to coordinate and deal with the current problems people are now facing. She also needs to protect the interests of all citizens and the State at any time and any place if necessary. Respective administrative bodies should make cooperation. Systematic action should be taken against farmland confiscations and other land confiscations. Farmland owners should have liberties to do farming and grow crops under the protection of existing laws, orders and directives, she added.

The meeting came to an end at 12.10 pm and continues on 15 July.

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Abolishing of Border Area Immigration Control Headquarters

It is hereby announced that Border Area Immigration Control Headquarters has been abolished as of today.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

KOICA hands over Pilot Project of WFK-Volunteer to ITC in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 12 July—A ceremony to hand over the Pilot Project worth US\$ 29,900 implemented by World Friends KOICA-Volunteer (WFK-Volunteer) of KOICA was held at Irrigation Technology Center (ITC) in Patheingyi, today. At the ceremony, KOICA Resident Representative Mr. Shin Man Shik handed over the said project to U Zaw Min Htut, Director of Patheingyi ITC who returned an appreciation words.

Afterwards, WFK-Volunteer Ms. Woo Yeon Ju explained the purpose of the project which includes IT training center and supporting essential lab equipments.

KOICA has dispatched over 130 volunteers to Myanmar and currently 19 WFK-Volunteers and 3 World Friends Advisors are performing their voluntary works at respective organizations under Myanmar government ministries.

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UMFCCI elects 128 executives through free & fair election

YANGON, 12 July—The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry has elected 128 executives: 69 independent executives from its brotherhood associations and 59 from 69 sister associations which are officially recognized by the Central Executive Committee of the federation.

The first ever election

of the UMFCCI was held democratically on 15 June and to be free and fair, the election commission of UMFCCI was formed with advisers to the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, members of Hluttaw commissions, former president and vice-presidents of UMFCCI, the secretary, and intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Kalay-Gangaw railroad contributes to regional development

KALAY, 12 July — Kalay-Natchaung railroad, the first section of Kalay-Gangaw railway, was put into service on 23 April 1995 and it is 12 miles long. The journey takes more than one hour and there are four railway stations—Thasilay, Htomar, Htaukkyant and Sitha — between the two main stations. The Kalay-Gangaw railroad passing over 20 stations was inaugurated on 5 February 1996 and the 82

miles long rail travel takes over 7 hours.

“Kalay-Gangaw railroad benefits residents in Kalay and Gangaw. Rail transport charge is fourfold or fivefold lower than private trucks. Rail fare per head is cheaper than that of buses. It costs only K 1550 per head from Kalay to Gangaw. The train leaves Kalay when the clock strike five and arrived in Gangaw at around 1 pm”, said a passenger.

The federation informed 7820 active and eligible voters, out of 26522 from member companies, individuals, foreign companies and associations, in time.

Out of 896 voters who registered to vote in the election, 722 casted their ballots during the election.

The federation is committed to working together with its stakeholders in the interests of the people, said in its press release.

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Byline: Wun Yan Kha (Tekkatho)



According to locals, fruits and vegetables produced in Kalay are transported to Gangaw

by rail and the local agriculture produce are sold at Gangaw market. Kalay region serves as

a food suppliers for Gangaw dwellers.

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Kawthoung-Bokpyin road repair starts



KARATHURI, 12 July—Public Works under the Ministry of Construction has started repair of Kawthoung-

Bokpyin road in Karathuri Sub-Township in Kawthoung District in Taninthayi Region. The repair of the

road destroyed by the bad weather started on 9 July.

The repair on 300-ft road section with the use of heavy machinery is being directed by U Hla Min Than, sub-township in-charge engineer of Public Works.

The road is the major one for transportation of commodity and was damaged by heavy rains.

The Public Works is paving gravel on the muddy road.

MMAL-Karathuri IPRD

Drainage works carried out in Shwepyitha Tsp

YANGON, 12 July—Staff members of Yangon City Development Committee Engineering (Road and Bridge) Department carried out drainage works for proper flow of water around No (15) Basic Education Primary School and Magway Park in Shwepyitha Township in Yangon North District on 9 July.

The effort was organized and supervised by Township Development Affairs Committee.

U Aung Myo Hsan, headmaster of the school,

hailed the effort, saying it could contribute to the fight against Dengue Fever

and school environment sanitation.

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Accident

Wife killed as boat capsizes during married couple's boat trip in Bogale Township

BOGALE, 12 July — A married couple got caught in a rollover accident during their boat ride in the middle of the river near Myitdan village in Bogale Township of Ayeyawady Region. The accident occurred at around 9 am on 24 June and the wife lost her life in the tragic accident. The boat carrying U Thein Oo, 37, and Ma Khu

Htoo, 38, of Khithsan village in the township capsized and sank due to the impact of huge waves in the river while heading to Toehla village. Ma Khu Htoo was drowned and disappeared at the scene, but her husband survived.

Her dead body with no external injuries was discovered in Kyonkan creek near Kansu village at

about 8 am on 26 June and police was informed of the case. According to initial investigation, police ruled that she died of drowning.

Setsan police station opened the case and further investigation is ongoing whether there is foul play or not.

Kyemon-Pathein Hla Kyi

Construction worker dies from electrocution in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 July — A fatal accident in which a construction worker died of electrocution occurred around 11.15 am on 6 July at a construction site on the plot No (310) in Daewun (west) ward in

Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay.

U Win Hsaung, a mason, 50, lost his life as he slipped and fell to power lines while performing his work on the roof of the under-construction house

of U Ko Ko Maung on 90th street between 33rd and 34th streets in the ward. Due to the accident, he was pronounced dead on the spot at the scene.

The dead body was taken to a hospital and No (6) police station is making investigation into the case.

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Myaing school girls hurt in sudden wall collapse

MYAING, 12 July — A sudden collapse happened to a wall at Bahin Basic Education High School in Myaing Township of Magway Region at about

10.30 am on 8 July.

No information was immediately available about the sudden collapse of the wall of the school building, but four school

girls sustained injuries in the accident. Now the victims are being treated at Bahin station hospital.

Kyemon-Magway Hla Myint

Crime

“Thunderbolt Operation” for curbing crimes in Yangon

YANGON, 12 July — Yangon Police Force is conducting a security operation called “Thunderbolt Operation” aimed at curbing crimes to a certain extent in Yangon Region, said an official of Yangon Region Police Commander's Office.

The Thunderbolt Operation includes heightening public awareness by giving educative talks on curbing crime, launching police car

and foot patrols and ambush patrol and taking sentry duty and performing a search of vehicles, blocking traffic, for security reason. Outbreak of crimes during the six-month period in 2013 had declined compared with the same period of the previous year, he added.

With the aim of ensuring an atmosphere of community peace and tranquility in the region, the operation started on 1 January 2013. No time frame is set for the security operation to make the public full safeguard, said the official.— Kyemon-040

Sunday, 14th July, 2013

School Environment Day

Let all basic education schools participate in activity

Ministry of Education

Natural Disaster

Retaining wall emerges in erosion-prone Shwepaukpin village in Myaung Tsp

MYAUNG, 12 July — Residents living in the towns and villages by river the length and breadth of the country are annually forced to leave their homes and farmlands due to bank erosion caused by flooding. They have a difficult time as frequent relocation and loss of farmlands paralyze their livelihoods.

Moreover, severe erosions caused great damage to religious edifices like monasteries and pagodas.

In the time of the new government, Water Resources Utilization and River System Development Department of the Ministry

of Transport formed DWIR is taking actions to reduce the impact of erosion at riverside villages. Shwepaukpin village in Myaung Township of Sagaing Region is prone to erosion and houses and a village pagoda are in danger of the escalating erosion.

But, the village caught the attention of officials concerned as Myaung Township lawmaker U Ohn Ngwe raised a question about the erosion-prone village and other riverside villages plagued by erosion at the parliament and the village ranks the worst in the township.

The department

concerned started implementation of preventive measures against erosion, spending K 88 million on construction of a retaining wall on 18 May 2013 and the work was finished at the end of June. It was learnt that the retaining wall is over 3000 feet.

Shwepaukpin village is a large one and it has a middle school. Now, villagers are very happy with the emergence of the retaining wall that can protect their village and riverside pagoda from yearly riverbank erosion.

Kyemon-Myint Myat Thu (Myaung feeder road)



WORLD

Ainu party gives up fielding candidates in upper house election



Shiro Kayano, leader of the Ainu Party of Japan, is pictured in Biratori, Hokkaido in northern Japan, on 28 June, 2013. His party, launched in January 2012 to better represent Japan's indigenous Ainu people, has given up its plan to field 10 candidates in the 21 July House of Councillors election after failing to collect sufficient campaign funds.—KYODO NEWS

SAPPORO, 12 July—A political party launched in January last year to better represent Japan's indigenous Ainu people has given up its plan to field 10 candidates in the House of Councillors election after failing to collect sufficient campaign funds.

The Ainu Party of Japan does not meet the legal requirements for constituting a "political party" and thus needed to put down a deposit of 60 million yen and run at least 10 candidates in the 21 July poll to compete in proportional representation constituencies. While the party was counting on donations, little money has been raised. Few people have volunteered to be candidates as well.

Kyodo News

At least 62 killed, 139 wounded in wave of attacks across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 July — At least 62 people were killed and 139 others wounded in a wave of violent attacks across Iraq on Thursday, police sources said.

Unidentified gunmen opened fire on Iraqi security forces guarding oil facilities on the road between Haditha and Baiji in northern Iraq, killing 11 soldiers, a police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

A car bombing and subsequently a suicide bomber attacked a funeral in Muqadadiya, some 90 km northeast of Baghdad, killing 10 people and injuring 32 others, the source said.

Also, at least 10 people were killed and 18 others wounded in two car bomb attacks near a coffee shop in Yathrib, some 85 km north of Baghdad, another police source told *Xinhua*.

In Tikrik, some 140 km

northwest of Baghdad, three soldiers were killed and 10 others wounded, including an officer, when a car bomb struck a military convoy.

Also in the day, a series of other violent attacks, mainly targeting the police forces in Iraq, killed 28 people and wounded some 79 others in the western Province of Anbar and northern Provinces of Salah ad-Din, Kirkuk and Nineveh, the police said. No group has so far claimed responsibility for the attacks, but the al-Qaeda front in Iraq, in most cases, is responsible for such violent acts in the country. High-profile bomb attacks are still common in Iraq despite the dramatic decrease since their peak in 2006 and 2007, when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings. —*Xinhua*



An Iraqi policeman examines the site of blast in Tuz-Khurmato, northern Iraq, on 11 July, 2013. At least 62 people were killed and 139 others wounded in a wave of violent attacks across Iraq on Thursday, police sources said.—XINHUA

UK parliament wins veto over any decision to arm Syrian rebels

LONDON, 12 July — Britain's parliament backed a motion on Thursday requiring Prime Minister David Cameron to give it a veto over any future move to arm Syrian rebels, in a symbolic vote the government said it would heed. Britain says it has not yet taken any decision to arm rebels fighting to topple President Bashar al-Assad, but its role in helping to lift a European Union arms embargo on Syria in May fuelled speculation it was planning to do just that.

The lower house of parliament voted by 114-1 to back a motion requiring the government to seek its "explicit prior consent" for any future decision to provide lethal assistance.

Though symbolic, the move is significant as it means Cameron will find it almost impossible not to give parliament a vote on

the issue, something government sources say would amount to an effective veto over any decision to supply arms.

Ministers expect the 650-member lower house to vote against sending arms if the issue arises, said one government source.

Many lawmakers in Cameron's Conservative Party say they are worried a decision to arm the moderate opposition in Syria would escalate and widen the conflict and risk weapons falling into the hands of Islamist extremists.

"The government has discussed the option of arming the rebels. This would be a major policy change. This debate allows us to mark the government's card," said John Baron, a Conservative lawmaker who secured Thursday's vote.

Reuters

No sign automatic equipment failed in San Francisco crash



SAN FRANCISCO, 12 July—There are no signs of failure of the autopilot or other key automatic flight equipment on the Asiana plane that crashed in San Francisco last week, the head of National Transportation Safety Board said on Thursday.

"There is no anomalous behaviour of the autopilot, of the flight director, and of the auto-throttles, based on the FDR (flight data recorder) data reviewed to date,"

NTSB Chairwoman Deborah Hersman told a news conference, referring to the flight data recorder from the Boeing 777.

The plane, carrying 291 passengers and 16 crew from Seoul to San Francisco, hit a seawall in front of the runway on Saturday, killing two passengers and injuring 180 others.

The tail section of an Asiana Airlines plane hit a seawall in front of the runway at San Francisco Inter-

national airport, and initial information from the NTSB investigation shows that it was flying much too slowly in the final stages of the approach.

The plane's pilots have said in interviews with the NTSB that an electronic control known as an auto-throttle had been set to keep the plane flying at the proper speed, according to Hersman, and it remains unclear why the jet lost speed and why the pilots failed to notice the problem.

Hersman said the cockpit voice recorder showed that none of the three pilots on the flight deck said anything about speed until about 9 seconds before the crash. One of the pilots did raise a concern about "sink rate," or the speed of descent, prior to that, but Hersman did not provide further details.

The charred wreckage of the plane will be cut up and removed from the airport runway beginning

on Thursday evening, Hersman said. A final report on the crash will likely come in about a year.

In five detailed Press briefings since the crash, Hersman has painted a picture of a flight crew that inexplicably failed to correct a doomed approach as the plane came in too low, too slow and off-centre on a clear day with little wind. She has declined to speculate on the cause of the crash. The briefings have drawn criticism from an airline pilots union and others, who say the release of so much information from flight recorders and other sources at an early stage of the investigation has unfairly suggested the pilots were at fault. The pilot flying the plane when it crashed was still in training for the Boeing 777, and the instructor pilot who was in charge of the aircraft was on his first flight as a trainer.

Reuters

Berlusconi's legal troubles slow Italian government action

ROME, 12 July—Italy's government is fighting against political instability after influential members of Silvio Berlusconi's centre-right party suggested pulling support of the fragile coalition if the media tycoon and former prime minister is banned from office. Though Berlusconi reassured on

Thursday that his People of Freedom (PdL) party will continue to support Prime Minister Enrico Letta's government, political debate has been centered on his legal troubles since the highest court decided earlier this week to move up hearings in a fraud case, in which the 76-year-old was appealing a

ban from public office.

On Wednesday, some outraged PdL members secured a one-day halt to parliamentary activity and threatened to resign if their leader's verdict is upheld, which could mean the end of Berlusconi's two-decade political career.

Xinhua

Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe and First Lady Grace Mugabe attend a campaign rally at Nzvimbo, Mashonaland Central Province, about 90 km north of Harare, Zimbabwe, on 11 July, 2013. Zimbabwe's presidential campaign intensified as the elections are less than three weeks away. The country's veteran president Robert Mugabe and his long-time rival Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai are to contest for the presidency.—XINHUA



Ballmer tightens grip on Microsoft with major revamp

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 July—Microsoft Corp's sweeping re-organization on Thursday creates a company that, more than ever, bears the stamp of Chief Executive Steve Ballmer. The face of Microsoft since he took the reins from co-founder Bill Gates in 2000, Ballmer stressed the importance of improving internal collaboration and eliminating redundancies when he released the company's new organizational blueprint.

But some analysts say the changes also mean less leeway for Microsoft's individual businesses to set and pursue their own agendas, as the company imposes a more streamlined, top-down approach to its

strategy and operations. For all the changes promised, the move reinforces Ballmer's grip on the company's direction and further muddies the succession picture. "There's still no heir apparent or any succession strategy that has become apparent," said David Smith, an analyst with industry research firm Gartner. "It sounds like he wants to run it in a more centralized style." That Ballmer, 57, who presided over a decade of share price stagnation and was deemed slow to respond to mobile computing, remains more entrenched may worry investors and spur concern that the reorganization will truly effect change.

"In theory, it's a great



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer speaks during his keynote address at the Microsoft "Build" conference in San Francisco, California on 26 June, 2013.—REUTERS

idea. The key question will be can Ballmer deliver this in new model and can it be successful," said Channing Smith, co-manager of the Capital Advisors Growth Fund, which does not own Microsoft shares. "With his track record, it will be question mark for investors going forward." Microsoft is the world's No 1 software company, whose \$74 billion in annual revenue is powered largely by its dominant role in the

PC business via its flagship Windows and Office software. But the company has been caught flat-footed by new trends such as mobile computing, where software by Google Inc and Apple Inc lead the pack, as well as by Web-based "cloud" services. Investors credit Ballmer for expanding the Windows and Office franchises and growing Microsoft into one of the world's largest technology corporations.—Reuters

China develops 100-megapixel camera

BEIJING, 12 July—A Chinese institute has successfully developed a camera featuring a 100-megapixel charge-coupled device (CCD) chip, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) announced on Wednesday. It is currently China's highest pixel camera, the academy said in a statement. The camera, IOE3-Kanban, was developed by the Institute of Optics and Electronics under the CAS and is capable of producing images with 10,240 x 10,240 pixels, the statement said.

Moreover, it is small and light, with its widest part measuring only 19.3 cm, the statement said, adding that it can be used at temperatures ranging from minus 20 degrees centigrade to 55 degrees cen-

tigrade. Its high sensitivity and high dynamic range (HDR) features mean it will be useful in high-resolution imaging in the fields of aerial mapping, city planning, disaster monitoring and intelligent transportation systems, the statement said.

The statement said the camera is equipped with advanced optical systems, camera control systems and high-capacity data recording systems, and it has proven successful in a recent trial use as a part of a national aerial remote-sensing system. According to the statement, the institute also developed an 81-megapixel camera during the 10th Five Year Plan period (2001-2005), and the latest achievement took the researchers two years to develop.—Xinhua



Nokia pins recovery hopes on advanced camera smartphone



A man takes pictures with Nokia's new smartphone, the Lumia 1020 with a 41-megapixel camera, after its unveiling in New York on 11 July, 2013.—REUTERS

NEW YORK / (Helsinki), 12 July—Nokia on Thursday introduced a new smartphone, the Lumia 1020, with a powerful 41-megapixel camera in its latest bid to catch up with rivals Samsung Electronics Co Ltd and Apple Inc. Tech bloggers responded enthusiastically,

saying the camera quality was the highest in the market.

But analysts questioned whether it was enough to help Nokia, suffering a fall in cash reserves after years of poor sales, survive.

"The hardware's a beauty on this thing," said

tech website Engadget after CEO Stephen Elop demonstrated features including "floating lens" technology that adjusts for camera shake and six lenses that help produce sharper images. The Finnish mobile phone maker is pinning its hopes for a comeback in smartphones on Microsoft Corp's Windows Phone—an operating system that is struggling to compete with Google's popular Android system.

While regular mobile phones still account for the bulk of its shipments, smartphones are viewed as crucial for its long-term survival because of their higher margins and increasing demand for web access from mobile phones. Jo Harlow, Nokia's executive vice president in charge of smart devices, said the

growing popularity of photo and video sharing meant more consumers will want better cameras. "Taking pictures is in the top three things people do with a smartphone."—Reuters

Google's Schmidt says relationship with Apple has improved

SUN VALLEY, (Idaho), 12 July—The relationship between Google Inc and Apple Inc has improved over the past year with the rival technology companies and sometimes partners conducting "lots and lots" of meetings, Google Executive Chairman Eric Schmidt said.

Schmidt did not provide details about the nature of the meetings during comments to reporters at the annual Allen and Co media conference in Sun Valley, Idaho on Thursday. He not-

ed that Google Chief Business Officer Nikesh Arora, who joined him at the Press briefing, was leading many of the discussions. The two companies are in "constant business discussions on a long list of issues," Schmidt said.

Schmidt once sat on Apple's board of directors, but the relationship between the two companies has frayed as competition has increased. Apple created the smartphone market with its iconic iPhone, but Google's Android mobile

software is now featured on three of every four smartphones sold globally.

Apple has sought to lessen its reliance on Google's online services, most famously in 2012 when it dumped Google's Maps product in favour of its own mapping software. Apple's maps service however proved to be ridden with errors, and Google ended up updating its map application for the latest version of Apple's iPhone.

The world's No1 Internet search company, Google has moved to extend its reach into new markets in recent years, acquiring mobile phone maker Motorola Mobility, offering high-speed Internet service in a few US cities and developing wearable computers and technology for self-driving cars. Schmidt said that Google's self-driving automobile technology was years, rather than decades away from commercial availability but that "the exact way in which it all plays out is not obvious to me."

Reuters



Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Google (R) speaks at a news conference with Nikesh Arora, Google chief business officer at the annual Allen and Co conference in Sun Valley, Idaho Resort on 11 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Level 3 says Global Crossing deal with US did not allow for snooping

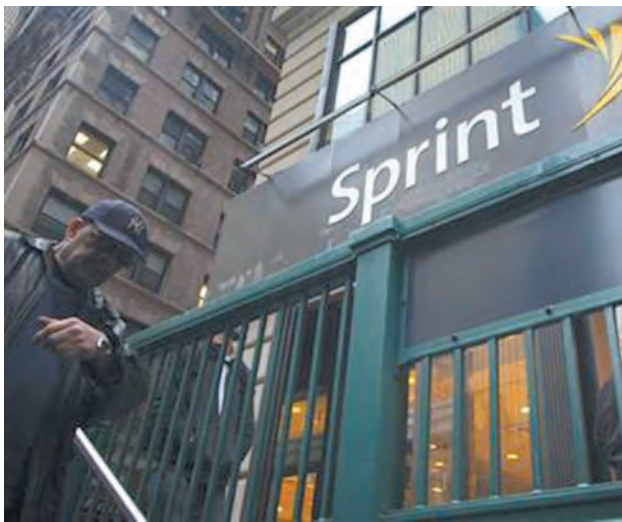
NEW YORK, 12 July—Fiber optic network provider Level 3 Communications Inc said a 2003 network security agreement signed by its unit Global Crossing did not include any provision for unauthorized surveillance by US government agencies. The Washington Post reported last week that the deal allowed Team Telecom, a collection of US government agencies, to access data transferred

through Global Crossing's fiber-optic backbone that connects several countries.

Level 3 said on Thursday that the 2003 deal was superseded by a new agreement that it had reached with Team Telecom in 2011, when it acquired Global Crossing. "There is no provision in the terminated or existing network security agreement that permits the US government to compel Level 3, or require Level 3

in any way, to cooperate in unauthorized surveillance on US or foreign soil," the company said. It said the agreement does require it to comply with "lawful US process," under applicable law. The Washington Post report said the deal and others like it allowed US government agencies to seek and gain secure access to the massive amounts of data flowing through such networks.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH



People walk past a Sprint store in New York on 17 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

Sprint promises a lifetime of unlimited data service

NEW YORK, 12 July — Sprint Corp (SW.N) on Thursday offered unlimited data services for the lifetime of an account, as the No 3 US wireless operator looks to lure customers away from bigger rivals Verizon Wireless and AT&T Inc (T.N).

The announcement came just a day after SoftBank Corp (9984.T) closed its \$21.6 billion purchase of 78 percent of Sprint and two days after Sprint closed its buyout of Clearwire Corp,

which has a vast amount of wireless airwaves licenses.

Sprint already offers unlimited data services for a flat monthly fee, but because of network capacity concerns analysts have long questioned whether it would eventually be forced to follow its rivals who charge consumers depending on the amount of data they use.

Sprint Chief Executive Dan Hesse told *Reuters* the new guarantee would reassure customers worried

about leaving AT&T or Verizon Wireless for Sprint only to have the offer of unlimited services pulled at some point. "Our research has shown that is a big issue for us in attracting AT&T and Verizon customers," he said, adding that the guarantee "clearly differentiates" Sprint from its rivals.

Hesse, who has been battling customer losses at Sprint since he took on the top job in December 2007, said he had to complete the Clearwire deal so Sprint

could have "the capacity to be able to offer an unlimited guarantee for life."

Without Clearwire's airwaves, Hesse said Sprint "would have run out of gas" on capacity in a few years.

Sprint, which is years behind its big competitors in upgrading to high-speed data services, is working on a multi-billion dollar network to close the gap. It will use cash from SoftBank and Clearwire airwaves to support the effort.

Reuters

US launches patent probe into Sany's products

WASHINGTON, 12 July — The US International Trade Commission (USITC) initiated a Section 337 investigation on Thursday into Chinese multinational heavy machinery manufacturing company Sany for patent infringement. The probe is grounded on a complaint filed by Manitowoc Cranes, LLC in the US state of Wisconsin on 12 June, 2013, the USITC said in a statement.

Manitowoc Cranes accused Sany and its US entity of infringing its patents related to mobile cranes that use variable position counterweight (VPC) technology to improve operation and use of the cranes.

The US company requested an exclusion order and "cease and desist" orders, according to the federal bipartisan panel. Should the complaint be approved, the panel will issue remedial orders, such as a ban of accused products.

There are no responses to the charge so far on Sany's websites.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 11 July, 2013 shows the inauguration ceremony of Sinopec Lubricant (Singapore) Pte Ltd at Tuas in the south western tip of Singapore. China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation (Sinopec), China's largest integrated energy and chemical group, celebrated here on Thursday the opening of its first lubricant plant outside China. The Sinopec Lubricant (Singapore) Pte Ltd, located at Tuas in the south western tip of Singapore, covers an area of 242,811 square metres.

XINHUA

Psychological benefits for inmates doing yoga: Oxford study

LONDON, 12 July — Yoga can improve the mood and mental wellbeing of prisoners, and may also have an effect on impulsive behaviour, an Oxford University study published on Thursday suggests.

Reported their findings in the *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, researchers said prisons see rates of mental health problems that

are many times higher than the general population. Inmates from a range of ages were randomly assigned to either a course of ten weekly yoga sessions of 90 minutes, or to a control group.

"We found that the group that did the yoga course showed an improvement in positive mood, a decrease in stress and greater accuracy in a computer test

of impulsivity and attention," said Dr Amy Bilderbeck, who led the study.

If yoga is associated with improving behaviour control, as suggested by the results of the computer test, there may be implications for managing aggression, antisocial or problem behavior in prisons and on return to society, researchers noted. —*Xinhua*

Labour induction may not raise cesarean risk for all

NEW YORK, 12 July — While doctors and health officials battle rising cesarean section rates, a fresh look at past research suggests that induction of labour may not be contributing to the problem. It has been thought that inducing labour in a woman whose pregnancy has lasted too long, but whose water hasn't broken, could result in the need for a C-section. But in a review of 37 studies on labour induction, researchers found that it actually decreased the risk of having a C-section.

"It's quite remarkable that the studies do show a slight reduction of C-sections," said Dr Stephen Wood, the report's lead author from the University of Calgary in Canada. Previous studies have linked inducing labour with an increased risk of women having C-sections, which led to the belief that reducing inductions would also reduce the number of cesarean procedures. That research, however, is mostly based on studies that didn't account for other complications that might increase the women's risk for C-sections. Currently, about 32

percent of US births are by C-section, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The procedure increases the chance of bowel or bladder injuries for women and puts babies at risk of breathing problems. For the new study, Wood and his colleagues reviewed clinical trials that randomly assigned women who were 37 to 42 weeks pregnant to either wait for natural labor to happen or for labor to be induced. Most of the trials dealt with women who had no problems other than a prolonged labour, but 10 trials did look at women who were having twins or had other health problems, such as diabetes and high blood pressure. The researchers had data on about 6,250 women who were randomized to have labor induced and about 5,920 women who were put in a wait-and-see group.

Overall, about 17 percent of the women who had labor induced ended up having a C-section, compared to about 20 percent of women in the wait-and-see group.

Reuters

Eating fruits and vegetables tied to longer life

NEW YORK, 12 July — Eating fewer than five servings of fruit and vegetables each day is linked with a higher chance of dying early, according to a large study from Sweden. People who said they never ate fruit and vegetables died an average of three years sooner than those who ate plenty of apples, carrots and tomatoes, researchers found. Many public health organizations worldwide recommend eating five servings of fruit and vegetables a day, but previous studies have been inconclusive on whether meeting that guideline helps improve health and by how much, researchers said.

The new study, published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, shows the five-a-day recommendations are optimal, said Alicja Wolk, who worked on the research at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Her

team did not find any improvement in survival for people who ate more than five servings of fruit and vegetables each day, compared to those who just met the guideline. The results are based on data collected from more than 71,000 Swedes, aged 45 to 83, who were followed for 13 years. Participants were surveyed about their diets in 1997 and 1998 and reported how often they ate fruit — including oranges, apples, bananas and berries — and vegetables, such as carrots, beets, lettuce, cabbage, tomatoes and pea soup. Nearly 11,500 of those enrolled had died by December 2010.

Wolk's team found that people who had reported eating no fruit or vegetables at the start of the study were 53 percent more likely to die during the follow-up period than those who got their five daily servings. —*Reuters*



A woman looks at fruits and vegetables at a market stall in Madrid on 29 Jan, 2013. —REUTERS

WORLD

China, US to start substantive BIT negotiations soon

WASHINGTON, 12 July —China and the United States agreed to start the substantive discussions of the China-US Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) as soon as possible, Chinese Commerce Minister Gao Hucheng said here on Thursday.

“Investment is an important area of China-US economic cooperation. It is a mutual concern of both parties, and both parties need to have creative thinking in order to create convenient conditions for the mutually beneficial cooperation between businesses of the two countries,” Gao told reporters at a press briefing during the ongoing fifth round of the China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue (S&ED) starting on Wednesday.

“Both sides need to respect each other’s concerns and pragmatically promote the negotiation of the BIT,” stressed Gao.

Both sides jointly reviewed the progress made in the first nine rounds of BIT negotiations, clarified their notes on the techni-



US President Barack Obama (5th L) meets with Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang (4th L) and State Councilor Yang Jiechi (2nd L), both special representatives of Chinese President Xi Jinping, in Washington on 11 July 2013. —XINHUA

cal terms of the treaty, and agreed to enter into a “substantive stage” of BIT negotiation as soon as possible, he said, without giving a specific timetable of the upcoming negotiations.

High-ranking economic and trade officials from both countries including Gao on Wednesday discussed a wide range of topics including the BIT

negotiations, intellectual property rights protection and investment review during an economic track talk session. China and the United States have been holding the annual S&ED talks since 2009 when Obama came to power, as a major channel of communication to enhance mutual trust, boost cooperation and properly handle differences.

Acting as special representatives of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang and State Councilor Yang Jiechi will co-chair the two-day dialogue with US President Barack Obama’s special representatives Secretary of State John Kerry and Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew.

Xinhua

Syria opposition denies Russian chemical attack allegation

UNITED NATIONS, 12 July—The opposition Syrian National Coalition on Wednesday denied a Russian charge that rebel fighters fired a projectile laden with the nerve agent sarin at a suburb of Aleppo in March, saying UN inspectors should be allowed to investigate the attack.

Separately, Western diplomats said Russia blocked a draft UN Security Council resolution this week calling for a stalled UN chemical weapons investigation team to be allowed to visit Syria and to be permitted to conduct an “objective” inquiry.

The United Nations said in a statement that the head of the UN chemical arms team, Ake Sellstrom of Sweden, and UN disarmament chief Angela Kane have accepted an invitation from the Syrian government to discuss their investigation of alleged chemical attacks in Syria.

Russia, along with Iran, is Syria’s closest ally and chief arms supplier. The draft resolution echoed a recent statement by the Group of Eight (G8) developed nations including Russia. “The Free Syrian Army strongly condemns all usage of chemical weapons against a civilian population and denies Russia’s allegations about the FSA using chemical weapons in Khan al-Assal, Aleppo,” Khalid Saleh, a spokesman for the coalition, said in a statement.

“Only the Assad regime has the know-how, capability and willingness to use these weapons,” Saleh said, referring to Syr-

ian President Bashar al-Assad. “The coalition and supreme military council have asked for the UN monitors to come to Syria to investigate the use of these weapons and the Assad regime refuses to allow them to do so,” he said.

Russia’s UN envoy, Vitaly Churkin, on Tuesday said Russian scientific analysis strongly indicated a projectile containing sarin that hit Khan al-Assal on 19 March, killing 26 civilians and military personnel, was fired by rebels.

The government and rebels have blamed each other for that incident, as well numerous other alleged chemical attacks. Both sides deny using chemical weapons.

“The usage of chemical weapons is inconsistent with the guiding principles and goals of the Syrian revolution,” Saleh said. “Targeting civilians indiscriminately to achieve political gains is a common characteristic of the Assad regime.”

The United States has cast doubt on the Russian analysis of the Khan al-Assal incident and, along with France, called for full UN access to Syrian sites where chemical weapons use was suspected.

The United Nations says as many as 100,000 have died in the two-year civil war.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a senior Western diplomat also expressed skepticism about the Russian claim that the rebels were behind the Khan al-Assal attack.

Reuters



Mt Sakurajima, an active volcano in Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, erupts on 10 July, 2013. KYODO NEWS

Brazilian president announces spending increase on health, education

BRASILIA, 12 July — Brazil’s President Dilma Rousseff on Wednesday announced a spending increase of 3 billion Brazilian reais (1.325 billion US dollars) for cities to bolster healthcare and education, two public services that were the cause of massive protests last month.

She made the announcement during the 16th Rally for Municipality Defence in Brasilia, where 4,000 prefects (local authorities) from around the country took part. The increase will be doled out in two parts, the first in August and

the second in April 2014, and is earmarked to pay for doctors and teachers, and other expenses in local healthcare and education services.

The measure is one of the several the government is taking in response to the wave of protests that rocked Brazil in the past few weeks, where more than a million Brazilians demanded better public services and an end to corruption. Rousseff also announced an increase in the so-called Basic Healthcare Floor that brings the yearly total spent on the programme to 600 million reais (265 million dollars). The govern-

ment will additionally invest 3.2 billion reais (some 1.325 billion dollars) to build 2,000 daycare centres, she said. This is in addition to the plans to increase investment in various sectors including healthcare announced by the president on Monday, who said then the government is investing 7.4 billion Brazilian reais (some 3.274 billion US dollars) to build new hospitals, as well as changing and buying new equipment, and next year it would invest another 5.5 billion reais (some 2.433 billion dollars) for new health units.—Xinhua

Xinhua

Strikes close highways, ports in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 July — A series of strikes organized by trade unions on Thursday resulted in the blockage of important highways and three of Brazil’s largest ports.

Brazil’s most important port of Santos, and other two large ports of Itaguaí and of Suape were blocked for several hours with trucks with cargo unable to reach the port area, according to reports collected here. The

Dutra highway linking Brazil’s largest cities—Rio and Sao Paulo—was blocked, as were over 20 other highways all over the country, the reports said.

Bus and subway workers’ unions in some state capitals such as Belo Horizonte and Porto Alegre joined the strikes, leaving people in these cities without public transportation to go to work. Teachers’ associations also joined the strikes, so some

schools and universities had their classes suspended.

Marches are scheduled to take place in late afternoon and evening in several cities.

The unions’ demands include changes in the social security regulations, reduction in work hours, and better salaries for retired workers and pension beneficiaries.

In June, Brazil was swept by hundreds of protests.

Xinhua



Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro (C Front) takes part in the National Bolivarian Armed Forces military commands transmission ceremony at the Honour Courtyard of the Military Academy, in Caracas, Venezuela, on 11 July, 2013.—XINHUA

LOCAL NEWS

Mandalay-Lashio Highway upgraded



PATHEINGYI, 12 July—The section of Mandalay-Lashio Highway between Nadaungkya Creek in Ohnchaw Village in Patheingyi Township

crossing bridge and plain road junction is being expanded to 41-ft-wide road with the use of heavy machinery. Asia World Company is working on

digging drains and building sidewalks. The busy Mandalay-Lashio road is one of major road for border trade.—*MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)*

Tachilek gets five more traffic lights



TACHILEK, 12 July—New five traffic lights are set up in Tachilek on 8 July to add to the border town's only traffic light on Bogyoke Aung San road.

Police Inspector San Thein of Tachilek Traffic

Police Corps discussed the traffic rules enforcement efforts at the ceremony on 8 July morning and Managing Director of Yoma Myanmar Company U Myint Aung briefed on installation of the traffic lights.

Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner launched the traffic lights.

"The increase in number of vehicles follows the economic boom. There used to be traffic jams as there was the only traffic light on Bogyoke Aung San road," a townselder at the ceremony said.

The source suggested the installation of lamp posts as the night-time accidents caused injuries.

The installation of the new five traffic lights cost K 40 million and was funded by Shan State Government.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

YCDC sets to install CCTV at traffic lights

YANGON, 12 July—CCTV cameras will be installed extensively in 150 traffic lights in Yangon, according to a transport official.

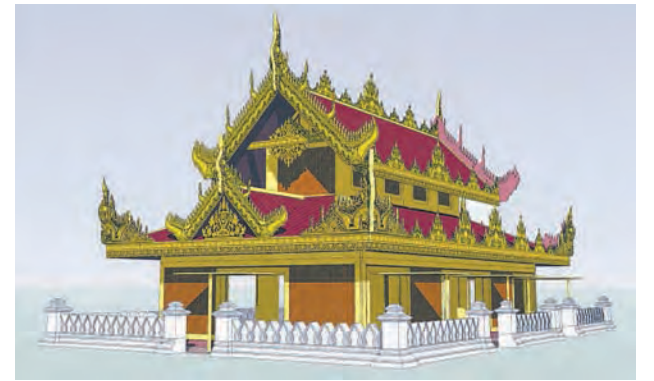
CCTV cameras have been installed at only above 40 traffic lights to monitor undisciplined vehicles.

To enforce the traffic rules and to ease traffic jams, Yangon City Development Committee (Road and Bridge) will extend CCTV cameras in traffic lights.

"It seems the traffic jams would be eased when CCTV cameras are installed," a commuter said.

MMAL-Shwe Htoo

Donors eager to restore public rest houses in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 12 July—Donors are willing to restore public rest houses at the foot of Mandalay Hill in Mandalay Region in the original numbers and designs.

There were originally 33 public rest houses at the foot of the legendary hill, but the number has been reduced to 19 now. Seven donors have pledged donation for restoration of one public rest

house each.

After applying for permits, a public rest house at the corner of 12th street and 66th street will be build to work out the estimate. The estimates then would be distributed to potential donors, U Kyaw Win, donor of a number of public and religious buildings, said.

MMAL-Aye Mya (Mandalay)

Wellwishers donate cash for medical equipment and furnishings



PYINMANA, 12 July—Wellwishers donated cash for medical equipment and

furnishings of Pyinmana 200-bed hospital at the donation ceremony in the

meeting hall of the hospital on 9 July.

The Ministry of Transport Women's Affairs Organization donated K 200,000, Union Transport Minister U Nyan Tun Aung and wife Daw Wai Wai, K 260,000.

Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi, Surgeon Dr Myint Naing, Pediatrician Dr Khin Swe Oo accepted donations.

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NATIONAL SPORTS

Pre-SEA Games billboard erected in Myeik



MYEIK, 12 July—Pre-SEA Games public awareness raising billboard was erected in front of Myeik Indoor Stadium in Kanbya Myayni road in Myeik by Myeik Township Sports

and Physical Education Department on 10 July.

The billboards are being erected across the nation ahead of the XXVII SEA Games to be hosted in Myanmar for the first

time in history on 11-22 December.

The billboard is aimed at raising public awareness for the Pre-SEA Games activities.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Toungoo-Yangon Saytaman express bus overturns

TOUNGGOO, 12 July—Saytaman Express Bus running along the road from Tounggoo to Yangon overturned between mile posts 14/3 and 14/5 on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway at 1.30 pm yesterday, said an official of Expressway Police Station No 3.

Six men and seven women, totalling 13 sustained injuries in the incident and the unseriously injured were rushed to Hlegu Township Hospital.

A total of 432 traffic accidents caused on the expressway from May 2009 to April 2013, leaving 216 dead and 678 injured,

according to the releases from the Expressway Police Force Commander's Office.

The Yangon-Mandalay expressway was commissioned into service in 2009. The facility has two 25-foot wide motorways on either side. The length of the ex-pressway accounts for 1.5 per cent of 150,221 kilometres long roads across the nation.—*H*

Dimawhso harvests Palethwe model plot

DIMAWHSO, 12 July—A ceremony to harvest a model plot of Palethwe summer paddy in Hopheik village in

model 6-mile village-tract in Dimawhso Township in Kayah State was organized on 6 July morning.



It was attended by Kayah State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Poe Yei Yan Aung, Head of State Agriculture Department, state/district/township departmental officials, and farmers.

Officials gave educative talks on choosing the right strains, GAP, and the use of fertilizers at the ceremony. The one-acre farm plot yield 303.6 baskets. Kayah State put 5501 acres of farmlands under summer paddy with 471 acres under Palethwe paddy.

MMAL-Township IPRD

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 13 July, 2013

Challenger in the ring

Things never stay the same, especially the commodity prices, always maintaining upward trend on the chart. To fulfill his unlimited wants with limited resources available, man fight and fight until his last breath but are never satisfied and feel fulfilled.

The time has shifted from the era of the father being the primary and single breadwinner to the era of the whole family working to meet their wants or sometimes just for the living. In the boxing-ring, you face that giant thing, not the sparring partner, but the main challenger of life—commodity prices. This hulk would give you a pretty knockout punch unless you keep pace with him.

It is also the reason behind the increase in number of late marriage and bachelors and spinsters, some of whom have to banish all the thoughts of romance from their minds to bear the brunt of this intangible blow. Save and save the money, but it is always a step backward the fast runner.

Work is the meaning of life, it is often said, but it would be the best be a means of livelihood for the poor who work and work and still cannot get out of the downward spiral of indebtedness. Children are often described as “gems” in our society and poor families tend to have this particular gem than the rich and middle-income earners, making their lives even harder. The vicious circle of poverty and decline in living standard.

The problems of soaring commodity prices and high unemployment rate have been the hot issue for every government around the world. While new jobs are being created, employees do not earn decent salaries. Uneven income distribution has contributed to further widening the gap between rich and poor. Income growth has been significant after the liberalization process, but it belongs to monopolies and certain elites.

Is it a one horse race or the white flag is the only option?

Handout released by UMFC CI for experts talk show

In 2014, Myanmar will host and chair the ASEAN Summits and key ASEAN meetings that fall under the requirement of single chairmanship. Preparations are underway for this historic event, as Myanmar takes the ASEAN chair for the first time since joining the Association, Myanmar will chair ASEAN at an important juncture in the country's history.

A vital part of the preparations for the 2014 events is to create an informed public on ASEAN issues and priorities. This will help to challenges and invigorate discussions carried out among policy-

makers, businesses and research communities as well as in the media. A deeper understanding and appreciation of ASEAN processes, events and initiatives will also help the general public relate to regional and global trends and developments in tandem with the reforms taking place in Myanmar.

The overall aim of this event is to inform and challenges listeners and the general public of Myanmar in an interactive forum, where the audience can pose questions to leading experts. For this purpose, the talk show will be held in Myanmar language (no translation

service will be provided). The event also serves as a forum to exchange opinions and knowledge on ASEAN matters.

The talk show will commence by setting out the issues of the three pillars of the ASEAN Community (Political-Security Community, Economic Community and Socio-Cultural Community). At the end of each pillars presentation, a talk show roundtable discussion on the specific pillar will follow. The talk show will comprise a moderated discussion on ASEAN issues and priorities with relevance to Myanmar's reform process.—NLM

WHO IS TO BLAME?

Almost everybody is proud of his or her birthplace, or native place. So am I. My native town, Wakema is not an insignificant and ordinary town but a well-known town which has produced many famous artistes, vocalists and writers.

Whenever one talks about Wakema, one never fails to have fond memories of (Daw) Khin Hnin Yu, a well-known novelist who was brought up in Thawka Village, Wakema Township in Ayeyawady Region. Fiction-lovers of my contemporaries who have read the novel “Hmway”, one of Khin Hnin Yu's masterpieces may be quite familiar with Thawka Village. In reality, Thawka Village, where famous Thawka Pagoda is situated and famous writer Khin Hnin Yu are inseparable.

When Thawka Pagoda festival was held, we had nice time, riding posh carts or walking or participating in musical troupes. Normally, when we visited the pagoda even on a scorching day, we did not need to bring hats or umbrellas. As the shady lebbek trees known as rain-trees were grown on either side of the street leading to the pagoda, we could tirelessly walk to the pagoda. We hardly saw even spot of sunlight or sunbeam when we were under those shady trees. When we were in our childhood, we used to play tag along the street with the shady trees which made the village pleasanter.

As chance would have it, I paid a visit to

Thawka Village and Thawka Pagoda when I reached my birthplace this summer. To my surprise, the lebbek trees which made the village and the pagoda pleasanter and more graceful were completely depleted. They vanished not because of the Cyclone Nargis or other natural disasters. I learnt that due to the human greed, they were felled. I was flabbergasted.

In the Upper Myanmar, we usually see the placards saying, “Felling a tree will lead to three years of imprisonment.” I do not want to brood over such losses but man must know the great value of trees.

Drink for a day's joy;
Marry for a month's enjoyment;

Plant a tree for life-long happiness.

So goes the saying. Some say that it is a Chinese saying. Others say that its origin is Myanmar. It's no matter to us whether the saying is Myanmar or not. The essence is quite beneficial to the environment and human beings.

Today, the global warming and climate changes are the challenges in the environmental conservation. Global warming is causing more and more deforestation, resulting in climatic changes. Moreover, the world is suffering such natural disasters as soil depletion, floods, storms and desertification.

Scientists say that the main cause of global warming is an increase in

the greenhouse effect which is vital for the existence of living things. As we talk about global warming, we cannot ignore the role forests and trees play in regulating climates.

As the month of July is designated as Myanmar's Arbour Month, it reminds us of our childhood days during which we grew trees in the school precincts. We grew trees, flowery plants and fruit trees. We did so because growing trees and landscaping plants in the school compounds and environs could create a healthy atmosphere. Moreover, by growing vegetables and fruit trees in the school compound, a school can earn income.

In July today, the rainy season tree planting ceremonies for greening the land will be held the length and breadth of the nation. And ceremonies to collectively plant trees to mark the World Arbour Day will also be held. Local organizations together with the public will actively be participating in such activities as planting trees for region-wise greening and conservation of forests and bio-diversity as well as protecting endangered wildlife and rare trees. The thriving of trees, indeed, regulates the weather.

Men and trees are inseparable, depending on each other. Trees help conserve soil and water. In open counties, trees act as windbreaks and keep the wind from blowing away topsoil. Their roots also

prevent soil from being washed away by heavy rains. Several species of trees have proved useful in halting the spread of deserts.

Trees also provide an important source of food and shelter for wildlife and help preserve the balance of gases in the atmosphere. A tree's leaves absorb carbon dioxide from the air and produce oxygen and release it into the atmosphere. These two processes are necessary for people to live. People could not survive if the air had too much carbon dioxide or too little oxygen. Regarding the trees, as we have been taught these factors since our childhood, we are tree lovers.

We grow more trees today to make the coming generations know the value of trees and forests. Being a tree lover, I cannot express joy and satisfaction gained from growing a tree. Tree lovers have to make those who have never experienced it understand how it feels to plant a seed or a sapling and watch it grow. Anyone can have this sort of joy which can be experienced in planting trees.

Greening has more to it than planting trees, be they arboreal, fruit-bearing or flowering. Within or out of the national Arbour Month, we must grow more trees.

Our forefathers grew trees for us and we are to do so for our posterity. If this unending process is interrupted, who is to blame?

We should not be the culprits for the interruption of these unending process.

Bago Region Chief Minister receives foreign guests

YANGON, 12 July—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win held talks with JICA senior representative Mr Kyosuke Inada at the

meeting hall of Region Government Office on 10 July and a delegation led by Chairman Dato' Tan Heng Chew of Tan Chong Group

Co of Malaysia at the same venue, yesterday separately. The meetings focused on the investments in the region.

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Undertakings of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on paying ...

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Singaporean government in accordance with the guidance of the Ministry of Finance. And there are 321 people who got tax exemptions from 1-1-2013 to 21-6-2013. Similarly, the government has not

collected income taxes from those who are working in the foreign countries since tax exemptions as of 1-1-2012. Income taxes were levied on Myanmar citizens who are working in Singapore before 31-12-2011.

4. Thus, Myanmar citizens

working in Singapore are fully enjoying the rights vested by the law. And taxpayers' money are sent daily to the Ministry of Finance through United Overseas Bank. As regards the public complaints this is the public information on undertakings of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on public complaints.

LOCAL NEWS

Work coord meeting on Inlay Lake Conservation held

NYAUNGSHWE, 12 July—A work coordination meeting on conservation of Inlay Lake was held at the hall of the Intha Literature, Culture and Rural Development Group of Nyaungshwe on 9 July.

Intha National Race

Affairs Minister U Win Myint addressed the meeting.

Inlay Lake Greening Project's Assistant Director U Kyin Tun and Manager U Htun Paw Oo of Inlay Lake Project and National Project and the respective

organizations presented their work plans.

The eight organizations will implement Inlay Lake Conservation Project in Nyaungshwe, Kalaw and Pindaya Townships.

Kyemon-Nay Myo Thurain (Nyaungshwe)

AGRICULTURE

Paddy transplanting skills demonstrated

DAWEI, 12 July—The educative farming tasks has been introduced to produce more agriculture products and to transform manual into mechanized farming with the assistance of Taninthayi Region Government.

Under the supervision of Region Agricultural Mechanization Department and Region Agriculture Department, the monsoon paddy transplanting skills were demonstrated at eight-acre farmland of farmer U Than Sein at holdings No.



198, Kanaingdar Farm No. 136 in Kanaingdar village-tract in Dawei Township on 7 July. It was also attended by the Head of Region

Agricultural Mechanization Department, staff, the ward administrator, farmer and villagers.

Kyemon-U Sein Win

Over 10,000 baskets of rice from Kalay flow into Chin State every month

KALAY, 12 July—Over 10,000 baskets of rice are flowing into Chin State every year as the hilly state has not enough farmland to grow rice for feeding the people there.

Chin State buys food stuff and provisions including rice, oil, salt

and sugar, clothes, and construction materials from Kalay while trading its fruits including apple, grape and orange with Kalay since many years ago.

A businessmen who runs rice brokerage said he has to trade around 6000 bags of rice with Haka,

capital city of Chin State, over 5000 bags of rice with Thantlang, over 2000 bags of rice with Falam, over 2000 bags of rice with Tiddim and over 1000 bags with Reedhorda and Tonzang every month.

Kyemon-Wun Yan Kha (Tekkatho)

Traditional medicine hospital wins heart of people in Monywa

MONYWA, 12 July—Myanmar Traditional Medicine Hospital in Monywa is providing health care services to about 75 patients daily, said Medical Superintendent U Nay Aung.

Traditional medicine practitioners disseminate health knowledge to the local people by holding the educative talks. Moreover, they station at the monasteries in Monywa

for providing health care to members of the Sangha twice a month.

One medical superintendent, one traditional medicine practitioner, 10 deputies and 15 assistants are assigned duties at the hospital located on 5.281 acres of land on Myitta Yeikmyon Street in Thalla Myothit Ward of Monywa.

Kyemon-Myo Win Tun (Monywa)



Cargo-loaded light truck overturns in Hsipaw



HSHIPAW, 12 July—A cargo-loaded light truck heading to Lashio from Mandalay overturned near Myitzzima Tea shop and Kitsanar grocery store in Panteintaung ward at the entrance to Hsipaw of Shan State on 9 July.

The driver, the conductor and some

people in the tea shop got injured in the accident. Those injured were sent to Hsipaw People's Hospital. The accident damaged tea shop, grocery store and a motorcycle.

Hsipaw Police Station filed a lawsuit against the driver.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Talks on industrial crops given in Haka

HAKA, 12 July—A ceremony to hold talks on industrial crops took place at City Hall of Haka on 9 July in Haka of Chin State in conjunction with the opening of commercial mushroom growing course (1/2013).

Chin State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Van Thong delivered a speech, and head of Industrial Crops Development Department U Saw Byat Mahn explained the purpose of the course. A total of 30 trainees are



attending five-day course which is conducted by State Industrial Crops Development Department. The course aims to reduce

rural poverty rate, boost agricultural produces and extend growing of industrial crops.

Kyemon- Chin State IPRD

Road repaved at Monywa Home for the Aged



MONYWA, 12 July—The road at Monywa Home for the Aged located on 12.15 acres of land at the corner of Pyidaungsu Road and Than Street in Nyaungbinzauk Ward of Monywa has been completed nearing cent per cent.

K 8 million fund of over K 10 million contributed by local people as of 15 September 2012 was spent on repaving the road. The

remaining K 2 million will be spent on placing concrete in front of the Home Office.

The asphalt road is between the entrance to the Home and the roadabout.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing (Aye Yeik Wai family) donated asphalt and 50 gallons of diesel for construction of the road.

Moreover, the construction committee members and local people contributed to upgrading the road as much as they can.

Kyemon-Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

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

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

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

MNA

Obama claims broccoli is his favourite food

WASHINGTON, 12 July —President Barack Obama likes burgers, hot dogs and such, but when it came time to answer a kid journalist's question about his favourite food, broccoli was the first word that sprang from his lips. This revelation came on Tuesday at a White House event that recognized children who won a healthy recipe contest, as part of first lady Michelle Obama's anti-obesity campaign.

Having fun with the children, Obama agreed to take two questions from the journalists among them. The first asked what was Obama's favourite food. Broccoli was the presidential reply, according to a White House aide.

This from a politician who has literally eaten his way across the country: Burgers in a Washington suburb with Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev; ribs in Asheville, North Carolina; hot dogs at a basketball game in Dayton, Ohio; and a tasty pastry called a kringle in Wisconsin. Obama's disclosure puts him starkly at odds with the culinary tastes of George HW Bush, who as President famously declared his dislike for broccoli.

"And I haven't liked it since I was a little kid and my mother made me eat it. And I'm president of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli!" Bush said in 1990.



US President Barack Obama greets guests at the second annual "Kids' State Dinner", to honour the winners of a nationwide recipe challenge to promote healthy lunches, at the White House in Washington on 9 July 2013.—REUTERS

Steamed broccoli growers shipped thousands of pounds of broccoli to the White House in protest, and the vegetable was farmed out to homeless shelters.

Obama was clearly enjoying the spirit of the anti-obesity event, called the "Kids' State Dinner," which recognized winning recipes like "picky eater pita pizza pockets" and "sweet potato

turkey sliders." "Food can be fun. It can be healthy," Obama said. "You are setting up habits that are going to be great your entire life."

He joked that he's not much of a cook. "(In) my family, when they cooked vegetables, they were all boiled." Since then, he said, he has learned that healthy food can also taste good.

Reuters

Russian protest leader Navalny briefly detained

Moscow, 12 July—Russian police briefly detained anti-graft blogger Alexei Navalny on Wednesday after the prominent critic of President Vladimir Putin submitted documents to register as a candidate for the Moscow mayor election in September.

Navalny, 37, who is accused of embezzling funds from a state firm and faces six years imprisonment in a trial due to end next week, had been greeting several hundred supporters after leaving the election committee when he was dragged into a police van.

Surrounding the van to prevent it driving away, the crowd chanted "Shame!" and "Navalny is our mayor!" "It is as bizarre for me as it is for all of you," Navalny said after being released. "I am grateful to those people who blocked the (police) bus and prevented it from leaving."

Navalny's future remains uncertain as he awaits the 18 July verdict in a trial in which he is accused of embezzling half a million US dollars from a state timber company in 2009. State prosecutors are seeking a six-year jail term for Navalny, who denies any wrongdoing and says the trial is a political vendetta orchestrated by the Kremlin to put an end to his political activity.

Under Russian law Navalny, who has also expressed presidential ambitions, will not be able to run in the 8 September Moscow race or any future elections if he is convicted next week in the provincial city of Kirov, 1,000 km east of Moscow. Putin's critics point to the Navalny trial as an example of an intensifying crackdown on dissent since the former KGB spy returned to the Kremlin for a third term in 2012.—Reuters



Armed policemen patrol along the Qinghai-Tibet Railway at the 1,686-metre Kunlun Mountain Tunnel in northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 9 July, 2013. The armed policemen overcome the harsh climate and lack of oxygen, and stick to their post.

XINHUA

US requires more flight hours for pilots after Asiana crash

WASHINGTON, 12 July —The US Federal Aviation Administration announced on Wednesday it would increase the required flying hours for co-pilots significantly, four days after the deadly crash landing of an Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 commercial plane in San Francisco.

The Federal Aviation Administration said it would require co-pilots, also known as first officers, to have 1,500 hours of flight training for their certification to fly US passenger and cargo airlines, which is a huge jump from the 250 flight hours previously required.

The rule also requires co-pilots to have an aircraft type rating, which involves additional training and testing specific to the airplanes they fly.

"We owe it to the travelling public to have only the most qualified and best

trained pilots," said Anthony Foxx, the new US Transportation Secretary in a statement.

FAA Administrator Michael Huerta said the new standards for pilot qualifications would make flying on US airlines safer.

"The rule gives first officers a stronger foundation of aeronautical knowledge and experience before they fly for an air carrier," Huerta said. "With this rule and our efforts to address pilot fatigue — both initiatives championed by the families of Colgan flight 3407 — we're making a safe system even safer."

The agency said the new regulations stem in part from the tragic crash of Colgan Air 3407 in February 2009 that killed 50 people. The rule also addresses a Congressional mandate in the Airline Safety and Federal Aviation Administration Extension Act of

2010 to ensure that both pilots and co-pilots receive the Airline Transport Pilot certification.

The announcement comes four days after the Asiana Airlines crash in San Francisco that killed two Chinese passengers and wounded more than 180 people. The Boeing 777-200 aircraft carried 16 crew members and 291 passengers, including 141 Chinese, 77 citizens from the Republic of Korea and 61 Americans.

The National Transportation Safety Board has said the Asiana airplane was flying too slowly as it attempted to land at San Francisco International Airport. The agency has also revealed that the pilots of the airplane discussed aborting the attempted landing seconds before the plane crashed into the ground.

Xinhua

UN chief calls for support for adolescent girls

UNITED NATIONS, 12 July—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday called for resources for the education, health and well-being of adolescent girls, demanding global attention to adolescent pregnancy. Ban said that complications from pregnancy and childbirth can cause grave disabilities, and are the leading cause of death for these vulnerable young women.

"To address these problems, we must get girls into primary school and enable them to receive a good education through their adolescence," he said in his message on the eve of the World Population Day, which is to be observed on Thursday. He also called for age-appropriate, comprehensive education on sexuality to all adolescents, which is especially important to empowering young women to decide when and if they wish to become mothers. UN figures show about 16 million teenage girls under age 18 give birth each year, and that another 3.2 million undergo unsafe abortions.—Xinhua

Gunmen open fire on Egyptian military commander in Sinai

CAIRO, 12 July—Gunmen opened fire on top Egyptian military commander in Sheikh Zuwaïda area in Sinai, Military spokesman said on Wednesday.

Gunmen in a car coming from Rafah borders area attacked the convoy of the Commander of the Second Field Army, General Ahmed Wasfy, who was inspecting the security personnel at the area.

The commander's guards exchanged fire with the attackers and arrested the driver of the car, while

other attackers ran away.

The guards seized the attackers' car in which they found an injured child who died after she was transferred to Arish hospital. Two guns and a US made field binoculars were found in the car. Security forces are in hunt for the escaped terrorists. Early in the day at least two Egyptians including an army recruit were killed and six others were injured in another armed attack by extremists in North Sinai, near the border with Israel.

Xinhua



Employees of the expansion project of the Panama Canal work on the new set of locks in the Cocoli sector, in Panama City, capital of Panama, on 10 July, 2013. It's expected that the Atlantic side of the expansion will be finished by December 2014, and the Pacific side mid 2015, according to the local Press.—XINHUA

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200 inmates escape from Indonesian prison amid riot



A policeman stands guard in front of the Tanjung Gusta penitentiary in north Sumatra Island's Medan city, Indonesia, on 11 July, 2013. Around 200 inmates escaped from a crowded prison in north Sumatra Island's Medan city on Thursday night after a riot, local media reported. —XINHUA

JAKARTA, 12 July—Around 200 inmates escaped from a crowded prison in north Sumatra Island's Medan city on Thursday night after a riot, local media reported.

The riot, triggered by the cut of water and electricity supply in Tanjung Gusta penitentiary, occurred at 17:30 Jakarta Time when

the rampant prisoners set the fire, broke the gate of the main door and controlled part of the penitentiary to fight against the security forces, Indonesia's news detik.com reported. "Preliminary estimates show some 200 inmates escaped, 15 of them are doubted to be terror prisoners," North Sumatra Police spokesman

Heru Prakoso told detik.com, adding that the police are instructed to recapture the inmates.

Detik.com reported that fire fighters, prison officers and police are still trying to extinguish the fire and recontrol the situation as the rampant inmates continue to throw stones on them.

In anticipation of further incidents, police officers and the army personnel are deployed around and in the prison.

Tanjung Gusta penitentiary is often criticized for its poor security and overcrowding. With a capacity to accommodate only 1,000 inmates, now a total of 2,600 prisoners were jailed there.—Xinhua

amongst faculty members. "Welcome to Beijing", a Chinese song jointly performed by students of Confucius Institute at the Kathmandu University and the teachers of the institute, was another highlight of the programme.

The audience cheered along as the Nepali students echoed the auditorium with their well polished Chinese ascent. Major Sudhir KC, one of the Nepali Army officers attending the course, said that he had a lot of affection towards China.

"I have been to China," said KC. "I like everything about this country. We have a lot to learn from them in terms of development."

KC's statement was echoed by his Sri Lankan classmate Major Kanpk Kodituwakku, who praised the two Chinese officers for their humble nature. "Their presentation was excellent. Of all the participants in the course, the two Chinese are the most helpful," said Kodituwakku, adding that it was this trait that the other countries had to learn from the Chinese people.

Xinhua

LDP's efforts to mobilize women fail to impress working mothers

TOKYO, 12 July —Despite Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's pledge to take steps to support child-rearing and mobilize women for Japan's economic growth, some of the proposals made by the premier and his Liberal Democratic Party have not been received well by working mothers.

"I have the impression that the LDP's (proposed solutions) are superficial. They probably just think that advocating policies related to women and children would burnish their image" prior to the upcoming House of Councillors election, said Chikako Ninomiya, a 33-year-old resident of Tokyo's Sugunami Ward who works for a publisher. She has a 1-year-old boy.

Abe has placed greater participation of women in the workforce at the



A photo taken on 9 July, 2013, shows cosmetic company Shiseido Co's in-house daycare for children in Tokyo. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe visited the facility in May to pitch his policy promoting greater workforce participation by women and expansion of support for working mothers.

KYODO NEWS

core of his economic policies dubbed "Abenomics," which are aimed at ending deflation and accelerating growth in Japan, which is

likely to face a shortfall in labour as a result of its rapidly aging population and declining birthrate.

Kyodo News

Radioactive water dumped into river for agricultural water in Fukushima

TOKYO, 12 July—JDC Corp, a medium-sized general contractor, discharged 340 tons of radiation-contaminated water into a river for agricultural water in Minamisoma, Fukushima Prefecture, following the March 2011 nuclear disaster, JDC sources said on Thursday.

But officials of relevant local governments

complained they had been left unaware of the action.

JDC sources said the company took the action because it thought there would be no problem after hearing the governmental Japan Atomic Energy Agency had explained the action to the relevant local governments.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 11 July, 2013 shows the collapsed Chuanxi Bridge in Junyue Town of Pengzhou City, southwest China's Sichuan Province. Rainstorms battered the region these days, and the fast flow of the river water brought damages to the bridge. The damages had been found in time and the traffic had been controlled. No casualties were reported in the accident.

XINHUA

Australian PM to visit Papua New Guinea

CANBERRA, 12 July—Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd will visit Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG), from 14 to 15 July, a prime minister's press release said on Thursday.

In Port Moresby, Rudd will meet his PNG counterpart Peter O' Neill to discuss priority bilateral interests, including joint work in policing and health.

As PNG and Australia are both Pacific countries, the Prime Ministers will also discuss cooperation on shared regional challenges.

This will be the second overseas trip by Rudd after he was sworn in as prime minister on 27 June.

"Papua New Guinea is Australia's nearest neighbour and one of our most important bilateral partners. Our unique relationship is based on shared history, extensive business links, the deep friendship between our two peoples and close government ties," the Press release said.

Bilateral trade and investment relationship is "vibrant and growing". Two-way trade stands at more than 7 billion AU dollars (6.37 billion US dollars), growing by 2.2 per cent in 2012. —Xinhua

Nepal Army officers get a taste of China

KATHMANDU, 12 July—Two Chinese Army officers presented a vivid China in a presentation at Nepal's Army Command and Staff College in Kathmandu on Thursday.

Lieutenant Colonel Li Yunfeng and Lieutenant Colonel Pan Yong gave a brief description of the Chinese history, people, festival, economy and the country's diplomatic relations with Nepal to 100 audiences, including Chinese Ambassador to Nepal Wu Chuntai.

Li and Pan are among the 43 students in the college that includes 13 students from eight different countries. The Army Command and Staff College is one of the most important military institutions in Nepal.

According to its website, the international student's day is one of the most important events of the college, wherein students are given emphasis to showcase their cuisine and culture.

The college organizes such event each year to create lively social interactions

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Civilian plane impounded for penetrating military airspace in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 12 July—The South African armed forces on Wednesday announced a civilian plane had been impounded for flying into the military airspace.

Without the air clearance, the plane invaded the military airspace at the Waterkloof Air Base on Tuesday night, said the South African National Defence Force (SADF) in a statement. The Waterkloof Air Base is situated on the outskirts of the administrative

capital of Pretoria, the busiest and most important air base in South Africa.

Three occupants of the plane had been arrested and sent to a police station for investigation, the statement said. The pilot of the grounded plane was an Austrian national, claiming he was practicing as a night

flight cadet, according to the SADF.

The plane was registered in South Africa, belonging to a flight training school in Johannesburg.

Denying the intentional intrusion into the military airspace, the pilot said he lost his orientation as he was flying on Tuesday night,

mistakenly entering the military airspace due to the dizziness.

However, the disorientation of a pilot would face serious consequences. It is possible for a disoriented civil plane entering a military airspace to be shot down as an invading hostile target.—Xinhua

19 killed, 16 injured in Peru road crash

LIMA, 12 July—At least 19 people were killed and 16 others injured on Wednesday when a bus they were travelling in fell off a cliff in the Peruvian Andes, said the police. The tragedy occurred early Wednesday on a stretch of highway known as "Mal Paso" (bad passage) near the town of Colcabamba in the Tayacaja Province.

The bus was carrying 40 to 45 passengers when it lost control and plunged 300 metres into the cliff, said the Highway Police. The driver of the bus appeared to have been competing with another bus of the same company to see which vehicle could pass first through a blind curve along the stretch of road, it said. The accident site is distant and remote, a fact that hinders efforts to rescue the survivors and retrieve bodies.—Xinhua



Farmers in holiday array attend an Ongkor Festival prayer ceremony in Gonggar County, southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 10 July, 2013. Farmers of the Tibetan ethnic group pray for good harvests during the annual Ongkor Festival, or Bumper Harvest Festival. In doing so, the farmers walk around crop fields in praying processions led by Buddhist lamas and elder members of the community.

XINHUA

UN Mission condemns roadside bombing in Afghanistan

UNITED NATIONS, 12 July—The UN Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) on Wednesday strongly condemned roadside bombing in the country, which killed some women and children, a spokesperson said.

The acting head of the Mission, Nicholas Haysom, said that he is deeply disturbed by the continued killing of Afghan civilians by improvised explosive devices, UN spokesperson Martin

Nesirky told reporters at a daily news briefing.

The Mission said that the use of such tactics, which fail to distinguish between civilians and combatants, is a violation of international humanitarian law and may amount to war crimes, according to the spokesperson.

Haysom reiterated the call by the Mission upon all parties to the conflict to respect the sanctity of this holy month of Ramadan, and avoid actions which could

harm civilians, Nesirky said.

Up to 17 people, including 12 women and four children, were killed on Tuesday when a vehicle was struck by roadside bombing in the western Afghan Province of Herat.

Taliban militants have been largely relying on roadside bombing and suicide attacks in fighting Afghan security force and NATO-led troops based in Afghanistan, often causing civilian casualties.—Xinhua

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

Sealed tenders are invited by the Department of Health, Central Medical Stores Depot for the supply of Toyota Hiace Ambulance (26)Nos.

Tender documents are available during office hours at the office, Commencing from (15.7.2013).

Sealed bids are to be submitted to the office, not later than (15.8.2013) 14:00 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraphi/telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Director(Medical Stores) Phone No. 371969, 372362, 371284.

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Teenage relative arrested in death of autistic California boy

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—Remains fitting the description of a missing autistic boy were found buried in a shallow grave near his California home on Wednesday, police said, and a 16-year-old family member was arrested on suspicion of murder.

Captain John Hill, acting police chief of Menifee, California, said the remains had not yet been formally identified as the missing 11-year-old, Terry Smith, but appeared to belong to a male juvenile.

Police declined to name the suspect, citing the ongoing investigation, but said he is a 16-year-old relative of the missing boy who was taken into custody on suspicion of murder following an interview by detectives. "One of the things I want to stress is that this is a domestic issue within that residence, and that there is no stranger in the city of Menifee that caused this to happen," Hill said at a news conference.

Terry Smith was reported missing from his home in Menifee, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles, on Sunday morning, prompting a search by authorities using helicopters and bloodhounds that

was assisted by local volunteers.

The Riverside County Sheriff's Department has said the boy was last seen alive by his older brother between 7:30 pm and 9 pm on Saturday and that his mother contacted police when she did not find him in bed mid-morning the following day.

Hill said investigators went to the home early on Wednesday morning after receiving a report that possible human remains had been spotted there by a volunteer searcher, then found the partially exposed body.

He said police conducted multiple searches of the property using dogs and volunteers after the boy was reported missing, but did not explain how the remains were not found earlier. "Sometimes it takes awhile for us to put all the puzzle pieces together in a circumstance like this," he said.

Local television news images showed forensic technicians working under a green tarp to remove the remains from dirt about 75 feet from the home and load the remains into a coroner's van with darkened windows.

Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT

Honouring opera to 'Star Wars,' Obama awards arts medals to 24

WASHINGTON, 12 July — Citing the power of artists and academics to open minds, President Barack Obama on Wednesday awarded 24 medals to people including "Star Wars" creator George Lucas and writer Joan Didion who he said touched his life and the lives of Americans.

"They challenge us to think and to question and to discover, to seek that inward significance," Obama said, awarding the winners of the National Medal of Arts and National Humanities Medal at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House.

This year's winners included filmmaker George Lucas, creator of "Star Wars," whom Obama ap-

plauded for transforming movies.

"I remember when I first saw 'Star Wars,' Obama said. "There's a whole generation that thinks special effects always look like they do today. But it used to be you'd see, like, the string on the little model spaceships."

Obama, known for his love of basketball and football, seemed particularly tickled to award a medal to Frank Deford, the legendary sportswriter who has spent 50 years at *Sports Illustrated* magazine.

"Frank, I grew up reading *Sports Illustrated*, and I think it was very good for me," Obama said, to laughter. He praised the winners for working hard and fol-

lowing their dreams against the odds.

One of the most poignant moments of the ceremony came when Obama strode to the edge of the stage to meet author Joan Didion, 78, frail and elegant, carefully lifting the thick red ribbon holding the palm-sized humanities medal over her neck.

"Today, decades into her career, she remains one of our sharpest and most respected observers of American politics and culture," Obama said, describing how Didion taught herself to read as her family moved frequently around the country with her father, who was an Army officer.

He cited the courage shown by Ernest Gaines,



US President Barack Obama awards the 2012 National Medal of Arts to film producer George Lucas during a ceremony at the East Room of the White House in Washington on 10 July, 2013.—REUTERS

the descendent of Louisiana sharecroppers, who writes about the lives of African Americans, and blues and jazz musician Allen Toussaint, who helped revive his

native New Orleans with music after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Other medal winners included Herb Alpert, who made Latin music

popular in the 1960s and co-founded of A&M Records, soprano Renee Fleming, playwright Tony Kushner and comedian Elaine May.

Reuters



US singer Kanye West performs during the 10th Mawazine World Rhythms music festival in Rabat on 21 May, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

Cole outsells Kanye, album climbs to No 1 on Billboard chart

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Hip-hop artist J Cole's album "Born Sinner" outsold rapper Kanye West's "Yeezus" and Wale's "The Gifted" to climb to No 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, notching Cole's second chart-topping record.

"Born Sinner," released on 18 June, sold 58,000 copies last week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan, and made the relatively rare climb from No 2 to No 1 this week.

Billboard said there have been only 76 albums in chart history that did not debut at No 1 but rose to the top in subsequent weeks on the album chart.

"Born Sinner" has sold 439,000 copies to date, out-selling West's "Yeezus," which debuted at No 1 three weeks ago but has only

amassed cumulative sales of 431,000 copies.

Wale's "The Gifted," which knocked West off the top spot last week, dropped to No 2 this week with sales of 50,000. "Yeezus" fell to No 3, selling 39,000 copies.

Only one new album cracked the Top 10 in the Billboard 200 this week. R&B singer Joe landed at No 6 with his latest "Doubleback: Evolution of R&B." Overall album sales for the week ending 7 July totalled 4.9 million, down 16 percent from the comparable week in 2012, according to Billboard.

Next week's chart is likely to get a shake-up from Jay-Z's new album "Magna Carta... Holy Grail," which is expected to top the Billboard 200 with sales projections of 350,000 to 400,000 copies in its first week.—Reuters

Russell Crowe keen to act in Man of Steel prequel

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Gladiator actor Russell Crowe is keen to star in the *Man of Steel* prequel.

The 49-year-old actor, who played Superman's biological father in the new movie, revealed on Twitter that he is all set to "give the tights another go" if Legendary Pictures plan to make another version of the film, reported Contactmusic.

"A lot of you are asking about a 'Krypton' prequel, if that's something you feel strongly about let @Legendary pictures know your thoughts (sic)" he tweeted.

His tweet revealing his interest in the superhero film came as a response to a fan



Russell Crowe played the role of Superman's biological father in *Man of Steel*.

questioning him whether he was "shamefully" trying to get such a project up.

To which the actor responded, "Just getting sick of reading the same question mate, however, if it came up,

I'd give the tights another go (sic)," Reports suggest that while the pre-production of *Man of Steel* sequel is due later this year, the filming will begin only next year.

Reuters

Maggie Gyllenhaal: Hollywood business tough but exciting

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal says she is still not used to the cut-throat nature of competition in Hollywood.

The 35-year-old, who is known for her roles in films such as *Adaptation* and *Crazy Heart*, still has moments of doubt about her career.

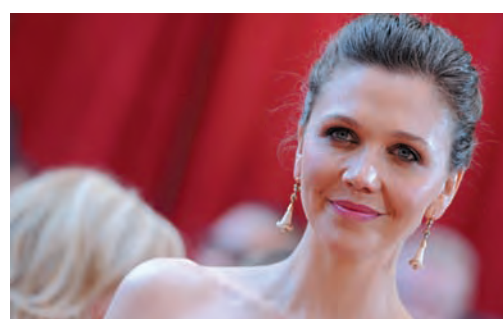
"I think I'm a lot less tough than I kinda act like I am. I do find the business tough but exciting, and I do enjoy my job. It gets me down but it also really, really takes me up," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Gyllenhaal as saying.

"I like the ride of going

through a project, but all the stuff around it can sometimes be really exciting, and sometimes not," she said.

Gyllenhaal has two daughters, Ramona, six, and 14-month-old Gloria with actor-husband Peter Sarsgaard. She said that her eldest daughter is often

confused by her parents' movie careers. "Ramona and actress Rachel Weisz's son (Henry) was in her kindergarten class last year. She saw a picture of the witch in *Oz the Great and Powerful*, which is Rachel, and she was like, 'I'm scared by that witch'," she said.—Reuters

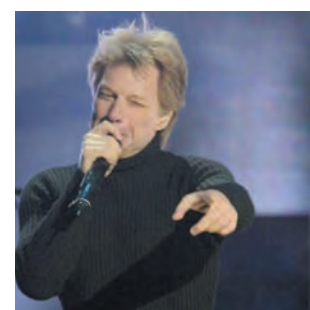


Maggie Gyllenhaal says that she still has doubts about her career.

Jon Bon Jovi's million dollar donation

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Rock star Jon Bon Jovi has donated USD 1 million to the New Jersey Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund.

"Returning home is humbling. My being here is not political, it's emotional. I grew up here. I went to school here. I met my wife here," he said.



Jon Bon Jovi visited his hometown days after the storm and spent time comforting the area's residents.

Days after the storm devastated areas of Sayreville, the 51-year-old singer visited his hometown and spent time comforting area residents, reported E! online. "One thought came to me. What can I do? One of the residents responded, saying, 'Use your voice,'" he added.

His *Because We Can* tour will resume in North America on 12 July in Chicago. The group is set to play two hometown shows at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, on 25 July and 27 July.—PTI

SPORTS

Napoli sign Spanish forward Callejon from Real Madrid



Real Madrid's Jose Callejon celebrates his goal against Ajax Amsterdam during their Champions League Group D soccer match at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 4 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

MADRID, 12 July—Serie A club Napoli have agreed to sign versatile Spanish forward Jose Callejon from La Liga side Real Madrid on a four-year deal.

The 26-year-old, a

product of Real's youth academy who also had a stint at Espanyol, represented Spain at Under-21 level and joins up with compatriot Rafa Benitez, who was appointed Napoli coach at the end of May.

Benitez replaced Walter Mazzarri, who quit after the team finished second behind Juventus last season to qualify for the Champions League.

"Callejon has signed a four-year contract," Napoli said on their website on Thursday. Real confirmed the player was moving to the southern Italian port city.

Callejon was initially given a good deal of playing time under former Real coach Jose Mourinho, who quit at the end of last term, but later fell out of favour and barely featured in the Portuguese's final few months. He typically plays as a forward and has a keen eye for goal but can also operate in midfield.—Reuters

Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola confirms interest in Thiago Alcantara

RIVA DEL GARDA, (Italy), 12 July—Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola on Thursday confirmed the European champions' interest in Barcelona midfielder Thiago Alcantara.

Spanish media had already linked the 22-year-old Alcantara to the Champions League winners and ex-Barcelona coach Guardiola has admitted he has asked the Bavarian giants to sign the midfielder.

"Yes, I want Thiago Alcantara, I have asked (Bayern to get him)," said Guardiola at Bayern's pre-season training camp in north Italy.

"I know him very, very well. He's a great player and can cover three, four, five

positions." "I have talked to (chairman Karl-Heinz) Rummenigge and (director of sport Matthias) Sammer, we will have to wait and see."

Thiago is the only player I want, it will be him or no one. "We have many players, but we need the special qualities Thiago Alcantara brings."

Both Manchester United and Real Madrid have been linked to Alcantara, who has a market value of around 20 million euros (US\$26m) and captained Spain Under-21 to the European title and was voted player of the tournament. Alcantara, who has a contract at Barcelona until June 2015, scored a first-half hat-trick as Spain beat Italy

4-2 in the European Under-21 Championships in Jerusalem last month. Bayern already have several midfield stars with Germany's Mario Goetze signed from Borussia Dortmund, plus Holland's Arjen Robben, France's Franck Ribery, Thomas Mueller, Toni Kroos and Swiss Xherdan Shaqiri vying for places.

"I don't think adding another midfielder will be a problem for us," said Guardiola.



Thiago Alcantara

"I spoke to club about my concept and told them why I want Thiago Alcantara."

"I give my opinion, but I listen to the board. If they say no, that's ok." "Nobody will leave Barcelona, unless they feel they won't play much. He wants to play. That's why I proposed him to the club."—PTI

Rafael Nadal will bounce back for US Open, says coach



Rafael Nadal

STUTTGART, (Germany), 12 July—Rafael Nadal will bounce back from his shock first-round exit at Wimbledon in time for the US Open next month, his coach insisted on

Thursday. The 27-year-old French Open champion suffered his earliest exit at a major when he was stunned by Belgium's Steve Darcis on the first day of Wimbledon. His straight-sets defeat

to Darcis, ranked 135th in the world, led to speculation about the impact of the clay-court season on a previous injury, an inflammation of the knee cap, which curtailed Nadal's 2012 campaign.

But his uncle and coach Toni has insisted that the 12-time Grand Slam champion will ease himself back into his training regime in time for the US Open, which begins on 26 August.

"Rafa will come back. He has no fear of the (hard court) surface—he has nothing more to lose," Toni Nadal told SID, an AFP subsidiary, at the ATP tournament in Stuttgart.

Man United's Rooney out for a month with injury

MANCHESTER, 12 July—Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney faces a month on the sidelines after suffering a hamstring injury training in Thailand on their tour of the Far East and Australia, the English champions said on Thursday.

The 27-year-old will be doubtful for the Community Shield clash with FA Cup winners Wigan Athletic at Wembley in the traditional season curtain raiser on 11 August before United begin their Premier League title defence at Swansea City a week later.

He could also miss England's friendly with Scotland at Wembley on 14 August.

"Following a scan this evening on a hamstring in-

jury sustained in training, it has been decided that Wayne Rooney should return home immediately for further assessment and rehabilitation," United said on their website (www.manutd.com).

"It is anticipated he will be unavailable for selection for a month," added the statement as Rooney prepared to fly back to England from

Bangkok for treatment.

Rooney has been the subject of transfer speculation since retired United manager Alex Ferguson said at the end of last season the England forward had asked to leave the club. However, new United coach Moyes reiterated on Wednesday the striker was not for sale and would not be leaving Old Trafford.—Reuters



Wayne Rooney

Flawless Johnson in tie for John Deere lead

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—Rejuvenated by improved form with his driver, Zach Johnson made a strong start to his title defence at the John Deere Classic in Silvis, Illinois as he surged into a share of the lead in Thursday's opening round.

The 37-year-old American piled up seven birdies in a flawless display for a sizzling seven-under-par 64 at the TPC Deere Run, finishing joint top with Colombia's Camilo Villegas.

Burly Zimbabwean Brendon de Jonge was a further stroke back, mixing four birdies with an eagle at the par-five 10th to end the round level with Americans Matt Bettencourt and Daniel Summerhays.

Most eyes, however, will be firmly focused on Johnson who triumphed here last year with a birdie on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to

edge out compatriot Troy Matteson. Johnson has now posted sub-70 scores in his last 17 competitive rounds on the par-71 layout.

"I am very pleased," Johnson, a nine-times winner on the PGA Tour, told Golf Channel after making four birdies in his last nine holes. "Very few mistakes, one maybe two errant shots. I was very much in control, and very in control on the greens."

"I hit my driver beautifully, putted great and gave myself a lot of good opportunities. That's all you can ask for. Hopefully I can just continue that consistency for the remainder of the week."

Johnson was especially pleased with his driving, a component of his game which gave him trouble early on this season when he missed the cut three times in his first seven PGA Tour events.—Reuters



Zach Johnson of the US tees off on the second hole during the second round of The Players Championship PGA golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida on 10 May, 2013.—REUTERS

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Bayern's Pep Guardiola explains his resignation from Barcelona

RIVA DEL GARDA, (Italy), 12 July — Bayern Munich coach Pep Guardiola finally shed some light on his resignation at Barcelona on Thursday — and confirmed he hoped to raid his old club for midfielder Thiago Alcantara.

Guardiola, 42, quit as head coach at Barca after winning 14 titles during his four-year reign at the Camp Nou between 2008 and 2012.

"After four years the desire was gone in Barcelona," Guardiola said at Bayern's training camp in northern Italy.

"The same players, the same opponents, the same journalists, the same games.

Now everything is new.

"It's good for my experience. My family will come to Munich soon, it's a good education and therefore I'm grateful."

He also confirmed the European champions' interest in Alcantara.

Spanish media had already linked the 22-year-old with a move to Bayern and Guardiola admitted he has already asked the Bavarian giants to sign the midfielder.

"Yes, I want Thiago Alcantara, I have asked (Bayern to get him)," he said.

"I know him very, very well. He's a great player and can cover three, four,



Pep Guardiola

five positions.

"I have talked to (chairman Karl-Heinz) Rummenigge and (director of sport Matthias) Sammer, we will have to wait and see.

"Thiago is the only player I want, it will be him or no one.

"We have many players, but we need the special qualities Thiago Alcantara brings."—PTI

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Leftist rebels free kidnapped village official in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 12 July — Leftist group of New People's Army (NPA) has released a village official kidnapped by the rebel group last 30 June in southern Philippines, local police on Friday said.

Caraga region police spokesperson Martin Gamba said that Edgar Bantusan, councilman of Santa Teresa, a village in Southern Philippine town of Loreto, Agusan

del Sur Province, was freed at 8 pm on Wednesday by his captors in the hinterland village of Johnson, also in Loreto.

"According to the victim, he was hogtied, blindfolded and moved to several locations during his ten-day captivity. He had been suspected of being a military informant and a supporter of Mayor Dario Otaza," Gamba told *Xinhua*.

The police spokesperson said Local and tribal officials had negotiated with Bantusan's abductors to release him days after several NPA members snatched him at gunpoint near his house late last month, adding that the victim is now undergoing medical checkup at a local hospital after he complained of stress, exhaustion and stomach pains.

Xinhua

US "Operation Wild Web" targets illegal trade of endangered animal species, parts

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Rene De La Peza was unaware that he had become a target of undercover US agents when he advertised to sell a jaguar skin on Craigslist, a shopping website.

Peza and five other residents in Southern California have been arrested and charged with selling endangered animal species and parts, including tiger and bear skin, jaguar skin, pelts taken from wild cats, etc., the US district attorney's office said on Thursday.

US law enforcement agencies have launched an undercover operation dubbed "Wild Web" to target offenders who use the Internet to advertise and sell endangered animal species and parts.

Peza, 42, of Haci-

enda Heights in Southern California, was caught red-handed when he tried to sell a jaguar skin for 15,000 dollars after advertising the item on Craigslist.

If convicted, Peza could be sent to federal prison for up to one year. Jaguars, the largest cat found in the Americas, have been listed as endangered for 40 years.

According to the US district attorney's office, Hanna Karim, 44, and his wife, Margarita Licmitros, 36, were accused of selling a Sumatran Tiger skin for 8,000 dollars after the item was advertised on Craigslist.

Michael Roy McIntire, 59, was accused of selling three migratory bird mounts in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act

of 1918.

All migratory birds, such as the birds involved in this case — a canvasback, a cinnamon teal and a mallard, are all protected under treaties between the United States, Russia, Canada and Mexico. Even legally hunted birds cannot be sold.

Rodrigo Macedo, 29, was accused of selling two Western Scrub Jays in violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, a charge that carries a maximum penalty of six months in federal prison.

Lewis Keister, 42, a resident of the Hancock Park District of Los Angeles, was charged with a felony offense of illegally trafficking wildlife for allegedly selling a pair of seal fur moccasins for 750

dollars last August.

The complaint affidavit also alleged that he sold three native American dolls, one said to be made of whale bone, and three bags, one made of seal fur, to an undercover agent last December. If convicted, Keister would face a maximum possible penalty of five years in prison, according to the US attorney's office.—*Xinhua*

Two drown as boat capsizes in swelling river in E India

NEW DELHI, 12 July — At least 10 people, including nine children, have drowned after a boat capsized in a swelling river in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, said police on Friday.



Pedestrians walk amid high temperatures in front of JR Tokyo Station in the Japanese capital on 12 July, 2013. A heat wave continued in the Japanese archipelago, with temperature hitting more than 35 C before noon the same day in parts of Shizuoka, Mie, Hyogo, and Toyama prefectures.—KYODO NEWS

The incident took place at a tributary of the Kosi river on Thursday night in Alamnagar of Madhepura District in the state. The boat is said to be overpacked. Water level in the Kosi river, known for caus-

ing flood during the monsoon season, has been rising due to rains this week.

Boat capsizing takes place frequently in India due to overpacking, water torrent in the rivers and bad boat conditions.—*Xinhua*

Prize awarding for invitational friendly golf tournament held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The prize awarding for four-nation invitational friendly golf tournament took place at Nay Pyi Taw Golf Course, here, this afternoon.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, senior military officers from the

Office of Commander-in-Chief, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, managers and golfers from Myanmar, India, Singapore and Thailand attended the ceremony.

First, Vice-Senior General Soe Win presented championship trophy and individual awards to Indian Tatmadaw Golf Team and second prize and individual awards to Royal Thai Armed Forces Team. Then, General Hla Htay Win awarded individual prizes to winners.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Soe Win poses for documentary photo with prize winning golfers in four-nation invitational friendly golf tournament.—MNA

Union Peace-making Work Committee enters peace talks with “Wa” Special Region (2) Peace-making Group



NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—A delegation led by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Thein Zaw entered peace talks with U Kyauk Kaw An and party of “Wa” Special Region (2) Peace-making Group at Triangle Region Command

Headquarters in Kengtung in Shan State (East) this afternoon.

Also present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Win Tun and U Khin Maung Soe, Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut of the

Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Shan State Hluttaw Speaker U Sai Lon Sam, the commander of Triangle Region Command, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint and Maj-Gen

*Vice-Chairman
U Thein Zaw of
Union Peace-Making
Work Committee and
an official of “Wa”
Special Region (2)
Peace-Making Group
exchange notes at the
peace talks.—MNA*

Zaw Win, the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Both sides could sign an agreement after the cordial discussion.

The following is the translation of the agreement.

Agreement between Union Peace-Making Work Committee and “Wa” Special Region (2) at peace talks in Kengtung on 12 July 2013

1. Follow the agreements that emerge from the discussion
2. Maintain the already-achieved mutual understandings, trust and fine tradition of peace and continue

making cooperation for reaching eternal peace through constructive discussions

3. Make transparent coordination as quickly as possible based on the constructive ways at a time when there emerge the military issues between Tatmadaw and UWSA

4. Not to allow seceding “Wa” Special Region (2) from the State at any rate as “Wa” Special Region (2)

is a integral part of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and to utilize the capabilities of “Wa” Special Region (2) for perpetuation of sovereignty and territory of the State

5. Make mutual cooperation between the Union government and “Wa” Special Region (2) in development of the region and eradication of narcotic drugs

Undertakings of Ministry of Foreign Affairs on paying income tax at Myanmar Embassy in Singapore and providing legal rights to overseas Myanmar workers in ADTA member countries

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has already announced the Notification No 57/2011 dated 21, December 2011, declaring that the income tax of the overseas Myanmar citizens are abolished as from 1st, January 2012. To draw new passports, Myanmar migrant workers in foreign countries shall have to pay income tax till 31, December 2011. As most of Myanmar citizens in foreign countries usually pay income tax to embassies concerned only when they go there to change their expired passports with new ones than paying income tax regularly, they shall have to pay debts of income tax for the periods before the last date for paying income tax.

2. Regarding the suggestion that as from 1st April, 2010 when the Avoidance of Double Taxation ADTA agreement takes effect, Singapore shall collect income tax from Myanmar citizens and Myanmar shall not have rights to collect tax from

them, the agreement says remuneration derived by a resident of a Contracting State in respect of an employment exercised in the Other Contracting State shall be taxable only in the first mentioned State if the recipient is present in the other State for a period or periods not exceeding in the aggregate 183 days in the fiscal year concerned; and the services are rendered for, or on behalf of, a person who is not a resident of the other State; and the remuneration is paid by, or on behalf of, an employer who is not a resident of the other State; and the remuneration is not borne by a permanent establishment or a fixed base which the employer has in the other State.

3. Moreover, regarding the complaints about the suggestions on enjoying of the full rights by Myanmar workers who are working in the countries that have signed ADTA agreement, no tax is levied on those who have paid taxes to the

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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.