

President U Thein Sein arrives in London

LONDON, 15 July—A Myanmar delegation led by President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left Yangon for Thailand by air yesterday morning and arrived at Suvarnabhumi International Airport in Bangkok of Thailand at 10.45 am local standard time.

The President and party were welcomed by Head of the East Asian Affairs Department Mr. Damrong Kraikruan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Tin Win and staff of the Embassy.

The President and his entourage headed to London of the United Kingdom by Thai Airways and arrived there at 6.55 pm local standard time.

Retired Ambassador Mr Bill Hemderson LVO MBE of special envoy to the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Britain, officials of British Royal Palace and the Myanmar Ambassador and staff welcomed the President and party at Heathrow International Airport.

The President and party went to Sofitel St.James Hotel in London by car.

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President U Thein Sein being welcomed by officials at Heathrow International Airport.—MNA

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MFF Awards Night celebrated at Sedona

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A ceremony to organize MFF Awards Night was held at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 12 July. At first, President of Myanmar Football

Federation U Zaw Zaw and Chairman of Women's Football Committee Daw Khin Sabei Kyi made speeches.

Patrons of the Myanmar

Women's Sports Federation presented K 50 million and K 15 million to Myanmar national women's football team that was qualified for the Asian and that

stood second in the AFF Women's Championship, K 20 million to Myanmar U-19 women's team that was qualified for the Asian U-19 and K 500,000 to 2012 best women's player award winner Khin Marlar Tun.

MRTV-4 also gave K 5 million to Myanmar National Women's team.

MNL club owners and chairmen awarded K 2 million to Hanthawady FC that stood second in the 2012 MNL Youth Knockout Tournament and K 5 million and trophy to Zeyar Shwe Myay FC for its first position, K 20 million and trophy to Yangon United FC that emerged champion in the MNL League Cup and K 10 million to first runner-up Zeyar Shwe Myay FC,

K 500,000 to top scorer award winner Zeyar Min (Yadanabon FC), medal and K 500,000 to best player award winner Aung Kyaw Htet (Yangon), K 400,000 to first runner-up Zarni Htet (Yangon) and K 300,000 to second runner-up Win Min Oo (Zeyar Shwe Myay).

Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Yangon Region ministers, President of MFF U Zaw Zaw and officials gave K 30 million to champion Ayeyawady United FC and second K 10 million to Kanbawza FC in the 2012 MNL Knockout Cup, best referee U Win Htut and sponsor companies, Gold Star Service awarded by AFF to U Khin Maung Kyaing, U Myo Win Nyunt and U Than

Soe. The MFF president donated K 10 million to veteran footballers.

Patron of MFF U Aung Ko Win presented cash award K 100 million to Champion Yangon United FC and K 75 million to Kanbawza FC for their first and second position and then gave prizes to third, fourth and fifth position winners in the 2012 MNL League.

Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint awarded fairplay award to Ayeyawady United FC, top scorer Sa Sa of Zeyar Shwe Myay, best player award winner Kyi Lin (Yangon) and others.

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Regional Development

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister's inspection tour of Ingapu



NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung visited Chaunk Village Basic Education High School (Branch) on 10 July and observed learning of school children at the school.

During his tour of the school, the chief minister met with townsenders and village administrators at the meeting hall of the school.

Next, he proceeded to Htandaw monastery in the village and held talks on regional development matters with ward/village administrators, townsenders, local people and members of social organizations.

On 11 July, the chief minister attended a waso robe offering ceremony of Ingapu Township at Sasana Beikmandawgyi in Ingapu

and presented waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha. Next, he offered waso robes and provisions to members of Sangha who are going into the three-month Buddhist Lent at Mogok Zaytawun monastery in Htoogyi. Then, the chief minister met with members of social organizations and departments concerned.

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Dredging works underway to protect farmlands against flood in Nyaungdonkyun

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — Nyaungdonkyun is only about 40 miles from the sea and it is a large area of thriving plantations in Ayeyawady Region. It is situated on an area of 200,000 acres surrounded by Khattiya Yegyaw creek to the east, Ayeyawady River to the west, Toe river to the south-ward and Panhlaing river to the north. More than half of the area including its central and lower parts is prone to floods in monsoon and late monsoon, it is learnt.

The area had once experienced a decline in agricultural outputs due to economic crisis in 1938, insurgencies after WW II and shrinking of rivers and creeks when water flow was blocked.

Under a project for reclamation of farmlands in Nyaungdonkyun during the period from 1994 to 2000, Irrigation Department built cluster of dams, drains and sluice gates and turned over 100,000 acres of vacant lands into arable farmlands. But illegal damming and sedimentation in creeks and drains made them to shrink

and disappear, thereby causing loss and damage in agriculture sector brought about by floods in monsoon and lack of irrigated water in summer. Moreover, disruption of water transport and drinking water scarcity occurred in summer as evil consequences.

To relieve the above-mentioned problems, Maubin District Irrigation Department performed dredging of the two miles long Tabut Tanaunglay drain and four miles long Htanee creek for proper flow of water this year.

Besides, dredging of 4.6 miles long Malatto creek has been completed by 70 per cent so far.

Upon completion of dredging works, there will be proper flow of water in the drains connecting with Wadaw sluice gate, Htanee sluice gate, Malatto sluice gate and Hlineta sluice gate in Maubin Township, thereby protecting around 24000 from floods and supplying water to 6400 acres of summer paddy.

There will also be smooth and speedy water transport for local people



Tourism

More than 6580 globetrotters throng into Shwedagon Pagoda within 10 days

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—A total of 6584 globetrotters visited Shwedagon Pagoda during a 10-day period from 1 to 10 July, according to the Pagoda Board of Trustees at a press meet on 11 July.

The board had collected USD 32920 as cash donation and FEC and USD 2729 as admission fee. Thai visitors numbering 1219 stood first in the list of tourist arrival at Shwedagon Pagoda followed by 536 from Korea, 482 from China, 476 from Japan

and 436 from the US while eight from Laos, 10 from Cambodia and 11 each from New Zealand, Czech Republic and China (Taipei) arrived at the Pagoda.

Personnel of foreign embassies in Myanmar are allowed to pay an admission fee in Myanmar currency. The board collected K 25500 from 51 visitors in K 500 admission and K 711000 from 158 in K 4500 admission.

A total of 22444 tourists visited Shwedagon Pagoda

during the previous month, adding 112,190 dollars and 30 FECs into the admission account and USD and FEC 8822 into the donation account.

According to the figures of annual tourist arrival at the Pagoda, 117,568 in 2005, 152,075 in 2006, 138,028 in 2007, 78,323 in 2008, 113,529 in 2009, 175,054 in 2010, 225,381 in 2011 and 346,610 in 2012 visited the Pagoda.

Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)

Expressway rollover crash kills pop singer's wife

Accident

MEIKTILA, 15 July — A road fatality happened to a saloon, SORTAGE, vocalist Soe Tay and his wife and an 18-year-old young woman on board near mile post No (291/3) on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway at about 11 am yesterday.

The vehicle driven by Than Win Hlaing, 32, is believed to have got caught in a rollover crash as its right-side front tyre blew. The vehicle skidded out of control and ended up smashing through a sieve fence and plunging into about 20 feet ravine.

Pop singer So Tay (a) Aung Thet Paing, 23, suffered serious injuries to his head and was sent



to Mandalay Hospital as his condition was life-threatening, but his wife, Chaw Chaw (a) Win Gari Thu, 22, was pronounced dead at Meiktila Hospital. Driver Than Win Hlaing and Sabei Mon, 18, sustained minor injuries in the car accident.

As soon as they were informed of the incident, police and fire crews rushed there and provided necessary assistance.

Theegon expressway police station opened a case.

Kyemon-Tin Hlaing (Meiktila)

of the villages in the region and adequate supply of potable water for them.

Kyemon-Ye Myo Tin Hla (Maubin)

Crime

22-year-old young man axed for teasing his cousin sister

PYU, 15 July — A 22-year-old man was axed by his 17-year-old cousin brother who is the younger brother of his cousin sister who got teased by the victim. The incident occurred at about 10 am on 9 July at Zeekhin village in Pyu Township of Bago Region.

Zin Ko Naing, 17, hacked the victim, Moe Kyaw, after grabbing an axe from his elder sister Nway Oo Khine who picked up the axe at a

pile of firewood in front of the house of Daw Boke Hson, her grandmother and attempted to hack the victim first as she was having a heated argument with the victim over teasing her. Moe Kyaw with life-threatening injuries was taken to Pyu hospital. Investigation is ongoing at Pyu Myoma police where Nway Oo Khine and Zin Ko Naing accused of hacking his cousin brother were taken into custody.

Kyemon-Pyu Myint Oo

WORLD

Obama walks tightrope in reacting to Zimmerman verdict



US President Barack Obama delivers a statement from the East Room of the White House in Washington on 15 May, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 15 July—The acquittal of George Zimmerman in the shooting death of unarmed black teenager Trayvon Martin left President Barack Obama trying to dial down tensions on Sunday while reassuring supporters he still stands against discrimination and gun violence.

Obama called for calm as activists outraged by the verdict planned rallies and urged the administration to pursue civil rights charges

against Zimmerman. On the other side, Republicans said he inflamed tensions by wading into the issue in 2012, when he said, “If I had a son, he’d look like Trayvon.”

“I know this case has elicited strong passions,” the president said on Sunday in a statement. “And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher. But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken.” Critics

charged that some of those tensions were of his own making; the president’s willingness to comment on the case may have highlighted the racially charged nature of the trial.

“The president engaged in this and turned it into a political issue that should have been handled exclusively with law and order,” Republican Representative Steve King said on Fox News on Sunday. The clearing of Zimmerman by a six-person jury in Florida has also stirred disappointment that justice may not be served and raised fears that unhappiness about the verdict could lead to civil unrest.

Critics contend Zimmerman wrongly suspected 17-year-old Martin of being a criminal because he was black, making it a civil rights issue. Rallies were planned for New York, San Diego, Sacramento and elsewhere on Sunday.

Reuters

Japan PM Shinzo Abe on track for hefty election win

TOKYO, 15 July—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s ruling bloc remains on track for a big win in Sunday’s upper house election, final surveys before the vote showed on Monday, a victory that would likely help end six years of parliamentary deadlock. The surveys showed support for Abe’s conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) far out-

strips other parties, buoyed by hopes that his hyper-easy monetary policy, public spending and structural reform will bolster growth and jolt Japan out of years of stagnation.

Voter preference polls taken on Saturday and Sunday and published by the Asahi and Mainichi dailies showed that 37 to 43 percent of voters wanted to

vote for the LDP. Such support meant that, along with coalition partner the New Komeito, the LDP would likely win a majority in the upper house. It would also spell an end to the “twisted parliament” in which the opposition controls the upper house, hampering policy implementation, even if Abe’s commitment to growth-generating and potentially painful reforms such as deregulation remains in doubt.

Monday’s surveys showed 8 percent of respondents wanted to vote for the New Komeito, ahead of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan (DPJ) with 7 percent. Around a third of those surveyed did not support any party, and voter turn-out was expected to be low. Japan has suffered parliamentary gridlock ever since Abe led the LDP to a massive defeat in a 2007 upper house vote.

Reuters



Japan’s Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (2nd R), who is also leader of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, shakes hands with voters during his stumping tour in Tokyo on 4 July, 2013, at the start day of campaign the 21 July Upper house election.—REUTERS

Netanyahu calls Palestinian leader Abbas, urges peacemaking

JERUSALEM, 15 July—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday telephoned Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and said he hoped the two sides could resume peace talks, stalled for three years, Israeli officials said.

Netanyahu offered greetings for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, his office said, adding that he told Abbas: “I hope we

will have the opportunity to speak with one another not only during festivals, and will start negotiating. It’s important.”

Direct talks broke down in 2010 over Israel’s settlement of the occupied West Bank, which Palestinians want as part of their future state.

US Secretary of State John Kerry has in recent months mounted shuttle visits in the hope of reviv-



Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu attends the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 7 July, 2013.—REUTERS

ing negotiations.

“I hope Secretary of State Kerry’s efforts will

show results,” Netanyahu said, according to the Israeli statement.—Reuters

LDP support almost unchanged ahead of election

TOKYO, 15 July—The ruling Liberal Democratic Party’s support rating ahead of the upper house election has remained almost unchanged over the past week, maintaining its substantial lead over the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, a Kyodo News survey showed on Sunday. The nationwide telephone survey conducted on Saturday and Sunday found that 30.6 percent of respondents intend to vote for the LDP in the proportional representation section of the House of Councillors election on 21 July, compared with 29.8 percent in the previous survey a week earlier.

The support rating for the Cabinet of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe stood at 65.3 percent, up slightly from 64.2 percent in the previous survey, while 24.7 percent said they do not support the Cabinet, down from 26.5 percent previously. Meanwhile, 50.6 percent of respondents expressed opposition to allowing the restart of nuclear power plants that are confirmed safe, while 40.0 percent expressed support. The LDP-led government is ready to allow the resumption of nuclear plants, with almost all reactors still offline amid safety concerns following the Fukushima Daiichi

disaster triggered by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

In terms of voting for the upper house proportional representation section, the DPJ had the second-highest level of support at 7.4 percent, up 0.3 percentage point from a week earlier, followed by the LDP’s junior coalition partner, the New Komeito party, at 7 percent, up 1.4 points. The Japan Restoration Party led by former Tokyo Gov Shintaro Ishihara and Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto garnered support of 4.9 percent, up 0.6 point.

The Japanese Communist Party was supported

by 3.8 percent, down 0.8 point, Your Party by 3.3 percent, down 0.3 point, the People’s Life Party by 1.5 percent, up 0.6 point, the Social Democratic Party by 0.7 percent, down 0.1 point, and the Green Wind party by 0.2 percent, down 0.1 point. Of the respondents, 34.3 percent said they had not decided which party to vote for in the proportional representation section, down 3.8 points from the previous survey.

A total of 73.9 percent said they are interested in the election “greatly” or “to some extent,” up 3 points from the previous survey.

Kyodo News

Egypt government takes shape

CAIRO, 15 July—Egypt’s interim prime minister filled senior posts on Sunday in a cabinet that will lead the country under an army-backed “road map” to restore civilian rule following overthrow of elected President Mohamed Mursi. Hazem el-Beblawi, a 76-year-old liberal economist appointed interim prime minister last week, is tapping technocrats and liberals for an administration to govern under a temporary constitution until parliamentary elections in about six months.

He named another liberal economist, Ahmed Galal, who has a doctorate from Boston University, as finance minister. His job will be to start repairing

the state finances and rescue an economy wrecked by two and a half years of political turmoil.

A former ambassador to the United States, Nabil Fahmy, accepted the post of foreign minister, a sign of the importance the government places in its relationship with the superpower that provides \$1.3 billion a year in military aid.

Mohamed ElBaradei, a former senior UN diplomat, was sworn in as vice president, a job he was offered last week. Government officials had earlier said the finance job would be offered to Hani Kadry, an official who oversaw Cairo’s loan negotiations with the International Monetary Fund.—Reuters



A couple walks past an Egyptian soldier keeping watch from atop a military vehicle in front of the presidential palace in Cairo on 14 July, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



Family claims iPhone killed daughter

URUMQI, 15 July —The relatives of a 23-year-old woman from northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region have claimed that the woman died after being electrocuted while using her iPhone.

The older sister of victim Ma Ailun said on Saturday on Sina Weibo, the Chinese equivalent of Twitter, that Ma was electrocuted while trying to answer a call on her iPhone while the device was charging.

"(I) hope that Apple Inc can give us an explanation. I also hope that all of you will refrain from using your mobile devices while charging," her post reads.

The post has gone viral online, with many forwarding the message and warning others of the dangers of using mobile devices while they are being charged.

Ma's father, Ma Guanghui, confirmed that his

daughter was electrocuted, adding that her body showed signs of electrocution.

Ma, a resident of Xinjiang's city of Changji, was previously employed as a flight attendant at China Southern Airlines, although she recently quit her job.

Local police confirmed that Ma did die of electrocution, but they have yet to verify if her phone was involved in the incident.

Ma's sister said via Sina Weibo that she hopes to seek justice from Apple.

Apple said on Sunday in a statement that the company felt "deeply sorry for the unfortunate accident" and expressed condolence to the victim and her family. The company would have a thorough probe into the case, and would be in full cooperation with investigations, the statement said.—Xinhua

Brazil may require ISPs to keep digital data inside country

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 July — Brazil may soon require global Internet companies to store domestic communications data in the country in response to reports that the US widely spies on telephone and Internet traffic across Latin America.

"The ideal thing would be for these companies to keep their data in the country so it can be available should Brazil's justice system request it," Communications Minister Paulo Bernardo Silva told the *O Estado de Sao Paulo* daily for a Sunday story.

Silva spoke after recent revelations by US intelligence leaker Edward Snowden that both the Central Intelligence Agency and the National Security Agency target data in emails and telephone calls

in Brazil and other Latin American countries.

Silva said that the global Internet companies now say that they cannot provide the justice system with the information because their archives are stored abroad.

Storing digital data inside Brazil's borders, the minister said, is a matter of national sovereignty.

Silva said communications in Brazil are vulnerable to unauthorized surveillance partly because the country's central Internet servers are all located in the northern hemisphere.

The government plans to invest in a national Internet network and to push for reforms so that the United Nations, not the United States, manages global communications.

Xinhua

IT push aims to boost domestic demand

BEIJING, 15 July—China is to promote consumption of IT-related products and services as it seeks to spur domestic demand and push economic upgrading.

It will speed up work to issue licenses for the fourth generation (4G) mobile network this year and accelerate development of broadband Internet access, according to a statement released after an executive meeting of the State Council presided over by Premier Li Keqiang.

The nation is aiming

for annual average growth of 20 percent in the information consumption industry from 2013 to 2015, the statement said.

The meeting demanded implementation of the "Broadband China" strategy, stepped-up efforts to construct and upgrade network infrastructure, pushing forward the FTTH (Fiber To the Home) project and improving Internet speed.

China, which has the largest number of mobile phones in the world at 1.2

billion, is already building 4G trial networks in major cities.

China Mobile, its largest telecom carrier, is promoting the homegrown Time-Division Long-Term Evolution (TD-LTE) 4G standard and hopes to start commercial 4G rollout as soon as possible.

Xi Guohua, chairman of China Mobile, said in a June interview that the company has built more than 22,000 4G base stations in 15 Chinese cities, including Beijing and

Shanghai, and plans to set up 200,000 base stations in 100 cities by the end of the year.

There is speculation over whether the other two Chinese carriers — China Unicom and China Telecom — will follow in deploying TD-LTE networks. Central government officials have openly supported the TD-LTE standard, but there are signs the two carriers are inclined to adopt another more mature 4G technology.

Xinhua

Nokia's buyout chances in focus ahead of results

NEW YORK, 15 July—Next week could be crunch time for Nokia Oyj and its Chief Executive Stephen Elop in their battle to prove the Finnish mobile phone company can survive on its own.

Investors will be scrutinising second-quarter results to see whether there's enough cash to stay with a turnaround plan which Elop said would take two years but is now into its third.

Elop's bold bet in 2011 to adopt Microsoft Corp's untested Windows Phone software has yet to pay off, with no sign of catching Samsung and Apple Inc in



smartphones. Analysts also expect Thursday's results to show a steep fall in handset shipments, led by a drop in sales of regular mobile phones as consumers switch to smartphones and cheaper models from Asian rivals.

Nokia's weak market position has made it a perennial target of takeover speculation, but such deal talk has intensified in the past month after a media report said it had held abortive talks with Microsoft. The company's recent decision to buy Siemens AG's stake in their joint venture Nokia Siemens Networks is seen straining its balance sheet further when the deal closes later this year.—Reuters



Indians wait to send telegrams on the last day of the 163-year-old service at a telegraph office in New Delhi, India, on 14 July, 2013. At the stroke of 9 pm (local time) last Sunday, India ended its 163-year-old telegram service in the country.

XINHUA

Rembrandt van Rijn's 407th birthday marked by a Google Doodle

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 July—Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn's 407th birthday is being celebrated by a Google through a doodle featuring his self portrait.

The self portrait or 'Self-Portrait with Beret and Turned-Up Collar' was made by Rembrandt in 1659. It is an oil on canvas painting and a celebrated work of the painter. The painting has been preserved in the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC (US) since 1937, where it's part of the Andrew W Mellon Collection.

Rembrandt van Rijn is

known as one of the greatest painters in Europe and Dutch Republic (Netherlands). The period when he contributed to art is known as the Dutch Golden age which was known for its culturally achievements.

Art connoisseurs of the 20th century claimed that Rembrandt had made more than 600 paintings, about 400 etchings and 2,000 drawings, though modern day findings under Rembrandt Research Project mentions that he had done about 300 paintings. Among these 40 paintings are said to be self-portraits. His work runs across the themes of

portraits, landscape and narrative painting. His paintings featured rich detail, and depicted religious themes as well. Some of greatest works include The Abduction of Europa, Judas Repentant, Returning the Pieces of Silver, The Artist in His Studio, Cottages before a Stormy Sky, The Three Trees, and The Night Watch, among several others.

Rembrandt van Rijn was born on 15 July 1606 in Leiden, in the Dutch Republic (Netherlands). He studied at Latin school and joined University of Leiden, and apprenticed to Leiden history painter, Jacob van Swanenburgh for three years. He opened a studio with his friend and colleague Jan Lievens in Leiden in 1624-1625. He finally moved to Amsterdam in 1631 and practised as a professional portraitist, attaining success.—PTI



BUSINESS & HEALTH

China's GDP growth slows to 7.5 percent, tests reform push

BEIJING, 15 July—China's GDP growth slowed in the second quarter to 7.5 percent year-on-year as weak overseas demand weighed on output and investment, lining up a test of Beijing's resolve to revamp the world's second-biggest economy in the face of deteriorating data.

Other figures showed industrial output in June rising slightly less than forecast compared with a year earlier, but retail sales increasing more than had been expected.

The latest year-on-year

economic growth reading compared with the median forecast in a *Reuters* poll of 7.5 percent and showed the pace of economic activity easing from 7.7 percent annual growth in January-March. "These figures are not surprising, adding to signs of downward pressure on China's economy," said Zhou Hao, an economist at ANZ Bank in Shanghai.

The Australian dollar, which is highly sensitive to Chinese demand for Australian raw materials, rose on relief the GDP numbers were not weaker,



A truck drives past shipping containers at a port in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province on 9 July, 2013.—REUTERS

following last week's report of a surprise fall in exports in June from a year earlier.

China's statistics bureau said the economy's performance in the first half of the year was stable overall and that indicators were within a reasonable range.

New Premier Li Keqiang has been prominent in pushing for economic reform over fast-line growth, suggesting the government is in no rush to offer fresh stimulus to revive an economy in a protracted slowdown.

Reuters

Vivus invites three First Manhattan nominees to join board

NEW YORK, 15 July—Vivus Inc said it has invited three of the nominees proposed by its top investor First Manhattan Co (FMC) to join its board, regardless of the outcome of the vote at the obesity drug maker's annual meeting.

The annual shareholder meeting of California-based Vivus will be held on 15 July.

FMC, a New York-based investment advisory firm, has repeatedly criticized Vivus saying it badly mishandled the launch of its obesity drug Qsymia and failed to land a large company partner with deep pockets and a big enough sales force to help the drug reach its blockbuster potential.

In a press release sent late Saturday, Vivus said it has invited Michael Astrue, Alex Denner and David

Norton, or any other FMC nominee who is among FMC's three highest in the proxy vote, to join the drug maker's board.

A FMC spokesman declined to comment.

In March, FMC said it would seek to replace six of Vivus' nine board members. But in May, the investment firm, which has a 9.9 percent stake in Vivus, revised its plan to try to replace the entire slate of nine directors at the company's annual shareholder meeting.

FMC adviser took its fight one step further earlier this month when it named the CEO it would bring in if it was successful in its campaign. The investor chose former AstraZeneca Plc senior executive Anthony Zook to replace longtime Vivus CEO Leland Wilson.—*Reuters*

Airlines insist they'll stick with Boeing Dreamliner after fire



Emergency services attend to a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, operated by Ethiopian Airlines, after it caught fire at Britain's Heathrow airport in west London on 12 July, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 15 July—Airlines expressed confidence in the safety of Boeing's 787 Dreamliner on Sunday as investigators searched for the cause of a fire on one of the advanced jets and billions were wiped off the company's market value.

British officials said initial checks into what they called a serious incident

appeared to rule out any link to the battery-related problems that grounded the Dreamliner fleet for three months earlier this year.

The fire on the Ethiopian Airlines plane at Heathrow Airport in London and a separate technical problem on a second 787 owned by Britain's Thomson Airways on Friday raised new

questions about an aircraft seen as crucial to Boeing's future. The incidents were a setback for a company trying to rebuild confidence in its flagship jet and compete with Airbus in the booming market for more fuel-efficient long-distance planes.

Britain's Tui Travel, which owns six European airlines including Thomson Airways, said its plane turned back during a flight from England to Florida and had a small number of unspecified components replaced. The parts were unrelated to the battery, it said.

"We want to reassure our customers that we have every confidence in this aircraft and would never operate it if we weren't 100 percent sure of its safety," a TUI Travel spokeswoman said. No one was injured in the fire on the empty Ethiopian Airlines plane,

which was parked at Heathrow. However, it closed Britain's busiest airport for 90 minutes.

Reuters

Smuggling rice to Thailand — like coals to Newcastle

SA KAE0, 15 July—Hidden in 18-wheeler trucks, carts and pick-up vans, hundreds of thousands of tonnes of rice are being smuggled from Cambodia and Myanmar into Thailand, although the country holds enough stocks to meet half the world's annual trade in the commodity.

A populist programme to support prices has led to the Thai government paying its farmers almost double prevailing prices in Cambodia and Myanmar. Farmers and traders in the neighbouring countries are trying to take advantage, sending their grain across the border to be sold into the Thai intervention scheme.

The equivalent of

750,000 tonnes of milled rice is being smuggled into Thailand a year, mainly from Cambodia and Myanmar, according to estimates of analysts and traders who have studied the illicit shipments.

"No one can differentiate which one is Thai rice and which one is Cambodian rice. That makes it easy to smuggle rice in and make a profit by selling it to the government," said Kiattisak Kalayasirivat, managing director at Thai trader Novel Agritrade. The extent of the smuggling adds to a headache for Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, who increased the support price for unmilled rice to 15,000

baht (\$480) per tonne after she took power in 2011, to please her farmer vote-bank.

Yingluck's support base is mostly in rural districts, and her government mistakenly bet that Thailand could corner the world rice market by building up stocks.

Instead, the government, already running a budget deficit of 300 billion baht (\$9.59 billion) this fiscal year, is struggling to fund the multibillion-dollar programme and find buyers for the grain. Ratings agency Moody's warned in June that "populist measures" were a risk to financial discipline.

The government said last month that losses from the scheme amounted to \$4.4 billion in the crop year that ended in September 2012. Thailand now sits on rice stockpiles of 18 million tonnes, almost double a normal year's exports and nearly half of annual global trade of 38 million. It is mostly holding on to the stocks since it will make a huge loss if the rice is sold. The intervention price of \$480 per tonne of unmilled rice translates to \$750 a tonne for milled rice.

Reuters

50 foreign investors interested in Nigeria's oil-rich Bayelsa State

YENAGOA, 15 July—At least 50 foreign investors have indicated interest in investing in Nigeria's oil-rich Bayelsa State, a senior local official disclosed on Sunday.

Ruth Murray-Bruce, the director-general of the Bayelsa State Investment Promotion Agency (BIPA), told reporters in Yenagoa, the state capital, that the investors include those from South Africa, Israel

and Britain.

She said the potential investors have sent delegations to the state over the past year.

The state government has laid foundations for the industrial growth, including infrastructure like roads, electricity and water, the official said. Murray-Bruce described her agency as a one-stop shop for investors, offering various forms of assistance to remove

difficulties that often frustrated investments.

She said the state government would continue to provide security and other incentives to promote investment.

It is the desire of the government to ensure that the abundant natural resources in the state are harnessed to boost development and create employment opportunities, she said.—*Xinhua*



A farmer dries rice grains in Buriram Province, 410 km (255 miles) northeast of Bangkok, in this 17 Nov, 2007 file photo.—REUTERS

WORLD

Fast-growing US craft brewers struggle with worker safety

NEW YORK, 15 July — Welder Mark Moynihan crawled down a narrow tube into a space the size of a car interior to seal the crack in the fermentation tank at Calhoun's Bar-B-Q & Brewery in Knoxville, Tennessee. The space was oversaturated with oxygen. He lit his torch, and a flash-fire erupted. His hair and clothing disintegrated instantly.

Moynihan, a contractor for the craft brewery, dragged himself up the tube and out of the vat while

still on fire, suffering serious burns over much of his body. He died 75 days after the 2009 accident, just before his 40th birthday, said his widow, Kim Moynihan. It was not an isolated incident.

From 2009 through 2012, at least four people died in craft brewery accidents in the United States, compared with two deaths at large breweries that make 10 times more beer, according to a Reuters analysis of federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration



An undated family handout photo shows Mark Moynihan working on his home beer brewing system in Knoxville, Tennessee.— REUTERS

data and local media reports.

There were also nearly four times as many safety violations at craft breweries in recent years than at large breweries. And brewery

experts say the safety oversight at smaller companies is worse than official statistics might suggest because injuries, even severe ones, often go unreported.

Reuters

Three killed in attack on bus carrying workers in Egypt's Sinai

CAIRO, 15 July— At least three people were killed and 17 wounded early on Monday in Egypt's North Sinai Province when suspected militants used rocket-propelled grenades to attack a bus carrying workers employed at a ce-

ment factory, security and medical sources said.

They said the bus was fired on in the city of El Arish, at the centre of a sharp rise in Islamist militant attacks in the lawless region bordering Israel and the Gaza Strip since Egypt's

President Mohamed Mursi was ousted by the military on 3 July.

According to eye witnesses, the attackers shouted "Allahu akbar!" (God is greatest) after the bus was hit. Hardline Islamist groups based in North Si-

nai have intensified attacks on police and soldiers over the past two years, exploiting a security and political vacuum following the 2011 uprising that ousted autocratic President Hosni

Mubarak. The violence has spiked again since Mursi's overthrow, and militants have attacked security checkpoints and other targets on an almost daily basis, killing at least 13 people and wounding dozens.

Reuters

Rail at centre of Quebec town tragedy and heart of its recovery



Firefighters spray wagons at the site of the train wreck in Lac-Mégantic on 14 July, 2013. It was a runaway train that caused this month's deadly inferno in Lac-Mégantic, but the Canadian town's leaders, business owners and many of its residents see the railway as crucial to their survival and want it operating again as soon as possible.— REUTERS

LAC-MÉGANTIC, (Quebec), 15 July—It was a runaway train that caused this month's deadly inferno in Lac-Mégantic, but the Canadian town's leaders, business owners and many of its residents see the railway as crucial to their survival and want it operating again as soon as possible.

Fifty people, including 15 still missing, are believed to have been killed on 6 July when a driverless train with 72 oil tanker cars crashed and exploded in the

centre of the picturesque, lakeside town in rural Quebec. The derailment was the worst railway disaster in North America in 24 years, and cut off Lac-Mégantic's companies from the railroad that ships their products to customers, including exports to Maine, just 18 miles away.

While many of the town's 6,000 residents are incensed that trains carrying such flammable cargo could pass through an area with bars, restaurants and

other local businesses, they also say the rail is their economic lifeline.

"We don't want to lose the train. We want our economy to function," said Raymond Lafontaine, the owner of an excavation and pavement company that has 175 workers, making it one of the town's largest employers. Lafontaine lost a son, two daughters-in-law and an employee in the disaster.

He said no money is coming in and he is worried about how long he can hang on without the ability to pay his employees. His 46-year-old company, which makes most of its revenue in Lac-Mégantic, had just begun work on a major repavement project downtown.

The derailment is widely expected to spur changes in Canadian railway regulations, and has fueled the debate about the safety of using railroads to transport oil. Lac-Mégantic Mayor Colette Roy-Laroche said she will ask the federal government to draw up a new route that skirts the town center when the rail line is rebuilt.

Reuters

France celebrates National Day with grand parade

PARIS, 15 July— French President Francois Hollande on Sunday joined by a number of honourable guests to inspect the parade led by Malian troops in celebration of the Bastille Day in the capital city of Paris. Opening on Sunday morning on Paris Champs-Élysées Avenue, the annual military parade led by 60 Malian troops and a detachment of United Nations (UN) peacekeeping force drew broad attention from audience both on the scene and on TVs.

All together 13 African troops were marching at the parade. They were invited by France to honour their role of backing French army in its military intervention in Mali.

The troops' presentation, including French soldiers involved in the Malian mission, highlighted Hollande's contribution by sending French army to help the Malian government fight against al-Qaeda linked Islamists, breaking their efforts to get full control over the western African country, a formal colony of France.

French Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian said before the parade that the display is "the mark of a solidarity that concretely expressed itself in Mali, and of a common destiny, even beyond the limits of continents, of which we have every reason to be proud."

Xinhua



Soldiers attend the Bastille Day military parade in Paris, France, on 14 July, 2013.—XINHUA

Bombs in Iraqi Shi'ite provinces kill 24

BASRA, (Iraq), 15 July —A string of bomb blasts in predominantly Shi'ite Muslim provinces of Iraq killed at least 24 people on Sunday, police and medics said. The violence is part of a sustained campaign of militant attacks this year that has prompted fears of wider conflict in a country where ethnic Kurds and Shi'ite and Sunni Muslims have yet to find a stable

power-sharing compromise.

A suicide bomber killed at least four people in a Shi'ite mosque in the town of Mussayab, and in Kut city, a car bomb went off in a busy market, killing five, police and medics said. Three bombs exploded in quick succession near the headquarters of a Shi'ite political party in the southern oil hub of Basra, 420

km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, killing at least eight people, police said.

"When the first explosion happened, I ran to evacuate the victims. I saw two or three burned bodies before police asked me to step back," said a man who gave his name only as Alaa. "When police forced me to move away, the second explosion happened."

Two car bombs went off in a market in Nassiriya, 300 km (185 miles) southeast of Baghdad, killing two people. Another car bomb killed four at a busy market in the Shi'ite shrine city of Kerbala, 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad, police said. It was not clear who was behind Sunday's explosions, but Sunni Islamist insurgents, including the al-Qaeda-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq, have been regaining strength in recent months, security sources say.

Reuters



Iraqi security forces and firefighters inspect the site of bombs attacks in Basra, 420 km (260 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 14 July, 2013. A string of bomb blasts in predominantly Shi'ite Muslim provinces of Iraq killed at least 24 people on Sunday, police and medics said.

REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

Japan scholars to give talks on ancient buildings management



YANGON, 15 July—A Japanese architectures gave talks on preservation of ancient buildings in Myanmar at Sedona Hotel in Mandalay today and IBC in Yangon on 17 July.

Professors of Kyoto Institute of Technology will give lectures at the free talks jointly organized by Kyoto Institute of Technology of Japan and AGTI Society of Myanmar.—MMAL-042

Rural development workshop organized in Mandalay Region

MANDALAY, 15 July—A rural development and socio-economic development workshop was organized in Saungda Loom Training School in Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region on 11 July.

It was attended by Mandalay Region Planning and Economic Development Minister U Aung Zan, Deputy Director of Region Cooperative Department U Sai Kyaw Min, Vice-Chairman of Region Cooperative Syndicate U San Lwin, Region

Hluttaw Representatives U Moe Naing Kyaw and U Aung Thein, Township Administrator U Tin Kyaw and officials.

Region Minister U Aung Zan delivered an address and U Sai Kyaw Min elaborated on functions of cooperative societies. U San Lwin discussed the role of microfinance. They then answered queries raised by those present.

The workshop came to an end with the concluding remarks by the region minister.

MMAL-026

Students visit U Thant Museum

YANGON, 15 July—Some 200 students from No (2) Basic Education High School of Lanmadaw visited museum of former United Nations Secretary-General U Thant on World Population Day on 11 July, according to curator of the museum U Thein Shwe.

Asked about the purpose of the excursion, headmistress of the school Daw Than Than Soe said, “The excursion is one of school activities this year. To compile a school calendar



and to let them know U Thant is Myanmar national UNSG for Myanmar citizens to be proud of.”

Daw Aye Aye Thant, the daughter of U Thant, distributed pamphlets featuring brief biography, aspirations and wishes of the former UNSG.

“As it is World Population Day today. It is good that they visit the

museum today,” she said.

The resident of U Thant is under repair and researchers would be allowed to visit the house after completing the repair. The resident will include a library, audio, video and UN database. According to Daw Aye Aye Thant, it would take one year to complete as the repair has been completed by 60 percent.

Daw Aye Aye Thant also spoke out the plan of U Thant Institute to be opened at the museum.

Incumbent UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon sent a World Population Day message to the family of U Thant.

MMAL-Ye Khaung Nyunt

Inter-village road under construction in Hopong Tsp



TAUNGGYI, 15 July—Chairman of Leading Body of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone U Khun San Lwin and officials visited construction site of a inter-village road from Helon village to Naungkham village in Paunglin village-tract in Hopong Township in Pa-O Self-Administered Zone on 12 July morning.

They inspected the construction and attended to the needs.

The construction of the inter-village road is funded by the Ministry of Border

Affairs and the estimated cost of the construction is K 47.375 million. To make the road the all-weather one, the leading body coordinated the works with officials of Rural Development Committee and regional companies.

Kanbawza Cement Plant contributed trucks for the construction works. Local people participated in the construction as volunteers. The road will be 20 ft wide and 20 miles long.—MMAL-Maung Maung Than

NEWS FROM MOHNYIN TSP



BUDDHA IMAGE BUILT: Under the auspices of Abbot U Khanti of Kyaukthway Hill in Phakant Township, a 108-elbow (162 feet long) reclining Buddha image is under construction on Inpo-Inma Hill, east of Mohnyin. The construction tasks have been completed by 75 per cent. The cornerstones were laid with the use of jade lots. The five-foot eyes of the image were made with black jade.—NLM-001



TREES PLANTED: Monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Okkyin Basic Education High School in Mohnyin Township in 2013. Members of social organizations, students and local people participated in cultivation of teak, ironwood, Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*), Eucalyptus and other saplings totalling 500 with the assistance of Forest Department.—NLM-001



SPORTS MEETS HELD: The fourth Inter-Subject Sports Meets of Government Technological College (Mohnyin) is being held at the college in July. In the final of men's football event, Civil team beat Electronic team 1-0. Principal of the college Dr Phyo Myint Thu and faculty members presented medals to the winning teams.—NLM-001

DONATION

Provisions donated to Aung Chan Tha nunnery

NAYPYITAW, 15 July—Nay Pyi Taw Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated robes, provisions and stationery to a nunnery in Shwe Ingyin Ward in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

It was attended by Patron of Nay Pyi Taw WAO and MCWSC Daw Kyin Khaing, Nay Pyi Taw WAO Chairperson Daw Myat Myat Moe, Nay

Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Aye Aye San and district and township organization members.

They provided medical treatment to nuns and students at the nunnery and gave educative talks with the help of Township Health Department staff and Red Cross Brigade members.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hosts dinner to military athletes who compete in Invitational Friendly Matches in Nay Pyi Taw



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents gift to Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command of India Air Marshal RK Jolly at the dinner.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla hosted a dinner in honour of military athletes, who took part in Invitational Friendly Matches in Nay Pyi Taw, at Thingaha Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

It was also attended by Chief of Defence Forces of Singapore Lieutenant General Ng Chee Mang and wife, Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces General Tanasak Patimapragorn and wife, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

(Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Air Command of India Air Marshal RK Jolly, and senior officials of India, Singapore and Thailand and their wives.

First, the Senior General presented commemorative gifts to visiting Chiefs of

Armed Forces. The Senior General, the Singaporean Chief of Defence Force and the Supreme Commander of the Royal Thai Armed Forces and their wives presented baskets of flower to servicemen and servicewomen who performed songs and dances at the dinner.—MNA

Only achievement in alternative development program could bring success to task of eliminating narcotic drugs



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko addresses CCDAC Meeting 1/2013.

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — “Our mission could not be accomplished if alternative development program met with failure in the fight against narcotic drugs, no matter Security, Anti-corruption & Civil Rights Commission, Seoul Museum, Hyundai Motors Co., Hyundai Heavy Industries Co., Multifunctional Administrative City Construction Agency, cultural and historical sites during their stay in ROK.

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what actions are being taken. International cooperation for ensuring adequate supply of provisions to poppy growing regions is needed,” said Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko at the meeting (1/2013) of the central committee at the assembly hall of the ministry, here, this morning.

He said that activities on alternative development in Myanmar were presented

for the first time as a side event at the 56th Commission on Narcotic Drugs at UN Convention Centre in Vienna in Austria in March.

He added that the CCDAC formed with 13 groups was reconstituted into a compact one comprising only 10 groups to be able to cooperate with ministries concerned and partnership associations after the meeting (2/2012) in 2012.

He continued that bilateral drug control meetings were held in cooperation with the US, Australia, China and India. High-ranking officials and ministerial meetings with the participation of representatives from Cambodia, Laos, China, Thailand, Vietnam and UNODC were also held in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw and Nay Pyi Taw Declaration on drug control cooperation among six nations was issued.

Like other countries, International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is annually held in Myanmar and K 73114.67 million worth of 37 kinds of narcotic drugs were incinerated in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi at the ceremonies in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi. Three tactics were underway in Myanmar to make the country drug free in 2015, he added.

The meeting was attended by chairman of alternative development implementation committee of CCDAC Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, CCDAC secretary Deputy Minister Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Tun, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, Leader of Legal Advisers to the President U Sit Aye, CCDAC members, departmental heads, police commanders and responsible persons of UN agencies and INGOs.

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PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 16 July, 2013

Adolescent pregnancy

In this world, approximately 16 million teenage girls are giving birth each year without having any opportunity or knowledge for their pregnancy plan. In many cases symptoms and problems associated with pregnancy and childbirth are the main cause of death for many vulnerable teens. These complications can even bring grave disabilities, such as obstetric fistula, while unsafe abortions are the culprit of severe illness, injury and death for young women.

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

The reduction of adolescent pregnancy calls for assistance in preventing under-18 marriages, unwanted pregnancies and unsafe abortions together with health care during pregnancy, childbirth and postpartum.

The reproductive health index compiled by the Population Department of the Ministry of Immigration and Population shows that early marriages, forced marriages and promissory marriages are not the accepted models of Myanmar. The current population of Myanmar is 60 million, and of them 2.9 million are teenage girls between 15 and 19. According to 2007 birth and reproductive health index only 17 in every 1000 of this age group give birth.

Myanmar at present is implementing the future work programs of the International Conference on Population and Development. Especially, the country is making all out efforts in launching reproductive health care activities as a way of reducing infant and maternal mortality rate.

Moreover domestic NGOs including Myanmar Women's Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Medical Association, UN agencies such as UNFPA and WHO and INGOs are taking part in the task of preventing adolescent pregnancy in the country.

UCSB member attends seminar on public sector development program

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — After participating in the seminar on Public Sector Development Program sponsored by Korea International Cooperation Agency-KOICA, held at the Central Officials Training Institute (COTI), the Republic of Korea, from June 30th to July 14th, the Myanmar delegation led by U Soe Oo, Member of the Union Civil Services Board, arrived back here by Korean air this evening.

The Myanmar delegation exchanged views on matters of the Korea's Public Service System

and strategies to foster Public Officials' Capacity Building, Sustainable Development through Good Governance, the Functions and Role of Local and Central Government, IT Revolution and e-Government in Korea, Reformation in the Public Sector and Effective Leadership of Senior Officials and Korea's Economic Development.

The Myanmar delegation visited Seoul Tower, the Korea Development Institute-KDI, Gangnam Resources Recovery Center, Ministry of Public Administration and

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President U Thein Sein meets with British Prime Minister

LONDON, 15 July—President U Thein Sein met with Rt. Hon David Cameron, British Prime Minister, at the Whitehall on No. (10), Downing Street, London, at 11 am LST today.

On his arrival at the British Prime Minister's Office, President U Thein Sein was warmly welcomed by the British Prime Minister.

Next, they posed for a documentary photo.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Myat Hein and U Win Shein and the Myanmar Ambassador

to Britain. The British PM was accompanied by Political Adviser and Chief of Staff of the Prime Minister Mr. Ed Llewellyn, National Security Adviser Sir Kim Darroch and British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Heyn and high ranking officials.

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President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Rt. Hon David Cameron, British Prime Minister, at the Whitehall on No. (10), Downing Street, London.—MNA



President U Thein Sein holds talks with British businessmen, Secretary of State for Defence



LONDON, 15 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held talks with businessmen at the Sofitel St James Hotel in Britain at 9 am today.

The meeting was

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets Rt Hon Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Defence of Britain.—MNA

participated by British businessmen including the chairman of Roll Royce, the chairman of the Lloyds Insurance and directors of the Jubilan Oil and Standard Life and Jardine Matheson, the former-president of the Bank of England, the chairman of Diethelm Company and businessmen.

Similarly, President U Thein Sein met with Rt Hon Philip Hammond, Secretary of State for Defence of Britain at 10.15 am local standard time.

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Pyu farmers have grown over 60000 acres of paddy against targeted 153,426

PYU, 15 July—Farmers from 61 villages in Pyu Township of Toungoo District in Bago Region have so far put over 60000 acres of farmland under monsoon paddy plantations, accounting for 35 per cent against the target of 153,426 acres.

Up to now, the farmers face difficulties to supply

water to the farmlands due to lesser rainfalls.

In consequence, local farmers are late in cultivation of crops and paddy.

There are lesser amount of rainfall in the township this monsoon.

On 13 July, an interview was made with farmer U Than Tun at his field with holdings number 30 in

field No 198(a), west of Pyu. The farmer recounted his experience, "Most of local farmers were late to grow paddy this year due to waiting for rain water.

Last year, we had cultivated paddy on 90 per cent of farmlands. In most of the years, we conclude ploughing before fullmoon day of Waso."

He continued, "This year, farmers are worried about late cultivation and harvest of paddy in addition to late cultivation of mung bean."

Kyemon-Pyu Myint Oo

Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—According to the observation at 19:30 hrs Myanmar Standard Time today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—NLM



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein receives businessmen of British at Sofitel St James Hotel in Britain.

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Knowledge about population and census taking process shared in Dawei



DAWEI, 15 July—Talks on population and about census taking was shared at Nursing Training School in Dawei of Taninthayi Region on 12 July. At the talks, Assistant Director Daw Ni Ni Cho of Region Information and Public Relations Department, District Head U Yin Htay of Immigration and National Registration Department shared knowledge about the census taking process.

Then, the Region IPRD

assistant director and District Staff Officer U San Lwin Oo presented the publications donated by the Region Libraries Foundation through Principal Daw Thin Thin Hlaing of the training school who spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, the staff from Region IPRD distributed pamphlets about census taking process to those present.—Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt (District IPRD)

Fire engulfs a house in Hpa-an

HPA-AN, 15 July—A fire broke out at House No 4/734 at the junction of road to BEHS No. 4 and Sanpya Street in Hpa-an in Kayin State on 11 July morning.

Six fire engines and fire brigade members of Fire Services Department, townselders and local people controlled the fire and it was

reduced at 10 am. The two-storey house worth about K 3.5 million was lost and the fire started from short circuit, said Staff Officer U Aung Kyin Tun of District FSD. Hpa-an Myoma Police Station opened a lawsuit over the case.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Htway (Hpa-an)

Crime

One man, four women from massage room arrested in Kamayut

YANGON, 15 July—Sub-Inspector Aung Kyaing and police members searched Nilar Beauty Saloon, at Building No (67) on Hledan Street in Kamayut Township on 11 July.

They found massage room manager Aung Pu, 45, along with one paper for writing entrance and

exit time and arrested four women including Wai Wai residing in Thakayta Township and seized beds and pillows, one watch and K 5,800. The township administrator opened a file over the case at Kamayut Police Station and they will be sued at the township court.—Kyemon-31



YANGON, 15 July—Organized by Myanmar Senior PGA, the 2nd

Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 2013 will be held at Shwemantaung Golf Club in Mandalay of Mandalay Region from 24 to 26 July.

The championship will be classified for senior professional golfers (who must be members of the Myanmar Senior PGA) and the amateur above-50 golfers. Those qualified

Hiking and Mountaineering Team members to start monsoon endurance trip

YANGON, 15 July—A team comprising 145 members of Universities' Hiking and Mountaineering Team of Thabawa Khawthan Foundation will launch the monsoon endurance trip along Weponla and Kelatha mountain range in Bilin Township of Mon State from 19 to 22 July.

During the trip, they will donate Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha at the monasteries.

Medical staff of the team will provide health

care services to the people. Moreover, they will donate books to school libraries and grow saplings around Weponla Mountain.

The team is placing emphasis on scaling the mountains, carrying out public welfare tasks and participation in environmental conservation, said Chairman of the team Saya U Myo Thant, Patron of Hiking and Mountaineering Team of Yangon University).

Kyemon-Myo Min Thura

Legal affairs discussed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 15 July—A coordination meeting between Mandalay Region Advocate-General and region, district and township law officers at the region government office on 13 July morning.

Advocate-General U Ye Aung Myint of the region

made a speech.

Mandalay Region Law Officer U Htay Lwin Win and officials reported on respective sectors.

The meeting was attended by 156 law officers of the region.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Environmental Conservation Falam decorate motherland green

FALAM, 15 July—The seven monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Women's Vocational Training School in Ciinhmua Ward of Falam of Chin State on 13 July as part of efforts for greening activity in the second week

of July.

About 180 departmental personnel led by Falam District Deputy Commissioner U Soe Tint grew 673 saplings at the designated places.

Kyemon-District IPRD



Sports

Drinking Water, Sime Darby Health and Shwemantaung Golf Club.

Those wishing to take part in the championship are to enlist the Han Golf Masters Pro Shop, Asian Centre golf shooting range (Mandalay), and Shwemantaung Golf Club, Tel: 09-2037671, 09-73130474 and 420017835, not later than 2 pm on 22 July.—H

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Mandalay University joins ASEAN Universities Network



A file photo shows Mandalay University.

MANDALAY, 15 July—The 5th ASEAN Universities Network Conference was held at Traders Hotel in Yangon on 3 July, attended by professors of ASEAN countries.

The 29th ASEAN Universities Network Board of Trustees Meeting took place at Diamond Jubilee Hall on 4 and 5 July and the participants discussed cooperation among ASEAN universities and development of academic subjects.

The management meeting admitted Mandalay University as member of the ASEAN Universities Network.

Mandalay University has been conducting masters' courses and doctoral courses since 1990.

In the time of the new government as of 2013, the university plans to choose 20 students as excellent ones in each subject.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

New school put into service

REEDKHORDA, 15 July—A ceremony to open new school took place at Basic Education Middle School in No 2 Ward of Reedkhorda Sub-Township in Falam District of Chin State on 12 July.

Sub-Township Administrator U Kya Ewel, Headmistress of Basic Education High School U Win Maung and

a local formally opened the school.

Next, the new school building was handed over the education department.

The building, 30 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet high, was constructed at a cost of K 23.5 million by the Union government and the local people.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets seized near toll gate

YANGON, 15 July—Stimulant tablets were seized near the toll gate on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Expressway.

At 10.30 pm on 7 July, a combined team comprising members of Yangon East Special Anti-Drug Squad and party searched a Hunda brand vehicle driven by Nay Lin Aung (a) Athaik, 38, son of U Shwe Myint of Laydukhaung Village of Phekhon Township together with Bo Bo Aung, 25, son of U Tin Aung of

No 13, Nyaungkon Ward 3, Bazaar Street in Phekhon, heading for Yangon from Nay Pyi Taw,.

The team seized 10000 WY brand stimulant tablets weighing one kilo worth K 50 million, two cards with name of Nay Lin Aung, three mobile phones and one CSC card of Bo Bo.

No 3 Highway Junction Police Station opened files of lawsuit against Sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter shows Katase Higashihama beach in Fujisawa, Kanagawa Prefecture, crowded with people on 14 July, 2013, a day before the Marine Day national holiday in Japan.— KYODO NEWS

Two Koreas begin 3rd round of talks on suspended industrial zone

SEOUL, 15 July — North and South Korea began a third round of working-level talks on Monday to resume operations at a joint industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong that has been shuttered for nearly three months. In the previous rounds, South Korea called on Pyongyang to introduce measures to ensure no further disruption to operations at the industrial zone while proposing that foreign companies be allowed to invest there with the aim of turning it into an international industrial area.

South Korea has also urged North Korea to take responsibility for the closure of the zone that it says has caused considerable damage to its companies running factories there. Losses claimed by the 123 South Korean companies there have amounted to 1.05 trillion won (about \$933 million). North Korea reportedly demanded the South agree to immediately reopening the industrial zone, with both sides respecting the spirit of the landmark 2000 inter-Korean summit held between then South Korean President Kim Dae Jung and then North Korean leader Kim Jong Il.

A string of inter-Korean projects has been undertaken following the summit, including the Kaesong industrial zone. "Unless the Kaesong Industrial Complex issue is resolved, there cannot be any progress in

inter-Korean relations," the North said in a statement carried by the official Korean Central News Agency on Saturday. A three-member delegation from each side is to attend the talks that got under way for a one-day schedule. The talks may be extended into Tuesday.

The joint industrial zone was shut down in early April and North Korea withdrew all its 53,000 workers, employed by more than 100 South Korean companies, from Kaesong, amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula. Pyongyang had cut off communication links with Seoul in March in response to joint South Korea-US military exercises and the South's condemnation of the North's third nuclear test in February in defiance of UN Security Council resolutions. The industrial zone, which brought together South Korean capital and North Korean labour, has been the last remaining symbol of reconciliation amid the tensions.

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A villager walked past a house destroyed by rainstorms in Liandun Village of Chayang Township in Meizhou City, south China's Guangdong Province, on 14 July, 2013. Typhoon Soulik-triggered rainstorms battered Meizhou from Saturday night, flooding many roads and farmlands. — XINHUA

TPP talks kick off in Malaysia as Japan awaits debut

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia), 15 July — The 18th round of the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations began on Monday in Malaysia as Japan prepares to make its debut near the end of the 11-day round. Japan's participation will not come until 23 July, when the United States, the leading economy of the TPP, completes the domestic procedure of giving its Congress 90 days' notice to start trade negotiations with Japan.

The session of the working group on market access covering tariff elimination, a crucial issue Tokyo has been seeking to negotiate, is expected to finish before Japan gets to the negotiation table after a four-month wait since announcing its intention to participate in the talks. But 25 July, the last day of the round in the Malaysian resort of Kota Kinabalu, will be devoted to Japan, with top negotiators of other

TPP countries giving the country updates on the status of the negotiations that have entered their fourth year, likely giving Japan a chance to state its position.

With Japan's participation, TPP countries would account for nearly 40 percent of global GDP and about one-third of all world trade, even without China as a member. Japan is aiming to retain its tariffs on key farm products such as rice and beef, while eliminating import duties imposed on Japanese automobiles and other manufactured goods. The TPP negotiations comprise 21 working groups on 29 chapters including investment and government procurement.

Malaysia recently released a brief document on the TPP stating "negotiations on technical and less contentious issues are considered substantially closed" in 14 of the 29 chapters, while "there are still outstanding issues that are

sensitive and will require discussion at a later stage of the negotiations." Member countries are seeking a basic agreement by October and to conclude a deal by the end of the year, although some speculate that the talks could fall behind schedule. As each member country has sensitive sectors, the negotiations are likely to become more difficult as they progress.

Japan's belated participation could also complicate the negotiations, as the country is seeking to keep some farm products exempt from the free trade deal's general rule of tariff elimination. Regarding tariff negotiations, the United States is seeking to protect its sugar industry, while Canada aims to protect its dairy products. The TPP negotiations currently involve Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam. — Kyodo News

At least 17 killed in stampede at boxing match in Indonesia's Papua

JAKARTA, 15 July — A stampede at a boxing match in Indonesia's restive Papua Province has left at least 17 dead and another 30 in a critical condition, a local police spokesman said early Monday.

Papua Police spokesman Gede Sumerta Jaya told reporters that the incident occurred early Monday in Kota Lama Sports Stadium in the town of Nabire after supporters of a losing boxer, angered by the result of the bout that began at 11 pm on Sunday, attacked opposing fans.

Most of the victims were women trampled in the stampede triggered by the spectator violence at the stadium, where some 1,500 people had gathered to watch the match, according to Jaya.

Kyodo News

Small is big for Japanese automakers eyeing Indonesia and India

TOKYO, 15 July — Japanese automakers like Honda Motor Co (7267.T) and the Toyota-Daihatsu group (7203.T) (7262.T) have a problem: the smallest cars they make are very big in Japan — and only Japan. Consider Honda's hi-tech N BOX, a four-passenger microcar that combines some of the utility features of a much larger SUV — the seats roll down to load a bicycle or two — and the fuel-sipping economy of a tiny, 660-cc engine.

For the first half of 2013, the zippy N BOX was the best-selling car in Japan's popular vehicle category that now represents almost 40 percent of vehicles on the road. But

outside Japan, the concept of the so-called kei car, a term derived from the Japanese word light, is mostly unknown. Now that could change. The Japanese auto giants are considering exporting the technology to emerging market countries. "We have fairly low-priced cars in those markets already, but in India and markets like Indonesia, we need even smaller, even more affordable cars," Honda's chief spokesman Masaya Nagai said.

Rising fuel costs and a fast growing middle class in the world's second and fourth most populous states make them likely to be the first microcar customers. As a first step, companies



A woman walks past Honda Motor Co's N Box (R) and N One minicars outside at a Honda dealer in Tokyo on 13 July, 2013.—REUTERS

such as Honda have designed their kei cars — the kei is pronounced like the letter "k" — in a way that makes it easier to produce them overseas. "We spent a long time nurturing the kei car technology in Japan,

and we think it has the potential to be useful not only in developed markets but also in emerging markets," Honda's Chief Executive Officer Takanobu Ito told reporters in June. Honda is not alone. — Reuters

Typhoon Soulik kills three in south China

GUANGZHOU, 15 July — Typhoon Soulik, the seventh typhoon to hit the Chinese mainland this year, killed three people and forced another 20,000 to relocate in south China's Guangdong Province.

The typhoon brought heavy rains to Guangdong from Saturday night to Sunday. Two local meteorological stations reported precipitation of over 250 mm in 20 hours to 4 pm on Sunday, said Xue Dengzhi,

chief forecaster with the Guangdong Meteorological Centre.

The torrential rains affected 382,000 people and toppled 1,076 houses in 80 townships in three cities of the province. The rains also pushed water in some local rivers above warning levels. Typhoon Soulik made landfall in the neighbouring province of Fujian on Saturday afternoon, bringing heavy rains and strong gales. — Xinhua



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MINISTRY OF ENERGY

MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE

(INVITATION FOR OPENED TENDER)

(3/2013)

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -021(2013-2014)	Accessories for Ywama Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(2)	IFB -022(2013-2014)	Accessories for Kanbauk Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(3)	1FB -023(2013-2014)	Accessories for Kyauk Phyu Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(4)	1FB -024(2013-2014)	6" ERW API 5L Grade X 42 Steel Line	(2414) MTR	US \$
(5)	IFB -025(2013-2014)	Pipe and accessories (1) Lot 428 XL Server 4000 with Monitor (NEC WA - 3.3 KV Induction Motor	(l) Set	US \$
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(7)	IFB -027(2013-2014)	185 KW, 3.3 KV Induction Motor	(1) No	US \$
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(9)	IFB -029(2013-2014)	Derrick Shaker Unit	(1) Set	US \$
(10)	IFB -030(2013-2014)	Water Transfer Pump with Engine Driven	(1) Unit	US \$
(11)	DMP/L-011(2013-2014)	Telephone Cable, Branch Exchange and Cordless Telephone	(1) Lot	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-012(2013-2014)	(a) Aluminium Conductor Steel Reinforce (ACSR) Wire (b) Hard Drawn Bore Copper (HDBC) Wire	(2.5) Tons (1) Ton	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-013(2013-2014)	Circular Concrete POST 99) M	(50) Nos	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-014(2013-2014)	(a) 5 KW Diesel Engine Driven Generating Set (b) 5 HP 3 Phase Induction Motor	(3) Sets (1) No	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-015(2013-2014)	Spares for F 1600 Drilling Pump Ex ZJ 70 L Drilling Rig	(1) Kyat	Kyat
-Tender Closing Date & Time -		12-8-2013, 1300 Hrs.		

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

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
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2.	MPPE/AV/T/1 (2013-2014)	Aviation Gasoline 100LL	400 Drums	USD
3.	MPPE/AV(LUB)/T/1 (2013-2014)	Aviation Lubricating Oil & Grease	6 Items	U2SD
4.	MPPE/LP/MCY/T/1 (2013-2014)	Aviation Fuelling Equipment Spre Parts	3 Items	Kyats
5.	MPPE/LP/CHEM/T/1 (2013-2014)	Shell Water Detector Capsules	890 Boxes	Kyats

2. Tender Closing Date & Time — 14.8.2013, 12:00 Hrs

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 15-7-2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact
Phone: 067-411487

Planning Department
Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No (6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION

MYANMA RAILWAYS

INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

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Sr No.	Tender No	Description	Quantity
1.	15(T)1/MR(E) 2013-2014	Spare Parts for Automatic Levelling, Lining and Tamping Machine (ED/ALL TM.No.01 and 02)	(192) Items

Closing Date & Time -19.8.2013(Monday)(12:00)Hrs

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 16.7.2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways. Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

Colombian police seize 3.4 tons of marijuana

BOGOTA, 15 July—Colombian police said on Sunday that they seized more than 3 tons of marijuana in four different locations in a town in northern Magdalena department. The police said in a press release that the 3.436 tons of the contraband drug was found in the process of drying, thanks to a tip from a source. The cache, according to the authorities, belonged to an organized crime ring known as Los Urabenos, which is active in the local area of the Andean country.—Xinhua



A "life-size" model of the cockpit of a "VF-1 Valkyrie" fighter from science fiction anime series Macross is shown at a preview at the Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum in Takarazuka, Hyogo Prefecture, on 27 June, 2013. The special exhibition of the Macross series opened the following day and will run through 28 October.

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US rapper Jay-Z tops British album chart for first time

LONDON, 15 July—American rapper Jay-Z has reached the top of the British album charts for the first time with his new release "Magna Carta... Holy Grail", sales figures showed on Sunday.

The hip hop artist knocked the English folk rock band Mumford &

Sons off the number one spot, according to the Official Charts Company, which compiles the weekly rundown.

Jay-Z's new album features guest appearances by his wife Beyonce and singer Justin Timberlake. Seven of his previous albums have entered the British top 40,

but none had reached the number one position, the compiler said. He saw off a challenge from Scottish veteran Rod Stewart, whose album "Time" climbed three places to number two.

The English folk rock band Passenger took third place with "All the Little Lights".—Reuters

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(20 June 2013)

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(20 June 2013)

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Don't Smoke

Halle Berry, Olivier Martinez marry in France

NEW YORK, 15 July—Actress Halle Berry and French actor Olivier Martinez were married over the weekend in France, her representative said on Sunday.

Berry, 46, a best actress Oscar winner for the 2001 film "Monster's Ball," is pregnant with the couple's

child due this fall. They announced their engagement early last year.

Berry and Martinez, 47, who starred in "Unfaithful" and "Dark Tide," the latter co-starring with Berry, married on Saturday at a chateau in Vallery, France, attended by friends and family mem-

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All Banks will be closed on 19th July (Friday) 2013, Martyr's Day and 22nd July (Monday) 2013, Full Moon of Waso being Public Holidays, Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
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Rapper Shawn "Jay-Z" Carter attends 'The Great Gatsby' world premiere at Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts in New York on 1 May, 2013. —REUTERS



SPORTS

Pep Guardiola's Bayern Munich 'labour' to 4-0 win against minnows Rostock

BERLIN, 15 July—Bayern Munich laboured to a 4-0 win at German third division minnows Hansa Rostock in Sunday's benefit friendly as the European champions continue to adapt to coach Pep Guardiola's new system.

Bayern, who beat Bundesliga rivals Borussia Dortmund 2-1 at Wemb-

ley in May's Champions League final, won the treble of European, league and cup titles last season playing a conventional 4-2-3-1 formation under coach Jupp Heynckes.

Ex-Barcelona boss Guardiola, who won 14 titles in four years at the Camp Nou, succeeded Heynckes last month and has

introduced a 4-1-4-1 formation, which the Bavarian giants are still adapting to.

France winger Franck Ribery has described the new system as "pretty strange, totally different from what we're used to" and Bayern have used it in winning all six of their pre-season friendlies, albeit against low-level opposition.

"The players are intelligent, they won three titles last season, but it takes time to bring in a new system," said Guardiola, whose side also beat regional Bavarian side SG Sonnenhof 6-0 on Saturday.

"The second half wasn't so good, but we have some big tests ahead of us, especially with the BVB (Borussia Dortmund) final and the start of the Bundesliga."

Bayern play Dortmund in the German Super Cup final on 27 July with the Bundesliga to resume on 9 August, while Guardiola's team also play in a four-team tournament, which includes Dortmund, in Moenchengladbach next weekend.—PTI



Bayern Munich's French midfielder Franck Ribery takes a corner during the pre-season football match Hansa Rostock vs FC Bayern Munich on 14 July, 2013 in Rostock, northern Germany.—PTI



Arsenal's striker Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (left) vies with Indonesia's goalkeeper Kurnia Meiga during a friendly football match Arsenal FC vs Indonesia Dream Team in Jakarta on 14 July, 2013.—PTI

Arsenal cruise 7-0 in Brazil-style away kit at Asian Tour opener

JAKARTA, 15 July—Arsenal donned their new, Brazil-style away kit and played like five-time world champions as they blew away the Indonesia Dream Team 7-0 at the start of their Asian tour on Sunday.

Unveiling their yellow shirts and blue shorts in Jakarta, academy whizz-kids Chuba Akpom and Kristofer Olsson scored on their first-team debuts as Arsenal poured on six goals after half-time.

England striker Theo Walcott got the opener on

19 minutes, Olivier Giroud grabbed a rapid-fire double and Lukas Podolski and fringe midfielder Thomas Eisfeld both scored late on.

Fittingly for the occasion, it was exhibition stuff and eclipsed English champions Manchester United, who lost 1-0 to the Singha All-Star XI in Bangkok in their first game under new boss David Moyes on Saturday.

Manchester United, Manchester City and Chelsea all have new managers this season, giving Arsenal hope that their stability under Arsene Wenger can finally help them end an eight-year trophy drought.

"It was a good game tonight, good technical skill. We could test some young players tonight," said Wenger.

"It's a positive night in a friendly environment. We were welcomed fantastically. I felt a little bit like we played like at home, such big support."

The yellow-shirted visitors laid siege to the Dream Team goal from the

start and academy striker Akpom, 17, passed up two good chances in the early minutes.

Akpom was only denied by some last-ditch defending when Aaron Ramsey's dangerous ball to the far post was nodded back into the six-yard box by Walcott, playing on the right of attack.

The opener never looked far away and Walcott duly slotted it from the edge of the box on 19 minutes after neat skills from Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, in a strike which was warmly applauded by Wenger.

Akpom was left frustrated when Oxlade-Chamberlain took on and missed a difficult shot into an empty net rather than pass to his team-mate for what would have been the simplest of debut goals.

Serge Gnabry, another youngster hoping to impress Wenger, was also doing his career prospects no harm and he nearly doubled Arsenal's lead with a strong run and shot on 37 minutes.

PTI

Mahut wins Hall of Fame championship

NEWPORT, (RI), 15 July—Frenchman Nicolas Mahut won two matches in a day to capture the Hall of Fame Championship at Newport on Sunday, denying former world number one Lleyton Hewitt his first title in more than three years. Mahut, who won his first career ATP title in the Netherlands last month, added a second in quick succession after a marathon day in Rhode Island.

He beat American Michael Russell 6-2, 6-2 in their rain-delayed semi-final in the morning then returned to the grass court to defeat Hewitt 5-7, 7-5, 6-3 in the afternoon final.

The Australian, bidding for his first singles title since he beat Roger Federer in the final at Halle in June, 2010, also played in the morning, blunting the booming serve of twice defending champion John Is-



ner to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-4.

Despite spending more than an hour longer on court in his semi-final, the

France's Nicolas Mahut holds his trophy

32-year-old Hewitt looked to be on the verge of a straightforward victory in the final.—Reuters

Teen Spieth wins John Deere Classic on fifth playoff hole

NEW YORK, 15 July—Teenager Jordan Spieth won the John Deere Classic on the fifth hole of a three-man, sudden-death playoff on Sunday to become the youngest player to win on the PGA Tour since 1931.

The 19-year-old Spieth tapped in for par on the par-four 18th hole to defeat 2007 Masters champion Zach Johnson, who won the tournament and Canadian David Hearn after the trio finished the regulation 72 holes tied at 19 under par.

The three players all parred the first four holes of the playoff despite having chances to win at TPC Deere Run, setting up the finish in Silvis, Illinois.

Spieth, a two-time US Junior Amateur champion, became the youngest player to win on the tour since Ralph Guldahl won the Santa Monica Open 82 years ago.—Reuters



Jordan Spieth with his trophy.



Jordan Spieth of the US

GENERAL

Kyokutenho recalls being “1st Japanese” to win sumo meet since 2006

TOKYO, 15 July — Sumo wrestler Kyokutenho has forced Japanese media to rephrase their pet question since winning the Summer Grand Sumo Tournament in May 2012.

With Mongolians dominating sumo, the press had been asking who would be the “first Japanese wrestler” to win a grand tournament since retired Tochiazuma did so at the New Year basho in 2006. Kyokutenho, 38, was born in Mongolia and acquired Japanese citizenship in 2005, so while his first title put an end to that question, reporters turned to asking who would be “the first Japanese-born wrestler” to achieve the feat.

Kyokutenho heard the change in expression on TV. “I thought there were people who minded my being a naturalized Japanese citizen,” he recalls. “But the words stuck in my ear.” In February 1992, Kyokutenho and five other young Mongolians came to Japan to become sumo wrestlers. They laboured to adapt to the hard training after waking up at 5 am as well as Japanese food and the language. All but one returned to Mongolia after three tournaments, but Kyokutenho came back to



Sumo wrestler Kyokutenho, who was born in Mongolia, gives an interview with Kyodo News on 13 June, 2013, at the Tomozuna stable in Tokyo's Sumida Ward. He acquired Japanese citizenship in 2005.
KYODO NEWS

Japan two months later.

Kyokutenho, whose Japanese name is Masaru Ota, originally came to Japan because he could not envision a future in Mongolia, where the socialist system had collapsed.

Kyokutenho, who was born Nyamjavyn Tsevegnyam, said when he was a small boy he was told that Japan was an enigmatic country capable of producing anything and everything, “even air for its huge population,” Kyokutenho said in fluent Japanese during an interview with Kyodo News. “I once

looked into a vending machine, wondering if a person inside could correctly count the change.”

He found life in Japan comfortable once he grew accustomed to it. He advanced to the top makuuchi division in sumo for the first time in 1998.

Since 1999, he has stayed there except for one basho in which he fought in the lower juryo division after causing a traffic accident. He did not expect to be bashed in Mongolia when he obtained Japanese citizenship.

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| 4. Dance & Song of National Races | 20. India Drama Series |
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| 6. People Talks | 22. Song & Dance of National Races |
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| 7. News/ International News | 23. News |
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| 8. Teleplay (SEA Games) | 24. SEA Games Go for Gold (Weightlifting) |
| 9:30 am | 6:00 pm |
| 9. Mono Classical Songs | 25. News/ Weather Report |
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| 10. News | 26. TV Drama Series |
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| 11. TV Drama Series | 27. News |
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| 12. Cartoon Series | 28. TV Drama Series |
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| 13. Tamyetnar Takwestsar | 29. News/ International News/ Weather Report |
| 12:00 am | 8:35 pm |
| 14. News/ International News/ Weather Report | 30. Pyi Thu Ni Ti |
| 12:25 pm | 8:45 pm |
| 15. Myanmar Video | 31. Documentary |
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| 17. News | 34. India Drama Series |

Magnitude-5.0 quake rocks S Philippines, no damage report yet

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 15 July — A moderate magnitude-5.0 earthquake shook parts of southern Philippines early on Monday, the website of US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

There were no immediate reports of damage or injuries from local authorities from the quake that struck at 9:28 am local time (0128 GMT) and was traced 27 kilometres northwest of President Roxas township, in Mindanao's North Cotabato province at a depth of 28.9 kilometres, the USGS said.

The quake was also felt in other areas in North Cotabato, site of a series of quakes that measured magnitude-5.7 last month that wounded several people and destroyed dozens of homes

and two bridges, as well as the landlocked Province of Bukidnon. The Philippines sits in the so-called Pacific Ring of Fire where continental plates collide causing frequent quakes and volcanic activities.—Xinhua

RALEIGH, (North Carolina), 15 July—Tearful former double sprint world champion Tyson Gay said on Sunday he had tested positive for a substance he could not identify and was pulling out of next month's world championships in Moscow.

Gay, who had the year's fastest 100 metres time of 9.75 seconds, said in

telephone conference call to two reporters, he was notified by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) on Friday that his A sample from an out-of-competition test on 16 May had returned a positive.

“I don't have a sabotage story. I don't have lies...I basically put my trust in someone and I was let down,” said Gay who

added he had never knowingly taken a performance-enhancing drug.

“I made a mistake,” added the 30-year-old sprinter from his training base in Amsterdam.

“I am pulling out of Monaco (Diamond League meeting on Friday) and the world championships.”

The B sample is yet to

be tested, said Gay.

Gay, the world 100 and 200 champion in 2007, said he could not divulge the substance or how the positive occurred.

“I am not allowed to talk about those things right now.” “I know exactly what went on, but I can't discuss it right now,” he added.

Reuters

Japan's Koji Suzuki wins US suspense thriller novel award

TOKYO, 15 July — A novel by Japan's Koji Suzuki won the Shirley Jackson Award for 2012, given to writings in the fields of psychological suspense, horror and dark fantasy.

His novel, “Edge,” was selected as winner of the novel category among five finalists, according to the US literary awards' organ-

izer which announced the winners on Sunday in Massachusetts.

Suzuki, 55, is known for popular horror novels including “Ring” which was adapted for films in Japan, South Korea and the United States.

Among other categories, Kaaron Warren's “Sky” was selected as the

best novella and Karen Russell's “Reeling for the Empire” was selected as the best novelette for 2012.

The awards are given for works published in the preceding calendar year in six categories which also include short story, single-author collection and edited anthology.

Kyodo News



Tyson Gay of the US reacts after finishing fourth in the men's 100m final during the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 5 Aug, 2012.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses meeting of central committee for holding 66th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses the meeting of central committee for holding the 66th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the Meeting of central committee for holding the 66th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day, at the meeting hall of the Union Government at the Presidential Palace, here, at 10 am today.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that

according to the history, Myanmar holds the Martyrs' Day on 19 July on which leaders were assassinated while striving for national independence.

It turns 66th Anniversary of Martyrs' Day this year.

Last year's 65th Anniversary of the Martyrs' Day was attended by State-level officials. The purpose

of marking the Martyrs' Day is enabling the citizens to remember the fallen heroes with gratitude, to foster the national spirit and to comfort their families meeting with them.

The Vice-President added that the members of the central committee, the working committee and the sub-committees were urged to do their best in carrying out their tasks. It is needed to tighten security up as civilians, students plus officials concerned from the political parties, social and economic organizations, diplomatic corps, the UN agencies would pay tribute to the fallen heroes.

At present, not only Martyrs' Mausoleum but also Bogoyoke Aung San Museum were being repaired, and thus the

Vice-President urged all to make sure that everything goes well.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu, Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and Deputy Minister Chief of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun reported to the Vice-President on undertakings for holding the anniversary and progress of upgrading Martyr's Mausoleum and Bogoyoke Aung San Museum.

Next, Union Ministers U Aung Kyi and Dr Pe Thet Khin, the deputy ministers and officials concerned presented reports on their respective works.

The Vice-President attended to the needs and the meeting came to an end with his concluding remark.

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MPs urge Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to set time frame, urgently undertake suggestions of Land Grab Investigation Commission

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July — Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today approved an amended proposal to parliament asking Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to set a time frame and urgently undertake the suggestions of the Land Grab Investigation Commission's report which have been submitted to Hluttaw by the commission to prevent losses to the farmers in conformity with the provisions of the Sub-section (A) under the Section 228 of the

Constitution.

U Win Myint of Patheingyi Constituency submitted the amended proposal urging the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to release the time table and undertake the suggestions of the report in conformity with the constitution as the suggestions of the report are also the administrative resolutions passed by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw according to the Sub-section (A) of the Section 228 of the Constitution.

During today session,

21 MPs discussed the report 1 and 2 of the commission.

In his discussion, U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency said that some companies violated the legal rights but some companies felt sympathy for farmers negotiating with them in attempts to settle the land confiscation issue in peace.

However, when the Farmland Law enacted in 2012, the tenant farmers who had been working



U Thein Yi of Htantabin Constituency takes part in discussion.

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Daw Khin Than Myint of Ngapudaw Constituency participates in discussion.—MNA



U Win Myint of Patheingyi Constituency submits a proposal.

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Myanmar, Germany ink cultural cooperation agreement



Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe and Deputy Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany Mrs. Cornelia Pieper sign agreement on cooperation in the sectors of culture, education, film and IT, youths and sports.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—A ceremony to sign an agreement on cooperation in the sectors of culture, education, film and IT, youths and sports between Myanmar and Germany took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, today.

It was attended by Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Ministers U Thant Kyaw, Dr Daw Khin San Yi and Daw Su Su Hlaing and the departmental heads.

Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe and Deputy Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office of Germany Mrs. Cornelia Pieper signed the agreement.

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with a company since 2005 denied the tenancy fee and demanded for getting back the farmland, he said.

Some farmers were charged for intrusion and lawless acts, he added.

During negotiation between the farmers and the company, dishonest and threats arouse causing a collision course with the company over the number of farmland to be given back to farmers.

He urged the authority concerned to urgently conduct an investigation into the case to be able to settle the issue.

Daw Khin Than Myint of Ngapudaw Constituency complained that some farmers suffered losses as they had to hire lawyers and provided money to volunteers believed to be those from a party to get back their farmlands.

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Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July—According to the (12:30)hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik is observed as (76) cm (about 2.5-foot)

below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (48) hours commencing this noon, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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