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Resource-rich Myanmar and industrialized UK can work together in many mutually-beneficial businesses

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers a speech in meeting with businessmen in Britain.—MNA

LONDON, 17 July— President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein held a discussions with businessmen in Britain over breakfast at Sofitel St James Hotel in London yesterday.

The President also received the President and the chief executive officer of the Standard Chartered Bank at St Pancras Renaissance Hotel.

President U Thein Sein attended a luncheon hosted by UK-ASEAN Business Council in his honour.

During the talks yesterday, the President discussed matters related to banking services in Myanmar and financial policies, promoting of investment from British companies in Myanmar, opportunities for Myanmar youths to learn international laws, micro-credits and tasks for rural area development and poverty alleviation in Myanmar.

President U Thein Sein also delivered an address at the roundtable discussion organized by the UK-ASEAN Business Council.

It is my great pleasure to deliver a speech at the UK-ASEAN Business Council Roundtable discussion during my visit to London.

Let me take this opportunity to inform you of Myanmar's economic reforms.

Our government is making concerted efforts in economic reforms along with the political ones to promote the socio-economic lives of the people of Myanmar.

Indeed, political stability and economic development are interdependent. If there is political stability in our country, we will be able to achieve rapid economic development. Similarly, if there is economic development, we can rapidly step forward to democracy.

For economic development, there are three prerequisites such as financial capital, technology and human resource development.

We are now inviting more foreign investment to fulfill those requirements.

The economic potential is one of the hopes of the people of Myanmar and so is the main responsibility of our government.

Realising the Rule of Law is the most fundamental requirement in creating a favorable economic environment, we have been striving for the prevalence of law in a timely manner.

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MMCWA (Central) holds monsoon tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— Organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central), a monsoon tree planting ceremony was held at ILBC Nursery School in the compound of MMCWA (Central), here this morning.

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun, patrons of MMCWA (Central), president, secretary, members of central executive committee and responsible persons attended the ceremony.

Daw Nan Shwe Hmon and Daw Khin Aye Myint planted a Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) sapling to mark monsoon tree planting ceremony. They gave encouragement to those who planted saplings at the designated places in group. A total of 550 saplings were planted at the ceremony.

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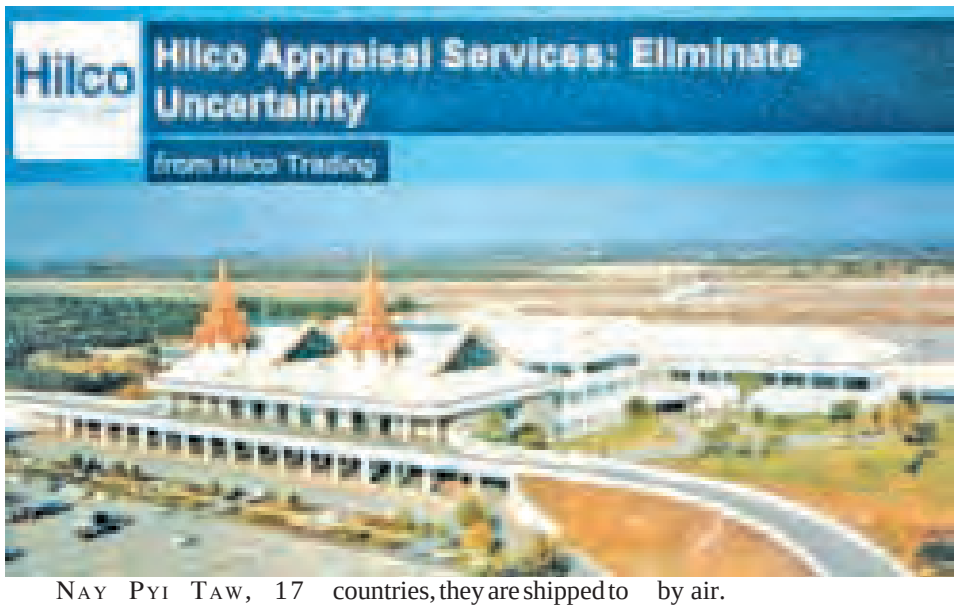
Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and Daw Khin Aye Myint, wife of Vice-President U Nyan Tun plant a Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) sapling.—MNA

Transportation

Plans to transform Mandalay International Airport into Logistics Hub underway



NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— In line with changing economic policies in Myanmar, Mandalay International Airport will be transformed into a Logistics Hub in future so that there will be direct transportation of goods to other countries in Asia and Europe by air, based on Department of Civil Aviation.

According to an official, Mandalay International Airport that can be reached from every part of the continent within 3 hours of flight time has been designated a logistics hub due to its strategically geographic location for the Asian continent in which two-thirds of the world population is concentrated.

While transporting agricultural produce and manufactured goods of Myanmar to foreign countries, they are shipped to China, Hong Kong, Macao, Korea and Japan via Thailand and Singapore.

If Mandalay International Airport will be turned into a logistics hub that offers full service for direct transportation of goods to Asian countries, time and money can be saved.

As Mandalay is situated on ASEAN-China and ASEAN-India routes, goods from China and India can be shipped to other Asian countries and European countries via Mandalay International Airport within a short period of time.

Likewise, agricultural produce from states likes Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine and manufactured goods of plants and industries in Mandalay will also be transported to other countries by air.

As Mandalay International Airport has a runway which is 14000 feet long and 200 feet wide and it is among one of the airports with the longest runaways, cargo planes can take off from and land on it. Like airports of international level, it is also equipped with facilities and devices of international level.

Plans are underway to allow private sector to transform the airport into a logistics hub and the winner will be announced by the end of this month. The tender-winning company will start building infrastructures and installing necessary devices at the airport in September, investing more than US$ 100 million in the project, it is learnt.—*Kyemon-Thaw Zat and Khin Maung Win*

3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament on 23-24 July

YANGON, 17 July—The 3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament-2013, jointly organized by Junior Golf Myanmar and Myanmar Golf Federation, will be held at Punhlaing Golf Resort, here, on 23 and 24 July.

The third leg covers U-24, U-18, U-14 and U-10 men's and women's golf events. The interested junior golfers may register at Myanmar Golf Federation with their names and citizenship scrutiny cards, not later than 21 July.

For further details, dial 09-43095678 or 01 9669526. Golf tournament sponsors are invited as golf winners would be awarded handsome awards.—*NLM*

YCDC to purchase tow trucks for making BRTS smooth and secure

YANGON, 17 July— According to Yangon City Development Committee, it is planned to buy tow trucks used for removing undisciplined vehicles which are parked illegally on the road to be able to make a bus rapid transit system smooth and secure.

The plan is aimed at taking actions against vehicles in breach of traffic rules, speeding commuters on board BRT buses on their way and reducing traffic jams in Yangon.

No immediate information about number of tow truck that will be bought was available, but the arrest of undisciplined vehicles with the use of tow trucks will be made in 33 townships of Yangon. Traffic police will be responsible to make the arrests and the vehicles towed away by YCDC. Owners of the vehicles under arrest will have to pay charges for towing service. Lawsuit will be filed against the traffic rule violators and the vehicles moved to Dagon Myothit (South) Township, not to 51st street traffic rule enforcement office.

Traffic police said that tow trucks would provide some reduction in traffic congestions on downtown roads and ensure successful implementation of BRT system.

BRT system is clean, safe and punctual and offers all walks of life to have access to it. The system will be launched on Pyay Road as a pilot program. A total of 50 BRT buses will be introduced to Yangon for the first time and the bus service will be on alternate three minutes. Now, YCDC is making great strides in upgrading roads for BRT system day in, day out in preparation for extension of the program when it achieves success.

Kyemon-Saw Thein Win

Kamaryut young man gets caught in street robbery

YANGON, 17 July — A young man had fallen victim to a street robbery on San Yeiknyein 5th street in ward-2 of Kamaryut Township, here. The incident occurred at about 1.30 am yesterday during the victim's way back from Inya Lake to his home. The incident left the victim injured.

The victim, Ko Wai Phyo Thu of Mya Thida street in ward-3 of the township, reported to the police that he was robbed of his bag by four unknown men. They took his bag in which there are a HP laptop, a wallet with K 6000 in it, a citizenship scrutiny card, two educational certificates, a passport and a household registration certificate and fled away after hitting his head.

Kamaryut police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

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Thalawady (3) double-decker resumes its transport service for Monywa-Khamti route in Chindwin river

MONYWA, 17 July — As Chindwin river restored waters for resumption of water transport, Thalawady (3) double-decker ship resumed its goods and passenger transport service between Monywa and Khamti at 6 am on 12 July, carrying 78 passengers and 1000 bags of cement (50 tons) for construction of schools in Naga region and others (49 tons).

Before setting off the journey, a life-jacket drill was demonstrated under the supervision of Chairman of Thiha Tun Company U Nyunt Lwin, Assistant General Manager U Aung Lin and officials of Chindwin Division (Monywa) of Inland Water Transport. They inspected arrangements for goods on board the ship and called for quality service.

Sagaing Region government allowed Thiha Tun Company to hire the Thalawady (3) double-decker of Chindwin Division (Monywa) of IWT to operate water transport service with the aim of ensuring smooth and secure transport and speedy flow of commodities and construction materials to fur-flung Naga region where 38 schools are under construction.—*Kyemon-Myo Win Tun (Monywa)*

Photo News

Photo shows a road accident in which a motorbike knocked down a woman who was trying to cross the road while the road near Bago market was clogged with traffic on 16 July. The accident left the pedestrian injured and the victim was taken to Bago hospital.

KYEMON-699

Egypt's interim government gets to work amid protests, deadlock

CAIRO, 17 July—Egypt's interim government sets about the mammoth task of returning the country to civilian rule and rescuing the economy on Wednesday, a process complicated by deadly protests and a political stalemate with powerful Islamist groups.

Interim head of state Adli Mansour, the burly judge leading the army-backed administration, swore in 33 mainly liberal and technocratic ministers at the presidential palace on Tuesday.

He did not include a single minister representing either of Egypt's main Islamist groups that have won five straight elections since 2011. Islamist President Mohamed Mursi was ousted by the military on 3 July after millions took to the streets to demand his resignation. Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood movement insists he be returned to power before it joins the political process.

The Brotherhood rejected the interim government led by Mansour and Prime Minister Hazem el-Beblawi, a veteran liberal economist.

"It's an illegitimate government, an illegitimate prime minister, an illegitimate cabinet," said Brotherhood spokesman Gehad El-Haddad. "We don't recognise anyone in it. We don't even recognise their authority as representatives of the government."

The ministers took up their posts hours after seven people were killed and more than 260 wounded when Brotherhood supporters clashed with police in central Cairo and nearby Giza. The deaths took the number of people killed in clashes since Mursi's overthrow to at least 99.

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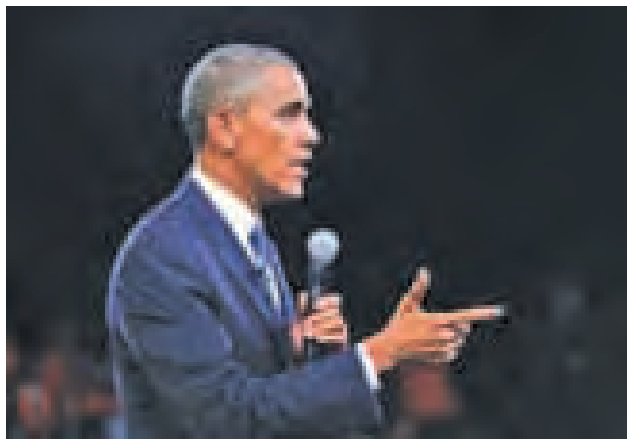
*Supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi hold up a Mursi poster during clashes with riot police in Ramsis square area in central Cairo on 15 July, 2013.—*REUTERS

Obama says capture of cartel boss shows Mexico serious about drug fight



US President Barack Obama participates in a town hall-style meeting with young African leaders at the University of Johannesburg Soweto, on 29 June, 2013.
REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 17 July—President Barack Obama said on Tuesday that Mexico's capture of the leader of a notorious drug cartel provided reassurance that President Enrique Pena Nieto's commitment to fighting drug trafficking was solid.

"What it shows is that the new administration of President Pena Nieto is serious about continuing the efforts to break up these transnational drug operations," Obama said in an interview with Univision's Los Angeles affiliate. "And there had been some question about that, I think early on during his campaign, and immediately after his election." Pena Nieto caused some concern in the United States by dialling back the aggressive campaign against drug trafficking pursued by his predecessor, Felipe Calderon, in favour of a policy emphasizing reducing violence.

Under the new approach, Pena Nieto reined in the wide latitude Calderon gave the US government in working with Mexican officials, replacing it with a single point of contact, Mexico's Ministry of Interior.

Obama endorsed the policy in May during a visit to Mexico, saying it was up to the Mexican people to determine their own security structures.

But he said on Tuesday that Monday's arrest of Miguel Angel Trevino, also called Z-40, the leader of the Zetas drug cartel, offered proof that Pena Nieto's approach could be effective.

"He indicated to me that he recognizes the need to deal with these transnational drug cartels in a serious way," Obama said. "And I think this is evidence of it."

Obama said that clamping down on the international drug trade in Mexico was in the US interest, and that Washington supported Mexican efforts. The United States recognizes for its part that it has a role to play in curtailing the market for drugs at home and the flow of guns to Mexico.

"We want to make sure that they know that we're a partner," Obama said. "It also means though we have to continue doing our part here in the United States to reduce demand, and reduce the flow of guns and cash down south."

Reuters

Panama finds weapons on North Korean ship coming from Cuba

PANAMA CITY, 17 July—Panama seized a North Korean cargo ship it suspects was hiding missile equipment in a shipment of brown sugar from Cuba, after a standoff in which the ship's captain tried to slit his own throat.

The ship was stopped last week as it headed into the Panama Canal and authorities arrested the crew on Monday after finding undeclared missile-shaped objects — a potential violation of UN sanctions linked to North Korea's nuclear programme.

"We found containers which presumably contain sophisticated missile equipment. That is not allowed. The Panama canal is a canal of peace, not war," Panama's President Ricardo Martinelli told local radio on Tuesday.

Cuba said on Tuesday evening that the ship was loaded at one of its ports with 10,000 tons of sugar and 240 tons of "obsolete defensive weaponry," according to a statement by the Cuban Foreign Ministry. Cuba said the weapons were being sent back to North Korea for repair and included two anti-aircraft missile batteries, nine disassembled rockets, two *MiG-21* fighter jets, and 15 *MiG-21* engines, all Soviet-era military weaponry built in the middle of the last century. In the statement, which was read out on the state TV evening news, Cuba said the weaponry was all required "to maintain our defensive capacity to preserve national sovereignty."

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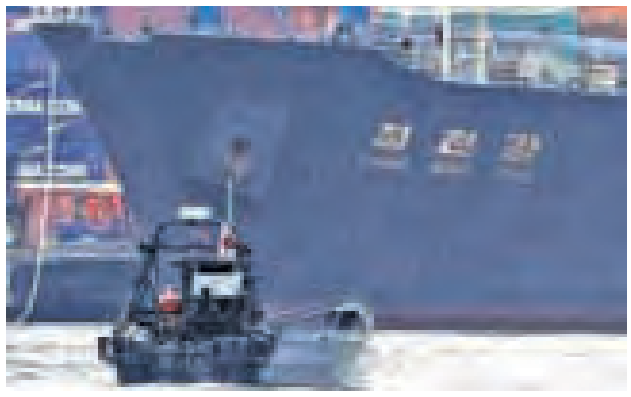


*North Korean container ship "Chong Chon Gang'' docks at the Manzanillo International Container Terminal in Colon City on 16 July, 2013.—*REUTERS

Israel slams EU's decision

JERUSALEM, 17 July—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blasted on Tuesday the European Union's decision to add a clause to agreements between its members and Israel specifying they will not apply to Israeli occupied territories in the West Bank.

In response, Netanyahu held an urgent meeting on Tuesday afternoon with Justice Minister and chief peace negotiator Tzipi Livni, Economy and Trade Minister Naftali Bennet and Deputy Foreign Minister Ze'ev Elkin.

According to the EU's decision, delivered as a guideline for its member states, it is prohibited for any country or companies located on their territories to do business with firms or bodies situated in the West Bank settlement.

Slamming the EU's decision, the Israeli prime minister said he expected the body to focus on other worrying developments in the region, such as the Syrian crisis and the Iranian nuclear issue, instead of Israel's settlement policy.

*Photo taken on 25 Dec, 2012, shows a construction site of houses in the neighbourhood of Gilo in Jerusalem, on 25 Dec, 2012.—*XINHUA

"As prime minister, I would not allow hundreds of thousands of Israelis living in Judea and Samaria (the biblical name of the West Bank) to be hurt, as well as those living in the Golan Heights and Jerusalem," said Netanyahu.

"We will not accept anyone on the outside dictate our borders to us. This topic will only be determined by direct negotiation between the two parties."

Peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian Authority came to a halt in 2010 over Israel's settlement construction in the West Bank, which represents a key issue in the attempts to resume negotiations.—*Xinhua*

Two Koreas begin 4th round of talks on suspended industrial zone

SEOUL, 17 July—North and South Korea began a fourth round of low-level talks on Wednesday to resume operations at a joint industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong that has been idle for nearly three months.

A three-member delegation from each side is expected to try to narrow the gap at the talks being held in Kaesong as their positions remained poles apart in the previous rounds.

In the previous rounds, South Korea had demanded North Korea implement legal and institutional measures to ensure the safety of South Korean personnel making trips to the zone and also to protect the property of South Korean companies.—*Kyodo News*

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Ford to update software on hybrids to boost mileage

The Ford logo is seen on a vehicle at Ford car plant in Craiova, 230km (143 miles) west of Bucharest, on 29 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

DEARBORN, 17 July—Ford Motor Co will offer free software updates on its hybrid models to boost their real-world fuel economy and better align with the gas mileage advertised on the window sticker, a company executive said on Tuesday.

Among the improvements, Ford plans to increase the maximum all-electric speed on those vehicles from 62 miles per hour to 85 mph. This will boost fuel efficiency by allowing the car to rely on the lithium-ion battery for a longer period of time.

The move affects the Ford C-Max and Fusion as well as the Lincoln MKZ hybrids. The changes are designed to narrow the wide range of fuel economy performance reported by hybrid drivers, said Raj Nair, head of Ford's global product development.

"These enhancements will improve fuel economy satisfaction in several different driving conditions and modes of operation, like highway driving, short trips and use of climate control," Nair said during a media briefing.

Owners of about 77,000 hybrid vehicles in the United States and Canada will be offered the upgrades free of charge. Nair declined to provide a cost estimate for the updates.

The move comes as Ford faces a number of class action lawsuits that claim the No 2 US automaker overstated the gas mileage on its hybrids. Consumer Reports magazine said last year that the Ford C-Max and Fusion hybrids fell far short of their promised fuel economy in road tests.

Ford has said that aggressive driving, hot and cold weather and battery performance have an outsized effect on a hybrid's gas mileage. Hybrids show a wider range of results when compared to gas-powered vehicles, Nair told reporters. The company said last year that it was studying if US fuel economy tests for hybrids needed to be changed to reflect their sensitivity. Nair said on Tuesday that Ford's discussions with the US Environmental Protection Agency continue, but "there's no proposal forthcoming."

"All manufacturers are seeing increased variability with hybrids from what you would normally see on gas engine vehicles," he said. "So we're open to that dialogue with the EPA on any revisions they may propose on hybrid vehicle testing."

The EPA estimates that the Lincoln MKZ hybrid gets about 45 miles per gallon on city roads and the highway combined. Both the Fusion and C-Max are expected to get around 47 miles per gallon.

As part of the fixes announced Tuesday, Ford will improve the active grille shutters on those hybrids so they can reduce aerodynamic drag under a wider range of temperatures.

Ford is also reducing the electric fan speed, shortening the engine warm-up time and minimizing the use of the air conditioning compressor to save energy.

Reuters

NASA aborts spacewalk after water leak inside astronaut's helmet

WASHINGTON, 17 July—US space agency NASA aborted a planned 6.5-hour spacewalk by two astronauts outside the *International Space Station* on Tuesday, after one of the spacewalkers reported "a buildup of water" inside his helmet.

"A little more than one hour into Tuesday's spacewalk, Luca Parmitano of the European Space Agency reported water floating behind his head inside his helmet," NASA said in a statement. "The water was not an immediate health hazard for Parmitano, but Mission Control decided to end the spacewalk early."

Chris Cassidy of NASA and Parmitano are already safely back in the space station, and engineers are continuing to evaluate data to determine the cause of the leak, the agency said.

The spacewalk officially ended at 9:29 am EDT (1329 GMT), only 1 hour and 32 minutes into the planned 6.5-hour venture outside the space station, making it the second shortest in the orbital laboratory's history. Both astronauts had planned to lay wires for the arrival of a new Russian Multipurpose Laboratory Module later this year and to do other maintenance works.

Mission managers will work to identify when the unfinished tasks will be completed, NASA said, adding that none of those tasks are urgent, and that the crew and station are not in any danger.—*Xinhua*

New apps do heavy lifting during the job search

A passerby photographs an Apple store logo with his Samsung Galaxy phone on the morning iPhone 5 goes on sale to the public in central Sydney on 21 Sept, 2012. REUTERS

TORONTO, 17 July—Finding a job is not easy but a range of smartphone and web apps are designed to customize employment searches and even provide information on the competition.

Free apps such as SimplyHired, Indeed, and Monster, for iPhone and Android devices, provide job opportunities through a keyword search, and web-based apps, including TwitJobSearch and TweetMyJobs, will scour Twitter for opportunities and send job alerts through the social network.

A new free iPhone app called TheLadders takes a different approach and sends a list of job opportunities to users based on their employment profile and career goals. "One of the big frustrations for job hunters is that they go online to apply for a job and they don't hear back. It's a black hole," said Alex Douzet, chief executive and co-founder of TheLadders, headquartered in New York.

TheLadders uses algorithms to pick out the 50 best jobs for a user based on location, current title, preferences, seniority, areas of expertise, industry and salary goals.

"By doing this what we're creating is a new job discovery mechanism that ... actually matches you to opportunities that are relevant to your profile," he explained.

Job seekers browse opportunities by tapping on a listing to reveal information about the position, company and requirements. Premium users, who pay $25, can also see how they compare to other unnamed applicants who use the app in terms of salary and education. When a user deletes a job opening it helps the algorithm learn the user's preferences. By indicating they "like" a potential job, the user's profile is sent to the recruiter.

Last week Nokia released a new job app for Windows phones called JobLens. It uses augmented reality, which overlays information on the real world as viewed through the device's camera, to show users job openings in their neighbourhoods.

"Knowing proximity to a job is critical in assessing whether it's the right opportunity," said Bryan Biniak, vice president and general manager of global partner and app development at Nokia. "We're all trying to find the right work-life balance, and minimizing your commute is an important consideration. Augmented reality gives job seekers this insight," he added.

Reuters

Plunging ad prices underscore doubts over Yahoo turnaround plan

Marissa Mayer, President and CEO of Yahoo, answers questions during the Reuters Global Technology Summit in the Thomson Reuters offices in San Francisco, California, on 20 June, 2013.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July—Marissa Mayer's plan to resuscitate Yahoo seems a simple one: get back the eyeballs, sell more ads and charge higher prices. But the chief executive's plan seems to have run into a major snag.

The price the company charges per ad slid 12 percent in the April to June period, six times the decline just a quarter ago—a fall that some say highlights how Yahoo has been caught unprepared for the industry shift to automated, programmatic ad buying.

Marketers increasingly prefer to buy online advertising space through automated exchanges, where prices are significantly lower, rather than paying top-dollar for premium ads sold by a Web publisher's salesforce. Ads offered by exchanges also allow marketers to aim ads in real time at specific audiences, such as by gender or age.

Yahoo's ad focus has, however, centred on "on developing media units that were much better for premium buys," said Shar VanBoskirk, an analyst with industry research firm Forrester Research.

Yahoo has its own programmatic ad technology with its Right Media exchange. But analysts say the exchange is not as popular as rival offerings, such as Google's DoubleClick exchange, which is considered the industry standard.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Asiana grounds Boeing 777 in US due to engine oil leak

*A passenger walks past a logo of Asiana Airline at the Incheon Airport in Incheon, west of Seoul on 7 July, 2013.—*Reuters

Seoul, 17 July—Asiana Airlines Inc (020560.KS) on Wednesday said it grounded one of its *Boeing 777* jets in Los Angeles when an engine started leaking oil, less than two weeks after one of the South Korean carrier's *777*s crash landed in San Francisco.

The leak was found on Monday as the plane prepared for takeoff from Los Angeles International Airport bound for South Korea's Incheon Airport, the airline said. The passenger jet underwent maintenance and passengers had to wait about 17 hours before they could fly on another plane.

The incident came nine days after a *Boeing 777* operated by Asiana crash-landed on 6 July at San Francisco International Airport, resulting in the deaths of three teenage girls and injuring over 180 other passengers and crew.

US and South Korean authorities are investigating the cause of the accident. Initial information from the investigation has indicated the plane was flying too slowly as it came in to land.

Another Asiana-operated *Boeing 777* was delayed in San Francisco on 2 June due to an oil leak in one of its engines.

On 8 July a San Francisco-bound Boeing Co (BA.N) *777* operated by Japan Airlines Co (9201.T) turned back to Tokyo after its crew detected a leak in the hydraulic system that controls its flaps.—*Reuters*

IMF still sees risks in Spanish economic situation

Madrid, 17 July—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported on Monday in its third report on the financial reform carried out in Spain that there were still risks for the Spanish economy and its banking system.

The IMF explained that after Spain's banks recapitalization the Spanish baking system was healthier and had more liquidity, but warned that the system also faced risks because of the world economic crisis.

The IMF said growth would be weak if Spain or the European Union (EU) does not take further steps to promote it, while recognizing that most of the measures that Spain should have carried out are already implemented.

The IMF encouraged the EU to make progress in banking union in order to break the link between sovereign debt and the financial sector, a fact that undermined Spain's public budget after the country had to inject several billion euros in its financial system.

The IMF revised down its 2014 growth forecast for Spain from 0.7 percent announced in April to zero percent published in early July. The IMF did not change predictions for 2013, when the economy would fall by 1.6 percent.

Meanwhile, the ministry of finance and public administration on Monday published data of Spain's public deficit that reached a total of 35.231 billion euros (46.028 billion US dollars) from January to May 2013, which is 3.36 percent of Spain's GDP.

Xinhua

Prostate cancer hormonal therapy tied to kidney risks

New York, 17 July—Men who are treated for prostate cancer with hormone-targeted therapy have a higher risk of developing kidney problems, a new study suggests.

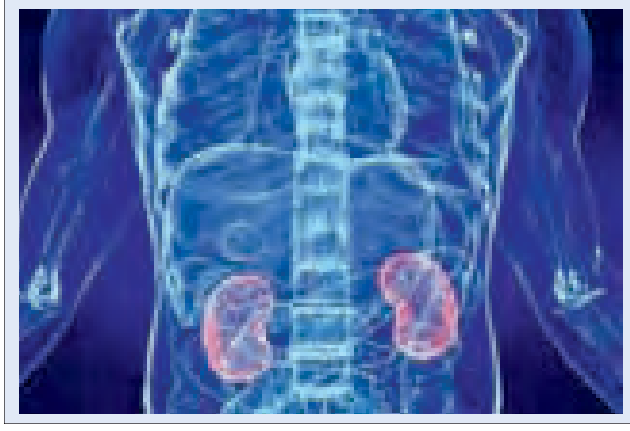
The treatment, known as androgen deprivation therapy, lowers the risk of death among men with advanced, aggressive prostate cancer. However, researchers said it's increasingly being used to treat possible recurrences among men with less advanced disease — for whom the benefits are less clear, and the risks more worrisome.

"Our study does raise the concern that perhaps we should be more careful in prescribing androgen deprivation therapy in patients who do not have the clear indication for it," said Laurent Azoulay, who worked on the research at McGill University in Montreal.

"It's all about the balance, finding the right population for which the benefits clearly outweigh the risks," he told *Reuters Health*.

Hormone-targeted treatment has been linked to a higher risk of diabetes and heart disease. For their study, Azoulay and his colleagues used UK data on 10,250 men who were diagnosed with prostate cancer between 1997 and 2008. The men were followed for an average of just over four years after their diagnosis. During that time, 232 of them developed an acute kidney injury — a rapid drop in kidney function. The researchers compared those men to 2,721others from the study who were the same age and were not diagnosed with kidney problems. In total, just over half of the men were taking androgen deprivation therapy.

Azoulay and his colleagues found that men taking hormone-targeted therapy were between two and three times more likely to have their kidneys stop working, once their other health conditions and medicines were taken into account. Unlike current use, past use of androgen deprivation therapy was not tied to a higher risk of kidney injury, the study team wrote Tuesday in the *Journal of the American Medical Association.*



Azoulay said it's possible that changes in testosterone and estrogen levels among men on hormonal therapy might affect kidney health and how the kidneys repair themselves after an injury. If the finding is replicated in other studies, he said doctors should consider checking men's kidney function before prescribing androgen deprivation therapy. Dr Vahakn Shahinian, who has studied risks of hormone treatment at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, called the findings "a bit of a surprise."

He told *Reuters Health* that it's still not clear if a link between androgen deprivation therapy and kidney injury makes sense biologically "It's interesting, but it certainly would require some kind of further validation… before I'd be willing to believe that this was a real effect," said Shahinian, who wasn't involved in the new study.—*Reuters*

Studies using humans must be registered

Beijing, 17 July—Medical studies that use human volunteers as test subjects must be registered at the sponsoring institution before research begins to ensure ethical practices are followed.

The new regulation, from the National Health and Family Planning Commission, is open to public comments and suggestions on the commission's website.

The regulation aims to prevent health and ethical problems related to volunteers, particularly in clinical trials involving surgery technology and food safety, it said.

Possible risks and medical ethics issues must be examined by the sponsoring institution before the study can begin, it said.

The mainland's drug authority already oversees clinical trials of drugs, medical appliances and biochemical products.

Zhai Xiaomei, a member of the health commission's medical ethics committee, welcomed the initiative. "It helps regulate the procedures in many medical studies involving human trials," Zhai said.

An official of the commission's science and technology division who declined to be named said some medical clinical trials have problems. The irregularities pose health risks to participants and might violate their rights, the official said.

Zhai referred to a human trial-related scandal reported last year as a reason behind the new regulation.

In the 2008 study, 25 children aged 6 to 8 in Hunan Province were fed genetically modified "golden rice" to see if the beta-carotene contained in the rice could provide them enough vitamin A, previous reports said.

The children's parents were not told the rice was genetically modified when they signed the consent papers.

"Such practices are unethical and could be averted with the new regulation in place," Zhai said.

Medical ethics issues should be a priority during such studies, even if a given study involves little risk to the volunteers, she added.

Meanwhile, to improve openness and facilitate public supervision, the commission is constructing a nationwide computerized registry of such trials.

Regarding studies on GM food, Zhai suggested other related government agencies like the Ministry of Agriculture work with the commission to ensure participants' rights are protected and that procedures are correct.

But "a balance should be struck between protecting the rights of trial volunteers and the long-term goal of advancing science and technology", she said.

Any trial can be halted immediately if serious adverse reactions are found in test subjects, the regulation said.

Proven unethical practices in violation of trial participants' due rights can also halt tests, it said.

In addition, charging trial participants fees is prohibited.

Xinhua

NATIONAL

President gives BBC interview about reforms in Myanmar

LONDON, 17 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein gave interview to the Myanmar programme of the BBC about reforms in Myanmar at St Pancras Renaissance Hotel here yesterday.

In the afternoon, the President held talks with officials of the Prince's Foundation for Building Community over conservation of ancient buildings in Myanmar and cultural heritage buildings in Yangon.

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President U Thein Sein gives interview to the Myanmar programme of the BBC about reforms in Myanmar at St Pancras Renaissance Hotel.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Phoenix Association Chairman

Work coordination meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.

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NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Chairman of Phoenix Association U Thiha Kyaing at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw in the Hluttaw Complex, here, at 9.30 am today.

During the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker was reported on undertakings for HIV preventive measures in rural areas by social organizations.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen Thura U Aye Myint, U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, U Soe Naing, secretary U Tin Maung Oo and officials concerned from the Hluttaw Office.

At 2 pm, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker met with Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen, secretaries, commission members at the meeting hall of Zabuthiri Hall of the Hluttaw Complex.

At the work coordination meeting, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann delivered an address. Committee chairmen and secretaries presented reports on works being carried out and progress of works by the commission members.

Next, those present at the meeting participated in a general round of discussions. The meeting ended with the remarks by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party visited Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay yesterday evening.

They viewed historical photos, Zetawun Chamber, Baungtaw Chamber, Hmannan Chamber, Alenanmadaw Mahethi Chamber, and royal halls.

The Senior General and party also viewed Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace Museum.—*MNA*

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Warning of high tide

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.0 ft to 21.5 ft high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 21st to 27th July 2013.

That it is not serious because the high tide have reached up to 21.7 ft high above datum in the year 2011 and 2012 and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 ft high above datum, the Myanma Port Authority announced.

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Public Notice

Knowledge seekers who are to visit Bogyoke Aung San Museum are not allowed to carry the following items;

(1) any kind of camera
(2) any kind of mobile phone
(3) any kind of handbag

The 66th Martyrs' Day Ceremony-2013

Security and Disciplines Enforcement Work Committee

Public notice

Those who come to the Martyrs' Mausoleum to pay tribute to the fallen leaders are not allowed to carry the following items;

(1) any kind of wreath, bunch of flowers, bouquet
(2) any kind of camera
(3) any kind of mobile phone
(4) any kind of handbag

The 66th Martyrs' Day Ceremony-2013

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LOCAL NEWS

U Thant library to accept sponsorship

YANGON, 17 July—The museum in memory of late UN ex-Secretary-General U Thant is seeking sponsors to keep the museum up and running.

According to Daw Aye Aye Thant, daughter of U Thant, the museum is under repair and sponsors would be accepted for the renovation works.

The museum is opened in Panwa street in Kamayut Township in Yangon to the public since last April.

"We would accept sponsorship for Dad's (U Thant's) museum," she said.

The ideal spopnsorship is a coffee shop or any shop in a separate building in the yard.

The residence of U Thant that opens since 6 April has been completed by 60 percent.

The museum will host youth assemblies and keep UN database.

A total of 1000 visitors have visited the museum since opening.

MMAL-YeK haungN yunt

A four-member delegation led by Daw Sanda Tun of Education Committee of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association seen at Yangon International Airport on 15 July morning before departure for Thailand to attend the ASEAN Craft Co-Development Seminar, UK & Western Market Assess for Thai and Myanmar Crafts Entrepreneur to be held in Chiang Mai of Thailand on 18 and 19 July.

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Crime

PyinOoLwin police seize unlicensed cars

Unlicensed vehicles seized in PyinOoLwin.

PYINOOLWIN, 17 July—PyinOoLwin police seized three luxury cars in the township recently.

Acting on a tip-off, the PyinOoLwin Township Police raided the house of Sai Wunna (a) Wunna and seized one Pajero, one Odyssey, and one Voxy.

The PyinOoLwin Police Station has filed a lawsuit against Sai Wunna (a) Wunna, who was trading the unlicensed vehicles.

MMAL-032

Bhamo District Public Works repairing damaged bridge

BHAMO, 17 July—Bhamo District Public Works has completed a temporary bridge over a creek on Bhamo-Mansi-Mandalay road in Manweiklay village in Mansi Township in Bhamo District. The temporary bridge was opened on 13 July, replacing the broken one. The wooden bridge with iron truss collapsed on 16 June as a mining truck passed over the bridge.

Public Works has started repairing the bridge. Upon completion, the trucks under 10 tons will be allowed to use the bridge.—*MMAL-Hsimeegon Nan Yi*

Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects regional development tasks

MONYWA, 17 July—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, accompanied by region ministers and region level departmental officials, inspected works for proper flow of water in Kalewa on 9 July morning.

They also viewed concrete pavement on Moe Zala road and Aung Mingala road and construction of 25000-gallon water tank for supply to the town residents. The chief minister then attended to the needs.

The chief minister and party on 10 July visited 50-acre commercial teak plantation in Panmataung forest reserve in Kalay Township. Assistant Director of Kalay District Forest Department U Win Naing briefed on the plantation.

The chief minister and officials also visited Tamu People's Hospital and inspected the staff quarters, construction of new staff quarters, condition of the hospital building, storage and operation theatre. They also met the patients at the hospital and attended to the needs.

Chief Minister U Tha Aye attended the opening ceremony of upgraded Basic Education High School (Branch) from Basic Education Middle School in Sandaku ward in Tamu and unveiled the signboard of the school.

The chief minister and party attended the demonstration of Shwebo Pawhsan monsoon paddy transplantation in Pantha village and visited the construction site of the staff quarters of Khampet people's hospital.

Attheopeningceremony of Kyansitthar two-storey school building of Basic Education High School of Khampet Township, the chief minister unveiled the signboard of the new school building. Region Development Affairs Minister U Tint Hlaing Myint, Region Hluttaw Representative U Htan Hlyan Na, and region education officer formally opened the new school building. The building has the length of 150 ft, the width of 30 ft and the height of 22 ft. The estimate cost of the construction of the building is K 43.2 million.

On arrival at the briefing hall of the construction site of three-storey building inKalay University, the chief minister inspected the progress in construction and the site chosen for the construction of the convocation hall.

MMAL-Region IPRD

Skill contests for students organized in Pakokku

PAKOKKU, 17 July—Pakokku Township Education Department organized extempore contest, debate, story telling and poem recitation contests for students from schools in Pakokku at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Pakokku of Magway Region on 13 July.

It was participated by 17 high school students, 31 middle school students and 42 primary school students.

MMAL-Aung (Mandalay University)

Sagaing-Myitnge detour being upgraded in Sagaing

SAGAING, 17 July—Sagaing-Myitnge road is being upgraded to 24-foot-wide one from its original 16-foot-wide two-lane road.

The road is used by more than 1000 vehicles each day.

The extension would contribute to curbing traffic accidents on the road and reducing traffic jam.

It would surely be conducive to the socio-economic development of local people in Sagaing Region.

The purpose of upgrading the road is to ensure smooth road transport and to swift commodity flow.

Upon completion of the detour, Sagaing would be reached directly with no need to pass Mandalay with bustling traffic.

MMAL-Maung Maung Soe (Myitnge)

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 18 July, 2013

Salute our martyrs

It has been 66 years since father of Myanmar's independence and national hero General Aung San and martyrs were assassinated by stooges under the umbrella of the colonialists on 19 July 1947, while Myanmar was struggling to come out of the yoke of imperialism and become a sovereign state.

Martyrs' Day memorial services are held in every nook and corner of the country, remembering the fallen leaders. They had worked for national reconciliation and died before the country's independence was recognized. Even several years later, General Aung San's speeches have endured in the heart of the people.

In his radio speech on 1 January, 1947, he said, "Citizens need to unite and have discipline. We need to try to achieve our major goal without getting lost even in the blink of an eye." In the New Year message on 17 April, 1947, he said, "We must continue promoting national reconciliation and racial reconciliation." His words are still valid now while the people are building a new democratic nation. Hanging on his words, we must try to achieve our goal. We the entire national people must remain united through thick and thin.

In retrospect, Myanmar kings strived to perpetuate to the motherland, the sovereignty and the national unity. They led the nation to development. In order to regain independence from the imperialists, General Aung San and leaders of various ethnic races, who adored the motherland, unanimously signed Panglong Agreement at Panglong Conference on 12 February, 1947.

General Aung San and leaders who devoted themselves to the independence struggle got no chance to enjoy the fruits of independence as they were assassinated by the stooges. It is a bounden duty for all the people of today to value the independence, to salute the martyrs and to safeguard the nation to preserve the independence handed down by the martyrs daring any dangers and sacrificing their lives.

ARTICLE

Paying tribute to fallen Martyrs

Khin Maung Htay (Education)

An short poem lies in one corner of my diary. The poem is anonymous and the year in which the poem was composed was unknown as well. However, the theme of the poem brought sadness.

On a sad drizzly day
everything in disarray
People on roads everywhere
Like going through the hell
So heartbreaking with misery
Ever etched in my mind the day
Thakin Aung San the nation's hope
Died in young and energetic age
News of his demise like a thunder strike
Gloomy in and outside homes
Anguish and anger all around
Grief-stricken were the people
From one village end to another

In fact, the poem is a reflection of the 19 July, 1947, the date when Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs were assassinated and the date turns 66 years on 19 July, 2013. People across the country hold ceremonies to commemorate Martyrs Day and lay wreaths at the monuments on July 19.

Bogyoke Aung San was born to U Pha, a lawyer, and his wife, Daw Suu, in Natmauk, Magway District, in central Myanmar on 13 February 1915. His name at birth is Htein Lin. He was renamed as Aung San to be rhythmic with his elder brother's name Aung Than. At the age of seven in 1922, he received primary education from Sayadaw U Sobhita; in 1928, received secondary education at Yenangyoung National High School and in 1935-36, became a university student of the Rangoon University. He became editor of the Oway Magazine of the university and he was expulsed from the university, along with U Nu, for refusing to reveal the name of the author of the article "Hell Hound At Large". The University Students' Strike pushed the university authorities' retract their expulsion order.

In 1936, he was elected as Vice-President of the Rangoon University Student Union. In 1937-38, he was elected as President of the Rangoon University Student Union and also worked as president of 1937-Rangoon Univeristy's Pegu Hostel readers society. He lived at Room No 113 of the Pegu Hostel. He was elected as secretary of the Freedom Bloc, Bama-htwet-yat Gaing and became Thakin Aung San. From December 1939 to January 1940, he had staged political campaign, making political speeches across Burma.

The government issued a 5-kyat warrant for his arrest. On 8 August, 1940, he went to China along with Thakin Hla Myaing. On 24 August, they arrived in Amoy, and thence, arrived in Tokyo, Japan, on 12 November. On 3 March, 1941, he disguised himself and returned to Burma and brought the first batch of young revolutionaries known as the Thirty Comrades to Japan. On 27 December, 1941, the Burma Independence Army (BIA) was formed in Bangkok by the Thirty Comrades. The commander of the BIA was Bogyoke Aung San.

Japanese military administration was put into force in Yangon in the wake of the Japanese entry into Myanmar in March 1942. BIA was reformed as BDA. He was made a colonel and put in-charge of the force as the commander-in-chief of BDA. He married Daw Khin Kyi on 6 September 1942 and they had got three children—Aung San Oo, Aung San Lin and Aung San Suu Kyi. Their youngest fourth daughter died in infancy.

On 4 August 1944, AFPFL (Anti-Fascists People's Freedom League) was stealthily formed at the camp of Burma Army Division-4 in Bago. War on Japanese fascists started on 7 March 1945 with full engagement on 27 March. On 16 May, he met General Saladin for the first time. On 20 June, he called on Governor Sir Dorman-Smith together with leaders of other countries on the British warship, H.M.S Cumberland. He delivered an address in English to East and West Association on 29 August. He also held talks with Louis Mountbatten for the future of the army.

He was elected as the President of AFPFL at Shwedagon Middle Terrace Conference on 20 January 1946. He went to London together with Thakin Mya and U Tin Htut on 2 January, 1947. Aung San-Attlee agreement was signed on 28 January at British Prime Minister's Office, Number 10, Downing Street in London. He arrived back in Yangon on 2 February and went to Panglong in Shan State (South). Panglong agreement was signed on 12 February.

As Independence is going to come to the country within one year, he travelled across the country as of March, 1947. He made strenuous efforts, having a lot of discussions and giving a series of talks. He was assassinated by a group of internal destructive elements during a meeting at Secretariat Building. Former Prime Minister U Saw and accomplices — Maung Soe, Thet Hnin, Yan Gyi Aung, Sein Gyi and Hmon Gyi were hanged at Insein prison at dawn on 8 May, 1948.

To put it in a nutshell, a journey to the independence Bogyoke and his members took was not easy. They fought against the British occupiers for two times and Japanese fascists for one time and defeated them. He made the supreme sacrifice for the sake of the country under the yoke of colonialism. We have to remember our fallen national heroes with a deep sense of gratitude forever. Let's pay tribute to all our fallen national heroes, making a resolution to advance towards a peaceful and developed new country aspired the fallen national heroes.

Trs: **AMS+YM**

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Resource-rich Myanmar and industrialized UK can work ...

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We have put in place solid foundations for a market economy to thrive and investors' friendly environment for the investors from the UK and around the world.

The Myanmar Investment Committee has been established with the intention of facilitating foreign investments. The Commission is comprised of government ministers, experts and representatives from civil societies.

The New Foreign Investment Law that meets the international standards in November 2012.

The law ensures mutual benefits for investors and our citizens. We are currently working to implement procedures and legislation that are more transparent, accountable and predictable.

With its rich natural resources such as oil, natural gas, mine deposits, forests and substantial labour force, Myanmar offers many business opportunities.

As a bridge between South Asia and South East Asia, the strategic location of Myanmar makes herself as a potential big market.

Myanmar is a resource-rich country and UK is an industrialized country. I do believe that Myanmar and the UK can work together in many mutually-beneficial businesses between our two countries.

For the emergence of responsible investment, we have put great emphasis on developing a framework of natural resources conservation in accordance with the aspiration of the people of Myanmar.

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Concerning investments which utilize natural resources, we are planning to practise internationally-recognized EITI (Extractive Industry Transparency Initiatives) in accordance with the suggestions of the experts in capitalized investment. With this aim, we have formed a leading committee.

During our Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014, we will do our utmost in building ASEAN Community 2015.

In the near future 2014-2015, there will be a new economic landscape in ASEAN. I would like to ask you to seize these new opportunities for mutual benefit.

I firmly believe that fruitful discussions at the UK-ASEAN Business Council will lead to more exchanges of economic cooperation and implementation of investments between Myanmar and UK.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to invite again the business firms from the UK to come and invest in Myanmar.

During discussion, Union ministers answered questions raised by responsible personnel of the UK-ASEAN Business Council.

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Moderate earthquake hits outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.3 Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Northern Sumatra, Indonesia) about 790 miles south of Kaba Aye seismological observatory was recorded at 6 hrs 17 min 48 sec M.S.T today, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—*MNA*

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein arrives in Paris

PARIS, 17 July — President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein left London for Paris, France, by Eurostar express train at 4.01 pm LST on 16 July. The President was seen off at St. Pancras railway station in London by Retired Ambassador Mr. Bill Henderson LVO MBE, special representative of the British Foreign Secretary, the Myanmar Ambassador and the British Ambassador and families of Myanmar Embassy in London.

The President and party arrived in Paris, France at 7.17 pm LST and they were welcomed by the Myanmar Ambassador and the French Ambassador, the Deputy Director-General of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France and embassy staff.

Next, the President and entourage went to Les Invalides and attended a welcoming ceremony.

The President took the salute of the Guard of Honour and inspected the Guard of Honour. Then, the President and party were introduced by those present.

On their arrival at Raphael Hotel in Paris, the President and party were welcomed by the ambassadors from ASEAN countries.

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President U Thein Sein inspects the Guard of Honour at welcoming ceremony at Les Invalides.

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President U Thein Sein meets former British PM, Speaker of House of Common

***President U Thein Sein holding talks with former British Prime Minister Mr. Tony Blair.*—MNA**

LONDON, 17 July — President U Thein Sein received former British Prime Minister Mr. Tony Blair at Sofitel St. James Hotel at 9 am LST yesterday.

They frankly exchanged views on progress and challenges in implementing sweeping reforms in Myanmar.

Next, the President went to British Parliament where he held talks with The RT Hon John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Common, and viewed round the parliament building.

During the meeting, they held discussions on national unity and human rights, peaceful co-existence and amity among all religions in Myanmar society, conflicts occurred in Rakhine State and constitutional matters.

Next, the President invited the Speaker of the House of Common to see progress and objective conditions in Myanmar as the latter has never been to Myanmar.—*MNA*

President U Thein Sein shakes hands with The RT Hon John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Common.

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Government needs to draw ...

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harmony between the two communities, warning that internal dispute could be turned into a regional conflict due to matters related to freedom to worship and freedom to travel.

He added that Na-Sa-Ka was disbanded a few days ago and Secretary of the Central Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win would be made a Point of Contact. He called for the regular release of information after forming an information team, quick resumption of citizenship scrutinizing process, submission of plans of work committees to the comprehensive strategic work committee to be able to formulate a Long-term Plan or a Road Map. He urged the comprehensive strategic work committee to draw a plan after compiling the plans of the committees.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and Union minister discussed resettlement and rehabilitation, projects for settling refugees at shelters, job opportunities for their livelihood, tasks being carried out for improvement education, health and transport sectors in the state and measures for long-term plans.

Union ministers also reported on progress of works for peace and tranquility and improvement of health, education and socio economy sector and tasks being carried out.

In his concluding remarks, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said the government has to draw long-term plans for Rakhine State as it is necessary to do it, calling for harmony in the two communities to be able to live in safety. He also called for including comprehensive strategies in the long-term plans for Rakhine State.—*MNA*

MRTV-4 extends FTA coverage

YANGON, 17 July—The MRTV-4 has introduced its Free To Air new channel in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi, Pathein, Labutta, Bago, Meiktila, Hpa-an, Mawlamyine, Toungoo, Monywa and Lashio.

The MRTV-4 Free To Air channel can be watched at CH-35 (602-608 MHz) in and around Minbu and at CH-33 (590-596 MHz) in and around Pakokku through TV antenna and UHF antenna.—*MNA*

LOCAL NEWS

Over 200 students participate in essay contest in Kanbalu

SHWEBO, 17 July— Basic Education High School No 1 of Kanbalu in Sagaing Region conducted an essay contest in commemoration of the School Environment Day at the school on 12 July.

Over 200 students took part in the contest.

Twelve winners of the contest were given cash awards during a tree planting ceremony to mark the School Environment Day at the school on 14 July.

During the ceremony, students, teachers and departmental officials from Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry planted 100 shade trees.

Kyemon-Kyaw Thura

Sitagu Sayadaw sponsors free eye surgical operations

MYITKYINA, 17 July— Hilly Missionary Sitagu Eye Hospital in Myitkyina of Kachin State is providing free eye treatment to patients from 15 to 20 July.

The number of eye patients were enlisted at the hospital as of 10 July and it reached over 250. Of them, three foreign eye surgeons and the Kachin State eye specialist perform surgical operation at 85 patients.

Members of Red Cross Brigade and social organizations are assisting in medical treatment tasks for conveinence of patients.

Eye surgical treatments have been conducted in Myitkyina four times.

So far, over 700 eye patients have received free eye surgical treatment and over 6000, medical checkups.

Kyemon-Khin Maung Tun

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

Myanmar Police Force HQ, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan State Police Forces, Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago, Magway, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region Police Forces, Offices of Commanders of East, West, South and North District Police Forces in Yangon Region, No (1) Police Station in Taunggyi, Office of Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

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

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Electrification

Aung San Myothit of Meiktila enjoy electricity

MEIKTILA, 17 July— Aung San Myothit of Meiktila located at the exist to the road leading to Kyaukpadaung had one 315 KVA transformer that supplied electricity to over 120 households of three wards in the town but they did not enjoy sufficient electricity.

Township Electricity Supply Enterprise installed 1200 feet long 11 KV power line and 0.5 mile long 400 volt power line and one 11/04 KV (315) KVA sub-power station between Ward 2 and Ward 3, south of Aung San new town.

Thanks to electrification, the people from over 1200 households of new town are enjoying electricity at full capacity.

Township Administrator U Myo Hlaing, Township Electrical Engineer U Tun Aung Zay and officials inspected installation of new transformer on 14 July.

Kyemon-U Tin Hlaing

Grape leaves fed to farming cattle

YAMETHIN, 17 July— The local people in some parts of rural area of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region are facing difficulties of feedstuff for their draught cattle as there are least amount of rainfall this year.

The local people from villages, west of Ywadan Station, carried grape leaves for feedstuff. At present, the grape farms in Ywadan Station nurture grape plants by cutting off leaves for boosting production of fruits that help the local farmers make convenience for feeding their draught cattle. The local farmers may gather grape leaves from the farm without any cost.

The leaves of one bullock cart can be fed to the farming cattle three or four days.—*Kyemon-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)*

Summer sesame harvest on model plot

KYAUKPADAUNG, 17 July—The harvest of Hsinyadana summer black sesame was carried out on 1.70 acres of model plot in irrigated area of Kyetmauktaung Dam in Kyaukpadaung Township of Mandalay Region yesterday.

Officials explained use of quality crops, good agricultural patterns and substitute-cultivation of monsoon sunflower, green gram in uncultivable lands of paddy.

The model plot of black sesame produced 19.56 baskets per acre.—*Kyemon-Shwe Min Aung (Kyaukpadaung)*

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets, solid opium oil seized, 18 arrested in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 17 July— A combined team comprising police, anti-drug squad and anti-human trafficking squad seized stimulant tablets and solid opium oil during a search in Taunggyi and arrested 18 drug users.

The team searched the house of Mulein (a) Pan Aung, aged 36, in Yeaye Ward and found Mu Lein (a) Pan Aung and 17 drug users including Hla Thein (a) Mauric, 33, from Mahaaungmye Township, Mandalay.

The team discovered 34387 stimulant tablets weighing 3.438 kilos worth K 137,548,000 hidden at the house, packets of solid opium oil from Zaw Min and a pack of solid opium oil weighing 1.432 kilos worth K 2,864,000 conceled on a Mark-II driven by Aung Hlaing Myint.

The team also confiscated four vehicles and one motorcycle.

Action is being taken against eighteen suspects including Mulein (a) Pan Aung by Taunggyi Myoma Police Station under Section 15/19 (A)/21 of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-Ko Ko Yu Pa

Crime

Illegal logs seized in Bago, Mandalay regions

BAGO, 17 July—The staff from the Region/ State Forest Departments with the help of respective departments, Myanmar Police Force, administrators from villages and people have conducted inquiries into exposing illegal wood and forest products.

On 8 July, the staff from Nattalin Township Forest Department seized six ownerless teak logs weighing 1.588 tons near the west bank of Taungnyo Creek in Nattalin Township.

On 9 July, they also caught six ownerless teak logs weighing 1.534 tons at block No. 90 in Taungnyo forest reserve.

Likewise, the staff from TadaU Township Forest Department and members of Myanmar Police Force arrested driver U Ye Win Oo (Madaya), owner U Htway Lin and conductor U Sai Hti Sai along with 69 logs weighing 6.2772 tons on the truck with plate No. 8 Nya/4173, near east forest reserve of TadaU Township in Mandalay Region on 12 July.

They have been charged under the forest law.

Kyemon

Chinese President Xi Jinping (C front) visits cadres and villagers of Tayuanzhuang Village in Zhengding County, north China's Hebei Province. China's top leadership has called on local officials to vigorously promote the "mass line" education campaign and apply it to boosting development and people's livelihoods. "Mass line" refers to a guideline under which CPC officials and members are required to prioritize the interests of the people and persist in representing them and working on their behalf.—XINHUA

Singapore delegation to attend transboundary haze meeting

SINGAPORE, 17 July—A delegation from Singapore is scheduled to attend the 15th Meeting of the Sub-Regional Ministerial Steering Committee (MSC) on Transboundary Haze Pollution in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Wednesday, aiming at enhanced co-operation on smoke haze problem, the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources said on Tuesday.

The delegation will be led by Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Vivian Balakrishnan and Second Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Grace Fu.

The ministry said the "Ministerial-level MSC, comprising Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, oversees the implementation of enhanced measures to prevent smoke haze arising from land and forest fires in the five countries."

The haze had been affecting Singapore since 13 June and is visibly serious starting from 17 June as hot spots increases in Sumatra, Indonesia, where the bushes and forests are often burned to clean the lands for agricultural purposes despite laws against such a practice.

The city-state has made efforts to tackle transboundary haze problem, including setting up an inter-ministerial committee, providing a daily briefing on the haze situation and recommending protective measures for the day ahead.

The situation gets better these days with the PSI readings almost in the "good" range.

Minister Balakrishnan said earlier in the city-state's parliament that Singapore will push for accurate land concession maps at the meeting in Kuala Lumpur. It will also seek to have MSC countries agreeing to a date for the public launch of the ASEAN Sub-Regional Haze Monitoring System platform that will enable the identification of errant companies.

The city-state will also push for the involvement of high-level officials from all relevant ministries and agencies from each country. Balakrishnan also said Singapore will urge the Indonesia "to renew the collaboration" that they have successfully had in Jambi and in other provinces and to "ratify the ASEAN Transboundary Haze Pollution Agreement as soon as possible."—*Xinhua*

Farmers harvest the rice in Butou Township of Xingguo County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 16 July, 2013. According to the local agricultural department, the total output of early rice in Jiangxi will increase 200 million kilograms, reaching 8.6 billion kilograms.—XINHUA

Gunmen kill brother of Afghan national security council chief in Heart

HERAT, (Afghanistan), 17 July—The brother of Afghan National Security Council Chief Rangin Dadfar Spanta was killed on Wednesday morning in a drive-by shooting in the country's western Province of Heart, the police said.

"Wali Jan Spanta was shot dead by the two armed men riding a motorcycle in Karukh District at around 9:30 am local time on Wednesday," the provincial police chief Rahmatullah Safi told *Xinhua.*

Spanta was travelling to office when the incident took place, Safi said, adding that Spanta had been serving as a district prosecutor in Karukh in the province 640 km west of Kabul.

"The attackers fled the scene shortly after the shooting and the police have kicked off an investigation into the case," Safi noted. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack so far. Recently, Afghan officials and pro-government figures have been repeatedly targeted by the militants as the Taleban insurgents intensified activities against government interest across the country.

A total of 698 civilians, including people perceived to be supporting government, civilian government employees, religious leaders, tribal elders and persons involved in peace, were killed and 379 were wounded in targeted killings across the country.

Xinhua

Shaping Japan's nuclear policy to be Abe's key task after election

TOKYO, 17 July—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe would face an important task of shaping Japan's nuclear policy if his Liberal Democratic Party wins the 21 July upper house election, as the country still lacks a long-term energy strategy more than two years after the Fukushima Daiichi complex disaster.

After the LDP swept to power by winning the lower house election in December last year, the new government has retracted its predecessor's goal of phasing out nuclear power in the 2030s, and vowed to push for the restart of idled reactors.

The new approach signals that nuclear power will continue to play a certain role to meet the energy demand of the resource-poor country, but the government has been skirting around the issue ahead of the House of Councillors election in an apparent bid to avoid provoking antinuclear sentiment in the public.—*Kyodo News*

Panel starts investigation on geologic faults at Monju reactor site

TOKYO, 17 July—A team of experts appointed by the Nuclear Regulation Authority started a two-day investigation on Wednesday on the activity of some geologic faults running beneath the Monju prototype fast-breeder reactor in Fukui Prefecture.

The Japan Atomic Energy Agency's Monju reactor is the fourth location visited by an NRA-led team to check whether shattered zones, or zones of crushed rock, at the site could move in the future and undermine the safety of the facility.

In quake-prone Japan, nuclear reactors are not allowed to be located directly above active faults. The Monju reactor sits above eight small shattered zones, which may move together with an active fault running about 500 metres west of the facility.

Kyodo News

Photo taken on 7June, 2013 shows Mamoru Kondo (back L) and Mariko Takada talking with a resident at a temporary housing site in Otsuchi, Iwate Prefecture. Kondo and Takada are among a growing number of young people who are returning to their hometowns in the Tohoku region to support their recovery from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster.—KYODO NEWS

Train derails in N Thailand, injures 30

BANGKOK, 17 July—30 people were injured when a train from the capital to northern Thailand derailed on Wednesday early morning.

Seven carriages of the train, departed from Bangkok for northern Chai Mai province, were derailed when it approached Den Chai District of northern Phrae Province about 4:00 am local time of Wednesday. Thairath online reported that there are 30 injuries, including four seriously injured. There is no report of death.

The accident forced the railway service from Phrae up north to be temporary out of service. The State Railway of Thailand is now investigating the cause of the accident.—*Xinhua*

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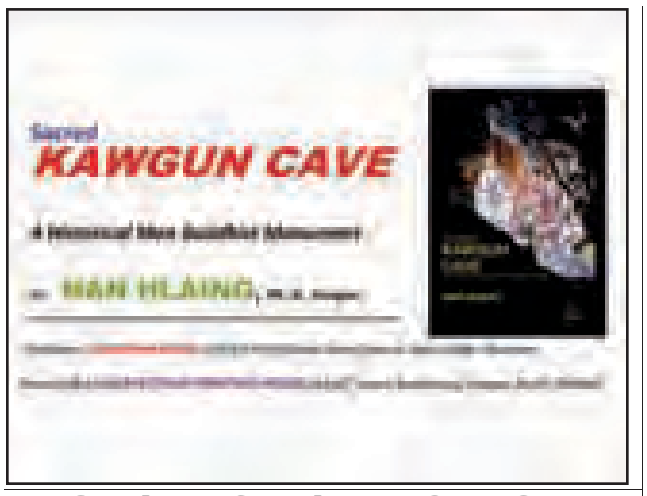

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MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
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(3/2013)

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)	Accesories for Ywama Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US $
(2)	IFB -022(2013-2014)	Accesories for Kanbauk Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US $
(3)	1FB -023(2013-2014)	Accesories for Kyauk Phyu Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US $
(4)	1FB -024(2013-2014)	6" ERW API 5L Grade X 42 Steel Line Pipe and accessories (1) Lot	(2414) MTR	US $
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(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
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-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.

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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	USD
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 plese contact Phone: 067-411487

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

Italian police find drugs in Jamaican sprinters' hotel

ROME, 17 July—Italian police raided the hotel where Jamaican sprinters Asafa Powell and Sherone Simpson were staying and found unknown substances on Monday. Powell and Simpson, who admitted on Sunday that they tested positive for banned stimulant oxilofrine, were among five Jamaican athletes testing positive. According to the Associated Press, police searched rooms of the athletes and physical trainer Christopher Xuereb of Canada and confiscated drugs and muscle supplements.—*Xinhua*

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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

Three Nepali peacekeepers wounded in UN peace mission in DR Congo

KATHMANDU, 17 July—Three Nepali Peacekeepers deployed under the United Nations mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DR Congo) were wounded when they were caught in an ambush, the Nepal Army (NA) said on Tuesday. NA, however, did not disclosed the names of the wounded soldiers.—*Xinhua*

ENTERTAINMENT

Catherine Zeta-Jones credits family with helping her beat bipolar disorder

Los Angeles, 17 July — Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones believes stress over husband Michael Douglas' throat cancer diagnosis triggered her bipolar problem.

The 43-year-old actress, who just finished treatment on her problem, credited her family and close friends for helping her overcome the ordeal, the *Ace Showbiz* reported quoting *Stella* magazine.

"When you get sideswiped like that (Douglas' cancer diagnosis), it's an obvious trigger for your balance to be a little bit off — not sleeping, worry, stress. It's a classic trigger," Zeta-Jones said.

The actress said her husband's diagnosis came as a "huge shock".

"I thought I didn't have the tools to cope. But it's amazing where the strength comes from — from family and friends, from strangers supporting us," she added.

Talking about her husband's road to recovery, Zeta-Jones said they did not hide anything from their two children and Douglas dealt with the problem head on. "He's a very matter-of-fact person. Once he was diagnosed he was like, 'Okay, what do I do?'... It was very intensive ... but he still retained his sense of humour.

"He was very open with the children. No secrets — they went and saw him having treatment. Together we all coped with everything. It did make us closer. But I wouldn't wish it on anybody."

Douglas, who declared that he was cancer free, recently caused a stir by suggesting that oral sex may have contributed to his throat cancer.

PTI

Catherine Zeta-Jones just finished treatment for her bipolar disorder.

Brad Pitt partied with friends in France and Italy.

Brad Pitt has 'boozy week' with permission from Angelina Jolie

London, 17 July— Brad Pitt is reportedly out partying after months of hardwork and stress.

Fiancee Angelina Jolie has given him a leave of absence from his father-husband duties to go on the rip - after dealing with the stress of her recent double mastectomy, reported Sun Online.

"Brad chose to get on the booze in France and Italy once Angelina told him to take a break. She could tell he needed to let his hair down after a stressful few months, so told him to go and have a boozy week with his mates and get it out of his system," he said. Pitt stayed at a pad in southern France owned by Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen and in the past fortnight has been on benders with U2's Bono and Larry Mullen. Pitt also travelled to George Clooney's villa in Italy to stay for three nights.—*PTI*

Whitney Houston's tombstone reads I Will Always Love You

Los Angeles, 17 July —Whitney Houston's final resting place has been marked by a new gravestone which features the lyrics to her most famous song, I Will Always Love You.

The iconic singer's final resting place was given a tombstone last week, after being unmarked for more than a year following her death from accidental drowning in February 2012, reported Contactmusic.

The iconic line is inscribed on a new tear drop-shaped monument, which also has a heart shape embossed on it.

The ornate gravestone was installed at the Fairview Cemetery in Westfield, New Jersey, where Houston is buried next to her father.

As well as the lyrics, the towering tribute also heralds the gifted songstress as The Voice.

It reads, "Whitney E Houston, 9 Aug, 1963 - 11 Feb, 2012, THE VOICE', 'I will always love you."

I Will Always Love You was first written and performed by country singer Dolly Parton but became synonymous with Houston after she recorded it for the soundtrack of her 1992 movie, The Bodyguard.

Houston's version earned her two Grammy Awards and has sold over 12 million copies around the world.—*PTI*

***Whitney Houston died on 11 Feb, 2012 after drowning in her bathtub.*—PTI**

Actress Jenny McCarthy to join "The View"

New York, 17 July— Actress and comedian Jenny McCarthy will be joining ABC's popular daytime talk show "The View" in September for the start of its 17th season, the network said on Monday".

Barbara Walters, a founder of the show, said McCarthy will be a permanent co-host just days after commentator Elizabeth Hasselbeck said she was leaving the show after 10 years. Another co-host, comedian Joy Behar, said she will end her stint next month at the end of the current season.

"Jenny brings us intelligence as well as warmth and humour. She can be serious and outrageous," said Walters, who created the show in 1997 and has said she planned to retire next summer.—*Reuters*

***Actress Jenny McCarthy, host of the new reality series "Love in the Wild'' takes part in a panel discussion at the NBC Universal Summer Press Day 2012 introducing new television shows for the Summer season in Pasadena, California on 18 April, 2012.*—Reuters**

David Beckham wants royal baby to be named after him

David Beckham admits he will be ecstatic if the royal baby is named after him.

London, 17 July— Soccer star David Beckham thinks the royal baby should be named after him and is certain the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge will make amazing parents to their little one. David believes the royal couple, who are expected to welcome their first child soon, admits he'd be over the moon if they named the newborn after him, reported Contactmusic. "David's pretty good... If it's a boy of course," he said.

David had attended Prince William and Duchess Catherine's wedding in 2011 with his wife Victoria Beckham.—*PTI*

Johnny Depp to return as Mad Hatter in Alice In Wonderland 2

Johnny Depp will sign a new deal with Disney to feature in Alice In Wonderland 2.

Los Angeles, 17 July — Actor Johnny Depp will return as the Mad Hatter in Alice In Wonderland 2 after negotiating a deal with Disney.

The 50-year-old Lone Ranger actor is set to sign a new deal with Disney to star in a follow-up to 2010's smash hit Alice In Wonderland directed by Tim Burton, while The Muppets director James Bobin will replace Burton as director of the sequel, Deadline reported.

Depp played the Mad Hatter in Disney's 2010 adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic which also starred Mia Wasikowska, Anne Hathaway and Helena Bonham Carter. It's not yet known whether his co-stars will reprise their roles in the film.—*PTI*

SPORTS

Wayne Rooney 'angry and confused', may move out of Manchester United

Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney

MANCHESTER, 17 July—Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney is not too pleased with his manager David Moyes and reports suggest that the 27-year-old feels 'insulted at being projected as second fiddle to teammate Robin van Persie.

According to a report in UK's The Sun, Rooney is in a confused and angry state as despite his own assessment of being at his absolute peak form, is not the first choice of new coach Moyes.

The 250,000 pounds-per-week player, according to the report, is not happy with the treatment being metted out to him since the club's legendary manager—Alex Ferguson—retired earlier this year. While United maintain that Rooney is not for sale even as speculations are rife that Chelsea may buy him out, the player himself has made his feelings known to his club that he will not be a second banana in the side to van Persie - bought by Ferguson in Ausgust last. (Also read: Rooney 'gutted' after injury ends Asian tour)

While Rooney has scored 198 goals for his club since he was bought from Everton, van Persie—in a short span of time—has catapulted himself with heroic performances for the side. Such has been his dominance that Moyes was recently quoted in Thailand as saying that Wayne would be used if an injury happens to the Dutch player. "My thought on Wayne is that if we had an injury to Robin van Persie we are going to need him and I want as many options as possible."

PTI

Europa League win a "big disappointment", says Mourinho

LONDON, 17 July—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said it would be a big disappointment if he won the Europa League, months after his predecessor Rafa Benitez guided the club to the title. Chelsea were knocked out of the Champions League at the group stage last season, causing them to drop into the continent's second tier competition which they won by beating Benfica in May.

"I don't want to win the Europa League," Mourinho told the BBC on Tuesday.

"If I win the Europa League it will be a big disappointment for me because I don't want to play in it." "I don't want my players to feel the Europa League is our competition."

Mourinho, who won the Europa League's predecessor, the UEFA Cup, when he was in charge of Porto in 2003, said the Champions League was a priority.

"That's the only European competition we have to play and that's the European competition we have to give our best," he added.

Reuters

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho gives instructions to his players during the training session in Bangkok on 16 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Olimpia aim to spoil Ronaldinho's Libertadores dream

ASUNCION, 17 July—Three-times South American champions Olimpia stand between Atletico Mineiro and mercurial playmaker Ronaldinho winning their first Libertadores Cup when they meet in the first leg of the final on Wednesday.

The Paraguayans, whose coach Ever Almeida was in goal for their last two victories in the region's top club competition in 1990 and 2002, have top scorer Juan Manuel Salgueiro back from suspension after he missed the semi-final.

Atletico visit the 40,000-capacity Defensores del Chaco cauldron in Asuncion without young Brazil forward Bernard, whose booking in the semi-final victory over Newell's Old Boys of Argentina earned him a ban, with Guilherme set to step in.

However, centre back Rever returns after missing both legs of the semi-final through suspension with veteran former Arsenal midfielder Gilberto Silva, like team mate Ronaldinho a World Cup winner with Brazil in 2002, stepping down.

"We're training hard for these two matches. There is nothing greater than the desire to carry the 'Galo' (Atletico's nickname rooster) to the title," Ronaldinho said.

"The Libertadores is a competition I haven't won yet so it's very important to me," added Ronaldinho, who is looking to add the South American club crown to the European Champions League medal he won with Barcelona in 2006.

Atletico set themselves up for Wednesday's match with a 1-0 win at last year's Libertadores Cup winners Corinthians in Sao Paulo in the Brazilian championship at the weekend.

"We must bring a good result back from Paraguay. If we get a draw that will be good and a victory excellent," the Brazilian team's coach Cuca told reporters

Olimpia, who reached their seventh final by eliminating Independiente Santa Fe of Colombia, have to decide between Uruguayan Alejandro Silva and Ricardo Mazacotte in the attacking midfield role.

"We're a step away from our dream. We're going to face very tough rivals with impressive players like Ronaldinho but we have a very united team," said Olimpia defender Nelson Benitez.—*Reuters*

Ronaldinho (L) of Brazil's Atletico Mineiro eyes the ball during a training session a day before their Copa Libertadores first leg final soccer match against Paraguay's Olimpia in Luque, near Asuncion on 16 July, 2013. REUTERS

US edge Costa Rica, Cuba also through

HARTFORD, (Connecticut), 17 July—The United States topped Group C with a 1-0 win over Costa Rica on Tuesday while Cuba also advanced to the CONCACAF Gold Cup quarter-finals as one of the best third-place teams after beating Belize by four goals. After easy wins over the other two group opponents, the United States were tested for the first time by Costa Rica in a rematch of their snowy 2014 World Cup qualifier in March, which the Americans also won 1-0.

Roared on by the home crowd at Rentschler Field in Connecticut, the United States were in control for most of the match and got the breakthrough in the 82nd minute when Landon Donovan found Brek Shea through the middle and he completed a nice left-footed finish.

Brek Shea of the US celebrates scoring against Costa Rica during their CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match in Hartford, Connecticut on 16 July, 2013. —REUTERS

Costa Rica finished the group in second place on six points and will meet Honduras in the quarter-finals, while the United States face El Salvador.

The United States were the only team to go through the group stage with three straight wins and are trying to win the Gold Cup for the first time since 2007 after enduring back-to-back defeats to Mexico in the 2009 and 2011 finals.

In the earlier Group C match, Jenier Marquez scored in stoppage time to seal Cuba's place in the quarter-finals with a 4-0 win over Belize. Ariel Martinez had a hat-trick for Cuba but it was Marquez's last-gasp goal that took them through to the last eight of the Confederation of North, Central American and Caribbean Association Football regional tournament.

The Cubans needed to win by at least four goals to advance as one of the two best third-place teams in the competition.—*Reuters*

Hall of Famer Hingis ends retirement to play doubles

TORONTO, 17 July—Martina Hingis, fresh off her induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, will end a nearly six-year retirement to play doubles at next week's Southern California Open, the WTA said on Tuesday. Hingis, a winner of five grand slam singles titles, will partner with Slovakia's Daniela Hantuchova at the 27 July-4 August tournament in Carlsbad, California. "I am very much looking forward to making a return to competitive play at the Southern California Open," the Swiss former world number one said in a statement on the WTA website.

Martina Hingis laughs as she arrives at a news conference before being inducted into the Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island on 13 July, 2013. REUTERS

"My competitive spirit is still very much alive and I love being out on court." Hingis, who won the Australian Open and Wimbledon at the age of 16, quit tennis for the first time in 2003 at the age of 22, suffering from ankle injuries. She returned in late 2006 and finished the following year ranked seventh. However, she quit for a second time in 2007 under a cloud after she tested positive for cocaine at that year's Wimbledon. Hingis served a two-year ban but maintained her innocence.

She also won nine grand slam women's doubles titles and one grand slam mixed doubles title. The 32-year-old Swiss, who has not played a WTA event since September 2007, was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame on Saturday becoming the fourth youngest player to be enshrined, following Tracy Austin (30), Bjorn Borg (31) and Hana Mandlikova (32).—*Reuters*

GENERAL

*A rickshaw puller pushes his vehicle through a waterlogged street in Gauhati, capital city of Assam, India, on 16 July, 2013. Heavy showers flooded some areas in the city on Tuesday.—*XINHUA

Metro police on the hunt for train molester

BEIJING, 17 July — Local Metro police in Shanghai are on the lookout for an alleged molester who was pictured touching a woman's leg on Metro Line 9 on Monday.

A passenger in the same train captured the incident on his phone camera and posted it online on his microblog.

The pictures by the blogger, with the screen name "dafeige," clearly shows the man, wearing a pink T-shirt, fondling the woman wearing shorts and sitting next to him.

When the woman got up from the seat to avoid him, the man did the same, the blogger wrote. The face of the man can be clearly seen in the pictures.

After the posting went viral, many netizens blamed "dafeige" for taking pictures and doing nothing to stop the molester. "Dafeige" explained that while he was taking the pictures, he was also waiting for the woman to react or shout at the molester, before he could step in.

"What if the woman said she didn't feel anything if I confronted the man alone? That would have put me in an embarrassing situation," the blogger said.

He said he tried to help the woman and showed her the pictures later but she wasn't keen on pursuing the matter.

"She not only declined to call police but also told me not to post the pictures online," "dafeige" said.

Police have dealt with 13 molestation cases so far this year as they are trying to stem the rising incidences of sexual assaults on the city's Metro networks.

In a widely circulated video footage posted online in early June, a man was caught fondling a woman who had dozed off in a Metro train.

The man, 36, surrendered to police later but faced only days of detention.

The video clip sparked an outcry over abuse and threats to women traveling alone on the Metro.

Police have vowed to crack down on molestation cases on subways with more patrols in trains and at stations.

The molesting suspects can be identified through the newly fitted surveillance cameras, police said.

They hope the victims would come forward and "break their silence while witnesses could offer a helping hand instead of just taking pictures."

Xinhua

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33. TV Drama Series

McDowell wary of 'evil' pin positions at Muirfield

GULLANE, (Scotland), 17 July—Graeme McDowell is ready for a little skullduggery at this week's British Open as the Northern Irishman puts his instinctive links golf skills to the test at bone-dry Muirfield.

The former US Open winner, in prime form with three wins from his last eight starts, anticipates a fair test on the sun-baked coastal layout but should players start blasting the course apart in light winds, organisers will be ready.

"It really just depends," McDowell, who will play with pre-tournament favourite Tiger Woods and 2010 winner Louis Oosthuizen in the first two rounds, told reporters on Tuesday.

"(The R&A) can get fairly evil with pin positions, I have to say. They can get a little bit evil. These greens, there are some little corners on them that they can find."

McDowell said he and the rest of the field would be watching Woods's game plan "with interest" on Thursday and Friday after the American world number one said he was reluctant to use driver, such is the roll on the fairways.

But he will be relying on his own feel for the bumps and hollows around Muirfield, the only course on the British Open circuit he is yet to tackle in anger.

"I think the links-style golf is in my blood and I always feel like I revert back well to it," the 33-year-old said.

"You really can't play this golf course from the rough.

"This is certainly a game of chess this week, where you have to position your pieces and keep them in play."

McDowell's amazing recent run, which also includes five missed cuts, has a slight feel of "hit and miss" golf — the like of which is unlikely to prosper at Muirfield.

However, he said the topsy-turvy nature of his season was not quite as it seemed.

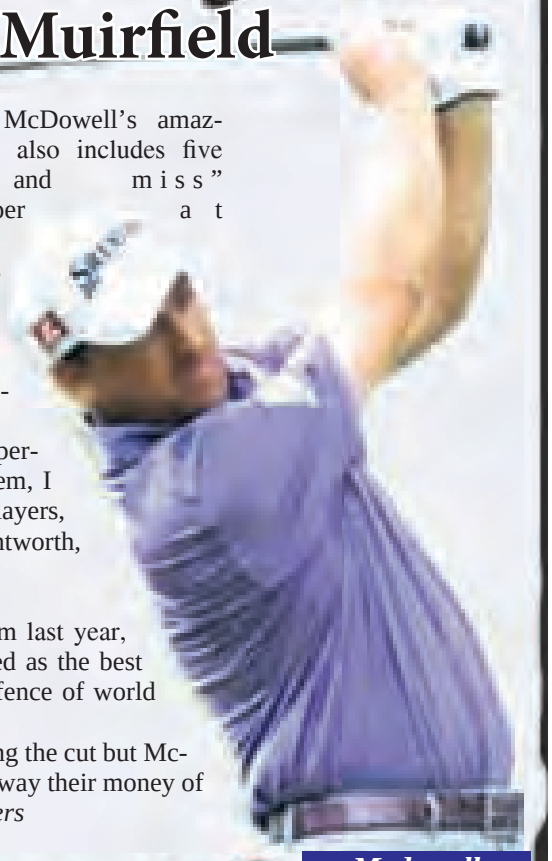
"I've won three times in the last eight events, but missed five cuts in the last eight events," said McDowell, who is clearly taking the "glass half full" attitude.

"I think my season has not felt as inconsistent as perhaps it's read. Those missed cuts, if you look at them, I missed by one at Augusta, missed by a couple at Players, missed by one at the Irish, missed by a couple at Wentworth, missed by a couple of hundred at the US Open.

"It hasn't really been as bad as it's read."

McDowell, who finished tied for fifth at Lytham last year, and US Open champion Justin Rose are being touted as the best home hopes although he is quick to jump to the defence of world number two Rory McIlroy despite his poor season.

Odds of 4-1 have been offered on McIlroy missing the cut but McDowell says prospective punters might be throwing away their money of they tip an early blow-out by the 24-year-old.—*Reuters*



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Government needs to draw multiple strategies for Rakhine State

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses meeting of Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Stability and Development of Rakhine State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed the coordination meeting (4/2013) of Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Stability and Development of Rakhine State held at the Ministry of the President Office, here, this afternoon.

It was also attended by Union ministers, the Rakhine State Chief Minister, deputy ministers, responsible persons of the Rakhine State Investigation Commission and departmental officials.

In his address, the Vice-President recounted the activities of the central committee that members of the central committee and work committee made an inspection tour of relief camps in Rakhine State and looked into the conditions of the two communities together with diplomats and responsible persons of INGOs about 10 days ago. The committee members also organized a press meet where they met with local and foreign media in Yangon.

Moreover, the committee received a foreign mission that offered assistance to ongoing tasks of the government at a separate meeting and welcomed their assistance.

He continued that foreign diplomats welcomed the government's efforts and urged the government to formulate a long-term plan, to establish a Point of Contact and to release information regularly so that it would thereby contribute to international understanding and cooperation; and that they also pointed out Na-Sa-Ka, citizenship law and measures to bring a

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Pyithu Hluttaw approves to discuss bill on applying of writs

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Today's Pyithu Hluttaw session answered ten questions and submitted a proposal related to two bills.

In his reply to the road the matter related to construction questioned by two representatives, Deputy Minister at President Office U Aung Thein vowed to repave Nwekhway linking between No (1) Highways and No (3) Highways in Mingaladon Township and build a detour in Pyawbwe Township when budgets were allocated for them.

Member of Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee U Lwin Oo submitted a proposal to discuss the bill on applying of writs by the Hluttaw and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Soe Nyunt agreed to seek the approval of the Hluttaw whether the bill should be discussed or not. As the majority was in favour of the proposal, the Hluttaw approved to discuss the bill.

Today's Hluttaw session ended at 1.35 pm and the 12th day session continues tomorrow.

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Hluttaw representatives seen at today's Pyithu Hluttaw session.

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Amyotha Hluttaw approves proposal to formulate concrete tactics for national economic development

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw presides over today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— The First Amyotha Hluttaw seventh regular session continued today.

In his reply to the questions of two representatives on agricultural matters, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw stressed the need of participation of irrigation staff, local authorities, agricultural coordination committee and local farmers in water management process to minimize loss and wastage and to utilize water effectively. Then he elaborated on the process of borrowing agricultural loans to farmers within a scheduled time.

Next, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin answered the questions raised by one representative that compensation had been given to farmers of farmlands on which Natmauk-Ywadaw railway passed through by the company and spillways had been on schedule to be built at three places where flow of water was blocked.

Deputy Minister for Information U Paik Htwe in his reply to opening more transmission stations in capitals of Regions and States said that broadcasting stations in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon could cover the states and regions where construction of more stations are not necessary; and that companies, national race groups, NGOs and INGOs would be allowed to run broadcasting businesses in states and regions when Broadcasting Law being formulated by the ministry emerged.

Next, the Hluttaw carried out approving the modification of Myanmar Maritime University Law.

Then, seven representatives and Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Daw Khin San Yi discussed the proposal urging the Union government to formulate concrete tactics for ensuring national economic development. As the majority was in favour of the proposal, the Hluttaw approved it.

Today's session came to end in the evening and the 12th day session continues tomorrow.

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