

No environmentally and socially harmful projects to be allowed in Dawei SEZ



Union Minister U Aye Myint delivers an address at press meet on implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects.—MNA

YANGON, 27 July — A press meet on implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone and its related projects took place at Small- and Medium-Scale Enterprise Development Centre on University Avenue, here, at 1 pm today.

It was attended by Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint and deputy ministers for Transport, National

Planning and Economic Development and Finance, Chairman of Dawei SEZ Management Committee Thura U Thaung Lwin and ministers of Yangon Region Government.

First, Chairman of the Central Working Committee for Implementation of Dawei SEZ Union Minister U Aye Myint elaborated on work progress, saying that Myanmar and Thailand signed an MoU on implementation of Dawei

Special Economic Zone and its related projects on 19 May 2008 in Singapore; that Myanmar Port Authority and Italian-Thai Company of Thailand inked an MoU to implement the project on 12 June 2008; and that implementation of the project started after signing a framework agreement on 2 November 2010.

In order to ensure effective implementation of Dawei Special Economic Zone and related projects,

a high-ranking committee chaired by Vice-President U Nyan Tun was formed on Myanmar side, he added.

He continued that the project had been postponed as Italian-Thai Company could not seek investors to finance the large investment project in time; that an invitation letter with signatures of the ministers of Myanmar and Thailand was sent to the Japanese Foreign Affairs Minister on 24 April

2013, inviting Japan to be a strategic partnership in implementing the project; that the project will be implemented step-by-step on an area of 44,850 acres; that no projects that may harmful to the environment and local people would be allowed; that investors who are willing to invest in respective sectors would be selected under international tender system; and that Dawei SEZ management committee would be responsible to choose investors and developers.

Next, Deputy Minister U Set Aung explained the purpose of formation of SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle), its functions and coordination matters and choosing Thailand while seeking partner countries for establishment of SPV.

Then, the Chairman of Dawei SEZ Management Committee gave an account of economic potentials that could be brought about by implementation of Dawei SEZ as Dawei region serves as southern economic corridor of the Greater Mekong Subregion.

Afterwards, officials concerned replied queries raised by media persons.

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Ocean Supermarket in Mawlamyine to be completed in 2015



Ocean Supermarket decorated with modern designs is scheduled to open in Mawlamyine of Mon State in 2015. The

supermarket with foodstuff, personal and household goods, furniture, electrical equipments, mobile, internet, fashion and sport

wears shops, bakery, Café, restaurants, play ground and mini cinema, will be built on three acres of land on Upper Road in Thanlwin

Park in Bogone ward of Mawlamyine. Mawlamyine is situated in the strategic location of Mon State.

The two-storey building measuring 350 ft long X 250 ft wide will be built by City Mart Holdings Co, Ltd at a cost of over K 3000 million. The building is designed by Thai architect and takes one year and four months.

“Some local people remonstrated about it as the site chosen for construction of the supermarket is in the park. We asked for local people’s desires in accord with the people-centered approach system.

We implement it as the majority of them agreed on it. Thanlwin Park has nearly 40 acres of land. But, construction is not allowed on either sides of Bogyoke Aung San Statue. It is three acres of land on the edge of the Park,” said Dr Toe Toe Aung, Mon State Development Affairs Minister.

The construction will start at the end of this rainy season. Upon completion, it can create job opportunities for 500-600 local people. The opening of supermarket is to be accord with Mon State Development Affairs

Law. Upon completion, the construction company has to hand over it to the Development Affairs Committee.

The building will be rent for 20 years: K 3 million per month for first five years, K 4.5 million per month for second five years and current prices for the remaining ten years.

After 20 years, other companies including City Mart Holdings Co, Ltd will be rent through tender system.

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Air Bagan, Htoo Foundation grow trees in Hlawga watershed area



YANGON, 27 July — As a drive to give a helping hand in environmental conservation task, Air Bagan and Htoo Foundation jointly organized a monsoon tree growing ceremony at Hlawga watershed area on 20 July.

Staff members of Air Bagan and Htoo Foundation led by Chairman of Htoo Foundation U Kyaw Thiha,

Chairman of Air Bagan U Htoo Thet Htwe and Air Bagan Managing Director U Thein Zaw totaling 150 put 1620 saplings of perennial plants on a three-acre plot. Air Bagan in cooperation with Htoo Foundation is paying voluntary contributions into social works, educative campaigns, environmental conservation task and health care services, it is learnt. — *Kyemon*

Rural region electrification through solar power in Ayeyawady Region

MINHLA, 27 July — With the use of funds of Rural Region Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs, Myanmar Solar Power Co., Ltd carried out rural region electrification

process in Ayeyawady Region recently. Solar panels had been installed at 2035 houses in villages of Kyaungon, Lemyathnar, Thabaung, Yekyi and Kyangin Townships.

Kyemon-Pyu Pyu Khaing

Man fatally struck by express train in Thegon

THEGON, 27 July — A man was fatally struck by an express train on 14 July at a place between mile post Nos (136/14) and (136/15) on Yangon-Pyay railroad near Linthe Village in Padigon station in Thegon Township in Bago Region.

Police said that they were informed that the victim was hit around 8 am on that day by Bagan

express train en route to Pyay from Yangon. He was found dead losing his two legs in the incident. The man was identified by police U Aye Theik, 48, of Thegyawgyi Village in Linle village-tract in the township. According to witnesses, he was a drunkard and he was knocked down by the train on his way to home.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Crash involved three vehicles on Yangon-Pyay road

LETPADAN, 27 July — A road crash involved three vehicles occurred at a place between mile post Nos (88/1) and (88/2) on Yangon-Pyay road in Letpadan Township on 15 July, police said. Aung Pyaeson passenger bus en route to Yangon from Pyay veered off its lane after hitting a stationary car, Probox, with

its rear part and partially collided with a light truck driving on the opposite lane. No one is injured in the road accident.

Latpadan Township police station opened a file but no information was immediately available about the charge over the traffic rule violator.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Accident

Human error-related car accident kills one, hurt 16 in Minhla Township

MINHLA, 27 July — A rollover crash happened to a TE truck near mile post No (39/4), Zeedaw village, on Minhla-Thayet motorway in Magway Region. It was learnt that thirty passengers on board the truck were farmers from Kan village in Minhla Township of Magway Region and the incident occurred on their way to home after drawing loans from Minhla Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Bank.

The truck driven by Zaw Gyi, 35, of Kan village plunged off the road and overturned. Drowsiness while driving was blamed for the fatal accident occurred at about 2 pm on 17 July. U Thet Pyin, 54, among passengers, was pronounced dead on the spot and 16 others injured. The victims were taken to Minhla hospital.

Minhla police station charged Zaw Gyi over reckless driving.

Kyemon-Ko Ko Yupa

S/Okkalapa mom gives birth to triplets

YANGON, 27 July — A set of healthy triplets given birth by Daw Khin Marlar, wife of U Aung Than Zaw of South Okkalapa Township, are one baby boy and two baby girls.

The chairperson of Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory

Committee and party visited their house on 18th street (Ka) in ward-7 in South Okkalapa Township on 25 July and presented cash assistance, packets of milk powder and medicines for the mother and newborn babies who are in good health.

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YCDC puts more garbage collection trucks into its sanitation fleet



YANGON, 27 July — With the aim of enhancing its garbage collection system in Yangon, 38 more garbage collectors, two road washing truck and two road cleaning vacuum trucks were added to a fleet of vehicles used in sanitation works by Yangon City Development

Committee recently. YCDC's environmental conservation and sanitation department said that new garbage collection trucks would be put into service in respective townships in the near future.

Myanmar will host the 27th SEA Games soon and 2014 ASEAN Summit and

related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay in the not too distant future. According to an official of YCDC, a purchase of new vehicles was made to upgrade Yangon's garbage collection system as Yangon, commercial city of the country, needs to be green and clean like other

world cities and pleasant to foreign visitors.

The newly-arrived 38 Compactor Garbage Truck Real Bins are made in USA. They are user-friendly and old bins can be fixed to the new hydraulically operated garbage collection trucks. Moreover, they can thereby contribute towards smooth and speedy garbage collection in Yangon, without harming occupational health of cleaners. Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department added that two road washing trucks and two road cleaning vacuum trucks would be very useful for cleaning of downtown roads and incinerators to be built in Dagon Myothit (North) and Hlinethaya Townships under the cooperation program between YCDC and Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA.

Kyemon-Saw Thein Win

Disabled man catches alight and dies in fire negligence

KATHA, 27 July — A disabled man had caught alight in a fire occurred at about 3.45 am on 24 July at Pyithaya Village in Katha Township of Katha District in Sagaing Region.

Police said they were informed of an outbreak of fire at the house of Ko Kyaw Lin Htaik in the village and rushed there. They found U Myint Win, brother-in-law of the house owner, was dead sustaining severe burns that

led to his death in an upstairs room.

The fire is believed to have started from a lighted cigar that had set the blanket, mosquito net and bed. The fire then swept through the whole house which was reduced to ashes. The victim who is disabled was trapped and killed in the blaze. It was learnt that he was very drunk at the time when the fire broke out.

Kyemon-Katha IPRD

Photo News



Recent photo shows residents of Ward-1 (Annex) in Dagon Myothit (East) Township wading into knee-deep flood water from Ngamoeyeik creek triggered by torrential rains on 23 and 24 July.

KYEMON-MAUNG THONNYA

WORLD

S Korea urges N Korea to scrap nuclear weapons programme

SEOUL, 27 July —South Korean President Park Geun Hye on Saturday urged North Korea to scrap its nuclear weapons programme while expressing her readiness to increase exchanges and cooperation if the North “makes the right choice.”

“I urge North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons development programme and seek changes and peace,” Park said in a speech at a ceremony marking the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice agreement that halted the three-year Korean War.

If North Korea makes the right choice, Park said, South Korea is “willing to expand exchanges and cooperation with the North and seek ways to ensure co-prosperity of the two Koreas.”

She said South Korea “will do its utmost to have North Korea stop its military provocations and become a responsible member of the international commu-



North Korea's Park Chol Su (L) and Kim Ki Woong of South Korea shake hands after their talks in a joint industrial zone in the North's border city of Kaesong on 25 July, 2013. The sixth round of working-level talks on reopening the industrial zone, which has remained shuttered for about three months, ended without a breakthrough. —KYODO NEWS

nity.”

Relations between the two Koreas became further strained this week after their sixth round of working-level talks on re-

suming operations at the suspended industrial zone at the North's border city of Kaesong were virtually broken up on Thursday.

Kyodo News

Exiled Thai leader Thaksin hopes to return home next year

BANGKOK, 27 July—Former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Friday expressed on twitter his hope to return home next year after a seven-year homesickness living in self-exile overseas. Thaksin posted a picture of himself hugging his two sisters, Pinthongta and Paethongtarn, who visited him to make their best wishes for his 64th birthday in Hong Kong, and tweeted to say “Let this year be the last that we do not stay together as family.”

Apart from Thaksin's children, a number of his supporters including MPs and members of cabinet visited him on the occasion.

The former Thai leader's comment apparently followed sustained bids by his faithful followers including Pheu Thai (For Thai) Party members and Red Shirt activists to bring him home following 2006's coup, plus 2009's court ruling in absentia to deliver him a two-years jail term involving a controversial Bangkok land grab by

his ex-wife Khunying Podjaman na Pompet.

Thaksin invariably maintained that the coup as well as the court verdict had been politically motivated only to deprive him of power and send him to seek exile in foreign countries. Time and again he lamented and moaned over his being homesick while delivering live speeches via video link to the Pheu Thai and Red Shirt members and other people since the last several years. Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, sister of the deposed premier, has remained tight-lipped and

non-committal whenever asked to comment on possibilities of her own brother coming home by any means.

Meanwhile, the Thai House of Representatives is scheduled on 7 Aug, to deliberate legislation to give pardon to political prisoners and defendants following 2010's army crackdowns on Red Shirt protesters which led to the deaths of nearly 100 people and injuries of about 2,000.

Thaksin is known to have more or less pinned up his hopes of returning home on smooth passage of such amnesty bills.—Xinhua



Former Thai prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra

Death toll of Egypt's clashes rises to 139

CAIRO, 27 July — Death toll of clashes erupted late Friday between supporters and opponents of Egypt's ousted president Mohamed Morsi has climbed to at least 139 on Saturday, the Muslim Brotherhood (MB) and local media said.

At least 120 people were killed and more 4,500 others wounded, most of them suffered gunshot wounds in confrontations between pro- Morsi protesters and security forces in the Naser street, near in Nasr City's Rabaa al-Adaweya mosque, the MB said in

a statement posted on its official website Saturday.

The statement quoted Hisham Ibrahim, the hospital field's manager in al-Adaweya mosque, as saying that most of the cases were shot in the head, neck and chest by snipers, and they are facing a “shortage in medicine due to the heavy casualties.”

The police forces started to shoot at the pro-Morsi sit-ins at 2 a.m. local time (GMT 0000), to disperse the crowds after the later erected tents around the Memorial in Naser street, which

is a military site, a Xinhua correspondent at scene said.

The hospital field's equipment is too poor to treat the severe wounded cases, eyewitnesses said, noting an 11 year-old boy was shot dead in his neck.

While sippers on the roof of the nearby Azhar university were shooting, the protesters responded with stones, he added.

On Friday, clashes erupted between supporters and opponents of Morsi in Alexandria and other governorates, leaving at least 19 people dead, according to state-run news agency MENA.

Xinhua

Gov't to weigh options for sales tax hike

TOKYO, 27 July—The government is considering assessing the economic impact of several options before deciding whether to carry through the sales tax hike in April as planned, including some that would change the timing or size of the contentious increase, government sources said on Saturday.

The options will likely include the idea of gradually raising the 5 percent tax

Death toll in Pakistan's Parachinar twin blasts jumps to 57

ISLAMABAD, 27 July — A dozen more people injured in Friday evening's northwest Pakistan's Parachinar twin blasts died at hospital overnight, bringing the death toll of the deadly attacks to 57, reported local Urdu TV channel Geo on Saturday.

The blasts also wounded over 180 others, said the report by quoting local officials and hospital sources.

Due to inadequate medical facilities in Parachinar, a small town lying less than 10 kilometers away from the Afghan border, some of the blast victims have been shifted to Peshawar, the largest city in

northwest Pakistan.

Local media said that two policemen were injured when unknown militants ambushed the convoy shifting the injured people to Peshawar.

Abu Baseer, a purported spokesman of Ansarul Mujahideen militant group, claimed the responsibility for the attacks, according to local media.

He was quoted as saying that the attacks were targeting the majority Shias living in Parachinar.

The massive killings of innocent civilians in Parachinar shocked the whole nation as killings are strictly prohibited during Ramadan, the holy month for Muslims, which started in the country on July 11.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and other political and religious group leaders strongly condemned the attacks and expressed condolences to the families of the victims.

The twin blasts took place at about 5:00 p.m. local time at a downtown market area in Parachinar when people were busy with shopping foods for Iftar (breaking fast).

There are contradictory reports about the nature of the two blasts.

Some media said that the first blast took place at the market when a bomb planted on a motorbike went off, followed by a suicide blast targeting a Shia mosque nearby the market.

Other reports said both blasts were of suicide nature.

Earlier local police confirmed that one of the explosions is a suicide blast.

The two blasts occurred within just a few minutes, local media quoted eyewitnesses as saying.

One suicide bomber rammed his motorbike into the main gate of the Shia mosque, killing many people on the spot as there were a lot of people coming to the mosque for Friday prayers, said local media.

Large contingent of security forces were called in following the blasts. However, no suspects have reportedly been arrested nor is there any report about the finding of the body parts of the suicider.

All the injured people were shifted to the district headquarters hospital in the town and some of them were later referred to the Lady Reading Hospital in Peshawar, which is famous for its blast victim treatment.—Xinhua



An injured supporter of the deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi receives medical treatment in a makeshift hospital after clashes with riot policemen in Cairo, Egypt, early on July 27, 2013. The death toll of clashes erupting late Friday between supporters and opponents of Mohamed Morsi climbed to at least 139 on Saturday, and over 5,200 people were injured across the country, Muslim Brotherhood officials and medic source said.—XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Theravada Buddhism

The following is an reproduction of an article published in Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Guide 2013.—Ed

Buddhists seek refuge in what are known as the Three Gems: the Buddha, the Dhamma [the Buddhist teachings] and the Sangha [the community of monks]. Each person must seek his own salvation, take responsibility for his own thoughts, words and deeds and not be reliant on a saviour, because the Buddha only showed the path to salvation. Buddhism has evolved into three schools: Theravada [which predominates in Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Sri Lanka], Mahayana [which predominates in North Asia] and Vajrayana [which predominates in Tibet and other parts of Himalayas as well as Mongolia].

The goal of the Theravada devotee is to seek his own salvation by study and understanding the canon, by practicing mindfulness and meditation and through these endeavours to achieve the freedom of Nirvana so as not to be reborn into the cycle of life.

The Buddha

The great teacher



Buddha Gautama was born more than 2600 years ago as Siddhartha, an Indian Prince who lived a life of luxury until he was twenty-nine. He then became aware of the miseries of mankind and renounced his throne and family to set forth on his search for the Truth that would free mankind from suffering. He found it after six years of meditation and his principles, based on the discovery of how to lead a harmonious life, are collectively called Buddhism. He passed away at the age of eighty.

The Dhamma

The teaching of the Buddha stress the need to eradicate the three roots of evil that are the causes of suffering: Lobha [greed, craving] dosa [anger, hatred] and moha [ignorance, delusion].

Morality is the basis of the Buddha teachings and the Eightfold Path also know as the middle Way

teaches adherents to avoid these three roots of evil and to live a moral life.

The elements of the Eightfold Path are:

1. **Right Understanding:** having insightful knowledge of the Dhamma.

2. **Right Thought:** Banishing thoughts free from Lust, ill-will and cruelty and cultivating thoughts of loving-kindness, compassion, non-hatred and equanimity towards all living beings.

3. **Right Speech:** abstaining from uttering false words and language that is slanderous, rude, harsh and abusive as well as idle, frivolous gossip.

4. **Right Action:** conduct that is moral, honourable and not harmful to others.

5. **Right Livelihood:** avoiding a living that is harmful to others.

6. **Right Effort:** to be diligent in the avoidance of evil by thought, word and deed.

7. **Right Mindfulness:** to be consciously aware of all the activities of mind and body

8. **Right Concentration:** meditating to prevent violent emotions from arising.

The Sangha

Members of the Sangha, or community of monks, study the Buddhist canon, propagate the Buddha's teachings and live according to the 227 rules of monastic restraint, which include eating only food that is offered to them. Theravada Buddhist monks are not required to be vegetarians, as the rule is to accept

any food offered to them.

Meditation

There are two methods of practicing meditation. One is Vipassana, a system aimed at developing conscious awareness so that one may be keenly aware of emotions such as anger, pain, hunt, jealousy, and greed at the onset of their arising and thus be able to control them: in a world where you cannot control fate, at least you can control how you respond to it. The other meditation method is Thama Hta, practiced by those who seek to attain supernatural powers and who, after obtaining enough practice in concentration, move on to Vipassana meditation.

There are many meditation centres in Yangon. Those which offer instruction in English include the International Meditation Centre on Inya Myaing Road and the Pandita Rama Centre on Than Lwin Road, which has a website (<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/buddhism/pandita.html>) through which one can apply to attend.



The sun rises behind the entrance sign to Facebook headquarters in Menlo Park before the company's IPO launch, on 18 May, 2012. REUTERS

Internet companies, stung by earnings, still look pricey

NEW YORK, 27 July—Expedia Inc can send people to destinations around the world, but it can't send investors back in time so they can avoid the stock's massive selloff on Friday.

The stock's 25 percent fall is its worst in seven years, becoming the latest in what is shaping up as a rough quarter for Internet company earnings. Expedia, Netflix and Google were hit hard after reporting earnings in the last two weeks. Investors have chased this group higher in 2013, lured by expanding user bases and profit growth that eclipsed the broader market. But that has raised concern among

analysts who see the sector as a whole as overvalued and ripe for a sell-off.

That appears to be what befell Expedia on Friday, as it suffered its biggest one-day loss since May 2006 after its results fell short of expectations.

"I don't see any Internet stock that looks like a value," said Kim Forest, senior equity research analyst at Fort Pitt Capital Group in Pittsburgh. "I'm a fan of them as a customer, but wouldn't pay anywhere near the multiple we're seeing for them."

One measure of the valuation of these companies, intrinsic value as calculated by StarMine,

a Thomson Reuters company, shows that of the 55 or so industries among the top 1,000 US companies, Internet and catalog retailers are the most overvalued, and Internet software and services companies are the seventh-most overvalued.

Intrinsic value evaluates a stock based on projected growth over the next decade, using a combination of analyst forecasts and industry growth expectations. The most overvalued name in the S&P 500 is Amazon.com Inc, which has climbed more than 20 percent this year to \$309 a share and has a mammoth P/E ratio of 133.72.

Reuters

Access to Apple developer site partially restored

NEW YORK, 27 July—Apple Inc has partially restored its main website for developers, eight days after shuttering it in response to a cyber attack that prompted a harried upgrade to prevent future breaches.

Apple's developer site, which the company uses to communicate with its community of close to 6 million software developers, was back online on Friday, though some sections, including the forums and the

member center, were still offline. The company had blocked access to the site after an intrusion last week and it is still not clear what data, if any, was compromised by the attack.

An Apple spokesperson confirmed that the company had sent an email to its developer community informing them about the incident.

"Certificates, Identifiers & Profiles, software downloads, and other de-

veloper services are now available," Apple said in the email and on a developer update page on the site. (r.reuters.com/zaz89t)

Seven of the 15 services on the website, including the iOS, Mac and Safari developer centers, were online at 8:15 pm ET on Friday (0015 GMT on Saturday). News of the developer site being restored was earlier reported by technology blog AllThingsD.

Reuters



An Apple logo is seen at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) 2013 in San Francisco, California on 10 June, 2013.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH



The company logo of Halliburton oilfield services corporate offices is seen in Houston, Texas on 6 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Halliburton plea may help BP in spill liability battle

NEW YORK, 27 July—BP Plc appeared to gain an edge in the battle over liability for the 2010 Gulf of Mexico spill on Friday, after Halliburton abandoned one of its arguments that tried to paint the British oil company as unconcerned about well safety.

Halliburton, which did the cementing work for BP's well, on Thursday pleaded guilty to destroying evidence of internal tests it conducted showing there was no difference between the effectiveness of putting six or 21 casing centralizers on the well.

Centralizers help stabilize the well bore during cementing and, prior to the settlement with the US Department of Justice, Halliburton had sought in court proceedings to pin blame on BP for the blowout because of its decision to save "time and money" by using only six centralizers.

A payment of just \$200,000 to the Department of Justice ends the DOJ's case against Halliburton. At the same time, the plea seems to hurt Halliburton as it seeks to settle its share of private claims over the disaster, currently estimated at

\$1.3 billion.

John Coffee of Columbia Law School said it would now be less plausible for Halliburton to argue in any litigation between the two companies that it had warned BP about something for which the evidence was destroyed.

"This is a zero sum game between BP and Halliburton, particularly when it undercuts (Halliburton's) argument they had an honest theory of why the cement wouldn't hold," Coffee said. "If it's an honest theory, why would you destroy all the evidence?"

Nonetheless, Halliburton shares rose nearly 4 percent on Friday, since its plea announcement late on Thursday coincided with it unveiling a \$3.3 billion share buyback. Scott Gruber, analyst at Bernstein Research, said the company appeared more confident its oil spill liability was manageable in making a repurchase offer that would represent 8 percent of its outstanding shares at current prices. James West at Barclays believed Halliburton could even issue new debt to accelerate its buyback programme.—Reuters

GM fires several employees after probe into Tavera recall

DETROIT, 27 July—General Motors Co (GM.N) fired several employees after an internal probe into a recent recall of its Chevrolet Tavera sport-utility vehicle in India uncovered "violations of company policy," the US automaker said on Friday.

"We take these matters very seriously and hold our leaders and employees to high standards," GM said in a statement. "When those standards are not met, we will take the appropriate action to hold employees accountable."

GM declined to provide more details.

Automotive News reported that Sam Winegard, GM's vice president for global engine engineering, was dismissed this week along with about 10

other GM powertrain employees in the United States and India.

Earlier this week, GM recalled 114,000 Tavera SUVs built between 2005 and 2013. GM earlier halted production and sale of the Tavera BS3 and Tavera BS4 models.

GM said it took the ac-

tions to address issues relating to emissions standards and other regulatory specifications. India's Economic Times newspaper reported that GM told the Indian government that its engineers manipulated emissions tests to comply with government standards.

Reuters



General Motors World Headquarters is seen behind a historic warehouse being restored along the Detroit River in Detroit, Michigan on 21 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Transplants may benefit obese kidney patients

NEW YORK, 27 July—After kidney transplants, the risk of death over the next year falls just as much among obese kidney failure patients as it does for thinner people, says a new study.

Researchers found that the risk of an obese person dying during the year after a kidney transplant dropped about 66 percent, compared to obese people who remained on dialysis. That's equal to the benefit thinner

people get from a transplant.

"This is good and important news with the changing environment and increasing regulation of transplantation. It confirms the benefit of transplantation in this high-risk group," said Dr. John Gill, the study's senior author from the University of British Columbia and St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, Canada.

The researchers write in the American Journal of

Transplantation that kidney transplantation is the preferred treatment for people with end-stage kidney disease. Compared to dialysis, an arduous process for removing waste from a patient's blood several times a week, transplants are tied to a lower risk of death and a better quality of life.

But past research has found that obese people with kidney failure do better on dialysis than thinner people, and that they're more likely to die following organ transplants — both issues that would alter the risk-benefit calculation for the decision to do a kidney transplant in those patients.

For men and women, body mass index (BMI) — a measure of weight relative to height — of 30 and above is considered obese by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.—Reuters

Regular wound cleaning tied to faster healing

NEW YORK, 27 July—Chronic wounds such as diabetic foot ulcers and pressure ulcers may heal faster when they are cleaned out frequently, a new study suggests.

So-called debridement involves removing dead or infected tissue and any foreign bodies or bacteria from slow-healing wounds, such as with a scalpel or special cream.

It's traditionally performed when a patient first comes in with a wound, said Dr Robert Kirsner, a dermatologist and wound researcher from the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

"The real question is, how often do you have to do this?" added Kirsner, who co-wrote a commentary published with the new study. Close to seven million Americans each year have a chronic wound, from diabetes or other causes.

A few small studies have suggested some types of wounds tend to heal faster with frequent cleaning.

For their report, James Wilcox from Healogics — a company that runs wound care centers — and his colleagues tried to expand on those data by reviewing the records of about 155,000 patients treated at one of 525 wound centres. Between 2008 and 2012, those patients were treated for a total of 313,000 wounds, including diabetic foot and pressure ulcers, surgical wounds and cuts from accidents or other trauma. The average wound was cleaned out twice.

Reuters

FAA proposes 2.75 million dollar civil penalty against Boeing

CHICAGO, 27 July—The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) is proposing a 2.75-million-dollar civil penalty against Boeing Co's commercial airplanes unit for allegedly failing to maintain its quality control system in accordance with approved FAA procedures, according to a

file released on Friday by the Administration.

The FAA says that in September 2008, Boeing discovered it had been installing nonconforming fasteners on its model 777 airplanes. The FAA sent a letter of investigation into the issue the next month.

The FAA alleges that Boeing repeatedly submit-

ted action plans that set deadlines for the accomplishment of certain corrective actions, but subsequently failed to implement those plans. The company implemented a plan to address the fastener issue on 10 Nov, 2010, more than two years after Boeing first learned of the problem.

Boeing stopped using

the nonconforming fasteners after officials discovered the problem. However, some of the underlying manufacturing issues continued to exist until after the corrective action plan was in place. Boeing has 30 days from the receipt of the FAA's civil penalty letter to respond to the agency.

Xinhua

Nine foods to anti aging



1. Kiwifruit
2. Mushroom
3. Raspberry
4. Walnut
5. Redbean
6. Sugarbeet
7. Sardine
8. Watermelon
9. Pumpkin seeds



WORLD

Police to question driver after Spanish train crash kills 80

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA (Spain), 27 July — The driver of a Spanish train that derailed, killing at least 80 people, was under police guard in hospital on Friday after the accident, which an official source said was caused by excessive speed.

The eight-carriage train came off the tracks, hit a wall and caught fire just outside the pilgrimage destination Santiago de Compostela in northwestern Spain on Wednesday night. It was one of Europe's worst rail disasters.

The source had knowledge of the official investigation into a crash which brought misery to Santiago on Thursday, the day when it should have celebrated one of Europe's biggest Christian festivals.

A judge in Santiago de Compostela, capital of the northern Spanish region of Galicia, was assigned to investigate the accident. The judge ordered police to question the train's driver, named as 52-year-old Francisco Jose Garzon.

It was not clear what kind of injuries the driver had suffered. He was not

arrested, but he was under a police guard at the hospital and was expected to be questioned on Friday.

State train company Renfe said the driver was a 30-year veteran of the firm with more than a decade of train driving experience. He had been driving trains on this line for about a year, the firm said.

The regional government said 95 people were still in hospital, 32 of them, including four children, in a serious condition. Medical experts were still trying to identify 13 of the bodies early on Friday, leaving distraught families to wait for definitive news.

With the festivities in Santiago cancelled on Thursday, hundreds of people went to the site of the wreck instead, where they watched cranes picking the mangled train carriages off the tracks.

"My brother-in-law lives close by and was helping pull out people, dead and alive, all night. He's very shaken. I've come now with some friends just to see how it all ends," said Manuel Garcia, one of the onlookers.



Workers stand beside the train engine at the site of a train crash in Santiago de Compostela, northwestern Spain, July 26, 2013.—REUTERS

Video footage from a security camera showed the train, with 247 people on board, hurtling into a concrete wall at the side of the track as carriages jackknifed and the engine overturned.

The train entered the bend at 190 km per hour (120 mph), according to local media reports. The speed limit on the curve was 80 km per hour (50 mph).

Investigators were trying to find out why the train was going so fast and why security devices to keep speed within permitted limits had not slowed it down.

The impact was so huge one carriage flew several metres into the air and

landed on the other side of a concrete barrier. Bodies were strewn next to the tracks in the aftermath.

The dead included a U.S. citizen and a Mexican, and at least one British citizen was injured.

Train traffic resumed on Friday morning on the tracks parallel to the where the accident took place.

Spain's rail safety record is better than the European average, ranking 18th out of 27 countries in terms of railway deaths per kilometre travelled, the European Railway Agency said. There were 218 train accidents in Spain between 2008 and 2011, well below the EU average of 426 for the same period.—Reuters

Slow response to toxic water leak fuels distrust of TEPCO

TOKYO, 27 July—Tokyo Electric Power Co's admission on Monday that contaminated water containing radioactive substances has seeped from under the premises of its disaster-struck Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant into the Pacific Ocean came about a month after the problem surfaced.

The company's slow action, coupled with an apparent lack of coordination

within the company in sharing crucial data about the case, is making local fishermen increasingly distrustful of the utility.

At a briefing for local fishermen in Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture on Tuesday, the day after the revelation of the leak, participants expressed anger at the utility, with one calling for someone to take responsibility.

Kyodo News



Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter over the town of Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, shows the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station on 9 July, 2013. Tokyo Electric Power Co, the operator of the crippled plant, said the same day that the density of radioactive cesium in groundwater by the sea at the plant has soared to around 90 times higher than three days ago.—KYODO NEWS

Pope, in Brazil, asks young to change unfair, corrupt world

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 July—Pope Francis urged young people on Friday to change a world where food is discarded while millions go hungry, where racism and violence still affront human dignity and where politics is more associated with corruption than service.

Francis, on the fifth day of his first trip abroad since his election in March, went to Rio's Copacabana beach to preside at a "Way of the Cross" service commemorat-

ing Jesus' final hours as part of an international jamboree of Catholic youth, known as World Youth Day. Hundreds of thousands of people turned out to see the Argentine pope at the theatrical event on the crescent-shaped beachfront, giving him yet another of the frenzied welcomes that have defined his trip so far.

He ordered his open-sided popemobile to stop numerous times along his 1.8-mile (3-km) route so he could kiss babies and shake hands. He

got out several times to walk along the route, making his security detail nervous again.

In his address, Francis used the analogy of the suffering Jesus to ask the young people to ease the sufferings of the world. He used the theme to address issues ranging from hunger and crime to an oblique reference to the child sex abuse scandal that has roiled the Roman Catholic Church in recent years. Francis spoke of "the silence of the victims of violence, those who can no longer cry out, especially the innocent and the defenceless."

He said Jesus was united with families whose children were victims of violence and drug addiction.

"Jesus is united with every person who suffers from hunger in a world where tons of food are thrown out each day ... with those who are persecuted for their religion, for their beliefs or simply for the color of their skin," he said.

Reuters



Pope Francis delivers a speech during Via Crucis at Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, on 26 July, 2013.

REUTERS

Colombia arrests criminal gang leader

BOGOTA, 27 July—Colombian police said on Friday they have arrested Hernan Arturo Cantillo, a leader of Los Rastrojos, one of the main drug trafficking and criminal bands in the country.

Cantillo, who was also wanted by Interpol, has been detained near Galapa municipality in Colombia's northern department of Atlantico, police said in a

statement, without specifying the date of the arrest.

Cantillo was accused of leading and coordinating actions of Los Rastrojos in several departments of the Colombian Atlantic coast, besides being the main detractor of the Law for Victims and Land Restitution promoted by the government of President Juan Manuel Santos to compensate the victims of the armed

conflict, the statement said.

The detainee faces several charges including the felonies of homicide, the statement said. In April, the Colombian president offered a reward of 200 million Colombian pesos (about 105,000 US dollars) for the arrest of Cantillo, who was also a former member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia guerrilla group.—Xinhua

Communications partially cut off after tremor hits NW China

LANZHOU, 27 July—Communications were cut off in some townships and villages after a 4.5-magnitude quake jolted a county in northwest China's Gansu Province, local government said on Saturday.

The quake shook Wenxian County in Longnan City at 00:25 am Saturday (Beijing Time), with its epicenter six km deep, ac-

cording to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

The quake was strongly felt in the county. Many local residents, who had fallen asleep, ran out of their homes to open areas in drizzly weather. Some of them returned home after no aftershocks occurred.

Communications in many villages were cut off and authorities were check-

ing whether there were any casualties, said an official with the Wenxian county government.

The county has a population of 250,000.

The quake came after a 6.6-magnitude quake hit Minxian and Zhangxian counties in Dingxi, Gansu on Monday, which has left at least 95 dead and another 1,461 injured.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Kalewa producing third-grade coals



Kalewa is one of major coal suppliers in Myanmar, producing third-grade coals.

KALAY, 27 July—Kalewa is one of the major coal suppliers in Myanmar, providing sub-bituminous coal with 52.5 percent carbon ingredient.

Mawlaik, Tamu, Kalay, Kalewa, Paluzawa and Khampet are major coal

producers in Myanmar.

Kalewa has the reputation of third-grade coals.

Coals are transported to Shwe Kyet Yet, Maunggon and Lethote jetties in Mandalay and through road transportation routes in open

season. Tun Thwin, Htoo Han Thit and Max Myanmar are major coal companies operating in the region.

A total of 30-40 workers are working in each site. They are earning K 3000-K 4000 a day.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Educative talks on human trafficking, domestic violence organized in Lewe Tsp



LEWE, 27 July—An educative talk on prevention against human trafficking and domestic violence was organized at No (4) ward administrator office in Lewe on 24 July morning.

Police Sub-Inspector Min Naing of Nay Pyi Taw Anti-Human Trafficking Police Squad gave talks on human trafficking and Commander of Myoma Police Station in Lewe Township on crimes.

Township Law Officer Daw Khin Swe Win discussed the violence against women

and Township Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Cho Cho, the basic principles of the organization.

Another event aimed at promoting nationalism was organized in Basic Education High School-2 (Lewe). The Township WAO chairperson and Staff Officer of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Wai Kyi San Aung gave talks on nationalism and reading habits. It was attended by the headmaster, teachers and students.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)



Shan State government grants aids to victims of strong winds

KYAUKME, 27 July—Shan State government has provided cash assistance to victims of strong winds in Kyaukme.

The ceremony to provide cash aids was held in Kyaukme General Administration Department Office on 23 July.

Shan State Hluttaw Representatives U Sai Kham Kyaw and U Sai Than Maung, Township

Administrator U Aung Lwin, Police Inspector Tin Htay of Township Police Force distributed the aids to villages in Mawma, Heque, Naungpein, Sakhanthar, Kywegon and Nanthutaung villages and other downtown wards.

The strong winds hit various areas of the township in May, causing damage to a number of buildings

MMAL-Maung Maung



Presentation of cash assistance to victims of strong winds in progress.

Remote villages in Chin State get free WiFi access

TIDDIM, 27 July—Remote villages in Chin State have access of free WiFi Internet access as from 20 June.

The accessibility of WiFi Internet in villages in Tiddim Township will mark the centennial celebration for establishment of Htote Lai village that fell in April.

Two or three WiFi routers have been installed in populous buildings and a total of 20 routers have been used in the project.

Computing basics is a subject taught in Basic Education High School of Htote Lai village in the township.

The project would be extended to other villages on request.

MMAL-Nay Su (Chin Yoma)

HRD

Homalin Township gets new library in rural area

HOMALIN, 27 July—The opening ceremony of Moe Hninsi Library was held in San Kyein village in Htein Kin Village-tract in Homalin Township on 21 July.

At the ceremony, Shan Nationality Affairs Minister U San Shwe, Township Management Committee Chairman U Kaung Myat Nyi, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department and Library Committee Chairman U Hla Tin cut the ribbon to open it.

The minister and officials then viewed round the library.

MMAL-117

Odd News

One killed, three injured in bee stings in Gangaw

GANGAW, 27 July—Bee stings in Gangaw in Magway Region killed one and injured three this month.

Local authorities have cleared beehive that could pose threats to the people on 25 July in the aftermath of the fatal attack.

“One man from Myaukkon ward was killed by bee stings at 10 am on 21 July. Three members of Zabuhtutkhaung pagoda board of trustees were attacked and injured bee attack in Sibinthaya ward. They

are now hospitalized,” a townselder said.

The victim who lost life was identified as Ko Thar Thar Lay, 36.

U Zaw Min Sein, U Saw Lay and U Win Ko were injured in the attack. The bees that attacked the people were from hives in timber extraction yard in Gangaw.

According to local people, there was no fatality caused by bee stings in the past before Ko Thar Thar Lay was killed within 20 minutes after the attack.

MMAL-Awza (Monywa)



EDUCATIVE TALKS ON TAXATION GIVEN: Township IRD Officer Daw May Zaw Oo giving talks on taxation to middle school students in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at Basic Education Middle School in Bo Min Yaung street on 25 July.—MMAL-021

Farming rights certificates presented to farmers

HSIPAW, 27 July—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in Moe Tae Hae village-tract in Hsipaw Township in Shan State (North) on 25 July.

Hsipaw Township Administrator Assistant Director U Myo Zaw Tint

delivered an address at the ceremony.

Staff Officer II of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Twe Maung explained the purpose of issuing the certificates and entitlements of the farmers.

MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)

Inter-faith workshop organized

PATHEIN, 27 July—Yadana Myay Social Development Group in Pathein Township in Ayeyawady Region organized a workshop in Pathein on 24 July. The workshop was opened with an address by chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee. Religious leaders from four major

religions Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and Christianity participated in discussion. The delegates then visited mosques and churches in the evening of the day one of the workshop.

They visited Hindu temples and Shwe Mok Htaw pagoda in the evening of the day two.

MMAL-District IPRD

NATIONAL

Joint Symposium on Civil Engineering and Future Infrastructure Development held



Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin speaking at Joint Symposium on Civil Engineering and Future Infrastructure Development.
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NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—Joint Symposium on Civil Engineering and Future Infrastructure Development, jointly organized by Myanmar Engineering Society (MES) and Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE), was held at the office of MES here yesterday.

Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin delivered a speech

on the occasion. MES President U Win Khaing and JSCE President Mr Kotaro Hashimoto extended greetings. Resource persons from Myanmar and Japan read out papers.

The Symposium is aimed at promoting the societies of Myanmar and Japan with the help of civil engineering.

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Supporting Committee for Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Sector Development meets

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—“Meat and Fish sector is crucial for country’s GDP composition after agriculture sector,” Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint said at the meeting of the Supporting Committee for Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Sector Development (7/2013) at the ministry.

The Union minister said that the Ministry is implementing State’s poverty alleviation scheme by means of helping the families save money and earn high income through livestock breeding. He called for all-out efforts for poverty alleviation. The Ministry would support private



Meeting of the Supporting Committee for Livestock Breeding and Meat and Fish Sector Development (7/2013) in progress.—MNA

sectors for development of meat and fishes and rural areas, he added. Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye discussed extension

of livestock breeding for job creation in Taninthayi Region.

After that, officials from the Supporting

Committee presented their reports on implementation of rural development tasks and follow-up measures.

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Two companies get accreditation for Mercedes-Benz distribution

YANGON, 27 July—Accreditation of Automobile Alliance Co., Ltd Cycle & Carriage Automobile Myanmar Co., Ltd as official distributors of Mercedes-

Benz was held at Sedona Hotel yesterday evening.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe delivered a speech on the occasion. He said the

country sees a flood of reforms. The majority of businesses and factories are located in Yangon. Yangon’s GDP accounts for 23 percent of the country’s

total GDP.

After that, the Region chief minister looked into the Mercedes-Benz Class automobile.

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Press conference on Hajj pilgrimage tours held



Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Win makes a speech at a Press conference on Hajj pilgrimage tours (2013).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—“The Ministry no longer has handled Hajj pilgrimage tours since the beginning of this year,” Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Win says at

a Press conference on Hajj pilgrimage tours (2013) at the Ministry of Religious Affairs (Yangon Branch) here this morning.

The 11-member Hajj Pilgrimage Tour Work

Committee is formed with representatives from 104 Hajj Pilgrimage Tour Companies in a transparent and democratic way. In addition, Hajj Pilgrimage Tour Supervisory

Committee is also formed with representatives from five Islam Associations. The Supervisory Committee will be responsible for the tender of Hajj Pilgrimage Tours. Myanmar Embassy in Saudi Arabia is directly dealing with the quota of Hajj Pilgrimage tours, he added.

After that, officials from the respective committees presented their reports. The Deputy Minister and officials replied to the queries raised by those present.

It was attended by officials from the Work Committee and Supervisory Committee for Hajj Pilgrimage Tours, Islam Associations, the Hajj Pilgrimage Tour Company and media.

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PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 28 July, 2013

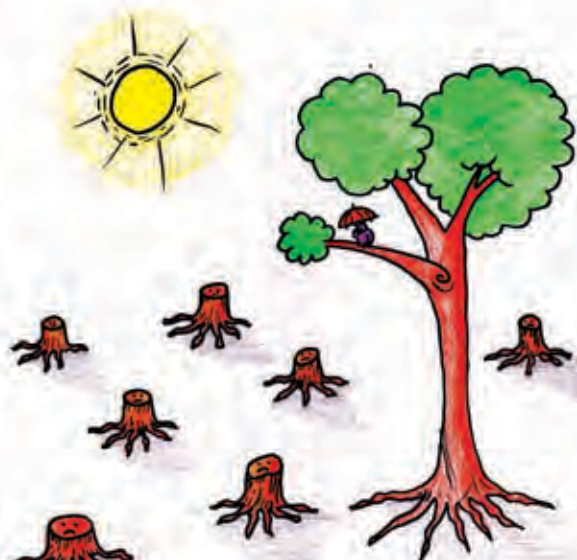
Racial integration

Sweeping reforms implementing at full speed and series of peace talks to silence the guns in border regions are keeping alive the hope of the entire people that our country is returning to its right place that she used to stand tall among world nations and a nationwide lasting peace could be realized in the not-too-distant future. Being a country of ethnic minority citizens with different beliefs, peace and prosperity cannot be brought to Myanmar in all of its pursuit of genuine democracy without a healthy pluralism.

Race and religious equality lie with how much of mutual tolerance and respect we have in dealing with each other and joys and griefs we are able to share. An approach which is acceptable to all stakeholders at a negotiating table to a successful political dialogue is acceptance of the view that pluralism as the acknowledgement of diversity allows the harmonious coexistence of different interests, convictions and lifestyles. Only the sense of pluralism could make the people with different backgrounds, but belonging to the same country, united.

Today is the time to put conflicting opinions aside, to forget grudge and mistrust and to desist from employing a manner of tit-for-tat. If all actors of conflicts are in good-faith negotiation brought about by wishes that come from within themselves, a common good will arise in the process within the pluralistic framework. If not so, internecine strife as an obstacle to a pluralistic democracy will drag on and our hope of having a common standpoint of ensuring peace and prosperity in the multicultural society will fade away.

All in all, pluralism is not only an ideology of promoting the racial integration within a multi-ethnic country but also an effective tool for conflict resolution, providing compromise and mutual understanding to be able to avoid racial sensitivity. Only burgeoning of pluralistic approaches could guarantee patterns and regularities of social life of each and every citizen.



Junior Lwin

LOCAL NEWS

Chairmen, members of DACs elected in townships of Katha District



KATHA, 27 July—A ceremony to elect the chairman of Katha Township Development Committee and one member was held at the hall of Katha District General Administration Department on 23 July morning.

Chairman of the supervisory committee District Deputy Commissioner U Thet Lwin made a speech. Secretary of the supervisory committee Township Administrator U Zaw Min Htaik explained the purpose of forming the

Township Development Affairs Committee and rules of the formation.

At the ceremony, U Tin Htay (Ward 3) was elected as Chairman of the Township Development Affairs Committee and U Tun Win (Ward 6) as member.

Likewise, U Nyunt Hlaing was elected as Chairman and U Tin Maung Aye as member of the Indaw Township Development Affairs Committee and U Aung Soe Min as Chairman and U Tun Yi as member of Bamauk Township Development Affairs Committee.

Kyemon-District (IPRD)

A huge Cross made of colourful jade stones seen on Thanlwin Hillock in Seikmu Village of Phakant Township which is located on the jade mines in Mohnyin District of Kachin State.
NLM-001



Local youths participate in Invitational Sepak Takraw tourney

KATHA, 27 July—The Katha Township Invitational Sepak Takraw Tournament was organized at Ayeya Shweli Gymnasium in Katha on 19 July with the aim of turning out new generation players.

A total of 11 Sepak

Takraw teams participated in the tournament.

In the final match, Aung Aung emerged champion by winning over New Generation team (Daunggyi Village) on 20 July.

Chairman of the

Organizing Committee U Chi Maung (IPRD) presented the first prize to Aung Aung team and U Ko Htwe (Beverages) the second prize to New Generation team.

Kyemon-Nyein Nyein (Katha)

An ancient postbox decorated with ten jataka preserved in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 27 July—An ancient postbox decorated with ten jataka was found in Kyweshin Monastery in Thinpangon Village in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region.

The 4 ft long, 2 ft wide and 2 ft high ancient postbox was decorated with Myanmar's handicrafts

and the front part of the postbox is depicted with works of ten jataka. Ancient postbox illuminated with ten jataka has been preserved by Kyweshin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Javana in order to be observed by the next generations.

Kyemon-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)

ARTEFACT



Rule of law discussed in Khamaukkyi Sub-Township

KHAMAUKKYI, 27 July—A meeting on rule of law in Khamaukkyi Sub-Township was held at the hall of the Ward 1 Administrative Office in Khamaukkyi of Kawthoung District on 21 July morning.

Head of Khamaukkyi

Police Station IP Tun Aye Maung explained participation of policemen in tasks on rule of law and role of the local people to contribute towards the tasks of Myanmar Police Force.

Kyemon-Thukha Khamaukkyi (IPRD)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 27 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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AGRICULTURE

Industrial crops course conducted in Myeik

MYEIK, 27 July—The opening ceremony of Industrial Crop Course was held at the hall of Myeik District Industrial Crops Development Department in Taninthayi Region on 25 July morning.

Taninthayi Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Dr Win Aung spoke on the occasion.

Head of District Industrial Crops Development Department

Daw Saw Yi explained the purpose of opening the course and matters related to the course.

The trainees made self introduction. The course, conducted by District Industrial Crops Development Department, run from 25 to 27 July. A total of 18 trainees and five observers attended the training course.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)



Opening ceremony of Industrial Crops Course in progress at Myeik District Industrial Crops Development Department.

Stipends provided to students of Thayet Township WVO

THAYET, 27 July—A ceremony to present stipends to children of members of Thayet Township War Veterans Organization of Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee was held at the hall of the township committee yesterday morning.

Head of District Planning Department Captain Nyein Chan (Rtd) made an opening address.

The Central Command Headquarters and Township

WVO presented cash assistance to 12 primary students, 19 middle school students, 11 high school students and one distinction winner in 2012-2013 matriculation examination.

Next, the commander of Thayet District Police Force gave K 100,000 as cash assistance to the students. A war veteran, parent of student, spoke words of thanks.

Kyemon-Ko Ko Aung (Thayet)

Plan underway to inject anti-rabies vaccines

YANGON, 27 July—Anti-rabies vaccine will be injected free of charge by the hospitals under the Ministry of Health to the patients who suffered bites of dogs, according to the Health Department.

The plan is underway to provide vaccine to the patients starting from the end of this year.

“In the past, the anti-

rabies vaccine could not cover vaccination for the patients across the nation. This year, the Ministry of Health received more fund for the health sector. So, the vaccine would be provided to the patients sufficiently,” said Dr Tha Tun Kyaw, Director of the Disease Control Branch of the Health Department.

Kyemon-Shwe Htoo

WORLD



Chinese performing artist Li Yugang performs as he is dressed as a woman during an opera in Yichun, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 24 July, 2013. —XINHUA

Challenges, progress highlighted in first UN report on children, armed conflict in Yemen

UNITED NATIONS, 27 July —A United Nations envoy on Friday presented the first report of UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the situation of children in Yemen, which highlights challenges and progress in improving the status of children in armed conflict in the Arab country.

The report was presented by the special representative of the UN secretary-general for children and armed conflict, Leila Zerrougui, to the UN Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict.

"While challenges remain, I wish to highlight that the government of Yemen has taken steps to protect children from the impact of the conflict," said Zerrougui.

Last week, a draft action plan to end the recruitment and use of children by government forces was

adopted by a Yemeni technical committee established to lead the development of the plan with the assistance of the UN Children's Fund and the UN country team.

The special representative strongly supported this process and expressed the hope that the action plan can be adopted by the Yemeni government and signed as early as September.

"It is now essential to maintain the momentum to ensure that the government's commitment to end the recruitment and use of children results in the swift adoption and implementation of an Action Plan," said Zerrougui. "We must demonstrate our collective support to the Yemeni authorities as the adoption and signing of the action plan will contribute to the creation of a better environment for children and to the broader process of peacebuilding and development

in Yemen," she said.

The report presented here Friday covers the period from July 2011 to March 2013 and documents cases of child recruitment and use by government forces as well as various armed groups, including Al Houthi and Ansar Al Shari'a, an organization affiliated with Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. Children have also been victims of drone attacks targeting Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula and Ansar Al-Shari'a.

During the reporting period, other child rights violations, including cases of killing and maiming of children and attacks on schools and hospitals, were documented.

Xinhua

Normal service resumes in railway stretch of accident

MADRID, 27 July—Normal service was restored on Friday between Ourense and Santiago de Compostela after Wednesday evening's tragic accident in the northwestern region of Galicia, which has killed at least 78 people.

On Friday morning trains have passed through the affected section of the track as authorities reported they had restored service on two of the three tracks affected in Wednesday's crash. The third one could return to normal use by Saturday.

The train was travelling between Madrid and Ferrol

in the north of Galicia, and derailed before reaching the station of Santiago de Compostela.

So far 78 people have been confirmed dead and five bodies remain to be identified with DNA testing. The train carried a total of 218 passengers, 81 of them remained at hospital for treatment of injuries sustained in the crash.

Local media reported the cause of the accident was probably excessive speed, but the black box examination remains to be done. It was Spain's worst train accident in the past 40 years.—Xinhua

Life in prison for man who held Cleveland women for years

CLEVELAND, 27 July—A former Cleveland school bus driver who held three women captive for years pleaded guilty on Friday to hundreds of charges of kidnapping and rape, allowing him to avoid the death penalty and instead serve life in prison without parole.

At a court hearing, Ohio prosecutors agreed

not to seek the death penalty against Ariel Castro. Under the agreement, he will not stand trial, sparing the women the trauma of testifying about their abuse by Castro over about a decade.

The women vanished without a trace between 2002 and 2004 in the same neighbourhood where Castro lived, and were rescued on 6 May, 11 years after the first of them disappeared.

Many Americans were alternately elated by their rescue and stunned by the details of his brutal treatment of the women, in one

of the most sensational recent US criminal cases. The women were bound in chains or ropes for periods of time and endured starvation, beatings and sexual assaults, according to court documents and a police report.

On 6 May, neighbours heard cries for help from Amanda Berry, 27, and helped her break open a door to Castro's house, where they also found Gina DeJesus, 23, and Michelle Knight, 32, upstairs. Knight leapt into the arms of a policeman when she saw him.

Also rescued was Berry's 6-year-old daughter, who was fathered by Castro while he held the women captive, DNA evidence later confirmed. A police report said Berry had given birth to the girl in a plastic swimming pool on Christmas Day with Knight's help.

At Friday's hearing, Castro, clad in an orange prison jumpsuit, wearing glasses and with a heavy beard, spoke for the first time in detail about his actions.

Reuters



Photo taken on 26 July, 2013 shows electric transmission lines on the right bank of Three Gorges Dam, a gigantic hydropower project on the Yangtze River, in Yichang City, central China's Hubei Province, on 26 July, 2013. The Three Gorges hydropower station has started working at full capacity after floods passed. —XINHUA

UN rights envoy calls for free, fair elections in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 27 July —The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, Surya P. Subedi, on Friday reiterated his call for free, fair and peaceful elections in Cambodia on Sunday, 28 July.

"Free political environment and the ability of the people to exercise their rights and freedoms, such as the right to vote, freedom of expression and assembly and the right to stand for election are the key to free and fair elections," Subedi

said in a statement released by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Office to Cambodia.

He said Cambodia has made significant progress in strengthening democracy, human rights and the rule of law. "I call upon the government of Cambodia to ensure full respect for its international human rights obligations as the country goes to the polls on Sunday," he added. He also urged the people of Cambodia to refrain from violence and have due regard for the rights of other fellow citizens when exercising their own. "Every eligible voter must be given an equal opportunity to exercise his/her right to vote without intimidation, fear or pressure," he said, adding that the election could mark a milestone in the growth of Cambodia that the people wish to see

- of an inclusive, just, equitable, and free society.

Some 9.67 million eligible voters will cast their ballots on Sunday at 19,009 polling stations nationwide, according to the National Election Committee.

Two major parties among the 8 contesting parties are the ruling Cambodian People's Party of longtime Prime Minister Hun Sen and the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party of recently-pardoned leader Sam Rainsy.

Political observers believe that Hun Sen's party will most likely win the elections with an absolute majority due to its financial resources and strong support by rural households. One of the world's longest-serving leaders, Hun Sen, 61, has vowed to rule the country for at least another decade.—Xinhua



A tractor pulls a car which broke down on a flooded road in Liaocheng City, east China's Shandong Province, on 26 July, 2013. Rainstorms hit the city from Thursday evening to Friday. —XINHUA

REGIONAL

Six killed in Philippine bombing

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 27 July—At least six people were killed and dozens injured in a bomb explosion inside a shopping center in southern Philippines on late Friday night, authorities said on Saturday.

The dead included a provincial council member and five civilians while 28 others were wounded as an alleged improvised explosive went off at the Limketkai Mall in downtown Cagayan de Oro city in Mindanao's Misamis Oriental province, according to Lieutenant

Colonel Leo Bongosia, spokesperson for the Philippine Army's 4th Infantry Division.

Graciano Mijares, city police chief, said provincial board member Roldan Lagbas and five others were killed as the powerful explosion ripped through Kyla's Bistro, a posh restaurant at the mall.

Mijares said a task force was to investigate the deadly blast.

"This was a big blow to the peace and order condition of this city. We condemned this incident to the highest degree," vice

mayor Ian Acenas told local radio, even as he described a horrific scene of blood and mangled bodies strewn about at the blast site.

The blast was the first of such incident in Cagayan de Oro, a city of more than 600, 000 residents that is a regional corridor to the Muslim-dominated northern and western parts of Mindanao.

The incident came just over a week after a violent clash between rival Muslim clans in neighboring Lanao province left at least a dozen people dead.

Xinhua

Indian PM stresses timely election in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 27 July—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has suggested Nepal to hold the Constituent Assembly (CA) on the stipulated time.

Nepal has announced second CA election for 19 November.

During his meeting with Former Prime Minister Madhav Kumar Nepal, Singh said India is ready to provide every kinds of assistance for election, the former prime minister told local media via telephone from Delhi. Nepal is

currently in a five-day official visit to India.

"India wants to see democracy strengthened in Nepal," said Singh, adding "We are ready to lend any support needed for the CA election as a good neighbor," local online Ekantipur.com reported.

In return, Nepal assured Singh that the elections in his country will be held within the stipulated time by forging consensus among all the political parties.

Nepal on Tuesday



Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

met United Progressive Alliance Chairman Sonia Gandhi. Gandhi stressed on the need for "unity among Nepal's democratic forces.

Xinhua

Japan unveils plans to provide patrol ships to Philippines

MANILA, 27 July—Visiting Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe unveiled a plan at a meeting Saturday with Philippine President Benigno Aquino to provide Manila with 10 coast guard patrol ships through a yen loan to help it counter an increasingly assertive China.

In a bid to help achieve peace on Mindanao, where the Philippines' largest Muslim rebel group is in conflict with the government, Abe also spelled out a new package of official development assistance aimed at building schools and clinics, and developing personnel for an autonomous political entity to be established.

"Relations between Japan and the Philippines are rooted in their long-term friendly history and

exchanges," Abe told a joint news conference with Aquino after their summit in Manila, pledging to further strengthen bilateral ties through new Japanese assistance.

Aquino said the two leaders also agreed to strengthen maritime cooperation, saying with China in mind that Japan and the Philippines "pledged to cooperate in advancing our common advocacy for responsible action from international players."

"We believe that this can be done by upholding the rule of law in international affairs and by finding just and peaceful solutions to our territorial disputes and maritime concerns," he added.

Tokyo's plan to provide coast guard ships to Manila in response to

Philippine's request for patrol ships to beef up its coast guard comes as the Philippines and China are in dispute over territorial claims in the South China Sea.

Japan, for its part, seeks to check China's

activities in the East China Sea, where Tokyo and Beijing are involved in a territorial dispute, by confirming Japan-Philippines cooperation in safeguarding their maritime rights and interests.

Kyodo News



Akihiro Ohata (2nd from L), acting president of the Democratic Party of Japan, and DPJ Secretary General Goshi Hosono (3rd from L) attend the party's executive meeting at its headquarters in Tokyo on 26 July, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Cambodia's general elections ready to kick off on Sunday

PHNOM PENH, 27 July—Cambodia's fifth parliamentary elections are ready to kick off on Sunday, a National Election Committee (NEC) official said on Friday.

"We have already prepared for the elections on Sunday," Tep Nytha, NEC's secretary general, said in a Press briefing. "Our NEC officials are ready to work at all polling

stations and security forces are ready to deploy at those stations in order to ensure security and public order."

Eight political parties will compete for seats in the 123-seat parliament. Among them are two main parties — the ruling Cambodian People's Party of longtime Prime Minister Hun Sen and the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party of recently-pardoned leader Sam Rainsy. Sam Rainsy returned to Cambodia last Friday after living nearly four years in self-imposed exile in France to avoid an 11-year prison sentence on charges of disinformation and destruction of public property. His return came after King Norodom Sihamoni granted him a

royal pardon at the request of Hun Sen. The other six parties include the royalist Funcinpec Party led by Princess Norodom Arun Rasmeay, the youngest daughter of late King Father Norodom Sihanouk, the League for Democracy Party, the Cambodian Nationality Party, the Democratic Republic Party, the Khmer Anti-Poverty Party, and the Khmer Economic Development Party.

Some 9.67 million eligible voters will cast their ballots at 19, 009 polling stations nationwide, the NEC said. Around 40,142 national observers and 291 international monitors have also registered with the NEC for the elections.

Xinhua

Philippine government

Thailand, Laos to resume border talks

BANGKOK, 27 July—Thailand and Laos will resume talks on border issues next month after suspension for six years.

According to Press release from Thai Foreign Ministry, Thailand will host the Thai-Lao Joint Boundary Commission on 15-16 August in Bangkok.

Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Surapong Tovichakchaikul will co-chair the meeting with his counterpart Thounloun

has asked the OIC for the abrogation of any and all agreements between the government and the MNLF," she said.

Valte said that the government would verify reports that Misuari was building up forces in southern Philippines for any eventuality.

"I would have to verify first if it is true that there is a build-up of forces and we will coordinate between the appropriate agencies on what actions should be taken, if any, should that report turn out to be true," she said.

The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), a breakaway group from the MNLF, is seeking for the creation of a Bangsamoro government that will replace the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao under the framework agreement that it forged with the Philippine government in October last year.

Xinhua



A resident rides in rain on Nanjing Road, east China's Shanghai, on 26 July, 2013. A rainstorm hit Shanghai Friday afternoon, bringing coolness to the scorching weather.—XINHUA

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UN chief condemns assassination of Tunisian opposition leader

UNITED NATIONS, 27 July — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday condemned the assassination of a Tunisian opposition leader as an “heinous act,” and called for calm in the North African country. “The secretary-general condemns the assassination today of Mr Mohamed Brahmi, an opposition politician and member of Tunisia’s National Constituent Assembly,” said a statement issued here by Ban’s spokesman.

The secretary-general notes that this is the second assassination of a prominent political figure in Tunisia this year, said the statement. “He calls for calm and stresses that acts of political violence weaken legitimate state institutions which underpin the democratic

process.” “This heinous act must not be allowed to derail the progress that Tunisia continues to make in its democratic transition, including on the Constitution, and in meeting the social and economic aspirations of the Tunisian people,” the statement added.

Brahmi, a member of the National Constituent Assembly, was shot dead in front of his house in a Tunis suburb on Thursday morning, in the presence of his daughter. Earlier on Thursday, the UN high commissioner for human rights, Navi Pillay, strongly condemned the assassination, and called on the Tunisian authorities to investigate the murder.

“The UN high commissioner for human rights, Navi Pillay, strongly con-

demned the assassination of a leading opposition politician in Tunisia and urged the country’s people and politicians to form a united front against attempts to derail the country’s democratic transition,” Eduardo del Buey, the deputy UN spokesman, said at a daily news briefing here.

“Ms Pillay called upon the authorities to immediately launch a prompt and transparent investigation to ensure that the people who carried out this crime are held accountable,” del Buey said. This is the third killing of this kind in the past ten months. In October 2012, Lofti Nagdh was killed and in February 2013, Chokri Belaid, another opposition member was assassinated in similar circumstances to Brahmi’s murder.—Xinhua

Chinese visitor spending brings changes to New Zealand tourism industry

WELLINGTON, 27 July — The rise of China as New Zealand’s second largest tourism market and the way Chinese visitors spend their money is changing the New Zealand tourism industry, according to the New Zealand government 2012 Yearbook published on Thursday.

China overtook Britain last year to come second to Australia and New Zealand’s largest tourism market, producing dramatic contrasts in electronic card spending between British and Chinese tourists, said the Yearbook

published by Statistics New Zealand.

Spending by visitors from China rose by 54 percent from 2008 to 2012, while spending by visitors from Britain fell by 47 percent across the same period, in line with visitor arrivals from the two countries.

Last year tourists from China spent a total of 651 million NZ dollars (506.61 million US dollars), which was more than any other country except Australia.

Chinese visitors on average spent fewer days in New Zealand and visited fewer regions than visi-

tors from other nations, so the bulk of electronic card spending by visitors from China was concentrated in Auckland, the Bay of Plenty and Otago, while British visitor spending was more evenly distributed after Auckland.

Visitors from China also differed in what they spent their money on while in New Zealand.

The largest proportion of British visitor spending was on eating out and drinking, while visitors from China spent most on retail goods such as souvenirs.—Xinhua

Tunisair suspends all flights on Friday

TUNIS, 27 July — Tunisia’s flag carrier Tunisair has suspended all its flights on Friday because of a general strike decided by the country’s main labour union, UGTT, local media reported quoting a statement released by the airline on Thursday evening.

The announcement of a general strike was taken by the union following the assassination of Mohamed Brahmi, a prominent opposition figure. Brahmi was gunned down in front of his home in the Tunisian capital Tunis on Thursday noon.

Both Tunisair and its

domestic company Tunisair Express apologize for the inconvenience and invite passengers who have booked flights on Friday to reschedule their flights without incurring any supplementary costs, the statement said.

Xinhua

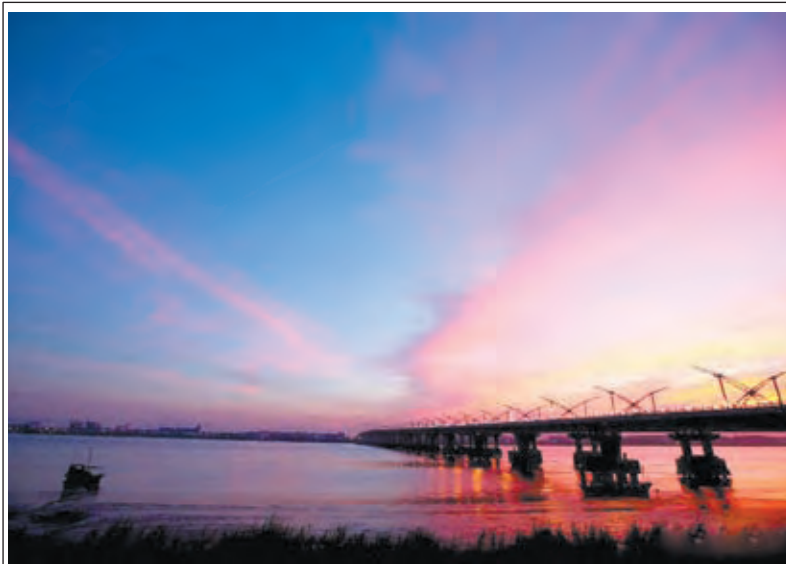


Photo taken on 25 July, 2013 shows the Feiyunjiang Bridge under colourful sunset glow after continuous scorching weather in Rui'an City, east China's Zhejiang Province. XINHUA

ENTERTAINMENT

Steve Jobs' death left Ashton Kutcher emotional

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—Actor Ashton Kutcher, who plays the lead role in a biopic based on Steve Jobs, says he had a “bizarre emotional reaction” when the Apple co-founder expired in 2011.

“When Steve Jobs passed away, I had this bizarre emotional reaction and I didn’t know what it was. I was like, ‘Wow, why am I so shook up about this?’ And I started thinking about all the ways my life was affected by this guy and began learning about him anywhere and everywhere I could,” Kutcher said in a statement. This special connect helped the actor portray the late tech wizard with more authenticity in his upcoming biopic JOBS.

The movie chronicles Jobs’ darkest days, biggest triumphs, his dreams, hopes and passions and his aspiration to change the world, as well as question the impossible.

PVR Pictures will release JOBS across Indian theatres on 16 August.

PTI

Ashton will portray Steve Jobs in his upcoming biopic JOBS.

Fergie

Lady Gaga to perform at MTV awards for first time since surgery

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—Pop star Lady Gaga will debut new music at the MTV Video Music Awards in August in her first performance following hip surgery, the network said on Thursday.

Grammy-winning Lady Gaga, 27, will perform her first single from her upcoming new album “ART-POP,” which is scheduled to be released in November. The new single will be released on 19 August, ahead of the VMA show on 25 August.

The singer, who was named the top-earning musician under 30 by *Forbes* with earnings of an estimated \$80 million in the past year, was forced to cancel part of her world tour

earlier this year to undergo hip surgery. Gaga, whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, is known for her lavish and often controversial televised performances. At the 2010 MTV VMA show, she donned a dress made out of raw beef to protest the U.S. military’s “don’t ask-don’t tell” policy for gay service members.

Reuters



Richard Gere

Richard Gere sells estate for USD 65 million

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—Actor Richard Gere is selling his 12,000 square foot Hamptons estate here for USD 65 million.

The 63-year-old actor’s property, known as Strongheart Manor, boasts of 12 bedrooms and 12 bathrooms and includes a neutral coloured living area, high ceilings and a spacious gourmet kitchen with numerous cupboards and a breakfast bar, reports contactmusic.com.

The outdoor space has well-kept

lawns, blooming gardens, a fireplace pavilion and even a small pool.—PTI

Fergie to have a star-studded baby hower

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—A star-studded baby shower will be organized for singer-songwriter Fergie, who is expecting her first child with actor Josh Duhamel.

The 38-year-old is preparing for the pre-birth celebrations, which will be

thrown by her agent Sean Patterson and fashion designers Dean and Dan Caten here over the weekend, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

According to the *New York Post* newspaper, the guest list for the party includes TV star Kelly Osbourne, dancer Julianne Hough, director Ryan Murphy and actors Neil Patrick Harris and Jesse Tyler Ferguson.

Fashion designer Marc Jacobs and US stylist Joe Zee have already confirmed their attendance.

Fergie is due to deliver in August.—PTI

Paris Hilton excited about upcoming music video



Paris Hilton

LOS ANGELES, 27 July—Socialite Paris Hilton is shooting for her new music video, and she is excited with the way it is turning out.

The 32-year-old, who released her debut album *Paris* in 2006, has signed with US record label Cash Money Records to bring out the new album, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

She took to micro-blogging website Twitter to share the information. “My music video shoot is going amazing! So excited with how it’s turning out! Can’t wait to show you guys! #Yes! #GoodTime (sic),” she

tweeted.—PTI

Lady Gaga

Dominant Russians close on synchro clean sweep

BARCELONA, 27 July—Russia moved inexorably towards a clean sweep of synchronized swimming gold medals when they secured the team free title at the world championships on Friday.

Having already triumphed in five events including Monday's team technical, the Russians amassed 97.400 points with a powerful routine at the hilltop Palau Sant Jordi, site of the 1992 Olympic Games.

Spain gave the home support reason to cheer by winning silver with 94.230

points and Ukraine took bronze on 93.640 ahead of Japan.

Russia, who have dominated the sport for around two decades, can make it seven titles out of seven in Saturday's free combination event.—Reuters

Russia's team show their gold medals after winning the synchronized swimming team free final during the World Swimming Championships at the Sant Jordi arena in Barcelona on 26 July, 2013.
REUTERS



Mahan in control at Canadian Open with two-shot lead



Hunter Mahan of the US lines up a putt on the eighteenth green at the Canadian Open golf tournament at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, on 26 July, 2013.—REUTERS

OAKVILLE, (Ontario), 27 July—American John Merrick set the early pace with a course-record-equaling 10-under 62 but compatriot Hunter Mahan fired a 64 to grab a two-shot lead after the second round of the Canadian Open on Friday. In ideal early scoring conditions, Merrick had an eagle at the second and eight birdies over his final 12 holes to complete a career-low, error-free round that tied the Glen Abbey Golf Club course record set by Leonard Thompson in 1981 and matched by Greg Norman in 1986.

"Everything kind of clicked today," said Merrick, a winner at February's Northern Trust Open. "I think I played a couple rounds in the past few weeks where I didn't make a birdie and that doesn't happen a lot. "Maybe that all kind of came back together. Everything came in a rush." As impressive

as Merrick's display was, it was not enough to fend off Mahan, who capped his round in sizzling fashion with three straight birdies to knock his American compatriot from top of the leaderboard with a two-day total of 13-under 131.

"I saw kind of going into nine he (Merrick) was at 11 ... 62 is a pretty good round," said Mahan. "But I didn't really think I had to catch him. There's so much golf to be played here. "I just wanted to go out there and not try to shoot for a score but just try to play golf. "I think I was able to birdie the last three because I just kind of kept my head up and kept going." Big-hitting Bubba Watson, the hugely popular former Masters champion, muscled his way up the leaderboard with five-under 67 to sit alone in third, just four off the pace and well-placed to take a run at his first title since Augusta last year.

Reuters

Atletico give Bernard 25 million-euro price tag

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 July—Atletico Mineiro director Eduardo Maluf has warned European clubs will need to offer at least 25 million euros to prise away star midfielder Bernard. The 20-year-old Brazil international is reportedly being courted by Arsenal, Chelsea, Borussia Dortmund, Porto and Shakhtar Donetsk.

"The president (Alexandre Kalil) has already made very clear. If an offer of 25 million euros arrives, he is going to sell and we will buy another player," Atletico director Eduardo Maluf told Radio Globo on

Friday. "If that offer does not come, Bernard will stay at Atletico. He is young and can leave at the end of the year."

Bernard capped a fine 12 months by helping the Brazilian outfit win their first Copa Libertadores title on Wednesday over Paraguay's Olimpia. He was also a member of Luiz Felipe Scolari's Brazil side that won the Confederations Cup in June. Earlier this week Bernard confirmed he had received offers from Shakhtar and Porto but said the club would decide his future.

Xinhua



Brazil midfielder Bernard



US head coach Jurgen Klinsmann coaches his team against Guatemala during their friendly soccer match in San Diego, California on 5 July, 2013.—REUTERS

US coach Klinsmann suspended from Gold Cup Final

LOS ANGELES, 27 July —United States coach Jurgen Klinsmann has been suspended for the CONCACAF Gold Cup final for showing dissent on the sideline following his side's 3-1 semi-final victory over Honduras.

The suspension was announced on Friday by the CONCACAF disciplinary committee after it reviewed a report from the referee of the match on Wednesday.

Klinsmann, who had been unhappy with a series of what he perceived as non-calls and hard tackles against his team, was asked to leave the technical area after "showing dissent towards the referee by throwing the ball in a violent manner".

The US will seek its fifth Gold Cup title when it faces Panama on 28 July in Chicago. The decision can not be appealed, CONCACAF said.—Reuters

GENERAL



Rescuers search for missing people at the landslide-hit Liujiahe Village of Tianshui City, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 26 July, 2013. Seven people were killed and 15 others were still missing after rain-triggered landslides and mountain torrents happened in different places of the city recently.—XINHUA

Kenyan court quashes move to force urban refugees into camps

NAIROBI, 27 July—A Kenyan court on Friday quashed a government directive to move 55,000 mostly Somali refugees living in urban centers across the country into refugee camps.

The High Court ruled that the planned relocation of the refugees would infringe on the refugees' dignity and free movement rights, and indirectly force them back to the Horn of Africa nation.

Justice David Majaja said he found and hold that government directive which

targets refugees and asylum seekers in urban centers is a threat to their right to movement enshrined in Article 26 of the 1951 Convention as read with section 16 of the Act.

"Undocumented refugees and asylum seekers within urban setups cannot access humanitarian services from organizations that provide humanitarian services which require identification as a pre-requisite for qualification of services," Justice Majaja ruled.

The judge said some undocumented refugee

children are denied access to public services such as schools and hospitals.

He said the authorities had not proved the move would help protect national security, following a series of grenade and other attacks in Kenya by unidentified people.

The government stopped registration of refugees and asylum seekers mainly from Somalia in urban areas in December 2012 as the East African nation grapples with issues of insecurity.

Xinhua

United see Japan as key market with Kagawa's success

TOKYO, 27 July — Manchester United aim to further tap into the Japanese market in the years to come, with the Premier League giants keeping a keen eye out for future Shinji Kagawas in a rising football nation where they see room for even more growth.

Coming off their 20th championship-winning season, United were in Japan on a two-game tour through Yokohama and Osaka, with Kagawa as their headline act. Both matches, against Yokohama F Marinos and Kagawa's old club Cerezo Osaka, were sold out. While United have steadily increased their presence in Japan since coming here for the 1999 Toyota Cup, the predecessor of the Club World Cup, they still aren't as prevalent as they are in

other Asian nations like Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong.

United explain the reason for that is because the Japanese are interested in various sports like baseball, the Olympics or horse racing, whereas football tends to be the predominant sport in most parts of the continent.

While soccer in Japan has already grown leaps and bounds since it was professionalized in 1993, United believe the game is far from maxing out in the country. "Our overall mission, if you will, is to be the No 1 football club in the world on and off the pitch, which is a very simple message," says Jamie Reigle, United's Asia-Pacific managing director. "Our goal there is global." "Having said that, we have to be cognizant and realis-

tic about the realities of the market. In Southeast Asia, football's the No 1 sport, the Premier League is the No 1 league, Manchester United is the No 1 team and not many people dispute that. For that reason, those markets are quite natural for us."

"Japan, it's fair to say, is a more diverse market in terms of the media market, with baseball and other sports popular. We believe football is continuing to grow, whether it's the support the Japanese people have for the national team or the J-League and increasingly, for the European leagues."

"And you see that, first and foremost with the quality of Japanese players coming out of the J-League and making their way to Europe, like Kagawa being a prime example and

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Manchester United midfielder Shinji Kagawa (L) scores during the second half of a friendly match against Cerezo Osaka in Osaka on 26 July, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

Honda." In the past, Japanese players were often signed as a marketing tool — a shirt-seller — for European clubs. But since the 2010 World Cup, where Japan went out in the round

of 16 only on penalties, the stock of Japanese players have risen, with teams signing them as legitimate help on the pitch. Kagawa is a classic example.

United bought him

from Borussia Dortmund after he was instrumental in the German side's winning consecutive Bundesliga titles in his first two European seasons.

And after the relative success Kagawa had in his first season at Old Trafford — despite losing two months due to an injury — United will certainly be paying attention to any and all Japanese footballers with potential."Manchester United is all about challenging trophies to win every year," Reigle said. "And what that means is we have to select the best players from around the world.

Kagawa wasn't chosen because he's Japanese, even though that market is important to us. He was chosen because he's a brilliant midfielder."

Kyodo News

Myanmar Peace Festival-2013 launched to raise funds for peace making process

YANGON, 27 July—To raise funds for peace making process, Myanmar peace festival-2013 was launched today at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thingangyun Township this evening.

Among the spectators were Union Ministers U Aung Kyi, U Soe Thane, U Aung Min, U Win Tun, U Khin Maung Soe and U Khin Yi, Deputy Minister U Aung Thein, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, diplomats, representatives from political parties, peace makers, artistes and donors.

The festival was opened with the video message of President U Thein Sein.

Vocalists, actors,



Union Ministers and audience enjoy performance of Myanmar Peace Festival-2013.—MNA

actress, artistes and comedians have volunteered to perform entertainment at the festival. Over K 400 million has been contributed

to the funds today at the festival by donors. Iron Cross band will perform entertainment tomorrow at the festival.—MNA

Workshop between Eminent Persons of ASEAN Political and Security Community concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—The concluding of a Workshop between Eminent Persons of ASEAN Political and Security Community took place at Saturingabala Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Yangon this morning.

At the workshop, those present discussed matters on taking the chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014 by Myanmar and more effectively addressing important regional issues such as South China Sea dispute, transboundary

crimes and migrant workers.

The meetings of those committees will continue and suggestions will be supported for political and security announcements released in ASEAN Summit and its related meetings.

MNA

State of the Sea

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph.

NLM

JGA presented certificate of honour

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—The certificate of honour presentation for concluding TB medicine provision period by Japan Grant Aid (JGA) was held at Aureum Palace Hotel, here, on 25 July.

At the ceremony, Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department made a speech and presented certificate of honour to the special representative of JGA.

MNA

Kyaikmaraw Township to see 5000-ton cement plant soon

An official from Mon State government has confirmed a plan to establish a cement plant with daily production capacity of 5000 tons of cement in Kyaikmaraw Township of Mon State. The joint venture between local private Pacific Link Cement Co Ltd and SCG Cement Co Ltd (Elephant branded cement) of Thailand will soon start with the permission of Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), limestone production

permit of Mines Ministry and agreement of Mon State government.

The cement plant is set to be built on the land covering an area of 1300 acres, for which farmland and cropland from local residents have been bought at current market prices and most of the land has been bought, according to the official.

The cement plant will be built at Mt Pyar (Bee Mountain) near Kawmanaw, Kawdun, Pauktaw, Kunngan villages in Kyaikmaraw

Township and construction is scheduled to begin at the end of this monsoon. Before construction, the two companies have prepared to upgrade 10-mle long Karong-Kawpanaw road into 14-ft wide concrete road and repair the schools along the road for regional development.

SCG Company holds the 40 per cent global market share of cement market and has said it would give special attention to ecological balance in operating its plant in

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Mon State, employing advanced technologies that can handle noise and air pollution. It has also spoken of a plan to establish an afforestation unit if need arises. Moreover, locals will be allowed to visit the plant once a week so that they can check the plant and make suggestions and 90 per cent of the plant workforce will be made up of local residents, creating alternative source of livelihood for them.

Once come into operation, the plant will distribute elephant branded cement nationwide, ceasing the import from Thailand. Certain volume of the production is planned to export abroad, which is to be shipped through over 30000 meters long channel to be dug from Pauktaw Village to Atthtayan River.

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Climbers to Mt Fuji required to pay 1,000 admission fee

KOFU, 27 July—Local authorities started collecting a 1,000 yen admission fee on a trial basis Thursday from those climbing Mt Fuji to secure funds for preserving the environment at the new UNESCO world heritage site. Yamanashi and Shizuoka prefectures, which the mountain straddles, set up collection boxes at several starting points for the climb for the duration of the 10-day test period through 3 August.

Officials stationed at the collection points will ask the climbers if they feel the level of the admission fee is appropriate and how best to collect it. The local governments are set to officially introduce the system next summer.

As Mt Fuji's registration on the World Heritage List last month is expected to attract more climbers, it has become a greater challenge for the authorities to ensure adequate safety measures for them and promote environmental protection.

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Photo taken 25 July, 2013, shows souvenir badges to be given to those climbing Mt Fuji and paying a 1,000 yen admission fee, at a collection point at the sixth station of Mt. Fuji. Local authorities started collecting the fee on a trial basis the same day to secure funds for preserving the environment at the new UNESCO world heritage site.

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