

President U Thein Sein attends harvest ceremony of 440-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July — President U Thein Sein attended the harvest ceremony of 440-acre Palethwe hybrid paddy plantation at Ahlyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township, here, this morning.

It was also attended by the Union ministers, deputy ministers, officials of international agencies in agriculture sector, the region/state ministers for agriculture, agriculturists, local people and guests.

First, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing extended greetings, saying that the thriving 440-acre plantation was a fruitful result from pragmatic efforts for realization of guidance given by the President.

Next, Director-General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing elaborated on work progress and benefits for farmers, Director-General U Soe Hlaing, on benefits of mechanization on agriculture, service plans of private companies to mechanized farmlands and progress in nurturing skillful farm machinery

operators, Director-General U Kyaw Win, on putting cost-effective crops on one unit of plot or one acre farmland, distribution of marketable Palethwe hybrid paddy strain and other hybrid crops and ongoing agricultural works being implemented in accord with scientific methods.

In his address, the President said that food security and energy demand has become key issues due to rapid population growth.

He stressed to give great attention on food sufficiency as Myanmar will be a population of 100 million in future. He urged to use quality strains and apply good agriculture patterns as there have been limitations on reclamation of more farmlands for output growth.

As Natural resources-rich Myanmar with favorable climate patterns and available workforce lies between the two big markets, it is necessary to effectively and efficiently utilize such opportunities. He pointed out Myanmar agriculture produce are not marketable



President U Thein Sein views organic fruits and vegetable and products displayed in Ahlyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township.—MNA

in world market due to its low quality and called for more efforts to boost production of value-added products and to improve agro-based industries and small and medium-scale enterprises.

According to the FAO's

theme for 2012: "Agricultural Co-operatives", it is required to make connectivity between the cooperative sector and agriculture sector.

He stressed the importance of five steps of agricultural reform, calling for concerted efforts to

implement it.

As the country sees economic potentials in agriculture sector for its development following the withdrawal of economic sanctions and resumption of GSP to Myanmar's exports, it is needed to manage such

opportunities to be efficient and effective, he added.

Next, the President presented uniforms to outstanding staff of Irrigation Department, Agricultural Mechanization Department and Agriculture Department. (See page 9)

Foreign companies start feasibility studies in Myanmar's oil, gas sector



While Myanmar opens door for investors to boost its economic growth, local and foreign investments have been rapidly increased in respective sectors, especially in oil and gas sectors in which tenders are being invited for foreign companies to take part in the country's offshore oil and

natural gas exploration and production.

Recently, winners of tenders have been announced and their feasibility studies at offshore blocks are in progress in cooperation with officials concerned starting from 15 July. It is expected to complete the studies in August.

Byline: Maung Thitsar

Foreign companies from the US, Britain, India and Australia are among the pretender winners and it is expected to declare the winners in November.

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise has spoken of a plan to drill about 300 new wells during the period of

coming five years. Foreign investors are interested to invest in offshore oil and natural gas sector with a lucrative economic potential.

First of all, Myanmar will transport its natural gas to China through Shwe oil and gas pipeline as of July.

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Foreign visitors allowed to be paid in local currency to discover Myanmar's rich cultural heritage in National Museum (Yangon)



YANGON, 28 July — With the aim of exploring historical heritages of cultural importance and promoting nationalistic fervor of the entire people by developing the public awareness of heritage conservation, National Museum (Yangon) of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture is being kept open on Pyay Road.

Admission charges are K 500 for adults and K 250 for children, monks and nuns. Members of associations, students and other visitors flocked to the museum daily except Monday and public holidays. Now, foreign visitors are allowed to use Myanmar currency for admission charge.

“We started collecting admission charge of foreign visitors in local currency as of July as it is more convenient for them to

pay by local currency,” said Director U Ngwe Tun Myint of National Museum (Yangon).

“Students should come and visit here as the museum in which culturally and historically important items are on display is certainly worth a visit. Students are allowed free admission to the museum. A visit to the museum is more practical than studying history and geography in the classroom. The museum houses all historic and cultural heritage of the country and help boost their nationalistic spirit by making them known the country's long and proud heritage,” added he.

Construction of National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) is in progress and there will be two museums in the near future, it is learnt.

National Museum (Yangon) was formerly kept open at Jubilee Hall on 1952 and moved to Pansodan

Street (Strand Block) in 1970. Next, the museum was relocated at a place with an area of 3.804 acres on Pyay Road on 18 September in 1996. The museum is a five-storey building which is 80 feet high. It is 380 feet long and 200 feet wide and its total floor area is 194800 square feet.

Arrival of local and foreign visitors at National Museum (Yangon) had reached 29465 and 16807 respectively in 2011. A total of 28471 local visitors and 26634 tourist thronged into the museum in 2012. More 9827 globetrotters went into the museum in 2012. According to the figures at the month of June alone in 2013, local visitors had reached 2293 and foreign visitors 1409. So I would like to invite you to come and visit National Museum (Yangon) to enjoy discovering Myanmar's rich cultural heritage.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

Tourism

Myanmar's border checkpoints to allow entry and exit of Thai, other foreign visitors

MYAWADY, 28 July — According to Myanmar-Thailand Border Crossing Agreement, Tachilek-Mae Sai, Myawady-Mae Sot and Kawthoung-Ranong are officially designated as entries and exits at the border between the two countries.

As a drive to provide better service to tourists crossing the Myanmar-Thai border at the three gates,

Thai nationals and foreign visitors with passports and entry visas will be allowed to visit Myanmar as of August. In accord with the Order No (7/2013) dated 15-12-2013 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, visitors will be allowed to visit any places except restricted areas under security reason and to depart from any official exits, it is learnt.

“It can thereby contribute to greater job creation in trading, tourism and hospitality sectors. So, necessary preparations are being made at Myawady Friendship Bridge,” says U Aung Win Thein, Head of Myawady District Immigration and National Registration Department.

Kyemon-Htain Lin Aung (IPED)



New road sections contributes to smooth transport in rural region

YEDASHE, 28 July — Thanks to emergence of a new tarred road, Leiktho road section, built by Public Works in Yedashe Township in Bago Region, local people are able to

travel from one place to another at any time.

An official of Yedashe Township Public Works said that the 11 mile and seven furlongs long road section linked Kayinchaung

Rural Development

village at mile post No (191/5) on Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Yedashe Township and with Leiktho Township in Kayin State. So far tarmacking of three miles and two furlongs of the road section had been completed and five miles and three furlongs long gravel road had been built on it. Upon completion of a Sittoung river crossing bridge on the road section linking between Kyweraingpyin village and Kayinchaung village, there will be no traffic obstacle between villages on the east bank and west bank of Sittoung River.

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Seizure of stimulant tablets, heroin in Mogaung, Lashio Townships

LASHIO, 28 July — A tip-off led Mogaung police to arrest two men bringing stimulant tablets and heroin together with them at 8th Mile junction in Mogaung Township in Kachin State on 21 July.

While conducting a search of a vehicle, Pajero, they discovered 10692 stimulant tablets

that weigh 1.0692 kilos and 5.5 grams of heroin from Aik Saw (a) Kyaw Myint and Ma Sauk Hsai Chin on board the vehicle.

In order to capture other suspects who are believed to be involved in the case, Lashio police in cooperation with Lashio anti-narcotic squad (special) launched a search of the houses of

Crime

Swan See Chan and his wife Ma Aye Mya at Hokhama village and Maing Yaw village in Lashio Township. They found 489 grams of raw opium, K 1.3 million, a handset and 3308 stimulant tablets from the two suspects and Lauk Pa, brother of Swan See Chan.

Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

**The best time to grow a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.**

WORLD

Liberals, smaller tribes win seats in Kuwait vote after opposition boycott

KUWAIT, 28 July—Liberals and candidates from some of Kuwait's more marginalized tribes have won seats in a parliament which may prove more co-operative with ruling family members after opposition Islamists and populists boycotted the election. Saturday's election was the sixth since 2006 in the major oil producer where political upheaval and bureaucracy have held up the vast majority of initiatives in a 30-billion-dinar (\$105-billion) economic development plan announced in 2010.

Kuwait has the most open political system in the Gulf Arab region but parlia-

ment Shi'ites — estimated at 20-30 percent of the population — won just 7 seats in the 50-member parliament compared to 17 in the last election in December, local media said.

The mainly Islamist and populist opposition boycotted the poll in protest against a new voting system announced last year, which cut the number of votes per citizen to one from four. It said this would prevent it forming a majority in parliament.

Political parties are banned so candidates campaign independently or with links to political movements. Before the election



A voter looks for her name to find her voting station during elections in District 3 Khaifan, Kuwait City on 27 July, 2013.—REUTERS

ments have been repeatedly dissolved over procedural disputes or for challenging the government in which members of the ruling Al-Sabah family hold top posts.

The US ally has seen street protests in the past two years, including over changes to the voting procedures, but its generous welfare system and relative tolerance of dissent have helped to shield it from more serious Arab Spring-style unrest.

the emir courted groups unhappy about the new voting system and encouraged several of the country's socially conservative tribes to endorse the ballot.

The snap election was triggered by a ruling from the top court in June, which said the process leading up to the last one was legally flawed. The court also upheld the new voting system in a ruling which led to splits in the opposition.—Reuters

Dozens shot dead, US tells Egypt to pull 'back from the brink'

CAIRO, 28 July—The United States urged Arab ally Egypt to pull "back from the brink" after security forces killed dozens of supporters of deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi and opened a dangerous new phase in the army's confrontation with his Muslim Brotherhood.

Thousands of Brotherhood supporters were hunkered down in a vigil at a Cairo mosque on Sunday, vowing to stand their ground despite a threat by the authorities to disperse them "soon".

Saturday's bloodshed, following huge rival rallies, plunged the Arab world's most populous country deeper into turmoil following two turbulent years of transition to democracy with the fall of veteran au-

thocrat Hosni Mubarak in 2011. Egypt's Health Ministry said 65 people had died. The Brotherhood said another 61 were on life support after what it described as a ferocious dawn assault by men in helmets and black police fatigues. The ambulance service put the death toll at 72.

Bodies wrapped in white sheets were laid on the floor of a Brotherhood morgue, their names scrawled on the shrouds.

Washington, treading a fine line with an important Middle East ally and recipient of over \$1 billion (650 million pounds) in military aid, urged the Egyptian security forces to respect the right to peaceful protest.

US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel spoke by tele-



Islamists and members of the Egyptian community in Jordan shout slogans against Egyptian security forces and the ousting of Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi during a demonstration in Amman on 27 July, 2013.

REUTERS

phone with Egyptian army chief General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who led the 3 July military overthrow of Mursi and whose face has appeared on posters across the teeming capital, Cairo.

US Secretary of State John Kerry spoke to two senior members of Egypt's army-installed interim cabinet, expressing his "deep concern."

"This is a pivotal moment for Egypt," he said

in a statement. "The United States ... calls on all of Egypt's leaders across the political spectrum to act immediately to help their country take a step back from the brink."

Saturday's violence, and the threat of more, has deepened alarm in the West over events in the country of 84 million people, a vital bridge between the Middle East and North Africa.

Reuters

Obama calls Korean War a victory, reaffirms Asia security commitment

WASHINGTON, 28 July—Commemorating the 60th anniversary of an armistice that effectively ended the Korean War, US President Barack Obama said on Saturday the three-year war was a victory for his country and South Korea.

"Here, today, we can say with confidence that war was no tie. Korea was a victory," Obama said in a speech at the Korean War Veterans Memorial on the National Mall.

"When 50 million South Koreans live in freedom — a vibrant democracy, one of the world's most dynamic economies, in stark contrast to the repression and poverty of the

North — that's a victory; that's your legacy," he said.

Obama reaffirmed US commitment to the US-South Korea alliance and ensuring security in the Asia-Pacific with Washington's strategic and military rebalancing toward the region.

"When our allies across the Asia Pacific know — as we have proven in Korea for 60 straight years — that the United States will remain a force for peace and security and prosperity — that's a victory; that's your legacy," he said.

The president spent most of his speech in hailing the service of American veterans. Obama

did not refer to the North Korean nuclear and missile issues.

"Veterans of the Korean War — in the spring of your youth you learned how short and precious life can be," he said. "And because of you, millions of people can keep on living it, in freedom and in peace."

The 1950-1953 war had North Korean and Chinese troops on one side against the US-led United Nations and South Korean forces. The conflict ended in a truce, not a formal peace treaty, leaving the Korean Peninsula technically in a state of war and divided at the 38th parallel.

Kyodo News



Photo taken on 27 July, 2013, shows South Korean soldiers at a ceremony in Seoul marking the 60th anniversary of the signing of the armistice agreement that halted the three-year Korean War. KYODO NEWS

Nearly 1,200 convicts escape from prison in Libya's Benghazi

TRIPOLI, 28 July—Nearly 1,200 convicts have escaped from al-Kuifiya prison in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi on Saturday, a security official told Xinhua.

The mass outbreak came after a fierce riot during which some prisoners set fire to the prison complex, witnesses said; while the security official said some unidentified gunmen started to attack the prison from the outside at Saturday dawn.

Most of the convicts held in the prison face criminal charges and some were involved in supporting the regime of ex-leader Muammar Gaddafi, who was ousted in the domestic conflict in 2011, said the official. Some of the escapees were recaptured by the police and security forces, who were ordered not to fire on the prisoners, as some of them were of foreign nationalities. However, according to another security source, who requested anonymity, three escapees were wounded when they were chased by prison guards.

Local media said the attack might be related to the anger of some citizens living nearby who are against the presence of a prison close to their homes.—Xinhua

S Korea proposes final talk with DPRK on Kaesong issue

SEOUL, 28 July — South Korean Unification Minister Ryoo Kihl-jae said on Sunday South Korea will propose a final offer of talk with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on reopening the Kaesong complex.

"South Korea will make a final talk proposal with DPRK to discuss (Kaesong issues)," the minister said in a statement that came three days after the sixth round of talks on

reopening Kaesong broke down. "Our government cannot help making a grave decision unless North Korea (DPRK) gives a clear answer towards measures to prevent recurrence of its unilateral shutdown of Kaesong complex," Ryoo warned.

The minister also said the South Korean government will approve five civic organizations' aids to DPRK and continue to support UNICEF's pro-

jects for infants. During the sixth round of talks between South Korea and DPRK on reopening the Kaesong complex, the two sides failed to reach an agreement and set a date for next talk, as differences remained over whether administrative assurances should be taken to prevent recurrence of the DPRK's unilateral shutdown of the complex.

Operations of 123 South Korean companies

in the industrial complex in DPRK's border town of Kaesong have been suspended for over three months after Pyongyang pulled out 53,000 DPRK workers from the industrial zone. The inter-Korean industrial zone, launched in late 2004 and jointly managed by South Korea and DPRK, has been one of the key symbols of economic cooperation between the two countries.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Siemens CEO to leave following profit warning



Siemens Chief Executive Peter Loescher

MUNICH, 28 July—Siemens Chief Executive Peter Loescher is to leave the company, four years before the end of his contract, after the German engineering group this week issued its second profit warning this year. Siemens said in a statement late on Saturday that at a meeting on 31 July, the supervisory board would pass the decision on Loescher's early departure.

"In addition, it will decide on the appointment of a member of the manag-

ing board as President and CEO," it added. Siemens, among Germany's three biggest companies by market value, did not provide further details. Two people familiar with the matter earlier told *Reuters* that the majority of Siemens' 20-member supervisory board favoured finance chief Joe Kaeser as replacement for Loescher. The company declined to comment. There have been persistent rumours over the past year that Kaeser, who was already on Siemens'

management board when Loescher joined in 2007, had his eye on Loescher's job, though the two have repeatedly said they worked well together. Late last year, when questioned about the rumours, the CFO said the two complemented each other like "light and dark".

When Loescher became CEO six years ago as the first company outsider to take the helm at Siemens, he was presented as a hero who would lead Siemens out of a massive bribery scandal that had tarnished its image and its finances. But after tackling that task, Loescher started losing credibility as he repeatedly misjudged demand development in its main markets. A bellwether of Germany's economy whose products range from gas turbines to fast trains and hearing aids, Siemens is suffering from the stuttering global demand that saw German exports fall the most since late 2009 in May.

Reuters

Famed hacker Barnaby Jack dies a week before hacking convention

BOSTON, 28 July — Barnaby Jack, a celebrated computer hacker who forced bank ATMs to spit out cash and sparked safety improvements in medical devices, died in San Francisco, a week before he was due to make a high-profile presentation at a hacking conference. The New Zealand-born Jack, 35, was found dead on Thursday evening by "a loved one" at an apartment in San Francisco's Nob Hill neighbourhood, according to a police spokesman. He would not say what caused Jack's

death but said police had ruled out foul play.

The San Francisco Medical Examiner's Office said it was conducting an autopsy, although it could be a month before the cause of death is determined. Jack was one of the world's most prominent "white hat" hackers — those who use their technical skills to find security holes before criminals can exploit them. His genius was finding bugs in the tiny computers embedded in equipment, such as medical devices and cash machines. He often re-

ceived standing ovations at conferences for his creativity and showmanship while his research forced equipment makers to fix bugs in their software. Jack had planned to demonstrate his techniques to hack into pacemakers and implanted defibrillators at the Black Hat hackers convention in Las Vegas next Thursday. He told *Reuters* last week that he could kill a man from 30 feet away by attacking an implanted heart device.

"He was passionate about finding security bugs before the bad guys," said longtime security industry executive Stuart McClure, who gave Jack one of his first jobs and also had worked with him at Intel Corp's McAfee, a computer security company. "He was one of those people who was put on this earth to find vulnerabilities that can be exploited in a malicious way to hurt people," McClure said. —*Reuters*



Russia's M-18M cargo spaceship ends mission

MOSCOW, 28 July — An unmanned Russian cargo spaceship has disintegrated into the Pacific Ocean after resupplying the *International Space Station*, the space agency Roscosmos said on Friday.

"At 03:53 Moscow Time (Thursday 2353 GMT) the engine of the Progress M-18M was ignited and after a 210-second impulse the craft left orbit," Roscosmos said.

Fragments of the space freighter, which was loaded with trash from the ISS,



sank in the Pacific Ocean, approximately 4,000 km from New Zealand's capital Wellington.

The Progress M-18M was docked with the ISS for five and a half months and supplied the station with

some 2.5 tons of cargo, including fuel, water, food, oxygen, musical discs and research equipment.

Russian cosmonauts Pavel Vinogradov, Alexander Misurkin and Fyodor Yurchikhin, NASA astronauts Christopher Cassidy and Karen Nyberg, as well as Italian Luca Parmitano are working aboard the ISS.

The next space freighter to the ISS, Progress M-20M, is scheduled to lift off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on Saturday. — *Xinhua*

Renesas plans to close major chip plant in Japan

TOKYO, 28 July — Japan's Renesas Electronics Corp plans to close a system LSI chip plant in northern Japan that makes chips for Nintendo Co Ltd's Wii game consoles and other consumer electronics, after failing to find a buyer for the facility, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday.

The state-of-the-art Tsuruoka plant's 1,000 employees will be offered reassignments or voluntary redundancy, the sources said, as Renesas restructures to focus on making microcontrollers for automotive electronics, where it holds the top global market share. The sources had no estimate for the cost of the shutdown, expected to take place over the next two to three years. A Renesas spokesman declined to comment.

Several of Japan's chip makers, like the game console and consumer

electronics makers they supply, have struggled as consumers start using their smartphones and tablets to play games and take photographs, instead of dedicated devices. Some, however, have benefited from the smartphone boom, including NAND memory chip maker Toshiba Corp and image sensor chip maker Sony Corp, although Sony's consumer electronics operations are struggling.

Renesas had been in talks to sell the Tsuruoka plant to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co, although the sources said the two companies could not reach an agreement. The sources gave no reason for the failed talks, although Japan's system LSI manufacturers have struggled to compete with Taiwan's chip foundries, which produce chips for design firms such as Qualcomm Inc and have invested aggressively in new technologies. —*Reuters*



China signs world-leading astronomical project

BEIJING, 28 July — The National Astronomical Observatories of China (NAOC) signed the Thirty Metre Telescope (TMT) Master Agreement on Friday, a global project that will explore mysteries of the Universe by using next-generation telescopes.

At a signing ceremony in Hawaii, where the telescope will be constructed in April 2014, China jointly signed the agreement with other international parties, including the United States, Canada, Japan and India, marking a major step forward in the creation of a revolutionary astronomical facility.

"China is excited to be an active partner of such a world-leading facility, which represents a quantum leap for our community. With yet another major step taken, we look forward to many decades of solving the mysteries of the cosmos from Mauna Kea," said Yan Jun, the NAOC director general.

The next-generation astronomical observatory is scheduled to begin scientific operations in 2022 on Mauna Kea, Hawaii. "TMT is a unique and vibrant collaboration among universities in the US with institutions in Canada, China, India and Japan. Uniting

these various parties under a master agreement stands as a significant accomplishment for TMT as a scientific endeavor with global reach," said a TMT project statement.

"The signing of this master agreement marks a major milestone in the official commitment to and formalization of this global collaboration, ensuring that the TMT project is on schedule and progressing smoothly," said Henry Yang, chair of the TMT Collaborative Board.

"We have been working towards this moment for a long time and this is a special day for astrono-

my's next-generation observatory," Yang said. The master agreement brings together the TMT partners for the purpose of developing, designing, financing, constructing, commissioning, operating and decommissioning a next-generation, 30-meter class astronomical observatory, said the statement.

The document establishes a formal agreement amongst the international parties defining the project goals, establishing a governance structure and defining member party rights, obligations and benefits, it said.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Publicis says to make major corporate announcement



French advertising group Publicis Chief executive Maurice Levy.—REUTERS

PARIS, 28 July—French advertising group Publicis said it plans to make a “major corporate announcement” on Sunday, after a media report on Friday said it was in merger talks with larger rival Omnicom.

A media briefing will be held at 8.00 am ET on Sunday at Publicis headquarters in Paris, the

company said in an email on Saturday.

Bloomberg reported late on Friday that Publicis and Omnicom were in late-stage merger talks to create what would be the world’s largest advertising group.

Publicis spokeswoman Peggy Nahmany was not reachable for comment.

Reuters

US FDA proposes food companies verify safety of imports

WASHINGTON, 28 July—The US Food and Drug Administration proposed rules on Friday that would require food companies to verify that the products they import meet certain safety standards. The rules are the latest in a series proposed under the Food Safety Modernization Act, which was signed in 2011 and represents the most sweeping food safety reform in more than 70 years.

More than 3,000 people in the United States die each year from food-borne illnesses, according to federal data. One in six are sickened and 100,000 hospitalized from illness tied to pathogens such as salmonella, E Coli and listeria.

Under the proposals, companies would be required to identify hazards associated with each food that might be reasonably

likely to occur. They would have to keep records, which would be subject to audits. The audits would be carried out by private firms accredited by an FDA-sanctioned body such as a government. “We are very confident that, if we are able to implement this over time, we certainly will reduce the burden of illness,” Michael Taylor, the FDA’s deputy commissioner for foods and veterinary medicine, said in an interview. “We don’t think we’ll get to zero.

But we know that these conscientious preventive measures work.” The purpose of new law is to move the FDA into preventative mode when dealing with food-borne illness from the reactive mode in which it has operated historically.

Once fully enacted, the law will give the agency increased powers to inspect



facilities and enforce compliance with safety standards. The United States imports about 15 percent of its total food supply from overseas.

For some sectors, such as seafood, fruits and vegetables, and spices, the imports are much higher. For fiscal 2013, the biggest agricultural exporters to the United States are forecast to be Canada and Mexico, according to the US Department of Agriculture. China, Brazil, Indonesia and Thailand are other major suppliers. The FDA said it will continue to conduct border inspections and will increase inspec-

tions at foreign facilities. This summer, at least 150 people in the United States were sickened with Hepatitis A linked to pomegranate seeds imported from Turkey and used in a frozen berry mix sold in US stores.

And cucumbers imported from Mexico were linked to an outbreak of Salmonella that sickened 84 people in 18 states. The proposals drew praise from several groups. The Produce Marketing Association said the rules must advance “produce safety in a meaningful way for industry members that also protects public health.”

Reuters

EU, China resolve solar dispute — their biggest trade row by far

BRUSSELS/BEIJING, 28 July—China and the European Union defused their biggest trade dispute by far on Saturday with a deal to regulate Chinese solar panel imports and avoid a wider war in goods from wine to steel. After six weeks of talks, the EU’s trade chief and his Chinese counterpart sealed the deal over the telephone, setting a minimum price for panels from China near spot market prices.

European solar panel makers accuse China of benefitting from huge state subsidies, allowing them to dump about 21 billion euros (\$28 billion) worth of below-cost solar panels in Europe last year, putting European firms out of business. Other European industries that have accused



China of dumping have faced imports of about 1 billion euros a year. Europe planned to impose hefty tariffs from 6 August but, wary of offending China’s leaders and losing business in the world’s No 2 economy, a majority of EU governments - led by Germany - opposed the plan, which

led to the compromise deal.

“We found an amicable solution,” EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht said. “I am satisfied with the offer of a price undertaking submitted by China’s solar panel exporters,” he said, referring to the minimum price for China’s imports.—Reuters

Australia demands action in fight against Hepatitis

SYDNEY, 28 July—Australian researchers and health officials are demanding action on the occasion of World Hepatitis Day, which falls on 28 July, as social and cultural stigmas continue to impact treatment outcomes. Some 400,000 Australians are living with hepatitis, despite recent studies indicating that cure rates for Hep-C now exceed 75 per cent across the country.

The WHO-sponsored World Hepatitis Day, which began in 2008, looks to raise awareness of and investment for research into Hepatitis B and C, and the more than 50 million people that are thought to be infected worldwide.

Like AIDS and other blood borne viruses, hepatitis B and C are prevalent in Australia with clear, often damning demographic patterns. Figures released

this week by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) showed that an astonishing twenty per cent of prison inmates suffer from both hepatitis B and C. As with the spread of AIDS in the early 1980s, hepatitis moves silently between intravenous drug users, and can eventually cause cirrhosis, liver failure, and liver cancer.

Xinhua

Weedkillers tied to depression in farmers

NEW YORK, 28 July—Farmers who used weedkillers were more than twice as likely to be treated for depression than farmers who didn’t use the chemicals in a new study from France.

Whether the weedkillers are causing depression “is not clear,” said Marc Weisskopf, the study’s lead author and an associate professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. “But (the result) suggests we should not be ignoring herbicides just because they’re targeting plants.”

Earlier research on depression and pesticides has focused on insecticides, particularly organophosphates, which are known to be toxic to nerve cells, said Weiss-

skopf.

Monocrotophos, the insecticide that killed 23 school children in India this month, is an organophosphate, for example.

The use of pesticides has also been linked to Parkinson’s disease among farmers.

As part of a study on Parkinson’s disease, Weisskopf and his colleagues assessed the risks for depression with exposure to any kind of pesticide by surveying 567 French farmers about their use of fungicides, insecticides and herbicides.

The team conducted home visits to get a detailed assessment of chemical exposures, including go-

ing over bills for pesticide purchases, looking through farming calendars and inspecting old pesticide containers.

They also asked the farmers whether they had ever been treated for depression.

Weisskopf’s group reports in the American Journal of Epidemiology that 83 farmers, about 15 percent, said they had been treated for depression. Forty-seven of them had never used pesticides, while 36 had.

Among the farmers without Parkinson’s disease, 37 who had never used herbicides and 20 who had used the weedkillers reported being treated for depression.

Reuters

Ford recalls 33,021 C-Max hybrid cars due to roof issue

CHICAGO, 28 July—Ford Motor Co (F.N) said it was recalling 33,021 C-Max hybrid cars because a roof component did not meet requirements for protecting against head injuries.

The vehicles were built between 19 Jan, 2012, and 26 June, 2013, in Michigan. Only vehicles without the optional panoramic glass roof are included in the recall.

Ford said it would install plastic energy-absorbing material under the roof



on both sides of the vehicle to correct the problem.

No accidents or injuries have been attributed to the issue, the company

said. Tests by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the company uncovered the roof safety issue.—Reuters

WORLD

Two dead in attack on Turkish centre in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, 28 July —Two people were killed and several injured after gunmen stormed Turkish centre in the Somali capital Mogadishu on Saturday, witnesses and police said.

The Turkish centre is used by staff of Turkish's Red Crescent and Embassy staff in Mogadishu. "Two people including a guard died and several others were wounded in attack on the Turkish centre," police officer Ali Yare told *Xinhua*. Reports indicate that Turkish nationals may be included in the casualties.

The attack is the second in few hours in Mogadishu after bomb planted inside a government vehicle went off at a junction in the north of the city.

Somali government has strongly condemned the attack which comes as the rebel group of Al Shabaab vowed to increase their attacks during the Holy month of Ramadan.

"I condemn in the strongest possible terms, the bomb explosion that have taken place today near the Turkish Embassy in Mogadishu," tweeted the

Somali Foreign Minister, Fawzia Yusuf Adam.

Al Qaida-linked Al Shabaab has claimed responsibility for the attacks on the Turkish centre in Mogadishu.

"Mujahideen forces in Mogadishu have just carried out an operation targeting a group of Turkish diplomats in Hodan district," the militant group said on its twitter feed.

The radical group accused Turkey of supporting Somali government and of opposing the establishment of Sharia law in Somalia.

The Al Shabaab has carried out similar assaults against targets of Somali government and its allies including African Union peacekeeping forces in the horn of Africa country.

Turkey is one of the few countries that have reopened their embassies in war-ravaged Mogadishu.

Al Shabaab group have previously condemned Turkish involvement in Somalia and this marks the first direct attack against Turkey installation in the capital.

Xinhua

Libya's Prime Minister Ali Zeidan (C) speaks during a joint news conference at the headquarters of the Prime Minister's Office in Tripoli on 31 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Libya PM says to reshuffle cabinet to face "urgent situation" after protests

TRIPOLI, 28 July —Libya's Prime Minister Ali Zeidan said on Saturday he would reshuffle his cabinet after protesters stormed the offices of the Muslim Brotherhood and a liberal political party to denounce the killing of a prominent critic of the Brotherhood.

"We are about to make a cabinet reshuffle and decrease the number

of ministries to ensure a better performance to face the urgent situation," Zeidan told a news conference.

Hundreds of Libyans took to the streets overnight to denounce the killing of political activist Abdelsalam al-Mosmary in Benghazi on Friday. The demonstrations later turned violent.

Reuters



Veteran American singer Peter Cetera speaks about peace during the World Peace Concert in Hiroshima, western Japan, on 27 July, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

Israel to approve prisoner deal in push to revive Palestinian talks

JERUSALEM, 28 July —Israel was expected on Sunday to approve releasing more than 100 Arab prisoners as a step to renew stalled peace talks with the Palestinians ahead of plans to convene negotiators in Washington later this week.

Ministers will vote on the move at the cabinet's weekly session, as well as proposed legislation to require a public referendum or vote on any peace agreement reached involving a withdrawal from land Israel captured in a 1967 war.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to win support even from pro-settler hardliners for the prisoner release, seen as critical to relaunching negotiations stalled since 2010, by sidestepping a thornier issue for his political allies of Palestinian demands to halt settlement expansion.

In a dramatic appeal for public support posted on his Facebook page on Saturday night, Netanyahu urged Israelis to back his "very painful decision" to free prisoners jailed more than 20 years for deadly attacks. Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas had demanded the release of these prisoners jailed from before a 1993 interim peace accord

took effect. Israel has jailed thousands more Palestinians since that time, citing security offences.

Netanyahu said Israel must seize what he saw as the opportunity presented by "monumental changes" in the Arab world and give Israel a boost in what he called a "complex global reality" to try to resolve decades of conflict with the Palestinians.

He said the negotiations, which a senior Palestinian official has said may convene in Washington on Tuesday, "will last at least nine months with the aim of examining whether it is possible in this period to achieve an agreement with the Palestinians."

"I did agree to release 104 Palestinians in defined groups after the start of negotiations, and in accordance with the circumstances of its progress," he said, adding that he had rejected other Palestinian demands for a settlement freeze.

"With all the importance I attach to the diplomatic process I wasn't ready to accept the Palestinians' demands for (military) withdrawals and (settlement) freezes as preconditions for entering in negotiations," the Israeli leader wrote.—*Reuters*

"Unprecedentedly heavy rains" lash western Japan

TOKYO, 28 July —Parts of western Japan were deluged from predawn hours Sunday morning, prompting the Japanese weather agency to warn that "some areas are seeing unprecedentedly heavy rains" and call for utmost caution against floods and mudslides.

While issuing the warning for Yamaguchi and Shimane prefectures in the Chugoku region, where heavy rain is forecast until the evening, the Japan Meteorological Agency also said thunderstorms may hit the Tohoku region in the northeast through the night.

Kyodo News



National policemen scatter the demonstrators with tear gas, during a protest against the government, in Lima, Peru, on 27 July, 2013. The rally was organized by work syndicates, political groups and civil society, claiming the repeal of the Civil Service Law. —XINHUA

Mandela remains in hospital for 50 days

CAPE TOWN, 28 July —Ailing former South African President Nelson Mandela continued to be responsive to treatment on his 50th day in hospital, the country's Presidency said on Saturday.

Mandela's condition remains critical but stable, the Presidency said.

Mandela spent his 50th day in hospital where he is receiving treatment for a recurring lung infection.

"We appreciate that he (Mandela) has been in hospital for 50 days already, but we must take solace that he is being attended to by the most formidable and competent medical teams that we could put together, so he is under good care," presidential spokesperson Mac Maharaj said through the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

"He is responsive and we should take heart from that," Maharaj said.

Mandela was rushed

to a Pretoria hospital on 8 June. This is his fourth and longest hospital stay since December last year.

The Nobel Peace Prize laureate has been suffering from a recurring lung infection, which is the result of tuberculosis developed when he was imprisoned during the apartheid period.

South African President Jacob Zuma visited Mandela on Monday morning and assured Mandela of "love and support of all South Africans."

Zuma urged people to keep their prayers for Mandela.

Since Mandela spent his 95th birthday on 18 July in hospital, the South African government began to release the official update about Mandela's health condition.

Mandela's grandson said last week that his grandfather "is gaining strength every day."

Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

BUSINESS

Myanmar-Thai border trade promotion seminar organized



TACHILEK, 28 July—An open seminar on strengthening Myanmar-Thailand friendship and trade was organized in Zanmonakha hotel in Tachilek on 26 July.

In-charge of Tachilek border trade camp Director of Trade and Consumer Affairs Department U Thein Tun Oo, departmental personnel, border traders in Tachilek, Vice-Chairman of Tachilek Border Traders Association U Htay Aung, merchants, businessmen, and Thai

from Chiangrai, Phayao, Phrae and Nam districts of Thailand led by Mr Amnoay Sriyota of Chiangrai Labour Office.

Director U Thein Tun Oo explained the conditions of border traders between Myanmar and Thailand.

A Thai representative discussed the conditions of trade and opportunities in Cianrai district.

They frankly discussed matters related to trade in Greater Mekong Sub-Region.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Anti-DHF measures carried out in Yamethin Tsp

YAMETHIN, 28 July—Anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever measures were carried out in Myohla village-tract in Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region on 26 July.

Health department, support groups, volunteers, members of Lin Let Kyal Health Care Charity Group participated in sterilization

and sanitation measures.

Myohla village-tract includes Theegon village, TadaU village, Hnetpyawdaw village (Myohaung) and Myohla village and the whole village-tract has more than 900 households.

MMAL-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)



X-ray equipment donated to Insein Hospital



Wellwishers donate X-ray equipment to Insein Hospital in Yangon Region.

YANGON, 28 July—Wellwishers donated equipment to radiology department in Insein Hospital in Yangon Region on 24 July.

The ceremony was attended by medical superintendent Dr Aung San, doctors, nurses and wellwishers.

Medical superintendent Dr Aung San, radiologist Dr Yi Yi Htay and pediatrician Dr Naing Oo spoke words of thanks for donating the

necessary equipment.

U Aung Kyaw Myint and wife Daw San San Win of Mayangon Township donated one Toshiba X-ray set worth K 34 million; gynecologist Dr Kyin Kyin San and pediatrician Dr Khin Myo Htway of Royal Asia Hospital, a Korean X-ray set worth K 18.8 million; U Nay Win and daughter Dr Aye Aye Khaing, an imaging machine worth K 18.7 million; Daw Aye Kyi of Phaukkan ward in Insein Township, a dental X-ray machine worth K 3.5 million and one automatic film cleaner worth K 5 million; U Kyaw Lin and wife Daw Than Than Swe, K 1 million; and other wellwishers, K 4 million.

The donations were accepted by the medical superintendent and the specialists.

MMAL-Myint Oo (Insein)

NATURAL DISASTER

S Okkalapa flooded without heavy rain



YANGON, 28 July—Two wards in South Okkalapa Township were flooded without considerable amount of rainfall.

Road, houses and shops were inundated due to the narrowed sluice gate and its

damaged facility, according to U Tun Shwe who lives in Pyinnya street of No (4) ward.

The retaining wall of the wards need urgent repair.

MMAL-Than Maung (Yankin)

Kayah state government to spend K 48 mln on repair of landmark lake

LOIKAW, 28 July—Kayah State Government would use K 48 million for repair of landmark Htehlyar Lake in Loikaw in Kayah State.

The repair works which include dredging and earth works have started since 12 May. The State

Irrigation Department which is undertaking the repair works said that the estimated cost of the repair works is K 48 million.

The establishment of the lake dates back to 1962 and it is one of the most famous lakes in the state.—MMAL-Kyee Myint Naing

Talks on drug abuse given at Mandalay BEHS-22

MANDALAY, 28 July—No (2) Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education and Mandalay Region Anti-Narcotics Association organized an educative talk on drug abuse to high school, middle school and primary school students in the region at No (22) Basic Education High School on 25 July.

Speakers gave talks on the danger of drugs, related diseases and offenses and penalties.

Chairman of Mandalay Region MANA Police Col Hla Myint (Retd) explained the purpose of forming the region association and

activities.

Officials of the No (2) Basic Education Department and Mandalay Region MANA gave talks on the danger of cigarettes, life skills, illnesses related to drugs and legislations against drugs.

Headmistress Dr Khin Thida spoke words of thanks.

Students from 10 basic education schools attended the event. The region MANA will continue to organize talks in other countryside areas of the region.

MMAL-Myint Maw Tun



Educative talks on drug abuses to basic education students in Mandalay Region in progress.

Pyinmana Township police force meet townsenders

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—Pyinmana township police sought advices from townsenders on crime reduction in the area on 21 July.

At the meeting at Pyinmana Township Police Station in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Acting Commander of Pyinmana Township Police Force Police Major Than Myint gave a speech, requesting tip-offs if there arise any suspicion.

He said the drug abuse



has penetrated into the youths and students, urging them to cooperate in the

more effective anti-narcotics efforts. Townsenders discussed security issues

and the police commander made clarifications.

MMAL-Ko Gyi Kyaw

ARTICLE

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PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 29 July, 2013

Mosquitoes and dengue fever

Together with annual monsoon rains comes the dengue fever threatening especially children and early teens every year of this time. The cause of the fever is dengue virus carried by several species of mosquito within the genus *Aedes*, principally *A. aegypti*. *Aedes* searches for food, which is blood, in day time.

A mosquito first lands on your skin and sticks its proboscis into you, and pumps out saliva that prevents your blood from clotting. The virus it carries enters human body together with its saliva. The virus binds to and enters white blood cells, and reproduces inside the cells while they move throughout the body. The infection is caused in this way. But only the females bite us, and the infection is caused only when the mosquito is carrying the dengue virus. In fact the virus spread from one person to another though the virus carrying mosquitoes. The best thing is to send a child to hospital as soon as symptoms of infection are found. All must be aware that treating him with other antibiotics is dangerous even for life.

The most basic way is to protect your children from mosquito bites. Keep your children in mosquito nets when they sleep in day or night. Since many mosquitoes breed in standing water, source reduction can be as simple as emptying water from containers around the home. This is something that homeowners can accomplish. For example, homeowners can eliminate mosquito breeding grounds by removing unused plastic pools, old tires, or buckets; by clearing clogged gutters and repairing leaks around faucets; by covering water containers with lids, regularly draining puddles, swampy areas, and tree stumps.

As mosquito larva is the source of the virus, we must concentrate on carrying out regular source reduction or larva killing in the wards of downtown and uptown areas to keep our surroundings totally clean from mosquito breeding grounds.

A Chinese delegation led by General Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission-CMC of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of the People's Republic of China paid a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in last week of July. During the visit, the Chinese general and delegation cordially held talks with President U Thein Sein, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 23 July.

At the meeting with the President, the focus was on the efforts for promoting stability and progress of border areas, undertakings to achieve eternal peace with ethnic armed groups, cementing cooperation



President U Thein Sein holds discussion with General Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission-CMC of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of PRC.

Nay Myo Thiha

since the establishment of Myanmar-China diplomatic relations. Particularly, the close cooperation between

cooperating in the regional security issues, he said.

China and Myanmar have a long common border and long historical relations. Myanmar and China established diplomatic relations on 8 June 1950 after Myanmar regained independence. When Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai and delegation visited Myanmar in June 1954, a joint communiqué was issued on June 29.

The communiqué involved the five principles of peaceful co-existence for the countries with different political system to live in harmony. China and India issued the five principles of peaceful co-existence on 28 June in New Delhi. The five principles of peaceful co-existence jointly declared by India, China and Myanmar spread to other Asian countries and Africa. Bandung Conference was held in Bandung of Indonesia from 18 to 24 April 1955 with the participation of leaders from 29 Asian and African countries. The conference unanimously approved and proclaimed the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

The issuing of the five principles of peaceful co-existence with China, the signing of boundary agreement and the signing of non-aggression treaty have contributed to better relationship between the two countries. Myanmar has voted for China to become a member of United Nations. It also let in submitting a

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets General Fan Changlong, Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission-CMC of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of PRC.

between the two Armed Forces in addition to the two governments, extending cordial relations with every global country without making any discrimination against East or West, and the implementations on the talks on further promotion of the comprehensive strategic partnership after the meeting between the two presidents.

The comprehensive strategic partnership involves guidelines and arrangements on mutually beneficial long-term interest and cooperation based on common ground. Both countries have the same view on the progress of bilateral relations thanks to good neighborly cooperation

the leaders of two countries has broadened the scope of success in political, economic, security, cultural, science and technology and many other fields.

During talks with Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the Myanmar military leader promised constant cementing of the strategic partnership. China has established with Myanmar, reiterating Myanmar's perpetual recognition of "One China Policy". The two governments and the two Armed Forces have been greatly benefiting the peace and stability of the common border by closely

Oho, learning Internet actually is just trying to become patient by simply watching the spinning little circle at the corner of monitor for a long time!

Slow Internet speed causing multi-sectoral difficulties.



Cartoon Tha Byay

NATIONAL

President U Thein Sein presents gifts for staff to an official at 440-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation at Ahlyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township.

MNA



President U Thein Sein attends harvest ceremony of 440-acre...

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Then, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt presented gifts to 167 farmers who made their contributions in

implementation of 440-acre plantation.

Afterwards, Union Minister U Myint Hlaing received two New Holland tractors donated by Advanced

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proposal and voted for China to become a permanent member of United Nations Security Council. This has further strengthened bilateral ties. China also vetoed the proposals calling for economic and political sanctions on Myanmar and constituting it as a threat to regional peace and stability.

In the time of the new government also, General Xu Caihou, Vice-Chairman of Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China paid a visit to Myanmar. President U Thein Sein during his visit to the People's Republic of China from 26 to 28 May 2011 was able to sign bilateral agreements and MoUs with China. Moreover, the two countries have been able to release a joint-communiqué on comprehensive strategic partnership. Consequently, exchange of visits between civil and military leaders

followed and matters on further cementing friendly ties and cooperation were discussed.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also visited China from 27 November to 2 December 2011 and met with Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission Vice-President H.E Mr. Xij Jinping (now President), Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission General Xu Caihou, Chief of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) General Chen Bingde. In his talks with Mr. Xij Jinping, the Senior General cordially discussed matters relating to deepening of bilateral relations, regional affairs, and national integration, stability, peace and development undertakings in Myanmar. He also shared with General Chen Bingde views on cementing friendship and cooperation between the two Armed

Forces, and the matters threatening regional security.

Border region peace and stability has tied with the interest of the two countries, and both regard it important. The long common border, geopolitical relations, and investments based on common interest are all supporting the comprehensive strategic partnership.

The visiting Vice Chairman of CMC of the People's Liberation Army in his meeting with Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, pledged the continuous existence of cordial Myanmar-China relations and the cementing of the comprehensive strategic partnership, pointing out the existence of gunrunning and drug trafficking along the border.

Myanmar has formed the Union Peace-making Central Committee and relevant work committees to peacefully settle the lingering armed conflicts along the border through three-stage dialogue. The

Agriculture Engineering (AAE) Co., Ltd for Yezin Agriculture University and Agricultural Research Department and presented uniforms to responsible persons of Ahlyinlo Village.

Next, the President and party observed transplanters, harvesters, organic fruits,

farm equipment and harvesting of plantations with the use of combined harvesters. Then, they visited 40-acre mechanized farmland in Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township where they viewed agricultural works being carried out.

Afterwards, they proceeded to 70-ton Satake Rice Mill worth US\$ 1.7 million where the director of Shwe Thanlwin Co., Ltd conducted them round the rice mill which is being built by Japanese experts at Aung Thukha Village.

MNA



Photo shows paddy transplanting machines with paddy saplings.—MNA

Winners awarded in Senior PGA Championship

YANGON, 28 July—

The prize presentation for 2nd Myanmar Senior PGA Championship 2013 Golf Tourney was held at Oriental House Restaurant in Mandalay on 26 July.

The ceremony was attended by Patron of Myanmar Golf Federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd), Vice-President U Min Thein and General Secretary U Aung Hla Han, executives, Chairman of Myanmar Senior PGA U San Naung, Secretary U Chan Han and executives and guests.

At the ceremony, Myanmar Thiha Group of Companies and Shwe Mann Taung Golf Club presented K 500,000 each to hole-in-one winner U Maung Soe and Executive U Ko Ko Lay of Myanmar Senior PGA and the Secretary awarded daily best scorers. The Upper Myanmar Chairman of Myanmar Senior PGA then



presented awards to U Nay Myo Thaung who stood first in senior amateur level with 236, followed by U Aik San 242, Dr Win Thant 253, U Win Maung 253 and U Bay Bu 253.

Proton of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) presented awards to first and second winner golfers in senior professional level.

Afterwards, Executive U Chit San of Myanmar Senior PGA presented a cheque worth K 2 million to first prize winner U Myint Shwe (Srixon) in the senior professional level.—NLM

Water level forecast for first 10-day of August 2013

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—The water level of Ayeyawady River are forecast to rise above the present water levels about 5 to 7 ft at Myitkyina, Bhamo and Katha, about 4 to 5 ft at Mandalay, Sagaing, Pakokku and Nyaung U, and about 1 to 3 ft at Chauk,

Minbu, Magway, Aungmye, Pyay, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun.

The water levels of Chindwin River are forecast to rise above the present water levels about 6 to 8 ft at Khamti and Homalin, and about 4 to 6 ft at Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa.—NLM

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—According to the 9:30 hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an rose 49 cm (about 1.5 ft) during the past 24 hr and its has exceeded by 4 cm above its danger

level. It may continue to rise 30 cm (about 1 foot) and may remain above its danger level during the next 48 hr commencing this noon, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

New rainfall record set in Kawkareik

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—According to the observation at 9:30 hrs MST today, new 24 hrs rainfall record was set at Kawkareik station for the month of July. The station set new record of

rainfall with 10.71 inches exceeding 1.62 inches more than 9.09 inches that was set on 23 July 1997, said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Roundtable discussion on judicial affairs

YANGON, 28 July— Myanmar judges discussed judicial laws with a visiting German delegation led by Judge Torsten Frank Koschinka at Sedona Hotel, here, on 25 July.

A total of 30 judicial

officers of Supreme Court of the Union and judges of district and township courts in Yangon Region were on the occasion, organized by Germany-based Friedrich-Naumann Foundation for Freedom.—MNA

Manaung Shwegu Pagoda in Myinmu Township needs urgent repair

YANGON, 28 July— Riverbank erosion and forming of sandbanks can be seen in creeks and rivers in Myanmar. Manaung Shwegu Pagoda built by Kinwun Mingyi Maha Minhla Kyaw Swa at Muwa village in Myinmu Township in Sagaing Region is under the possible danger of collapse threatened by erosion, it is learnt.

Local people gave voices their concerns that a prayer hall, a stone inscription, a wooden tiered building, statues of seven celestial spirits, a lake and statues of lions stand at the archways in the precinct of the Pagoda

had collapsed and plunged into the Mu river; that an earthquake caused cracks on the upper structure of the Pagoda; and that a retaining wall built last year was also damaged.

Kyemon-Shwe Htoo

Locals from Kachin State voice concerns over restart of Myitsone Project

MOHNYIN, 28 July— Locals in Kachin State voiced their concerns over the resumption of Myitsone Project that the President had officially suspended during his reign.

CPIYN Company has sent invitations to the media men from Kachin State to observe the construction site of Myitsone Hydropower Project. According to the agenda of the invitation card, it was to start excursion on 23 July, make field study on 24 July morning and conclude the journey in the afternoon.

“I reject to continue



this project not only as a Kachin national but also a resident of Myitkyina, I am thoughtful that local people will not support to continue this project in the

term of next government,” said Dr Tu Ja, one of the Kachin leaders residing in Myitkyina.

The beauty of Myitsone which is the confluence of

Maykha and Malikha rivers was the heritage of nature and should be preserved by the next generations, said the environmentalists.

NLM-001

Drug Addict Treatment and Rehabilitation Course concludes



TACHILEK, 28 July— The Drug Addict Treatment and Rehabilitation Course concluded at Pansali Village in Monghe Village-tract of Tachilek Township, Shan State (East), on 27 July morning.

At first, Deputy Commissioner U Thaung Tin Htwe of Tachilek District General Administration Department made an

opening address.

Additional Head of Shan State (East) Social Welfare Department Daw Khin Khin Myint explained social welfare tasks and voluntary works.

Manager U Moe Oo of Tachilek Rehabilitation Camp briefed all attendees on duties and functions of the camp.

Administrator U Ye

Htoo of Township General Administration Department gave completion certificates and gifts to the trainees.

Also present on the occasion were district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people, including 31 trainees.

Kyemon-Myint Mo (Tachilek)

Schoolchildren fed milk in Mawlamyinegyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 28 July— White Heart Group fed milk to students of Shwepyithar Monastic Education School in Mawlamyinegyun of Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region at the hall of the school on 26 July afternoon.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Htay Maung explained monthly feeding of milk to the students. Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Tun Zaw Win explained nutrition

obtained from the milk.

Wellwishers Chairman of White Heart Group U Khin Maung Zin and executives

fed milk to 150 students after presenting exercise books and stationery.

Kyemon-U Myint Aung



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

TRANSPORT

ANA to increase capacity on two Asian routes

YANGON, 28 July— All Nippon Airways (ANA), Japan's largest airline group, is to increase capacity on two of its Asian routes. It will increase the number of flights it operates between Tokyo-Narita, and Yangon airport in Myanmar, to seven flights per week, from three. As a result, there will be a daily service on this route from September 30th, 2013. In addition, seat capacity for the route will be increased by replacing the B737-700ER aircraft with the B767-300ER.

ANA will also be increasing seat capacity for flights between Tokyo-Narita, and Chengdu, China, from October 1st, 2013. Both Myanmar and Chengdu are destinations where strong economic growth is expected. By expanding capacity on both these routes, ANA aims to capitalize on the projected increase in demand for both direct and indirect flights between Japan and Asia and between North America and Asia.

ANA was among the first airlines to launch direct services between Japan and Myanmar, a country referred to as 'the last frontier in Asia'. By increasing capacity on this route ANA will help to establish stronger links with Myanmar and build

closer ties between both countries. Tickets sales and reservations for the increased flights will begin on July 25th, 2013.

ANA is the eighth largest airline in the world by revenues (2011) and the largest in Japan by passenger numbers (2012). Founded in 1952, ANA flies today to 31 international destinations and 50 domestic cities with a fleet of 232 aircraft serving a network of 175 routes. ANA has 14,000 employees. In 2012, it carried 45 million passengers and generated revenues of \$15.8 bn.

ANA has been a core member of Star Alliance since 1999 and has joint-ventures with United Airlines on trans-Pacific and Asia routes and with Lufthansa, Swiss International Airlines and Austrian Airlines on Japan-Europe routes. Its Frequent Flyer Program, ANA Mileage Club, has more than 24 million members.

ANA was voted Airline of the Year for 2013 by Air Transport World Magazine, and was awarded five stars by the world's leading Airline and Airport review site, SKYTRAX. ANA is the launch customer and biggest operator of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

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HRD

Yangon University to admit 300 undergraduate students this year

YANGON, 28 July— The Yangon University will start this academic year with the admission of 300 undergraduate university students, who must have 430 marks in minimum and 500 in maximum in the last matriculation examination.

About 15 students each will be admitted to attend 20 majoring subjects namely Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Zoology, Botany, Geology, Industrial Chemistry, International Relations, Law, Geography, History, Psychology, Philosophy, Anthropology, Archaeology, Myanmar, English, Oriental Studies, Computer Science and Political Science.

Kyemon-Shwe Htoo

REGIONAL



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) and Philippine President Benigno Aquino shake hands at the start of their talks in Manila on 27 July, 2013.
KYODO NEWS

87 women sick after thunderstorm cuts short Tokyo pop concert

TOKYO, 28 July— Eighty-seven women complained of feeling unwell and 41 were subsequently taken to hospital after a Saturday evening concert by male pop group NEWS was aborted midway due to a thunderstorm in central Tokyo, the Tokyo Fire Department said on Sunday, although none of the women were found to be in serious condition.

The concert started at 6 pm Saturday but was abandoned after one hour and 45 minutes because of the thunderstorm. A number of women in the audience of roughly 35,000 people

at Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium in the capital's Aoyama district then began complaining of feeling unwell, according to the four-member group's agency Johnny & Associates.

The 41 females, aged between 9 and 39, had symptoms associated with low body temperatures and were hyperventilating, the department said. NEWS apologized to the audience for having to abandon the concert and invited them to return the next day, according to the agency. The concert has been rescheduled for Sunday evening.

Kyodo News

India Army to soon get its first drone aircraft

NEW DELHI, 28 July— The Indian Army will soon receive its first micro-light, pilot-less target aircraft, *Lakshya-1*, which has been produced by the state-owned Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) months ahead of schedule, a top official said

on Saturday.

"The aircraft has been delivered ahead of schedule in record 15 months against 24 months of normal manufacturing cycle time," HAL chairman RK Tyagi, told the media in the southern city of Bengaluru.—Xinhua

Singapore's foreign minister to visit India

SINGAPORE, 28 July— Singapore's Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law K Shanmugam is scheduled to make a working visit to India from Sunday to Tuesday, the city-state's foreign ministry said on Saturday.

While in the Indian state of Bihar, Shanmugam will visit the Nalanda University archaeological complex and meet with officials of the university.

He will also call on the

Chief Minister of Bihar, Nitish Kumar, on Tuesday.

In New Delhi, the minister will meet his Indian counterpart, Minister of External Affairs Salman Khurshid, as well as National Security Advisor Shivshankar Menon.

He will also deliver the inaugural speech of the newly-launched ASEAN-India Center on "ASEAN and India — The Challenge Ahead."

Xinhua

Philippine military completes world's longest peace mural

MANILA, 28 July— The Philippine military on Saturday unveiled the allegedly longest peace mural in the world along a major thoroughfare in Metro Manila.

Dubbed as "Lakbay Para sa Kapayapaan sa EDSA (Travel for Peace on EDSA)", the mural project spans 3,770 metres along Epifanio delos Santos Avenue (EDSA) in Quezon City, Metro Manila.

Lieutenant Colonel Ramon Zagala, public affairs office chief of the Armed

Forces of the Philippines (AFP), said the peace mural is a joint project among the AFP, Metro Manila Development Authority, Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, Asia America Initiative (AAI), and Dolphins Love Freedom Network (DLFN).

Speaking of the four-decade-long insurgency and the increasing clamor for internal peace and security, AFP Chief of Staff General Emmanuel Bautista said that the solution of the armed conflict lies

in the Filipino practice of Bayanihan (a trait of cooperation).

"This project is about breaking barriers that prevent us from moving forward. I was convinced of this when I saw soldiers painting alongside children of rebels," artist Sano said during the inauguration.

The project, which started on 26 May, aims to promote peace as well as to beat the present record of one-kilometre-long mural painting in Chile.

Xinhua



Tourists play in a vineyard in Changxing County of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 27 July, 2013. Changxing County, known as "Turpan of the South", covering a grape plantation area of 2,480 hectares, has entered harvest season recently.—XINHUA

Thai PM to visit Mozambique

BANGKOK, 28 July— Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra will have an official visit to the Republic of Mozambique, according to the Thai Foreign Ministry.

At the invitation of Mozambique's President Armando Emilio Guebuza, Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra will pay an official visit to Mozambique from Sunday to Tuesday, 28-30 July.

This visit will mark the first ever visit to Mozambique by Thai premier,

as well as kick-start Prime Minister Yingluck's first official visits to African countries comprising Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda.

On Sunday, the two leaders will have a bilateral meeting on agriculture, infrastructure development, energy, public health, human resources development and gemology.

The Thai prime minister will also extend an invitation to the Mozambican president to participate in the high level dialogue be-

tween Thai and African leaders in 2014 as part of Thailand's "Thai - African Initiative", aiming to enhance partnership between Asia and Africa.

Yingluck will also meet the Mozambique Parliament Speaker to discuss ways and means to promote bilateral cooperation between the parliaments of the two countries.

Yingluck and Guebuza will preside over the signing ceremony of bilateral agreements in the areas of technical cooperation,

Over 50 tonnes of crude oil spill in eastern Thailand

BANGKOK, 28 July—A leak occurred in a pipeline along the eastern seaboard of Thailand on Saturday and spilled 50-70 tonnes of crude oil into the sea.

The pipeline, operated by PTT Global Chemical Plc (PTTGC), locates about 20 kilometers south-east of Map Ta Phut seaport in the eastern Province of Rayong, the *Bangkok Post* reported.

Crude oil from an Omani tanker moored offshore was being transferred to the pipeline for delivery to a PTTGC refinery at Map Ta Phut, said the report.

Anon Sirisaengtaksin, chief executive of PTTGC, said the company immediately shut off the pipeline valve to prevent further spills and cooperated with the Royal Thai Navy and the Marine Department to contain the damage.

"All the crude had been eradicated an hour after the accident," he said.

He said the company would continue to monitor conditions in the Gulf of Thailand and make sure that tourists and fishermen who live nearby would not be affected.

Xinhua

5.0-magnitude quake hits Kepulauan Tanimbar, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July— An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted Kepulauan Tanimbar, Indonesia at 22:18:31 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 34.50 km, was initially determined to be at 6.7882 degrees south latitude and 131.8179 degrees east longitude.

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People cram in a water pool to cool off themselves inside a scenery spot in Daying County, Suining, southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 27 July, 2013.—XINHUA

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(3)	IFB-043(2013-2014)	Motorola Transceiver (GM 388 BS VHF)	(2) Nos	US\$
(4)	IFB-044(2013-2014)	Spares for Komatsu Dozer	(2) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-045(2013-2014)	Casing Elevators	(4) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-046(2013-2014)	SL -450 Swivel Goose Neck for ZJ 70 L Drilling Rig	(4) Nos	US\$
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Kenya searches missing aircraft with three passengers

NAIROBI, 28 July—The Kenyan government said on Friday that search and rescue efforts have been intensified for the aircraft which went missing in Nyeri, central Kenya, the previous day.

Government spokesman Muthui Kariuki told a news conference in Nairobi that the a Cessna type 206, registration number 5Y BUG disappeared from the radar on Thursday evening.

"The government would like to announce the disappearance of a Cessna type 206, registration number 5Y BUG," he told journalists in Nairobi, adding that aircraft was travelling from Rendile in Turkana (northwest Kenya) on Thursday at 16:00 hours and was set to land at Wilson Airport at 17:25 hours.

Officials in Nyeri said the rescue efforts have been mounted in the expansive Aberdare Forest where its

last signal was traced.

Rescue operations are also ongoing in Nyeri County where the rescue team has been receiving signals from the aircraft which belonged to Tropic Air Area County Police Commander Naomi Ichama said they received communications of a missing light aircraft while flying in Murang'a County. "We have mobilized the police officers in the upper areas to search for the missing aircraft," said Ichami.

Divisional police commander Larry Keing said they have mobilized three helicopters which are searching for the missing plane. "We have mobilized three helicopters which are searching for the missing aircraft. We received information on Thursday night about the disappearance of the plane from the radar but so far we have not managed to trace it," Keing said.—Xinhua



Giant pandas Qin Chuan (R) and Le Le enjoy the cake prepared for their 5th birthday at the Jinbao park in Weifang City, east China's Shandong Province, on 26 July, 2013. —XINHUA

KWS rangers rescue two British mountain climbers

NAIROBI, 28 July—Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) said on Friday its rapid response unit rescued to safety two British nationals after they fell ill while climbing Mt Kenya.

KWS said in a statement issued in Nairobi that Ryan Tarbarace, 16, and 17-year-old Megan Parkin were in a group of four tourists climbing Mt Kenya's Lenana peak when they fell ill on Thursday.

"They were evacuated

to Nanyuki Cottage Hospital where they are recuperating. They are both in stable condition," KWS said, adding that the two were rescued by the KWS Mountain Search/Rescue unit.

According to the wildlife agency, Parkin developed Acute Mountain Sickness on arrival at Old Moses Camp, which is at 3,300 metres above sea level, along the Sirimon route. Her colleague, Ryan, suffered ankle injury on their

first leg of the hike.

The KWS Mountain Search/Rescue unit was called and responded promptly in an incident which comes barely a week after another tourist was rescued to safety after falling ill.

Kate Pettit, 25, was rescued to safety by the team when she developed acute mountain sickness while climbing the mountain. She has since been discharged from hospital.—Xinhua

Tourist spending in Spain rises by 6.6 pct in 1H

MADRID, 28 July—The amount of money spent by foreign tourists in Spain rose by 6.6 percent in the first half of the year when compared with the same period of 2012, according to data released on Friday by the Spanish Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism.

Spending rose to 24.416 billion euros (32.41 billion US dollars) from January to June of 2013, with an average daily spending of 110 euros (a 2.4 percent up on the same period of 2012) and an average spending per tourist of 936 euros which meant a 2.2 percent rise on 2012 period.

The ministry said

visitors from Britain spent more than others representing 19.4 percent of the total and spending a total of 4.731 billion euros in Spain in the first six months of the year, a 5.6 percent increase over the same period of 2012.

The British were followed by German and Nordic visitors, who spent 4.015 billion euros and 2.613 billion euros respectively, experiencing an increase of 2.8 percent and 15.4 percent respectively.

Meanwhile, holiday-makers from Spain's neighbour France spent 2.274 billion euros, an 18.5 percent increase.

Foreign visitors chose Catalonia, whose capital is

Barcelona, as main destination, spending there 5.730 billion euros which meant a 10.3 percent increase when compared to the same period of 2012.

Their second choice was the Canary Islands, where foreign visitors spent 5.329 billion euros, a 7.5 percent more than in the same period of 2012.

The tourist sector is very important for Spain, which is the second most important tourists destination in terms of receipts and the fourth most important in the world in terms of visitor numbers according to data of 2012 by the United Nations World Tourism Organization (UNWTO).

Xinhua

A girl wait for drinking water supply in Longzhao Village, Gaoqiao, Tongxi County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 26 July, 2013. Lingering droughts in Guizhou have affected more than 8.37 million people, local authorities said on Friday. —XINHUA



ENTERTAINMENT

New Michael J Fox show highlights humour in Parkinson's fight

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — Actor Michael J Fox said he aimed to bring laughs and a dose of reality about day-to-day living with Parkinson's disease to a new NBC comedy loosely based on his life, his first lead role in a television show in 13 years. In the upcoming "The Michael J Fox Show," the actor plays a father with Parkinson's who returns to work as a local newscaster on an NBC TV station in New York. To his surprise, his fictional family reacts with relief that he will be getting out of the house.

The show draws from Fox's own experience to generate laughs and give viewers a sense of everyday life with Parkinson's, a nerve disorder that causes tremors. In one scene, gun-toting police show up at his character's home after his shaky hands accidentally dial 911. "The reality of Parkinson's is that sometimes it's frustrating, sometimes it's funny," Fox, 52, said on Saturday at the semi-annual Television Critics Association Press tour. The show will not veer into dark humour, he said,

because he did not see his disease that way.

"There's nothing horrible on the surface about someone with shaky hands," he said. "There's nothing horrible about someone in their life saying, 'God, I'm really tired of this shaky hand thing' and me saying, 'Me, too.' That's our reality." The show, which debuts on 26 September, is a high-profile bet by Comcast-owned NBC to lift its prime-time ratings. For the TV season that ended in May, NBC finished last in total viewers and third among the four big broadcasters in the advertiser-prized 18- to 49-year-old range, according to Nielsen.

The Canadian-born Fox won over audiences in the 1980s for his role as conservative Alex P. Keaton on NBC sitcom "Family Ties," and as teen adventurer Marty McFly in the "Back to the Future" movies. He later starred in the ABC political comedy "Spin City," but semi-retired from acting in 2000 as his Parkinson's symptoms worsened and he focused his efforts on research for a cure.—Reuters



Executive producer and cast member Michael J Fox participates in a panel for "The Michael J Fox Show" during the NBC sessions at the Television Critics Association summer Press tour in Beverly Hills, California on 27 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Pierce Brosnan comforts Nigella Lawson

LONDON, 28 July — Actor Pierce Brosnan was spotted comforting celebrity chef Nigella Lawson in a restaurant, where they were reportedly having a good time together.

Lawson has been going through a rough time ever since her husband Charles Saatchi gripped round her throat.

"Nigella and Pierce

seemed very happy to see one another and were engrossed in conversation after sitting down together for a chat," mirror.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

"It was clear they both enjoyed the opportunity to share some time together," he added. The James Bond star is married to Keely Shaye Smith.

PTI



Pierce Brosnan and Nigella Lawson were sighted having a good time together.—PTI



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gestures as she addresses a news conference during a NATO foreign ministers meeting at the Alliance headquarters in Brussels on 5 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

NBC plans Hillary Clinton miniseries, part of TV event strategy

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — NBC plans to air a four-hour miniseries starring Diane Lane as former US Secretary of State and first lady Hillary Clinton, part of the broadcast TV network's strategy to improve its ratings by luring viewers to one-time event programming. The part of Bill Clinton has not been cast, NBC Entertainment Chairman Bob Greenblatt said on Saturday at a meeting of the Television Critics Association. The miniseries about the once, and possibly fu-

ture, presidential candidate will "recount Clinton's life as a wife, mother, politician and cabinet member" from 1998 to the present, an NBC statement said.

Titled "Hillary," it will start with Clinton living in the White House while her husband is serving his second term. The series will likely air before candidates start jumping into the next US presidential race in the spring or summer of 2015, Greenblatt said, responding to a question about whether the network would face

demands for equal time from opponents. Hillary Clinton is not involved in the series, he said, and the script has yet to be written. Nick Merrill, a spokesman for Hillary Clinton, declined to comment. The Clinton project and other miniseries are part of Comcast-owned NBC's effort to lift its prime-time ratings and draw live audiences to one-time events, a defence against later viewing on digital video recorders that makes programs less valuable to advertisers.—Reuters

Man tries to steal Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie's iPad



The couple was enjoying some family time at a park. PTI

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — A man, who attempted to steal actors Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's iPad containing their personal data, has been arrested.

The couple was enjoying some family time when an unidentified man was caught red-handed in their SUV trying to steal the iPad, which was labelled 'Family'. Local authorities arrested him at the scene, reports dailymail.co.uk.

The incident occurred when the couple's eldest son Maddox, 11, went paintballing at the Hollywood Sports Paintball Park in Bellflower, California.

While Maddox — who has siblings Vivienne and Knox, four, Shiloh, seven, Zahara, eight, and Pax, nine, was racing around the park, the thief tried to get away with the family's shared gadget.—PTI

Cameron Diaz eyeing Robert Pattinson?

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — Actress Cameron Diaz reportedly finds Robert Pattinson hot! She is even said to have accepted a wine-tasting invite to spend some time with the Twilight star.

"Cameron thinks Rob is really hot and is up for making a play for him. The fact that he's 27 doesn't bother her," thesun.co.uk quoted a source as saying. Diaz is 40. She hasn't worked with Pattinson yet, but the two have known

each other for a while. "She has known him for a while, but decided to keep a respectful distance while he was in that relationship with Kristen Stewart," he said.

Diaz recently received an invite from actress Reese Witherspoon for wine-tasting at her residence, and ever since she got to know that Pattinson would be present there too, she is said to have quickly made up her mind to attend it.—PTI



Cameron Diaz reportedly finds Robert Pattinson "hot". PTI

SPORTS

Isner, Anderson to meet in Atlanta Open Final



LOS ANGELES, 28 July —The two top seeds American John Isner and South African Kevin Anderson will meet in the Atlanta Open final after securing semi-final victories on Saturday. Isner beat former world number one Lleyton Hewitt of Australia 6-4, 4-6, 7-6(5) while

Anderson was too good for American Ryan Harrison 6-3, 7-6(3).

The top-seeded Isner fired 21 aces on the way to beating Hewitt in a cracking match, giving him a chance at shedding his Atlanta bridesmaid's tag having been runner up twice previously. The big serv-

ing American is seeking a seventh career ATP crown in the \$US546,930 hard-court event. Hewitt looked set to complete an upset when holding triple break point in the seventh game of the third set but Isner fought back before winning it 7-5 in a tiebreak. The six-foot-10 (2.08m) American

moved to 24-6 in tiebreaks this year, the best on the ATP Tour.

Anderson needed just 91 minutes to beat the unseeded 21-year-old Harrison, riding a 91-percent conversion rate on first service points won and saving all five break point opportunities. Harrison earned, Harrison had two set points on his serve in the second set but could not close out, allowing Anderson to take the tiebreak 7-3. The six-foot-eight (2.03m) Anderson will be chasing his third career ATP crown in his sixth final appearance having won in Johannesburg in 2011 and at Delray Beach in 2012. He has been runner up twice already this year in Sydney and Casablanca. —Reuters

Cibulkova storms past Cirstea to reach Stanford final



Third seed Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia

STANFORD, (California), 28 July —Third seed Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia powered past Romanian Sorana Cirstea 6-4, 6-0 to make her first final at the Bank of the West Classic. In her sixth appearance on the campus of Stanford University, the world number 25 got through a rough patch at the start of the first set and then battered the fifth-seeded Cirstea with powerful groundstrokes and returns.

Cibulkova managed to hold to 5-3 after a marathon eighth game in which she fought off four break points and the momentum clearly shifted as she reeled off seven out of the next eight games. "I started really well and the level was quite high from both of us, but that game changed everything," Cirstea said. "Of the eighth game. After she won that game she stepped up and

my level dropped a level. She played better than me."

The 23-year-old Cibulkova had few problems in the second set as she made a strategic shift by moving her position on the return of serve and cutting off the Romanian's favoured serves out wide. Cirstea grew wild and all the Slovak had to do was play steady and keep the ball deep in order to win the match. "I tried to distract her on the serve and tried to make her think more," said Cibulkova, who has won two WTA titles, the second of which was at Carlsbad last year.

Entering her eighth career final at Stanford, she is hoping her heavy schedule — she will play every week on the US hardcourt circuit until the US Open — will not tire her out too much before the grand slam begins on 26 August. —Reuters

Ajax defeat AZ to grab Dutch Super Cup

THE HAGUE, 28 July —Ajax captured the first trophy of the season by beating AZ Alkmaar 3-2 after extra time in the Dutch Super Cup, called the Johan Cruyff Schaal, on Saturday in Amsterdam.

Reigning Dutch champions Ajax dominated the first half against Cup winners AZ, without creating major chances. Although new signing Bojan Krkic, who arrived on loan from FC Barcelona, created some danger as right winger.

In the second half Jo-

hann Berg Gudmundsson handed AZ the lead and his Icelandic compatriot Aron Johannsson surprisingly doubled the score. Ajax bounced back through a free-kick by Christian Eriksen, deflected by AZ defender Jeffrey Gouweleew, and another Icelandic player, Kolbeinn Sigthorsson made it 2-2.

Extra time was needed for a decision in the traditional opening of the Dutch season, since 1991. Ajax captain Siem de Jong led Ajax to victory with a header in the 103rd minute. Ajax



won the Dutch Super Cup for the eighth time in history and for the first time since 2007.

"I think in the end we deserved the victory," Ajax

coach Frank de Boer said afterwards. "This match cost a lot of energy this early in the season. Lucky for us we did not suffer injuries."

Xinhua

Dortmund stun Bayern 4-2 to lift German Supercup 2013

BERLIN, 28 July —Borussia Dortmund lift German Supercup 2013 as they defeated Pep Guardiola's men 4-2 in an entertaining and fast paced clash, at outsold Signal Iduna Park on Saturday. A brace by Dutchman Arjen Robben was not enough as Borussia Dortmund wrapped up a 4-2 win with a flurry of goals at the second half to inflict Guardiola his first loss after five matches.

Bayern tried to up the reins but Dortmund neutralized all offensive actions by the record champions. Thus, Juergen Klopp's men broke the deadlock with just six minutes on the clock as German international Marco Reus utilized an error by goalkeeper Tom

Starke to tap in from close range. It was an evenly balanced encounter by both sides. Dortmund remained dangerous on the counters meanwhile Bayern pressed for the equalizer.

The visitors finally overcame Dortmund's bulwark when Dutchman Arjen Robben headed home a cross by German international Phillip Lahm nine minutes into the second half. It was a short-lived joy by the treble champions as Dortmund scored twice



within two minutes to make it 3-1 on the scoreboards. Bayern's Daniel van Buyten gave Dortmund the 2-1 lead following an own goal and Ilkay Gundogan curled home to beat Starke from inside the box.

Bayern's Robben sparked hopes when he reduced the lead to 3-2 after a turn shot from close range at the 64th minute. It was a see saw match as both sides wanted to triumph at the Supercup two weeks ahead of the Bundesliga season. Bayern pressed for the equalizer but Dortmund clinically killed the match four minute before final whistle when Reus made use of an assist by new arrival Pierre Emerick Aubameyang.

Xinhua

'Oh baby', Canadian Open wide open after Mahan withdrawal



OAKVILLE, (Ontario), 28 July —Brandt Snedeker will take a one shot cushion into the final round of the Canadian Open after leader Hunter Mahan walked away from a potential \$1 million payday on Saturday to be home for the birth of his child. A wild day of rain delays, spectacular charges

and a dazzling nine-under 63 from Snedeker at Glen Abbey Golf Course were all overshadowed by Mahan's hurried exit that threw the tournament wide open.

Mahan, a five-time winner on the PGA Tour, had held a two shot overnight lead but while warming up on the driving range

received word that his wife Kandi had gone into labour. One of the hottest players on PGA Tour after having played in the final group at both last week's British Open and before that the US Open, Mahan did not hesitate to give up his shot at the \$1 million winner's purse, rushing back to Dallas for the birth of his first child. "On the seventh tee I looked up and I didn't see Hunter's name on the leaderboard and I looked at my caddie, and go, 'What's going on'," Snedeker told reporters.

"He goes, 'I think Hunter had to leave because Kandi went into labour.' " Hunter was going to be hard to catch because he was playing so good.

Reuters

GENERAL



An employee waits for customers in a Chinese shop at Dibida market, Bamako, capital of Mali, on 27 July, 2013. According to incomplete statistic carried out after the 2012 coup d'etat of Mali, more than 500 Chinese run small shops, mostly selling made-in-China shoes and commodities, around Bamako and neighbouring regions.

XINHUA

E China chemical plant fire extinguished

JINAN, 28 July—The fire that raged at a chemical plant in east China's Shandong Province for about 11 hours was put out on Sunday morning. No casualties or toxic gas leaks have been reported, local authorities said.

The fire started at 4:45 pm on Saturday in the Luxi Chemical Plant in Liaocheng City. It was extin-

guished by 3:36 am on Sunday, fire fighters said.

After monitoring of air quality, local environmental protection authorities said the accident did not cause any toxic gas leakages.

The fire-fighting foam and water used to extinguish the fire have been directed into a pool inside the plant for environmental

emergency disposal, and environmental protection authorities are testing for toxic chemicals.

Authorities said no toxic substances have been detected in the air so far.

Local authorities are still investigating the cause of the fire. The factory produces refined chemicals such as sulfuric acid and chemical fertilizer.—Xinhua

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Swarm of bees attack couple, kill horses in Texas

HOUSTON, 28 July—Thousands of angry bees attacked a couple and stung their horses to death in the US state of Texas, local media reported on Saturday.

The couple, identified as 44-year-old Kristen Beauregard and her boyfriend, were exercising their two miniature horses at their home in Pantego in north Texas when a cloud of bees appeared out of nowhere and attacked them, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported.

Beauregard was stung about 200 times and her boyfriend 50. The two horses were stung so much that they did not survive.

They were able to call 911 and firefighters arrived with special gear and a foam substance used to clear the bees. The couple were later sent to a hospital and are healing from the stings.

The couple didn't know what caused the swarm of bees to leave their hive and attack. The hive was later found to be in a shed in the backyard of their rental property and housed an estimated 30,000 bees.

The bees are being tested to find out whether they are Africanized bees, also known as "killer bees" for their aggressive behavior.

Xinhua

He on the tourist trail after clinching second gold

BARCELONA, 28 July—He Zi secured her second world championship gold of the week and dominant China's eighth out of nine so far contested when she left her rivals trailing in the three-meter springboard on Saturday. The 22-year-old led from start to finish at Barcelona's spectacular hill-top Montjuic pool, site of the diving events at the 1992 Olympics, to improve on her silver behind compatriot Wu Minxia at the previous world championships, in Shanghai in 2011.

He amassed 383.40 points from her five dives, with Wang Han, another Chinese who took bronze when He won Tuesday's one-meter springboard, a

distant second on 356.25. Canada's Pamela Ware sprang something of a surprise by pipping Tania Cagnotto of Italy for the bronze on 350.25. Cagnotto finished an agonizing tenth of a point behind He in the one-meter event, the smallest victory margin at a diving world championships. The Montjuic venue affords impressive views over Barcelona, including Gaudi's Sagrada Familia church, and He said she now wants to visit the iconic building.

"The photos with the Sagrada Familia are surely a must," she told reporters. It was China's seventh straight success in the three-meter springboard. Guo Jingjing won five golds between 2001



China's He Zi performs a dive at the women's 3m springboard final during the World Swimming Championships at the Montjuic municipal pool in Barcelona on 27 July, 2013.—REUTERS

and 2009, with Wu, champion in Saturday's three-meter springboard synchro with Shi Tingmao, triumphing in Shanghai two years ago. He said it is too early to talk about taking over as the dominant force in her events.

"You can only speak of era when an athlete performs well for a long time, it's still very early to say that about me," she told reporters. "I am of course happy with the gold but not

so much with my performance. I could have done better," she added after a disappointing final dive by her standards. China swept all 10 diving golds in Shanghai but Germany's surprise success in the men's 10-metre synchronized platform on Sunday means they can win only nine this time around. The final diving event is Sunday's men's 10-metre platform.—Reuters

Biography of H.E. Mr John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons, UK Parliament



H.E. Mr John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK Parliament, was born on 19 January, 1963 in Edgward, Middlesex in Britain. He attended Finchley Manorhill in London. He graduated with a First Class Honours degree in Government from the University of Essex in 1985. Mr. Bercow was elected as the National Chairman of the Federation of Conservative Students (FCS) from 1986-1987, as a member of Lambeth Borough from 1986-90, as deputy opposition leader of the Lambeth Borough Council from 1987-89 and as a member of the Trade & Industry Select Committee from 1998-99.

He was appointed as frontbench spokesman for

Education and Employment in 1999 (1999-2000), and then a frontbench spokesman for Home Affairs in 2000 (2000-2001). He served as Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury from 2001-2002, as Shadow Minister for Work and Pensions in 2002, as a Shadow Secretary of State for International Development from 2003-2004, as a member of the International Development Select Committee from 2004-2009 and as a member of parliament speaker's committee from 2005-2009.

Mr. Bercow was first elected to Parliament in 1997 and has become a MP of the UK parliament. He has been the Speaker of the House of Commons since 2009. He is married with two sons and one daughter. He has supported human rights, rights of women, equality for lesbian, gay and homosexual people and services for children and young people with speech, language and communications needs. He has a long-standing interest in Sudan, Somali and Myanmar.

A delegation led by Mr Bercow will pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar in the near future at the invitation of the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw.

U Aung Khin Soe presents credentials to Indian President

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—U Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India, presented his Credentials to Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India, on 17 July 2013 in New Delhi.

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Workshop on hosting ASEAN meetings concludes

YANGON, 28 July—The concluding of workshop on holding ASEAN meetings took place at Wunzinminyazar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here this afternoon. At the ceremony, Director-General (Retd) U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department made a speech and presented completion certificates to the

trainees.

The workshop was held from 25 to 28 July at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs with the aim of enhancing capacity of 37 officers from 28 ministries that will take responsibility in ASEAN meetings in 2014. At the workshop, knowledge about ASEAN, ASEAN diplomatic affairs, meeting

agendas and management on political and security community, economic community and social and cultural community, ASEAN agreement and announcements and theoretical paper writing were lectured.

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Low pressure moves to Orissa Coast

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—According to the observations at 11:30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal has moved to the Orissa Coast, India, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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New dredgers arrive from China



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung views the newly-arrived dredgers at Sule Jetty No (6).—MNA

YANGON, 28 July—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung this morning inspected the dredgers and supportive

vessels that arrived from China at Sule Jetty No (6) and Nanthida Port. Director-General U Tun Lwin Oo of Directorate of Water

Resources and Improvement of River Systems and officials reported on conditions for dredging to the Union minister.

The Union Minister called for systematic use of the vessels, conservation of water course and work safety for the staff.

The contract for purchasing 19 dredgers and supportive vessels was signed between CATIC Co of China and DWRIR under the Ministry of Transport on 13 December 2010. The fourteen dredgers and

supportive vessels arrived in Yangon on 20 July and the remaining dredgers, vessels and spare parts will be arrived in the third week of August.

The newly-arrived dredgers and supportive vessels will be used for conservation of water course in Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers. In doing so, suitable dredgers will be used depending on nature of the task. Water course control towers will be built for effectively dredging.

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Party of PM Hun Sen wins Cambodian election

PHNOM PENH, 28 July—The Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen won Sunday's election, taking 68 seats to the main opposition party's 55, the government spokesman said, announcing a much-reduced majority for the ruling party.

Khieu Kanharith, who is also information minister, gave the figures on his Facebook page and said it was the final count. The National Election Committee (NEC) has not published figures but was expected to give a partial count later in the day.

Sam Rainsy, leader of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), said earlier his party had won the election but then withdrew the statement. No explanation was given.

Backed by a compliant media and with superior resources, the CPP was confident of victory, but analysts had said the recent merger of the two



Supporters of the Cambodian People Party hold posters of Prime Minister Hun Sen during an election rally on the last day of campaigning in central Phnom Penh on 26 July, 2013.—REUTERS

main opposition parties plus the return from exile of Sam Rainsy could lead to a reduction in its majority.

If the figures given by Khieu Kanharith are confirmed, they would represent a significant gain for the opposition and a setback for Hun Sen, who has served as prime minister since 1985.

The CPP had 90 of the 123 seats in the outgoing parliament and the parties that united to form the CNRP had just 29.

While not formally accepting defeat, Sam Rainsy was conciliatory and called for calm. "We want to thank all Cambodian people ... regardless of their political affiliation, Cambodians who support all political parties, for their dignified participation in this election, for their contribution to make democracy move forward," he told a news briefing.

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