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President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Moroccan King

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Mohammed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco, which falls on 30 July 2013.—*MNA*

Myanmar, Brazil to cooperate in economic, judicial sectors

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Justice Mr Antonio Herman Benjamin of the Supreme Court of the Federative Republic of Brazil.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received Justice Mr Antonio Herman Benjamin of the Supreme Court of the Federative Republic of Brazil and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw, Deputy Minister at the President Office U Aung Thein and Deputy Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin.

The Brazilian delegation was accompanied by Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior.

At the call, they cordially discussed cooperation in economic and judicial affairs between the two countries as well as in the sectors of consumer protection law and environmental conservation law.—*MNA*

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Appointment of Deputy Minister

Under sub-sections (a) and (d) of Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and para (ix), sub-section (b), Section 16 of the Union Government Law, U Zaw Win has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Sports.

Sd/Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Flood warning

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—According to the (14:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is observed as (56) cm (about 2 feet) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (48) hrs, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Reading the runes in Washington and Frankfurt

LONDON, 29 July —Three of the world's leading central banks are likely to reaffirm their determination this week to keep a lid on interest rates for a long time to come, despite signs that their economies are slowly on the mend. The Federal Reserve, the European Central Bank and the Bank of England are all expected to repeat or refine their "forward guidance" that borrowing costs will remain extraordinarily low as long as growth is sub-par and inflation is not a threat.

Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke's news conference after the US central bank's policy meeting will come in for particular scrutiny for fresh clues over the timetable for phasing-out the Fed's bond buying, running at $85 billion a month. Bernanke has said the Fed is likely to begin reducing its purchases later this year — markets have penciled in a September start — and end them completely in mid-2014, depending on the economic news flow.

No figures are more important than the monthly employment data and Friday's report is likely to show the economy added 185,000 jobs in July, just shy of the 200,000 average of the past nine months, according to economists polled by *Reuters*. Joseph Carson, chief economist with AllianceBernstein in New York, said that pace should be at least sustained in coming months, as job growth in services was being reinforced by strength in construction and an improvement in manufacturing. Second-quarter GDP figures on Wednesday are forecast to show the economy expanded at an annual rate of 1.0 percent, just half as fast as in the first quarter, but Carson expects an acceleration to between 3.0 and 3.25 percent in the second half of this year and to 3.5 percent in 2014. Although the recovery has just marked the end of its fourth year, it looks in many respects as though it is just getting under way, Carson said.

"We're getting the early-cyclical industries from autos to housing starting to provide leadership. We're starting to get the labor markets improving. And we have low inflation, which is always a feature of the early stages of a cycle," he said.— *Reuters*

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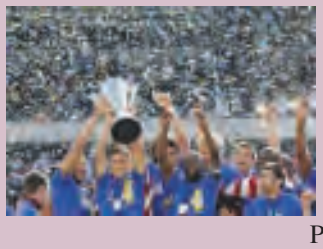

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Photo shows an overturned 12-wheeled container truck on flooded Kawkareik-Kyondoe road on 28 July when torrential rains hit Kyondoe in Kawkareik Township of Kayin State, causing traffic disruption on the road. — Kyemon-Naing Naing Tun (Kyondoe)

Photo shows a passenger bus driving slowly behind a pathfinder who was wading in the knee-deep water on Sittway-Yangon road near Kansauk village on 28 July. (It was learnt that five-day long torrential rains in Kyauktaw Township of Rakhine State had left farmlands, some houses and schools in Kansauk and nearby villages stranded in the floods.) Kyemon-698

Photo shows 20 feet deep road erosion on a main road linking between five villages and Bago triggered by rainwater that caused a culvert under the road destroyed during the heavy rains in Bago on 28 July. The road erosion brought traffic to a standstill. Kyemon-Shwe Phone Aung

Crime

Heroin, stimulant tablets, uncut jades seized in Myitkyina

Myitkyina, 29 July — While counternarcotics activities are gaining momentum in Kachin State, a tip-off led the police to the seizure of K 54 million worth of narcotic drugs, K 16 million and uncut jades in Myitkyina on 25 July.

A combined force led by Police Inspector Wah Wah Kywe of Myitkyina anti-narcotic squad (special) discovered 249.8 grams of heroin worth K 19,984,000 and 2500 WY stimulant tablets worth K 7,500,000 hidden in the two bamboo baskets of Daw Doo Jiphu on board the van as passenger while conducting a search of a van heading to Phakant from Myitkyina at a junction in Myothitgyi ward in Myitkyina at about 10.30 am on that day.

Investigation revealed that the seized heroin and stimulant tablets were bought from U See Yat He who was also arrested later. Local police station charged Daw Doo Jiphu, 78, and U See Yat He, 75, in connection with smuggling and possession of narcotic drugs.

At about 5 pm on that day, the combined force together with witnesses launched a search of the house of U See Yat He at Mankhein ward in Myitkyina where five soap containers with 13 grams each of heroin in it, 13 containers with 12 grams each of heroin in it, 11 containers with 11 grams each of heroin in it totaling 342 grams of heroin hidden in a secret drawer behind the wall of toilet in his bedroom, K 16,754,000 under the mattress, a mobile phone, a vehicle, HILUX, with a secret drawer in its rear part and various sizes of 28 uncut jades under a bed in a downstairs bedroom were confiscated. Myitkyina Myoma police station filed a lawsuit against U See Yat He.

Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

Odd News

Pregnant vagrant woman gives birth to baby girl in Sule Pagoda

Yangon, 29 July — A 25-year-old pregnant vagrant woman gave birth to her daughter at a religious chamber in the precincts of Sule Pagoda, here, at about 8.50 am on 26 July.

Cleaners of the Pagoda said that the homeless young woman, Ma Thandar Min, gave birth to a baby girl at the chamber while shouting for help to the women cleaners in the compound of the pagoda. She is from Pann Ayeyar ward-9 in Nyaungdon and her parents were dead. She arrived in Yangon three days ago and has always taken refuge in the Pagoda daily. She earns her living as a street vendor selling cigarettes, they added.

They continued that no one noticed she was pregnant as she dressed as a man, wearing shirt and longyi. She refused to answer who got her pregnant. She gave birth to her child before the due date. The newborn girl is four pounds and six ounces. According Matron Daw Khin Hnin Kyi, the hospital can provide mother and child with only 48-hour heath care service if they are in good health.

A cleaner of Sule Pagoda recounted the circumstance that umbilical cord of the baby was cut by a pilgrim. Another pilgrim gave her K 30000 and so did others. A taxi driver volunteered to take here to the hospital.

Kyemon-Aung Thura

Natural Disaster

Anti-erosion measures taken in Maubin Township

Yangon, 29 July — There has been an escalation of riverbank erosion at the bend of Kywedon river, one of the tributaries of Ayeyawady River year after year as the tributary sees less and less of its flowing water and the sandbank at the other side of the bend has become larger than ever before, it is learnt. Number of retaining walls built to protect danger of flood triggered by riverbank erosions has reached eight up to date.

"A sudden collapse of the first retaining wall occurred last year due to riverbank erosion caused by flood in Ayeyawady River and the erosion spot had reached the alignment of the second retaining wall. So, it sparked public panic.

"Under the leadership of the Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region, departments concerned and local people immediately performed anti-erosion measures and avoided the danger of breaking down the retaining wall. So far 1.6 miles long new retaining wall has been constructed. It is expected to reduce riverbank erosion to a certain extent. Moreover, risk response plans have been laid down to take necessary measures in real time, keeping a watchful eye on possible danger of erosion throughout the rainy season," said Deputy Director U Phyo Myint of Maubin District Irrigation Department.

So far 308 miles long of retaining walls and 35 sluice gates have been constructed by Maubin District Irrigation Department to protect towns and villages from danger of flood in Ayeyawady, Toe and Panhlaing Rivers.

Kyemon-Ye Myo Tin Hla (Maubin)

Ex-President Carter plans to visit North Korea

Former US President Jimmy Carter leaves the stage at the end of the dedication of the George W Bush Presidential Centre on the campus of Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas on 25 April, 2013.
REUTERS

SEOUL, 29 July— Former US President Jimmy Carter is planning to visit North Korea soon to try to win the release of a US citizen held for committing crimes against the reclusive state, South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency reported on Monday. Carter has made contact with the North to arrange for the visit, and he is likely to make the trip in a personal capacity to secure the release of Kenneth Bae, the US citizen, a source in Washington was quoted as saying by *Yonhap*.

"The issue of Kenneth Bae who has been held in the North for nine months is becoming a burden for the United States," the diplomatic source was quoted as saying by *Yonhap*. "Even if Carter's visit materializes, it will be focused on the issue of Kenneth's Bae's release more than anything else." Bae, who is in his mid 40s, was sentenced in May to 15 years hard labour by North Korea's Supreme Court after being detained in November as he led a tour group through the northern region of the country.

North Korea said Bae was participating in activities designed to overthrow the government, by infiltrating at least 250 students into the country. Bae has acknowledged to being a missionary and has said he had conducted services in the North. Bae said he had been moved by his faith to preach in North Korea, ranked the most hostile to Christianity by Open Doors International, a Christian advocacy and aid group, since the late 2000s.

His arrest and conviction came as the North and the United States remain locked in a diplomatic standoff surrounding Pyongyang's missile and nuclear tests and its claim that Washington was plotting to attack the country.

In two months of daily verbal assault earlier this year prompted by annual drills by US and South Korean militaries, Pyongyang threatened to attack the two allies using its nuclear weapons.

Reuters

Indyk expected to be named new US Middle East envoy

WASHINGTON, 29 July — Martin Indyk, a former US ambassador to Israel who heads foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution think tank, is expected to be named the new US envoy for Middle East peace, a source familiar with the matter said on Sunday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the announcement could come as early as on Monday, when Israeli and Palestinian negotiators plan to resume direct peace talks in Washington for the first time in nearly three years.

Reuters

Millions at Brazil Mass hear Pope ask youth to change world

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 July — Pope Francis left Brazil on Sunday with Rio still pulsating with excitement after a historic beachfront Mass for more than 3 million people in which he challenged young people to build a new world based on tolerance and love. Rio's famed Copacabana beach, usually the venue for scantily-clad sun-seekers and revelry, became a massive Catholic campground for the closing event of a world youth festival.

The festive crowd included pilgrims from 170 nations who spent the night on the beach and locals who poured out of homes and buses to see the Argentine pope on his first trip abroad since his election in March. "Through your joyful witness and service, help to build a civilization of love. Show, by your life, that it is worth giving your time and talents to attain high ideals," Francis said at the Rio airport before he departed for Rome. Pleased Vatican officials said the massive attendance showed the vitality of the Catholic Church, which is hoping that the charismatic pope will re-energize the institution at a time when rival denominations, secularism and distaste over sexual and financial scandals has lost it followers. Aerial television footage showed the sand and sidewalks of Copacabana blanketed with people for several kilometers along the crescent-shaped shoreline.

Pilgrims watch Pope Francis on a video screen as he celebrates mass on Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro, on 28 July, 2013. — REUTERS

The throng of people, many in the green and yellow Brazilian colours, gave Francis the kind of ecstatic welcome that he has received all through his trip to his home continent. They shouted and sang as he was driven through the crowd in an open-sided popemobile, stopping often to kiss babies offered to him by their mothers on the shoreline most famous for its bars and nightclubs and hedonist spirit. His message to the young people in Rio for the week-long World Youth Day festivities was serious: they should not make their time in Rio a one-time experience. —*Reuters*

S Korea offers "final talks" with N Korea on industrial zone

SEOUL, 29 July — South Korea on Monday sent a message to North Korea offering "final talks" to discuss the normalization of a suspended inter-Korean industrial complex in the North's border town of Kaesong, after warning the previous day that the South may pull out of the industrial zone, *Yonhap News Agency r*eported. The report said the message was sent via the communication line at the neutral border village of Panmunjeom.

It said the message did not propose any date or location for the talks, which would cap six rounds of negotiations held earlier this month, but it called on the North to respond promptly. On Sunday, Unification Minister Ryoo Kihl Jae said the government would make a "final proposal" for talks with North Korea and warned South Korea may end its cooperation in the industrial zone, which has long been a symbol of inter-Korean cooperation.

Industrial operations there ended in early April when North Korea, amid heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula, withdrew all its 53,000 workers employed by more than 100 South Korean companies. Ryoo said that if North Korea fails to give a "clear answer" to Seoul's call for measures to prevent a recurrence of a unilateral shutdown, the South will have "no other choice but to make a grave decision" as South Korean companies face "ballooning losses." In the previous six rounds, North Korea sought immediate resumption of operations at the industrial zone, but it did not accept South Korea's demand for safeguards to prevent another unilateral shutdown. After the sixth round ended on Thursday, North Korea's head delegate warned that the industrial zone may be occupied by the military if the talks break up.

Kyodo News

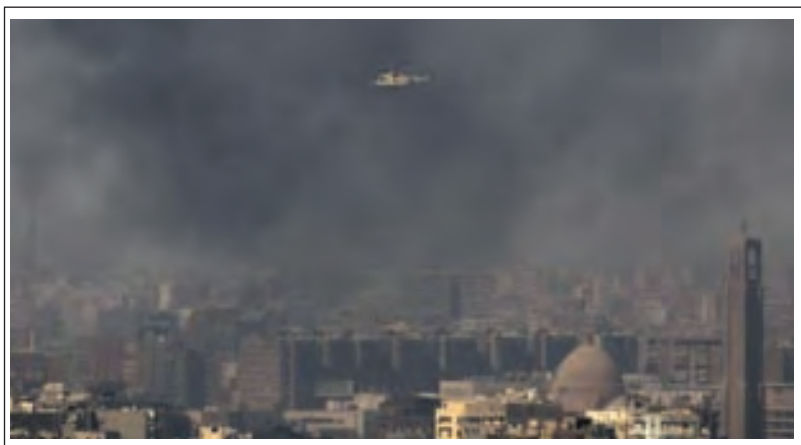
Attacks kill one, injure twelve in Egypt's North Sinai

NORTH SINAI, (Egypt), 29 July — At least one soldier was killed and 12 others injured on Monday in armed attacks on security forces in Egypt's North Sinai governorate, a security source said. "The militants targeted three major security camps in Rafah city, security forces in both Rafah and (the coastal city of) Arish, and a natural gas station in southern Arish," the source told *Xinhua*, saying the 22-year-old soldier killed was on duty in Rafah, which borders the Gaza Strip. The source said the injured included a Special Forces officer and a civilian, adding that a soldier, who was in a critical condition after being shot in the head, had been sent to a local hospital for treatment. Five Jihadists among the assailants, including a Palestinian, were arrested, the source said. He said that after the attacks, security forces assaulted a group of Jihadists near Arish International Airport and killed most of them.

On Sunday, the armed forces arrested three masked men who were injured in an exchange of gunfire after they attacked a military checkpoint outside a national bank in Arish. A terrorist group also launched two rockets near North Sinai Security Department, but the attack resulted in neither deaths nor property damage. Terrorist groups rose in Sinai following the ouster of former president Hosni Mubarak in early 2011 due to deteriorating security conditions in post-uprising Egypt.

Since the ouster of Islamist president Mohamed Morsi by popularly-backed military procedures earlier this month, Jihadist groups affiliated with the deposed president intensified armed attacks on security premises and checkpoints on the Sinai Peninsula, killing dozens of security personnel and civilians.

The armed forces started on Saturday a comprehensive military operation, dubbed "Desert Storm," to combat terrorism and violence in Sinai.— *Xinhua*



A military helicopter flies over clouds of smoke in Cairo on 26 July, 2013.
REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A MacBook Air laptop is pictured on display at an Apple Store in Pasadena, California on 22 July, 2013.
REUTERS

Apple's Mansfield no longer in exec team, moves to special projects

NEW YORK, 29 July — Apple Inc said on Sunday it will shift Bob Mansfield, senior vice president of technologies, out of its executive team to work on special projects.

Mansfield, who has led the development of a number of Apple devices including the popular MacBook Air laptop, had at one stage announced his plan to retire last year as head of hardware engineering but stayed on to lead Apple's semiconductor and wireless teams.

Mansfield is the latest addition to Chief Executive Tim Cook's "special projects" team. In July, Cook hired a former chief executive of French luxury group Yves Saint Laurent, Paul Deneve, to work on special projects.

Last October, Cook overhauled his management team, pushing out the powerful head of the company's mobile software products group.

Reuters

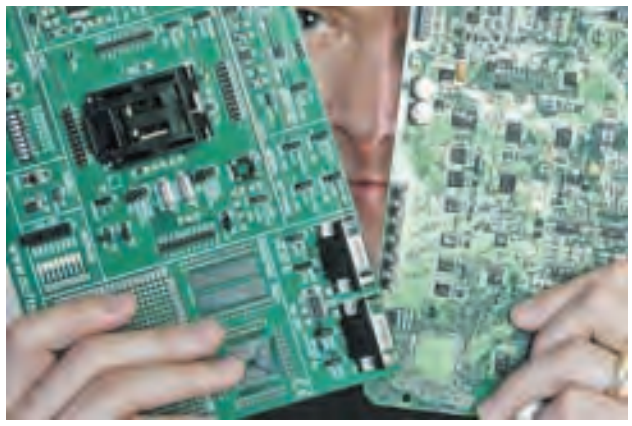
Software experts attack cars, to release code as hackers meet

BOSTON, 29 July— Car hacking is not a new field, but its secrets have long been closely guarded. That is about to change, thanks to two well-known computer software hackers who got bored finding bugs in software from Microsoft and Apple. Charlie Miller and Chris Valasek say they will publish detailed blueprints of techniques for attacking critical systems in the Toyota Prius and Ford Escape in a 100-page white paper, following several months of research they conducted with a grant from the US government.

The two "white hats"—hackers who try to uncover software vulnerabilities before criminals can exploit them — will also release the software they built for hacking the cars at the Def Con hacking convention in Las Vegas this week. They said they devised ways to force a Toyota Prius to brake suddenly at 80 miles an hour, jerk its steering wheel, or accelerate the engine. They also say they can disable the brakes of a Ford Escape travelling at very slow speeds, so that the car keeps moving no matter how hard the driver presses the pedal.

"Imagine what would happen if you were near a crowd," said Valasek, director of security intelligence at consulting firm IOActive, known for finding bugs in Microsoft Corp's Windows software. But it is not as scary as it may sound at first blush. They were sitting inside the cars using laptops connected directly to the vehicles' computer networks when they did their work. So they will not be providing information on how to hack remotely into a car network, which is what would typically be needed to launch a real-world attack. The two say they hope the data they publish will encourage other white-hat hackers to uncover more security flaws in autos so they can be fixed.

"I trust the eyes of 100 security researchers more than the eyes that are in Ford and Toyota," said Miller, a Twitter security engineer known for his research on hacking Apple Inc's App Store. Toyota Motor Corp spokesman John Hanson said the company was reviewing the work. He said the carmaker had invested heavily in electronic security, but that bugs remained — as they do in cars of other manufacturers. "It's entirely possible to do," Hanson said, referring to the newly exposed hacks. "Absolutely we take it seriously."



Security researcher Charlie Miller holds two automobile electronic control module circuit boards while posing in his home-office in Wildwood, Missouri, on 30 April, 2013.—REUTERS

Ford Motor Co spokesman Craig Daitch said the company takes seriously the electronic security of its vehicles. He said the fact that Miller's and Valasek's hacking methods required them to be inside the vehicle they were trying to manipulate mitigated the risk. "This particular attack was not performed remotely over the air, but as a highly aggressive direct physical manipulation of one vehicle over an elongated period of time, which would not be a risk to customers and any mass level," Daitch said.

Reuters

China likely to issue 4G licenses by year end

BEIJING, 29 July — Internet users in China are eagerly looking forward to ultra-fast 4G mobile Internet services.

The anticipation has heated up following the government's announcement that licenses to operate such wireless system will be issued before the year's end. At a 4G service centre of China Mobile in Henan's Zhengzhou city, customers are trying out the new service with high expectations for faster speeds and easier access.

"I look forward very much to the availability of 4G service, which will be faster than the current 3G network. But I'm not sure if it will be able to synchronize with televisions and other home appliances." "I hope it will be launched soon. I really want to experience it as soon as possible." The fourth-generation wireless service is designed to deliver a speed four to ten times faster than today's 3G system, the most widespread, high-speed wireless service at the moment.

China Mobile, China's largest cell phone provider, is now promoting a homegrown 4G standard and hopes to start commercial rollout soon.

The core technologies are ready and the company has been ramping up installations of its base stations, which will be shared by both 3G and 4G networks. Li Xiaobang is an engineer with China Mobile.

Xinhua

Amazon unveils new hiring spree ahead of Obama visit

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 July — Amazon.com Inc unveiled a new hiring spree on Monday ahead of a visit by President Barack Obama to one of the Internet retailer's giant distribution warehouses this week. Amazon said it is looking to fill more than 5,000 new full-time jobs at 17 of its fulfillment centres across the United States.

That's roughly a 25 percent increase in full-time fulfillment centre staff, which currently number more than 20,000 in the country.

Amazon has been building lots of new fulfillment centres closer to customers in recent years as the company tries to speed up delivery of online orders and reduce shipping costs. Amazon needs a lot of workers to pick, pack and ship orders alongside high tech robots that whiz around its warehouses.

The company's demand for employees is so strong that it has created special programmes to woo candidates.

Last year, Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos used the front page of the company's website to announce a Career Choice programme that pays thousands of dollars for warehouse employees to take technical and vocational courses in high-demand areas including engineering, information technology, transportation and accounting.

Amazon made its latest hiring push as President Obama is due to visit a company fulfillment centre in Chattanooga, Tennessee on Tuesday to speak about jobs in the United States. The President will discuss proposals to jumpstart private sector job growth and make America more competitive, according to a White House spokeswoman.

Reuters

Twitter faces calls in Britain to get tough on online abuse

An illustration picture shows the logo of the Website Twitter on an Ipad, in Bordeaux, Southwestern France, on 30 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 29 July — Twitter, the social media site, is under pressure in Britain to make it easier for Internet users to report abuse after more than 30,000 people petitioned it over the case of a feminist campaigner who says she was repeatedly threatened with rape.

Caroline Criado-Perez helped lobby the Bank of England to make a woman, 19th century novelist Jane Austen, the new face on the country's 10 pound note, to defuse criticism that women were under-represented on the currency.

She was then "targeted repeatedly with rape threats" by ill-wishers objecting to her activity, according to an online petition, which called on Twitter to urgently add a 'report abuse' button to its service. Some users proposed a one-day boycott of Twitter to protest against what they said was its failure to address the issue.

Reuters

A box from Amazon.com is pictured on the porch of a house in Golden, Colorado on 23 July, 2008.—REUTERS

Local students perform for chinese students from China's quake-hit Ya'an area at a welcoming ceremony at the "Ocean" All-Russia Children's Centre, Russia, on 28 July, 2013. The "Ocean" All-Russia Children's Centre welcomed 260 Chinese students from China's quake-hit Ya'an area for their recuperation here on Sunday. XINHUA

Tunisian education minister resigns amid deepening political crisis

TUNIS, 29 July —Tunisia's Education Minister Salem Labiedh submitted his resignation to Prime Minister Ali Laarayedh on Sunday but said he would remain in his post until the resignation is accepted, the official *TAP* Press agency reported.

The resignation comes after Mohamed Brahmi, a secular opposition figure, was assassinated in Tunis on Thursday. Some 30,000 people, according to police estimates, attended Brahmi's funeral on Saturday, calling for the resignation of the government and the dissolution of the country's Constituent Assembly.

Brahmi's assassination, which bore the same modus operandi as that of Chokri Belaid, the head of the left-wing Popular Front party who was killed by radical Islamists six months ago, has plunged the country into its most serious political crisis since the ouster of ex-leader Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in early 2011.

So far, a total of some 65 opposition and independent members of the Constituent Assembly have withdrawn from their posts, calling for the assembly's dissolution. Despite a televised plea by assembly speaker Mustapha Ben Jaafar on Saturday evening to invite them to return, a spokesman of the resigned members said their aim was to reach a third of the seats (73) needed to suspend the assembly's work.—*Xinhua*

UN chief speaks to Turkish, Qatari FMs, Arab League leader on Egypt

UNITED NATIONS, 29 July — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Sunday spoke to foreign ministers of Turkey and Qatar and the leader of the Arab League in the wake of the upsurge of violence in Egypt, where more than 70 people were killed over the past two days, Ban's spokesman told reporters here.

"The secretary-general made a number of telephone calls today, including with the foreign ministers of Turkey and Qatar, and the secretary-general of the League of Arab States," the spokesman said in a readout issued to the press here. "In all of them, he shared his deep alarm about the situation in Egypt, and the unacceptable loss of life over the past two days."

The death toll in Egypt's overnight clashes that erupted on Friday and continued until the early hours of Saturday rose to 75, according to the Egyptian Health Ministry. On Friday, millions of Egyptians in Cairo and other governorates rallied in support of chief of the Armed Forces and Defence Minister Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi to show the popular approval of the security crackdown on extremism and terrorism. In contrast, throngs of ousted President Mohamed Morsi's supporters held various rallies in the country, demanding the return of the deposed president and labelling his overthrow "a military coup against legitimacy."

During the phone conversations, "he underlined the need for the interim Egyptian authorities to quickly step up their efforts to launch a genuinely inclusive political process," the spokesman said. Earlier on Sunday, Ban also had a phone conversation with Egyptian Interim Vice President Mohamed ElBaradeis to strongly condemn "the upsurge of violence in Egypt, and urge "all Egyptian leaders to urge their supporters to show restraint."

"The secretary-general informed his interlocutors that he had been appealing to all Egyptian leaders to urge their supporters to show restraint, curb their anger, and try to engage in a meaningful reconciliation process," the spokesman said."—*Xinhua*

Police cordon off the grenade blast site at the Paltan Bazar area near the railway station in Guwahati, India, on 28 July, 2013.— XINHUA

Officers killed, wounded in Somalia bomb attack return Turkey

ANKARA, 29 July—A Turkish officer who was killed and another three wounded in a suicide bomb attack on Saturday on a Turkish embassy office in Somalia were transferred to Turkey on Sunday, semi-official *Anatolia* news agency reported.

An ambulance plane carrying the slain officer and the three wounded landed at Esenboga International Airport in the Turkish capital of Ankara, the report said.

A Health Ministry official said the wounded guards who have no life-threatening injuries were transferred to Ankara's Ataturk Hospital.

On Saturday, a car loaded with explosives rammed into an office housing Turkish embassy staff in the Somali capital of Mogadishu.

One Turkish security officer was killed when the mission's guards clashed with the attackers who attempted to enter the complex, and three Turkish officers were wounded, said a Turkish official. Al-Qaeda-linked Al-Shabaab militants have claimed responsibility for the attack in the turmoil-torn East African country.—*Xinhua*

Syria's Kurds fight jihadists amid growing doubts of their real intentions

DAMASCUS, 29 July—Syria's Kurds are battling extremist groups in northern Syria in a drive to keep their areas safe and secure. Yet, speculations are high that the Kurds, who have for long suffered discrimination, harbour other intentions, mainly an autonomous enclave.

Since the outbreak of the conflict in Syria nearly three years ago, the Kurds have strived to keep the rebels out of the areas they control in order to avoid sparking a confrontation with the Syrian army and to ensure that their territory remained free of violence. However, fighting broke out recently in northern Syria between the Kurds and al-Qaeda-affiliated al-Nusra Front and it covered all the Kurdish areas in the north. The Kurds emerged victorious and gained ground in a number of areas in the north, mainly in Ras al-Eyn area, which is adjacent to Turkey as well as in Kobani and Tal Abyadh near the crossing border between Syria and Turkey, where they had expelled jihadists from a string of villages.

Some Syrian opposition parties, after failing to convince Kurdish parties to join their ranks, accused the Kurds, especially the Kurdish Union Party, of collaborating with the Syrian government, a charge most Kurds have repeatedly denied.

The Kurds, who pose some 15 percent of Syria's 23 million inhabitants with most living in the north of the embattled country, tried during the conflict to keep their areas immune from military operations and retain the kind of "autonomy." In mid-2012, Syrian troops withdrew from the majority of the Kurdish areas, and Kurdish militia became responsible for security there.—*Xinhua*

Yemenis shout slogans to show support for ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi during a demonstration in front of the Egyptian embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, on 28 July, 2013. Hundreds of Yemenis rallied in front of the Egyptian embassy in Sanaa, voicing support for ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi and condemning the Egyptian military for arresting Morsi. —XINHUA

Jordan, World Bank sign 150-mln-USD loan deal

AMMAN, 29 July—Jordan and the World Bank signed a 150-million-US dollar loan deal on Sunday, the state-run *Petra* news agency reported.

Jordan's Minister of Planning and International Cooperation Ibrahim Seif said the loan will be used to reduce the economic burden on Jordan in light of the influx of Syrian refugees.

The loan will be used to provide health services to the refugees, such as for the purchase of vaccines and medicine, said the minister, who added that it will also be used to subsidize gas for households and bread.

Latest official figures show that over 550,000 Syrian refugees are now seeking shelter in Jordan.

Xinhua

WORLD

EU's foreign policy chief arrives in Cairo

CAIRO, 29 July —The European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton arrived in Cairo on Sunday evening for a two-day visit to hold talks with Egyptian top officials, state-run news agency *MENA* reported. Ashton is scheduled to hold talks with Egypt's interim President Adli Mansour, Armed Forces Chief, Defence Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi, among other officials.

It is Ashton's second visit to Egypt in less than two weeks, after she met with the country's senior officials and urged the release of ousted President Mohamed Morsi and other arrested Muslim Brotherhood figures if there are no charges against them. Ashton's visit comes one day after bloody confrontations over the past two days left at least 80 people killed and about 800 others injured in rival rallies, mostly in Cairo and Alexandria.

However, Morsi's Muslim Brotherhood group and the field hospital at Rabia al-Adawiya Square in Cairo, where his supporters have staged a massive open-ended sit-in since 28 June, said at least 200 pro-Morsi protesters were killed and over 4,500 injured in Saturday's clashes with security forces.

Meanwhile, Egyptian presidential political adviser Mostafa Hegazi said earlier on Sunday that Ashton's second visit is not meant to interfere in Egypt's internal affairs and that the government appreciates the EU's efforts to ease the escalating tension in Egypt. Hegazi added that Ashton would also contact some political parties and movements.

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Peruvian President Ollanta Humala (C) walks towards the government palace, in Lima, Peru, on 28 July, 2013. President Humala took part in the activities for the 192 Anniversary of the Peru's Independence. — XINHUA

Brazilian president dismisses more spending cuts, cabinet reshuffle

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 July—Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff on Sunday ruled out more spending cuts or streamlining the 39-member cabinet, saying these measures could not help boost the economy or save money. "I'm not considering it. I don't think it will cut costs. We have already taken all steps to reduce spending," the president said in an interview with the daily *Folha de Sao Paulo*. She said she would not reduce the number of ministries, citing it might dampen the government's efforts to head off social and economic inequality.

Talking on rumours that her predecessor and political mentor Luis Inacio Lula da Silva would try to run again for the nation's top office in 2014, Rousseff refused to give a direct answer. "Lula and I are inseparable—Now there's talk about Lula coming back... I don't know if Lula would come back because he never went off, he never left," said Rousseff."

It doesn't bother me at all," Rousseff said of the rumors. "I am totally mixed up with his government, we were together since 21 June, 2005until he left government." Rousseff was Chief of Staff in Lula's government. Lula, who was president from 2003 to 2010, has repeatedly said that he would not run for the presidency again.

A recent Ibope Institute poll showed that Rousseff's personal popularity slipped by 26 percentage points since anti-government protests broke out in June, dimming her own chances of winning reelection.—*Xinhua*

Israeli Navy equipping warships with new missile system

JERUSALEM, 29 July —The Israel Navy has begun outfitting its main battleships with a new missile system amid growing threats posed by Syria's alleged stockpile of advanced anti-ship missiles, the Yisrael Hayom daily reported on Sunday. The *Barak 8*, co-developed by India and Israel, is a medium- range surface-to-air missile designed to defend against varied threats, including anti-ship missiles, manned aircraft, drones and supersonic cruise missiles.

The missile has a maximum speed of 2 Mach and a maximum operational range of 70 km. The system's radar enables operators to simultaneously engage multiple targets, and intercept an incoming enemy missile as close as 500 metres from a naval craft. The navy's procurement of the *Barak 8*, put off for years since the system's development was largely completed in 2010, constitutes a response to the growing threat posed by Russian- produced Yakhont "ship killing cruise missiles" said to be in Syria's possession, Yisrael Hayom said.

"No ships in history have been capable of controlling vast expanses like the Israel Navy will be able to with the *Barak 8*," Yisrael Hayom cited a source "familiar with the details" as saying. The navy is installing the missile on its Sa'ar 5-class warships. Naval officers estimated that the system will become fully operational in the coming months, according to the report.

Yet, the military's comment on the report was not immediately available.-— *Xinhua*

Russia to reply to US letter on Snowden

MOSCOW, 29 July—Russia is preparing a reply to the US Attorney General's letter over the return of fugitive intelligence whistleblower Edward Snowden, the Justice Ministry's press service said on Sunday. Noting the ministry received the letter from Eric Holder "on 24 July," it stopped short of specifying the nature of the reply and the exact date it would be ready. Holder assured to his Russian counterpart Alexander Konovalov that "the United States would not seek the death penalty even if Mr Snowden were charged with additional, death penalty-eligible crimes."

His letter came amid media reports that Snowden had applied for political asylum in Russia "on the grounds that if he were returned to the United States, he would be tortured and would face the death penalty."

The top US lawyer said these claims were "entirely without merit ... Torture is unlawful in the United States." He added that Snowden was able to travel though his passport had been revoked. "He is eligible for a limited validity passport good for direct return to the United States." The 30-year-old former CIA contractor arrived at Moscow's Sheremetyevo international airport on 23 June and has reportedly been stranded in the transit zone to date. He faces espionage charges as he disclosed a classified intelligence surveillance project code-named PRISM. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Friday Russia would not hand Snowden over to America. — *Xinhua*

One dead, two missing in heavy rain in western Japan

YAMAGUCHI, Japan, 29 July— One woman was found dead after her house collapsed in a mudslide on Sunday as record-high rainfall deluged parts of western Japan, with two people still missing, police said on early Monday.

The woman found dead in Hagi, Yamaguchi Prefecture, was identified as 79-year-old Yoshino Tashima. Meanwhile a 24-year-old man who was forced to evacuate his home in Tsuwano, Shimane Prefecture, and an 84-year-old man in Hagi were missing amid the downpours, which the Japan Meteorological Agency warned would reach "unprecedented" levels in some areas.

Photo taken on 29 July, 2013, shows railway track on the JR Yamaguchi Line severed by a swollen river after heavy rain in Yamaguchi City in Yamaguchi Prefecture, western Japan. — KYODO NEWS

The Ground Self-Defence Force has dispatched personnel for disaster relief following requests from the Yamaguchi and Shimane prefectural governments.

Kyodo News

LOCAL NEWS

BUSINESS

Border traders visit three GMS nations

TACHILEK, 29 July— Reps of Tachilek border traders association and traders from four districts of Thailand embarked on their three-nation GMS tour on 27 July.

The delegation was formed with vice-chairman of Tachilek border traders association, businessmen, traders from Chiangrai, Nan, Phayao and Phrae districts of Thailand and journalists left for three Mekong nations through No (1) Friendship Bridge in Tachilek.

On arrival at northern Thailand town Chiang Khaung, they were welcomed by officials of Mae Khong Delta Company.

The officials elaborated on mercantile trade, tourism and economic opportunities in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region. With the cruise ship of Mae Khong Delta Company, the observers visited tourist spots and trade camps in Laos and Wan Pon jetty in Myanmar.

MMAL-Maung Yin Kyae

China's largest rescue ship conducts drill with Myanmar rescue vessels

YANGON, 29 July— China's largest rescue MV Haixum 01 has sailed off Myanmar, bound for Malaysia, after joint rescue drill with staff of Myanmar's Directorate of Marine Administration near Thilawa Port.

Myanmar's two rescue vessels of Directorate of Marine Administration Nat Min-1 and Nat Min-2 participated in the drill.

U Maung Maung Oo, director of the directorate, said, "The vessel of China's water transport department was on its goodwill visit. As we wanted the joint rescue drill, we conducted the drill of extinguishing fire in the sea."

MV Haixum 01 arrived at Yangon Bo Aung Kyaw jetty on 24 July. It left Thilawa Port of Myanmar for Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia yesterday morning.

MMAL-Nay Lin (MNA)

Repair of underwater Internet cable due to complete by 31 July

PYAPON, 29 July— Repair of underwater Internet cable is being carried out in Pyapon in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region.

A team of engineers from Yangon Head office of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and local engineers replaced power cables underground in the town.

They also checked and repaired the underwater cable with compound jelly. The repair works are scheduled to complete as early as 31 July.

According to earlier press release by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, the Internet disruption caused by damages to the underwater cables would last one month.

MMAL-071

A team of engineers from Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is carrying out repair works of underground and underwater Internet cables in Pyapon.

Commerce Ministry planning Myanmar-India border markets

KALAY, 29 July— Ministry of Commerce is planning a border markets on Myanmar-India border.

Markets will be opened in villages of Tiddim, Tunzang, Kyikha, Leshi, Lahe and Tamu in Sagaing Region and Chin State.

"We are planning to open first border markets on Myanmar-India border. It would be made possible after consultations at region/ state level and with locals. Khinman, Laylet, Dakhai, Tiao, Fatan, Kahibai, Baphai, Hanlan, Pankwa and Zotae border markets will be opened in Myanmar side," director U Teza Aung Win of regional trade division said.

Myanmar has planned to expand Sunmara, Yankwin, Ponnyo and Khampet markets as India has planned some in the India side.

The number of border markets in Myanmar would be 10 and the first of it kin will be opened in Naga Self-Administered Zone, north of Chin State.

The purpose of opening the market is to improve living standards of the people in remote areas by creating business opportunities in border markets.

"We have plans to upgrade them into border trade camps if they develop," the director added.

MMAL-Zo Hay Zar (Chin Taung Myay)

Medical equipment donated to Mandalay Children's hospital

MANDALAY, 29 July— Chairman of Myanma Apex Bank U Chit Khaing and wife Daw Khin Soe Wai donated medical equipment to Children's Hospital in Mandalay on 25 July.

They donation marked the second anniversary of 550-bed Children's hospital in Mandalay.—*MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

Monastery keeps ancient boat

MYINGYAN, 29 July—An ancient boat made with the only log which is called "Weikza Nyunt" is being kept in Shwe Nyaungbin Monastery in Lay Eain Dan village in Myingyan.

The boat with the length of 73 ft could carry 40 people.

It was in 1966 the boat was last used due to the flash flood in the area close to Ayeyawady River, U Visuddha, the presiding monk of the monastery, said.

Another 30 ft long boat is being kept in the monastery.

"Bogyoke", the one-log boat that has the same length with Weikza Nyung is being put on display near Inya Lake in Yangon.—*MMAL-435*

Judges and judicial officers sworn in

MANDALAY, 29 July— Judges and judicial officers of Mandalay Region High Court took oath at Mandalay Region High Court on 26 July.

U Soe Thein, chief justice of region high court, delivered an address at the ceremony. A total of 13 judges from district courts and township courts and four judicial officers of Mandalay Region High Court, totaling 23, took vow in the presence of the region chief justice.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

NATIONAL SPORTS

Mandalay traditional boxing challenge ends in tie

MANDALAY, 29 July— Challenger Pho Thar Gyi of Everest boxing club was tied to Thar Thar of T&T club in Myanmar Traditional Boxing Challenge in Aung Myay Mandalar Stadium in Mandalay on 27 June.

A total of 14 three-round challenges, two four-round challenges and seven five-round challenges were organized.

Most of the winners in the challenges emerged early in one or two rounds.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

The New Light of Myanmar

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 30 July, 2013

The first impression

The good news is that there is a plan to turn Yangon the country's commercial hub into a modern metropolitan. This commercial hub is the meeting point of all motor roads, flights, waterways coming in from all over the country. In fact, Yangon was once the most excellent city of Southeast Asia region.

Unfortunately various loopholes and weaknesses had gradually driven away the city's impressive characteristics and also downgraded its status throughout the past years. Now, the democratically elected government in office has a grand plan to make the city magnificent again. This is encouraging news for all the people of Myanmar.

And we all heartily welcome this plan covering the task of improving the city public transport by developing bus rapid transit-BRT, enforcing strict traffic rules, building urban dwellings, high-rise structures, edifices and low-cost housings, extending industrial estates and parks and gardens and preserving and maintaining age-old buildings standing as the symbols of the city.

Yangon in fact is the main gateway to Myanmar or in other words, the first impression in showing the nation's image. The country has opened a new chapter in the international relations hosting foreign State leaders, diplomats, businesspersons, trade delegations, investors, vacationers and so on. Moreover, we are inviting international assistance, as the scope of our democratic reforms is enormous. So, developing Yangon will help improve the nation's image and reputation, thereby enhancing international cooperation and assistance.

In effect, the Yangon modernization project calls for wider participation of the entire people as it serves the national interest. Especially the public observance of discipline and rules is an important issue. Otherwise, Yangon cannot become a modern metropolis. It will continue to deteriorate in every aspect as it is happening now. As Yangon is the first stop for foreigners visiting Myanmar we all must be aware that the first impression is the lasting impression.

NATIONAL

Chief Justice of the Union receives Justice at the Supreme Court of Brazil

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo received Justice at the Supreme Court of Brazil Mr. Antonio Herman Benjamin and party at the Office of Supreme Court of the Union, here, this morning.

They had a cordial discussion on organizational set-up of the Supreme Court of the Union and Courts at different levels, participation in international conferences related to environmental conservation, cooperation in working process applying information technology and capacity building of judges.

Present on the occasion were Supreme Court Judges U Soe Nyunt, U Mya Thein, U Aung Zaw Thein and U Myint Han and responsible persons.—*MNA*

Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Chairman meets Brazilian Supreme Court Justice

Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein meets Justice at the Supreme Court of Brazil Mr. Antonio Herman Benjamin and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein met with Justice at the Supreme Court of Brazil Mr. Antonio Herman Benjamin and party at the office of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, here, this morning.

Atthemeeting,bothsides discussed responsibilities and functions of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and judicial affairs of Brazil.

It was also attended by members of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union Daw Hla Myo Nwe, U Mya Thein and U Tin Myint and senior officers.—*MNA*

Union FM receives IOM Mission Chief

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— Chief of IOM Mission in Myanmar Mrs. Mariko Tomiyama paid a farewell call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

At the call, they discussed matters relating to further cooperation between Myanmar and IOM.—*MNA*

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Chief of IOM Mission in Myanmar Mrs. Mariko Tomiyama.
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Union Health Minister visits universities, hospitals in Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin on 22 July visited the department of medicine and department of nursing, Chiang Mai University, Thailand, where he held discussions with officials concerned on sending more Myanmar scholars for long-term and short-term trainings.

In meeting with the governor of Kokan State and officials from Kokan Hospital of Thailand on 23 July morning, he heard reports on giving ambulance service and medical treatment. After that, he viewed arrangements for ambulance service there.

The Union Minister attended International Leprosy Summit, at Dusit Thani Hotel from 24 to 26 July.

Next, he proceeded to the hospitals and universities including Bangkok Hospital, Mahidol University, and discussed potentials to cooperate between the two countries' universities and hospitals so as to promote teaching method on medicine and providing health care service, and sending Myanmar medical students for their further studies.—*MNA*

Rainfall records set in Monghsat, Kawkareik

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— According to the observation at 9.30 hrs MST today, new 24 hrs rainfall records were set at Monghsat and Kawkareik stations for the month of July. Monghsat set new rainfall record with 5.04 inches exceeding 0.04 inch more than 5 inches that was set on 18 July 2009 and another one in Kawkareik, 10.94 inches, exceeding 0.23 inch more than yesterday's 10.71 inches, announced Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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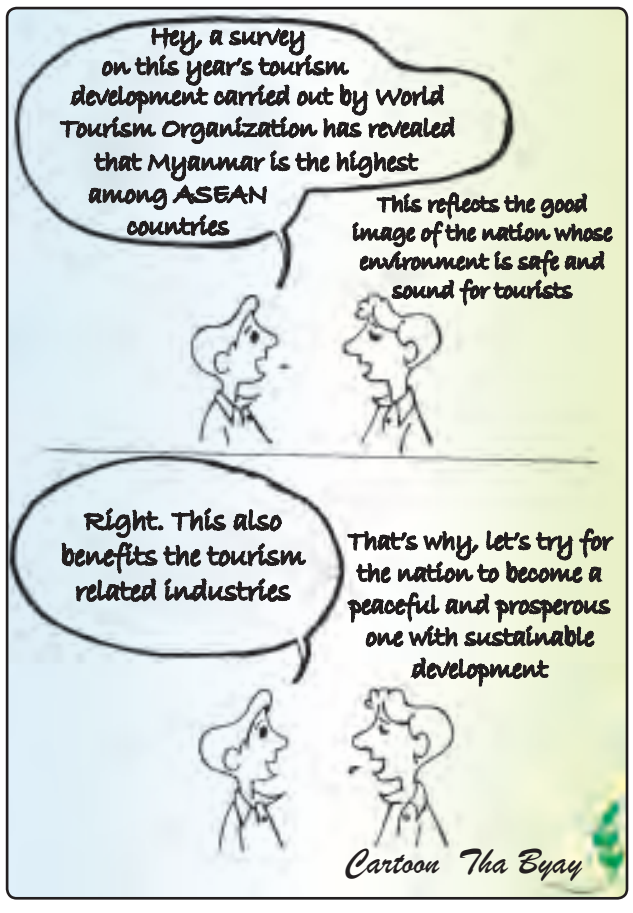

Amyotha Hluttaw approves proposal to scrutinize lands…

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Government to ask private companies that were allocated land plots under the names of various projects, but no projects were under implementation to hand over them to the government and to allow local and foreign investors who are really willing to do businesses on it.

The Hluttaw approved the proposal.

Regarding the proposal, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No (1) expressed his view that it was not good for farmers whose farmlands were confiscated if the projects were not implemented yet. Land ownerships were to be subjected to scrutiny again, he added.

Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye of Kayin State Constituency No (6) said that the proposal aimed at returning unused farmlands to original owners. If confiscated farmlands were not translated into a project, local people would suffer a loss.— *MNA*

***Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun replies to queries.*—MNA**

U Paul Htan Htai of Chin State Constituency No 3 raises question.
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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets MWEA's chairperson

***Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo with delegation of MWEA.*—MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 July— Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Daw Wah Wah Tun, Chairperson of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association, at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Htay Oo, U Maung Maung Thein and U Maung Maung Swe, committee member Daw Le Le Win Swe and officials of the Hluttaw Office.—*MNA*

Law Making Seminar kicks off

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 July— Jointly organized by Hluttaw Capacity Enhancement Supervisory Committee and UNDP, Law Making Seminar took place at Hluttaw Office No. 20, here, this morning.

It was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Hluttaw Capacity Enhancement Supervisory Committee Leader Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Peace and Stability Committee Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, the Hluttaw Committee Chairmen and secretaries, Senior Programme Manager Ms. Oksana Remiga of UNDP and members and Hluttaw representatives.—*MNA*

Myanmar, AusAID hold First High Level Consultations

***First High Level Consultations (HLCs) between Myanmar and AusAID in progress.*—MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 July—First High Level Consultations (HLCs) between Myanmar and Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) was held at Aureum Palace Hotel, here, this afternoon, attended by Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Khin San Yi, senior officers from line ministries and Deputy Director-General Mr. James Batley and officials of AusAID.

At the consultations, the Union minister and deputy minister discussed matters on further cooperation between Myanmar and development partnerships, closer cooperation between sectoral working group and AusAID for systematic use of the aids, AusAID's provisions in health, education, career development, public finance management, Union Election Commission, census taking process, sending of technicians for mining industry and technical cooperation, sending of experts for ASEAN Economic Community, Australia's help in humanitarian, democracy transition and developmental cooperation.

Moreover, both sides discussed matters relating to three years economic cooperation from 2013-14 to 2015-16 between Myanmar and Australia.

It was attended by UEC Member U Win Ko, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay, senior officers from the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Finance, Union Civil Services Board and the in-charge and officials from AusAID.—*MNA*

Speaker of the House of Commons of UK arrives in Yangon

***Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK Mr. John Bercow being welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and party.*—MNA**

Yangon, 29 July—At the invitation of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, a British delegation led by Mr. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK, arrived in Yangon by air this morning.

The Speaker of the House of Commons of the UK and party were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung, Deputy Head of Mission at British Embassy in Myanmar Mr. Matthew James Hedges and officials from Hluttaw Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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LOCAL NEWS

CRIME

Ownerless sawn timber seized at forest reserve in Kani Township

KANI, 29 July—Kani Township Forest Department of Monywa District in Sagaing Region is striving for eliminating the illegal timber extraction and prevention against seizures of endangered wildlife in the forest reserve area of the township.

On 21 July, Staff Officer U Kyaw Thu and staff members of the township Forest Department seized 11.1019 tons of teak, tamalan, gim-kino and other hardwood sawn timber near Nyaungpinle Village while discharging duties in Alaungdaw Kathapa national sanctuary.

In 2013-2014 fiscal year, the staff of Kani Township Forest Department seized 215.4371 tons of illegal timber.

Kyemon-Kani Township IPRD

People, police join hands in arresting gold necklace snatcher in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 29 July—Hlinethaya Township Police Force is placing emphasis on security, tranquillity and rule of law for the local people in the township in Yangon North District of Yangon Region.

Under the supervision of Township Police Force Commander Police Major Than Myint Oo and head of Thaunggyi area police outpost IP Chit Ko Ko, the policemen were on patrol in Ward 9.

On 25 July evening, Ma Than Shwe Yi, daughter of U Po Aung of 197/A on Hlaingbwe Street in Ward 9 of Hlinethaya and her sister Ma Lwin Lwin Khaing returned home on foot from Meekhwet Market at 7 pm.

On arrival on Hlinethiri Street, a man followed them and snatched a gold necklace weighing about one tical from the nack of Ma Than Shwe Yi and one more gold nacklace weighing about 0.5 tical from Ma Lwin Lwin Khaing and run away.

The two women sought help from the people who caught up the snatcher. Near the roadside shops on Sao Sam Tun Road, the policemen on the patrol arrested the snatcher, namely Ye Naing, 25 from Kyeinchaung Village in Bogale Township of Ayeyawady Region along with gold chains.

A file of lawsuit was opened against the snatcher at Thaunggyi police station under the law.

Kyemon-Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

How to put obese Mohnyin woman on train carriage

MOHNYIN, 29 July—A 35-year-old woman, Ma Khin Chein, who lives in Ywathitkon village in Mohnyin Township is facing obesity-related health problems as she now weighs more than 350 pounds.

It was learnt that she started gaining weight shortly after she stopped taking fat-burning pills she took for many years.

Although the overweight woman was provided with a rail ticket and cash assistance to receive health treatment in Mandalay, getting on the train was hard for her. So, she has drawn attention of all how railway staff and members of social organizations helped to put her on the carriage at Mohnyin railway station on 25 July.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Flood prevention carried out in Thegon

PYAY, 29 July—Staff Officer U Ohn Myint and staff from Township Irrigation Department have been engaged in the dredging of Inngon creek, Meeloung creek, Mwedwintu dam and Thegongyi creek and maintenance works of Thebyu creek, Pyidawtha creek and Kinnet creek in order to prevent inundation in Thegon Township of Pyay District in Bago Region that were completed on 7 July.

On behalf of the local farmers and the region Hluttaw representatives, the village administrator sent thank-you letters to the Township Irrigation Department.

Kyemon-497

Laterite road repaired on self-reliant basis

TAUNGDWINGYI, 29 July—The laterite road linking Thaphangon Village of Tayokkaw Village-tract in Taungdwingyi Township and Taungdwingyi-Magway Road of Magway Region had been repaired on a self-reliant basis of local people.

They participated in repairing the damaged road from 22 to 25 July.

The local people contributed K 700,000 and Region Hluttaw representative U Kyi Thein K 740,000 to repairing the1500 feet long and 18 feet wide road, said Chairman of the road repairing committee U Maung Kyi.

Thanks to the replacing the road with laterite, the local people are enjoying fruits of social, economic, health and education sectors better than that of the past, said local farmer U Tun Kyi.

Kyemon-580

School health activity performed in Kyaikmaraw Township

KYAIKMARAW, 29 July—Staff of School Health Team of Kyaikmaraw Township Health Department made field trips to the grassroots level on 27 July.

The staff performed medical checkups to the students at Basic Education Primary School and gave talks on health knowledge in Kyonmanin Village of Kyaikmaraw Township in Mon State.

The headmistress of Kyonmanin BEPS said, "It needs to take health care services for the students as there are many rainfalls in the region.

The rural people have lack of health knowledge. I thank so much the health staff for their activities of health care services to the students."

The health staff gave health care to 96 students from the primary school.

In the morning, they also performed medical checkups to students of Basic Education Middle School in Kyonwan Village.

Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

Complaints for bribery and corruption

Complaints about bribery and corruption can be addressed to the Anti-Corruption Committee, the President Office at Office No. 18, Nay Pyi Taw, by anyone with his/her name, CSC No., address and firm evidence.

Action will be taken against those who got involved in bribery and corruption in accordance with the law after a thorough investigation.

Sites chosen for construction of district and township courts inspected

MYITKYINA, 29 July—Chief Justice of Kachin State High Court U Tu Ja accompanied by Head of Kachin State Law Office Daw Aye Aye Mon and staff inspected the sites chosen for construction of Bhamo District Court and Township Court and met members of the court construction committee in Bhamo on 21 July.

While in Bhamo, the Chief Justice of the state met judges, law officers and staff of Bhamo District and have instructions on judicial affairs.

On 22 July, the Chief Justice of the state and party met U Sein Maung Toe (a) U Kalr who donated land plot for the Shwegu Township Court in Shwegu.

The Chief Justice of the state accepted the documents related to the land plot and inspected the site for the building. He also met the township judge and staff and left necessary instructions.—*Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)*

REGIONAL

Japan's vice foreign minister to visit China to ease tensions

TOKYO, 29 July—Japanese Vice Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki will visit China for two days from Monday for talks aimed at easing tensions between the two countries over a territorial row, according to sources close to bilateral relations.

While his nominal purpose is to pay courtesy calls on senior Chinese officials as Japan's new vice foreign minister, Saiki hopes to confirm the need that both sides will calmly address the row over the Japanese-controlled Senkakus Islands, claimed as Diaoyu by China, in the East China Sea.

China is reluctant to hold summit talks with Japan, which put the uninhabited islands under state control last September despite fierce criticism from Beijing.

Kyodo News

Bangladesh struggles to check garment factories are safe

DHAKA, 29 July — In the weeks since the Rana Plaza collapse killed more than 1,100 workers, at least five different Bangladesh agencies have sent teams to begin inspecting the estimated 5,600 factories that make up the nation's $20 billion garment industry. But there's little coordination between the agencies, and senior government officials are unable to say just how many factories have been checked.

Estimates vary from just 60 to 340. While US and European retailers which buy the bulk of Bangladesh-made clothing had hoped to complete factory inspections within 9-12 months, inspectors and government officials say this will take at least 5 years.

Bangladesh has fewer than 200 qualified inspectors. The disconnect among the various agencies conducting what are often cursory visual assessments — Bangladesh has nowhere near enough technical equipment for sophisticated inspections — means some garment factories have been visited several times, while others have had no checks at all. "It's a big nuisance for us, and while we're being put through this, nobody's checking all the other factories in the vicinity that haven't had a single inspection," said Emdadul Islam, a director of Babylon Garments, which supplies Wal-Mart Stores Inc, Tesco Plc and Hennes & Mauritz AB's H&M stores.

"Our managers are focusing on entertaining inspectors instead of their work because none of these teams are speaking to each other." Babylon has passed six safety inspections this year. Islam showed *Reuters* certificates from Bureau Veritas, the firm Wal-Mart has hired to inspect suppliers, and Sedex Members Ethical Trade Audit (SMETA), which inspects Tesco factories. — *Reuters*

Workers sort clothes at a garment factory near the collapsed Rana Plaza building in Savar, Bangladesh on 16 June, 2013. — REUTERS

Illegal spying row spreads to New Zealand military after journalists targeted as "threat"

WELLINGTON, 29 July — Defence Minister Jonathan Coleman on Monday ordered the New Zealand military to review its defence orders after it was revealed that the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) regarded the country's investigative journalists as a subversion "threat". Coleman also responded to a report that the NZDF was spying on a New Zealand investigative journalist in Afghanistan, saying he would be "most concerned" if it had happened.

However, the move seemed unlikely to quell growing public concern over activities of the Government Communications Security Bureau (GCSB), the country's foreign spying agency, and government proposals to expand its surveillance powers over New Zealanders.

The report in the *Sunday Star-Times* alleged that the NZDF had obtained copies of journalist Jon Stephenson's phone metadata in Afghanistan after he had written unfavorably about the treatment of Afghan prisoners by New Zealand forces.

"I have seen no evidence to support these claims at this point. However, the Defence Force is carrying out extensive record checks to see if there is any evidence that this occurred," Coleman said in a statement.

Coleman said the order that listed investigative journalists as subversion threats alongside hostile intelligence services and members of subversive organizations was issued back in 2003. "My view is that the reference to investigative journalists should be removed from this order. It is inappropriate and heavy handed," he said.

"I have asked the Defence Force to review these particular orders to ensure they are fit for purpose. A review is timely given that these orders are now a decade old."

Prime Minister John Key, who is also Minister Responsible for the GCSB, has denied the GCSB was involved in spying on Stephenson at the request of the NZDF. However, the opposition Green Party said on Monday that Key still had questions to answer as to whether the NZDF had possibly obtained access to Stephenson's phone records from the US National Security Agency through the Prism intelligence network.

Xinhua

Residents are trapped in a flooded house in Genhe City, Hulun Buir, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 28 July, 2013. Rainstorm-triggered flood hit the city on Sunday. **XINHUA**

Japanese wrestler-turned lawmaker meets N Korea's No 2 leader

PYONGYANG, 29 July— Japanese wrestler-turned-lawmaker Antonio Inoki paid a courtesy call on Sunday on North Korea's No 2 leader Kim Yong Nam, according to North Korea's *Korean Central News Agency*.

It was not immediately clear what exchanges Inoki, a former Japanese professional wrestling star who was elected to the House of Councillors on 21 July , and the president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly of North Korea had.

Inoki has visited North Korea more than 20 times and his latest trip was to attend a series of events on Saturday to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice in 1953.

In announcing his candidacy for the upper house election, Inoki stressed his readiness to play an active role in resolving the issue of North Korea's past abduction of Japanese nationals, given his long experience with and connections in North Korea.

Japan and North Korea have no diplomatic ties.

Kyodo News

NPO to set up lab to study 2011 disaster's environmental impact

SENDAI, 29 July— A nonprofit organization known for planting trees to protect the marine environment in Miyagi Prefecture will build a laboratory to study the impact of the 2011 earthquake-tsunami disaster on local habitats from next year, according to members. Mori wa Umi no Koibito, based in Kesennuma, one of the hardest-hit Pacific coastal areas, has so far sent seawater and other samples to universities for analysis but is now poised to set up a facility where researchers who bring research equipment with them can do simple analysis on site.

With construction slated to start in August and full-fledged research next spring, the lab is expected to help revive local industry by leading to the farming of new, high-value oysters and development of artificial oyster farming techniques, said Makoto Hatakeyama, vice president of the group, which is headed by his father.

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(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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Kansai Paint acquires major Zimbabwe paint maker

OSAKA, 29 July — Kansai Paint Co said on Monday it has acquired major Zimbabwe paint maker Astra Industries Ltd, aiming to harness the growth potential of the African market by attracting demand in Zimbabwe and neighbouring countries in southern Africa.

South Africa-based subsidiary Kansai Plascon Africa Ltd. bought 50.5 percent of Astra Industries' shares for around $4.39 million (430 million yen).

Astra Industries makes paint products for domestic and commercial construction at its two factories in Zimbabwe, where it commands the top market share.

Kyodo News

Accident claims one in Czech historical motorcycle race

PRAGUE, 28 July — One contestant died and another suffered serious injuries when a motorcycle with a sidecar overturned during a race in Nepomuk, Czech Republic on Sunday, said police spokeswoman Dana Landmanova.

She said that one person died on the spot and the other was rushed to hospital with injuries. The motorcycle race is the 32nd Nepomuk Triangle event with a 2600-metre long annual contest of historical race motorcycles. The sidecars category that started in the afternoon was the contest's last race.—*Xinhua*

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***Sonam Kapoor performed to the tunes of a sexy cabaret number.*—PTI**

Sonam Kapoor breaks into sensuous jig at fashion show

NEW DELHI, 29 July — Vivacious actress Sonam Kapoor was at her sensuous and playful best as she walked the ramp for fashion designer Rohit Bal at the India Bridal Fashion Week here.

She broke into a jig on Friday to the "sexy" cabaret number Aa jaane jaan from the 1969 Hindi film Inteqam playing in the background. With spellbinding ambience — large pink and white lotus props laid across and above the ramp, all lit-up; evergreen Bollywood tunes; regal wardrobe; and a showstopper who did complete justice to the mood and theme, it was a visual delight.

The heart-warming Lag jaa gale (Woh Kaun Thi, 1964) set the pace for the show, and then the audience couldn't stop humming and swaying to melodies like Yeh hai reshmi zulfon ka andhera (Mere Sanam, 1965), Baahon mein chale aao (Anamika, 1973) and Aaiye meherbaan (Howrah Bridge, 1958), moving on to more contemporary Kehna hi kya (Bombay, 1995) and an instrumental version of Roja jaaneman (Roja, 1992), only to return to Aa jaane jaan.

"It felt great because these songs are from the 1950s and 1960s, the golden period of Indian cinema...I have always wanted to act to that kind of music, so it's enough for me to walk to it, and listen to it and be a part of it in some creative way," Sonam told reporters post the show.

In a cream-coloured lehenga choli with understated gold embroidery and kundan jewellery, she, however, hardly made a coy bride, blowing kisses and laughing out in her carefree demeanour.

The jhoomar on the side of her head and other ornaments caught many eyeballs.

Bal's Mulmul collection saw an interesting melange of the pristine simplicity of muslin and grandeur of velvet, with different forms of embroidery and surface ornamentation.

The veteran designer used antique Kashmiri embroidery on muslin to tie-and-dye techniques on fabrics like chanderi and voiles. Rich jewel tones like royal blue and regal red combined with ivory muslin gave the ensemble a unique grandeur. Victorian collars, structured corsets, gowns, achkans, bandhgalas, angarkhas and saris dominated the collection. It was replete with myriad options for both men and women.

PTI

SPORTS

US beat Panama to win CONCACAF Gold Cup

CHICAGO, 29 July— The United States capped off a dominant tournament performance with a hard-earned 1-0 victory over Panama on Sunday to capture the CONCACAF Gold Cup championship.

Brek Shea broke through with a goal in the 69th minute and the US won their first Gold Cup title since 2007, erasing a pair of title match defeats to Mexico in their previous two final appearances.

The triumph was the 11th consecutive overall for the Americans, and came without manager Juergen Klinsmann who was serving a one-game suspension after being ejected in the semi-finals.

The US entered the final having defeated their tournament opponents by a combined 19-4, but Panama provided no easy path to the trophy and kept the pro-American crowd antsy early at Soldier Field in Chicago.

After eliminating Mexico in the semi-finals, the Panamanians arrived in the title game eager to avenge their loss to the Americans in the 2005 Gold Cup final.

Despite ceding much of the possessions to the home team, Panama were able to neutralize the US for the majority of the match even without injured defender Felipe Baloy.

That all changed in the 69th minute, when the active Landon Donovan set up the game-winner for Shea.

It was a most rewarding tournament for Donovan, who took a four-month sabbatical around the start of the year but has played himself back into form and the good graces of Klinsmann.

Donovan finished the Gold Cup with five goals to tie team mate Chris Wondolowski and Panama's Gabriel Torres for the tournament lead.

Reuters

Team US celebrates their win over Panama in the CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer final in Chicago, Illinois, on 28 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Bastian Schweinsteiger named journalists' player of the year

BERLIN, 29 July—Bayern Munich midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger pipped teammates Franck Ribery and Thomas Mueller to the journalists' player of the year award, Kicker magazine announced on Sunday.

Schweinsteiger picked up 92 out of 527 votes with Ribery on 87 and Mueller on 85.

"I'm a little suprised to be fair. There were times when certain articles were mostly critical of me," he told Kicker.

Treble winners Bayern provided nine of the top 15 players in the award with Bundesliga runners-up Borussia Dortmund filling five of the remaining berths.

Only Bayern Leverkusen centre-forward Stefan Kiessling, who was the league's top scorer last season with 25 goals, managed to break up the top two's hegemony.

Bastian Schweinsteiger

Now-retired Jupp Heynckes, who led Bayern to the Champions League, Bundesliga and German Cup last season, was a runaway winner in the coach's award.—*PTI*

Cibulkova takes revenge on Radwanska to win Stanford title

STANFORD, (California), 29 July— Dominika Cibulkova avenged an embarrassing defeat to Agnieszka Radwanska by overhauling the top-seeded Pole 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 to win the Bank of the West Classic on Sunday.

Earlier this year in the Sydney final, Radwanska handed the Slovakian a humiliating 6-0 6-0 loss which Cibulkova said affected her for weeks.

But in Sunday's final, the 24-year-old Cibulkova immediately shook off her nerves by winning the first game and fought tooth and nail to seal the win in two-and-a-half hours.

"The difference between Sydney and today was I made the first game and after that I looked at my coach and said 'Here we go, I am here and it's going to be good today,'" the Slovakian said.

"It was big deal for me because I never beat Aga before and she's a really tough competitor and I had to earn every point. It was really tough physically and mentally. That's why I am so happy that I won."

World number four Radwanska entered the final with a 4-0 record against Cibulkova, and appeared to be in control after winning the first set with creative and steady play.

Cibulkova then settled down, breaking Radwanska to lead 4-3 and holding on to win the second set when her opponent missed a return.

The Slovakian wobbled in the decider, with a double-fault conceding a break and allowing Radwanska to take a 4-2 lead, but she broke back immediately and closed out the contest with a searing backhand crosscourt winner.

She fell to her back in joy and her father Milan jumped on to the court to embrace her.

Cibulkova has flirted with the top 10, reaching a career-high 12 back in 2009, but has struggled to break through to the next level.

She has failed to make an impression at the grand slams this year, but will head into the fourth and final slam, the US Open, with renewed belief.

"I believe I can reach the top 10, but every time I get close I feel so much pressure and I feel these expectations, which is sometimes too much," said Cibulkova, whose win will push her to 21st in the world rankings.

"Maybe (I'll make it) when I get enough experience, and it could be this year, or next year." Radwanska, who was coming off a disappointing defeat in the Wimbledon semi-finals to Sabine Lisicki, was disappointed with her performance.—*Reuters*

Dominika Cibulkova

Isner edges Anderson in Atlanta Open final

ATLANTA, 29 July— American John Isner saved two match points before beating South Africa's Kevin Anderson 6-7(3), 7-6(2), 7-6(2) in the final of the Atlanta Open on Sunday to claim his seventh ATP career title.

The towering Isner, who stands six-foot-10 (2.08m), fired down 24 aces in a match dominated by big serving from two of the tallest players in tennis.

Neither player was able to break their opponent's serve in the slugfest, which lasted almost three hours, with each set decided by tiebreakers. Anderson, a 6-foot-8 (2.03m) right hander from Johannesburg chasing a third career title, won the first tiebreaker and had 11 chances to break Isner's serve but failed to convert any of them. He only faced one service break on his own serve and had two match points in the third set but was unable to seize either chance.

Reuters

Snedeker closing in on Canadian crown

OAKVILLE, (Ontario), 29 July—American Brandt Snedeker was closing in on his second PGA Tour win of the season, taking a two shot lead midway through the final round of the Canadian Open on Sunday.

After a week of near ideal conditions that produced record equaling scores, the Glen Abbey Golf Club showed its teeth as gusty winds whipped across the Jack Nicklaus designed layout.

Snedeker, who began the day with a wafer-thin one shot advantage over Sweden's David Lingmerth, turned in a steady but unspectacular front nine that included two birdies and a bogey at the par four six that was his first in 26 holes.

Reuters

Brandt Snedeker of the US celebrates his birdie on the seventh green during the final round at the Canadian Open golf tournament at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, on 28 July, 2013.—REUTERS

GENERAL

People gather at an explosion site in Benghazi, Libya, on 28 July , 2013. Two courthouses in Libya's eastern city of Benghazi were hit by explosions on Sunday night, leaving 13 people injured and causing property damage, security sources told Xinhua.—XINHUA

Five people killed in Pennsylvania helicopter crash

NEW YORK, 29 July — Five people including a child were killed on Saturday when a helicopter crashed in a heavily wooded area of northeastern Pennsylvania, officials said on Sunday.

The wreckage of a Robinson 66 helicopter was found in a rugged area in Noxen, about 21 miles west of Scranton, Pennsylvania, on Sunday afternoon, according to the Federal Aviation Administration.

The dead include three men, one woman and one male child, according to Wyoming County coroner Thomas Kukuchka. He said they are believed to be a father and his son, a father and his daughter, and the pilot. He could not release their identities.

A state police spokesman confirmed multiple fatalities but could not provide any more information.

The helicopter was en route to the Jake Arner Memorial Airport in Lehighton, Pennsylvania, on Saturday night, according to the FAA.

The helicopter was coming from the an airport in Binghamton, New York, the FAA said, but a representative for that airport said the aircraft originated in the Tri-Cities Airport in Endicott, New York.

An alert notice was issued after the aircraft lost radar and communication contact Saturday night, according to the FAA. The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the accident.

Reuters

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5.4 magnitude aftershock rattles New Zealand capital

WELLINGTON, 29 July — A 5.4 magnitude aftershock rattled New Zealand capital of Wellington overnight, following a 6. 5 magnitude earthquake on 21 July.

The earthquake, which the New Zealand government geological agency GNS Science classified as severe intensity, hit 20 km east of upper South Island town of Seddon at a depth of 12 km at about 1:07 am local time on Monday (13:07 GMT Sunday).

It's one of the largest aftershocks to hit the region since a 6. 5 magnitude earthquake hit the Cook Strait last Sunday, damaging about 30 Wellington buildings.

About 25 people reported minor injuries following the 6.5 magnitude tremor.

Earthquake Commission (EQC) has received more than 2,000 claims since last Sunday, with 75 percent coming from the North Island and 25 percent from the South Island.

Xinhua

Bobby Charlton expects Wayne Rooney to stay at Manchester United

Wayne Rooney

HONG KONG, 29 July — Manchester United legend Bobby Charlton expects striker Wayne Rooney to stay at the club and hopes he will go on to beat his goal-scoring record.

Rooney's future at Old Trafford has been in doubt since the end of last season when now-retired manager Alex Ferguson said the England forward had asked for a transfer.

Rooney denies that but is said to be "angry and confused" and has been the subject of a big-money bid from Chelsea. United say they do not want to sell the 27-year-old.

Charlton, now a United director, told *Sky Sports* in Hong Kong, where the club are on tour: "Wayne Rooney is a Manchester United player and I think that he will continue to be a Manchester United player.

"I don't like losing really, really good players and he is a really great player.

"I was hoping one day that he might score as many goals as I had and that would have been really nice if it was at our club — and I'm still thinking that way."

Injury has kept Rooney out of United's pre-season tour of Asia and Australia, but United manager David Moyes on Sunday said the forward was on track to return for a friendly in Sweden on 6 August.

Rooney's tally of 197 goals is 52 short of Charlton's club record.—*PTI*

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Shwe natural gas project starts delivering natural gas through Myanmar-China gas pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— A ceremony to mark the start of delivering natural gas of Shwe Offshore Natural Gas Project at OGT in Kyaukpyu of Rakhine State was held at Inya Lake Hotel in Mayangon Township in Yangon yesterday morning, attended by Vice-President U Nyan Tun accompanied by Union Ministers U Khin Maung Soe, U Zeyar Aung and U Than Htay, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Also present at the ceremony were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and region ministers, Vice-Minister Mr. Zhang Yunqing of National Energy Bureau of the People's Republic of China, Deputy Minister for Trade, Industry and Energy Mr. Jin Hyun Han of the Republic of Korea, the Presidents, CEOs and responsible persons of Daewoo, ONGC, GAIL, KOGAS, POSCO and SEAGP companies.

First, Vice-President U Nyan Tun extended greetings. The ROK deputy minister and an official of POSCO spoke words of praise. Next, the commemorative ceremony followed.

In the afternoon, the Vice-President and party went to Mandalay where they attended the ceremony to complete the installation of Myanmar-China natural gas pipeline at control station in Amarapura Township.

It was also attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Nyo Saw and region ministers, the Chinese vice-minister and ROK deputy minister and Presidents, CEOs and responsible persons of Daewoo, ONGC, GAIL, KOGAS, POSCO and SEAGP.

First, the Vice-President extended greetings. Next, the Chinese vice-minister and ROK deputy minister spoke words of praise and CNPC Chairman announced the pipeline was put into service.

Afterwards, the Vice-President together with the Union ministers and officials of the companies pressed the button to start flowing natural gas.

After the ceremony, the Vice-President and party viewed round the Corporate Culture Showroom and planted commemorative trees in front of the control station.

The recently-inaugurated Myanmar-China natural gas pipeline is 793 km and 40 inches in diameter in which 1200 million cubic feet of natural gas will be transported daily. It can withstand 1450 pounds of pressure.

The project of international level is a joint-venture consisting of six companies from four countries. Now, the pipeline started flowing 100 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. Upon completion, 400 million cubic feet of natural gas will be delivered to China while 100 million cubic feet of natural gas for local use. It is planned to transport 20 million cubic feet of natural gas to Kyaukpyu, 23 million cubic feet to Yenangyoung and 57 million cubic feet to Taungtha. The project not only can thereby fulfill the natural gas demand of the country but also contribute to industrial sector development.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun and guests pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Myanmar Engineering Council Bill put forward to Pyithu Hluttaw

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— The 15th-day Pyithu Hluttaw seventh regular session continued today.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint responded to the question raised by Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency that the ministry allowed BOT developers to extend their construction period which was set for three years if acceptable reasons for extension of the period arose; that the ministry would help the BOT developers get loans with low interest or interest-free loans in accord with rules and regulations; that the operating period that ranges from 25 to 30 years was set for the developers in order not to burden the people; and that they were allowed to give back their toll road/bridge businesses to the government if their reports were reasonable.

Thura U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency asking questions.

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Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replies to question.

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Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint responds to the question.

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Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied to the question raised by Daw Sandar Min of Zabuthiri Constituency that all inmates in respective jails are entitled to enjoy Section 401 (1) of the criminal code of procedure and the promulgation of the section was aimed at enabling law violators to serve the their own interest and interest of the State and the people after serving their prison terms to a certain extent.

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Planning and Financial Development Committee submitted a proposal to discuss the Myanmar Engineering Council Bill.

The Bill is intended to verify skills of Myanmar engineers and technicians in order to set a standard so that they will be able to compete with others. It can thereby contribute to betterment of engineering works in Myanmar, more employment of engineers and technicians and ensuring sustainable incomes for them. Moreover, the bill could pave the way for various engineering works to be carried out in accord with international standards if it was approved. — *MNA*

Amyotha Hluttaw approves proposal to scrutinize lands where no projects implemented

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Today's Amyotha Hluttaw was held under 10 agendas.

Union Minister U Win Tun responded to the question raised by U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No (12) that no loss and wastage at timber depots as stats and facts of timber logs were systematically documented; and that punitive actions were being taken against forest officers who allowed to cut down and companies concerned if illegal timber extraction occurred.

Next, he answered the question of U Paul Htan Htai of Chin State Constituency No (3) that forest staffs in cooperation with local authorities were developing public awareness that hunting and collecting of natural plant in Bwai Pa Taung region are illegal. Designation of Bwai Pa Taung region as National Park would be carried out after conducting surveys and listening to the voices of local people.

Then, Union Minister U Soe Maung submitted a proposal to discuss the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Bill at Amyotha Hluttaw that approved the proposal.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than discussed U Hla Swe's proposal urging the Union

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Union Minister U Soe Maung submits a proposal.

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U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No (12).

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