

Myanmar would make full cooperation with EU: President

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—President U Thein Sein received head of the European Union delegation Ambassador Mr David Lipman, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

President U Thein Sein expressed thanks for the latter's efforts for easing of EU's economic sanctions against Myanmar, International Labour Organization (ILO)'s relaxations, reinstatement of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and opening of EU's office in Myanmar. He called for EU countries' investments in Myanmar. He pledged that Myanmar would make full cooperation with the EU.

The Ambassador said that since the reforms are introduced, EU has been supporting Myanmar with its experience in transitional processes. Recently, EU could have laid down comprehensive approach and constructive



President U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo together with head of the European Union delegation Ambassador Mr David Lipman and party.—MNA

framework for Myanmar's reforms which are aimed at supporting peace-making processes, helping

Myanmar ensure the flourishing of democracy, providing trade and development assistance

and helping Myanmar forge engagements with international communities, he added.

He continued that an EU delegation comprising the task group leaders and eminent entrepreneurs,

which is led by Mrs Catherine Ashton from EU will visit Myanmar in coming November.

Both sides held discussions on peace-making processes with national race armed groups, efforts for ceasefires and eternal peace, rural poverty alleviation tasks, rehabilitation of victims in Rakhine State, local and regional affairs, addressing exaggeration of local issue as regional and international one and cooperation between the Union Election Commission (UEC) and EU experts for successful holding of the 2015 Elections.

After that, the Ambassador presented the notification letter on the reinstatement of GSP scheme to the President.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Kyi, U Soe Thane and U Win Shein and departmental heads.—MNA

Industrialist Mamnoon Hussain elected as Pakistan President



ISLAMABAD, 30 July—Mamnoon Hussain, the candidate of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (N), was elected Tuesday as the country's next president.

According to partial results released by the Election Commission, Hussain secured 53 percent of the total votes in the National Assembly, the Senate and four provincial assemblies, winning 376 electoral votes out of a total of 706 votes.

Hussain, 72, will take the oath of office after the five-year term of outgoing President Asif Ali Zardari of the Pakistan Peoples Party ends Sept. 9.

Hussain is an industrialist and immigrant from India who hails from Agra, home of the Taj Mahal. He is a former head of the Karachi Chamber of Commerce and Industry and did a brief stint as governor of Sindh province in 1999.

A personal choice of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, Hussain won against retired Justice Wajihuddin Ahmad, the candidate fielded by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party of Imran Khan.

His candidacy was supported by the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, representing Urdu-speaking Muslims who migrated to Pakistan after the partition of India in 1947, despite a decade-long rivalry between the two political parties. Three opposition parties — the PPP, the Pakistan

Muslim League (Q) and the Awami National Party — boycotted the election to protest against the Supreme Court's decision to advance the election date from Aug. 8 to July 30, which cut short the campaign period.

The date was moved up by a week on the intervention of the PML-N, which argued that some parliamentarians would otherwise be in Saudi Arabia on pilgrimages.

Hussain is first immigrant-cum-civilian

to rise to the highest office in Pakistan.

Although Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq and Pervez Musharraf were also immigrants from India who became president, they were both catapulted into the presidency through military coups rather than milling through the political process.

In 2010, the office of the president was stripped of its constitutional power to unilaterally dissolve the government.—Kyodo

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (30-7-2013)

Gwa	10.04 inches
Kawkareik	9.61 inches
Chaungzon	7.44 inches
Hpa-an (Agro)	7.24 inches
Mudon	6.73 inches
Paung	6.46 inches
Hpa-an	6.37 inches
Manaung	6.10 inches
Thaton	5.59 inches
Pathein	5.55 inches
Pyapon	5.12 inches

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National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries under conservation and protection



NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — Rangers of Forest Department under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry are taking care of the conservation and protection of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, maintaining a continuous patrol of the areas.

In June, rangers of Alaungdaw Kathapa National Park in Sagaing Region documented the rare species of monkey, deer, tortoise and snakes in the park. Moreover,

they intercepted illegal transport of 14 logs of teak (3.633 tons) and 1.391 tons of teak sawnwood, arrested 21 suspects and seized 24 head of cattle while they were on patrol. Rangers of Pannlaung and Pyadalinn Wildlife Sanctuary in Shan State revised the boundaries while patrolling there and gave talks on endangered species of wildlife under protection and environmental conservation and wildlife protection law to local people at Nwarkangyi village in Ywangan Township.

Groups of guards of Shweseetaw Wildlife Sanctuary, Inndawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, Minnsontaung Wildlife Sanctuary, Natmataung National Park in Chin State and Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary prevent encroachers from entering the sanctuary, taking away the deer-traps, taking actions against poachers, raising public awareness of environmental conservation, making patrols and conducting educative talks. — MNA

CRIME

Lashio Anti-narcotic Squad (Special) seizes stimulant tablets in Nawnghkio

NAWNGHKIO, 30 July — During an anti-narcotic operation, interrupting vehicles to conduct a search for drugs at mile post No (78/5) at the entrance to

Nawnghkio Township at about 2.30 am on 25 July, Lashio Anti-narcotic squad (Special) confiscated 23 packets with 200 stimulant tablets each hidden in a pair

of high-heeled sandals worn by Daw Na Mahar on board a vehicle of Winner bus service.

According to the investigation, the suspect carried the stimulant tablets to sell them in Phakant in Kachin State. Nawnghkio police station charged Daw Na Mahar, 50, of Panhsaing sub-township in Muse over possession of narcotic drugs. — Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)



Photo shows a weather-beaten Myakaing Bridge which is under possible danger of collapse in Myakaing village in Kyauktan Township of Yangon South District.

KYEMON-AUNG SWE-SHWE TADA

Yangon United FC: Champions of MNL Football Tournament for third consecutive years

MONYWA, 30 July — MNL Football Tournament 2013's Day 2 games of Match No (20) continued yesterday.

As the match between Zeyar Shwemyay FC and Nay Pyi Taw FC ended in a one-all draw, hope for champions of Zeyar Shwemyay FC was brought to an end.

Zeyar Shwemyay FC showed its brilliant performance in front of the home crowd, earning the first goal when Aung Ko Ko Win kicked the ball into an open goal 22 minutes after the game started. Although first half goal gave Zeyar Shwemyay FC an early lead, the visiting team did well to repair a bad start in the second half, with the result that the equalizing goal came

from Pyae Phyoo Oo in 85 minutes.

As Nay Pyi Taw FC held Zeyar Shwemyay FC to a one-all draw, Yangon United FC who beat Magway FC 2-1 at a home match defended its second consecutive title.

NATIONAL SPORTS

Yangon United FC achieved their third consecutive year of MNL Football Tournament champions. Hanthawady FC and Ayeyawady FC ended in a goalless draw while Rakhine FC won by one goal to nil over Manawmyay FC.

Kyemon-Shine Htet Zaw



Floodwater erodes embankment in Kani Township

KANI, 30 July — Riverbank erosion and flood happened to the riverside town, Kani Township in Monywa District in Sagaing Region, whenever the rise of water level in Chindwin River occurs in rainy season annually. The water level of Chindwin River at Kani

Township had reached its danger level, 1069 cm, at about 6.26 am on 27 July as heavy rains frequently pounded the upper areas of Sagaing Region. Retaining wall and embankment measuring 20 feet on Strand Street in Kani collapsed due to the increased flow of

NATURAL DISASTER

river water. A townselder in ward-2 said that there will be inflow of water from the river into the low-lying areas in ward-1 and ward-2 if the water level of Chindwin continues to rise.

Kyemon-Kani IPRD



Plan to build Mawlamyine golf course into modernity, five-star hotel in progress

MAWLAMYINE, 30 July — It was learnt that a Thai company made an offer to build a five-star hotel and to upgrade Mawlamyine golf course at Ngantae ward in Mawlamyine of Mon State into modernity. It is planned to attract Thai

nationals to enjoy a golfing holiday at the golf resort.

The company has spoken of a plan to operate a Mawlamyine-Bangkok chartered flight for the convenience of the customers' visit to it. As a first stage, the company had

held talks with the Mon State government on construction of the five-star hotel and upgrading of the golf course. Now, office works are in progress, reporting the plan to the Myanmar Investment Commission. If the implementation of project

TOURISM

begins to take shape, a golf course of international level and a five-star hotel will emerge in Mawlamyine, capital of Mon State, thereby contributing towards an influx of tourists into the country and job creation for local people.

Kyemon-Thaw Zet

WORLD

US mulls deploying Ospreys at Yokota Air Base in Tokyo



Photo from a Kyodo News helicopter shows an MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft being brought in to the US military's Iwakuni base in Yamaguchi Prefecture, western Japan, from a cargo ship on 30 July, 2013. The vessels carried 12 MV-Ospreys to the Iwakuni base, prior to their deployment at the US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station in Okinawa early August 2013.—KYODO NEWS

WASHINGTON, 30 July —Gen Herbert Carlisle, commander of the US Pacific Air Forces, indicated on Monday the Yokota Air Base in Tokyo is a

possible host of the CV-22 Osprey transport aircraft besides the Kadena base in Okinawa Prefecture. Speaking to a group of reporters in Washington,

Carlisle said discussions on the deployment are under way with the Japanese government and the final decision would be made probably by early next year with the deployment possibly taking place in 2015.

If realized, this will be the first stationing of the Osprey in mainland Japan. The CV-22 is an Air Force variant of the US Marine Corps MV-22 aircraft.

A fleet of MV-22 has been deployed at the Marines' Futenma air station in Okinawa since last year, despite local residents' opposition because of the plane's history of accidents.

Carlisle said that "there's some issues with Kadena and Okinawa" and cited the recent national election in Japan in which

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling party scored a decisive victory and Abe's "approach to things." Carlisle said that "we work with the government of Japan of what's the smartest way to do that." "There's a potential of moving into Yokota" and Yokota and Kadena are "the two prime candidates," the commander said.

The CV-22 is used by the Air Force for special operation missions. While it shares basic features with MV-22, the CV-22 is said to be used often in tougher conditions such as low-altitude flights.

In June last year, crew members were injured in a crash of a CV-22 in Florida. Okinawa Prefecture has expressed its stance that it cannot accommodate the aircraft.—Kyodo News



National Police Elements participate in the military parade to mark the 192nd Anniversary of Peru's Independence in Lima, Peru, on 29 July, 2013.

XINHUA

First round of new Mideast peace talks starts in Washington

WASHINGTON, 30 July —The first peace talks between Israel and Palestine since direct negotiations stalled in the autumn of 2010 began on Monday in Washington. The talks between Israeli Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and Palestinian chief negotiator Saeb Erekat, with US Secretary of State John Kerry as an intermediary, are aimed at negotiating the establishment of a Palestinian state and the peaceful co-existence of both countries.

There are, however, many obstacles to the negotiations, including the drawing of borders and the repatriation of Palestinian refugees to Israel. According to the US Department of State, the agenda of the current round of talks across Monday and Tuesday is to decide how and where future negotiations

will be held. Livni, Erekat and Kerry met over dinner on Monday evening, and on Tuesday are expected to proceed to deliberations.

The round of negotiations may touch upon the Palestinian demand for future borders to align with those before the 1967 war in which Israel occupied the West Bank, as well as issues such as the firing of rockets from the Gaza Strip into Israel. Kerry named former US ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk as a special envoy to the talks on Monday.

Alluding to the challenges ahead, US President Barack Obama said on Monday: "The United States stands ready to support (Israel and Palestine) through these negotiations, with the goal of achieving two states, living side by side in peace and security."

Kyodo News

Foreign observers hail Cambodia's general election

PHNOM PENH, 30 July—Observers from China, South Korea and Hungary said that Sunday's general election of Cambodia was conducted in a competitive, free, fair and transparent manner. "The overall election environment was calm, peaceful and non-violent," said a statement by a Chinese observer team released late Monday. "Despite some complaints, we did not observe any incidents that might have adversely affected the process or the results of the elections."

The Chinese delegation was led by Zhao Shi-tong, deputy director of Bureau No. 2 of the Communist Party of China's International Department. "Sunday's poll was conducted in a competitive, free, fair and transparent manner," the statement said. It said hundreds of foreign diplomats, local and international observers and journalists witnessed this historic event, and were able to travel freely to perform their observation activities.

Xinhua



Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras (L) holds talks with visiting Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta at the Maximos Mansion in Athens on 29 July, 2013. Italy and Greece intend to promote a common agenda to tackle the debt crisis during their EU presidencies in 2014, Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta and his Greek counterpart Antonis Samaras said on Monday after talks in Athens.—XINHUA

Twelve people killed, 253 inmates escaped in NW Pakistan jail attack

ISLAMABAD, 30 July—At least 12 people were killed, 16 others injured and 253 inmates escaped when over 100 heavily armed militants attacked the central jail in Pakistan's northwest city of Dera Ismail Khan, local officials said on Tuesday. Dera Ismail Khan city administration official Mushtaq Jadoon said that the Taleban militants entered the city at about 11:22 pm on Monday evening on buses and motorbikes, and attacked the jail holding 5,000 inmates, including about 250 prisoners from banned outfits.

The attackers entered inside the building after knocking down the outer wall of the jail by hand grenades. Propelling rockets at the police inside the jail, they entered the prison-

ers' barracks and released their 253 imprisoned accomplices, including four women, said the official. The attackers were wearing police uniforms and they cut off the main electricity supply line of the city, which resulted in complete blackout and enabled them to successfully carry out the attack, he added.

The escaped prisoners include 30 high-profile militants who were involved in terrorist attacks across the country, said the official. The killed people include four policemen, four inmates and four civilians, while the injured include seven policemen and nine civilians. The injured were shifted to District Hospital Dera Ismail Khan for treatment. Police said they had arrested six on-the-run in-

mates at the outskirts of the city. The militants stayed inside the jail for two hours and carried out around 25 explosions to fight against some 200 on-duty policemen. Senior city administration official Khan Amir Khattak said that they called in army contingent to control the situation and imposed curfew in the city.

Pakistan Taleban, or Tehrik-Taleban-Pakistan, claimed responsibility for the attack, saying that they sent 100 militants including suicide bombers to attack the jail, adding that they successfully released over 300 inmates from the jail. This was not the first time that militants have attacked a jail in the country's northwest Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Xinhua

Over 100 children rescued in FBI sex trafficking raids

WASHINGTON, 30 July —The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) announced on Monday 105 children involved in sex trafficking and exploitation have been rescued in 76 cities across the United States over the weekend. The FBI said at a Press conference that the young victims rescued, almost all of them girls, are aged between 13 and 17. Some 150 alleged pimps were also arrested in the three-day nationwide raids.

Most of the children rescued in the weekend initiative were in the San Francisco Bay and Detroit areas, along with Milwaukee, Denver and New Orleans. "Child prostitution remains a persistent threat to children across America," said Ron Hosko, assistant director of the

FBI's criminal investigative division. "This operation serves as a reminder that these abhorrent crimes can happen anywhere and that the FBI remains committed to stopping this cycle of victimization and holding the criminals who profit from this exploitation accountable."

It was the FBI's largest action to date focusing on the recovery of sexually exploited children, according to NBC news. The pimps preyed in particular on troubled children, including children from broken homes or with a history of abuse, low self-esteem and little social support, authorities said. Forty-seven FBI divisions took part in the operations, along with more than 3,900 local, state and federal law enforcement of-

ficers and agents from 230 separate agencies. The latest operation was part of the Innocence Lost Initiative, which has resulted in more than 2,700 children being recovered from trafficking and sexual exploitation since 2003.

The operations typically began by targeting truck stops, casinos and websites that advertise dating or escort services, the FBI said. In their efforts to identify child victims, investigators seek any help they can get, in some cases from adult prostitutes, Hosko said. The FBI has been attacking child prostitution in partnership with a private group for the past decade, the National Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC).

Xinhua

Carbon market helps cut emissions

BEIJING, 30 July—On 18 July, one month after China launched its first pilot carbon-trading program in Shenzhen, Guangdong province, the city began consulting local businesses and government departments about its draft regulations for the project. The regulations emphasize that carbon credits are corporate assets.

The launch ceremony of the Shenzhen Emissions Trading Scheme saw Shenzhen Energy Group sell 10,000 metric tons of carbon credits to PetroChina International Guangdong at 28 yuan (\$4.60) per ton.

Hanergy Holding Group also bought 10,000 tons at 30 yuan per ton. Both businesses purchased the credits for investment purposes. “The launch of the carbon-trading market in Shenzhen demonstrates that China has taken a substantial step in reducing carbon emissions.

Following Shenzhen, other carbon-trading pilots at provincial and city levels are making big strides,” said Wu Delin, deputy secretary-general of the Shenzhen municipal government.

It has taken nearly three years to establish China’s first pilot carbon-trading market. In July 2010, Shen-



zhen, seven other cities and five provinces were named the sites of China’s first low-carbon programme. The announcement by the National Development and Reform Commission was followed by the foundation of the China Emissions Exchange in Shenzhen two months later. The move from low-carbon programmes to carbon trading came in 2011, when

the central government announced pilots in two provinces and five cities, including Shenzhen, Beijing and Shanghai.

One year later, China’s first regulations on the administration of carbon emissions were enacted by the Standing Committee of the Fifth People’s Congress of Shenzhen Municipality.

Xinhua

Leap Motion ushers in an era of apps controlled by hand gestures



TORONTO, 30 July—Like waving a wand, new apps are bringing a bit of magic to computers, enabling users to zoom, pan and control the action with hand gestures.

A new app store called Airspace, launched by San Francisco-based company Leap Motion last week, has 75 apps that are all con-

trolled with the wave of the hand.

“Right now in front of your computer, there’s dead space. You’re only using your desktop, where your keyboard and mouse rest, and the surface of your monitor,” said Michael Zagorsek, vice president of product marketing for Leap Motion.

“We take all that otherwise useless space in between and make it come alive,” he added.

All of the gesture apps from Airspace use a small device called the Leap Motion Controller, which costs \$79.99. It has sensors that can detect motions and translate them for the apps.

Painter Freestyle, a free app for Windows created by the Canadian software company Corel, mimics how artists work. Lightly moving a finger, or paintbrush, toward the computer produces a light brush stroke, while pushing in harder makes a darker, bolder one.

Google Earth’s free

apps for Mac and Windows let users pan around the Earth with hand motions and zoom in to explore different regions.

With Unlock, a Windows app, users can password-protect their computers and unlock them simply by waving their hands over the controller. The app, which costs \$4.99, works by detecting the unique characteristics of an individual’s hand.

Reuters

Free Wi-Fi coming soon to New Delhi railway station

NEW DELHI, 30 July—Waiting for a train to arrive will no longer be boring as Railways is equipping India’s busiest station with free Wi-Fi connectivity, a first in the country, to ensure value-added amenity for passengers.

New Delhi railway station, which handles about 300 trains and five lakh passengers a day, will be the first Wi-Fi enabled station in the country to have such a modern facility like major international airports.

“A Mumbai-based

company has been given the job to make the New Delhi station a Wi-Fi enabled station,” a senior Railway Ministry official said, adding “the company was selected through tender.”

Wi-Fi is a popular networking technology which uses radio waves to provide wireless high-speed Internet and network connections. Once operational, passengers on all 16 platforms of the station will be able to access Wi-Fi from their laptops or mobile phones, the official said.

The New Delhi station was chosen on a pilot basis to introduce the facility at an estimated cost of Rs. 80 lakh. “The system is expected to be operational in 3/4 months,” the official said. The company will install towers at strategic locations to provide the facility, which will be extended to other stations in due course, he said. Railways has already made Howrah Rajdhani trains Wi-Fi enabled.

There are also plans to replace information kiosks with tablet computers at New Delhi station.

“We are exploring to mount tablets on walls at certain places in the station for the benefit of passengers. The tablets will be equipped to disseminate information about the train position, expected arrival time and other relevant data required by the passenger,” the official said.

Reuters

Woman creates tie-producing company at age 17

TOKYO, 30 July—Aya Ohzeki was 17 and a sophomore in senior high school when she founded a company producing unique ties with metal chains.” A company will go down if it fails to earn money, so it’s important to make efforts to keep creating something special and unique that no one else can copy,” the 21-year-old president of Noble Apex Inc said. Ohzeki, born in 1992, had wanted to start a business since she was in elementary school.

In November 2006, she took part in the Kanagawa Business Audition, a business competition whose participants were mainly presidents of small and midsize companies. She was in her senior year in junior high

school. Ohzeki won a couple of awards at the age of 14, becoming the youngest winner in the competition. “The awards gave me enormous confidence and courage,” she said on the company’s website. Although she tried to create a company during her senior high school years, the private high school she first went to told her that it cannot allow its students to start a business.

As her repeated negotiations with the school failed, she decided to leave the school instead of abandoning her dream to start a business. “I wasn’t able to give up,” she said. Ohzeki then entered Tokyo Metropolitan Koishikawa High School, which allowed student business initiatives, completed

her basic business plan along with a sample of a tie by October 2009 and founded Noble Apex in January the following year. On the website, she said, “I want to become a Coco Chanel of the Heisei era.” Ohzeki said Noble Apex’s ties are more comfortable than regular ones as they have a thin metal chain in the neck part instead of cloth, making for a neat and tidy look even when the tie is loosened.

Since the ties can also be separated into two parts, allowing the wearer to stay cool, the company claims they match the Japanese government’s so-called “Cool Biz” style that encourages company employees to dress casually for energy conservation.—Kyodo News



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Pending home sales pull back in June as rates rise

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Contracts to purchase previously owned US homes fell in June, retreating from a more than six-year high and suggesting rising mortgage rates were starting to dampen home sales.

The National Association of Realtors said on Monday its Pending Homes Sales Index, based on contracts signed last month, decreased 0.4 percent to 110.9. May's index was revised down to 111.3, the highest since December 2006, from a previously reported 112.3.

Economists polled by Reuters had expected signed contracts, which become sales after a month or

two, to fall 1.0 percent.

"This latest move down in pending home sales may reflect some weakening in activity related to the recent increase in mortgage rates as well as limited available inventory for sale," Daniel Silver, an economist at JPMorgan in New York, said in a research note.

Contracts were up in the West, where they reached the highest level since November 2009, but down in the Midwest and South. The index for the Northeast was unchanged.

Compared to a year earlier, contracts were up 10.9 percent.

Stocks, SPX and bonds mostly ignored the report



A US flag decorates a for-sale sign at a home in the Capitol Hill neighbourhood of Washington, on 21 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

but the dollar trimmed losses against the yen.

The housing market has been a bright spot in the economy, providing a buffer from fiscal austerity in Washington. Existing home sales fell in June, but selling prices hit a five-year high in a sign the housing recovery was still on track.

In addition, new home sales rose last month.

However, an index from the Mortgage Bankers Association that measures loan applications for home purchases has declined 10 percent since early May, a sign of the toll higher borrowing costs are starting to take.—Reuters

Pfizer to split generic, branded drugs units



The entrance of Pfizer World headquarters in New York City, on 31 Aug, 2003.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 30 July—Pfizer Inc, in what could be the prelude to spinning off its generics drug business, said it plans to separate its commercial operations into two units, mainly for patent-protected brands and a third for generics.

Pfizer, the largest US drugmaker, said on Monday the changes will take effect by January in countries that do not require a consultation with labour unions.

Earlier this year, Pfizer said it would begin examin-

ing the finances of its patent-protected unit, which it calls its "innovative" business, and its generic operation, called its "value" business, to decide whether to spin off the generics operation. It said the review would take three years.

Pfizer generics, which have far lower profit margins than patent-protected drugs, had global sales last year of \$10.2 billion. The business represents 17 percent of total sales and overwhelmingly comes from

overseas.

One "innovative" business will include drugs expected to have patent protection beyond 2015 and focus on treatment areas such as inflammation, immunology, cardiovascular and metabolic, neuroscience and pain, rare diseases and women's and men's health.

Geno Germano, who currently heads Specialty Care and Oncology, will head the Innovative Products Group.

The other "innovative" business will include vaccines, cancer and consumer healthcare, to be headed by Amy Schulman.

"The vaccines, oncology and consumer operations that will be bundled together seem unlikely bed fellows," Citibank analyst Andrew Baum said in a research note.

He speculated that the components, all dependable

sources of revenue, were grouped together to provide a "balanced" revenue base.

Leerink Swann analyst Seamus Fernandez said the structure of the three planned units, although not obvious at first, seems sound. Germano's business, which Fernandez called "innovative core #1," will have the largest sales force and provide global administrative and research support. Schulman's group, "innovative core #2," will require far fewer sales representatives and likely have the highest value, the analyst said.—Reuters

Nearly all men survive testicular cancer in Britain

LONDON, 30 July — Survival for testicular cancer has risen by almost 30 per cent in the last 40 years in Britain, with nearly all men now beating the disease, according to figures published by Cancer Research UK on Monday.

These latest figures show that more than 96 per cent of men now sur-

vive testicular cancer in the country, compared with less than 70 per cent in the 1970s. These improvements are largely thanks to the development of new drugs, especially the drug cisplatin.

As he most common cancer in men aged 15-49, around 2,300 cases of testicular cancer are di-

agnosed each year in the Britain. "This is a shining example of what we can achieve through dedicated research," Dr Harpal Kumar, Cancer Research UK's chief executive, said: "It's only by doing more research that we can bring forward the day when we are able to beat all types of cancer."—Xinhua



People incline to poor sleep amid full moon days

BEIJING, 30 July—People take longer to doze off, sleep less deeply, and sleep for a shorter time in the days close to a full moon, according to a new study posted online in Current Biology on Sunday.

Using electroencephalograms (EEG) that measure brain activity, researchers from the University of Basel in Switzerland recorded how deep and how long each volunteer's nightly sleep was in a controlled, laboratory setting.

While the data on the sleep patterns of 33 healthy volunteers was recorded

and analyzed for a study on the effects of aging on sleep, researchers had a happy accidental finding, a striking association between poor sleep and lunar cycles.

In the few days before and after a full moon, people took an average of five extra minutes to fall asleep, slept 20 minutes less per night, and had 30 percent less deep sleep, as measured by the EEG.

"A lot of people are going to say, 'Yeah, I knew this already. I never sleep well during a full moon.' But this is the first data that

really confirms it," says biologist Christian Cajochen of the University of Basel.

What is the mechanism behind this phenomenon likely lies in moon light or other external factors, which influence human internal hormones, like people's 24-hour sleep-wake cycles, which persist even in the absence of light or darkness, Cajochen speculates.

"In terms of the lunar cycle, light could be important to synchronize this biological clock with environmental stimuli," Cajochen says.—Xinhua



Greek flags fly in front of the parliament building during a rally in central Athens on 6 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 30 July —The International Monetary Fund's board on Monday completed the fourth review of Greece's bail-

out programme, and approved a further 1.7 billion euros (\$2.3 billion) in funds for the cash-strapped euro zone state.

Greece last week adopted the last piece of legislation its international lenders required to release their next batch of rescue loans, after two months of wrangling over unpopular measures to overhaul the economy. The total funds from the IMF, the European Commission and the European Central Bank comprise 5.8 billion euros. Subject to implementation of further reforms, Athens stands to receive another 1 billion euros from international lenders in October. Greece's rescue, approved in March 2012, will total 173 billion euros over four years, the IMF said. It is meant to help Athens recover from a sovereign debt crisis, rebuild its economy and return to markets.—Reuters

WORLD

Tunisian PM says to hold general elections on 17 December



Tunisian Prime Minister Ali Larayedh

TUNIS, 30 July—Tunisian Prime Minister Ali Larayedh on Monday called general elections for 17 December amid long-running protests that demanded the ouster of the Islamist-led transitional government, the state TV reported.

Larayedh stressed that his government is not clinging to power but rather fulfilling its duty, the report said. The prime minister's announcement came four days after the assassination of a prominent opposition

figure, Mohamed Brahmi, a strong opponent against the ruling Ennahdha in the Constitutional Assembly.

Since the assassination, thousands of people have marched in the streets, calling for the resignation of the government. Before that, Tunisia had long been witnessing calls to dissolve the Constitutional Assembly, which the opposition parties see as being controlled by the Islamist Ennahdha.

Xinhua

EU-China solar panel deal averts crisis, benefits world

BEIJING, 30 July—The amicable solution to a dispute between the European Union (EU) and China over solar panels has prevented a full-scale showdown between the two major trade partners and provided a chance for both sides to review their policies on related industries. For China's photovoltaic (PV) industry, as some experts have already pointed out, a lack of technical innovation, improper planning, misreading of market trends, and blind expansions are among the problems that demand urgent attention and quick solution.

Since China's PV sector heavily relies on foreign countries' subsidy policies to maintain a high profit margin, it is vulnerable to

external changes. Therefore, upgrade and adjustment is badly needed for the industry to enhance its core competitiveness via technological improvement. On the world stage, major countries are keen to develop low-carbon economies via clean energy in the post-financial crisis period.



Without a proper settlement to the China-EU solar panel dispute, both sides would have suffered trade and industry losses and the hard-won cooperative momentum on clean energy between the two sides would also have been set back.

Xinhua

Abbas wants 'not a single Israeli' in future Palestinian state

CAIRO, 30 July—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas laid out his vision on Monday for the final status of Israeli-Palestinian relations ahead of peace talks due to resume in Washington for the first time in nearly three years. Abbas said that no Israeli settlers or border forces could remain in a future Palestinian state and that Palestinians deem illegal all Jewish settlement building within the land occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

The forceful statements appeared to challenge mediator US Secretary of State John Kerry's hopes that the terms of the talks, scheduled to begin on Monday night over dinner, be kept secret. "In a final resolution, we would not see the presence of a single



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas

Israeli — civilian or soldier — on our lands," Abbas said in a briefing to mostly Egyptian journalists. "An international, multinational presence like in Sinai, Lebanon and Syria — we are with that," he said, referring to United Nations peacekeeping operations in those places. He was in Cairo to meet with Egypt's in-

terim president, Adli Mansour, nearly a month after the country's armed forces ousted his elected predecessor, Mohamed Mursi. He also discussed with senior Egyptian intelligence figures relations between the two governments and the easing of movement of goods and people between Egypt and the Gaza Strip.

Israel has previously said it wants to maintain a military presence in the occupied West Bank at the border with Jordan to prevent any influx of weapons that could be used against it.

But Abbas said he stood by understandings he said he reached with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, predecessor to more right-wing leader Benjamin Netanyahu, that NATO forces could deploy there "as a security guarantee to us and them." The United States is seeking to broker an agreement on a two-state solution in which Israel would exist peacefully alongside a new Palestinian state created in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, lands occupied by the Israelis since a 1967 war.

Reuters

Three believed to be South Koreans found collapsed in Central Alps

NAGANO, 30 July — Three men believed to be members of a climbing party from South Korea were found collapsed on Tuesday morning on a mountain range in central Japan, police said.

The three, whom rescuers found separately on a climbing route in the Central Alps between the 2,728-metre Mt Hinokio and the 2,931-metre Mt Ho-

ken, had suffered cardiac arrest, according to the police. The three are believed to have been among nine who went missing on Monday from the group of 14 men and six women in their 40s to 70s.

Of the nine, one is still missing while the remaining five have been rescued or reached a nearby lodge. The other 11 members have been confirmed safe. The



Some of the South Korean climbers who went missing on a mountain in the Central Alps, central Japan, board a police vehicle in Miyada, Nagano Prefecture, on 30 July, 2013, after successfully coming down the mountain.

group had planned to head for Mt Hoken on Monday after having spent a night in

a mountain cabin. They were apparently climbing without a guide.—Kyodo News

Iran nominee seen as olive branch to United States

DUBAI/PARIS, 30 July — If Iranian President-elect Hassan Rouhani wanted to signal his determination to rebuild relations with the United States and strike a "grand bargain," he could hardly do better than pick Mohammad Javad Zarif as his foreign minister.

Iranian news agencies reported on Monday that Zarif, a former ambassador to the United Nations and Teheran's leading connoisseur of the US political elite, is set to be in the cabinet Rouhani will announce after taking office on Sunday. A source close to Rouhani confirmed Zarif will be nominated as foreign minister.

A fluent English speaker who earned his doctorate at the University of Denver,

Zarif has been at the centre of several secret negotiations to try to overcome 35 years of estrangement between Washington and Teheran, diplomats said.

Those talks failed because of deep mistrust on a range of disputes from Iran's secretive nuclear programme and support for anti-Israeli militants to US sanctions and hopes of engineering "regime change" in Teheran.

Zarif's elevation, however, suggests the moderate new president is keen to make another try at breaking the deadlock. "He was always trying to do what was possible to improve relations in a very intelligent, open and clear way," said a senior Western diplomat who had repeated dealings

with Zarif. "This is someone who knows the United States very well and with all the frustrations of the past is still someone they know in Washington," he said.

The usual caveats about Iran apply: under the Islamic Republic's complex institutional set-up, Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei calls the shots in foreign and security policy and controls the nuclear programme, which Western powers say is aimed at developing atomic weapons.

The foreign minister ranks roughly fourth in the foreign policy pecking order, after Khamenei, the head of the National Security Council, who also serves as Iran's chief nuclear negotiator, and the president.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS



Members and trainees of Myanmar Photographic Society capture outdoor images on their excursion to Bago for the photo contest on 28 July.

MMAL-MOE WIN THU (BAGO)

Toungoo education networks meet

TOUNGGOO, 30 July—Education Network of Toungoo Township met for the third time in a coordination meeting at Toungoo Myoma No (1) Basic Education Post-Primary School on 28 July afternoon.

Chairman of the meeting Dr Khin Maung Chit of Parami Hospital delivered a speech and General Secretary Dr Ba Swe of Taw Win Hospital read out the minutes of the emergency meeting.

Patrons of the township education network retired district education officer U San Tin, U Hla Tun and U Kyaw Hla (Thamadi) made discussions.

Leaders of five subcommittees reported on progress of works and future plans of each subcommittee.

The meeting was attended by patrons, executives and subcommittee members of the network.—MMAL-Kyaw Hla (Toungoo)

DISASTER

Landslip occurs in Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda

KYAIKTO, 30 July—Heavy rain and strong wind on 28 July caused landslip near the car gate on the precinct of Kyaikhtiyoe Pagoda, one of the major tourist attractions in

Myanmar.

The 2 ft wide and 4 ft long concrete road was damaged in the landslip.

The parking lot was also damaged by the strong wind as two lamp posts fell over

Heavy rain causes landslip in Bago



BAGO, 30 July—Heavy rain in Bago on 28 July caused a landslip on a inter-village road due to overloaded culverts.

The road used by Wamayan village, Alaini village, Baganbo village and

two other villages was not accessible after the landslip.

Another road linking Bago and the new airport site and Zalattaw dam was also disrupted after 20 ft deep landslip.

MMAL-Thant Zin



ROBE OFFERED BY MYAWADY DHAMMA SCHOOL: A Waso robe offering ceremony was organized by Dhamma School Committee in Myawady Township at MyoU Pagoda Dhammayon on 28 July.—MMAL-NADI MYINTMO (MYAWADY)

HRD

Township level ASEAN Quiz organized in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Pyinmana Township organized township level 6th ASEAN Quiz at Pyinmana Nos. (1) and (2) Basic Education High Schools.

The winners will be entitled to take part national level 6th ASEAN Quiz to be organized by Nay Pyi Taw Education Office.

The participants are those under 17 who passed matriculation exam.

The quiz, both verbal and written, covers language

proficiency, obedience, communications skills and ASEAN knowledges.

They will verge into the finale after passing the region level contest, according to the township education officer.

MMAL-Karankha

Educative talks on taxation organized

YANGON, 30 July—Bahan Township Internal Revenue Department of Yangon Region organized an educative talks on taxation on 2 July.

The educative talks on taxes being levied by Internal Revenue Department were given by Bahan Township Internal Revenue Department Staff Officer U Nay Yaung at No (2) Basic Education High School in Bahan Township in Yangon Region.

MMAL-IRD

Heavy rains overwhelm Myawady

MYAWADY, 30 July—Heavy rains on those days in Myawady Topwnship in Kayin State flooded downtown wards in the border

town on 29 morning. low-land areas and motor roads. Cars parked in Kyangin monastery were overwhelmed by the water.



Milk-feeding ceremony held in Bogale

BOGALE, 30 July—A ceremony to feed milk to students for development of their bodies and fitness was held at Myothit Basic Education Primary School in Bogale in Pyapon District in Ayeyawady Region on 25 July afternoon.

Chairman of Township Milk-feeding Committee Township Administrator

U Tin Soe delivered an address at the ceremony and Staff Officer of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Aung Thu Myo elaborated on the purposes of organizing the event and the nutrition values of milk. They fed milk to 160 students.

MMAL-Mawgyun Myint Aung



Future Light Library opened in Myothit Township

MYOTHIT, 30 July—Future Light library was opened in Kanswe village in Kanswe village-tract in Myothit Township on 28 July morning.

At the opening ceremony, Township Administrator U Thein Zaw delivered a speech. Township Information and Public Relations Department

Staff library.

Donors U Moe Win and U Thein Zaw Oo explained the purposes of establishing the library.

The one-storey library has the length of 20 ft, the width of 14 ft and height of 15 ft. The estimated cost of the construction is K 22 million.

MMAL-Township (IPRD)

HEALTH

Bago Region MMA to organize seventh conference

TOUNGGOO, 30 July—Myanmar Medical Association (Bago Region) organized the coordination

meeting for holding the seventh conference at Royal Kaytumadi Hotel in Toungoo on 28 July.

The seventh conference of the region MMA is scheduled to be held at the same venue on 14-15 December.

The conference will be held jointly with exhibition of medicines and medical equipment.

A total of 300 medical professionals from Toungoo District, Bago District, Thayawady District and Pyay District in Bago Region are expected to attend the conference.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker receives Speaker of British House of Commons

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received Mr. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom, and party at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of the Hluttaw Complex, here, at 8:30 am today.

Also present at the call together with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, Committee Chairmen U Zaw Myint Pe, U Thein Win and U Aung Tun. The visiting delegation was accompanied by British Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Andrew Heyn and officials concerned.

During the meeting, both sides frankly discussed parliamentary affairs, legal affairs, raising questions and answering in a transparent



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint receives Mr. John Bercow, Speaker of the House of Commons of the United Kingdom.—MNA

manner during the parliament sessions, tasks for the sake of the country

by parliamentarians without personality cult or party attachment, and measures

taken for freedom of religion in the country.

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Union Election Commission Chairman back home

YANGON, 30 July—Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye yesterday arrived back here by air from Cambodia

after observing Cambodian national elections held on 28 July.

He was accompanied by Yangon Region Election Sub-commission Member U Tin Htay.

They were welcomed back by Yangon Region Election Sub-commission Chairman U Ko Ko and members at Yangon International Airport.

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Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye seen at Yangon International Airport on his return from Cambodia.—MNA



Myanmar, US discuss development of legal affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received Senior Adviser to the office of general office of the US Economic and Commerce Ministry Ms. Marianne G. McManus and party at his office here yesterday afternoon.

Senior Adviser Ms Marianne G. McManus said she would cooperate with Myanmar government in promoting economic, agriculture and legal sectors. She raised questions on challenges

and current situation on Myanmar investment law and intellectual property law.

The Attorney-General of the Union said that new investment law was recently promulgated and thus it is needed to watch it. As regards the intellectual property law, the Ministry of Science and Technology took a leading role in drawing the law and it has completed now and the parliament is to approve it, he said.

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Union FM receives EU's Ambassador to Myanmar



NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received European Union's Bangkok-based

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. David Lipman, who will complete his tour of duty in August, 2013, at his office, here, this morning.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 31 July, 2013

In pursuit of education

According to the Buddhist tradition, the pursuit of education should start in younger days, the pursuit of wealth should be at the middle age and the pursuit of knowledge and wisdom should be at the old age. In effect, U Thant, a well-known Myanmar who had served as the secretary-general of the United Nations, used to say that the pursuit of education should be at all ages.

Pursuing education means learning a certain branch of knowledge and a person who can upgrade his intellectual power is a wise man. As education is the foundation of improving society it enables people to develop their critical thinking and analysis skills in order to solve problems rationally. That's why, the pursuit of education is said to be tied with seeking knowledge and wisdom.

By convention, knowledge and wisdom brighten up the way towards prosperity. When people are educated they become stronger because they are more confident and independent. This strength will move them to do great thing since beliefs based on ignorance are less freely chosen than those held in full knowledge.

Actually, what we have been taught at the school is just an education which is the basis of knowledge. Qualification represents the extent of wisdom while degree shows only the education level. There are two ways of learning: one is dependent learning and the other is self-directed learning. A constant learning society should be a source of national pride. But nothing can be learnt without practice and hard work.

There should be a sense of urgency in the mindset of learners that learning is boundless as there is a constant emergence of what to be learned in the lifetime of a person. And in the knowledge age, there is a widespread acceptance that the pursuit of knowledge is a constant requirement of a highly civilized society as knowledge is beyond books.

Japan Grant Aid (JGA) honoured



NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—A ceremony to mark conclusion of providing TB medicine by JGA (Japan Grant Aid) was held at Aureum Palace Hotel, here, on 25 July morning.

After delivering an address, Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of Health Department presented a certificate of honour to the special representative of JGA.—MNA

NATIONAL

Freedom of worship allowed in the country in accord with the Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — President U Thein Sein received a British delegation led by Speaker of the House of Commons, UK Parliament Mr. John Bercow and party at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this evening.

They held discussions on release of political prisoners, taking punitive actions against those who got involved in the incident of conflicts between the two communities in Rakhine State and some regions, human rights provision of humanitarian assistance to victims in conflict-stricken areas as smooth as possible, constitutional amendments, peace making process to put an end to internal armed conflicts, provision of humanitarian assistance to

victims in Kachin State and opening of a branch of Office of the United Nation High Commissioner on Human Rights Office (OHCHR) in Myanmar.

The President responded to the above-mentioned that works were being underway to ensure the Rule of Law and socio-economic development of the country in accord with the wishes of the people; that freedom of worship was allowed within the country in accord with the Constitution; that conflicts occurred in Rakhine State and some regions were attributed to a criminal case which was exaggerated

and the problems had become worsen later due to instigation at home and abroad; and punitive actions were being taken against perpetrators in accord with the law regardless of race and religion.

Also present at the meeting together with the President were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Kyi and U Soe Maung and departmental heads. The British Speaker of the House of Commons was accompanied by six parliamentarians of UK Parliament.

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President U Thein Sein shakes hands with British Speaker of the House of Commons Mr. John Bercow at Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

86th Anniversary Founding of People's Liberation Army of China celebrated

YANGON, 30 July—A reception to mark the 86th Anniversary Founding of People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China was held at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

It was attended by Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Lt-Gen Myint Soe and Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, the commander and senior military officers, ambassadors and diplomats of the foreign missions in Yangon, and resident representatives of the UN agencies.

General Hla Htay Win presented the flower basket sent by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to Chinese Military Attaché



General Hla Htay Win being welcomed at the reception to mark 86th Anniversary Founding of PLA by Chinese Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei and wife.—MNA

Senior Colonel Xiong Shaowei and read the message of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. After that, General Hla Htay

Win and wife, the Chinese Ambassador, the Chinese Military Attaché and wife cut the cake to mark the 86th Anniversary Founding of

People's Liberation Army of China.—MNA

Bitumen Technical Seminar held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Bitumen Technical Seminar, jointly organized by Public Works under the Ministry of Construction and Tipco Asphalt Public Co., Ltd, was held at the Ministry, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin in his speech said that it is seen that road sector development has evolved into maintenance works.

More use of bitumen is seen in ASEAN countries this year. Thanks to Myanmar's reform processes, foreign investors are taking interests in cooperation with the country.

Emphasis is being placed on development of road infrastructure and timely completion of roads that meet standards, he said.

Managing Director Mr Chaiwat Srivalwat

from Thai-based Tipco Asphalt Public Co., Ltd extended greetings. After that, responsible persons from Tipco Asphalt Public Co., Ltd explained use of various kinds of bitumen and construction of advanced tarred roads.

The managing director from the Public Works also participated in the discussions.

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Myanmar, Brazil sign technological cooperation agreement

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July— An agreement on technological cooperation between Myanmar and Brazil was signed at the Ministry of Science and Technology, here, yesterday.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo said that the technical cooperation agreement between Myanmar and Brazil was a major step to boosting bilateral cooperation in science and technological cooperation. It would further cement the friendly ties between the two peoples.

He vowed to effectively implement the agreement, which can contribute to higher socioeconomic status of the two countries.

Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior said that signing of the agreement helps strengthen technical cooperation between the two countries and experts soon will come to Myanmar to coordinate on that matter.

Next, the Union Minister and the Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar signed the agreement.

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Union Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo poses for documentary photo with those present at signing ceremony of Technical Cooperation Agreement.

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LOCAL NEWS

Pitakat Chamber, Pitakat treatises donated

NATTALIN, 30 July—A ceremony to donate Pitakat chamber and Pitakat treatises was held in the precinct of Thakya Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image in Nattalin

on 26 July.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee.

Wellwishers offered alms to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained for donation of Pitakat Chamber and Pitakat treatises.—Kyemon-578

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

Workshop on disaster risk reduction held

BAGO, 30 July—UN-Habitat and Bago Region Relief and Resettlement Department jointly organized the Workshop on Disaster Risk Reduction at the hall of Shwe Wah Tun Hotel, here, on 26 July morning.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker of Bago Region U Win Myint Soe, Bago Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Kyaw Oo, Region Minister for

National Races Affairs U Saw Jubilee San Hla, Head of Bago Region Relief and Resettlement Daw Phyu Phyu Win, regional level departmental officials, responsible persons of UN-Habitat and officials.

Project Engineer Dr Kyaw Thu of UN-Habitat explained undertakings of disaster risk reduction tasks in the region, and Staff Officer Daw Su Su Tun, DRR in the nation

and natural disaster management law.

DPR specialist Mr Jaiganesh Murugesan of UN-Habitat gave suggestions on possibilities of loss and damage in natural disasters in regions and states of the nation and Assistant Lecturer Dr Soe Min of Toungoo University, reviews on earthquake in Toungoo.

Later, those present participated in the discussions.—Kyemon-578

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES

Free health care services provided to Mandalarians



Specialists and social organization members giving health care to local people in Pyigyidagun Township.

MANDALAY, 30 July—As part of efforts for raising health standard of the people, the free health care service was provided

by Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee to the local people at Myittashin Hospital of

Mandalay Region Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization in (I) Ward in Pyigyidagun

Township of Mandalay District on 27 July.

A total of 15 dental specialists gave dental care to 135 patients, OG specialist Dr Theingi Mya and four doctors, 70 patients, Secretary of the Region MCWSC Dr Khin Aung Aung Ngwe and 4 GPs 137 patients with the assistance of Myittashin Hospital medical superintendent Dr U Nu, assistant surgeons and nurses.

Patron of Region MCWSC Daw Myat Ngwe, wife of the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region, and patrons, members of the supervisory committee and responsible persons of district and township level associations viewed the health care services and comforted the patients.

Kyemon-Myint Maw Tun

Magway Region Chief Minister offers provisions to monasteries



Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe donates alms to a venerable Sayadaw.

MAGWAY, 30 July—Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe attended the provisions offering

ceremonies organized by Magway Region Government in Magway on 28 July morning.

The ceremonies were held at Abbot Training School, Aungmye Yadana Monastery, Maha Dhammikayama Monastery and Maha Withutayama Monastery.

Likewise, Region ministers and departmental personnel offered rice,

edible oil, gram and salt to Pyidawtha, Maha Dhammikayama and Maha Yadanayama monasteries in Magway.

Magway Region government donated 131 bags of rice, 106 viss of edible oil, 420 viss of gram and 100 viss of salt to seven monasteries and the Abbot Training School.

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DISASTER

Houses moved to safe places as landslide causes in Padaung

PADAUNG, 30 July—Bank erosion of Ayeyawady Region is causing western part of Sitha Ward in Padaung. So, the houses near the bank are being moved to the safe places.

Sitha Ward near the bank of Ayeyawady River is formed with 53 houses where a total of 208 people from 53 households are residing. Of them, eight households located 10 feet to the bank were evacuated to

the compound of old Forest Department beside Padaung-Taungup Road.

The family of U Khin Maung Oo, 45, who lived nearest to the bank, was moved to the safe place on 26 July afternoon. At present, the temporary houses are under construction to accommodate seven remaining households.

The landslide is worse as of 18 July.—Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Stimulant tablets worth K 22.2 million seized in Nawnghkio

MANDALAY, 30 July—Members of Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad, acting on tip-off, searched Hiace bus heading from Sein Nan Soe Lashio for Mandalay at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to Nawnghkio at 2 pm on 27 July.

They seized 429 grams of heroin from plastic soap boxes from passenger Po Hla on board the Hiace.

He confessed that he bought the heroin worth K 8.1 million from the house of Nampaung Village in Lashio Township and planned to sell it to Magyigon Village of Bamauk Township.

Nawnghkio Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against drug trafficker Po Hla, 39, son of U San Ba of Magyigon Village of Kanan Magyigon Village-tract in Bamauk Township of Sagaing

Region under Section 15/19 (a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 26 July evening, the squad also seized 6000 pink stimulant tablets in 30 packets and 1.4 kilos of solid opium oil in two packets from the motorcycle driven by Phan Zu Hsin together with Yan Zu Ku on the back seat, heading for Mandalay from Lashio at mile post 78/5 at the entrance to

Nawnghkio.

The seized stimulant tablets were worth over K 14 million. The drugs were bought from Takkanai Village of Muse Township and it will be sold in Phakant region of Kachin State.

Nawnghkio Myoma Police Station opened files of lawsuit against the drug possessors.

Kyemon-Cherry Hlaing

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

CRIME

Illegal frozen beef seized

NATTALIN, 30 July—A police squad led by SIP Win Myint Tun of Nattalin Police Station on their patrol seized about 280 viss of illegal frozen beef at Eindaingpu Village in Chinyokkwin Village-tract in Nattalin Township of Bago Region at 9 pm on 25 July.

Acting on tip-off, the police squad searched four motorcycles driven

from Kyagan Village. They seized the beef from motorcycles driven by U Aung, 31, and Zaw Win, 22 of Kanyan Village in Shwedaung Township, Ye Myint Oo, 18 and Thein Zaw, 30 of Kywetalin Village in Shwedaung Township. The seized beef was handed over to Township Development Affairs Committee.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

REGIONAL

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh promises more reforms

NEW DELHI, 30 July—With no clear signs of economic turnaround, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Monday promised more reforms in the coming months as he met captains of industry and business who pushed for bold decisions and quick implementation.

At a meeting of Prime Minister's Council on Trade and Industry, he assured India Inc of government's commitment to reforms and promised more measures as he heard the business communities' complaints and suggestions to boost investors sentiment.

PTI



Prime Minister Manmohan Singh

Beijing police arrests airport blast suspect

BEIJING, 30 July—Ji Zhongxing, who was suspected of setting off a home-made explosive at the Beijing Capital International Airport, has been arrested, police said on Tuesday. The Chaoyang District procuratorate approved Ji's arrest on Monday, the airport police said.

Ji, a 33-year-old wheelchair-bound man from Shandong Province,

confessed that he prepared and carried the explosive and leaflets to Terminal 3 of the airport and triggered the explosive device on 20 July, the police said.

Ji said he did this for personal purposes, the police said. He has been in custody since 21 July. According to earlier reports, the explosion caused no casualty except Ji who injured himself.

Xinhua

Photo taken on 20 July, 2013 with a cellphone shows Ji Zhongxing (man on the wheelchair), suspect of an explosion at Terminal 3 of the Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China.

XINHUA

Japan gov't expects real GDP growth of around 1% in FY 2014

TOKYO, 30 July—The government expects Japan's economy to grow around 1.0 percent in price-adjusted terms during fiscal 2014, assuming that the country's sales tax rate will be lifted to 8 percent in April next year, officials said on Tuesday.

The pace of growth is estimated to slow down in the year through March 2015, as the planned tax hike may weigh on con-

sumption and the impact of recent economic stimulus measures is likely to wane, the officials said.

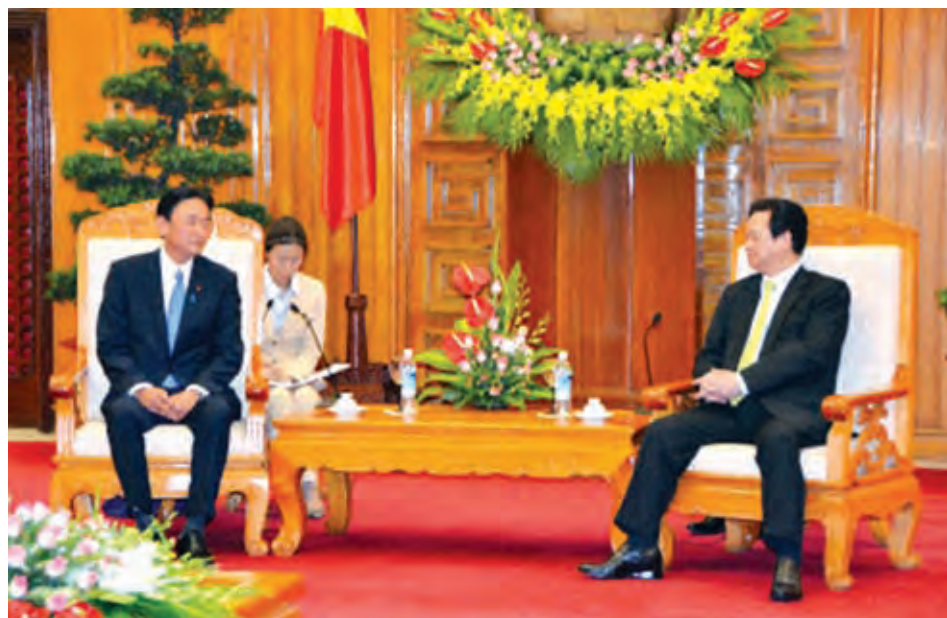
Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's administration, meanwhile, has decided to upwardly revise its forecast for the nation's economic growth of fiscal 2013 to about 2.8 percent in real terms from 2.5 percent projected in January, with his policies dubbed "Abenomics," entailing drastic mon-

HANOI, 30 July—Japan's state minister in charge of the issue of North Korea's abductions of Japanese nationals on Monday asked Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung to help settle the issue, Japanese officials said. Keiji Furuya explained Japan's stance on the abduction issue during talks in Hanoi while Dung promised to cooperate, the officials said.

Furuya also met with other officials including Vietnam's public security minister, Tran Dai Quang, as Japan seeks cooperation from countries including Vietnam that have diplomatic ties with North Korea in an effort to resolve the abduction issue at an early date. Among those countries, Furuya visited Mongolia earlier this month.

Furuya said he told Vietnamese officials the Japanese government does

Japan minister calls for Vietnam's help on N Korean abduction issue



Keiji Furuya (L), Japan's state minister in charge of the issue of North Korea's abductions of Japanese nationals, holds talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung at the prime minister's office in Hanoi on 29 July, 2013.

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not intend to offer any aid to North Korea or lift sanctions on it before the abduction issue is resolved, adding he received "good understanding" from the

Vietnamese side.

Furuya also agreed with the Vietnamese side to enhance exchanges between senior police officers from the two countries.

The Japanese government has identified 17 Japanese nationals it says were abducted by North Korea in the 1970s and 1980s.

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India's Gujarat to build world's tallest stupa

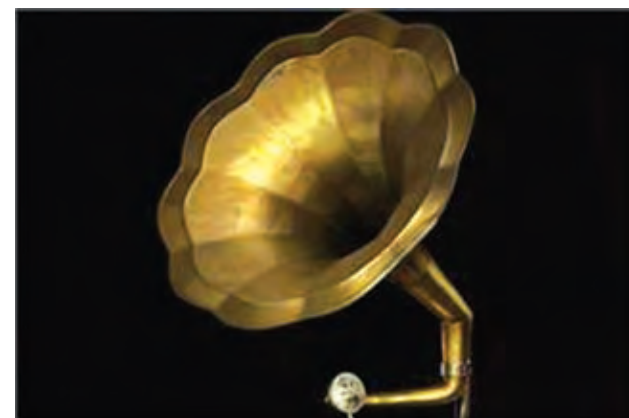
NEW DELHI, 30 July—The government of India's western state of Gujarat is planning to build the world's tallest stupa in a bid to attract tourists from all over the world, a local English-language daily reported on Monday.

The stupa will be built on a 32-hectare plot of land at Mori near Shamlaji in north Gujarat, the *Deccan Herald* reported. While the height of the planned stupa is yet to be publicized, it will be taller than the

world's current tallest stupa, Thailand's Phra Pathom Chedi, which is 127 metres tall.

The move has been undertaken amid special interest shown by Gujarat Chief Minister Narendra Modi recently in promoting Buddhist religious sites. "This will not just be a place of worship or a revenue generation exercise to attract tourists, but will be developed as a centre of research on Buddhist philosophy," he was quoted as saying.—Kyodo News

New sound archive with 100-year-old Indian voices



NEW DELHI, 30 July — Mahatma Gandhi's speech caught on gramophone during his 1931 visit to England now shares space with classical music legend M S Subhalakshmi's song, recorded when she was just nine, in a new virtual ar-

chive.

The Archive of Indian Music (AIM), set to be formally launched on 30 July, is an online compilation of vintage gramaphonic records of speeches, songs, plays etc dating as far back as 1902.—PTI

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Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB-041(2013-2014)	100 KW Diesel Engine Driven Generating Set	(1) Set	US\$
(2)	IFB-042(2013-2014)	100 KW Natural Gas Engine Driven Generating Set	(2) Sets	US\$
(3)	IFB-043(2013-2014)	Motorola Transceiver (GM 388 BS VHF)	(2) Nos	US\$
(4)	IFB-044(2013-2014)	Spares for Komatsu Dozer	(2) Items	US\$
(5)	IFB-045(2013-2014)	Casing Elevators	(4) Items	US\$
(6)	IFB-046(2013-2014)	SL -450 Swivel Goose Neck for ZJ 70 L Drilling Rig	(4) Nos	US\$
(7)	IFB-047(2013-2014)	5 1/2" API Float Shoes & Collars	(2) Items	US\$
(8)	IFB-048(2013-2014)	Rotary Hose for ZJ 70L & ZJ 50 D Drilling Rigs	(2) Items	US\$
(9)	IFB-049(2013-2014)	Spares for Emsco Rig Drive Group	(6) Items	US\$
(10)	IFB-050(2013-2014)	Roller Chain	(5) Items	US\$
(11)	DMP/L-021(2013-2014)	Spares for CAT D 399 & CAT D 3512 Engines	(1) Lot	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-022(2013-2014)	Spares for Volvo Tractor (Electronic Unit Injector & Fuel Filter Housing)	(2) Items	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-023(2013-2014)	Multi Grade Diesel Engine Oil (SAE 15W40) (API-CF4)	(80) Drums	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-024(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for USS Oil Well Drilling Rig [20 Pin Plug & Receptacle (Male & Female)]	(32) Sets	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-025(2013-2014)	2000 AMP Circuit Breaker & Speed Adjust Rheostat for ZJ 50D Drilling Rig	(2) Items	Kyat

- Tender Closing Date & Time - 26-8-2013 , 1300 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 29th July, 2013 at the Material Planning Department , Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise , No(44) Complex , Nay Pyi Taw , Myanmar.

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MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER
Yangon City Electricity Supply Board
Extension of Tender Closing Date for
Invitation of Proposal for
Generation and Distribution of Electricity
Supply to Industrial Zones

1. The Yangon City Electricity Supply Board has already invited all the Foreign and Local Investors to submit a proposal for Generation and Distribution of Electricity Supply to (15) number of Industrial Zones in Yangon Region since 3.7.2013 and tender closing date is announced before 12:00 noon on 31.7.2013.
2. In order to be convenient for the tenderer to submit the comprehensive proposal for that matter, we are pleased to announce that tender closing date is extended to 12:00 noon on 15.8.2013.

Yangon City Electricity Supply Board

MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER
Extension of Tender Closing Date for
Open Proposal on Regasified LNG

- (1) The Ministry of Electric Power has already invited all the Foreign and Local Investors to submit a proposal to supply natural gas (Regasified LNG) required for Gas Turbine Power Plants in Yangon Region since 1-7-2013 and tender closing date is announced before 12:00 noon on 31.7.2013.
- (2) In order to be convenient for the tenderer to submit the comprehensive proposal to supply regasified LNG, we are pleased to announce that tender closing date is extended to 12:00 noon on 15.8.2013.

Yangon City Electricity Supply Board

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Dated 31 July, 2013.

Two men die in separate shootings in Sydney

SYDNEY, 30 July —Two men died in separate shooting incidents in Sydney's south on Monday night, the New South Wales (NSW) Police said on Tuesday. Police officers were called to Albyn Street, Bexley, at about 9: 45 pm local time on Monday, following reports of a shooting. "A 19-year-old man had been shot a number of times and was treated by paramedics," police said in a statement released on Tuesday.

Police confirmed the teenager was taken to St George Hospital, but died on arrival.

Local media reported that the teenager had links to the Comancheros bike gang and was shot in the neck two weeks ago."

A crime scene has been established and is being examined by specialist forensic officers," police said. "Detectives from St George Local Area Command and State Crime Command's Homicide Squad are investigating the incident."

Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV MARINE RELIANCE VOY NO (2) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 31.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC-TRANSPORT S'PORE
PTE LTD

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Danger in supermarket plastic wrap

BEIJING, 30 July — Plastic film used by supermarkets to wrap meat and vegetables may contain banned toxic plasticizers that could impair male sexual function and lead to premature sexual development in females, according to China Central Television. Fifteen samples of polyvinyl chloride plastic wrap out of 16 samples sent for tests were found to contain bis(2-ethylhexyl) adipate (DEHA), some at an alarming level, CCTV said.

The plastic film was from produce bought in

Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou, but CCTV did not name the brands or the supermarkets involved. The presence of DEHA can only be determined when it reaches 0.05 percent, and the highest content of DEHA in the samples was 472 times that level, CCTV said.

The General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine issued a circular banning the use of DEHA in plastic wrap in 2005. "DEHA could lead to the disorder of endocrine system, impair male sexual

function and cause female sexual precocity, and pose big risks to the genital development of infants," said Dong Jinshi, vice president of the International Food Packaging Association. Dong said the banned substance can leak out and penetrate into food more easily when the plastic wrap is used for foods with a high level of fat.

CCTV reporters visited the Tongxiang Chemical Co Ltd in Zhejiang Province, which supplies raw materials to companies such as the Wuxi Xindi Plastic Products Co and Shanghai

Junshi Plastic Products Co. Tongxiang claimed its materials only contained diocetyl adipate (DOA), which is permitted under Chinese standards. However, CCTV said DEHA was found in its sample products sent for tests. The cost of raw materials for plastic wrap containing DEHA is 8,000 yuan (US\$929) per ton compared with 12,000 yuan for plastic wraps containing DOA. CCTV said Xu Xiaofeng, a business manager at the Tongxiang company, admitted it used DEHA as a raw material for plastic wrap due to its lower cost.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Brad Pitt buys private jet for Angelina Jolie



Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

LOS ANGELES, 30 July—Actor Brad Pitt has reportedly bought a private jet for fiancée Angelina Jolie to make sure they get to see each other frequently.

Pitt is currently in London to shoot his forthcoming film *Fury*, based on the second World War, while Jolie is directing war film *Unbroken* in Hawaii.

“Brad wanted to gift Angelina with a jet for trips between the set of *Fury* in London and her set of *Unbroken*,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted a source as saying.

“He told her that she can choose the plane and he will pay, that way, they can fly back and forth to see each other, and Angelina’s always wanted to fly a jet across the ocean anyway,” the source added.

Jolie raises six children, Maddox, 11, Pax, eight, Zahara, seven, Shiloh, six, and four-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne, with Pitt.

PTI

Halle Berry to resume work soon after delivery

LONDON, 30 July—Actress Halle Berry is in no mood to take a break from her career due to her pregnancy.

The 46-year-old *Die Another Day* star, who is expecting her first child with husband Olivier Martinez, is also raising her five-year-old son Nahla from a previous relationship, reported Contactmusic.

“After giving birth I will go back to work as soon as possible. When I got Nahla I took time off for

almost four years. But now that job-wise everything is going so well, I definitely want to keep on working. That’s why this little baby will travel a lot with me,” she said.

The actress exchanged vows with Martinez earlier this month in a close ceremony in France.

PTI



Actress Halle Berry

Naomi Watts wants third baby but only if it's a girl



Naomi Watts

LOS ANGELES, 30 July—Actress Naomi Watts admits she would consider having another baby if it is guaranteed that it would be a girl.

The 44-year-old has two sons — Alexander, six, and Samuel, five — with her long-term partner, actor Liev Schreiber, and she admits that she wouldn’t mind having a third child, if it’s a she, reports femalefirst.co.uk. “Two boys can be a lot to handle and sometimes you think it would be easier with two girls playing with their tea sets and dolls. But Liev loves having two boys and I suppose I might consider having another child if someone could guarantee me it would be a girl,” OK! magazine quoted Watts as saying.—PTI

Lady Gaga branded a bully by former employee



LONDON, 30 July—Pop star Lady Gaga has been branded a bully and a monster by a former member of staff.

The 27-year-old *Born This Way* hitmaker, who has repeatedly spoken out against bullying, has been accused of unpredictable behaviour which has seen her lash out at her staff for no reason, reported Contactmusic.

One former crew member who worked on her *Monster’s Ball* world tour between 2009 and 2011 said, “She would have a prayer circle before each show. One night she just suddenly turned on one of the backing singers, branding her unprofessional and ungrateful.” “She crucified her in front of dozens of people — she skinned this girl alive.

It was so painful to watch — and no, you couldn’t step in. She offers support to her fans who are victims of bullying and calls them her monsters — but she is a bully and a monster herself.”

PTI

Lady Gaga has spoken out against bullying in the past.



Aniston’s fiancé Justin Theroux accidentally stepped on her toe and broke it.

Jennifer Aniston nursing broken toe

NEW YORK, 30 July—Actress Jennifer Aniston says she is suffering from a broken toe, thanks to her fiancé Justin Theroux.

The 44-year-old actress admitted that her soon-to-be-husband stepped on her toe, which ultimately broke, reports eonline.com.

“I have a broken toe,” said Aniston.

“Not to out my sweet, sweet fiancé but he has big feet and wears these boots. He stepped on my toe. Broke it. I felt it,” she added.

The couple, who got engaged last year in August, were supposed to get married this year, but the two have not yet announced a wedding date.

PTI

SPORTS

Neymar not yet near Messi, says former coach



RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 July—Neymar's former coach Muricy Ramalho believed the Brazil striker could not yet be compared to new Barcelona teammate Lionel Messi.

The 57-year-old, sacked as coach of Brazilian top-flight club Santos in June, said on Monday that Neymar needed to shine consistently in Europe before being classed alongside the four-time Ballon d'Or winner.

“I’m sure they will work well together, there won’t be any problems. Neymar is a good kid and he has a lot of respect for Messi,” Neymar, who arrived in Barcelona on Sunday following his 57 million-euro transfer from Santos, is set to make his debut for the Catalan club against Polish side Lechia Gdansk on Tuesday.—Xinhua

“Messi is number one,” Ramalho said. “Neymar will improve at Barcelona, but he has a long way to go to get to where Messi is.”

Ramalho rejected suggestions from Barcelona legend Johan Cruyff that the pair will not be compatible on the pitch.

Pepe Reina slams Liverpool over Napoli loan

LONDON, 30 July—Spanish goalkeeper Jose Reina on Monday launched a scathing attack on Liverpool after accusing the club of forcing him to join Napoli on loan.

The 30-year-old started his season-long loan to the Italian side on Monday following several months of speculation over his future.

He was reported to be a target for Barcelona at the end of last season but a deal with the Spanish champions never materialised.

In the meantime, Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers signed Belgian goalkeeper Simon Mignolet from Sunderland.

With Mignolet on board, Liverpool were not keen to keep Reina, whose is reported paid £100,000 (116,000 euros, \$154,000) per week and the Premier League club accepted a loan offer from Napoli.

Faced with the prospect of losing his place, Reina reluctantly agreed to be reunited with former Liverpool Rafael Benitez, who is now in charge at Napoli.

But Reina, who joined Liverpool from Villarreal in 2005, said he was disappointed to have been left with little choice about his future.

“If I have one regret, it is the way that I am leaving,” Reina wrote on his official website pepereina25.com.

“It is only natural that I

would be disappointed that the Liverpool management agreed to loan me to Napoli without telling me first.”

“I thought that I deserved better than that, even though I understand that difficult decisions have to be taken in football.”

Reina conceded that he had told Liverpool he would have been keen to join Barca if a serious offer was made but was still surprised at the way he was treated.

PTI



Spain's World Cup goalkeeper Pepe Reina of Liverpool collects the ball ahead of England World Cup striker Wanyne Rooney of Manchester United during Premier League action at Old Trafford.

Monaco offered chance to sign Manchester United's Nani



MONACO, 30 July—Monaco sporting director Vadim Vasilyev says the newly-promoted club has been offered the chance to sign Manchester United winger Nani.

The principality club

has been busy in the transfer market since winning promotion to Ligue 1 last season, and has signed the likes of Radamel Falcao, Eric Abidal, Joao Moutinho and Jeremy Toulalan.

Vasilyev tells French sports newspaper *L'Equipe* that Nani “has been offered to us” but adds “he is a very good player, but at the moment there have been no talks yet. We have already changed our group

quite a bit and we also want to offer opportunities to our young players.” Nani has a year left on his current contract and Vasilyev has not ruled out making a move before the window closes on 2 September.—PTI

Nadine Angerer the star as Germany win women's European Championship



SOLNA, (Sweden), 30 July—Goalkeeper Nadine Angerer saved two penalties to help Germany win a record sixth consecutive women's European Championship with a 1-0 success

against Norway in Solna on Sunday.

Substitute Anja Mittag scored the only goal of the game just a few minutes after being introduced from the bench at the beginning

of the second period but the true star of the show was Angerer.

Twice Norway were awarded what seemed highly dubious penalties but Angerer deflected Trine Ronning's

first half spot-kick away with her knee before thwarting Solveig Gulbrandsen from 12 yards in the second period.

Those two crucial stops meant Mittag's close range tap-in from a pinpoint cross from Celia Okoyino da Mbabi was enough to give the Germans a measure of revenge on opponents who had inflicted on them a shock group stage defeat by the same scoreline.

Germany have now won eight of the 11 women's Euro events and have not failed to lift the trophy since Norway triumphed in 1993.

It was a richly deserved victory as Leonie Maier hit the bar with a looping header in the opening minutes and near the end Nadine Kessler bobbled a scuffed effort against the base of the upright. They dominated throughout but Norway had their chances, not least from the penalty spot.—PTI

GENERAL

A new world for small town shoppers

BEIJING, 30 July — China's e-commerce takeoff is reaching customers in remote areas where stores are few and the costs of building a physical retail presence are high. According to a study by Taobao.com, China's biggest customer-to-customer electronic trading website, online shopping has in effect unlocked the consumption potential of lower-tier urban residents. The research, which surveyed 2,006 counties in 2012, suggested that about 30 million such people purchased goods with a combined value of 179 billion yuan (\$29.2 billion) on Taobao, up 87 percent year-on-year. That is a per-capita average of 6,000 yuan, eclipsing the 4,700 yuan spent by shoppers in first- and second-tier cities.

Small-town customers shopped on Taobao 54 times a year, beating the frequency of big-city buyers, who made 39 purchases annually. Yiwu, a county-level city in

East China's Zhejiang Province, took the top spot in overall spending, with online transactions reaching 3.4 billion yuan. Consumers from Qingliu county in Fujian Province are the most enthusiastic digital shoppers, devoting 72.6 percent of their disposable income to online vendors on Taobao. In Beijing and Shanghai, the comparable figure was only 27 percent. Mobile and digital channels are offering additional opportunities to build trust and brand awareness, as county-level shoppers are more inclined to buy international branded cosmetics and clothing online.

For instance, county buyers spent an average of 765 yuan for Estee Lauder's skin care products on Tmall, Taobao's sister unit where business vendors sell to individual customers. Large city residents spent only 652 yuan. The results coincided with a McKinsey & Co study in March, which

indicated that online spending raises China's total consumption and the effect is even more pronounced in less-developed areas.

While about 60 percent of online consumption simply replaces physical retail shopping, the remainder of about 40 percent is incremental consumption. The influence is bigger in less-developed urban areas where brick-and-mortar retail is inadequate. In these areas, which are third- and fourth-tier cities, 57 percent of spending is incremental, the report added.

"We found that while incomes in these urban areas are lower, the utility of online purchasing may be higher, since they now have access to products and brands previously not available to them, in locations where many retailers have yet to establish beachheads," said Richard Dobbs, a director of McKinsey and lead author of the report. —Xinhua

Romania helicopter crash kills five people

BUCHAREST, 30 July —A helicopter crashed into a lake on Monday, killing five people on board, including three German citizens, Romanian authorities said. The accident occurred near a village in the town of Taureni in Mures County, officials from local emergency services said.

Ovidiu Petru Olteanu,

mayor of Taureni, said the owner of the helicopter, who was a Romanian businessman, was killed together with the pilot and three German businessmen. One woman survived. They had visited a wood processing factory in a village and the helicopter they were travelling in crashed three minutes after take-off. The

only survivor, a woman identified as the Romanian businessman's assistant, sustained minor injuries. Four bodies were retrieved from the lake and the fifth one was still trapped in the wreckage of the helicopter. The five people all drowned, and an investigation into the cause of the crash is under way. —Xinhua

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(31-7-2013, Wednesday)

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1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw	21. News
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2. Physical Exercise	22. India Drama Series
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3. Song & Dance of National Races	23. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - First Year (Economic)
7:00 am	5:00 pm
4. News/ Weather Report	24. News
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7:30 am	5:25 pm
6. Documentary	26. Classical Song
8:00 am	5:40 pm
8. News / International News	27. Documentary (Fashion)
8:25 am	5:50 pm
9. Sing A Song	28. Documentary (SEA Games)
9:00 am	6:00 pm
10. News/ International News	29. News / Weather Report
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11. News	30. Shwe Yin Khone Than
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12. TV Drama Series	31. News
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13. Bakery Wold	32. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
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14. Teleplay	33. News /International News / Weather Report
12:00 pm	8:35 pm
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17. Documentary	36. News
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20. India Drama Series	

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- * World News
- * Myanmar Masterclass: Impressionism

Sloane Stephens stumbles in Washington opener



Sloane Stephens

WASHINGTON, 30 July—Sloane Stephens, coming off a quarter-final run at Wimbledon, crashed out on Monday in the first round of the WTA and ATP Washington Open.

The 20-year-old American, ranked 15th in the world and seeded second on the women's side of the

\$1.76 million hardcourt event, was ousted 7-5, 6-3 by Russia's Olga Puchkova.

"There were some (shots) I really couldn't believe went that far out," Stephens said. "The ball was flying everywhere. 'I just couldn't find it. When you don't practice well it shows. I had a couple rough

days, and it showed."

Stephens is already trying to tamp down US Open expectations after beating current world number one Serena Williams on her way to the Australian Open semi-finals, where she lost to then-number one Victoria Azarenka.

"If I lose in the first round, don't be upset," she said. "It's going to be my first time there playing under so much pressure and everyone expecting me to do so well."

"Whatever people say or however they think I should do, they don't practice with me. I just have to go out and do the best I can."

Stephens, who took a post-Wimbledon family vacation to Hawaii, also reached the fourth round at the French Open and the

last eight at Wimbledon, losing to eventual winner Marion Bartoli.

"I don't know why I play so well at the Slams and not so well at the rest," Stephens said. "I can fix these things myself and get ready for next week."

Mardy Fish, who has missed most of the past year with heart problems, won his first ATP match since March, rallying to outlast Australian qualifier Matthew Ebden 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

"I still feel a little uneasy and that's to be expected. It's not all going to be roses right away," Fish said. "These will be the sort of situations I have to get through to be 100 percent. These sort of post-traumatic experiences are what I have to get over."

PTI

40 injured in two train collision in Western Switzerland

GENEVA, 30 July — Two trains collided into each other on Monday at the exit of the Granges-pres-Marnand train station in the western Canton of Vaud in Switzerland, leaving some 40 injured, according to local media report.

An official with the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) confirmed the accident in a telephone interview with Xinhua, but the death toll was unknown at the moment. It was reported that the head-on collision occurred around 7 pm local time when one train arrived at the station and the other departed, leaving around 40 passengers injured, with several in critical condi-

tions.

The Vaud Canton Police said in a statement that one of the train drives is still not reached by rescuers at the moment.

A Vaud cantonal policeman said that policemen and rescue members have rushed into the scene, southwest of the Swiss capital Bern. A helicopter was also on site.

According to local media reports, a rail replacement bus service was in place. Rail traffic between Moudon and Payerne is interrupted. The details of the accident remain unknown and the investigation is underway.

Xinhua

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves appointments of Central Bank's governor, vice-governors



Today's session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today approved the appointment of U Kyaw Kyaw Maung as Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and U Set Aung, U Than Nyein and Daw Khin Saw Oo as vice-governors which are nominated by the President.

Six messages on the appointments and reshuffle of the Union ministers and the deputy ministers were put on record.

Hluttaw also approved the formation of the 20-member Joint Committee on ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and the 20-member Joint

Committee on Inter-Parliamentary Union.

“ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly is held annually. I together with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attended the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly meeting in Cambodia while the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session was being held,” says MP Dr Myat Nyana Soe. I understand that the formation of that joint committee is aimed at making coordination and cordial relations and cooperation effectively with the parliaments in ASEAN countries on behalf of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, he

added. MP U Khin Maung Yi said “ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly has long been formed. Myanmar formed the joint committee with 10 from Pyithu Hluttaw and ten from Amyotha Hluttaw since the emergence of Hluttaws. That is to say, AIPA is held two times a year. Its annual meeting is held in the country that takes chairmanship. Brunei will chair this year's meeting. We have a plan to make cooperation with Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). So, AIPA and IPU are very crucial as Hluttaws, legislative bodies can support government's activities.

MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets British Speaker of the House of Commons and party

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July — Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met a British parliamentary delegation led by Speaker of the House of Commons Mr. John Bercow at Zabuthiri Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 11 am today.

They held comprehensive discussions on political reforms in Myanmar, parliamentary affairs and matters related to bilateral cooperation and amity and friendship between the two countries.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, committee chairpersons Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, U Htay Oo, U Hla Myint Oo and

U Htay Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives Daw Dwe Bu, U Nyan Swe Win, Daw Nann Wah Nu, Daw Khin Saw Wai, Daw Nann Say Awa and Daw Mi Yin Chan and officials of Hluttaw Office. The visiting British delegation was accompanied by the British Ambassador to Myanmar.

After the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker hosted a luncheon to the British Speaker of the House of Commons and party at the dining hall.

After the meeting, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the British Speaker of the House of Commons exchanged gifts. Next, the British Speaker presented a flower basket to the entertainment troupe.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo together with Speaker of the House of Commons of United Kingdom Mr. John Bercow and party at Zabuthiri Hall in Hluttaw Complex.—MNA

Nepal records 63% increase in tiger population in 4 years



KATHMANDU, 30 July — The population of wild tigers in Nepal stands at 198, up 63 percent from the previous census taken in 2009, the government said on Monday. Megh Bahadur Pandey, head of the Department of Na-

tional Parks and Wildlife Conservation, called the increase “an important milestone” toward achieving the global goal of doubling the wild tiger population by 2022.

“Tigers are a part of Nepal's natural wealth and

we are committed to ensuring these magnificent wildcats have the prey, protection and space to thrive,” Pandey said in announcing the latest tiger census. Anil Manandhar, country representative of WWF Nepal, sounded cautious while hailing the increase in the number of wild tigers.

“While we celebrate the positive results from the tiger survey, WWF calls on the government of Nepal to redouble efforts to protect these conservation gains that could easily be lost as human-tiger conflict increases and illegal wildlife trade empties our forests,” Manandhar said.

Correction

Please read Deputy Minister at the President Office U Thant Shin instead of Union Minister U Soe Maung in the caption of bottom left photo on page 16 of this daily issued on 30-7-2013.

Ed

The field survey to ascertain the number of tigers in Nepal was carried out between February and June this year at five protected areas and three corridors.

The survey found that the tiger population had tripled in Bardia National Park and doubled in Shuklaphanta Wildlife Reserve. Results at other national parks were also encouraging. —Kyodo

Low pressure area intensified into a depression

NAY PYI TAW, 30 July—According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal has further intensified into a depression. It is centered at about (240) miles from South-Southeast of Kolkata (India), (240) miles from Southwest of Sittway (Myanmar). It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards.

The present stage of

the depression is coded yellow stage and it is no moving towards Myanmar coasts. Under the influence of depression, occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h. Trawlers, vessels and ships are advised to advert possible danger, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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