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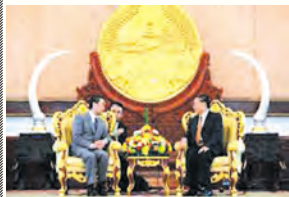
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Commitment of local people to sustainable regional development necessary: Union Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug — Chairman of the Committee for Implementation of the Investigation Commission's Report on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun and party attended the opening of Pyinna Yadana school building for Basic Education Post-Primary School in Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project Area yesterday.

The committee chairman and members donated notebooks and stationery for the school and viewed round the two-storey new school building that cost K 79.2 million.

They proceeded to a temporary station hospital in Taungpulu village where they enquired after patients and cordially met with local people.

Next, they inspected construction of basic education pre-primary schools in New Wethmae-Kandaw village and new Hsede-Zeedaw village, presented packets of instant noodle to local people and observed basic tailoring courses for employment of local women.

In meeting with the village administrators of nine village-tracts and local representatives from 33 villages in the project area at the briefing hall of No (6)



Union Minister U Hla Tun addresses coordination meeting between local representatives and Committee for Implementation of Investigation Commission's Report on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project.—MNA

garment factory in Salingyi Township, the committee chairman vowed to ensure job creation and bring fruitful results of the project to local people and coordinate matters related to implementation of regional development as soon as possible. He said the committee is not only implementing the suggestions of the report but also attending to the needs of local people. Works are underway for environmental conservation meeting the set standards and industrialization. He stressed the need to work hard to be able to keep pace with other countries, taking lessons from the past events that left

the nation lagged behind in development and inviting foreign investments. He urged to coordinate matters in accord with constructive advice.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the committee Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye elaborated on regional development works being implemented by four work committees in cooperation with local people.

Then, Vice-Chairman of the committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo discussed matters related to making the revised contract transparent

for local people.

Afterwards, committee member Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko explained matters related to the rule of law and community peace and tranquility.

Then, committee member Union Minister Dr Myint Aung gave an account of the contract which was revised in accord with the detailed suggestions of the implementation committee, experts, the ministries concerned, the Attorney-General Office of the Union, UMEHL and Wenbao company. Next, leaders of work committees reported on respective matters. The committee chairman and the vice-

chairmen answered the queries raised by local representatives.

In his concluding speech, the committee chairman stressed the need for resumption of the project as quick as possible in a transparent manner for the sake of the country and its people, calling on officials concerned to take necessary measures for local people to be able to enjoy the benefits of corporate social responsibility activities. He also called for collaborative commitment based on constructive attitude of local people to ensure sustainable benefits of the works for their own region.

MNA

TOKYO, 4 Aug—A record 79,057 climbers visited Mt. Fuji in the first three weeks of July, the Environment Ministry said recently, crediting the mountain's World Heritage status, bestowed in June, for the increased turnout.

The number of climbers, which increased 35 percent from the same period last year, also appears to have been bolstered by an early end to the rainy season and an early thaw on the trails compared to previous years, officials said.

Infrared counters set up near the 8th stations of the four routes up the

mountain were used to collect the data between July 1 and July 21.

The most popular route, the Yoshida trail, was taken by 60 percent of the climbers, while the Fujinomiya, Subashiri and Gotemba trails saw 21 percent, 13 percent and 6 percent, respectively.

Through the climbing season across the entire months of July and August, the figure this year is expected to exceed the record of roughly 320,000 in 2010. Visitor numbers have been officially kept since 2005.

The ministry warns

Entertainments for opening and closing of SEA Games discussed

YANGON, 4 Aug—A coordination meeting on skill demonstrations of Myanmar Cane-ball Federation, Myanmar Martial Arts Federation and photographers in opening and closing entertainments in the XXVII SEA Games

those planning to climb the mountain to be prepared for sudden changes in the weather, citing an increase in under-equipped climbers.—Kyodo

was held at the hall of the National Museum (Yangon), here, yesterday afternoon.

Responsible persons reported on their respective sectors.

Secretary of the Training Committee for Preparation of the Games Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts Department explained plans of the Ministry of Culture for the training programme.—MNA

Bombs believed to be dating back to Second World War unearthed in Bago



BAGO, 4 Aug — A total of 11 bombs which are believed to have been dropped from planes during World War-area were dug up at a rubber farm near

Hsatchaung village, 17 miles from Bago, recently.

No (3) Police Station in Bago said that they were informed by a 100-household head of Hsatchaung village

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of the discovery of six bombs which are 36 inches in length and eight inches in girth while digging the earth for rubber growing at the rubber farm.

They rushed there and discovered five more bombs while continued digging. The unearthed bombs are being kept safe and plans are underway to hand over them to the military engineering battalion in Bago.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Seizure of stimulant tablets from two suspects in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 4 Aug — Police seized 24 stimulant tablets in Kawthoung on 25 July.

While conducting a search of Aung San Win (a) Shan Nge on his motorbike in front of a

garage on Kyarbasat street in Shwe Zinyaw ward in Kawthoung at about 7.30 pm on that day, a team of Kawthoung anti-narcotic special squad led by Police Inspector Thein Htay Oo discovered 24 WY

stimulant tablets from him.

His arrest led the police to the search for narcotic drugs from Hussein at the corner of Phayar street and Padauk street in Annawa ward in Kawthoung at about 8.30 pm. Before the search was imminent, he threw a packet into the drain. Police found 127 stimulant tablets in the packet he threw and 697 under the motorbike's seat.

Regarding the case, actions are being taken against Aung San Win (a) Shan Nge and Hussein by Kawthoung anti-narcotic special squad.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe



Gambling baron and accomplices taken into police custody

YANGON, 4 Aug — According to tip-offs, Yangon Region Police Force had staged a raid on two apartments in a same building in Pabedan Township. The major operation against gambling occurred at about 11 am on 1 August and police arrested gambling baron and his accomplices in the raid.

Nay Myo Lwin of Pabedan Township and Tun Shwe of Latha Township were caught and materials used for two-digit and three-digit gambling and K 138,100 were seized while conducting a search of Room No (100) on the third floor of a building on 29th street in the township.

When search and

arrest continued at the apartment next door, police arrested Tun Thein (a) Kitsana of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Soe Win (a) Sha Phee of Pabedan Township, Issamai of Pabedan Township, Aung Win of Pazundaung Township, Ba Lu of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Aung Myint of Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Tamil of Dala Township, Kyaw Kyaw Lwin of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Aung Kyi of Pabedan Township, Ya Eine of Thingangyun Township, Maung Than of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Maung Tin of Thingangyun Township, Nyan Tun of Lanmadaw Township, Than Aye of Dala Township,

Phapun (a) Than Tun of Pabedan Township, Ma Tin Hla of Dala Township, Ma Ohnma of Thakayta Township, Soe Yazar Win of Mayangon Township, Zaw Win of Pabedan Township, Khin Zaw of Thakayta Township, Tin Ngwe of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Hla Win of Pabedan Township, Maung Aye of Pabedan Township and gambling baron Kyaw Ko Ko (a) Ange Lay of Pabedan Township together with those used for two-digit and three-digit gambling and K 3,311,950.

Pabedan Township police filed lawsuits against 24 suspects including a gambling baron over gambling.

Kyemon-Soe Win-MLA

RURAL DEVELOPMENT

New concrete road emerges in Twantay

TWANTAY, 4 Aug — A self-reliant concrete road was commissioned into service at Pyawbwelay village in Twantay Township of Yangon Region in conjunction with the opening ceremony on 23 July.

First, Twantay Township Administrator

U Than Zaw Han made an opening address and the village administrator gave an account of the newly-opened concrete road.

Next, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative Dr Ohn Kywe and party formally opened the new road and strolled along it.

The newly-inaugurated

concrete road is 1015 feet long, 10 feet wide and six inches thick. It is built with the contribution of K 3.5 million by local people.

Emergence of the new concrete road will be of great benefit to local people and students of the village.

Kyemon-Myo Hlaing (Twantay)

CRIME

MUSE, 4 Aug — A ceremony to incinerate the goods illegally imported and foodstuff which are unfit for consumption took place near a golf course at 105th-Mile border trade camp in Homon ward of Muse Township in Shan State at 9 am on 2 August.

A total of K 18,552,100 worth of various kinds of 155 toys, 559 cartons of mosquito-repellent

Incineration of illegal goods, unfit foodstuff in Muse

aerosol can, 437 cartons of playing cards, 40 cartons of insecticide, 50 cartons of sausage, 200 cartons of China-made beer, 50 cartons of mosquito-repellent coil, 20 cartons of soya and 107 bags of animal feedstuff were incinerated at the ceremony.

The illegal goods and foodstuff were confiscated by a mobile team during the period from 1 April to 26 July this year and they were destroyed in the presence of officials concerned and the public.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo)



FIRE

YANGON, 4 Aug — A fire broke out at a sausage factory in Shwelinban industrial zone in Hlinethaya Township on 2 August night.

The fire was said to be due to static heat that had set a pile of cardboard on fire at the factory.

Firefighters accompanied by 45 fire trucks, two administrative vehicles and four supportive vehicles attended to putting out the fire that died down at about 10.45 pm. The fire swept through the whole warehouse, destroying K 2.1 million worth plastic bags, cardboard, materials used in

Sausage factory fire in Shwelinban Industrial Zone

packaging.

Two fire crews are being treated at Insein Hospital as one felt suffocated by smoke and the other sustained cuts and bruises on his right arm. But they are not in critical

condition.

Regarding the fire case, Hlinethaya Police Station filed a lawsuit against Yu Ko, warehouse in-charge, of Sangyoung Township.

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White House holds high-level meeting over security threat



WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — President Barack Obama's top national security advisers met at the White House on Saturday to discuss the potential threat of terrorist attacks that caused Washington and its allies to issue travel warnings and close embassies throughout the Middle East.

The United States issued a worldwide travel alert on Friday warning Americans that al-Qaeda may be planning attacks in August, particularly in the Middle East and North Africa. Without giving an update on the nature of the threat, the White House said top officials includ-

ing Secretary of State John Kerry, Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel, and national security adviser Susan Rice gathered on Saturday to discuss it.

"Early this week, the president instructed his National Security team to take all appropriate steps to protect the American people in light of a potential threat occurring in or emanating from the Arabian Peninsula," the White House said in a statement.

"This afternoon, National Security Advisor Rice chaired a meeting with the Principals Committee to further review the situation and follow-up actions," it said, referring to the group

of advisers. A senior US official, asked if the United States had pre-positioned forces to deal with the latest threat, replied, "We've had US forces prepared for some time to respond to potential contingencies in the Middle East and North Africa."

"We're postured to support timely and effective action if requested. This latest threat is serious, and the Pentagon is working closely with its partners, to include the State Department and the intelligence community, to confront it," the official said on condition of anonymity. Obama is spending the weekend at the Camp David presidential retreat after playing golf earlier on Saturday. His birthday is Sunday.

The White House said Obama had received regular briefings about the potential threat and US preparedness measures all week. Rice and counterterrorism adviser Lisa Monaco briefed him after the high-level meeting on Saturday, it said.

Other attendees at the White House meeting in-

cluded Obama's chief of staff, Denis McDonough, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Martin Dempsey, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper, and the heads of the FBI and CIA. The US State Department said on Thursday that American embassies that would normally be open this Sunday — including those in Abu Dhabi, Baghdad and Cairo — would be closed.

CBS News reported that intelligence officials had information about a major plot. "Intelligence officers have reporting from a reliable source that a major plot is under way and that the team to carry it out has been selected and is in place," CBS reported. US authorities did not know the date, the timing or the target of the planned attack, it said. France said earlier on Saturday it would close its embassy in Yemen for several days from Sunday, following similar moves by Britain and Germany.—Reuters

US envoy Roos to attend A-bomb ceremony in Hiroshima

TOKYO, 4 Aug — US Ambassador to Japan John Roos will attend an annual ceremony on Tuesday in Hiroshima to commemorate the 68th anniversary of the 1945 US atomic bombing of the city, the US Embassy in Tokyo said on Sunday.

It would be Roos' third attendance as representative of the United States at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Ceremony and his last as ambassador as he will be leaving the post shortly. The US government is also arranging for Roos to take part in a similar ceremony in Nagasaki on Friday, as he did last year, according to sources close to Japan-US relations.

Roos became the first US ambassador to Japan to attend the Hiroshima ceremony in 2010, which fell on the 65th anniversary of the bombing.

He attended the Nagasaki ceremony last year for the first time. Behind his attendances is US President Barack Obama's desire to push for a world without nuclear weapons.

In the statement announcing Roos' attendance at the ceremony, the embassy said the United States "looks forward to continuing to work with Japan to advance President Obama's goal of realizing a world without nuclear weapons."—Kyodo News



NSA revelations could hurt collaboration with 'betrayed' hackers

LAS VEGAS, 4 Aug — The US government's efforts to recruit talented hackers could suffer from the recent revelations about its vast domestic surveillance programmes, as many private researchers express disillusionment with the National Security Agency. Though hackers tend to be anti-establishment by nature, the NSA and other intelligence agencies had made major inroads in recent years in hiring some of the best and brightest, and paying for information on software flaws that help them gain access to target computers and phones.

Much of that goodwill has been erased after the NSA's classified programmes to monitor phone records and Internet activity were exposed by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden, according to prominent hackers and cyber experts. A turn in the community's sentiment was on show at two major security conventions in Las Vegas this week: Black Hat, which attracts more established cyber professionals, and Def Con, which gets a larger gathering of younger,



more independent hackers.

"We've gone backwards about 10 years in the relations between the good guys and the US government," said Alex Stamos, a veteran security researcher who was to give a Def Con talk on Saturday on the need to revisit industry ethics. Stamos has willingly briefed FBI and NSA officials on his work in the past, but said that he would now want their questions in writing and he would bring a lawyer to any meeting. With top intelligence officials warning in March that cyber attacks and cyber espionage have supplanted terrorism as the top security threat facing the United States, the administration is trying to boost

security in critical infrastructure and the military is vastly increasing its ranks of computer specialists.

The NSA, working with the Department of Homeland Security, has been lending more of its expertise to protect defence contractors, banks, utilities and other industries that are being spied upon or attacked by rival nations. These efforts rely on recruiting talented hackers and working with professionals in the private sector. Some security experts remain supportive of the government. NSA Director Keith Alexander's talk at the Black Hat conference was well received on Wednesday, despite a few hecklers.—Reuters

Defence Ministry to ease procurement rules for equipment

TOKYO, 4 Aug — The Defence Ministry may relax its procurement rules for noncombat defence equipment used by the Self-Defence Forces by allowing contracting companies to sell the same equipment to municipal governments and other non-defence entities as well as to the SDF, a ministry official said on Saturday. The step is intended to invigorate the flagging domestic defence industry by expanding the customer base beyond the Defence Ministry and thus spurring cost-saving mass production, the official said.

Equipment subject to the step will include protec-

tive gear and tents, the official said, adding weapons will be excluded. Contracting companies would be allowed to sell noncombat defence equipment to third parties including foreign countries, if they pay the Defence Ministry a fee for defence expertise provided to them for equipment production, the official said. Currently, firms which have been contracted by the ministry to make defence equipment can only sell their defence items to the SDF. Facing a decreased budget, the ministry is cutting the number of items it can purchase from equipment makers, which has led

to higher production costs for them.

Small-lot production also makes it hard for defence equipment makers to maintain technological capability needed to develop such equipment. The ministry said more than 100 companies pulled out of their defence equipment business in the last decade. The envisaged relaxation of the ministry's equipment procurement rule is seen as one of the steps toward reviewing Japan's arms embargo. A government source has said Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government will soon begin reviewing the embargo.—Kyodo News



Visitors including a group of relatives of victims of the 11 Sept, 2001, terror attacks on the United States gather around a monument in Koriyama, Fukushima Prefecture, on 3 Aug, 2013. The group donated the monument featuring a large steel replica of a paper crane of atomic bombing victim Sadako Sasaki. The replica was made from a portion of the steel frame of the collapsed World Trade Centre in New York.—KYODO NEWS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

New Siemens CEO says played no role in his predecessor's ouster

FRANKFURT, 4 Aug — Joe Kaeser, the new chief executive of German engineering group Siemens, told a newspaper he played no role in the ousting of his predecessor Peter Loescher. Loescher was dumped in a boardroom battle after the company issued its second profit warning of the year last week. Kaeser, previously finance chief at Siemens, became the company's new CEO on Thursday.

"I worked very well with Mr Loescher and was not involved in his replacement," German daily *Nuernberger Nachrichten* quoted Kaeser as saying in an excerpt of an interview to be published on Monday. There have been

persistent rumours over the past year that Kaeser had his eye on Loescher's job and that there was considerably friction between the two managers, though both have repeatedly said they worked well together.

"Much has been written about untruths, rumours and speculation. The fact is that the supervisory board had to decide whether my predecessor should remain in office, and if not, who should succeed him. Those are two completely separate processes," Kaeser told *Nuernberger Nachrichten* in his first interview after being named CEO.

Loescher came under pressure after years of breakneck expansion and



forays into new businesses, including an ill-fated detour into solar energy, left Siemens lagging rivals such as General Electric in terms of profitability.

Kaeser reiterated that he aims for Siemens to close the gap with competitors by focusing on the company's core com-

petencies. For instance, he saw opportunities for Siemens in the oil and gas industry's demand for pumps used for hydraulic fracturing, in ensuring uninterrupted electricity and cooling supply for server farms or in a growing electro-mobility market.

Reuters

Motorola's Moto X: first smart phone under Google's umbrella

BEIJING, 4 Aug — After much teasing, Motorola finally unveiled the Moto X phone on Thursday, the first to have been designed from scratch since Google's takeover of Motorola last year. The Phone might not be a most impressive piece of hardware, but it has some creative software features that help set it apart.

The phone's X8 chip comes with discrete cores for voice commands and gesture controls, as executives at the launch event in New York demonstrated how a spoken "OK Google Now" request allowed hands-free navigation and search. The Moto X uses sensors to constantly be

aware of ambient light conditions and the orientation of the device.

But voice commands and some snazzy sensor work isn't the only trick up Motorola's sleeve; it is touting the phone's 2,000 personalization options from Motorola's Moto Maker factory in Fort Worth, Texas, which gives the phone its "assembled in America" tag. The front of the device comes in black or white, and there are 18 colours to pick for the back of the phone; an inscription can be added as well. The phone's earpieces can be picked in the same color range, as can the trim around the camera and display.—Xinhua

Australian researchers find soils losing from wind erosion, dust storms

CANBERRA, 4 Aug — Australian soils are losing about 1.6 million tonnes of carbon each year from wind erosion and dust storms, affecting agricultural productivity, its economy and carbon accounts, a new research from the Australian government's body for scientific research, CSIRO, found on Friday. This CSIRO research paper "Soil organic carbon dust emission: an omitted global source of atmospheric CO₂" was published in the latest issue of the journal *Global Change Biology*.

CSIRO research scientist Dr Adrian Chappell and an international team of experts in wind erosion and dust emission recently calculated the extent of these carbon dust emissions. The researchers confirmed that the top soil is rich in nutrients and carbon but is increasingly being blown away

by events such as the "Red Dawn" in Sydney in 2009.

A recent research estimated that the "Red Dawn" dust storm that passed over the eastern coast of Australia on 23 Sept, 2009 cost New South Wales 300 million AU dollars (almost 268.6 million US dollars), mainly for household cleaning and associated activities. According to this research, when wind lifts carbon dust into the atmosphere it changes the amount and location of soil carbon. Some carbon falls back to the ground while some leaves Australia or ends up in the ocean.

"Carbon stored in our soils helps sustain plant growth. Our modeling shows that millions of tonnes of dust and carbon are blowing away, and it is uncertain where all that ends up," Dr Chappell said. "We need to understand the

impact of this dust carbon cycle to develop more accurate national and global estimates of carbon balances and to be able to prepare for life in a changing climate," Adrian Chappell explained in a statement.

"Australia's carbon accounts, and even global carbon accounts, have not yet taken wind or water erosion into consideration and when this happens it could have significant impacts on how we manage our landscapes. While soil organic carbon lost through dust is not a major contributor to Australia's total emissions, it is a major factor in our deteriorating soil health," he added.

Carbon is an essential ingredient for the healthy soils which underpin Australia's capability to produce enough food to feed 60 million people.

Xinhua

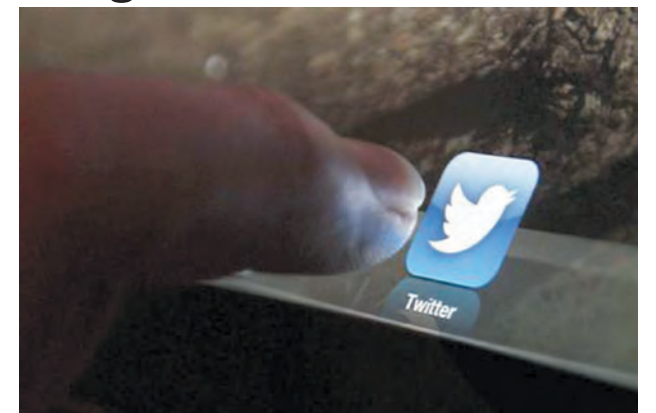
Twitter UK boosts anti-abuse tools after threats against women

LONDON, 4 Aug — The British arm of Twitter apologized on Saturday to a group of high-profile women who have been threatened with death and rape on the micro-blogging site, and announced measures to make it easier for users to report abusive tweets.

Twitter had come under increasing pressure to react after a feminist campaigner, several women members of parliament and female journalists were targeted by users who hurled misogynistic abuse at them and in some cases made violent threats.

"I personally apologize to the women who have experienced abuse on Twitter and for what they have gone through," Tony Wang, general manager of Twitter UK, said on his own Twitter feed.

"The abuse they've received is simply not acceptable. It's not acceptable in



the real world, and it's not acceptable on Twitter," he said.

Twitter UK said it was adding staff to help handle abuse reports. It also said an in-tweet "report abuse" button currently available on the Twitter app for iPhones would be added to the Twitter website and to platforms used on other mobile devices.

The problem of abuse by so-called internet "trolls" has been front-page news in

Britain since activist Caroline Criado-Perez was hit by a barrage of vitriolic tweets after successfully campaigning for a woman's face to appear on bank notes.

In recognition of her role, Criado-Perez appeared alongside Bank of England Governor Mark Carney on 24 July, when he announced 19th century novelist Jane Austen would become the face of the new 10-pound note.

Reuters

Poland to get dirtier as it leans towards lignite coal



WARSAW/LONDON, 4 Aug — Poland, one of the heaviest polluters in Europe, will become even

dirtier now that its shale gas ambitions have faded and it turns to cheap domestic lignite coal to secure its en-

ergy supply. Poland already relies on coal to produce more than 90 percent of its electricity and is home to the European installation that emits the most carbon dioxide — utility PGE's lignite power plant in Belchatow.

Its choice of fuel now could determine its energy and environmental situation for decades to come, given that Poland needs to build new power stations to replace ageing plants and cope with future demand as its power system oper-

ates close to capacity. The government and utilities, encouraged by firm popular support, are looking to domestic lignite reserves as a cheap way to fuel that new capacity and reduce imports of Russian gas.

"Looking at Poland's limited reserves of gas and oil, lignite coal has to be perceived as the stabilizing factor for Poland's energy safety," Poland's economy ministry said in an email, adding Poland's lignite reserves will last for 200 to 300 years. Poland had as-

pired to become Europe's main producer of cleaner shale gas, but its ambitions for a US-style boom were thwarted when estimates of its shale gas reserves were slashed by over 90 percent. Potential shale investors including Exxon Mobil, Marathon Oil and Talisman Energy quit Poland, which then set its sights on boosting lignite production. Lignite is a soft brown fuel, considered to be the lowest and cheapest grade with a carbon content of around 25-35 percent.

"Lignite is the cheapest fuel at the moment.

Moreover, its price is the most stable and predictable compared to hard coal, gas or oil. I think lignite is becoming Poland's *raison d'état*," said Zbigniew Bryja, the head of ZE PAK's mining unit. Warsaw-listed ZE PAK is Poland's second-largest lignite power producer, and the company has an exploration license for a part of a lignite field whose potential reserves together with smaller neighboring fields total 3 billion tonnes, more than Poland's total lignite output since World War Two.—Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Bahrain bans al-Qaeda, Hezbollah websites

MANAMA, 4 Aug — The Bahraini authorities have banned website with links to al-Qaeda, Hezbollah and other groups affiliated with terrorists as part of a tougher anti-terror measure, local media reported on Saturday. The Minister of State for Communications, Sheikh Fawaz bin Mohammad Al Khalifa announced the regulation, which is a response to the recent recommendations by the country's National Assembly to take more anti-terror measures.

"With the increasing threat of terrorism, it is critical for Bahrain to join its allies and global partners in preventing the spread of extremist ideology through shutting off access to websites developed by internationally recognized terror groups, such as al-Qaeda and Hezbollah," Sheikh Fawaz said in a statement.

He added that legal action will be taken against those who incite violence and encourage terrorism. The ministry has already established a hotline and an email account to receive complaints about social media abuse, according to the report.—Xinhua



Vehicles move on flooded street after heavy rain in southern Pakistani port city of Karachi on 3 Aug, 2013. — XINHUA

US diplomat meets Egyptian leaders, Morsi's allies over crisis

CAIRO, 4 Aug — Visiting US Deputy Secretary of State William Burns held talks here on Saturday with top Egyptian leaders and loyalists to ousted Islamist President Mohamed Morsi over recent developments in the turmoil-stricken country.

"The future of Egypt is only determined by its people without any foreign interference," said Burns at a joint press conference after meeting with Egypt's interim Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy in the capital Cairo.

He added that he came to listen to the Egyptian government and different political forces, to provide possible aid that could end a state of polarization and division and work on convincing concerned parties

to stop all forms of violence to reach comprehensive reconciliation. Fahmy said Egypt welcomes all foreign delegations to listen to their views, but the final decision can only be determined by the people and the government representing the state's supreme interests, national security and efforts to combat terrorism and violence.

After meeting with interim President Adli Mansour, Burns, along with EU special envoy Bernardino Leon, met with Mohamed ElBaradei, Egypt's vice-president in charge of foreign relations.

"A solution to the current political crisis should be achieved without violence and within the framework of the constitution and the law," state-run news

agency MENA quoted ElBaradei as saying.

Later on, Burns met at a hotel with a delegation of the National Alliance for Supporting Legitimacy, a pro-Morsi alliance led by the deposed leader's Muslim Brotherhood, but he has not yet made any statement after the meeting.

The US senior diplomat has decided to extend his visit to Sunday to meet with Defence Minister Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi, who ousted Morsi in early July, as well as interim Prime Minister Hazem al-Beblawi, MENA quoted a diplomatic source as saying.

The source added that Burns is also likely to meet with UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, who is currently on a visit to Egypt.—Xinhua

Kuwait forms new Cabinet, names al-Shamali oil minister

ABU DHABI, 4 Aug — Mustapha al-Shamali was appointed oil minister in Kuwait's new Cabinet, state news agency KUNA said on Sunday after a parliamentary election in the major crude producer last month. The position was previously held on an acting basis by al-Shamali, after his predecessor, Hani Hussein, resigned in May under pressure from parliament.

Oil policy in the OPEC member state is set by a Supreme Oil Council, so ministerial changes are less important than in other countries. The Finance Ministry, which Shamali previously led, will now be headed by Salem Abdelaziz al-Sabah, while Mohamed Khaled al-Hamad al-Sabah will serve as interior

minister, a decree by Kuwait's emir said.

The 27 July parliamentary election brought in an assembly seen as more amenable to the government than some of its predecessors, raising hopes that economic development projects will move forward in the Gulf Arab state. Kuwait's ruler reappointed Sheikh Jaber al-Mubarak al-Sabah as prime minister after the election and asked him to form a new Cabinet.

The ruling Al-Sabah family traditionally holds top posts in the government. Kuwait has the most open political system in the Gulf Arab region, but parliaments have been repeatedly dissolved over procedural disputes or for challenging the government.

Reuters



France, Britain, Germany close embassies in Yemen over security concerns

PARIS, 4 Aug — Following similar moves of Britain and Germany, France will close its embassy in Yemen for several days amid increasing security concerns over imminent terror attacks, President Francois Hollande said on Saturday.

During a trip to southern France, he said the embassy in Yemen will be closed for several days, adding that "we have ele-

ments that lead us to believe that the threat is very serious and other countries have also taken similar steps." The president also urged French nationals travelling in that region to take precautions.

"We are also conscious that we will have to keep up extreme vigilance in the coming weeks, especially for people travelling in that area," he said. The three European countries decided to

temporarily close their embassies in Yemen after the US government announced on Friday the closure of 21 diplomatic missions starting on Sunday.

CNN reported that the US alert was tied to "chat-ter" among al-Qaeda operatives in Yemen planning an attack against US and Western targets. The British Foreign Office asked Britons in Yemen to get out of the area immediately.

"If your don't leave the country now while commercial carriers are still flying it its extremely unlikely that the British government will be able to evacuate you or provide consular assistance," it said. Germany missions in Yemen would remain closed on Sunday and Monday out of security fears, the Germany Foreign Ministry said.

Xinhua

Clashes rage around Damascus

DAMASCUS, 4 Aug — Clashes between the government troops and the opposition rebels raged in restive suburbs of the Syrian capital Damascus and elsewhere across the country on Saturday. Intense clashes erupted on Saturday in the Damascus' suburbs of Barzeh, Hamorieh, Qaboun and other restive areas in the eastern countryside of the capital, according to activists' reports. The clashes in Barzeh District were ignited when government troops tried to storm the district backed with heavy shelling, the oppositional Local Coordination Committees (LCC) said.

The LCC also reported heavy shelling on the eastern suburbs of Jobar and Hamorieh, where the government troops shelling allegedly killed eight people. Meanwhile, the activists' Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said several battalions of the armed rebels, including the al-Qaeda-linked Nusra Front, have

attacked and taken over three weapon depots of the Syrian army at the town of Qaldoun near Damascus. The rebels have recently stepped up their assaults in the suburbs of Damascus in the hope of creating inroads to the heavily fortified capital. On Friday, the state-media said government army succeeded to dislodge the rebels from al-Matahen area, which is close to the road to the international airport of Damascus.

Earlier in the day, the pro-government Sama TV said it cited a very well-informed source as denying media reports that a total of 30 Syrian soldiers were killed on Saturday at the hands of the rebels in Damascus' countryside. In the central province of Homs, the state-run SANA news agency said the Syrian army eliminated rebel groups. According to SANA, unites of the Syrian army killed and wounded a number of members of the armed opposition groups

in several districts in Homs and foiled an attempt to detonate a booby-trapped car in al-Hisn town. The army pursued the rebels and inflicted heavy losses upon them in Bab-Hud, al-Waer, Joret al-Shayah and al-Qarabis neighbourhoods, the report said.

In New York, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) warned of the deteriorating situation of women and children in Homs, saying in a statement that "the situation of women and children in the Syrian city of Homs is rapidly deteriorating, with some 400, 000 civilians now displaced in the district of Al Waer, living in partially constructed buildings, schools and other public buildings."

The UNICEF called on all parties of the conflict to immediately grant safe access to the afflicted families and to spare the women and children the suffering of war.

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WORLD

Two Ospreys arrive in Okinawa as part of 2nd batch deployment in Japan



Photo from a Kyodo News helicopter shows two Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft after landing at the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station in Ginowan, Okinawa Prefecture, for additional deployment on 3 Aug, 2013.—Kyodo News

GINOWAN, (Japan), 4 Aug—Two Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft of the US Marine Corps arrived at Futenma Air Station in Okinawa Prefecture on Saturday as part of a second batch of Osprey aircraft to be de-

ployed in Japan. Of the 12 Osprey transport aircraft the United States shipped to Iwakuni Air Station in Yamaguchi Prefecture in late July, two flew out of the base earlier in the day. Okinawa Gov Hi-

rokazu Nakaima expressed displeasure with the deployment, saying, "It is regrettable that (the US military) is bringing in the aircraft despite the lingering concerns of the Okinawa people" about the aircraft. The 12 Ospreys, which can take off and land like a helicopter and fly like an airplane, are the second batch to be deployed in Japan, following the arrival of the first dozen last summer. The arrival of the aircraft will enable the US military to deploy a total of 24 Ospreys to replace aging CH-46 helicopters in Okinawa, which hosts the bulk of US military forces in Japan. The rest of the Ospreys at the Iwakuni base are expected to be moved to Japan's southernmost island prefecture soon. Nakaima has repeatedly called for the

cancellation of the deployment in the prefecture due to the aircraft's history of crashes.

Meanwhile, about 200 people rallied in front of the Futenma station on Saturday morning with about 60 of them staging a sit-in in front of the base's main gates in the city of Ginowan, to protest the planned deployment of the controversial aircraft, temporarily halting traffic into and from the base from around 7 am. But police squads removed the protesters at around 9:30 am and arrested one man for obstructing officers in their duties after grabbing a policeman by the collar and tearing buttons off his uniform. Later, the opponents moved to a site across from the gate to hold a gathering against the Osprey deployment.—Kyodo News

Canada draws up directive on beacons in 787 fire investigation

NEW YORK, 4 Aug—Canada's air transport regulator is drawing up a safety directive concerning the emergency beacons at the center of an investigation into a fire on a parked Boeing 787 Dreamliner last month, it said on Saturday. The directive — which would list action that airlines or manufacturers must take — will take into account inspections done by manufacturer Honeywell International and its Canadian sub-contractor Instrumar Ltd, Transport Canada said in a statement.

"Transport Canada is

developing an airworthiness directive in consultation with the FAA (US Federal Aviation Administration) and EASA (European Aviation Safety Agency)," the statement said. "The airworthiness directive would be based on the information collected from the equipment inspections mandated by the FAA, information already provided by Honeywell, and the results of (Transport Canada's) inspections of Honeywell and Instrumar."

Emergency Locator Transmitters — designed to help locate an aircraft in the event of a crash — mar-



keted by Honeywell have emerged as a key focus of the investigation into a blaze which caused serious damage to a parked 787 jet owned by Ethiopian Airlines at London's Heathrow airport on 12 July. The FAA has ordered inspections on the beacons in 787s, and Boeing last week expanded the inspections to cover

more than 1,000 aircraft of all types that are fitted with the devices. *The Wall Street Journal* reported that the Canadian directive would expand inspections to cover all types of planes that use the suspect emergency transmitters, including jets from Boeing, Europe's Airbus and Dassault Aviation.—Reuters

Thousands of Taiwanese protest over young soldier's death

TAIPEI, 4 Aug—Thousands of Taiwanese took to the streets of the capital Taipei on Saturday, demanding further investigation into the death of a young army soldier whose funeral will be held on Sunday. Hung Chung-chiu died on 4 July of heat stroke following severe punishment for carrying a camera-equipped phone in violation of a standing order, triggering nationwide condemnation and a demand for justice. According to organizers, 250,000 people showed up at the evening demonstration held in front of the Presidential Office, but police said only around

110,000 took part in the protests.

On 27 July, about 15,000 people gathered outside the Defence Ministry in Taipei to protest the alleged abuse of the 24-year-old, who died three days before he was to be discharged from the year-long compulsory military service. People attending the two demonstrations were all clad in white, a color symbolizing truth according to local culture. Hung's family believes he died from injuries sustained during the abuse by his officers who severely punished him for carrying the phone on the base.—Kyodo News

Rouhani faces major challenges as Iran's new president

TEHERAN, 4 Aug—Hasan Rouhani, who is set to be inaugurated as Iran's 7th president on Sunday, has to brace for major challenges to translate his promises to voters into reality, analysts said. The results of the presidential election on 14 July, in which moderate Rouhani won 50.7 percent of the votes far ahead of his five conservative-principlist rivals, represented the Iranians' strong desire for changes in the domestic and international policies, which can bring about easing of sanctions, better ties with the West and settlement of long-standing nuclear issue.

It is widely believed that one of the reasons why Rouhani won the election in July contest was people's be-



Photo provided by Iranian Supreme Leader's Office on 3 Aug, 2013, shows Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (C), attends an endorsement ceremony with the new President Hassan Rouhani (R) and outgoing President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in Teheran, Iran. Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei officially endorsed Hassan Rouhani as the country's new President in a ceremony held here on Saturday.—XINHUA

lief in his ability to negotiate easing of Western sanctions, which have pushed Iran's

Obama administration overturns ban on some iPad, iPhones



WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—The Obama administration has overturned a US trade panel's ban on the sale of some older iPhones and iPads, reversing a ruling that had favoured Samsung Electronics Co Ltd over Apple Inc in their long-running patent battles. The US International Trade Commission in June banned the import or sale of the iPhone 4, iPhone 3GS, iPad 3G and iPad 2 3G distributed by AT&T Inc, saying the devices infringed a patent owned by the South Korean electronics giant.

US Trade Representative Michael Froman on Saturday vetoed the ban, saying his decision was in part based on its "effect on competitive conditions in the US economy and the effect on US consumers." He said Samsung could continue to pursue its case through the courts. Samsung said it was "disappointed" at the lifting of the ban. "The ITC's decision correctly recognized that Samsung has been negotiating in good faith and that Apple remains unwill-

ing to take a license," it said in a statement.

Apple welcomed the news and applauded the administration "for standing up for innovation." It added, "Samsung was wrong to abuse the patent system in this way." The Apple products targeted by the ITC ban are more than a year old, though some models such as the iPhone 4 remain solid sellers. Apple sells more than 100 million iPhones annually, but it does not break down sales by models. Apple and Samsung have been waging a global patent war since 2010, filing multiple lawsuits against each other over the design and functionality of their devices.

This ITC ban is specific to a Samsung patent on technology that allows devices to transmit multiple services simultaneously and correctly through 3G wireless technology. Such patents are called "standard essential patents" and they cover technology that must be used to comply with standards set by industry organizations.

Reuters

continue to cause the country to lose tens of billions in oil revenues every year. Despite the growing hopes among Iranians to amend the hardship of the past years, new decision by the US House of Representatives to impose fresh sanctions on Iran's energy sector put the incoming president in a quandary.

The US House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a bill tightening sanctions on Iran's petrol sector, just days before Iranian President-elect is due to be sworn in. The sanctions already in place have reduced Iran's oil exports by half and the new bill will cut exports by a further one million barrels a day.

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LOCAL NEWS

Organizers to auction Myathalun pagoda festival dance troupe site

MAGWAY, 4 Aug—Organizers are preparing for 2577th pagoda festival of Myathalun pagoda, the most famous tourist attraction and sacred pilgrimage site in Magway.

Temporary shops are being built at the foot of Myathalun hill where the Thadingyut pagoda festival is held annually.

Well-known dance troupes and famous celebrities performed at the festival each year.

The organizers auctions the first dance troupe site for this year's pagoda festival, according to an release by the office of the Myathalun Pagoda Board of Trustees.

MMAL-Paing Zay (Magway)

Culture

Educative talks on traditional customs of Myanmar women organized

BAGO, 4 Aug—Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization organized educative talks on traditional customs of Myanmar women.

The educative talk organized at Bago University on 29 June was attended by Patron of Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization, Chairperson and members.

Patron of Region WAO Daw Myint Myint Soe delivered an address at the event.

Bago University Myanmar Professor Dr Nilar Myint gave talks on elegant traditional customs of Myanmar womens.

A total of 200 membership applications, gifts and uniforms were presented and pamphlets were distributed at the ceremony with some 250 attendance including lecturers and students of Bago University and district/township women's affairs organizations.

MMAL-Thant Zin

Health Care Activity Rural health centre opened in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 4 Aug—The opening ceremony of rural health center and staff quarters in Tatkon ward in Myitkyina was held on 27 July.

State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Ja, Deputy Head of State Health Department Dr Win Lwin and Township Health Officer Dr Min Htay formally opened the centre.

State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai unveiled the signboard of Tatkon Rural Health Centre.

Managing Director of Kyei Phyu Min Construction Company Daw Chaw Lu Lu Khant handed over the documents related to the building to Deputy Head of State Health Department Dr Win Lwin.

The Ministry of Health funded the construction of the two buildings in 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 fiscal years.

The estimated cost of construction is K 64.4 million.

MMAL-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

Hospital equipment donated to Sittway General Hospital

SITTWAY, 4 Aug—Philanthropic teams and wellwishers from Yangon donated CD machine and CP counter to Sittway General Hospital on 31 July morning.

The donation was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway.

Chairperson Daw Nwe Zin Win of Domestic Social Cooperation Group, HIV/AIDS (3N) donated

CD machine and documents related to the donations worth US\$ 46280 and wellwisher U Myint Swe (Chairman of Yadana Myitta) family, CP counter worth US\$ 10000 to the hospital.

Medical Superintendent Dr Myo Thant accepted the donations.

MMAL-Lay Wady Tun Saw Khaing

Nutrition week campaign launched in Rakhine State



SITTWAY, 4 Aug—Rakhine State has launched a nutrition week campaign.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin delivered a speech at the launch at U Ottama Hall here on 1 August.

Head of State Health Department Dr Aye Nyein elaborated on nutrition development activities.

Awards were presented to winners in commemorative essay contest and cooking contest and model mothers by the state chief minister and wife and officials.

The Vitamin A were administered to children under 5 and ferrite tonic, Vitamin B1 tablets and

Iodine salt sachets were presented to expectant mothers. The detection of Iodine in salt was demonstrated at the ceremony.

The state health department designated the first week as the breast-feeding week and the second week and under-5 nutrition week and the third the expectant mothers and mothers nutrition week and the fourth the reduction of iodine deficiencies week.

Educative talks will be organized in each week and nutrient supplements will be distributed in towns in Rakhine State.

MMAL-Lay Wady Tun Saw Khaing

HRD

Foreigners visit District IPRD library in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 4 Aug—Mr Garrett Kostin of the United States of America and Mr Jim Richardson of Australia visited the library of Kengtung District Information and Public Relations Department in Shan State (East) on 2 August morning.

Mr Garrett Kostin said he visited there visited the library because he saw the signboard bearing that anyone may visit the District People's Library and he made self-induction to Deputy Head of the District IPRD U Maung Maung Naing.

U Maung Maung Naing conducted the foreigners round the library at the reference books room, century book room and child literature room.

Mr Garrett Kostin recounted his experience that he had taken responsibility as librarian at a library in Bangkok of Thailand. He



remarked that the district library was appropriate for the region and he spoke words of thanks for the warm welcome of the staff from the library.

He gave advice that discussion for those at the library in silence would have better success than the reading for those at the library.

Australian Mr Jim Richardson added that he saw mini book corners on his visit. Thanks to

the entrepreneur, he knew that the mini book corners were provided with good facility of reading sources. The kinds of books and literature were appropriate for the people at the corner. He added that WiFi service was the best for people's library in the knowledge age.

They wrote remarks down in the record book of the library and took photo the library.

MMAL-State IPRD

Pencak Silat athletes leave for Indonesia

YANGON, 4 Aug—A Silat team led by Deputy Director U Aye Htut of Sports and Physical Education Department together with team manager U Aung Naing Oo, coaches and athletes totalling 24 left here by air yesterday morning.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation U Ye Myint.

The athletes will take joint training together with Indonesian players in the



Silak event from 3 August to 2 October 2013 in Jakarta of Indonesia.

The Myanmar martial arts attack team will take

one-month training and the demonstration team two months.

MMAL-Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

Narcotic drugs worth K 132 million seized in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 4 Aug—A combined team comprising IP Kyaw Soe Lin of Mandalay Region Anti-Drug Squad (North), together with witnesses raided the house of Ma Swe Swe Mar in Myayinanda Myothit of Chanmyathazi Township on 30 July.

They saw Chit Pwint, 27 of Sethmu Ward 2 of Pyigyidagun Township,

Zarni Maung, 25 of Chanmyathazi Township, Ma Tin Tin Soe, 25 and Ma Aye Aye Aung, 22 of Chanmyathazi South Ward in the bed room. The authorities seized 953,250 pseudoephedrine tablets, 9.5 kilos of ephedrine powder, 1.55 kilos of ephedrine, 60 pink stimulant tablets from three polyethylene bags, ID card of Ma Swe Swe Mar, K 24

million, two mobile phones and two motorcycles.

Kyaw Zin Htaik, brother of Ma Swe Swe Mar and Chit Point bought pseudoephedrine powder from Morah of India.

Aunglinle Police Station opened files of lawsuit against six persons under the law.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

PERSPECTIVES

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Natural disasters and diseases

Some regions in Myanmar faced floods recently because of nonstop rains the monsoon had brought to various parts of the country and the swollen rivers triggered by downpours. What usually follows a natural disaster is an epidemic that may land a deadly blow to victims.

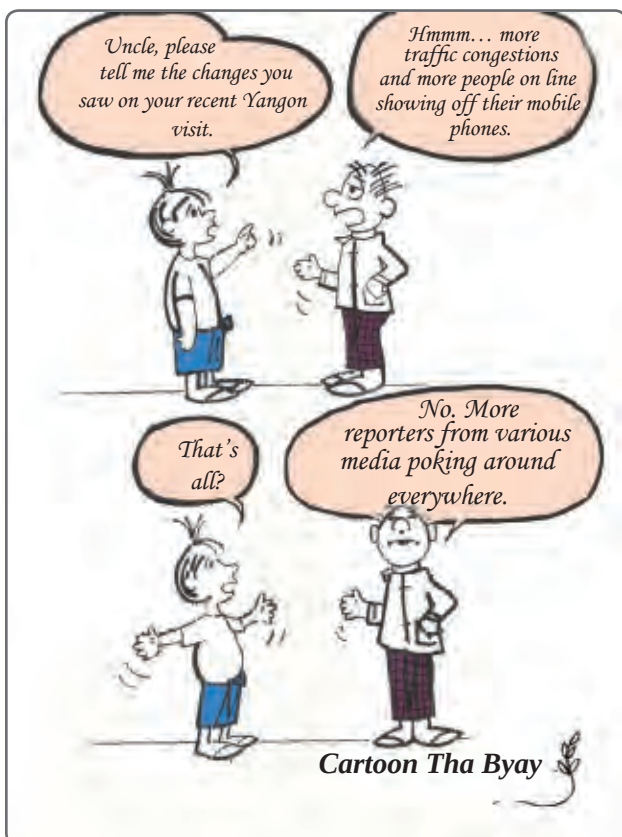
Raging floods in some cases carry horrid substances such as excrement, filth, used-lubricants, contaminating the public-use ponds and wells, and even the town water supply. Consumption of contaminated water can cause various kinds of illness and skin diseases.

Other related hazards are landslides, building collapses, fallen trees and lamp posts. Wet ground becomes soft and weak, and later becomes vulnerable to sudden large-scale erosions. We need the continuation of clean water supply during floods, and the toilets must be safe enough to prevent human waste from polluting water. The best is to drink only the boiled water as infected water is dangerous.

In case a kind of epidemic breaks out, effective treatment and prevention is of vital importance to control the disease in time. Contagion in many incidents is very fast especially through human contacts. Cholera is the most frequent infection in inundated areas, and health awareness together with knowledge dissemination is important. Maintenance of clean water supply and safe human waste disposal system during such emergency times is the duty of local authorities and health staff to prevent the outbreak of diseases.

Victims going back home after the floods recede should first check the durability of their homes. They must aware of the possible danger of building collapses. They must make sure that their house is safe.

Here, cooperation and energetic efforts among regional health staff, military units, fire brigade, Red Cross members, and social organizations will prevent the outbreak of diseases in time in any flooded area.



ARTICLE

The International Music and Myanmar People

Since the British Colonial days, the people of Myanmar have not been familiar with the international classical music. In those days, the majority of Myanmar people indulged mostly in *zat thichin* (Lyrics composed for an episode in a Myanmar drama) and Myanmar popular songs of the famous vocalist like Ma Kyi Aung, Ma Aye Mi, Sein Party, Khin Khin Yi, Khin Maung Yin, Pyay Hla Pe, May Shin, May Than and May Nu which were recorded by the Columbia, the Twin, the Odeon, the British Burma and A.1 Record companies. A few educated young men and women were interested in and listened to popular English songs.

In pre-war days, among the music fans in our country there appeared an educated Arakanese (Rakhine) Lady Daw Hla Pru who studied the international music under a British lady teacher and sat for the music examinations at Rangoon. She was awarded the FTCL (Fellow of the Trinity College of Music, London). Her FTCL is equivalent to the FRCS (Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeon) in status. She is still the only person from Myanmar people who obtained the FTCL Certificate. Daw Hla Pru studied not only the international music but also Myanmar classical music. Daw Hla Pru was also an accomplished violinist. She also

received the L.T.C.L Diploma (Licentiate of the Trinity College, London). She also compiled a piano music book of Myanmar classical song, by using the international music notes.

Her music book was published by a well known publisher from London. She left many manuscripts of piano music unpublished. Since then she had been disseminating her knowledge of classical music by teaching the piano lessons to several pupils till her death in 1971.

Just after the Second World War, Myanmar Writer and poet Dagon Taryar wrote about the biographies of classical music composers like Beethoven, Chopin, Liszt, Mozart, etc., and published them in his Taryar Magazine.

Maung Khine Zaw

Ko Than Hlaing, the popular vocalist and composer, also tried to expose the international music to the Myanmar music fans by introducing a treatise on international music in *The Pyay* (Music) Magazine in 1975.

In order to introduce the international music with the Myanmar audience, the author wrote about the biographies of fifteen famous composers like Beethoven, Mozart, Chopin, Liszt, Wagnes, Tchaikovsky, etc., and published them in *Shu-mawa* (Literary) Magazine in 1974 and 1975. Then the author published a book entitled "The World Famous

Composers" (their lives and their music) in Myanmar Language in 1978 and sold it out to the reading public at a cheap price of K 10 per copy. A few people showed keen interest in the contents of this book and bought a few copies. Many books were left intact at the book stores. This showed that the Myanmar reading public and audience had no interest in the international music.

Twenty-two years have elapsed since the book was first published. One day a publisher asked me to permit him to publish the book for the second time. I agreed to let him publish my book as a revised edition. My book appeared in the market in November 2001. This time, more Myanmar reading public showed a lot of interest in it. Many books have been sold out.

Among the Myanmar music fans, one amateur musician distinguished himself in his attempt to expose the international music to the Myanmar audience. He was U Than Myint (Ahba) who served as the Assistant Director (Music) of Burma Broadcasting Service (BBS). Ahba U Than Myint studied the international music abroad while working at VOA (Voice of America). When he came back to Burma, he broadcast the international music every Tuesday and Thursday night from the BBS to the Myanmar Audience.

In August 1975, there

papered a musical concert of the Rangoon Symphony Orchestra played by a group of young musicians who returned from the Soviet Union after studying musical instruments at the Tchaikovsky Conservatoires, Moscow. The orchestra was composed of Russian-trained musicians and amateur musicians from the various government departments, numbering about 50 musicians. The concert admitted every visitor free of charge and drew a large crowd of audience who created an uproar during the performance. It lasted only two nights as the authorities concerned did not allow the concert to continue its performance.

About seven years ago, our government encouraged a group of Myanmar musicians who played the instruments with international music notes to establish a Symphony Orchestra. I noticed the musicians preparing for the formation of the Symphony Orchestra on the screen of Myanmar Television (MRTV).

In late January 2005 when I met with Gitalulin U Ko Ko in a studio at MRTV, he had made an appointment with me to ask about the musical arrangement of the orchestra. I think U Ko Ko was impressive with me when he happened to read about an introduction of the orchestral music present in my book.

However, U Ko Ko had not come to me until he died in 2007.

Speaker of the House of Commons of UK and party conclude visit

YANGON, 4 Aug —Speaker of the House of Commons of United Kingdom Mr. John Bercow and party left here by air this afternoon after paying a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann as of 29 July.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win and officials of British Embassy in Myanmar, Hluttaw Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Speaker of the House of Commons of United Kingdom Mr. John Bercow being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials.

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NATIONAL



Union Minister comforts patients at Workers' Hospital, visits training school

YANGON, 4 Aug— Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint met with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors, nurses and staff at the hall of Workers' Hospital (Yangon) in Tamway

Township yesterday.

On the occasion, the Union minister stressed the need to provide medical treatments to the patients out of kindness. He said that a plan was underway to fulfill the needs of the hospital step by step. He

urged the staff to be loyal to the department and the State.

Then, the Union minister looked round the hospital and enquired after the patients.

Later, the Union minister visited the training school under the Labour Department in Yankin Township, Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department in Mayangon Township, Complaint Mechanism Center and EPS office.

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Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint gives encouragement to a patient in Workers' Hospital (Yangon) in Tamway Township.

MNA

Assistance provided to flood victims in Ingapu Township

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung on 1 August morning inspected Ma Mya Dam in Myanaung Township and Kanyin Dam and Nankathu Dam in Ingapu Township.

He met flood victims at the relief camp in the compound of Thiri Mingala Monastery in Kwinkauk Village and provided rice and instant noodle packets to them. He also viewed maintenance of

eroded Hinthamye-Kwinkauk Road.

On 2 August, he met education officials and staff at Ingapu Basic Education High School and then inspected the township library.

In Hinthada, the chief minister oversaw

preventive measures against bank erosion at the Pylonkatkyaw U Pa Ye Pagoda and donated K 100,000 to the fund.

The chief minister also donated K 100,000 to the fund of Zalun Pyidawpyan Pagoda.

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Chief Minister of Ayeyawady Region U Thein Aung presents relief supplies to the flood victims in Kwinkauk Village of Ingapu Township.—MNA



Foodstuffs, clothes donated to flood victims in Hpa-an, Kyaikmaraw

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug— Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win and officials presented rice, edible oil, personal goods and clothes donated by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and the command headquarters to the flood victims at the relief camp

in Hpa-an, the camp in the compound of Hlaka Village and the camp in Kyaikmaraw yesterday.

They comforted the flood victims and viewed health care services being provided to the people by local medical battalion.

Myawady

Moms' high-fat, sugary diets up offspring's risk of drug, alcohol abuse

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — High-fat and high-sugar foods a mother eats during pregnancy are likely to put her baby at risk for drug and alcohol problems later in life, US researchers said on Saturday. In animal experiments, the offspring of rats that ate high-fat or high-sugar diets while pregnant weighed more as adults and drank more alcohol, and those on high-sugar diets also had stronger responses to com-

monly abused drugs such as amphetamine, when compared with pups of rats that ate "regular rodent chow."

"The majority of women in the US at child-bearing age are overweight, and this is most likely due to overeating the tasty, high-fat, high-sugar foods you find everywhere in our society," Nicole Avena, a research neuroscientist at the University of Florida, said in a statement.

Xinhua

Proper flow of water carried out in inundated areas in Kengtung

KENG TUNG, 4 Aug—Due to incessant rains in the wards in Kengtung on 3 and 4 August, the streets in ward-2 and Kengtung-Loimwe

motor road were inundated and drains were blocked. The Tatmadawmen and workers of Township Development Committee this morning

cleared the drains and debris for proper flow of water with the use of machinery. Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen

Than Tun Oo inspected the philanthropic works carried out by the Tatmadawmen and township DAC workers in inundated areas.—Myawady

Isuzu to use GM engines in new pick-up truck made in India



technologies. The largest US automaker first took a stake in Isuzu in 1971 and at one point owned as much as 49 percent of the Japanese truck maker before selling the holding down. In 2006, GM sold its remaining 7.9 percent stake for \$300 million.

The companies, which worked together on trucks such as the GM Chevrolet Colorado mid-size pickup, sold as the i-Series by Isuzu, still cooperate in some areas. They jointly developed the updated Isuzu D-Max in 2011 and collaborate in sales

in Latin America and South Africa. In May, shares in Isuzu climbed some 20 percent after the automaker posted a record net profit of 96.5 billion yen (\$946 million) for the year ended on 31 March, thanks to brisk overseas sales.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Talks on DHF prevention given at SPEI (Mandalay)



MANDALAY, 4 Aug—A ceremony to share knowledge about dengue hemorrhagic fever took place at the gymnasium of the Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay), Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports on 31 July.

At the talks, Mandalay Region Malaria Specialist Dr Zaw Lin gave talks on dengue hemorrhagic fever to the trainees of every sports class in 2013-2014 academic year.

The ceremony was

attended by the Principal of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) and the deputy principal, trainers, medics and trainees.

Kyemon-Hlaing Htay Aung

Pests seen at paddy saplings in Yedashe

YEDASHE, 4 Aug—Local farmers fumigated paddy saplings due to infection of pests in Swethaya Village of Hmansi Village-tract in Yedashe Township in Bago

Region, said farmer U Tin Win of Hmansi Village.

“Now, paddy plants are just the period of sprouts. Pests destroyed them to cause dry. Ko Kyaw Nyunt of this village gave up the pest for his three-acre paddy plantation,” said U Tin Win.

As of recent days, the farmers have been working with all-out efforts in farming works when there rained. Unfortunately, now they face infection of pests.

“I think pests came from

departments, guests, members of social organizations and townselders.

Swa Township is constituted with southern and northern regions.

The northern region comprises three wards, Padaukmyaing Ward and four villages. The southern region consists of five wards.

Deputy Commanding Officer U Thein Win of Swa Township Fire Brigade of the Fire Services Services Department and townselder U Aye Kyaw formally opened the signboard.

Later, officials sprinkled scented water on it.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

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quality paddy Thukha-2 and Thukha paddy strains. At present, we sprayed paddy saplings,” said a local farmer.

The local farmers joined their works in cultivation of monsoon paddy so late due to bad weather this year. Moreover, pests retarded their working process.

That is why the local farmers are worried about declining of paddy production this year.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

HRD

Teachers attending special refresher course No (52) at CICS (Zeebingyi) visit SPEI (Mandalay)



MANDALAY, 4 Aug—The 780 trainee who are attending special refresher course No (52) for basic education teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Zeebingyi) visited Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) in Chanmyathazi Township on 27 and 28 July. They were welcomed there by the principal, staff and

trainees and on behalf of the director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department. Principal Director U Thein Tun Latt extended greetings.

The teachers enjoyed Myanmar traditional martial arts, weightlifting, Taekwondo, judo, karatedo, cycling, gymnastics and Wushu events demonstrated by the athletes.

MMAL-Hlaing Htay Aung

Swa Industries Group upgraded to town



Officials and local people formally open the signboard in commemoration of upgrading Swa to town level.

Plan of International Older Persons Care clarified

THANDAUNG GYI, 4 Aug—A ceremony to clarify plan of International Older Persons Care Committee was held in Thandaunggyi of Kayin State on 1 August afternoon.

Deputy Director U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department, Thandaunggyi Township Administrator U Thein Win,

departmental officials and local people attended the ceremony.

The deputy director explained matters related to taking care of international older persons.

The township administrator discussed the tasks to be undertaken for care of older persons.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

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

Deputy Commander of State Police Force in Lashio, and Kengtung Police Station in Kengtung have emergency numbers of 199.

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

ACCIDENT

One man died of motorbike hit in Pyay

PYAY, 4 Aug—An unknown person, about 40 years old, died in the hit of motorbike in the front of staff quarters of Development Affairs Committee on Yadana Manaung Street in Ywabe Ward of Pyay, at 10 pm on 31 July.

The name and address of the dead person is under

investigation.

Members of Traffic Police Corps rushed to the scene as soon as they knew. They saw the person with injuries at right chest and protuberance of occiput.

Myoma Police Station in Pyay Township opened a file of lawsuit over the incident.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)



REGIONAL

Laos, China pledge to boost cooperation, deepen friendly ties



President of Laos Choummaly Sayasone (R) meets with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi in Vientiane, capital of Laos, on 3 Aug, 2013. — XINHUA

VIENTIANE, 4 Aug — Laos and China vowed to boost all-round cooperation and deepen bilateral ties based on the friendly relations initiated and fostered by older generation of leaders of the two countries.

During his meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi here on Saturday, Choummaly Sayasone, general secretary of the Central Committee of the Lao People's Revolutionary Party (LPRP) and president of Laos, hailed China's remarkable achievements in development and continuously growing influence in the world. The success of the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of

China, which pointed out the direction for China's next phase of development, has greatly enhanced Laos' confidence in sticking to a socialist road with the country's own characteristics, the president said.

He added the LPRP and Lao government hope to, work along with China's new leadership, deepen the two countries' highly reliable and friendly relationship. Wang Yi pointed out that the Laos-China ties are of unique strategic significance. In face of the complex and volatile international situation, China's new leadership is willing to strengthen strategic communication and deepen strategic cooperation with Laos, safeguard the two countries' mutual benefits, and push forward the bilateral comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership, he said. — Xinhua

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Heaviest July rainfall in decades causes crop losses in N Korea

PYONGYANG, 4 Aug — North Korea has recorded the highest amount of rainfall in the country for the month of July since the 1960s, saying the rainfall was 2.5 times higher than average, the Korean Central News Agency reported on Saturday. Data from the government published at the end of July show that at least 33 people have died, with the United Nations saying that at least 4,000

families have been left homeless.

Large parts of North Korea experienced over 90 percent of the annual rainfall in the month of July, raising concern about further crop damage and food supply. According to the UN, the rainfall and floods have caused extensive damage to buildings and infrastructure, leaving thousands of people without access to food, shelter and drinking water.

A spokesperson for the International Federation of Red Cross said their aid teams are particularly concerned about the danger of water-borne diseases. According to statistics published by KCNA, an average of 651 millimeter rainfall was observed in North Korea in July, topping the previous record rain in July 1963, with 460 mm rainfall.

Kyodo News

Abe to visit Laos, Cambodia possibly mid-October



TOKYO, 4 Aug — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has decided to visit Laos and Cambodia possibly mid-October, a government source said on Sunday. The premier is set to visit Brunei in early October to attend a summit meeting of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the source added.

With a trip to the three countries, Abe would have visited all ASEAN nations since coming to power last December. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Abe traveled to Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia in January, Myanmar in May, and Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines in July. His January trip was his first abroad after being elected prime minister. Abe plans to convene a Japan-ASEAN special meeting in Tokyo in December, the first time the gathering has been held in the Japanese capital in 10 years.

The meeting will demonstrate his stance to put importance on deepening relationships with ASEAN countries, according to the source. The meeting is also aimed at keeping in check China, which has become increasingly assertive in the East China and South China seas.

Kyodo News

Temps to rise following S China rain

BEIJING, 4 Aug — Temperatures will go up in most parts of south China following recent heavy rain, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said on Sunday.

The influence of tropical storm Jebi is expected to end on Monday, the centre said, adding that most parts of Yunnan Province and parts of west China will likely see heavy rain from Sunday to Monday night.

The national weather observatory is maintaining an orange alert for high temperature. Temperatures are expected to climb as high as 40 degrees Celsius in parts of Hunan and Zhejiang provinces, as well as parts of the South Xinjiang Basin and Xinjiang's Tur-

pan Basin, the NMC said.

The centre also predicted that temperatures greater than 35 degrees Celsius will occur along the Yangtze and Huaihe rivers, regions south of the Yangtze River, most parts of Chongqing Municipality and the Sichuan Basin and parts of Guizhou, Shaanxi and Gansu provinces and the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region from Sunday to Tuesday.

The NMC advised people in these areas to take necessary measures to avoid heatstroke.

China uses a four-tier colour-coded weather warning system, with red representing the most severe weather, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

Xinhua

Japan launches rocket carrying cargo for Int'l Space Station



The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's fourth H-2B rocket is moved from the assembly building (L) to the launch pad (R) at the Tanegashima Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture on 3 Aug, 2013. The rocket was scheduled to be launched the following day, carrying the Konotori No 4, an unmanned cargo transfer vehicle, to send supplies to International Space Station.

KYODO NEWS

TANEGASHIMA, (Japan), 4 Aug — A Japanese rocket carrying an unmanned cargo transporter to the International Space Station was successfully launched on early Sunday morning.

The H-2B rocket, carrying its fourth vehicle into space, blasted off at 4:48 am from the launch pad at Tanegashima Space Centre on Tanegashima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture.

After 15 minutes,

the cargo unit separated from the rocket in orbit as scheduled, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said.

The cargo transporter, called Konotori No 4, is expected to deliver a total of 5.4 tons of cargo to the ISS, including food for the astronauts, a refrigerator and other experimental materials for use in Japan's Kibo laboratory module as well as a small talking humanoid robot developed by a team of Japanese researchers.

The transporter is expected to reach the ISS on Friday. The artificial intelligence robot called Kirobo, which is 34 centimetres tall and weighs around 1 kilogramme, is expected to converse in Japanese with Koichi Wakata, 49, who will serve as the first Japanese captain during his long stay on the ISS possibly from November. The robot was developed to communicate with astronauts stationed for long periods.—Kyodo News

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(1)	IFB -051(2013-2014)	3.3 KV High Tension Auto Transformer	(1) Set	US \$
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(3)	IFB -053(2013-2014)	Spares for Komatsu Dozer	(13) Nos	US \$
		Spares for GM 6V 71 Engine		
		(Ex Cooper Servicing Unit)		
(4)	IFB -054(2013-2014)	20" Factory Made Hot Bends	(8) Items	US \$
(5)	IFB -055(2013-2014)	20" Steel Ball Valves and Pipe Fittings	(1) Lot	US \$
(6)	IFB -056(2013-2014)	Spares for CAT D 379 Engine	(9) Item	US \$
(7)	IFB -057(2013-2014)	Spares for CAT D 399 Engine	(1) Items	US \$
(8)	IFB -058(2013-2014)	Spares for CAT D 399 Engine	(20) Items	US \$
(9)	IFB -059(2013-2014)	Over Running Clutch for Gefco Rig	(2) Nos	US \$
(10)	IFB -060(2013-2014)	Spares for GM 8 V 71 Engine	(11) Items	US \$
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Panasonic, Indian university to co-develop water treatment equipment

OSAKA, 4 Aug—Panasonic Corp and Jadabpur University in eastern India will jointly develop and commercialize equipment for ground water purification for use in emerging countries, sources familiar with the matter said on Saturday.

The Japanese maker of electronics and industrial devices aims to sell 25 billion yen worth of the equip-

ment annually by around 2025 in India alone, they said. Panasonic and Jadabpur University will design the water purifier to remove toxic substances such as arsenic and heavy metals in areas where a water supply system is underdeveloped, the sources said.

They will start their joint research from around October. With every 200 to 300 grams of

purification agent being developed for the equipment, some 3 tons of water a day can be treated. Panasonic's technological institute has been developing the purification agent based on such materials as titanium dioxide which can work as a catalyst to detoxify arsenic and certain other substances when exposed to sunlight, they said.

Kyodo News

Olive oil enjoying second boom in popularity in Japan

TOKYO, 4 Aug—Fancy a few drizzles of olive oil over your ice cream? Or how about becoming a certified "olive oil sommelier"? Olive oil has once again become fashionable in Japan, after first coming under the spotlight in the 1990s for its health benefits. At a tasting session organized by the Olive Oil Sommelier Association of Japan, 10 participants — men and women in their 20s to 50s — listened attentively as a lecturer explained how to properly taste the oil: sip some onto the tongue and inhale.

The participants tried out five different kinds of olive oil imported from Spain, Israel and Australia, includ-

ing some that are rarely found in Japan. Then they filled in tasting sheets with comments on the taste and aroma of each kind of oil, just as sommeliers do for wine tasting. "This one had a peppery note at the throat," one participant wrote. With the aim of promoting knowledge about olive oils, the Tokyo-based association offers courses not only for those in the food industry but also for ordinary consumers. Lessons in Tokyo as well as other cities such as in western Japan attract participants from around the country.

Kumiko Arai, 48, has a sommelier certificate from the association and partici-

pates regularly in the tasting events. "I became interested (in olive oil) because of my love for cooking Italian, French and other cuisines," she said. "It tastes good too when added to Japanese miso soup, or drizzled on top of tofu or ice cream." According to the Finance Ministry's foreign trade data, the amount of olive oil imported by Japan in 2012 totaled 46,406 tons, up 28 percent from the previous year. It also marked a significant jump of 64 percent from 2007.

Olive oil is rich in oleic acid, which is said to be effective in lowering so-called bad cholesterol.

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The file photo taken on 28 July, 2013 shows Robert Mugabe waving hands to supporters during a campaign rally at National Sports Stadium in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe's veteran President Robert Mugabe is estimated to have won two thirds of the votes in the 31 July elections to be re-elected, a senior member of Mugabe's party who has access to initial results said on Friday.—XINHUA

Germany ends information-sharing with US, Britain

BERLIN, 4 Aug—Germany has cancelled a Cold War-era agreement on information-sharing with the United States and Britain as recent revelations about US online spying put the government under increasing pressure and criticism, media reports said on Saturday. German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said in a statement on Friday that the cancellation of the information-sharing agreements is a "necessary and proper consequence of the recent debate about protecting personal privacy".

The British Foreign

Office confirmed in a statement that the 1968 agreement had been stopped after a request from German government, adding that the pact "hasn't been used since at least 1990." Recent reports of widespread US spying have sparked outcry in privacy-sensitive Germany. Thousands of protesters braved the heat wave in late July and took to the streets across Germany against the US internet surveillance in the country.

The protestors also voiced support for fugitive whistleblower Edward Snowden who revealed that

the US National Security Agency (NSA) was monitoring phone calls and Internet data connections in Germany as well as spying on the headquarters of the European Union. As a result, less than half of the German people see the United States as a trustworthy partner in the aftermath of the reports, a recent poll has showed. Facing increasing political pressure, German Chancellor Angela Merkel has reiterated that "German laws must be abided by on German territory." She also said Germany is not a surveillance state.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Cowell says new 'X Factor' panel reflects music's 'girl's world'

BEVERLY HILLS, (California), 4 Aug—After lacklustre viewership ratings, Fox's reality singing contest "The X Factor" will enter season three with a revamped panel dominated by women that creator Simon Cowell says will reflect female artists' dominance in the music charts.

"The X Factor," which Cowell created in Britain in 2004 and brought to the United States in 2011, suffered a drop in viewership in its second season, falling from an average of 12.5 million per episode in 2011 to 9.7 million last year.

The show faces stiff competition for fans from other reality talent shows

such as NBC's "The Voice," which is currently leading the race. Cowell admitted that many of the judging panels were "starting to look the same," and by bringing on Destiny's Child member Kelly Rowland and Mexican artist Paulina Rubio this season, he hoped to reflect the current music industry.

"It's a girl's world in the music business, so many girls are doing so well in the charts, we thought the panel should reflect it," Cowell told a meeting of the Television Critics Association on Thursday.

Cowell has overhauled the judging panel after each season, firing singers Paula Abdul and Nicole Scher-

zinger after the first season and replacing season two judges Britney Spears and music mogul LA Reid with Rowland and Rubio.

Grammy-winning Latin music artist Rubio said she was hoping to bring her own expertise to the show, in which aspiring singers compete for a spot in the live finals, where viewers vote for their favourite artists.

"I'm an artist that has been in the limelight for many, many years, and I'm going to transmit that knowledge," said Rubio, who noted that she is "not mean" and is also the only mother on the panel. "That means I'm very mature," Rubio added.

Reuters



Judge Simon Cowell speaks next to fellow judges (from L-R) Demi Lovato, Paulina Rubio and Kelly Rowland at a panel for the television series "The X Factor" during the Fox portion of the Television Critics Association Summer Press tour in Beverly Hills, California on 1 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Shakira wins lawsuits filed by ex beau



The singer's ex filed three lawsuits against her seeking a partnership interest in her income.

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—Singer Shakira is breathing a sigh of relief after a lawsuit filed by her ex-boyfriend, Antonio de la Rúa, was dismissed by the Los Angeles superior judge, reports eonline.com.

The lawsuit was one of three that de la Rúa

filed against the Colombian crossover star seeking a "partnership" interest in her income. The court shot down all three.

"I am very grateful that the courts are not allowing these groundless lawsuits to proceed. I have moved on in my life and could not

be happier now. I hope this harassment will now come to an end," said Shakira.

Shakira was slapped with a \$100 million lawsuit in Los Angeles by her ex, who claimed that he built the singer's brand and was the brains behind her hits Hips Don't Lie and Waka Waka, according to court documents.

De la Rúa filed the suit on 12 April, after initially filing a \$250 million lawsuit against the star in New York last November.

In the California proceedings, Shakira's camp filed a motion to dismiss on 28 March, maintaining that the court did not have jurisdiction because Shakira and de la Rúa are Colombian and Argentine citizens, respectively.

They also noted that she and de la Rúa had signed a "prenuptial-type agreement applicable to un-

married couples" in 2006, in which they "expressly manifested their wish to conserve, each separately, the totality of their past, current and future assets."

A Swiss judge, ruling in the case that de la Rúa filed in Geneva, held that the 2006 agreement "decisively" compelled the conclusion that Shakira and her ex were never legal partners.

"In a 15 page well-reasoned opinion the Swiss court dismissed all of Mr de la Rúa's claims that he was entitled to any participation in Shakira's past, current or future business, brand or assets, including future income," said the singer's attorney, Ezequiel Camerini.

Shakira, who gave birth to son Milan, with boyfriend Gerard Pique in January this year, is currently enjoying motherhood.—PTI

Ashton Kutcher learnt to solder motherboards for JOBS

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—Actor Ashton Kutcher learnt the circuitry work including soldering motherboards to prepare for his role in upcoming biopic Jobs.

Jobs is based on the life of Apple co-founder Steve Jobs and Kutcher, 35, is playing the titular character in the film, which will hit theatres on 16 August.

"He (Steve) cared more than anyone else — with every fiber of his being — about the quality of that experience. He dedicated his entire life to building the greatest personal electronic devices in the world and I think, to date, he's done it," said Kutcher.

The movie explores

Jobs' life from the keenness and self-discovery of his youth to his rise as a veritable icon who changed technology.

Actor Lukas Haas, who plays Daniel Kottke in the biopic, recalled how Kutcher used to behave between takes for a scene in which he solders a motherboard for the computer.

"I'm just soldering it together and I don't know what the hell I'm doing or how this stuff works. And Ashton just started talking about it. He had studied everything. He not only knew everything about Steve, and about Apple - he knew how the circuitry worked," Haas said.

PTI

Kayne West keen to buy Elvis Presley's house

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—Rapper Kanye West is reportedly eying Graceland, the late legendary singer Elvis Presley's house in Memphis, Tennessee.

The house currently belongs to Presley's daughter Lisa Marie, but she rarely stays there. West wants to live there with girlfriend Kim Kardashian and their daughter North West, reports dailystar.co.uk.

"There have been constant whispers that it's due to go on the market, as long as it stays open to the public and as a place for Elvis' fans to visit. Kanye is really excited about the



The house is said to be worth around 55 million pounds.

possibility of owning it," a source said.

"He thinks it would

be really cool if he, Kim and baby Nori lived there, at least some of the time,"

the source added.

The mansion, a white-columned portico, is set in almost 14 acres and is said to be worth around 55 million pounds.

Kanye also wants to secure his place in showbiz history by taking care of the mansion, which attracts almost 500,000 visitors every year. It has Presley's grave in the garden.

"Kanye thinks owning Graceland and restoring it to its former glory would cement his place in showbiz history," a source said.

Elvis Presley died on 16 Aug, 1977.

PTI



The actor will be seen playing Apple co-founder Steve Jobs in the biopic.

SPORTS

American Franklin goes for record sixth gold



Missy Franklin of the US reacts after winning the women's 200m backstroke final during the World Swimming Championships at the Sant Jordi arena in Barcelona on 3 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

BARCELONA, 4 Aug—American Missy Franklin can set a record of six golds for the most won at a world championships by a woman in a single edition when she races for favourites the United States in the 4x100 metres medley relay on Sunday.

The last of eight days of racing at the Palau Sant Jordi will also be a chance for Sun Yang of China to match Franklin's compatriot Katie Ledecky in winning a rare treble of distance freestyle titles when the Olympic champion and world record holder goes in the final of the 1,500 metres.

Teenager Franklin won her fifth gold this week in Saturday's 200 metres backstroke, matching the record for golds at a single championships jointly held by fellow American swimmer Tracy Caulkins (1978) and Australian Libby Trickett (2007).

"The competition here is absolutely incredible and they push me in every race I have," Franklin told reporters.

"The 200 back, although it's my favourite, is probably my most painful race," she added.

"It hurt more I think than any other race here has hurt so I'm feeling it a little bit but I'm excited for the relay tomorrow."

There are six more finals on Sunday.

Lithuanian teenager Ruta Meilutyte has another crack at the women's 50 metres breaststroke world record after setting a new best in Saturday's qualifying and Cate Campbell of Australia can win the sprint double in the 50 freestyle after her gold in the 100 on Friday.

Frenchman Camille Lacourt, the 2011 silver medalist, and compatriot Jeremy Stravius were quickest in the 50 backstroke semi-finals and Kosuke Hagino of Japan is among the favourites in the men's 400 metres individual medley.

The final event of the championships sees Franklin competing in the 4x100 medley, immediately after the men's version.

Reuters

Jose Mourinho tried to get Gareth Bale at Real Madrid last season

LONDON, 4 Aug—Tottenham take on Monaco on Saturday without Gareth Bale, who misses the pre-season friendly in the Principality through injury ahead of a likely defining week for his forecast world record transfer to Real Madrid.

The Wales superstar bid "an emotional farewell" to his teammates in London on Friday, autographing their shirts before they left for Monte Carlo, according to a report in *The Sun*.

The Spurs forward sits out Saturday evening's match, and may also miss Wales' friendly against Ireland in Cardiff on 14 Au-



Gareth Bale

gust, with a minor hamstring problem. As Bale works on his fitness, Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy will sit down for his first face-to-

Cristiano Ronaldo, Mesut Ozil lead Real Madrid past Everton 2-1

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug—Cristiano Ronaldo gave fans at the first football match ever at Dodger Stadium what they wanted on Saturday, scoring one goal and aiding another in Real Madrid's 2-1 friendly win over Everton.

More than 40,000 spectators turned out at the 51-year-old baseball stadium nestled in Los Angeles' Chavez Ravine, and the first football goal in the venue's history went to one of the game's greats when Ronaldo scored in the 17th minute.

He had chipped a volley from the centre of the area over the crossbar in the 10th, but made no mistake on his next chance, when a crisp ball from Mesut Ozil brought Everton keeper Tim Howard out of his goal

and Ronaldo got round him to slide an angled shot into the open net.

"It was a little bit strange because we didn't play in a football stadium, but the atmosphere, the tradition of this stadium is outstanding," Real Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said.

"To be in this stadium with such fantastic history is very good for us."

Ancelotti didn't address the Gareth Bale transfer saga. Tottenham's 24-year-old Welsh star is reportedly set to complete a world-record move, valued at around \$100 million euros, to Real Madrid next week.

Instead, Ancelotti voiced confidence in his current group of players.

Pressed as he was hustled out of a media confer-



Cristiano Ronaldo

ence as to whether Bale would indeed play for Real Madrid, Ancelotti quipped that perhaps Bale would wind up in baseball.

The frenzy of speculation over Bale hasn't hampered Real Madrid's pre-season campaign. They have now won four and drawn one of five pre-season matches.

Ozil doubled Real Madrid's lead in the 31st minute after taking a pass from Ronaldo.

The Spanish side's second goal came a minute after Sylvain Distin ap-

peared to score on a header for Everton, but the goal was disallowed because of a foul.

Everton also saw a golden opportunity go begging in the 24th, when Marouane Fellaini's header off a corner kick ricocheted off the right post.

Second-half substitute Nikica Jelavic scored in the 61st minute for Everton, but the English club were unable to find an equalizer even as they began to play more confidently in the closing stages.

PTI

Favourites QPR off to winning start in Championship



Harry Redknapp

LONDON, 4 Aug—QPR made the perfect start to their bid for an immediate return to the Premier League as the Championship promotion favourites defeated Sheffield on

Wednesday 2-1 on Saturday. Harry Redknapp's team have endured a turbulent time since last season's relegation, with several star players expressing their desire to leave and the

Hoops boss falling out with owner Tony Fernandes over the failure to sign former England defender Wayne Bridge. But the west London club still retain enough talent to be many experts' choice to go up as champions and they lived up to that billing after a slow start on the opening day of the second tier season.

Wednesday shocked Loftus Road when Atde Nuhui, a 6ft 6in Austrian striker signed from Turkish side Eskisehirspor last month, slammed the visitors ahead 19 minutes into his debut.

But QPR equalised five minutes before half-time when former Manchester City defender Nedum On-

uoha turned home Junior Hoilett's shot. And former Everton striker Andy Johnson quickly put Redknapp's men ahead with a close-range volley after Chris Kirkland had saved Joey Barton's shot.

FA Cup final hero Ben Watson was on the mark as Wigan, another of the teams relegated from the Premier League last term, swept to a 4-0 win over 10-man Barnsley at Oakwell. Watson, who was the Wembley match-winner against Manchester City in May, put Wigan 1-0 up with a fine first-half finish and three more goals after the break sealed a comprehensive victory for new manager Owen Coyle.—PTI

Liverpool must return to UEFA Champions League, says Steven Gerrard

LONDON, 4 Aug—Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard admits his club desperately need to regain their Champions League status to avoid missing out on the world's top stars.

Gerrard knows Liverpool's four-year absence from Europe's elite club competition has been a major blow to their status.

Reds striker Luis Suarez is keen to leave Anfield for a club competing regularly in the Champions League, while Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers was unable to sign top transfer target Henrikh Mkhitaryan from Shakhtar Donetsk last month



Steven Gerrard

when the Armenian opted to join Borussia Dortmund instead.

Gerrard goes into his testimonial against Olym-

piakos on Saturday with Suarez's desire to quit overshadowing his big occasion.

The England midfielder has told Suarez he wants him to stay despite two bids from Arsenal, but admits until Liverpool regain their top-four place they will struggle to convince the world's best to come to Merseyside.

"I think the only person who knows what's happening is Luis himself," Gerrard said on Friday.

"He has a huge decision to make and, as his teammate, I have to show him respect and give him space to make whatever decision he wants to make.—PTI

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Yuliya Efimova of Russia reacts after setting a world record of 29.78 seconds in the women's 50-meter breaststroke at swimming's world championships in Barcelona, Spain, on 3 Aug, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

M6 quake hits northeastern Japan, no tsunami warning issued

TOKYO, 4 Aug — A powerful earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 6.0 hit parts of Miyagi Prefecture in northeastern Japan on Sunday, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. No tsunami warning was issued following the 12:29 pm quake, which registered upper 5 on the Japanese seismic scale of 7 in the city of Ishinomaki in Miyagi.

No fresh abnormalities were reported at the Fukushima Daiichi and Daini nuclear plants in Fukushima Prefecture, adjacent to Miyagi, according to Tokyo Electric Power Co. The focus of the quake was in waters off the coast of the prefecture at a depth of 50 kilometres.

Kyodo News

Matsuyama up to 17th as Tiger runs away at Bridgestone

AKRON, (Ohio) 4 Aug — Hideki Matsuyama moved up two slots to 17th after the third round of the Bridgestone Invitational on Saturday.

With four birdies and bogeys each, Matsuyama shot an even-par 70 -- a distant 15 shots off the pace of Tiger Woods, who commanded a seven-stroke lead over Henrik Stenson.

"The first half was no

good," said Matsuyama, who had three of four bogeys on the front nine. "I definitely shot better during the second half."

"I hope I can pick up where I left off today and end up somewhere around a 5 under. The one part of my game that improved dramatically was my approach from the rough. I thought I did really well there."

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Six teens, man served with further warrants in killing of Hiroshima girl

HIROSHIMA, 4 Aug — Six teenagers and a 21-year-old man were served with further arrest warrants on Saturday over the killing of a 16-year-old girl, whose body was found abandoned in mid-July in a mountainous area in western Japan, police said. The police suspect all seven were involved in the assault and killing of the vocational school student in Kure, Hiroshima Prefecture. Some of them also took the victim's money and split it, according to the police.

The seven, including a 16-year-old former classmate of the victim, were earlier arrested for abandoning the girl's body in the mountainous area. The case came to light after the classmate turned herself in to police on 12 July, saying she had killed the girl because she had badmouthed her on the LINE smartphone messaging service. The police said earlier that the seven suspects got together in the early hours of 28 June and asked the girl out. They all then went in a car to Mt Haigamine in Kure, where the suspects are believed to have abandoned the girl's body. One of the suspects, Taihei Seto, 21, drove the car. — Kyodo News

US denounces attack near Indian consulate in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — The United States on Saturday denounced a deadly attack in Afghanistan and vowed to work with India and other partners to secure Afghanistan as NATO-led coalition troops are set to exit by the end of 2014.

"The United States condemns in strongest terms the attack near the Indian consulate in Jalalabad, which took the lives of innocent civilians including women and children," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in a statement.

"Despite today's attack, we remain committed to working with our Afghan, Indian and other

international partners to build a secure and prosperous Afghanistan free from senseless violence," she added. Twelve people, including three attackers, were killed and 24 others wounded in shooting and ensuing suicide car bombing near the Indian mission in Jalalabad, capital of eastern Afghan Province of Nangarhar.

Most of the casualties were children as the blast took place near a mosque where dozens of children were attending religious classes. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, in which no Indian staff was hurt.

Xinhua

Cambodia to set up committee to investigate election irregularities

PHNOM PENH, 4 Aug — Cambodia's two main parties and the National Election Committee agreed Saturday to set up a joint committee to investigate election irregularities.

Following a meeting between representatives of the ruling Cambodian People's Party, the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party and the NEC, the secretary general of the NEC Tep Nitha said a joint committee will be formed to investigate irregularities claimed by the CNRP.

He said the three parties concerned will meet again on Sunday to discuss details of the structure and mandate of the joint committee. Tep Nitha added

that local and international observers will be allowed to observe the investigation process.

Kuoy Bunroeun and Prum Sokha, representatives of the CPP and CNRP, who joined the meeting, confirmed that a joint committee will be set up. The move came after CNRP leader Sam Rainsy rejected preliminary election results, showing the CPP won 68 seats and his party 55 in the 123-seat National Assembly.

Rainsy claimed his party won 63 seats, with the CPP winning 60. He said he could not accept the outcome, citing too many irregularities.

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YANGON, 4 Aug— Myanmar veteran scout Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa this afternoon arrived at No (4) Basic Education High School in Ahlon Township where Asia/Pacific and World scout course is being opened for Myanmar girl scouts under the Ministry of Education. He was welcomed there by Chairman of Myanmar Scout Organization (Temporary) U Tin Nyo, Myanmar scout members, officials from No (3) Basic Education Department and international scout trainers led by Director of the Asia Pacific Region of World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Ms. Ching Ching We Ong.

Former scout U Nanda Kyaw Swa viewed practical scout activities performed by the scout group in the school sports ground and photos on scout activities and scout

materials displayed in Thiri Yadana Hall of the school.

Then, he gave lecture on knowledge about scout and scout experience to the Myanmar Girl Scout trainees. After presenting gifts to the course instructors, he posed for a documentary photo together with scouts.

The four-day course will last on 6 August.

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**Myanmar veteran
scout Deputy
Speaker of Pyithu
Hluttaw**

**U Nanda Kyaw Swa
greeted scouts.**

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New York Times sells Boston Globe to Red Sox owner



NEW YORK, 4 Aug — The New York Times Co has agreed to sell The Boston Globe to the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox baseball team for \$70 million in cash, a small fraction of what the Times paid for the newspaper 20 years ago. Under the transaction announced on Saturday, Red Sox owner John W Henry got the Boston Globe for less than a tenth of what the New York Times paid when it bought the newspaper for \$1.1 billion in 1993.

The sale also includes the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, which the New York Times bought for about \$300 million in 2000, as well as related digital properties of both papers, and a direct mail marketing company. The sale caps years of uncertainty for the Globe, which was put on the auction block twice as newspapers across the country have been hit by plunging advertising revenues and

readers who increasingly prefer to get their news on smart phones and tablets.

The New England properties were the last pieces of a once much bigger New York Times Co empire. The company has sold off everything—TV and radio assets, dozens of US regional papers, digital companies, and its stakes in sports ventures to focus solely on its flagship and international edition. “We are very proud of the association we have had with the Boston Globe and the Worcester Telegram & Gazette and we’re delighted to have found a buyer in John Henry, who has strong local roots and a deep appreciation of the importance of these publications to the Greater Boston community,” Mark Thompson, chief executive of The New York Times Co, said in a statement.

“As a result of this agreement, we will be able to sharpen our company focus

on and investments in The New York Times brand and its journalism.” The media-shy Henry, who was born in Quincy, Illinois, and built his fortune as a futures trader, declined to outline his plans for the New England media group until the deal closes.

Reuters

Union Energy Minister spotlights importance of human resources development

YANGON, 4 Aug—A work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Energy was held at the meeting hall of No (1) Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) in Thanlyin Township, here, on 2 August morning.

In his address, Union Minister U Zeyar Aung stressed the need to take

necessary measures for human resources development by nurturing technicians and workers at respective factories and industries and minimizing loss and waste of devices and products. He called for close supervision on production process by

officials concerned, concrete environmental conservation measures at oil refineries and petrochemical plants, taking suggestions of environmentalists into consideration and systematic supervision of operation system to avoid the mistakes of operators.—MNA

Myanmar Karatedo athletes in sports trial hoping success in SEA Games

The sports trial of Karatedo athletes who are under training for the XXVII SEA Games was held at the Karatedo hall of Aung San Gymnasium in Yangon on 2 August.

The news crew of Myanma Alinn had an interview with President of Myanmar Karatedo Federation Dr Win Zaw.

The federation president said, “The Karatedo event in the SEA Games will comprise 17 events with 17 gold, 17 silver and 34 bronze medals to be awarded. Six events of the sport will be held on 13 December, nine on 14 December and two on 15 December at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Stadium (A) with a seating capacity of 3000. The sports events will be Kumite and Kata.”

He continued that athletes are under training

for the Kumite event at Gold Camp in Nay Pyi Taw and those in Kata event at the training camp of Myanmar Karatedo Federation in Yangon. Altogether seven women and 16 men are taking training in Kumite event and five women and four men in the Kata event. Two Japanese coaches are giving training to the athletes in the Kata event and Iranian and Malaysian coaches, those in Kumite event, he said.

He recounted his experience that the federation is not yet to secure any gold medal in the Karatedo event. It had to be content with silver medals in the SEA and Asian level competitions due to lack of qualified Karatedo events and enthusiasts. That was why, the athletes are trying their best in training within over one year period, he disclosed.

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Pre-SEA Games Karatedo Championship will be held at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Stadium (A) from 28 to 30 August. It was learnt that athletes from

Thailand, Malaysia, Laos and Vietnam together with those of Myanmar will take part in the championship.

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