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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets internally displaced persons at Jung Mung Kong Baptist camp in Myitkyina.—MNA

NAYPYITAW, 10 Aug—Union Peace-making Work Committee Chairman Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, together with Union Ministers Dr Mya Aye and Dr Myint Aung, the deputy ministers, Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives U Khet Htein Nan, U Sai Tin Aung and U Sai Mya Maung, the ambassadors, the diplomats from WFP, UNDP, FAO, UNICEF, UNOCHA, UNHCR, ICRC and ECHO, the resident representatives and departmental heads,

arrived in Myitkyina of Kachin State by special flight of Myanmar Airways this morning.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham met the ambassadors, diplomats and resident representatives at Malikha Yeiktha and clarified matters on implementation of regional development tasks in Kachin State.

The Vice-President then paid homage to Wuntho Monastery Sayadaw Abhidaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta

Silavamsa and offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the Vice-President attended a ceremony to provide cash and kind for internally displaced persons at the relief camp in Wuntho Monastery.

At the ceremony, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn presented K 590,000, U Phone Swe packets of instant noodle, State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai 50 bags of

rice, Deputy Minister Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay relief supplies, Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association Chairman and Htoo Foundation Patron U Teza K 1.18 million and 50 bags of rice and Union Minister Dr Mya Aye 200 dozens of exercise books for 118 victims through the officials.

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Tachilek-Taunggyi overnight trip

It has been long that I do not go to Tachilek,

Kengtung and Taunggyi by car. In the olden days,

people had to take too much time to go there due to



poor transport. Recently I heard news that Taunggyi can be easily accessible by one-night trip with the emergence of better roads. I have decided to go there by car even though there might be landslide in Sand Mountain.

Tachilek sees progress of transport sector in the time of government's reform processes. On 2 August, I left Tachilek by Loiknamkhone bus line at noon. By accident, I met Chairman of Loiknamkhone bus line Daw Nan Than Htwe and two passengers from Tachilek who never use this way by car. I arrived

at about 3 pm in Kengtung. Uphill road started at the end of Pankyu village.

"I've heard that this road is very bad. But now the road is smooth," one passenger said. After many minutes drive, we reached the top of the mountain. "It is Yinkwe mountain. Why it is named 'Yinkwe mountain' is that the road is constructed by separating the heart of the mountain," Daw Nan Than Than Htwe said.

Driver U Tun Aung said, "After Yinkwe mountain, we will meet 'Sand Mountain'. In the rainy season, there usually

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occur road block due to sand slide. Authorities concerned clear the blockages.

After Sand Mountain, we have to pass through Sabei Mountain, Koegway uphill and Mongpyin Mountain. Then, we stopped at Sinmaung overnight. We left Sinmaung at 6 am and arrived at Taunggyi by 5 pm. People can go to Taunggyi from Tachilek overnight.

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National Sports

Monsoon football tourney commences in Sagaing

SAGAING, 10 Aug—With the assistance of Thiri Pyanchi U Khin Maung Myint, the Shwe Zeyar (Cup) monsoon football tournament kicked off at the sports ground in Sagaing District Sports and Physical Education Department on 15 July afternoon.

A total of 25 football teams in four groups are taking part in the contest.

On 6 August, Man Cell beat Happy 3-1.

The tournament will reach the final in the early days of September, according to the fixture of the matches.

Kyemon-District IPRD

Fire

Fire engulfs one house in Thaton

THATON, 10 Aug—A fire broke out at a house in Thudhamma Myothit (C) Ward of Thaton Township in Mon State at about 1 pm on 7 August.

The fire started from the house of U Min Min Thein beside Thaton-Hpan Road. Two fire engines of Township Fire Station put out the fire together

with local people and they could died down the fire at 1.25 pm.

Due to the fire, one house and property worth K 78,500 were lost. Thudhammawady Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against house owner U Min Min Thein under the law.—*Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)*



Crime

Vandals of Wunna Theikdi Stadium under interrogation

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Spectators of both sides vandalized seats at Wunna Theikdi Stadium at the match between Nay Pyi Taw FC and Yangon United FC on 4 August evening.

The local police station detained those who vandalized the seats of the stadium namely Soe Moe Kyaw (a) Po Tayoke, son of U Khin Maung Shwe, Tin Naing Lin, son of U Htwe Maung, Ko Ko Aung, son of U Thaung Htaik, Ko Gyi (a) Win Naing, son of U Tin Shwe, Aung Tun Thein, son of U Nyunt Shein, Soe Myat Aung, son of U Khin Aung, Naung Naung Kyaw Win, son of U Kyaw Win, Zaw Myo, son of U Tin Shwe, Myo Than, son of U Chit Tin,

Nay Lin Tun, son of U Htwe Maung, Nay Shin Thant, son of U Aye Thet and Myo Myint Wai, son of U Nyunt Wai from Pinyinmana.

Those vandals are now under interrogation for the case.

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A private car Toyota Mark II driven from Insein Market and a taxi Hyunda from Pauktaw traffic light headed on in collision in front of the Insein Jail in Zaygon West Ward of Insein Township on 6 August.
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Diamond orb, pennant-shaped vane conveyed to temporary prayer hall



YANGON, 10 Aug—Diamond orb and pennant-shaped vane have been maintained in offering gold foils and gold plates at the Aungbawdi Pagoda in Ward 20 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region.

On 7 August morning, the ceremony to convey the diamond orb and pennant-shaped vane to the temporary prayer hall was held at the precinct of the pagoda.

Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma-Jotadhara Chanmyae Sitagu U Naing Oo (Miba Yeik) and members, the Township

Administrator, wellwisher U Aung Kyaw Kyaw (DII & Nito Fashion) and members of religious association conveyed the diamond orb and pennant-shaped vane round the pagoda and then into the temporary prayer hall.

Members of the Sangha conveyed the objects and kept them in the prayer hall.

Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the fund of the pagoda may contact 01-591409 of the pagoda board of trustees and 09-73062000 of the head office of the pagoda.

Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

Region Hluttaw representatives observe breeding farms in Patheingyi Township

MANDALAY, 10 Aug—Mandalay Region Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Thein, Deputy Speaker of the region U Aung Htay Kyaw together with Region Hluttaw representatives, Director

of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Yan Naing Soe, Chairman of Region Livestock Breeding Federation U Win Myint and Chairman of Region Fisheries Federation U Myat Htut and officials



Paungde Buddha tooth relic conveyance to commence soon

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—The 113th anniversary Pujaniya of sacred Buddha tooth relic is held in Paungde of Pyay District in Bago Region yearly.

The processing of the sacred Buddha relic will be held from 16 to 20 September. The tooth relic was conveyed from Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) in 125 ME. It is being kept in Paungde for public obeisance for 116 years. The tooth relic is being conveyed on a grand scale in the town for 113 years.

At 4 pm on 16 September, the conveyance of sacred tooth relic will start from the Gandakuti chamber onto the golden throne of

temporary prayer hall. The tooth relic will be conveyed into Paungde at 1 pm on 17 September.

The conveyance of the sacred tooth relic will use 30 bullock carts and religious ceremonial decorations while religious associations and youths are reciting the religious verses.

The sacred Buddha tooth relic will be kept for public obeisance from 8 am to 10 pm on 18 September.

During the Buddha Pujaniya festival, three theatrical drama troupes will perform entertainments to the pilgrims and local people.

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Livestock Breeding

observed Thalun milch cows and oxen breeding farm in Kangyi Village of Patheingyi Township on 4 August.

Vice-Chairman of Thalun Livestock Breeding Co Ltd Dr Aung Khaing Than briefed them on breeding of milch cows and oxen. The Hluttaw representatives visited the breeding farm.

The breeding farm of the company is being run in Kangyi Village of Patheingyi Township temporarily, and it plans to move its farm at No 681 farm of Padaung Village-tract in Natogyi Township under the arrangement of Mandalay Region Government.

Next, the region

minister and party visited the integrated farm of Daw San San Myint in Patheingyi Township, Yinmyaw Lake fish breeding farm of model fresh water fish and pig breeding and aquafeed production company, east of Madaya-Mogok Road in Yenantha Village of Madaya Township, layer farm of U Aik Hmu and broiler farm of U Hsan Tun in Taungpyone Village in Madaya Township, and December milch cow breeding farm beside Pyin Oo Lwin-Lashio Road in Pyin Oo Lwin Township.

The farm owners explained progress of their works.

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Obama pledges more oversight, transparency for secret surveillance programmes



US President Barack Obama speaks during a news conference at the White House in Washington DC on 9 Aug, 2013. Obama on Friday pledged measures to strengthen oversight and transparency of the National Security Agency (NSA)'s classified surveillance programmes following two months of controversies.

XINHUA

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug —US President Barack Obama on Friday pledged measures to strengthen oversight and transparency of the National Security Agency (NSA)'s classified surveillance programmes following two months of controversies.

"It's not enough for me as president to have confidence in these programmes. The American people need to have confidence in them as well," said Obama at a

White House Press conference. He unveiled four measures as part of the efforts to stem the controversies over the surveillance programmes, which have been secretly conducted for years and revealed by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden in June.

"But given the scale of this programme, I understand the concerns of those who would worry that it could be subject to abuse," said Obama. The president

said that he would work with Congress to pursue "appropriate reforms" to Section 215 of the Patriot Act, which allows the government to collect phone call records.

He will also work with the lawmakers to "improve the public's confidence in the oversight" of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (FISC), which grants government agencies the warrants to scoop data from individuals and companies.

The president also vowed to make public more information about the surveillance programmes, and to form a high-level group of outside experts to review the "entire intelligence and communications technologies." "We can take steps to put in place greater oversight, greater transparency, and constraints on the use of this authority," he stressed.

Obama's move came ahead of his week-long vacation and after months of fierce controversies over the NSA programmes since Snowden's leak. —Xinhua

US, Russia agree to prepare for Syria peace talks

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug —US and Russian officials agreed on Friday on the need to convene a long-delayed Syrian peace conference in Geneva as soon as possible, but they offered no concrete plan to bring the warring government and rebels to the table.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told reporters after five hours of political and security meetings in Washington that officials from the two countries will meet again by the end of the month to prepare for the Syria talks.

He said much of his meeting with Secretary of State John Kerry was devoted to Syria and both men agreed they needed to convene a so-called Geneva 2 conference "as soon as possible."

Asked whether this conference would in fact ever happen, Lavrov said that Russia already had won the agreement of its ally the Syrian government to send a delegation to Geneva without any preconditions.

"John Kerry assured me that the opposition would be persuaded to come to Geneva without any preconditions on the

basis of reaching agreement with the government," said Lavrov.

A US official briefing reporters after the talks, which also included Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and his Russian counterpart Sergei Shoigu, said Washington was working closely with the Syrian opposition but the onus was on Damascus.

"The test is not whether the Syrian government will come to Geneva," the

US official said. "The test is whether the Syrian government will come to Geneva prepared to negotiate the transition of full executive powers to a transitional governing body."

Moscow and Washington have been trying since May to organize an international peace conference to bring an end to the violence in Syria that has killed some 100,000 people in two years.

Reuters



US Secretary of State John Kerry (R) and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov confer during a press briefing at the State Department in Washington before a day of talks on 9 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

US to reopen 18 of 19 foreign posts closed amid security concerns

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug —Eighteen of the 19 US embassies and consulates closed this month due to worries about potential terrorist attacks will reopen on Sunday, the US State Department said on Friday.

"Our embassy in Sanaa, Yemen, will remain closed because of ongoing concerns about a threat stream indicating the potential for terrorist attacks emanating from al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula," State Department spokes-

woman Jen Psaki said.

The United States will also keep its consulate in Lahore, Pakistan, shuttered, Psaki said, adding it closed on Thursday due to a "separate credible threat."

The United States shut about 20 of its embassies and consulates in the Middle East and Africa on Sunday after saying it had picked up information through surveillance and other means about unspecified terrorist threats.

Reuters



A policeman (2nd R) and private security personnel stand guard at the entrance of a road leading towards the US consulate in Lahore on 9 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Two of Five missing in Akita torrential rain confirmed dead

AKITA, (Japan), 10 Aug—Two of five people missing in torrential rain that has hit northern Japan were on Saturday found in critical condition and later confirmed dead, local police said.

The two men — Kazuo Hagawa, 61, and Minoru Hanegawa, 58 — were in a state of cardio-respiratory arrest when they were found, according to the police. The police are searching for the other three.

The five went miss-

ing after eight houses were destroyed by a mudflow in Senboku, Akita Prefecture, which also left a 62-year-old woman in critical condition and two other women injured.

By Friday night, Senboku had seen a record 88.0 millimetres of rain per hour, with more than 270 mm of rain falling since the morning, topping the average monthly rainfall for August. In neighbouring Iwate Prefecture, a 91-year-old woman was found dead



Photo from a Kyodo News airplane shows a residential area struck by a mudslide in Senboku, Akita Prefecture, on 9 Aug, 2013, after heavy rain hit areas of northeastern Japan. —KYODO NEWS

after being buried in a mudslide in Hanamaki, while a 62-year-old man died af-

ter being swept away by a swollen river in Nishiwaga.

Kyodo News

US eyes resumption of Osprey transport to Okinawa next week

TOKYO, 10 Aug—The US military has informed the Japanese government of its plan to resume moving Osprey aircraft to Okinawa next week after suspending shipment due to a fatal crash of a US Air Force helicopter, a government source said on Friday.

Ten Ospreys are to be transported from Iwakuni, western Japan, to the Futenma Air Station in Okinawa, where they will join two others already shipped earlier this month.

The 12 tilt-rotor aircraft are the second batch to be deployed in Japan

following the arrival of the first dozen last summer.

Transport of the planes was suspended after the crash of an HH-60 rescue helicopter on Monday at the US Marine Corps' Camp Hansen in Okinawa, southwestern Japan.

The US military wants

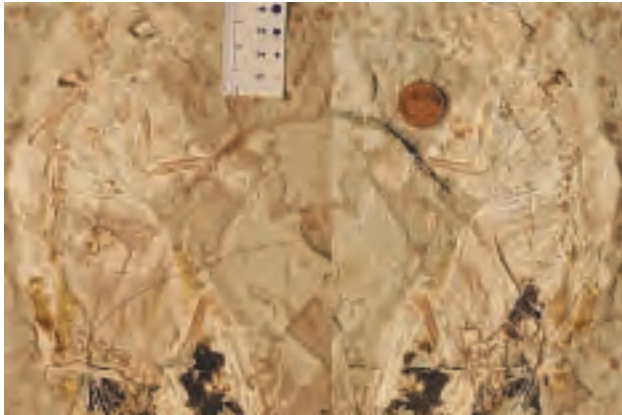
to resume the transport as early as Monday, the source said.

But the resumption could be delayed amid stiff local opposition to the Osprey deployment because of the aircraft's mixed safety record overseas.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

“Proto-mammal” fossil sheds light on early mammal evolution



The newly discovered fossil of a “proto-mammal” unearthed in north China.—REUTERS

SHENYANG, 10 Aug — The newly discovered fossil of a “proto-mammal” unearthed in north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region has shed light on the evolution of the world’s earliest mammals.

Scientists believe that

the well-preserved fossil of the *Megaconus mammaliaformis*, an herbivore with hair and fur that lived during the Jurassic era about 165 million years ago, was about 30 cm long and weighed an estimated 250 grams.

Zhou Changfu, a scientist with the Paleontology Museum of Liaoning and Shenyang Normal University, led the research program with scientists from the University of Bonn and the University of Chicago.

Zhou said in an interview with *Xinhua* on Thursday that the rare evidence of the animal’s fur proves that it had the skin texture of a mammal, but it is still unknown whether it had a bare midriff that enabled it feed a newborn cub or if had a brood pouch.

The earliest mammaliaform groups are long-extinct relatives of modern mammals that co-existed with feathered dinosaurs in the Jurassic era. Prior to the discovery of the fossil,

no complete fossils of the earliest mammals had ever been discovered, he said.

He said the animal’s lower jaw, thoracic vertebra, lumbar vertebra and ankle joint all suggest that it had evolved from reptile to proto-mammal, Zhou said.

The fossil was unearthed from the Daohu Groove in Ningchen County, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, where scientists have also unearthed other fossils of early mammals such as the Jurassic beaver, which, however, appeared after the *Megaconus mammaliaformis*. An article on the discovery was published in the 8 August issue of *Nature*.

Xinhua

iPhone device detects heart problems, helps prevent strokes

SYDNEY, 10 Aug — A special iPhone device can be used to quickly detect heart rhythm problems and help prevent stroke, according to University of Sydney research revealed on Friday at the Australia and New Zealand Cardiac Society conference on the Gold Coast of Queensland. The research found the cheap device, known as the AliveCor Heart Monitor for iPhone (iECG), was highly-effective and ac-

curate in screening patients with undiagnosed atrial fibrillation (AF).

The device was invented by an Australian scientist and a US cardiologist. University of Sydney Professor Ben Freedman and his colleagues tested the device on randomly selected people aged 65 or older at 10 Sydney pharmacies. He said the device was an exciting breakthrough and can be operated without special skills. “Atrial Fibrillation

is the most common heart rhythm problem and is responsible for almost one third of all strokes,” he said.

“AF increases with age, affecting more than 15 percent of people aged 85 years and over.” According to Freedman, people with atrial fibrillation face up to a five-fold increased risk of stroke, and tend to have more severe and life-threatening strokes. Freedman said the research shows around 50,000 Australians

aged over 65 have AF, but do not know it.

“There are currently a large number of people with unknown AF who are at high risk of stroke, but who are not on any medication,” he said. “The iECG allows us to screen patients for atrial fibrillation in minutes, and treat people early.” The university researchers are currently trialling iECG screening in doctors’ surgeries in Sydney.—*Xinhua*

Switching tactics in ambitious new move

BEIJING, 10 Aug — Chinese telecoms giant Huawei Technologies Co Ltd showed its ambition to become a leader, rather than a follower, in the network business field for corporate clients it recently entered by introducing a new line of switches on Thursday.

The Shenzhen-based company unveiled the Huawei S12700 series of switch products that introduce software-defined network architecture into campus networks for the first time in the industry.

At a Beijing news briefing, Huawei said the S12700 switch will hit the market in September and start large-scale commercial use in November. William Xu, chief executive officer of Huawei’s Enterprise Business Group, said the new product holds technological advantages over

rivals and will add momentum to sales of Huawei’s enterprise network products for years to come. “The S12700 switch shows the industry direction in building campus networks,” Xu said.

The technology it contains supports diversified trends in business environments, including cloud computing, ‘bring your own device’ and big data-related analytics, he added. Huawei’s move directly challenges dominant members of the sector, such as US-based Cisco Systems Inc, in the enterprise network equipment business. “Cisco undoubtedly takes the lion’s share in the global switch market but Huawei is quite aggressive and is aiming high to become a leader in future,” said Zhao Hailin, an analyst with research firm IHS iSuppli



Huawei Technologies Co Ltd unveiled on Thursday a series of switch products, which the company hopes will add sales momentum to its enterprise network products.—XINHUA

Unlike Huawei’s traditional business with telecom carriers, where industry standards are set by certain global organizations, the industry standards in the enterprise network gear market are established by those who develop the most advanced products, Zhao added.

In the past, Huawei acted like a follower because it was a newcomer in the enterprise business. Now, the company has sent a signal that it wants to lead

the industry,” Zhao said.

Cisco had a 58.8 percent share of the market for switches, which connect computer networks, in the first quarter compared with Huawei’s 2 percent, according to data from IDC and Bloomberg.

Huawei officially expanded into the enterprise business and consumer-related smartphone manufacturing in 2011, after the traditional telecom gear market got relatively saturated.—*Xinhua*

Myanmar Culture

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Traditions



Thanakha

An importance daily task for a Myanmar woman involves the fragrant bark of thanakha tree (*Murraya paniculata*). A circular stone mortar is used to grind the bark into the powder to which a little water is added to make a cream coloured paste that is applied thinly or thickly, according to preference, to the face or limbs, where it serves as both makeup and a cooling sunscreen.

The role of women

For centuries Myanmar women have enjoyed equality in education and business. They earn the same pay as men of equivalent professional rank, although mostly only unmarried ones are promoted to high positions because married women do not want to stay late in the office. Housewives often work part-time as private gem or real estate dealers. Education for women has been supported since the time of royalty when even handmaidens who wrote poetry earned much respect. Since the 1960s women have outnumbered men on the academic staff of universities and are also well represented in the medical profession.

Courtship and marriage

Young people date only when they are serious so to socialise they go out in groups. Myanmar society is conservative and a woman will harm her reputation if she goes out in the evening with a man who is not her husband or fiancé, especially if he is a foreigner. Young people are not forced to marry a partner chosen

by their parents but usually marry someone acceptable to their extended family. A Myanmar woman is not subservient to her mother-in-law and she usually controls the family finances. Although she respects her husband, no family or business decisions are made without her knowledge. For a Myanmar Buddhist couple, the union is legal and binding if they live together and their relationship is recognised by their neighbours and society. Usually, the modern practice is for the pair to sign a marriage deed in the presence of a judge. Myanmar brides do not pay a dowry.

In the old days it was the men who had to offer suitable gifts of diamonds and gold for the hand of their betrothed. Wedding expenses are usually split between the two families or if one side takes care of it, the other will buy new furniture for the couple. Weddings for Myanmar Buddhists are not religious ceremonies and monks play no part in them. A traditional wedding is an elegant, formal event with soft music, rituals overseen by a Brahmin astrologer and the presence of hundred of guests.

Divorce can be initiated by either partner and property brought into the marriage by each side is taken back and property acquired during the marriage is divided. Custody of the children is usually given to the mother.

Under customary law, a Myanmar Buddhist man can marry more than once without divorcing his first wife but this is not considered socially acceptable and is rare.

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Sources say BlackBerry open to going private



A view shows a cracked cookie with a BlackBerry logo at the BlackBerry Z10 launch at a Rogers store in Toronto on 5 Feb, 2013. — REUTERS

NEW YORK, 10 Aug — BlackBerry Ltd is warming up to the possibility of going private, as the smartphone maker battles to revive its fortunes, several sources familiar with the situation said. Chief Executive Thorsten Heins and the company's board is increasingly coming around to the idea that taking BlackBerry private would give them breathing room to fix its

problems out of the public eye, the sources said. "There is a change of tone on the board," one of the sources said on Thursday.

No deal is imminent, however, and BlackBerry has not launched any kind of a sale process, the sources said. Even if it tried, BlackBerry could find it hard to come up with a buyer and the funding to go private. With the company still

posting losses and bleeding subscribers, private equity firms and other buyers may not want to step up. The company's shares have fallen more than 19 percent this year. Its market value has fallen to \$4.8 billion, from \$84 billion at its peak in 2008. BlackBerry, which had been pinning its hopes for a turnaround on its new line of BlackBerry 10 devices, declined to comment. The sources declined to be named because these discussions are private. BlackBerry's openness to consider a deal marks a radical shift in thinking at the once high-flying smartphone maker.

Until recently, BlackBerry, formerly known as Research In Motion and a pioneer in providing secured emails on handheld devices, had been bent on staying independent, betting its turnaround on its latest smartphones.—Reuters

School children consumed recalled Fonterra dairy protein

AUCKLAND, 10 Aug — Students at a high school in New Zealand consumed protein drinks containing whey concentrate which had been recalled by dairy giant Fonterra, putting them at risk of botulism. But Fonterra, which has come under fire amid a widespread contamination scare, said no illnesses had been reported and there was no health risk to the

students at Palmerston North Girls' High School. The company, which had provided the whey protein to the school from its product development center, had previously assured consumers that all products containing the tainted ingredient had been withdrawn from markets.

The school had asked for the product from Fonterra for a science

project to make "smoothie" fruit drinks and it had been supplied in February. "I am disappointed and concerned to learn of this incident," said Fonterra Chief Executive Theo Spierings. "While I realize that agreeing to provide the whey protein concentrate to the school for their project was well-intentioned, providing product from the Innovation Centre in this way should never have happened." "I can fully understand this may cause some anxiety in the school community and on behalf of everyone at Fonterra, I want to say how sorry we are that this has happened."

The world's largest dairy exporter has been in damage control mode since revealing at the weekend the contamination that led to product recalls in China, New Zealand, Australia and elsewhere in Asia.

Reuters



A Fonterra milk tanker arrives to Fonterra's Te Rapa plant near Hamilton on 6 Aug, 2013. —REUTERS

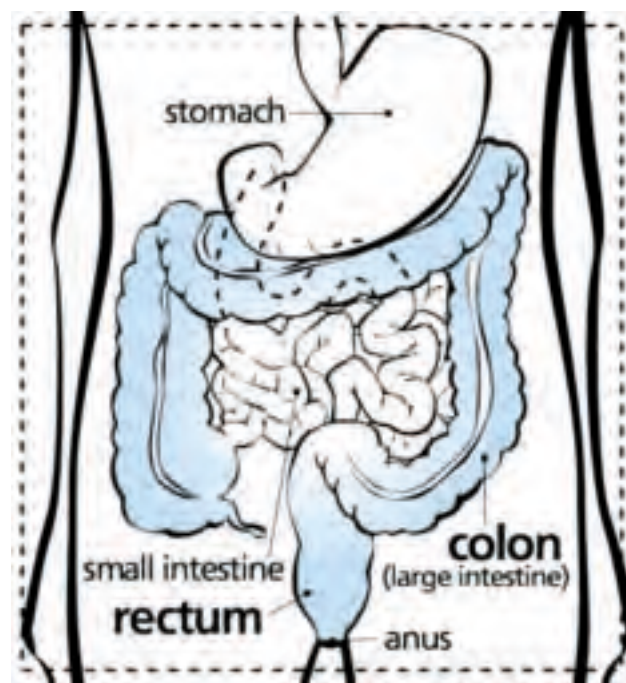
Mailings may up colon cancer screening rates in underserved

SAN DIEGO, 10 Aug — Reminding uninsured people to get screened for colon cancer by sending them letters and calling them at home increases testing rates compared to asking them at doctors' offices, says a new study.

Researchers found uninsured people in one Texas community were twice as likely to be screened if they were offered a colonoscopy free of charge by mail and over the phone. The same people were three times more likely to opt for screening when they were offered a stool test that needs no preparation and can be done at home, compared to those who received standard treatment.

"Clearly the outreach worked and it was a lot better than usual care, but we did see a significant difference in whether we offered colonoscopy or the (fecal immunochemical test)," said Dr Samir Gupta, the study's lead author from the University of California, San Diego.

Colon and rectal cancers are the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths in the US, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Approximately 52,000 people died from the



cancers in 2009. Screening rates for colon cancer have increased over the past few years, but the CDC says about 22 million people aren't up-to-date with the tests. That's especially true for minorities and the uninsured, write the authors in *JAMA Internal Medicine*. The government-backed US Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends that people between ages 50 and 75 get screened by colonoscopy every 10 years.

During a colonoscopy, a doctor uses a long flexible tube equipped with a tiny

video camera to see the interior of the colon.

Alternatively, the USPSTF says people in that age group can have a high-sensitivity fecal occult blood test every year, or a sigmoidoscopy — which is similar to a colonoscopy — every five years in addition to fecal occult blood testing every three years.

For the new study, Gupta and his colleagues randomly assigned 5,970 uninsured patients in the John Peter Smith Health Network in Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Texas, to one of three groups in

January 2011. One group of 3,898 people received usual care, which consisted of doctors asking patients while they were at the clinic for an appointment if they'd like to be screened for colon cancer. People in the other two groups received letters in English and Spanish with information on colon and rectal cancer and an invitation to get a free screening.

The participants in the outreach groups also received two automated phone messages, two phone calls from real people and help setting up appointments for screening. Within the outreach group, 479 people were offered colonoscopies and 1,593 people were offered a fecal occult blood test known as a fecal immunochemical test (FIT) that they could complete at home.

By February 2012, 12 percent of the usual care group had been screened for colon cancer. That compared to 25 percent in the colonoscopy outreach group and 41 percent in the stool test group. Colonoscopies are usually seen as the most thorough colon cancer screening, but Gupta said the better response in the stool test group may make up for its inferiority.—Reuters

More Chinese pharmacies stop selling bear bile

CHENGDU, 10 Aug — Eight Chinese pharmacy chains announced on Thursday that they have stopped selling bear bile products, as they joined a campaign launched by an animal charity to end controversial bear farming.

The eight chains, with 151 drugstores in Chengdu, capital of southwest Sichuan Province, issued the statement at an activity held by the Animals Asia Foundation (AAF). Overall, 260 drugstores of 11 chains in China have joined the AAF campaign to stop such sales.

The eight local chains included Chengdu Dahua Pharmacy, Furong Grand Pharmacy and Chengdu Grand Pharmacy. Bear bile is held in traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) the-

ory as a cure for ailments such as eye and liver problems, but the brutal practice of tapping bile from live bears has drawn much criticism in recent years from animal rights activists and the public.

Zhong Yuanwei, vice general manager of Chengdu Dahua, said the business endorsed the AAF campaign to shoulder its social and environmental responsibilities as well as to ensure the health of customers.

Medical practitioners, including many TCM doctors, have expressed doubt about the safety of bear bile, whose extraction process inflicts so much pain and damage to bears' health that they are often left fatally ill.—Xinhua



WORLD

S Korean fighter jets make nonstop flight to Alaska for drills

SEOUL, 10 Aug — South Korean F-15K combat jets have flown nonstop to Alaska, using in-flight refueling to take part in an upcoming US-led multinational exercise known as “Red Flag,” South Korea’s Defence Ministry said on Friday. The flight to Alaska “has become the first time for our fighter aircraft to fly non-stop by aerial refueling to participate in a joint drill overseas,” spokesman Wi Yong Seop told a news briefing.

Wi added that South Korean pilots are expected to further improve their skills by joining the multinational drills, hosted by the US Pacific Air Forces from 12-23 August in Alaska.

Red Flag aims at training pilots from the United States and other allied countries. South Korea’s six F-15K jets departed from an airbase in the southern city of Daegu on 2 August, flying over 7,000 kilometres to the Eielson Air Force Base, refueling several times.

In-flight refueling or aerial refueling refers to the process of transferring fuel from one aircraft to another during flight. South Korea has purchased 60 of Boeing’s F-15 fighter jets since 2002 in the first two stages of its fighter modernization programme. The US contractor delivered the last batch of the planes in 2012.—Kyodo News

Gunmen abduct two Turkish Airlines staff in Beirut

BEIRUT, 10 Aug — Gunmen abducted two Turkish Airlines pilots in Beirut on Friday, forcing them from an airport bus in the early hours of the morning and prompting Turkey to urge its citizens to leave Lebanon.

Lebanese media said that a group claimed responsibility for the abduction in the name of nine Lebanese Shi’ite Muslims kidnapped near the Turkish-Syrian border last year, saying the two Turks would be freed if the Lebanese captives were released. It was not immediately possible to verify the reported claim. Turkey’s foreign ministry and the airline said they were in close contact with Lebanese authorities but had no immediate information on the condition of the two airline staff.

“We announce that the



Former employees broadcast the news at Greek state broadcaster ERT near Athens, Greece, on 7 Aug, 2013. The Greek government closed the television and radio operator in June 2013, but the fired employees have occupied the building and have continued broadcasting through the Internet and analog radio.

KYODO NEWS

UN chief urges leaders of all Egyptian parties to avoid violence

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Aug — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Friday called upon the leaders of all Egyptian parties to “avoid the path of violence” in order to “prevent further loss of life among the Egyptian people.”

“The secretary-general’s immediate concern is for the leaders of Egypt, on all sides, to exercise their leadership and their responsibility to do whatever can be done to prevent further loss of life among the Egyptian people,” said a statement issued here late Friday by Ban’s spokesman. “As long as they avoid the path of violence, the secretary-general is confident that the Egyptian people, representing one of the world’s great and historic civilizations, will successfully find a way forward,” the statement said. “The United Nations re-

mains fully engaged in supporting Egypt.”

The political stalemate is under way with the ongoing standoff between the sit-in supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi and the military-backed interim government. Nearly 300 people have been killed in violence since Morsi’s removal.

“As the Eid al-Fitr Muslim holiday comes to a close, the secretary-general is deeply concerned by the continuing political stalemate in Egypt,” the statement said.

“The secretary-general repeats his commitment to support non-violent Egyptian-led approaches to meeting the aspirations of the Egyptian people.”

“Since January 2011, the Egyptian people have raised their voices, through

Russia allows Snowden to work, travel through the country

MOSCOW, 10 Aug — Former US National Security Agency worker Edward Snowden is free to travel within the Russian territory wherever he wants to, Russian Federal Migration Service (FMS) said on Friday.

“In line with the law, he has a right to travel within territory of the Russian Federation and a right to work with the exception of the government services,” head of the Moscow regional FMS division Oleg Molodiyevsky told reporters. Earlier this week, Ruslan Gattarov, a member

of the Federation Council, upper house of the parliament, has said he would offer Snowden a consultant’s job in the Council.

The FMS’s Moscow branch would issue a permission allowing Snowden to move to another region if he applied one, said Molodiyevsky. Snowden was stranded at Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport for six weeks after Washington revoked his passport. He faces espionage charges in the United States after disclosing a classified intelligence surveillance project

code-named PRISM.

On 1 August, Russia granted him a year-long asylum, allowing him to quietly slip out of the airport.

Under the Russian law, all foreigners must register with the FMS’s territorial branch upon taking up residence. The United States on Wednesday announced the cancellation of a one-on-one summit originally scheduled early next month in Moscow, citing the Snowden case as a lack of progress in bilateral relations.—Xinhua

Spain reviews train safety after fatal crash



A fireman carries a wounded victim from the wreckage of a train crash near Santiago de Compostela, northwestern Spain, on 24 July, 2013.

REUTERS

MADRID, 10 Aug — Spain is reviewing the safety of its rail system after a train crash in northwestern Galicia last month killed 79 people, Public Works Minister Ana Pastor said on Friday.

Excessive speed and human error have been blamed for the train’s derailment at a curve on the outskirts of the northwestern town of Santiago de Compostela.

But the accident has also raised questions over the high-speed train network’s signaling and security systems.

Speaking before a parliamentary committee, Pastor said she had hired auditors to review the maximum speed limit across every stretch of Spain’s rail network to prevent such a tragedy from happening again.

“We will review all of the protocols and systems, the table of speed limits,

everything,” Pastor said.

Spain’s railway network combines lines that are exclusively high-speed with sophisticated safety mechanisms and conventional lines, such as at the site of the Santiago crash, with less rigorous automatic braking signals.

Some high-speed trains use both types of rails, and drivers must switch back and forth between the two systems.

Spain has invested 45 billion euros over more than 20 years in building the world’s second biggest network of high-speed rail, which it has continued to expand despite economic stagnation and a wide budget gap.

Francisco Garzon, 52, who was driving the train that crashed on 24 July, has been charged with negligent homicide and released without bail pending trial.

Reuters

Lebanese Army soldiers patrol on their vehicles the road leading to Beirut international Airport, following the kidnap of a Turkish airlines pilot and his colleague in Beirut, on 9 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS



LOCAL NEWS

CHARITY

Ambulance donated to social services association in Singaing



SINGAING, 10 Aug—An ambulance was donated to Parami Social Services Association of Aepya village-tract in Hmakhaya archaeological region in Singaing Township in Mandalay at a ceremony held at the monastery of the village on 4

August morning.

Chairman of Parami Social Services Association U Tin Swe accepted the donation.

U Ko Ko and wife Daw Kyu Kyu of Shwe Myanmar farm, U Naing Win Zaw and wife Daw Nway

Nway of Muse's Lin Tun fruits brokerage, Daw Than Sein and son U Kyi Maung and Daw Le Le Khaing of Aepya village and U Than Tun and wife Daw Than Myint of Singaing's Win Thitsar transportation donated Grand HIACE V6 to the association.

It cost K 4.8 million to equip the vehicle with medical equipment.

Chairman U Tin Swe presented certificates of honour to the donors.

Three donors then separately donated K 0.5 million to the association.

The congregation then received sermons from members of the Sangha and shared merits.—MMAL-160

DEVELOPMENT

Development undertakings inspected in Sagaing Region

SAGAING, 10 Aug—Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and region ministers, region, district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people paid homage to 13 feet high four Buddha images, which will be kept at Laygyun Yanaung Shwedagon Replica Pagoda on Dipa Ayemya Hillock in the precinct of Mahamyain Tawya Monastery in Kalewa Township of Kalay District in Sagaing Region, at the jetty in Aungzeyon Ward of Monywa on 5 August.

Accompanied by Deputy Speaker of Region Hluttaw U Thaung Sein, region minister, region Hluttaw representatives and departmental officials, the Chief Minister attended the ceremony to constitute Yinmabin District held in Yinmabin on 7 August morning.



Sagaing Region Commissioner U Soe Soe Zaw presents gift to mark formation of the new district to Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye.

Commissioner of Sagaing Region General Administration Department U Soe Soe Zaw reported the purpose of constituting the new district.

Region Minister for

Security and Border Affairs Col Kyi Naing, Deputy Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Thaung Sein and the commissioner formally opened the office of Yinmabin District.

The chief minister unveiled the signboard of the district General Administration Department.

The region commissioner presented gift to the chief minister in commemoration of the forming of new district. The chief minister and party posed for a documentary photo.

The chief minister attended the ceremony to mark the formation of Yinmabin District at the mass meeting.

AGRICULTURE

Farming rights certificates presented in Leshi Tsp

LESHI, 10 Aug—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in ward and village-tracts in Leshi Township in Naga Self-Administered Zone in Sagaing Region at township hall on 1 August.

Chairman of Township Farmland Management

Committee U Aung Cho briefed on the entitlements of farmers holding the farming rights certificates.

The committee chairman and officials then presented farming rights certificates to ward and village-tract administrators.

MMAL-Township IPRD



Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe and wife being welcomed by Singaporean Ambassador Mr Chua Hian Kong Robert at the reception to mark the 48th Anniversary National Day of the Republic of Singapore at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 9 August.—MNA

Mandalay to host wedding fair in open season

MANDALAY, 10 Aug—A Royal Romance Wedding Fair 2013 is scheduled to be opened in Mandalay in open season.

The event aimed at arranging couples wedding will be organized in Mandalay City Hall on 5-8 September from 9 am to 9 pm.

Western and traditional wedding dresses, jewelries, cosmetics, kitchenwares, floral arts,

Famous make-up artists Khin San Win, celebrities and fashion designers will make appearance at the exhibition.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

mattresses, electronics and furnitures would be displayed at the fair. Music bands, photo studios and halls will also display booths.

Famous make-up artists Khin San Win, celebrities and fashion designers will make appearance at the exhibition.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

DISASTER RISK REDUCTION

500 houses affected by erosion in Ngazun Tsp

MANDALAY, 10 Aug—A total of 1000 acres of farmlands were eroded by the change of river water course and affected more than 500 houses in Yeileithaung village-tract in Rakhadipa village in Ngazun Township.

Of them, 115 houses are built on the alluvial land. A total of 30 houses were relocated in the previous year.

The farmlands were destroyed by the erosion of Ayeyawady River and

the villagers are hoping for reclaiming farmlands.

Water courses conservation engineers and Myanmar river engineers are trying to change the course of river by building gravel retaining wall in Rakhadipa village.

Mandalay Region Road Transport Minister U Kyaw Hsan visited the site of erosion on 6 August and inspected the erosion prevention measures.

He was conducted round the site by Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems Department's Mandalay Region Head U Win Hlaing and officials.

The minister asked the engineers to try to develop alluvial lands and employ appropriate techniques to prevent further erosions.

He also attended to the needs for relocation of the villages.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)



Myanmar Tradition of Rain Calling

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 11 August, 2013

Future challenge for Yangon

The commercial hub of Myanmar is speeding up its development with the high aim of translating the city of high population density into a clean and green one. First of all, downtown area and business districts have seen influx of vehicles following the scheme of replacing the overage vehicles with imported autos on the streets. Statistics shows that the number of registered cars on our road had risen dramatically and reached more than 400,000 in Yangon while there are over three million vehicles nationally.

Because of the lack of monitoring devices in Yangon, no data is immediately available about the air pollution caused by vehicular emission which is the main source of the hazard. But the plan to monitor the air quality standard of the commercial heart of the country is on the way. We all recognize that quality of air is not only good for the environment but also can contribute to better health for residents. Air pollution triggered by high volume of traffic shortens life expectancy, causing from minor respiratory problems such as sinusitis, dry throat and irritated eyes to asthma among children and chronic bronchitis and heart diseases among adults in their sixties. It is a major issue for public health in urban areas.

A retired official of occupational health department expressed his view to relieve our growing concerns over harmful emission from traffic that a layer of smog over the city has not reached its danger level as newly-imported vehicles of latest models only produce a small amount of exhaust fumes. If the level of particulate matter exceeds the WHO's guideline level of 50 micrograms averaged over a 24-hour period, it will result in adverse health consequences. WHO's studies revealed that worldwide deaths of about 3.2 million people in 2010 were due to air pollution.

Although air pollution does not cause serious disease straight away as it requires prolonged exposure, health risks are real and chronic exposure to air pollution is not only bad for environmental health but also can increase the risk of developing heart and respiratory diseases. Nonetheless, more attentions are needed to monitor air pollution in downtown and industrial areas and heighten public awareness about environmental impact, the dangers of air pollution and how it is caused.

Traditional medicines course opened in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 10 Aug—The first traditional medicines course was opened in Five Tigers Traditional Medicine Factory in Mwedaw village in Kyaukme Township on 7 August morning.

A Shan language will be used as the medium of the course.

Shan State Hluttaw

Representative U Sai Than Maung, Shan writer U Sai Pha, Paungku Myitta traditional medicines practitioners U Sai Aung Kyi and U Sai Mon delivered addresses at the ceremony.

A total of 20 trainees are attending the 15-day course.

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Flood and drought are the two natural disasters which every country in the world encounters, depending upon the climatic conditions. Water is the elixir of life and the source of water is rain. Though too much water is not needed and not wanted, no rain causes the death of life. So, since ancient times men have used traditional means of stopping unwanted rain or calling much wanted rain and these means were all religious-appealing for favour to natural phenomena which were believed to be the abodes of super natural powers.

Myanmar, though a tropical country with hardly any trace of a desert in the true sense of the term, does experience both flood and drought when climate turns abnormal. In May of this year, the entire country was threatened by the impending cyclone "Mahasen". People were preparing to encounter it as best they could. It was reported that at some places, people held Shin Upagupta puja rite to ward off the cyclone. Mahasen did come but it bypassed Myanmar causing no damage to us. Inspired by that happy tidings the writer wrote the article "He wards off natural disaster" in 2 June 2013 Sunday issue of English Daily *The New Light of Myanmar*.

These days, there are floods, heavy showers and damages in coastal and lower Myanmar, as well as drought and water shortages in rain shadowed areas in central dry zones. People are holding Myanmar traditional rites such as tug of war sport. Therefore the writer wishes to present to the public all Myanmar traditions of rain calling in this article.

One of the 550 Jatakas or Buddha's birth stories tells the story of a fish king [Nga Yant Min or Snake-headed fish]. This fish king was the Buddha-to-be in previous existence. He and his relations and fish populace lived in a natural pond near the town of Sawutthi in Kosala kingdom in ancient India. Due to scarcity of rain, water in the pond diminished and all watery creatures took refuge in the mud, crows and eagles easily picked up and swallowed the creatures

from the mud. Seeing these miseries and sufferings, the fish king appealed to the Rain God to send down showers to rescue all beings from drought. The Rain God responded to his appeal with heavy downpours. This Fish King's invocation of and appeal to the Rain God became Nga Yant Min Paritta. A paritta is a sutta to ward off evil or harm, which is recited or chanted to call rain, while cool, and scented water is poured on the image of the Fish King Nga Yant Min. There is a pleasant wooded hill named Yan Kin Taung to the due

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

east of Mandalay. Among many Buddhist edifices set up on it, the oldest and most sacred is a natural grotto, right on its summit. It was formed due to the split into two of the high rocky peak. Down deep in that grotto is a natural spring oozing out cool fresh water, forming a little pond in which these statues of Nga Yant Min are placed for veneration. Two were sculpted out of Sagyin marble stones, and the third was moulded of iron. These fish figures represent another fish king of Jataka story. This Fish King lived in the Ayeyapatta [Ayeyawady] river, which was guarded by a serpent Naga King Named Ayeyapatta. When the serpent Naga chased the Fish King to eat it, the latter escaped and took refuge in the above-mentioned pond and was safe from all dangers. Since then the hill came to be known as Yan Kin hill [Danger free hill]. Whenever there is drought in upper Myanmar, people in Mandalay and around perform rain calling rite by putting one statue of Nga Yant Min in the pond on a decorated palanquin and carrying it in a ceremonial procession, pouring cool scented water on the statue while chanting the Nga Yant Min paritta, invoking and inviting rain. Coincidentally or miraculously, showers do come down, sometimes slowly or sometime heavily. The writer, being a Mandalayan, had personal experience of this rite. People do believe that this rain calling rite works.

Yan Kin Taung hill and statues of Fish King in the pond in the grotto have historic association. Prince Min Shin Saw, the elder son of King Alaung Sithu [1112-1167 A.D.] of Bagan dynasty, during his exile in Mandalay District, built a town named Bo Tet Myo and carried many development works such as digging irrigations, reservoirs like Aung Pin Lei Lake and Mya Nanda Lake, reclaiming agricultural lands. The entire district prospered. But there were three successive years of drought reducing the terrain into a parched land,

causing many damages and sufferings. At the advice of the learned Sayadaw monks, a grand puja [worshipping] was held for Nga Yant Min Fish King statue which was ceremonially showered with cool scented fresh water and Nga Yant Min paritta was chanted. Down came rain torrentially, flooding everywhere turning the parched land into marshy swamps breeding insects and mosquitoes, causing malaria to the people. Learned Sayadaw monks advised the Prince to move the stone statue of Nga Yant Min Fish King to the pond in the grotto of Yan Kin Hill and to perform water pouring rite only when there was drought. Since then, Yan Kin hill, Nga Yant Min statue in the grotto, and Nga Yant Min paritta for rain calling are associated and well-known in Mandalay Region till today.

Another rain calling rite is the tug-of-war (ငွန်ဆွဲပွဲ) which in Myanmar is not only a mere traditional sport but also a rain calling rite. Legend has it that in the reign of King Narathu [1167-1170 A.D.] there was a hermit named Shin Mahtee who was an alchemist, experimenting his formula to make a philosopher's stone – a ball of mercury compound which could give the possessor supernatural powers—longevity of life, immunity from all dangers, panacea to cure all kinds of diseases and turning all base metals into gold by touching with it.

King Narathu and

wealthy man Kyaw Swa and his wife Thawdar supplied the hermit with all metals including gold. For a long time the hermit Shin Mahtee could not succeed in his experiment, though he had used a great amount of mercury and gold. Royal treasury became exhausted and wealthy couple Kyaw Swa and Thawdar were impoverished. King Narathu suspected the hermit was a swindler and so ordered his men to pull out the hermit's two eyes. Disappointed and deeply sad and desperate blind hermit told his assistant to throw into the pit of latrine his experimented mercury compound ball. On doing so, the assistant at once witnessed the strange phenomenon of the mercury compound ball flying out of the pit emitting colourful radiances. Catching hold of it, the assistant ran to the hermit and explained all what had happened. The hermit ordered the assistant to go to the wet market and get two eyes from slaughtered animal. The assistant brought one eye of goat and one eye of a bull. The hermit put these two eyes into his eye sockets and touched them with his mercury compound ball. Immediately the hermit regained his eyesight. The hermit Shin Mahtee acquired a new name "Shin Iza-gona" meaning the hermit with the eyes of goat and bull.

With his mercury compound ball [philosopher's stone] the hermit touched all base metals Bagan people collected and brought to him. These metals turned into gold. Bagan people became rich. They built temples, pagodas, monasteries, and did many social welfare works. Impoverished Kyaw Swa, Thawdar and family had left Bagan. They were at large. So they missed the hermit who now disappeared into the forest for solitary hermit life.

Hearing all these news, King Narathu sent out his men to bring the hermit to him. But the hermit could not be found. Then he sent soldiers to capture Kyaw Swa, Thawdar and the family. They were caught some distance away from Bagan.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into...

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Jung Mung Kong Baptist camp in Dukahtaung Ward where the Vice-President presented K 9.74 million for 974 IDPs through the In-charge of the camp.

The deputy minister for Border Affairs presented K 5000 each to 974 victims from the relief camps, totally amounting to K 4.76 million, the deputy minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, packets of instant noodle, the chief minister 50 bags of rice, the patron of Htoo Foundation K 10 million for 400 sets of desks for students, 100 bags of rice, the deputy minister for Health instant noodle, Chairman of Kachin State Gems Entrepreneurs Association U Zay Lun relief aid and Htoo Foundation 83 sets of clothes to 83 children victims.

The Vice-President and party cordially greeted

displaced persons and then viewed care of children from the displaced people by Social Welfare Department and gave snacks to them.

At Saint Lohan relief camp in Nankwe Village, they presented K 10000 each for 359 displaced persons, totally amounting to K 3.59 million to the in-charge of the camp.

The deputy minister for Border Affairs, the patron of Htoo Foundation, the state Chief Minister, the deputy minister for Health, the chairman of Myitkyina Gems Entrepreneurs Association, the Union Minister for Mines and the organizer of Nankwe Village Union Solidarity and Development Party donated cash and kind to the displaced persons.

At Myitkyina University, the Vice-President met rector, principals and faculty members of Myitkyina



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham enjoys singing songs of students at Myitkyina BEHS No 1.—MNA

University, University of Computer Studies and Technological University.

Rector-in-charge of Myitkyina University Dr Aye Ko, Principal of University of Computer Studies Dr Than Naing Soe and Principal Dr Myat Ko of Technological University reported on matters related to their institutions. The Union Minister for Education gave

a supplementary report.

The Vice-President gave guidance to them.

After that, Shwe Than Lwin Co donated one set of Sky Net each to three universities and Education College. Next, the Vice-President attended to the needs of the universities.

The Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Federation donated K 10 million each to

the funds of the University of Computer Studies and Technological University.

At Myitkyina General Hospital, they visited the patient awards, construction of extended buildings, operation theatre and intensive care unit.

Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Federation donated K 10 million to the hospital and Shwe Than

Lwin Co, two sets of Sky Net. At Myitkyina Basic Education High School No. 1, they were welcomed by students with music band. The Vice-President asked English proficiency skills of students and met two outstanding students (Lu-yay-chun) from the school and then fulfilled the requirements of the school.

MNA



Union Peace-making Work Committee and ABSDF meet media persons after Union Level Peace Talks.—MNA

Union Peace-making...

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Congress Party, U Min Ko Naing, U Ko Ko Gyi and U Mya Aye from 88 Generation Students and the delegates from Center for Peace and Conflict Study (CPCS) and Nippon Foundation attended

the peace talks as observers.

After the talks, the press meet was held and the delegates from two sides answered the queries raised by the local and foreign media men.

Both sides have reached

the following agreements:-

- to make efforts for ensuring nation-wide cease-fire through the accountability and responsibility by both sides;
- to agree to form an independent monitoring

team in principle for ceasefires and local peace making processes;

- to officially invite political forces, political parties and organizations and persons for their inclusiveness in the country's political processes;
- to carry out continued discussions and scrutinizing by the remaining political prisoners scrutinizing committee for the release of all political prisoners;
- to continue holding discussions on democratic affairs, national equality and autonomy which are proposed by ABSDF;
- to have rights to independently hold discussions and meetings on the results of ABSDF's political talks, political stands

and processes with the people and people-based organizations in accord with the laws;

- to hold continued discussion on the removal of ABSDF from unlawful association list;
- to hold continued discussions on the removal of ABSDF members from the blacklist and the cancelation of the charged members in accord with the law;
- to have rights to liaise with local and foreign-based NGOs and CBOs in line with the existing laws;
- to have rights to engage with news agencies and media freely and independently;
- to continue making coordination on opening of liaison offices in

Kaly, Payathonsu, Muse and Loikaw which are suggested by ABSDF for smooth operation of communication channels including local peace-making processes and ceasefires;

- to agree to draft Code of Conduct in principle which are to be abided by both army;
- to set the date for second Union-level talks in the coming November;

Union Minister U Aung Min said that they offered peace talks as of 18 August, 2011. They signed a state-level ceasefire agreement with ABSDF at the 6th round of talks. They implemented the last point included in that agreement. The today's agreement also includes holding of new round of talks in the future. Today agree-ment covers 12 points, he added.—MNA

Myanmar Tradition of Rain Calling

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The King tortured them to tell whereabouts of the hermit. In fact they did not know what had happened to the hermit and his experiment of the philosopher's stone. So they could not tell where the hermit was. Thawdar escaped and was rescued by the hermit. Kyawswa died during the torture. He became

nat spirit due to violent death. He lived on Mount Popa. By way of vengeance upon King Narathu, Kyaw Swa the nat spirit drove away all rain bearing clouds from Bagan sky, causing drought.

Upon consultation with the 37 nat spirits of Pantheon, King Narathu was told that it was Kyaw Swa the nat spirit who was withholding

rain. The king invoked Kyaw Saw the nat spirit who explained everything and asked the king to perform the rite of holding a tug-of-war contest to please him and he would then release rain upon Bagan. The king did accordingly and the public participated in the contest, playing music, singing, dancing, beating drums, offering coconut, fruits, bananas, cakes and flowers to Kyaw Swa the nat spirit, appealing him to bring down

rain. Kyaw Swa the nat spirit appeared at the centre of the tug-of-war contest. Dancing merrily and releasing rain. Down came heavy showers with lightings and roaring thunders, flooding the parched land.

Kyaw Swa the nat spirit sang gleefully,

"Yee, farmers and peasants, cheer up, keep going your agricultural activities."

"I'll bring down showers, dig up canals,

tanks and reservoirs to store rain water."

"Grow paddy, grow all crops, grow all vegetables."

"Donate your yields to Three Gems [the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha]. Donate to the poor, the needful. I shall always help you."

Before that rite was performed Kyaw Swa the nat spirit was known as Moe Kaung Kyaw Swa meaning Kyaw Swa the rain withholder. After that

rite was performed he became Moe Kaung Kyaw Swa meaning Kyaw Swa the rain giver. In upper Myanmar, whenever there is scarcity of rain or drought, it is customary to hold a tug-of-war contest to invoke Moe Kaung Kyaw Swa spirit, appease him and beg him to release rain. They believe and experience rain does come after the rite or sometimes even during the performance.

Prizes, refreshment given to students



THAZI, 10 Aug—The prize presentation for outstanding students was held in conjunction with the refreshment feeding ceremony at Basic Education Primary School at No 419th Light Infantry Battalion in Thazi Township, Meiktila District, on 9 August morning.

It was attended by Quartermaster Captain Myo Min and officers of the regiment, wellwisher U Kyaw Min Aung (retired township manager of Agricul-

ture Department)-Daw Aye Myint (retired SAT), teachers, parents and students.

Headmistress Daw San Kyin made a speech. Well-wisher U Kyaw Min Aung explained the purpose of awarding the outstanding students and feeding the schoolchildren.

Officials then presented prizes to the winners in respective standards.

Later, a total of 103 students of the school were fed refreshments.—Kyemon

Japanese, Myanmar experts inspect sites for construction of embankment, sluice gate

THANATPIN, 10 Aug—District Assistant Director U Myint Soe and party of Bago Region Irrigation Department, Region Hluttaw representative U Aye Soe and party inspected the sites for construction of the embankment and sluice gate in Kokko Village of Thanatpin Township on 8 August afternoon.

The field trip of the experts was aimed at building the embankment to prevent inflow of seawater and the sluice gate to supply water to farmlands through Bago-Sittoung Canal. Sanyu Corporation of Japan will demand technology, heavy machinery and fund from the

Japanese Government, and the embankment and sluice gate will be built in cooperation with Myanmar experts, said Assistant Director U Tin Tun.

The government dug Minywa-Kokko drain that benefits over 10000 acres of farmlands in the region.

On completion of Kokko embankment and sluice gate, the local farmers can

extend their farmlands on more than 10000 acres of area in Thanatpin Township, said Region Hluttaw representative U Aye Soe.—Kyemon-Ko Ye Htut (Minywa)



New WVO Office opened in Waw Township

MAWLAMYINE, 10 Aug—The opening of new office for Waw Township War Veterans Organization, Waso robe offering

ceremony and prize presentation for outstanding students of war veterans were held at the new office on Bo Teza Street in

Ayechanthaya Ward of Waw of Bago Region on 9 August morning.

It was attended by Region Hluttaw representative

Opening of new office and prize presentation for students in progress at Waw Township WVO.



HRD

Milk fed to students at Sagaing BEPS No 7

SAGAING, 10 Aug—With the contributions of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and wellwishers, the plan is being implement to turn out schoolchildren of Basic Education Primary Schools in Sagaing Township to become highly-qualified healthy and fit youths in the nation.

Head of Township LBVD Dr Htein Min and wellwishers U Khin Maung Nyo and wife Daw Myint Myint Oo of Industrial Crops Development Department, Secretary of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin May Aye and members, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Headmistress Daw Htaik San and teachers of Basic Education Primary School No 7 of Sagaing fed

milk to students on 8 August morning.

According to an official of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, a total of 10100 students of basic education schools have been fed milk in Pabedan Ward of Sagaing Township this year.

Kyemon-District IPRD

368 basic education schools reopened in Kayin State

HPA-AN, 10 Aug—Torrential rains hit Hpa-an, Kawkaik, Kyain-seikkai and Myawady townships in Kayin State except Thandaung and Papun townships as of 27 July.

Due to floods, basic education schools were closed temporarily beginning 28 July.

According to the statistics issued on 29 July, a total

of 392 schools were closed temporarily.

Up to 8 August, the state has reopened 368 basic education schools, and there remains 24 basic education schools in the state.

At present, students are learning education at their schools safely and happily with free from danger of floods.

Kyemon-State IPRD

School health activity performed in Myanaung



HEALTH CARE

MYANAUNG, 10 Aug—Staff of Township Health Department, Township Traditional Medicine Department, Education Department

and Administrative Body made field trips to basic education schools in Myanaung Township of Ayeyawady Region and carried out school health activities in August this year.

Doctors, nurses of Township Health Department, traditional medicine

practitioner of Township Traditional Medicine Daw Than Than Swe and personnel performed medical checkups at 70 students at Basic Education Primary School (Yantaikkon) in Ward 2 of Myanaung on August.

Kyemon-Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)

Animal vaccines provided in Mon State



MAWLAMYINE, 10 Aug—Mon State Animal Care and Welfare Association and Mon State Veterinarians joined hands in providing animal health care from 4 to 8 August in flood-ravaged Kyaikmaraw, Ye and Bilin townships of Mon State.

They injected vaccines to 3479 animals.

In Kyaikmaraw Township, they donated 7300 eggs and 28 packets of

sausage to flood victims.

These relief supplies were distributed to Kyaikmaraw Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department. In addition, veterinarian team gave talks on prevention against natural disasters, control of animal diseases, breeding of milch cows, artificial mating, pig blue ear disease and foot and mouth disease to the local people.

Kyemon-State IPRD

REGIONAL



Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Keat Chhon (R, front) and Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Bu Jianguo (L, front) sign a loan agreement in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 9 Aug, 2013. The Government of China on Friday signed up to provide a soft loan package of 121 million US dollars to Cambodia for irrigation system development and power transmission line construction. —XINHUA

Cambodia says probe into bomb blast, rocket grenade shell discovery still underway

PHNOM PENH, 10 Aug — Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Sar Kheng said on Friday that he had ordered an investigation into a bomb blast early Wednesday and a rocket grenade shell discovery early Thursday in the capital.

"I have ordered a thorough investigation into the two cases. I think that there may be a third party created these issues in order to cause social unrest," he told reporters, adding that the identity of the perpetrators remained unknown.

"The doers have bad deeds, aiming to cause so-

cial unrest and instability," he said.

At 01:05 am on Wednesday morning, an improvised bomb, planted by unidentified men near a trash bin outside the fence of the Phnom Penh Municipal Court, went off, but caused no injury. On the following morning, two M381 rocket grenade shells were dumped on the windowsill of a house in the capital.

These incidents happened just 10 days after the general election, in which the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of Prime Minister Hun Sen won the victory, but the opposition

Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) rejected the results, claiming serious irregularities during the poll.

The initial unofficial results showed that the CPP won 68 of the 123 parliamentary seats, with the CNRP taking the remaining 55 seats.

Sar Kheng confirmed Friday that soldiers and armored vehicles had been deployed on the outskirts of Phnom Penh in order to ensure security and stability as CNRP leader Sam Rainsy has repeatedly warned to lead mass protests against the election results.

Xinhua

Father, son back to communal life after 40 years living in jungle

HANOI, 10 Aug — An 82-year-old man and his 41-year-old son were brought back to communal life last Wednesday after 39 years of living in the jungle in Vietnam's central Quang Ngai Province, about 730 km south of Hanoi, reports said.

Ho Van Thanh, the father, and his son, Ho Van Lang, were found to live deep in the forest in Tra Phong commune, Tay Tra District of Quang Ngai Province. "The old man was severely exhausted, with one leg paralyzed, while his son who was sitting nearby spoke nothing and was con-

fused," local Tien Phong (Vanguard) newspaper reported Friday, quoting Ho Minh Lam, Thanh's nephew, who brought back the father and son to the village. "When we arrived, my uncle was very weak, with one leg paralyzed. He told me, in a faint voice, that he had been sick for about six months. My cousin showed fear upon seeing us," Lam was quoted by the newspaper as saying.

Lam said that a few days ago, he had a dream about his uncle and cousin returning to the village and both appeared to be healthy. "According to our

customs, it is a bad sign that something wrong would happen soon. So I decided to tell all of my relatives and the village's leaders about my uncle and cousin living in the forest, and ask them for help. The local police joined me in rescuing them," Lam said.

Truong Ngoc Dong, chairman of Tra Phong commune people's committee, was quoted as saying that back to 1959, Ho Van Thanh and his wife, Ho Thi Phuong, and their two children came to settle in Tra Khe commune in Tay Tra district.

Later Thanh joined the

army of the Military Zone 5. One day in 1972, he came home for a family visit when a bomb fell on a shelter near his house, killing 26 people inside, including his mother and his two sons. After the accident, Thanh and his wife moved to live in the nearby Tra Xinh commune, where they had another two sons.

Too shocked by the death of his mother and sons, Thanh went mad and in 1974, he brought his two-year-old son, Ho Van Lanh, to hide in the jungle leaving behind his wife and the other six-month-old son, Ho Van Tri.—Xinhua



Members of China's 15th peacekeeping team to the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) pose for a group photo after returning to Xi'an, capital of north-west China's Shaanxi Province, on 9 Aug, 2013. The 218-member team, 118 of whom have returned this time, served in the peacekeeping missions in the DRC for 8 months. Another 100 peacekeepers will return later this month.

XINHUA

Vietnamese legislative chief pledges to facilitate cooperation with Thai friendship legislators

HANOI, 10 Aug — Chairman of Vietnam's National Assembly Nguyen Sinh Hung has pledged that Vietnam will facilitate the Vietnamese and Thai friendship legislators to continue their close cooperation.

Hung made the statement at a meeting with Pajit Srenwarakan, chairman of the Thailand-Vietnam Parliamentary Friendship Group in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Friday, the state-run news agency VNA reported. During the meeting, Hung expressed his pleasure with the outcomes of the working of Parliamentary Friendship Groups of Thailand and Vietnam, hailing their specific coop-

eration activities as practical to the ties between the two lawmaking bodies.

Hung also expressed his delight at the two countries' establishment of strategic partnership, describing it as an important step forward in deepening the two countries' ties in a practical manner in the interests of both countries and for peace, stability and development in the region.

Hung proposed the Thai National Assembly to support Vietnam within both bilateral and multilateral cooperation frameworks, facilitate Vietnamese business operations, and create favorable conditions for Vietnamese nationals in Thailand.—Xinhua



A helicopter of the Singapore Air Force hauls the national flag during the National Day Parade in Singapore's Marina Bay on 9 Aug, 2013. Singapore celebrated its 48th birthday on Friday with tens of thousands of people gathering in the city-state's downtown Marina Bay area and elsewhere with concerts, lighting and fireworks displays across the island.

XINHUA

Kansai Electric loses over 1,000 business clients after rate hike

OSAKA, 10 Aug — Kansai Electric Power Co has lost over 1,000 large-lot users, such as companies and local governments, since April when it raised the electricity rate for businesses, according to the utility.

The number of clients who canceled their contracts minus those who renewed the contracts came to 1,050 between 1 April and 1 July, a sharp increase from 195 for fiscal 2011 and 61 for fiscal 2012.

The clients' departure so far is not expected to significantly affect the company's earnings as they comprise about 1 percent of some 117,000 business customers. If more clients leave, it could start having an im-

pact on earnings. Those who left Kansai Electric appear to have switched to other power suppliers such as the Tokyo-based Enet Corp. funded by Tokyo Gas Co and Osaka Gas Co among others.—Kyodo News

Vacation exodus peaks in Japan, roads, trains congested

TOKYO, 10 Aug — The annual rush of travellers during the Japanese "Bon" summer holidays peaked on Saturday, with roads and railway stations crammed with people heading for their hometowns and other destinations. Almost all reserved seats on shinkansen bullet trains from Tokyo were booked for the morning on the Tohoku, Yamagata, Joutetsu, Nagano and Tokaido lines.

Expressways were also congested, with vehicles backed up for 43 kilometres

on a section of the Tomei Expressway in Kanagawa Prefecture and for 33 km on the Chuo Expressway in Yamaguchi Prefecture, according to the Japan Road Traffic Information Centre.

Domestic flights departing from Tokyo's Haneda Airport to regional areas were booked close to capacity, with the reservation rate at 93 percent for Japan Airlines Co and 92 percent for All Nippon Airways Co, according to the airlines.

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2. Tender form and terms can be bought for K 100,000 (Kyat One Hundred Thousand Only) at the above mentioned address within office hour from 9 - 8 - 2013 to 30 - 8 - 2013.
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Spitfire A-1 Skyraider from Heritage Flight Museum is on display at the 51st annual Abbotsford Airshow on Aug. 9, 2013 in Abbotsford, Canada.—XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (351)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV EVER ABLE VOY NO (351) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11.8.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Transnational highway to boost China-Vietnam tourism

NANNING, 9 Aug —A transnational highway linking a city in south China and a Vietnamese tourist destination is expected to enhance the tourist industry in the two countries.

The 400-km-long highway, which opened earlier this week, connects Chongzuo City in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and the Vietnamese city of Ha Long, shortening bus travel time between the two locations to 7.5 hours.

Chongzuo attracts a

great number of tourists with its beautiful transnational waterfalls and charming ethnic culture, while Ha Long is adjacent to Ha Long Bay, a famous tourist destination in Vietnam.

Lu Quan, deputy manager of the Business Management Department of the Guangxi Yunde Group, the operator of the highway, said it was the first transnational highway to link the two cities, and that it will facilitate transportation for visitors from both countries.—Xinhua

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No Pain No Gain

ENTERTAINMENT

Jennifer Aniston in no rush to get married

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—Jennifer Aniston is tired of addressing rumours that she and fiancé Justin Theroux have called off their wedding.

Aniston, 44, and Theroux, 41, got engaged in August last year and the absence of a wedding almost a year after the engagement has led to many tabloid stories, reported *E!News*. But Aniston, who plays the role of a stripper in upcoming comedy *We're The Millers*, is irritated to be at the centre of such stories.

"Well, there was no wedding planned! Let me just say this about that. Do you realize that the majority of all of those tag rags are loaded with absolute false information?," Aniston said.

"They like to create the stories, because it's not interesting, the story of we're really happy and in love and feel like we're married and eventually we're going to get married when we find the time," she said. "I don't think there's a rush."

Aniston says her per-

sonal life is not so entertaining unless it is coloured by a scandal. "It's a drag that they sort of have to paint this horrible negative picture and it's just to sell magazines. And it's a bummer because it's not true. I was supposed to have it (the wedding) in March I think. I'd like to be a part of this plan!," Aniston said.

PTI

Jennifer Aniston says she will get married when she finds the time



Miley Cyrus names her new album Bangerz



The singer announced the album title on Twitter

LONDON, 10 Aug—Singer-actress Miley Cyrus' new album will be called 'Bangerz'.

The *We Can't Stop* hit-maker revealed the title of her upcoming fourth studio album on micro-blogging

site Twitter, reported Contactmusic.

"If you don't know why my record is called BANGERZ you'll know as soon as you hear it. Nothing but BANGERZ," she tweeted.

The 20-year-old singer announced last month that she would make a special announcement on Twitter as soon as she reaches 13 million followers and the singer announced the name of her new album once she reached the figure.

"Can't wait to announce my album title. Miley to 13 million," she had written.

PTI



The singer's unreleased song is from her much awaited album Artpop

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—Even before releasing her new single *Applause*

from her upcoming album *Artpop*, pop star Lady Gaga has shared its lyrics for her

fans online.

The 27-year-old took to Twitter to share the song's lyrics, reports *acshowbiz.com*.

"I stand here waiting for you to bang the gong/ To crash the critic saying: is it right or is it wrong?" Gaga tweeted.

She also reminded her fans to get a taste of the song when it releases on 19 August, tweeting: "8.19".

The singer has been teasing her fans with hints about the track.

"Give me that thing that I love/ Put your hands up, make 'em touch," she had earlier posted on her official website.—PTI

Meryl Streep to star in The Giver



Meryl Streep will reportedly play an authoritarian figure in the movie.

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—Oscar-winner Meryl Streep is set to be the new addition to drama *The Giver*, featuring Jeff Bridges, which is an adaptation of Lois Lowry's dystopian children's novel of the same name.

The film is a co-production between The Wein-

stein Company and Walden Media and is being directed by Phil Noyce, reported *Deadline*.

Streep, 64, is in talks to play the chief elder, the authoritarian charged with keeping order in a society that seems utopian. They have eliminated pain and strife by converting to

Sameness a plan that has also eradicated emotional depth from their lives.

Jonas, a 12-year-old, is selected to be the receiver of memories, who stores all the memories before the sameness. Bridges, 63, plays the lead role of the previous receiver.

PTI

Bruce Willis wanted USD 1 million per day for The Expendables 3

LOS ANGELES, 10 Aug—Sylvester Stallone reportedly replaced Bruce Willis from *The Expendables 3* because the actor demanded a fee of USD 1 million per day.

Stallone publicly slammed Willis and announced Harrison Ford as his replacement. He also took to Twitter to express his anger against the *Die Hard* star, tweeting "GREEDY AND LAZY... A SURE FORMULA FOR CAREER FAILURE."

Willis, 58, was reportedly offered USD 3 million for four days of shooting in Bulgaria but he demanded more, according to the *Hollywood Reporter*.

"He said he'd drop out unless he got USD 4 million. A million dollars a day. Stallone and everybody else involved said no," said a source close to the production said.

"I think (Willis) was pretty surprised he was replaced in 72 hours by Harrison Ford—a better actor, a much nicer person and a more interesting direction for the film," the source added. The next installment of *The Expendables* is set for release next August.

The action movie has

a star-studded cast involving actors Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Statham, Mickey Rourke, Wesley Snipes, Jackie Chan, Mel Gibson, Mickey Rourke, Kellan Lutz, Dolph Lundgren, Jet Li, Steven Seagal, Milla Jovovich and Stallone himself.—PTI



The Die Hard star has now been replaced by veteran actor Harrison Ford in the film.

SPORTS



Bayern Munich dominated over Monchengladbach to win the final 5-1.

Bayern win Bundesliga opener against Monchengladbach

BERLIN, 10 Aug—Treble winner Bayern Munich won the first Bundesliga match under coach Pep Guardiola as Arjen Robben, Mario Mandzukic and David Alaba sealed the 3-1 triumph over courageous Monchengladbach on Friday. The Bavarians started their title defence with a 3-1 win over Monchengladbach at outsold Allianz Arena to kick off the 51st Bundesliga season.

The hosts wasted no time to take over with the starting whistle while

Monchengladbach staged a well-positioned defence to focus on counter attacks. Nonetheless, the visitors were unable avoid an early deficit when Arjen Robben utilized a neat lob into the path by Franck Ribery to slot home from penalty area with 12 minutes into the game. Monchengladbach lost control of things, as Bayern were able to double the lead just three minutes later through Mario Mandzukic, who made use of a rebound from very close range to beat goalkeeper

Marc Andre ter Stegen.

Bayern dominated but yet Monchengladbach were not hapless as Manuel Neuer had to deny Max Kruses shot on target with a reflex. However, minutes later Neuer looked lost when his teammate Dante cleared the ball into his own goal to reduce the lead to 2-1 six minutes before the break. The record champions had chances to restore the lead through Mandzukic and Toni Kroos but ter Stegen's saves left the door open for the Foals.

Xinhua

Craig Reddie named to take over WADA presidency



British Olympic official Craig Reddie

Moscow, 10 Aug—The International Olympic Committee (IOC) Friday nominated British Olympic official Craig Reddie to rein the World Anti-Doping Agency.

Reddie, an IOC vice president and a member of WADA's executive committee, is going to succeed John Fahey, a former Australian finance minister

who steps down at the end of the year.

Reddie, 72, will be put up for election at the World Conference on Doping in Sport in Johannesburg from 12-15 November. The vote is expected to be a formality. It is understood that WADA presidency rotates between government representatives and IOC members.—Xinhua

Djokovic, Nadal advance to Montreal semi-final showdown

MONTREAL, 10 Aug—Novak Djokovic and Rafa Nadal advanced to a mouthwatering semi-final showdown at the Rogers Cup after they crushed their quarter-final opponents in ruthless fashion on Friday. Djokovic, the world number one, was flawless in a 6-1, 6-2 demolition of French seventh seed Richard Gasquet while Nadal was equally emphatic in a straight sets win over Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic.

Serbia's Djokovic and Spaniard Nadal will face off for the 36th time after the 11th seed Milos Raonic and local wildcard Vasek Pospisil compete in an all-Canadian semi-final. Djokovic was imperious against Gasquet as he produced his

best performance since returning from a month off after losing the Wimbledon final. Unleashing his full repertoire of big serves, crushing ground strokes and plenty of touch, Djokovic barely raised a sweat as Gasquet was emphatically dispatched in just 52 minutes.

The crowd then got more entertainment when Djokovic returned to the centre court for what has become his customary celebration dance as the stadium roared its approval. "It's a great feeling when you're playing this well and you beat a quality player like Gasquet," Djokovic told reporters. "I'm going to try to memorise what I've done today and how I felt and hopefully take it on



Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a return to Marinko Matosevic of Australia during quarter-final action at the men's Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal, on 9 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

the court tomorrow ... same kind of feeling." Nadal was always in control of his quarter-final against a fatigued Matosevic, who had come through two qualifying matches on top of his three main draw victories.

The 12-time grand slam champion never looked like being seriously challenged under the lights and he let rip with a proces-

sion of thundering forehand winners on the way to a 6-2, 6-4 victory which booked his place in another Masters series semi-final against Djokovic. "It is always exciting to play against Novak in a great tournament, a Masters 1000," Nadal said in a courtside interview. "It will be a great match and I'll try my best as I always do." —Reuters

World waits for showman Bolt to strut his stuff

Moscow, 10 Aug—Usain Bolt will need to guard against complacency as he begins his bid to win the 100 metres crown while double Olympic champion Mo Farah goes for gold in the 10,000 on the first day of the world championships on Saturday. Track and field, beset again by a spate of positive doping tests to some of the sport's biggest names in the build up to the global showpiece, needs a big performance from its greatest showman.

Jamaican Bolt infamously false-started and was disqualified from the 2011 world final two years ago in Daegu, South Korea, a race won by compatriot and training partner Yohan Blake who is injured and not in Moscow to defend his title. World record

holder Bolt's sprint dominance was underlined at last year's Olympics in London when he repeated his Beijing feats of 2008 by winning triple gold, including the 4x100 relay. Bolt will line up in the evening's first round heats with the semi-finals and final on Sunday.

With Blake absent, along with American Ty-

son Gay, the fastest man in the world this year who has tested positive for a banned substance, Bolt's chief rival will be double 2005 world champion Justin Gatlin. Farah, like Bolt, is a hot favorite to complete a world track double and repeat his Olympic feats when he stormed to 5,000 and 10,000 gold.—Reuters

Usain Bolt of Jamaica reacts after running the final leg for the Racers Track Club to win in the men's 4x100m relay at the London Diamond League 'Anniversary Games' athletics meeting at the Olympic Stadium, in east London on 27 July, 2013.

REUTERS



Brazil-Argentina friendlies scrapped



Brazil's Fernando (C) blocks France's Bafetimbi Gomis (L) from scoring as goalkeeper Julio Cesar looks on during their international friendly soccer match in Porto Alegre on 9 Jun, 2013.

XINHUA

RIO DE JANEIRO, 10 Aug—A planned friendly tournament between Brazil and Argentina later this year has been scrapped, local media reported on Friday. The so-called Superclassic of the Americas, played home and away over two legs, had been

tentatively earmarked for 19 September and 3 October.

The decision came after Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari reportedly told Brazil's Football Confederation (CBF) he saw little point in a tournament that did not include foreign-based players.

Brazil has a loaded international calendar in the second half of 2013 with confirmed friendlies against Switzerland, Australia and Portugal. The CBF are soon expected to confirm fixtures for another four FIFA-approved dates in 2013.—Xinhua

GENERAL



Rail tracks are under maintenance between Mawhan and Kardu railway stations in Mohnyin Township for convenience and safety of trains and passengers.—NLM-001

Edinburgh Int'l Festival kicks off, Chinese production of Shakespeare captures attention

LONDON, 10 Aug—The Edinburgh International Festival opened Friday evening and a production of Shakespeare by a Chinese theater group grabbed audience's attention.

Susie Burnett, head of communications for the Festival, told *Xinhua* on Friday afternoon, "The production of Shakespeare's 'Coriolanus' by the Beijing People's Art Theatre has really captured imaginations. We have had to put extra seats on for it."

Burnett said "Coriolanus" was playing at the Edinburgh Playhouse, a 3,000-seat venue. "It has really

grabbed peoples' attentions," said Burnett.

She added that many of the Festival's productions opened this weekend.

The start of the festival was marked with the unveiling of a media installation by a Republic of Korea artist outside the main Festival venue in the city center in the early evening.

Korean artist Hyung Su Kim flicked the switch on his installation "Media Skins" outside the Usher Hall, the most prestigious venue at the Festival. Using visuals captured through satellites of a number of places worldwide, Kim has created a kaleido-

scopic film.

The film has an original soundtrack based on the traditional Scottish song "The Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" and the traditional Korean song "Arirang."

He was inspired by Scottish physicist, mathematician, astronomer and inventor David Brewster who invented the kaleidoscope in 1817. Other Festival highlights include several modern dance masterpieces from the LA Dance Project, masterminded by Benjamin Millepied who choreographed and starred in the hit film "Black Swan."—*Xinhua*

Kvitova stunned, Radwanska, Li, Serena through in Toronto

TORONTO, 10 Aug—Defending champion Petra Kvitova suffered a shock exit when unseeded Romanian Sorana Cirstea beat the Czech 4-6, 7-5, 6-2 on Friday to move in the semi-finals of the Rogers Cup. Cirstea was joined by top seed Serena Williams, who thumped Magdalena Rybarikova 6-1, 6-1 and set up a semi-final clash with third seed Agnieszka Radwanska who overcame her own ineffective serving to beat Italy's Sara Errani 7-6(1), 7-5.

Fourth seed Li Na of China also advanced with a 7-6(1), 6-2 win over Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia and will meet Cirstea in the last four. After playing respectably in the first set, 2011 Wimbledon

champion Kvitova could not keep the ball in the court. She doubled faulted on break points in six different games and ended the game with just 12 winners and 55 unforced errors. Kvitova said that after winning her third round match on Thursday that she could not get to sleep and therefore lacked energy. By the second set, she looked lackadaisical.

"The serve was really bad after this, and I didn't find energy from my legs," she told reporters. "So that's why it looks that bad." The sixth seeded Czech added that fatigue contributed to her 10 double faults overall with the problem with her serve initially physical before it became a mental one. Williams, who has only lost

10 games in three matches this week overpowered Rybarikova with big serves and lethal returns. "I'm definitely feeling pretty good, playing much better than I have in the past month," said Williams.

Radwanska and the fifth seeded Errani embarked on a marathon quarter-final reminiscent of their three-hour clash at the WTA Championships in Istanbul. They played much the same style of match in Toronto, with both steady off the ground and neither able to dictate with their service game with 11 successive breaks of serve in the first set alone. "For both of us the serves is never the key, that's why we are always playing long rallies

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Serena Williams of the US shakes hands after defeating Magdalena Rybarikova (R) of Slovakia during their women's quarter-finals tennis match of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, on 9 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

and matches," Radwanska said. The Pole decided to hit with more power towards the end of the first set, easily taking the tie-break 7-1 with some hard and deep shots.

The pair traded breaks to 5-5 in the second set, but then Radwanska broke Errani for the eighth time of the match to go ahead 6-5 then served out with four

winners including an ace. "I was trying to focus really hard in the last few points because I knew it could really turn around for her," said Radwanska. "I was looking at the clock and saw two hours already and I said 'Enough I have to end this now'."

Li tossed away her strategy of playing a steady game against the

hard hitting Cibulkova after the first set and began to go for her shots more. "(At the) beginning of the match I was feeling more control the ball, but that was totally wrong because she's the hitter," said Li, who reached last year's final. "(In the) second set just try to continue to hit the ball."

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SWRR Minister accepts cash donation for flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Aug—Cash donation ceremony for flood victims in southern regions of Myanmar was held at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, here, yesterday.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin accepted K 20 million donated by Mr Ross Cormack, Representative of Ooredoo Telecom Company.—MNA

Everybody has right to enjoy freedom of worship in Myanmar

YANGON, 10 Aug—It is known to all that everybody has the right to enjoy freedom of worship in Myanmar and the Ministry of Religious Affairs is working hard to see to it that all religions enjoy equal status, said Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint at the opening

ceremony of Jehovah's Witnesses office in Inya Road, Kamayut Township, here, this morning.

Then, the Chairman U MA Raj of Jehovah's Witnesses explained the purpose of the ceremony and the Union Minister and officials visited the building.—MNA



Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint at Jehovah's Witnesses office in Inya Road, Kamayut Township.—MNA

Artificial Turf hockey pitch cleared

YANGON, 10 Aug—Men's and women's Hockey event of the XXVII SEA Games will be held at Artificial Turf Hockey Pitch of Myanmar Hockey Federation in Mingala

Taungnyunt Township, Yangon. Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik inspected clearance of the pitch today.

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Union Peace-making Work Committee, ABSDF hold Union level peace talks



Members of Union Peace-making Work Committee and All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) pose for documentary photo after the peace talks.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Aug—The Union level peace talks between Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min and party and Chairman of All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) Yebaw Than Khe, Vice-Chairman Yebaw Myo Win and General Secretary Yebaw Sanny and party were held at Myanmar Peace Center at No 10 on Shweli Street in Kamayut Township, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Union Minister U Aung Min said that peace talks are being held as a new political platform, wishing ABSDF to join the peace

talks. He said that there can be a political rivalry and he would continue coming up with the differences, accepting agreements reached.

Vice-Chairman of the Union Peace-making Work Committee Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw, Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min discussed arrangements for more talks through mutual trust and understanding, and holding the talks in the presence of the people instead of resorting to armed struggle line and aspiration for openly and honestly building the trusts in line with the wish

of the people.

After that, Chairman Yebaw Than Khe and Vice-Chairman Yebaw Myo Win of ABSDF disclosed expectation for success in coming talks based on achievement already in place and commitment to coping with remaining differences.

Then, the delegates from two sides exchanged and discussed the twelve-point agreement. The leaders of two sides signed the agreement and exchanged the notes.

It was attended by Union Peace-making Work Committee Vice-Chairmen U Aung Min and U Thein Zaw, Committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Ohn Myint, U Khin Yi and U

Zeyar Aung, State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, the Kayin state advocate-general, the state security and border affairs minister, the senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), members of Myanmar Peace Center, Chairman Yebaw Than Khe, Vice-Chairman Yebaw Myo Win, General Secretary Yebaw Sanny and CEC members from ABSDF. U Aye Tha Aung and U Win Kam Hlyam from United Nationalities Alliance, U Zin Aung from Myanmar New Society Democratic Party, U Kaung Myat Htut of Myanmar National
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Display of trophies, medals, awards in sports events to uplift sporting spirit of Myanmar athletes

The trophies secured by athletes in the sports competitions in the golden era of Myanmar sports arena will be put on display at the hall of Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw, said an official of the Ministry of Sports.

In an interview by the Myanma Alinn, Director U Htay Aung of the Ministry explained that the championship trophies including Merdeka Cup secured around 1970, trophies, medals and prizes

will be displayed in coming September with the aim of uplifting the sports spirit of the athletes who will take part in the coming SEA Games.

A plan is underway to showcase many medals, trophies and awards secured in the sport events including Merdeka Cup, track and field, weightlifting and shooting events.

Although early arrangements had been made to display the medals and trophies from the Defence

Services Museum at the Nay Pyi Taw National Museum, the Nay Pyi Taw National Museum is yet to complete till today. Therefore, these awards will be put on display at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium for uplifting the sporting spirit of the athletes ahead of the SEA Games.

In the period of Peninsula Games, Myanmar walked on the golden path by securing a variety of medals and awards in the football, weightlifting, gymnastics, swimming and



track and field events. The display of the medals and awards is aimed at enabling

the youths and Myanmar athletes to enjoy images in the golden era of Myanmar

sports arena.

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