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President U Thein Sein receives Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Mr Akihiro OHTA of Japan.—MNA

Japan plays crucial role in implementation of Thilawa Special Economic Zone

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Mr Akihiro OHTA of Japan at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

At the meeting, the President said that it had been 59 years since the two countries established diplomatic relations. He expressed thanks for Japan for its

constant support to reform process of Myanmar and monetary and technology assistance. The President expressed pleasure for the information that entrepreneurs from Japan will cooperate in implementing the Dawei Special Economic Zone Project, adding that he thanked Japan for its crucial role in implementation of Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

The Japanese Minister expressed

his pleasure for opportunity to cooperate in the development of Myanmar in all aspects. He yesterday observed progress of Thilawa Special Economic Zone and the runs of city circular trains, he added.

Moreover, their discussions focused on upgrading of Yangon-Mandalay express railroad phase by phase, generating of electricity, availability of safe water, transport, upgrading of circular train,

promotion of tourism industry, upgrading of Mandalay Airport and assistance for prevention against natural disasters.

Also present at the call were Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Myint Hlaing, U Nyan Tun Aung, U Kyaw Lwin, U Than Htay and U Htay Aung and departmental heads. The Japanese delegation was accompanied by the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint attends debate on Constituent Assembly and 1947 Constitution

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—The debate titled "Constituent Assembly and 1947 Constitution" took place at the auditorium of Amyotha Hluttaw building, here, this afternoon, with an address by Amyotha

Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint. Writer Dr Myint Thein explained matters related to the debate.

Then, Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives U Phone Myint Aung from Yangon Region

Constituency No (3) and U Zong Hlal Htan of Chin State Constituency No (2) raised questions about the Constituent Assembly and 1947 Constitution and the writer replied to the queries.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint delivers speech at debate on Constituent Assembly and 1947 Constitution.—MNA

Sanitation

Sanitation carried out at Pakokku Myoma Market

PAKOKKU, 12 Aug—Pakokku has been facilitated with smooth transportation. Rural areas of the township are also on a par with the development of the urban areas. Rural areas have grocery shops, department stores and shops in trading. Of them, Pakokku Myoma Market is a focal point for local people not only from about 3000 villages of the

township but from those of Yaw region, Pale, Gangaw townships and Chin State.

“Up to 9 am daily, Pakokku Myoma Market is bustle and hustle with buyers and sellers. The circular road of the market is crowded with those who go shopping,” said a local. The market is constituted with 1263 shops at 57 complexes. Due to increasing number of the

sellers, annex of the market is opened near Thihoshin Pagoda.

To maintain standard market characteristics, officials of Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee and workers carry out sanitation and unblocking the drains at the market every Sabbath Day.—*Kyemon-Nay Oo Maung (Pakokku)*

Servicemen, MPF members, people join hands in repairing roads, bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Heavy rain hit Kengtung and Mongphyat townships in eastern Shan State yesterday.

The lower structure of Wampon Bridge approach road was eroded in the heavy rain, and Mongphyat-Tachilek Road between Namhkam and Tahlay villages lied under four feet deep water. In consequence, cars could not pass through inundated road section. Moreover, landslide caused damage to 10 feet wide area of road section from

mile posts 20/4 to 20/6 on Kengtung-Wampon Road.

T a t m a d a w m e n , members of Myanmar Police Force and workers of Public Works carried out repairing the damaged bridges and road sections and traffic safety works.

Likewise, Nampu Creek was swollen at Katwon Village of Kathtaik Village-

tract in Kengtung Township in the heavy rain. In the incident, 27 houses were inundated, and two houses fell down.

Servicemen and members of Township Red Cross Society evacuated the flood victims to the monastery in Kathtaik Village.

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People evacuated from Kugyun Village of Pakokku Tsp

PAKOKKU, 12 Aug—The people from Myingyun, Mayoegon, Theingon, Zeedaw, Kugyun and Ketpangyun villages and Shadaw and Htanaunggon villages close to Ayeyawady River in Pakokku Township face landslides whenever the river water level rises.

Therefore, the local people were in distress of business and students missed the chance to learn education.

However, they did not move to any places by purchasing land plots. It is because the land plots are sold for K 4 million per acre, said a local. Kugyun Village is constituted with 167 houses. At present, the local people face landslides continuously. Therefore, the local people move to safe places on a self-reliant



basis. Over 140 houses have moved to safety. There remain 20 houses that can not afford to do so.

Due to landslides, the people of Kugyun Village moved to Shapinkaing Village ground. One monastery and one primary school for 90 students have been moved to the safe

places.

The local people seek help from the departments concerned.

The Philanthropic team members and univeristy students are making preparation for helping the local people.

Kyemon-Aung Mann Tekkatho



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Odd News

Pigeon with “THAILAND” mark captured

KYUNSU, 12 Aug—A pigeon with a plastic ring at the right foot carrying the words “THAILAND HFD-2012 52832” was captured in Kabinchaung village in Kangyi village-tract in Kyunsu Township.

It was shot down by students of Basic Education Primary School on 22 July by catapult and sustained an injured at the left wing.

U Tin Hla, 61, retired headmaster picked up the pigeon and reported and transferred it to the Kyunsu Myoma police station on 10 August.—*MMAL-District IPRD*



Agriculture

Heavy rains do not harm paddy plantations in Thaton

THATON, 12 Aug—As the continuous rains hit Thaton Township of Mon State from the late July to

date, water levels of Bilin River and Thanlwin River rose, causing floods at some parts of the township.

Despite flooding is hitting the areas, it did not destroy cultivation of monsoon paddy.

Taungsun Village administrator U Win Zaw Oo said, “Our village has 4254 acres of monsoon paddy. About two months old paddy saplings have resist the inundation. So, there was no loss and damage in heavy rains. I think more

heavy rains may not harm the paddy plants.”

“Although the paddy plants can resist the heavy rain, it may be worried about danger of landslide for some paddy plantations near the bank. Farmland owners face shortage of farming workers. In early days of the cultivation, they could not seek any farming workers. Most of the adults are now working in other country,” said a farmland owner U Nge of Thayettaw Village.

Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

Talks on taking census held

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—A talk on taking census was held at the monastery in Shadaw Village in Tegiygon Village-tract of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 8 August.

Village administrator U Pwint Byu made a speech.

Head of Township Information and Public

Relations Department U Aung Ye Cho explained purpose of taking census across the nation and its advantage.

Next, he distributed pamphlets on census-taking to the local people.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

HRD

Mini book corners stationed at cinemas in Yangon

YANGON, 12 Aug—Information and Public Relations Department sets up mini book corners at the accessible public places.

For enabling movie goers to enjoy the books before movies, the mini book corners have been set up at Nay Pyi Taw, Shaehsaung and Thwin cinemas in Kyauktada Township of

Yangon West District, Mingala Modern Cinema in Latha Township, Thamada cinema in Dagon Township, Royal cinema in Sangyoung Township and Top cinema in Hline Township.

These mini book corners were sponsored by owner of Mingala modern cinema U Zaw Min.—*Kyemon-Tin Tin Cho (IPRD)*

WORLD

US military resumes transport of Ospreys to Okinawa



MV-22 Osprey aircraft take off from the US Marine Corps' Iwakuni base in Yamaguchi Prefecture, western Japan, on 12 Aug, 2013, as the US military resumed transport of Ospreys to Okinawa after a fatal helicopter crash a week ago forced it to postpone the deployment of the tilt-rotor aircraft amid safety concerns about military operations.—KYODO NEWS

IWAKUNI, (Japan), 12 Aug—The US military on Monday resumed transport of MV-22 Osprey aircraft to Okinawa after a fatal helicopter crash a

week ago forced it to postpone the deployment of the tilt-rotor aircraft amid safety concerns about military operations.

Eight Ospreys took off from the Iwakuni base in western Japan in the morning. They are apparently part of the second batch of 12 aircraft to be deployed in Okinawa following the arrival of the first dozen last summer.

The deployment is part of the US military's broader plan to replace aging CH-46 helicopters in Okinawa, home to the bulk of US bases in Japan.

Kyodo News

Flash floods batter Afghanistan, at least 22 dead

KABUL, 12 Aug—At least 22 people in Afghanistan were killed and farmland was damaged when flash floods hit a plain near the capital, officials said on Sunday.

Normally arid Afghanistan can get heavy rain in its summer and more than 60 people were killed early this month in flooding east of the capital, Kabul.

The latest floods followed hours of torrential rain and hail on Saturday, with the Shomali plain, just to the north of Kabul, particularly hard hit.

Six of the dead were children, said senior Kabul police officer, Sayed Ekra-

muddin Jalal.

"We have already sent teams of rescuers to the area and taken people out of danger," he said.

Several people were injured and about a dozen homes were washed away. Many irrigation canals and wells, as well as orchards and fields were damaged, he said.

Some of the victims were visiting relatives for the Eid al-Fitr holiday, he said.

Two women were killed and four people were injured in flooding elsewhere, said Ghulam Farouq, an official at the Ministry of Disaster Preparedness.

Reuters



Afghans stand near a destroyed house after floods in the Shakar Dara District of Kabul on 11 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Fire crews extinguish blaze at Venezuela oil refinery

CARACAS, 12 Aug—Firefighters in Venezuela put out a blaze in a storage tank at an oil refinery that was caused by lightning on Sunday and led to the evacuation of people living nearby, a top official at state oil company PDVSA said.

Thunderstorms this weekend have drenched much of the South American OPEC nation, which has suffered repeated accidents at its oil refineries in recent years. Lightning bolts ignited two storage tanks at a different refinery just last year.

No one was hurt in the fire, but residents within a 1 km (0.6 mile) radius were moved away from the scene while fire crews fought the blaze in a downpour at the 187,000 barrel-per-day (bpd) Puerto La Cruz facility in the eastern state of Anzoategui.

"The fire has been completely extinguished," Asdrubal Chavez, PDVSA's vice president for refining, told state TV.

He congratulated the fire crews for their "sus-



Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at an oil refinery in Puerto La Cruz on 11 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

tained effort which allowed us to control this important fire in record time."

Separately, PDVSA said operations at its 146,000-bpd El Palito refinery had been stopped on Sunday by a power cut that was also a result of the torrential rains.

President Nicolas Maduro said earlier on Twitter that he was in direct communication with the teams tackling the blaze at Puerto La Cruz. Officials stressed that the evacuation of homes around the refinery was just a precaution.

In one of the global oil industry's worst accidents for decades, a gas leak caused an explosion and fire last year at Venezuela's giant 645,000-bpd Amuay oil refinery that killed more than 40 people and wrecked hundreds of nearby houses.

The country became a net gasoline importer last year, largely because the Amuay disaster forced PDVSA to import fuels to meet domestic demand.

Maduro's predecessor, the late Hugo Chavez, nationalized most of the oil industry during his 14-

year rule and used export revenue from high prices to fund generous social programs that ranged from subsidized groceries to brand-new apartments.

Critics say PDVSA has been mismanaged as a result and has suffered from under-investment that they blame for a string of accidents and unplanned stoppages at its facilities.

In two very similar incidents less than a month apart last year, lightning set fire to two separate storage tanks at the El Palito refinery. No one was hurt in either case.—Reuters

Cambodia's CPP won most provinces in July election

PHNOM PENH, 12 Aug—The long-ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of Prime Minister Hun Sen won a majority of votes in 19 out of Cambodia's 24 provinces in a disputed 28 July election, official results announced by the country's election body showed on Monday.

The results appeared to support the CPP's claim that it won a parliamentary majority, despite opposition allegations of widespread cheating. The opposition has rejected preliminary results and called for an international inquiry.

Reuters



Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen (C) speaks to the media as he inspects a bridge construction site in Phnom Penh on 31 July, 2013.—REUTERS

High school students signatures for nuke abolition reaches 1 million

NAGASAKI, 12 Aug—A students' group in Nagasaki Prefecture said on Sunday it has collected more than 1 million signatures from senior high school students calling for the abolition of nuclear weapons since it started gathering them in 2001.

At a meeting in Nagasaki the same day of about

50 former and current members of the group, the executive committee said the total number of signatures has reached 1.04 million.

Erica Fujimoto, 29, who was the founding member of the group, said, "I'm amazed to see the activity of the group, whose initial target was 10,000,

expand to this extent."

The group also said the 195,000 signatures it has collected this year will be submitted to the United Nations Office at Geneva by a group of 20 high school students from 12 prefectures across Japan. The students were selected by a citizens' group in Nagasaki.

Kyodo News

ing held at the National Press Club in Canberra on Sunday night.

The debate started at 6:30 pm on Sunday (0830 GMT) with Kevin Rudd speaking ahead of the Opposition leader Tony Abbott in the hour-long event.

The economic theme dominates the debate. And local media said this theme also will set the tone for the second week of the campaign, especially with Tuesday's release of Treasury's Pre-election Economic and Fiscal Outlook (PEFO).

"This election is about the future strength of our economy and how best to secure it. The election is about a clear choice on the economy, on jobs, on how we support families under pressure and how we support education and health. We've managed to keep the economy strong." Kevin Rudd said at the beginning.

Tony Abbott repeated his main promises after Kevin Rudd to strengthen the economy, scrap the carbon tax, build "the roads of the 21st century" and stop the asylum seeker boats. "We can't afford another 3 years like the last 6 years," he said.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Samsung Galaxy Grand Duos and HTC One X+ reportedly getting Android 4.2.2 update



KOLKATA, 12 Aug — It's raining updates for

some smartphone users. Samsung Galaxy Grand Duos and HTC One X+ owners are reportedly receiving the Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean update.

Samsung has released the Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean update for the Galaxy Grand Duos in Russia. The South Korean major is expected to roll out the update in other markets including India. According to Sam-

Jelly Bean update will bring new features like dedicated toggles menu in the status bar, Daydream screensaver mode, lock screen widgets, improved task switching and some performance enhancements.

The Samsung Galaxy Grand Duos is expected to get some new goodies on the TouchWiz side from the Samsung Galaxy S4 like the new widgets and home screen.

Meanwhile, HTC has reportedly started rolling out over-the-air update Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean with the HTC Sense 5 on top for the HTC One X+. The update will add some new features like BlinkFeed home screen, which has been quite popular with the company's flagship smartphone, the HTC One.

Gsmarena notes some of the new features that the HTC One X+ will get.



These include improved battery endurance with new sleep mode switch, Quick settings panel that

can be accessed by a two-finger swipe down, some camera improvements like a long tap on the camera UI screen that will now lock exposure and focus and last is the update also includes the video highlights feature, which allows users to opt from 12 kinds of music theme styles and easily make a quick 30 seconds video.

With the updates rolling out in other regions, the wait of Indian consumers to receive the updates begins.

PTI

For Dell, buyout uncertainty adds to poor PC sales outlook

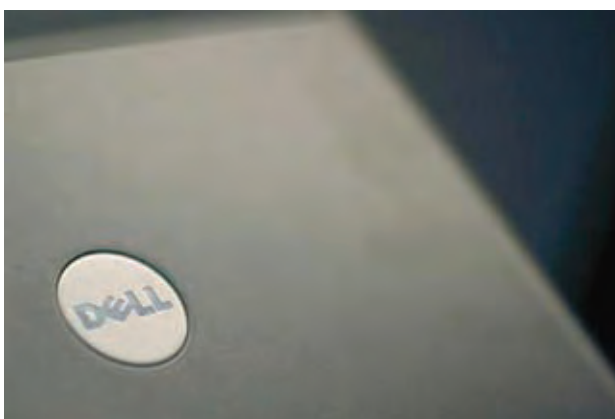
SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Aug — Months of public bickering, secretive backroom negotiations and eleventh-hour deals for control of Dell Inc belie the fact that the combatants are vying for a company facing steadily declining sales prospects. The tussle between Chief Executive Michael Dell and firebrand activist investor Carl Icahn is also starting to spook some customers. It's the last thing a company, grappling with the ever-darkening global outlook for personal computers, needs. IDC estimates Dell's PC shipments slid 4.2 percent in the second quarter, compared to a year earlier.

Some customers have begun asking if Dell is even going to be around in the longer term, said Michael Gavaghan, vice president of sales and marketing at Florida-based Dell reseller SL Powers. Sales are taking longer to close as well, he said. "We hold their hand and gently say to just table the purchasing decision

another few weeks," said Gavaghan.

He stressed, however, that customers are "not fleeing by any means." The cacophony surrounding the \$25 billion buyout bid proposed by Michael Dell and Silver Lake Partners has picked up over the past month. Icahn threatened to wage a campaign to replace the CEO and his board, and sued the company in Delaware to try to force an earlier shareholder vote.

Michael Dell raised his offer twice to try to win over major investors. A shareholder vote has been scheduled for September after being delayed three times. Morale within the company is stable for now, say some employees, though they add that could change rapidly if Icahn has his way and were to reshuffle management. John Pucillo-Dunphy, senior engineer and owner of Miracle Networking Solutions, a Dell reseller based in Middleboro, Massachusetts, said he supports Dell's go-



A Dell laptop computer is pictured in New York in this 26 Aug, 2008 file photograph. — REUTERS

ing private and is more comfortable with Michael Dell's leadership since it remains unclear what Icahn's long game is. "I have seen the emails from Michael Dell. I haven't seen anything from Icahn," Pucillo-Dunphy said.

Icahn, who with 8.9 percent of the company is now its second-largest shareholder, has said little about what future he envisions for the company beyond that it has promising prospects based on its large base of PC customers, and that it should remain partly public. Pucillo-Dunphy said customers are not overly concerned about the

drama. "For the most part, they kind of have that mentality that (Dell is) too big to fail."

The company declined to comment on the issue. Michael Dell sent employees an email on Thursday exhorting the troops to stay focused. He followed that up on Friday with a similar assurance for customers. "I know this hasn't been an easy time. The competition has been aggressive during this period of uncertainty, but we are, as we have always been, determined to prove to you why Dell is the best solutions provider to meet your needs," the CEO said. — Reuters

IBM forms alliance with Google, Nvidia to boost chips unit

NEW YORK, 12 Aug — Technology services provider IBM is teaming up with Google and a handful of other tech companies to license IBM's Power chip technology, in an effort to attract more users.

Under the alliance called OpenPower Consortium, IBM and Google — along with Israel's chip designer Mellanox Technologies, US chip-maker Nvidia Corp and Taipei-based server supplier Tyan Computer Corp — will build server, networking and storage technology based on the chips for cloud

data centres.

The hardware and software, previously proprietary to IBM, will be available to open development and it will be licensable to others, IBM said in a statement.

The alliance is open to any company that wants to participate and innovate on the platform, IBM said. IBM competes with Intel Corp and ARM Holdings' chips, which dominate the market. Revenue from IBM Power Systems was down 25 percent in the second quarter compared with the previous year. — Reuters



Apple to unveil next iPhone on 10 September



A woman walks past a logo of Apple Inc in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 24 July, 2013. — REUTERS

NEW YORK, 12 Aug — Apple Inc, the world's largest technology company, is expected to present its redesigned iPhone in September,

according to technology blog AllThingsD.

The blog cited unnamed sources as saying that Apple will unveil its

next smart phone at a special event on 10 September. The company was not immediately available for comment. Apple's iPhone launches are among the most-watched events on the tech industry calendar.

Reuters reported in June that Apple is exploring launching iPhones with bigger screens, as well as cheaper models in a range of colours, over the next year, according to several sources with knowledge of the matter. The new iPhone would hit store shelves in time for the crucial holiday season.

Reuters

Mold for "twin" ring pommel sword unearthed in western Japan

OSAKA, 12 Aug — A team of archaeologists found a pair of molds for producing bronze swords with a twin ring-shaped pommel in the western Japanese prefecture of Shiga, the first discovery of its kind in Japan, local Press reported on Friday. The sword molds, dating back to between the fourth century BC and third century AD, were excavated from the Kamigoten Mound in Takashima City of the prefecture, according to the daily Mainichi Shimbun.

The report said the team has uncovered an area of about 4,000 square metres since April this year

and found in June the molds, which are made of silt, in the north side of the trench covering about 1,450 square metres. It added the two objects are 29.5 centimetres long, 8.8 centimetres wide and about 4 centimeters thick. The report cited local archaeologists as saying that the shape and design of the unearthed molds are similar to the ones used for short swords of the Ordos style, which were widely found in northern China, during the Spring and Autumn Period (770 BC-476 BC), an era in Chinese history.

Hidenori Yoshida, spokesperson for Shiga Prefectural Association for

Cultural Heritage, told Xinhua on Friday that since the length of the handle of swords made from the discovered molds was supposed to be too short to hold tightly, the products could not be adequate for practical use.

"Considering the unique style which has never found not only in Japan but even in the Korean Peninsula so far, the new discovery in the prefecture tells us there were varied and multiple ancient trade routes between western Japan and China in ancient times," Yoshida said.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Maruti planning new car to take on Hyundai's Grand i10



NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — The competition in the compact car segment is revving up, with market leader Maruti Suzuki India set to launch a brand new model early next year in response to rival Hyundai's soon-to-be-launched Grand i10. According to sources, the new model along with the upcoming WagonR Stingray will be the key fresh products for Maruti Suzuki India (MSI) to defend its

market share amid the ever increasing competition.

"The new compact model from Maruti will be positioned between the WagonR and the Swift. It will make its debut at the Auto Expo next year," a source said. When contacted, a spokesperson for MSI, however, said, "We do not comment on our future product line-up." India's Auto Expo will be held between 6 and 12 Feb-

ruary, 2014, at Greater Noida, moving away from the traditional venue of Pragati Maidan. Hyundai Motor India is already looking to hit at MSI's successful Swift by bringing the Grand i10, slated for launch nationally on 3 September with both diesel and petrol options.

By bringing the new model a tad below Swift, MSI is looking at the new model to counter the Grand i10. While the WagonR is

currently priced between Rs 3.57 lakh and Rs 4.48 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi), Swift is available in the range of Rs 4.48 lakh to Rs 6.87 lakh (ex-showroom Delhi). MSI is also gearing up to launch WagonR Stingray ahead of this festive season as it looks to enhance its leadership position in the market.

The Indian passenger vehicles market, including cars, stood at 6,07,469 units in the April-June quarter this fiscal year and MSI had a share of 40.38 per cent with 2,45,346 units. Car-makers are betting on new models to beat the downturn in the market. Sales have been on a continuous decline for a record eighth month in a row in June. In the first quarter of this fiscal year, passenger vehicles sales have declined by 7.24 per cent from 6,54,858 units in the same period last fiscal year.—PTI

British art exports hit post-credit-crunch peak

LONDON, 12 Aug — The value of British art exports has surged to its highest level since the credit crunch, despite new rules giving deceased artists' estates a share of their work's resale price, data compiled by a Thomson Reuters unit showed on Monday.

The value of art and cultural objects exported from Britain rose by 32 per cent to 1.97 billion pounds (\$3.06 billion) in the year to May 2012, according to a statement from Sweet & Maxwell, a legal information provider owned by Thomson Reuters.

On 1 Jan, 2012, the Artist's Resale Rights Directive, which allows artists to claim a percentage of the resale value of their work, was extended to benefit the estates and heirs of artists who have been dead less than 70 years.

They became entitled to up to 4 per cent of

an original piece's resale price. Rights in Britain previously applied only to living artists.

"Many art experts and dealers were concerned that London's position in the art world could suffer compared to New York or Hong Kong which haven't introduced any such levy on the resale of modern and contemporary art," Massimo Sterpi, co-editor of "The Art Collecting Legal Handbook", said in the Sweet & Maxwell statement.

"The early indications are that this hasn't slowed down the London market," he added.

Exports of modern art, the category most likely to be affected by the new rules, jumped by 105 per cent from the previous year to 687 million pounds by May 2012, a quicker rise than the rest of the market, Sweet & Maxwell said.

Reuters

Cashing in on health scares, China online food sales boom

BEIJING, 12 Aug — Chinese consumers are responding to a powerful new marketing tactic that plays to a widespread fear of food contamination — the promise of safe groceries sold online. Pledging produce direct from the farm, vendors have found food is becoming one of the fastest-growing segments of Internet retailing as they cash in on scares from cadmium-tainted rice to recycled cook-

ing oil.

The trend is adding momentum to a Chinese online retail boom driven by a rapidly expanding middle class, with companies such as COFCO Ltd and Shunfeng Express betting that a decent slice of a 1.3 billion population will pay for the peace of mind they say their services offer. "I think people are willing to pay a higher premium than in the West. In

other markets, like the UK, food e-commerce is about convenience. Here, there's going to be a higher quality and safety premium," said Chen Yougang, a partner at consultancy McKinsey. But convincing some skeptical Chinese consumers on food quality will remain a battle. Shanghai-based Zhang Lei expressed doubt on the credentials of some products being touted as organic.

"Everyone knows that in China organic is not the real thing," said the mother of one. Nonetheless, total online sales of fresh produce in China could rocket to 40 billion yuan (\$6.5 billion) in five years from about 11.5 billion yuan this year, said Zhou Wen Quan, a senior analyst at Beijing Orient Agribusiness Consulting.

Reuters



NZ's Fonterra pulls 'DCD' milk powder in Sri Lanka, disputes test

WELLINGTON/COLOMBO, 12 Aug — New Zealand-based dairy giant Fonterra Co-operative Ltd said on Sunday it had withdrawn milk powder under orders from the Sri Lankan authorities for showing traces of the toxic agricultural chemical dicyandiamide (DCD), although it disputed the accuracy of the testing.

It said two batches of milk powder had been removed from shops last month after Sri Lanka's Ministry of Health had said they tested positive for DCD, a nitrate inhibitor used in fertilizers. Sri Lanka also imposed a ban on advertising by Fonterra's Anchor powder brand.

But Fonterra's chief executive said the product was clean and safe and it was contesting the Sri Lan-



The Fonterra logo is seen near the Fonterra Te Rapa plant near Hamilton on 6 Aug, 2013. — REUTERS

kan results and the ban. "We are definitely fighting it, because we have clear certificates — DCD-free, stamped, when it was exported, when it was imported — all clear," Theo Spierings told Television New Zealand. He said Fonterra's own testing and that of independent bodies had shown the milk powder was safe.

Sri Lanka's Ministry of Health, however, said it has solid evidence to prove the presence of DCD.

"The tests were done by Industrial Technology Institute (ITI) of Sri Lanka and they have submitted a report on this. That is the evidence we have. We can prove it in the case of a legal battle," a health ministry official said on condition of anonymity. The Sri Lankan recall follows last week's withdrawal by Fonterra and several of its customers of infant formula, sports drinks, and animal feed in nine countries because of fears of contamination of a whey ingredient with a bacteria that can cause botulism.

Spierings said Sri Lanka's action could be related to the price of dairy products there. Sri Lanka is the fifth biggest importer of Fonterra milk powder.

Reuters



which often produces debilitating seizures and a range of other symptoms. More than 2 million people in the United States suffer from

epilepsies, and infants and children have a greater chance of having the disorders than adults.

Xinhua

New genetic factors behind severe childhood epilepsy identified

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug — Researchers have identified 25 new mutations on six key genes associated with severe forms of childhood epilepsy, according to a large-scale international study largely funded by the US National Institutes of Health. The study, part of a project involving more than 40 international institutions, used a cutting-edge genetic technique, called exome se-

quencing, to search for non-inherited mutations linked to epileptic encephalopathies in 264 children whose parents who do not have epilepsy.

"We identified an unusually large number of distinct disease-causing mutations — 25 in total, all of which were de novo (brand new) mutations," study author David Goldstein, director of the Human Genome Variation Center at the Duke

University Medical Centre, in a statement. The study known as Epilepsy 4000 (Epi4K) found a total of six genes behind the devastating form of the disorder: four had been described before using other genetic techniques and two genes are implicated for the first time.

Epilepsy is a group of neurological disorders caused by abnormal firing of nerve cells in the brain

WORLD

32-yr-old promotes peace with A-bomb comic “Barefoot Gen”



In her efforts to convey the tragedy of the 1945 US atomic bombing of Hiroshima to the younger generation, Kuniko Watanabe is drawing attention to the comic series “Barefoot Gen” (Hadashi no Gen), about a survivor’s experience. Photo taken on 19 June, 2013 in Hiroshima.

KYODO NEWS

HIROSHIMA, 12 Aug—In her efforts to convey the tragedy of the 1945 US atomic bombing of Hiroshima to the younger generation, Kuniko Watanabe, 32, is drawing attention to a famous comic series and its creator. In early June, Watanabe organized an event to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the start of the manga series “Barefoot Gen” (Hadashi no Gen), about a survivor’s experience, at Hiroshima Peace

Memorial Museum.

The series, which started in 1973, is based on the late artist Keiji Nakazawa’s experience of the bombing as a 6-year-old boy. Nakazawa, who died of lung cancer at the age of 73 last December, lost his father, sister and brother in the attack, and his baby sister, born shortly after the bombing, lived only four months.

Since graduating from university, Watanabe, whose grandparents sur-

vived the 6 August bombing, has helped her mother record the testimonies of atomic bomb survivors. Watanabe said she realized that “Hiroshima is in my blood” after encountering scores of survivors and listening to their stories.

Watanabe got acquainted with Nakazawa six years ago, saying she came to love him just like her own father. After listening to one particularly harrowing talk by Nakazawa, which she said left her almost with the smell of blood in her nostrils, Watanabe told him that she felt “sad and frustrated.”

Nakazawa replied to her, “That’s good because people in Hiroshima lack the feeling of ‘chikusho’ (frustration and infuriation),” according to Watanabe. To pass down Nakazawa’s experiences as a survivor and his desire for abolition of nuclear weapons, Watanabe coproduced a documentary film about the artist in 2011, whose English title was “Barefoot Gen’s Hiroshima.”

Watanabe said Nakazawa always hoped that “Barefoot Gen” would continue to be read from generation to generation, and that it is her “mission to shape the spirit he left.” As part of preparations for the June event, Watanabe spent several months reading through the manga series and even traced the footsteps of Gen on the day the bomb was dropped, together with volunteer university students.—Kyodo News

Film opens depicting Okinawa residents’ fight against US Ospreys

TOKYO, 12 Aug—“The Targeted Village,” a documentary depicting local residents’ fight against the deployment of crash-prone Osprey aircraft at a US military base in Okinawa, began showing on Saturday in Tokyo theaters.

The 91-minute film is based on an award-winning TV programme produced by Chie Mikami for an Okinawa TV station in 2012.

It focuses on the residents of Takae, a community in northern Okinawa Island, who speak of feeling “targeted” by the US military and its plan to build six helipads in the surrounding area.



Chie Mikami, newscaster of Ryukyu Asahi Broadcasting based in Okinawa Prefecture, speaks during an interview in Tokyo on 27 June, 2013.

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The film takes its title from the fact the village was used as a mock target in the 1960s to train US forces for the Vietnam War. The US military set up a mock Vietnamese village there and had residents of Takae dress up as Vietnamese farmers to lend a semblance of realism to the guerrilla warfare training drills.

The area is still being used for training for jungle warfare, including guerrilla attacks, infantry training and helicopter drills.

The film concentrates on the deployment of the tilt-rotor Osprey aircraft as a symbol of the huge US

Netanyahu released from hospital after successful surgery

JERUSALEM, 12 Aug—Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was released from hospital on Sunday hours after undergoing successful hernia surgery, but doctors said he would require several days’ rest to make a full recovery.

During the overnight procedure, which took around an hour and required general anesthetic, Defence Minister Moshe Yaalon temporarily assumed the 63-year-old premier’s powers, Netanyahu’s office said in a statement.

Yaalon was also slated to head a cabinet-level meeting on Sunday to select Palestinian security prisoners for release as part of US-sponsored peace negotiations, the second round



Israel’s Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu speaks during the weekly cabinet meeting in Jerusalem, in this on 19 May, 2013 file picture.—REUTERS

of which was scheduled to take place on Wednesday in Jerusalem.

Yuval Weiss, director of the Jerusalem hospital where the surgery took place, said the operation

was ordered at short notice as a precaution against Netanyahu’s condition deteriorating. Netanyahu’s office said he had been diagnosed after complaining of abdominal pain.—Reuters

Argentine president faces election test



Argentina’s President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner speaks during a Security Council meeting at the United Nations in New York on 6 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

BUENOS AIRES, 12 Aug—Argentine President Cristina Fernandez faces a mid-term primary election test on Sunday that will show whether she has enough popular support to push for a constitutional change allowing her to run for a third term in 2015.

Candidates for legislative elections in October will be chosen in Sunday’s open primary but, with no competition among candidates on the lists presented by each party, it serves more as a survey on Fernandez’s six years in power.

The left-wing leader has delivered steady economic growth and was easily re-elected two years ago. But heavy government spending has fueled annual inflation to over 20 percent, and her combative style has upset investors and many voters in Latin America’s third-biggest economy.

Fernandez, 60, says she is not thinking about a possible third term but talk persists that her congressional allies want the con-

stitution changed to allow her to run again.

For that to happen, Fernandez would have to increase her control of Congress in October, when half the seats in the lower house will be up for grabs along with a third of the Senate.

Fernandez’s allies would need a two-thirds majority in both chambers to get debate started on permitting a third term.

“She doesn’t have that now and she won’t have it after October,” said Ignacio Labaqui, a Buenos Aires-based analyst for emerging markets consultancy Medley Global Advisors.

“But if the ruling party gets 40 percent or better at the national level, it could still claim to have a strong enough mandate to pressure the opposition into a bargain allowing the third-term amendment.”

Investors in government bonds and in Argentina’s vast agricultural and shale oil resources are watching the primary vote for signs of whether voters are tiring of Fernandez’s interventionist policies and might be ready for a market-friendly leader in 2015.

An overvalued currency, heavy-handed import and foreign exchange controls and Fernandez’s decision to nationalize Argentina’s private pension system, its main airline and top energy company YPF have all upset investors and trade partners.

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LOCAL NEWS

Loans disbursed in Nay Pyi Taw market

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Aungpanmyaing-Ingyin Market Cooperative Society disbursed loans to shopkeepers of the market in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 31 July.

Deputy Director U Khin Maung Win of the Cooperative Department granted the loans of K 6 million to the chairman and secretary of the society at the ceremony held at Dhammayon of Dhannatheikdi ward in the township.

Chairman U Thaung

Myint and Secretary U San Maung briefed on the rules and regulations of the society.

“Our microfinancing cooperatives society is systematically formed with board of directors. We are devoted the poverty alleviation,” in-charge of the market U Khin Maung Lwin explained.

It was also attended by Dhannatheikdi ward administrator U Saw Lin, market committee members and shop keepers.

MMAL-Min Min Latt
(Mandalay University)

Construction

Debris clearance starts in post-conflict Meiktila



MEIKTILA, 12 Aug—District and township authorities are clearing debris of fire-hit buildings in Meiktila where violence had erupted as of 20 March.

“Debris of fire-hit buildings has started to be cleared since 6 August afternoon. All the (damaged) buildings along Yangon-Mandalay Highway and in the Bus Terminal will

be cleared,” a member of township committee responsible for clearing rubbles said.

Chairman of District Committee U Tin Maung Soe, Chairman of Township Committee U Myo Hlaing inspected the efforts and pushed the workers to complete the works on schedule.—MMAL-Chan Tha (Meiktila)

Crime

Securities stop girl's attempted suicide

YANGON, 12 Aug—Securities of Hledan Centre could stop a girl attempting suicide from the sixth storey of a building in Hledan street in No. 8 ward in Kamayut Township yesterday.

Two securities from the

centre broke open the door to stop Ma Lwin Malar Win, 19, from jumping off to kill herself.

Sangyoung Township Fire Brigade brought her to Yangon General Hospital.

MMAL-167

Complaints for bribery and corruption

Complaints about bribery and corruption can be addressed to the Anti-Corruption Committee, the President Office at Office

No. 18, Nay Pyi Taw, by anyone with his/her name, CSC No., address and firm evidence.

Action will be taken



Masons creating traffic island in front of Yangon City Hall.

Disaster

Inter-university volleyball tourney kicks off in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 Aug—Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) organized inter-university/degree college/college volleyball tournament for 2012-2013 academic year in Mandalay Zone.

The tournament kicked off at the Indoor Stadium of Yadanabon University on 9 August. Chairman of the organizing committee Rector of Yadanabon University

Dr Khin Maung Oo made an opening speech at the ceremony.

The tournament will be held on 7-12 August and with the participation of seven teams.

It was attended by Deputy Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Win and rectors of universities and colleges in Mandalay Zone.

MMAL-040

MRTV interviews AP editor



YANGON, 12 Aug—Myanma Radio and Television interviewed an editor of AP News Agency providing journalism training to Myanmar reporters in cooperation with the News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information.

The course is being conducted at NPE (Head Office) in Theinbyu street in Yangon on 5-16 August.

MRTV interviewed Asia Pacific Editor of Associated Press Mr Brian Carovillano at the NPE office.

He said the international news agency is proud to offer media trainings.

AP has conducted the courses in Myanmar since 1 April.

The course is being attended by 30 trainees.

MMAL-164

Construction

Invasive traffic island in downtown Yangon being repaired

YANGON, 12 Aug—Yangon City Development Committee is repairing the traffic island between the City Hall and Maha Bandoolla Park.

The repair started on 9 August and is aimed at expanding the road for easing the traffic congestion.

“The former traffic

island was too invasive. There was a traffic jam as the cars parked nearby are helter-skelter,” a YCDC staff said.

He said the new tidy traffic island will include a parking place and a platform.

It will have the length of 500 ft.

MMAL-Maung Zaw

Accident

Magway town hall roof falls off



MAGWAY, 12 Aug—Despite no heavy rain, strong wind or quake, roof of Magway's landmark Town Hall in Pyidawtha ward in Magway Region fell off on 8 August evening.

No one was injured in the incident.

The building is a one-storey facility with the length of 283 feet and the width of 263 feet.

It was built since 1987 and it underwent a major repair in 1995.

It included major facelift and refurbishments such as audio system, air cons.

The hall hosts most ceremonies, weddings receptions, concerts and other occasions in Magway Township.

MMAL-Wathan Tun
(Magway)

Staff quarters damaged by fallen tree



Banyan tree falls over staff quarters of nurses.

MOHNYIN, 12 Aug—A Banyan tree fell over the staff quarters which accommodates five nurses in 100-bed General Hospital in Mohnyin of Kachin State on 8 August evening.

One occupant sustained minor injuries in the incident.

The upper structure of the building was destroyed as the tree with its decayed root unexpectedly fell over the building.—MMAL-063

**Beware
of dengue
hemorrhagic
fever**

Kalewa Coal-fired Power Plant to apply clean coal technology

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Hydropower Planning Department under the Ministry of Electricity, China Guodian Corporation of China and Tun Thwin Mining Co Ltd will build Kalewa Coal-fired Power Plant, 1.5 km from the Chindwin River Bank and 18 km north of Kalewa, and the power plant will be facilitated with 270 megawatts generating capacity for the first phase and second phase, replied by Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Aung Than Oo at today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw.

With regard to the question over **construction of coal-fired power plant in Kalay, its construction date and type of generator**, raised by U Soe Thein of Kalewa Constituency, the deputy minister replied that the ministry approved to apply clean coal technology in implementation of the project.

As the China's China Guodian Corporation officially informed that it could not process with the implementation of the project, Tun Thwin



Observers seen at 21st day session of Pyithu Hluttaw.—MNA

Mining Co Ltd plans to cooperate with Singapore-based ISDN Holding Ltd without changing the project feasibility report.

Only when MoA and JVA have been signed, will the date for implementation of the project be set. Moreover, the project will apply clean coal technology not to harm the environment and local communities in line with the rules of World Bank, he added.

During the meeting, the Rule of Law and Tranquility

Committee submitted the report to the Hluttaw.

U Win Myint of Patheingyi Constituency who submitted the report said that the report on findings of rule of law and tranquility was submitted with constructive attitude so as to ensure the clean government and good governance in the nation. The committee, those of governing body, judicial body, media and association in addition to the people are to join hands for prevailing rule of law and tranquility,

he said.

A report was submitted for the bill amending Myanmar Maritime University Law sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with approval and the approval was sought for the **chemicals prevention bill** and the **water resources and river and creek maintenance rules** sent by Amyotha Hluttaw with amendment.

The 21st day session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues tomorrow.

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Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University should be under S&T Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University should be put under the Ministry of Science and Technology that has much

experience in computerization, mechanical degree and post-graduate degree, academic and management, said Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein in his reply to the question raised by U Soe Aung of Mandalay

decided to put the university under the Ministry of Science and Technology in 2002 with the aim of turning out more aerospace engineers.

MP U Soe Aung said, "Parents of students told that the MAEU should be controlled by the Ministry of Transport. I think so. Such university should be placed under the Ministry of Transport like that of Myanmar Maritime University. I decided to continuously submit the

Township as gravel-filled diversion weirs and whether there is a plan to operate Hosei Dam and the dam at the entrance to Meisei for serving interest of the people raised by U Hnin Wai of Kayah State Constituency No. 12, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that Meisei Dam should be installed pipelines for supply of water to the people. Depending on the allotted fund, technological assistance will be provided to reconstruction of the dam.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan submitted the proposal to consider the bill amending Myanmar Trademark Act, and the Hluttaw decided to consider it. The deputy minister remarked, "The act promulgated in 1889 is inappropriate for present currency value. It should rise fine for offenders. According to the Constitution 2008, the words in the bill must be substituted with new titles of Union ministries."

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Deputy Minister U Han Sein answering questions.—MNA



U Soe Aung from Mandalay Region Constituency No. 11 raising questions.—MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan submitting proposal.

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U Hnin Wai of Kayah State Constituency No. 12 questioning.—MNA

proposal." With regard to question whether there is a plan to rebuild dams in Meisei

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 13 August, 2013

The first step

For the peace process of Myanmar to be successful, it must be connected to the emergence of a more and inclusive national-identity. Myanmar people of all ethnic backgrounds and all faiths— Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Hindu, and others, must feel part of this new national identity.

The government has been working tirelessly for peace. But it is not an easy thing. Mostly the conflicts have an ethnic character and are rooted in long-standing ethnic grievances and aspirations. And there are issues of autonomy and self-determination, of power sharing and resource-sharing, of cultural rights and language policy, of protection against discrimination and security sector reform.

It in fact is an honor for us that we have not only over the past two years signed ceasefires with all of the major armed groups but also that we have signed an initial agreement with the last remaining armed group, the Kachin Independence Organization.

We are a multi-cultural, multi-faith nation. The Myanmar people speak dozens of languages and include people of all the great world religions. And in Myanmar there is not just one non-state armed group but more than a dozen. So we can imagine the complexities of any peace process and then multiply it by twelve.

It is a common knowledge that in any transition towards political openness there are some quarters that will take advantage and stir up troubles. We must deal with this but in the framework of our emerging democracy. We cannot let ethnic or religious differences become an excuse to revert to authoritarianism.

Very possibly, we will have a nation-wide ceasefire and the guns will go silent everywhere in Myanmar for the very first time in over sixty years. But it will also be only the first step towards the just and lasting peace we must achieve.



NATIONAL

Pragmatic approach...

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Thanks to the government, the Kachin State people, peace coordinators, members of the church and townsenders, the light was seen at the end of the tunnel for the peace of Kachin State, he said.

He also warned that it alone was not enough for development of the state.

He called for pragmatic approach to create better future of Kachin State where gun fires were no more heard.

However, the civilians always fall prey to the conflicts, he said.

He said his trip was aimed at helping the Kachin State rise from the conflicts. He said he could decide on his own on some issues immediately and promised to brought others back to Nay Pyi Taw for negotiations with international organizations to find solutions.

He said the ministerial officials, reps of UN agencies and diplomats also accompanied him on the trip and would provide solutions to some issues.

He vowed to do all he could to provide aids to the state, calling for help of the local people.

He urged them to look forward and cooperatively creative a harmonious environment, setting aside the past. He concluded his speech with the call for peaceful coexistence and peaceful development.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham donated K 32.1 million—K 10000 for each household—to 3210 households of IDPs from Myitkyina District,

Myitkyina, Waingmaw, Shipwe townships, Panwa and Kanpaikte sub-townships.

Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association and gems entrepreneurs donated K 790,000 for 79 IDP households from Mohnyin and Mogaung townships of Mohnyin District, K 31.5 million for 3150 IDP households from Bhamo District, K 310,000 for 31 houses from Putao District and K 77.24 million for 7724 households outside the management of Kachin State government.

The Kachin State Chief Minister helped the Vice-President put on Kachin traditional costume.

Next, townsenders Dr Tu Ja, U Lara, U Paw Oo, U Lamon Gam, Secretary-2 of Phakant Township Gems Entrepreneurs Association U Thaung Kyi, U Bauk Naw of Kachin State, Mogaung Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Myint, Peasant Representative U Zaw Bauk, townselder U Aung Htone Kha Naw, and Secretary of National Democratic Force (NDF) U Aung Myint Myat reported on peace and stability of the region, peace, education, nurturing the youths with good morale characters, agriculture and exportation of finished gems products.

After giving necessary instructions, the Vice-President cordially greeted them.

The vice-president and party visited Shwekyinar Buddha Image and donated cash to the board of trustees

of the pagoda.

The vice-president also attended a ceremony to donate cash and kind to IDPs at Tagundaing Camp.

At the ceremony, he donated K 3,160,000 to the fund for the IDPs; Kachin State Chief Minister 50 bags of rice; Deputy Minister for Border Affairs K 1,580,000; deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement 13 packages of instant noodles; the deputy minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry 15 packages of instant noodles; the deputy minister for Health 15 packages of instant noodles and Htoo Foundation 100 bags of rice.

After the ceremony, the vice-president met with the IDPs and visited the camp.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham also visited the relief camp at Robert Baptist Church and attended a ceremony to donate cash

and kind to IDPs.

During the ceremony, Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Federation donated K 28.68 million to IDPs; the Chief Minister of Kachin State 50 bags of rice; the commander of Northern Command K 2 million, deputy ministers of Home Affairs, Border Affairs, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Health relief aids and Htoo Foundation 300 bags of rice.

The vice-president attended to the needs of the IDPs. During the visit, the vice-president presented aids to the IDPs and their children.

The vice-president also visited AD 2000 camp and contributed K 9.8 million to the fund for the IDPs; the Kachin State Chief Minister 50 bags of rice; Ministry of Home Affairs, Minister of Border Affairs,



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash donation to an official.—MNA

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Ministry of Health and Htoo Foundation dried noodles, cash and 200 bags of rice.

After the ceremony, the vice-president encouraged the IDPs.

The vice-president arrived back Nay Pyi Taw by special flight this evening.

MNA

Myanmar, Japan to promote tourism industry

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung held a meeting with Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan Mr. Akihiro OHTA and party at his office, here, this afternoon.

The meeting focused on promotion of tourism industry between the two countries, human resource development, convenience of entry and exit and investment enhancement and substitution of 38-seat Boeing-737 which plies thrice a week with 202-seat Boeing-767 of All



Nippon Airways which plies daily starting from coming September.—MNA

Union Minister U Htay Aung meets Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism of Japan Mr. Akihiro OHTA.—MNA

Myanmar, Japan to cooperate in construction works

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin and Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Mr Akihiro OHTA of Japan held a meeting at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

The Japanese minister said that he has observed the site for Japan-Myanmar friendship Thakayta Bridge (Pazundaung-Dawbon). He pledged to give necessary expertise for road safety of Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and design and construction for housing development. He added that the Japanese ministry will cooperate with Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association to hold Business



Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin and Japanese Minister Mr Akihiro OHTA and party pose for documentary photo.—MNA

Seminar between Japan and Myanmar. IHI Company will cooperate with Public Works for production of precast concrete members, he said.

The Union minister for his part said that the ministry will join hands with MLIT for infrastructure development of Myanmar for

contribution to the capacity building. He requested to open advanced bridge and road engineering courses.

MNA

Donation for flood-hit religious buildings in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—A donation ceremony for renovation and repair tasks of the religious buildings that were damaged by the flood in Mon State was held at Zokthot Village in Bilin Township yesterday morning.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victims Care Committee Chairman Dr Khin Shwe and committee members and Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana under the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Khine Aung.

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein and the director-general presented K 30 million and 2800 gallons of diesel worth K 12 million donated by the Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victims Care Committee, to Kyikehtisaung Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Paññadipa.

Next, Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein and Hluttaw representatives paid homages to Kelartha Sandawshin Pagoda, Myathabeik Sandawshin Pagoda and Kyeikdayon Sandawshin Pagoda.

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HRD

Security measures for tourists coordinated in NyaungU District



NYAUNGU, 12 Aug—Members of local special branch and criminal investigation department of Myanmar Police Force and authorities are trying to expose the robbery case at globetrotters in 2013.

Notocause similar cases, a coordination meeting was held with the participation of departmental officials of district and township

departments, those from hoteliers association, restaurant entrepreneurs association, travel and tours agency entrepreneurs, tour guide association, hotel/bicycle and pony cart rental service entrepreneurs and members of the pagoda boards of trustees at the hall of the NyaungU District General Administration Department on 10 August

morning.

Commander of Mandalay Region Police Force Police Col Zaw Win Aung explained arrangements for prevention against snatching cases in NyaungU Township by NyaungU District Police Force.

Moreover, he said that Myanmar Police Force had formed the Tourist Security Unit with the strength of 30 members on 1 April 2013 in NyaungU Township. But, it was not adequate for the security measures, he said, adding that according to the work demand, the squad was extended with 64 members. He noted that local police force and Tourist Security Squad are joining hands in taking security measures at the tourist attractive places on patrol. He invited discussions and suggestions from those attendees. The participants took part in the discussions and the officials replied to them.—Kyemon-Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

MPF launches emergency, complaint-handling phone lines

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs has put hot lines into place at Myanmar Police Force HQ and region/state police stations to enable the public to submit tip-offs and complaints over illegal acts, mis-appropriation and corruption.

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

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

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

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

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Model mother and baby awarded

PAKOKKU, 12 Aug—Pakokku District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and Health Department jointly organized the nutrition week activity in conjunction with the prize awarding the model mother and baby at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku on 10 August.

Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Win of the district made a speech.

Specialist Dr Daw Yin Yin Htay gave an educative talk.

Next, Medical Superintendent of Pakokku Hospital and officials presented prizes to the

outstanding mothers and babies.

Also present on the occasion were Chairperson of District MCWSC Daw Soe Soe Thein and members, specialists, health staff,

responsible persons of pharmaceutical companies who presented vitamins to the children and nutritious foods, eggs and vitamins to the mothers.—Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)



Agriculture

Cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy demonstrated



Local farmers transplanting paddy saplings to paddy field in model plot.

DAWEI, 12 Aug—The demonstration on cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at the model plot on 4.37 acres of farmer U Maung Shin in Panbyin Village of Thayetchaung Township in Dawei District of Taninthayi Region on 9 August.

Region Minister for

Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Dr Win Aung and officials attended the ceremony.

Head of Region Agriculture Department U Hla Wai explained completion of Palethwe paddy strain in the region, and Head of Dawei District Department U Kyaw Hla significant points of good

agriculture patterns.

Next, Head of Thayetchaung Township Agriculture Department and staff and local farmers transplanted paddy saplings.

The ceremony was attended by Township Administrator U Khin Maung Oo and local farmers, totalling 270.

Kyemon-852

Local people evacuated to safe places in Mongphyat

MONGPHYAT, 12 Aug—Heavy rains and overflow

of Namlon Creek violently hit Mongphyat Township of

Shan State (East). Therefore, people from eight houses were evacuated to the safe places.

On 10 August, overflow of Namlon Creek eroded the bank and caused landslides.

Local authorities and servicemen from local battalion evacuated from the danger of landslides

in Suplaung Village. Moreover, the local authorities moved people from six houses to the safe places.

Yesterday morning, Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Cho of Mongphyat District, Township Administrator U Zaw Myo Nyunt, village administrator U Sai Kham Lar and officials allotted land plots to the flood victims from eight houses for their resettlements.—Kyemon-Than Zaw (Mongphyat)



Disaster

REGIONAL

Japan's heat wave continues, mercury tops 40 C for 2nd day in row



A woman passes a signboard displaying 40 C in Tatebayashi, Gunma Prefecture northwest of Tokyo, on 11 Aug, 2013. — KYODO NEWS

Tokyo, 12 Aug—Japan remained in the grip of a severe heat wave on Sunday, with temperatures topping 40 C for the second day in a row, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

The temperature hit 40.6 C in Kofu, Yamana-shi Prefecture, central Japan, and 40.4 C in Shimanto, Kochi Prefecture, western Japan. Temperatures exceeded 35 C at 297 of 927 observation points across the country, recording 39.9 C in Mobara, Chiba Prefecture, 39.8 C in Hamamatsu, Shizuoka Prefecture, and 39.5 C in Tajimi, Gifu Prefecture,

the agency said. The temperature in central Tokyo reached 38.3 C.

Temperatures set new records at nearly 40 observation points, while they went above 30 C at 700 points.

The severe heat caused the death of at least three people, while three people taking part in a festival in the city of Kochi in Kochi Prefecture as well as five junior high school students in Kuwana, Mie Prefecture were taken to hospital after showing symptoms of apparent heatstroke, according to firefighters.

Kyodo News

Beijing rainstorm cancels flights, kills airport worker

BEIJING, 12 Aug—Beijing's weather department issued a weather alert on Sunday afternoon as torrential rain fell in the capital and a cleaning worker was killed by lightning at Beijing Capital International Airport. Thundershowers are also forecast for Monday morning, the Beijing Meteorological Bureau said. The bureau issued a yellow weather alert at 3 pm, saying flooding was likely in rivers and mountain streams.

The meteorological authority uses a four-tier colour-coded weather warning system, with red being the

most severe, followed by orange, yellow and blue.

From 7 am to 5 pm on Sunday, the average precipitation of the city's main urban area was 23.2 mm and the heaviest was 100.8 mm in the Qinglongqiao area of Haidian district, according to the bureau. Zhang Pu, head of the team that oversees the flooding emergency team for the Beijing Drainage Group Co, said that an emergency plan had been started in the city on Sunday for possible flooding under bridges as more rains were forecast that night.

Xinhua

South Korea warns of power shortages amid nuclear shut downs

SEOUL, 12 Aug—South Korea has warned of serious power shortages this week amid an expected rise in summer temperatures and as the resources-starved country struggles to keep up with demand after six nuclear plants have gone off-line.

The energy ministry said it may take emergency measures such as rolling power cuts to avoid a repeat of 2011 blackouts which cut electricity to businesses and homes across the country.

Separately, the ministry said some major companies, including Kia Motors Corp and Hyundai Motor Co, had not complied with energy saving regulations such as cutting power consumption during peak hours.

Both automakers refused to comment on the

matter. Of the country's total 23 reactors, six units are currently off line — three for maintenance or expiry of operational approval, and the other three to replace cables supplied with fake certificates.

Oil, gas and coal produce most of South Korea's electricity, but nuclear plants generate more than 30 percent of power.

"If one nuclear reactor stops its operation all of a sudden, we may have to start rolling power blackouts like we did on 15 September, 2011," Energy Minister Yoon Sang-jick told a news conference. Rolling blackouts would initially affect residential areas, minimizing any impact on the country's export-focused businesses.

South Korea's power demand is projected to peak at up to 80,500 megawatts



Power transmission towers supplying electric power to the inter-Korean Kaesong Industrial Complex from South Korea, are seen at the customs, immigration and quarantine (CIQ) office, just south of the demilitarized zone separating North Korea from South Korea in Paju, north of Seoul on 29 April, 2013.

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(MW) in the next three days while its power supply capacity is seen at 77,440 MW, the energy ministry said in a statement. With all the possible power-saving and supplying measures, the supply surplus could be

raised to 1,800 MW but that would still not be enough, it added. South Korea has carried out power saving measures in the past such as encouraging offices and households to use less air-conditioning.—Reuters

33 fishers missing, 7,500 stranded as typhoon Utor hits Philippines

MANILA, 12 Aug — At least 33 fishermen in coastal province of Catanduanes were reported missing and 7,581 people were stranded at various ports as Typhoon Utor (locally called labuyo) is approaching eastern coast of the Philippines.

The missing fishermen went fishing on Saturday despite the warning of the upcoming typhoon. The initial missing numbers were put at 40, but seven of whom returned home later, local media reported on Sunday. By 3 pm Sunday (0700 GMT), the centre of Typhoon Utor was 130 km north of Virac in Catanduanes in northeastern Philippines, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) said.

According to the latest report of the National

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Centre (NDRRMC), 7,581 passengers on board 33 vessels were stranded at ports. Red alert status was placed on a dozen of provinces in Luzon island.

Eight regional centers of the NDRRMC have been on standby to mitigate the effects of typhoon Utor since Sunday morning.

"We have advised local government units in the regions to be affected to prepare accordingly because typhoon Utor is strong," NDRRMC executive director and concurrent Office of Civil Defence administrator Eduardo del Rosario said. Del Rosario appealed to fishermen and residents in the eastern seaboard of Luzon and Visayas not to venture in the sea. "Its too risky and will only endanger our lives," he said.—Xinhua



Pakistani children gathered around a fallen house wall in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 11 Aug, 2013. At least 15 children were injured as the house wall collapsed due to rain in Quetta on Sunday, local media reported.—XINHUA

Strong quake strikes off eastern Indonesia

JAKARTA, 12 Aug—An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter scale jolted Maluku in eastern parts of Indonesia on Monday, but there was no tsunami potential or reports of damages, officials said here.

The quake happened at 07:53 am Jakarta Time (0053 GMT), and the epicentre, 121 km under sea bed, was 155 km northwest of Maluku Tenggara Barat of Maluku province, an official with the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said.

"We did not issue a tsunami warning. So far there is no report of damages as the centre of the quake was deep," the official told Xinhua over phone. Spokesman of the National Disaster Management and Mitigation Agency Sutopo

Purwo Nugroho also said that there was no reports of building damage or human injuries as a result of the quake. "The quake shakes were not felt, because the location is far and deep," he told Xinhua over phone.

Indonesia sits on a vulnerable quake-prone zone, or the so-called "the Pacific Ring of Fire."—Xinhua



A tea farmer irrigates tea plants at a tea plantation in Hangzhou City, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, on 11 Aug, 2013. Many tea plants have withered due to the continuous scorching weather and drought in the city. XINHUA

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(7/2013)

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(1)	IFB -061(2013-2014)	Spares for CAT D 3512 B Engine	(2) Items	US \$
(2)	IFB -062(2013-2014)	Spares for Kenworth Truck Engine	(2) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -063(2013-2014)	Spares for High Clutch (Ex NAT 80 B Drawwork)	(2) Items	US \$
(4)	IFB -064(2013-2014)	Drill Collar Safety Clamp	(6) Items	US \$
(5)	IFB -065(2013-2014)	Transmission Pump Assy For Komatsu Dozer	(5) Nos	US \$
(6)	IFB -066(2013-2014)	41/2" Tri Cone Rock Bits	(2) Items	US \$
(7)	IFB -067(2013-2014)	Stand Line Gate Valves & Accessories	(7) Items	US \$
(8)	IFB -068(2013-2014)	Over Running Clutch & Spares For D3 T2 SR- I&II	(18) Items	US \$
(9)	DMP/L-029(2013-2014)	Heat Shrink Tube and Wire Cable for HDD Rig	(2) Items	Kyat
(10)	DMP/L-030(2013-2014)	Electrical Spares for ZJ 70L Drilling Rig	(4) Items	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 11-9-2013, 1300 Hrs.

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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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Singapore raises growth forecast, but cuts trade projection

SINGAPORE, 12 Aug — Singapore's economy grew by 3.8 percent year on year in the second quarter, the strongest growth in three years, the Ministry of Trade and Industry said on Monday. It also represents an improvement from the growth of 0.2 percent in the first quarter.

The stronger growth also prompted the ministry to upgrade the official growth forecast for the economy this year from 1-3 percent, to 2.5-3.5 percent, a forecast that has been revealed by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong earlier in his national day message.

However, the projec-

tions for total trade and exports were cut due to weaker statistics in the first half of the year. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the Singaporean economy expanded by 15.5 percent in the second quarter, significantly higher than the 1.7 percent expansion in the previous quarter, partly thanks to the strength of the manufacturing sector. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the manufacturing sector grew by 32.1 percent, a sharp rebound from the 12.1 percent contraction reported in the previous quarter.

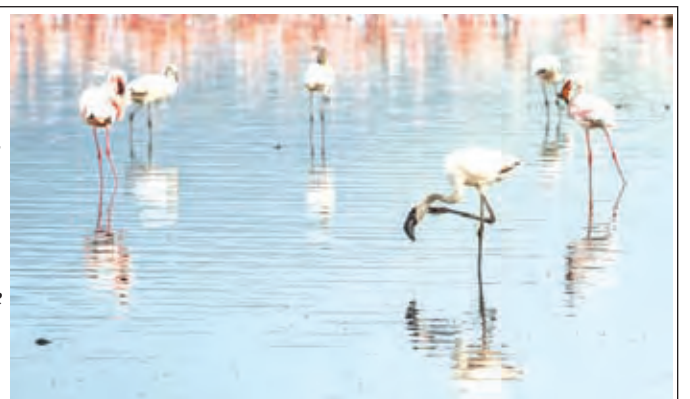
The construction sector jumped 11.2 percent, faster than the 10.3 percent

growth in the preceding quarter. The wholesale and retail trade sector expanded by 22.1 percent, in contrast to the 2.6 percent contraction in the first quarter. In the first half of 2013, the economy grew by 2 percent.

"While economic growth in the advanced economies came in slightly weaker than expected in the first half of the year, global macroeconomic conditions are expected to pick up gradually in the second half," the Ministry of Trade and Industry said in a report. Nevertheless, it also noted risks such as the possible unintended con-

sequences of China's economic policy adjustment if it results in an excessive tightening of liquidity, and the reaction of the market to a tapering of the quantitative easing programme in the United States.—Xinhua

Flamingos gather in the lake Bogoria in Kenya's Rift Valley Province which is a little north of the equator, on 10 Aug, 2013. Every year Flamingos in Kenya migrate between lake Nakuru, lake Naivasha and lake Bogoria to find abundant cyanobacteria to feed on.—XINHUA



ENTERTAINMENT

Justin Bieber walked home with two girls following nightclub brawl



Justin Bieber reportedly got into a fight with a male club-goer after a female friend attempted to hit on him in his VIP section.

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug—Teen pop star Justin Bieber reportedly took home two cocktail waitresses home following his nightclub brawl last week.

The 19-year-old Boy-friend singer's visit to Southampton, New York,

hotspot South Pointe ended in a vicious fight last week-end, but it wasn't all bad news for the star as he allegedly left the club with Diana Bhokasub, 24, and Sophia Rayo, 32, reported *New York Daily News*.

The Beauty and a Beat

hitmaker is currently being investigated by police after he allegedly 'went nuts' on a fellow reveller as he partied the night away, leading to a physical altercation between members of the star's entourage and club patrons.

The fight is thought to have been triggered by a heated exchange between Bieber and a male club-goer after a female friend attempted to hit on the singer in his roped-off VIP section.

Bieber's security team quickly intervened and took the star out to the club's parking lot to cool off, but things took a turn for the worse inside the nightclub.

The singer's friends and members of his security were 'involved in a fight' after he was escorted out, and an eyewitness reported seeing blood.—PTI

Deepika Padukone: As actors, it is difficult to perform comedy

MUMBAI, 12 Aug—After debuting with a blockbuster *Om Shanti Om* in 2007, Deepika Padukone has hardly lost the taste of success. With *Race 2*, Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani and now *Chennai Express* striking gold at the box office this year, one of Bollywood's star actresses says success is nothing but "relative".

Is it her year at the box office?

"If people are saying it's my year, it depends on my films," Deepika said.

"I think these things are relative. It feels nice to hear or to read about it. But, more importantly, I have been working really hard. I know I have pushed myself and sacrificed a lot of personal and family time. But in the end if the result is like this, you don't mind.



Deepika Padukone's newest comedy film *Chennai Express* released on 8 Aug, 2013.

But, yes, I think success is relative," she added.

Deepika's *Chennai Express*, featuring her *Om Shanti Om* co-star Shah Rukh Khan seems to be on its way to breaking records at the box office. The film released on Thursday (8 Aug, 2013) to a roaring opening day response.

The more the success, the tougher it gets to keep up to it, believes Deepika, who made a rare successful transition from modelling to film.

"I have to focus all my energies and hope that the next film is better. It does not get easier to live up to all of that. I want that with every film, the love, success and experience increase," said the 27-year-old daughter of former national badminton champion Prakash Padukone.

In her over five-year-long film career, the actress has been a part of various movie genres — thriller, romance, action, drama and comedy. She finds comedy the toughest.

"Comedy is the most difficult. Comic timing is something which you either have it in you, or you don't. You have to have a good sense of humour to be able to understand it. A split second can make you lose the punch."

"As actors, it is very difficult to perform it the same way every time, for the audience to find it funny," she said.

Yet, she seems to have given it a shot for *Chennai Express*, directed by the new age master of Bollywood comedies, Rohit Shetty. In the past, he has made the *Golmaal* series and comic hit *Bol Bachchan*. How was it working with him?

"I believe that he has his own school and style. It was a new style for me. His way of taking shots and directing his actors is different. He always had everything planned," she said.

But he gave her enough room to try to improvise on her character named Meena in *Chennai Express*.—PTI

Matt Damon: I was grumpy on *Elysium* set

LONDON, 12 Aug—Actor Matt Damon says he was always grumpy on the set of *Elysium* because he was on a strict diet to stay in shape.

The 42-year-old actor underwent a tough fitness regime and said giving up treats left him angry and unapproachable, reported *Contactmusic*.

"I was grumpy on this set, because I was on a diet for the whole movie. I think I shut up a little bit and keep to myself."

"It's not even that it was as extreme as diets I've

done before, but it's like, at my age, I want to eat everything in my path, you know what I mean? I think I've become more of a glutton. It was really hard because I love to eat and I love to drink," he said.

Damon, who raises four daughters Alexia, 14, Isabella, six, Gia, four and Stella, two, said his wife does not mind when he changes shape for movies because she likes the variety.

"I'm at the point in my life where somebody was silly enough to marry me



Matt Damon says giving up his favourite food made him angry.

and won't leave me if I put on a few pounds. I think my wife likes the variety. When I did *The Informant*, I put on 40 pounds. I

was like, 'You like this guy, too, don't you?' I'm trying to talk her into that guy. That's the guy I'm most comfortable being."—PTI

Shraddha Kapoor enjoys vacation with friends

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug—Bollywood actress Shraddha Kapoor, who is riding high on the success of her film *Aashiqui 2*, enjoyed a short break to treat and pamper herself.



Shraddha Kapoor was last seen in *Aashiqui 2*.

The 21-year-old had a wonderful time during the 10-day sojourn in Belgium, Amsterdam and Paris, and she even attended the dream music concert Tomorrowland with her friends.

"The actress recently took a 10-day leave after a very long time to celebrate her success with her close friends. She surely deserved this holiday," her spokesperson said in a statement. Shraddha, daughter of Shakti Kapoor, was also seen in *Luv Ka The End* before she struck gold with director Mohit Suri's *Aashiqui 2*.—PTI

Swiss luxury shop denies racism towards Oprah

ZURICH, 12 Aug—The owner of a luxury goods shop in Zurich has denied that racism was involved when Oprah Winfrey was discouraged from buying a 35,000 Swiss franc handbag.

The US talk show host, recently named the world's most powerful celebrity, was in Switzerland for the wedding of singer Tina Turner when the incident occurred last month.

The broadcaster said in two US interviews that a sales assistant had refused to show her the crocodile handbag, saying it was "too expensive" and steering her towards other, cheaper ones. Luxury shop *Trois Pommès* denied discrimi-

nating against Winfrey, an African-American, who asked to look at a "Jennifer" purse, designed by Tom Ford and named for actress Jennifer Aniston. The owner put the incident down to a language barrier.

"This is an absolute classic misunderstanding," shop owner Trudie Goetz told *Reuters* on Friday.

"This has nothing to do with racism, I am here for everyone and the customer is king." The sales assistant had wanted to show Winfrey that the bag was also available in other materials, which may have given the TV host the impression the shop did not want to sell it to her, Goetz said.

"Of course that's not



Cast member Oprah Winfrey

the case. Who wouldn't want to sell a purse for 35,000 francs?" Goetz said.

Trois Pommès operates various luxury-brand boutiques in Switzerland, including the Tom Ford shop in Zurich where Winfrey said she was refused.

Winfrey, 59, who runs her own TV network, earned \$77 million in the year to June 2013, taking

the No 1 spot on the *Forbes* most powerful celebrity list last month, the fifth time she has headed the annual ranking.

She also appears in a forthcoming movie, *The Butler*, which examines race issues in a story about an African-American who works at the White House under several US presidents.—*Reuters*

SPORTS

Battling McIlroy sees positive signs after PGA

ROCHESTER, (New York), 12 Aug—A triple bogey may have crushed any remaining chance Rory McIlroy had of defending his PGA Championship crown on Sunday. But the Northern Irishman, who has battled all season, remained hopeful he could end the year on a high.

As McIlroy's reign ended he chose to look on the bright side of a sometimes dim week, signing off with a level par 70 to finish in a tie for eighth, seven shots back of winner American Jason Dufner. "I saw a lot of great signs out

there today," said McIlroy. "Hopefully I can just bring that through to the next few weeks and have a strong finish to the season." Struggling through a season that has had more downs than ups after switching his club brand to Nike in a lucrative deal reported to be worth \$250 million, McIlroy displayed plenty of fighting spirit during a rollercoaster week.

McIlroy, who coasted to victory by a record eight strokes in last year's PGA Championship at Kiawah Island, had not given up on his title bid this week, even after flirting with the cutline

during the second round. After playing his way back into title hunt with a 67 on Saturday, McIlroy effectively sank his title defence when he hit his second shot at the par-four fifth into water en route to a triple-bogey before hitting back with three birdies to finish on three under for the tournament. "I actually didn't hit a bad shot, pitched it just in the place where you can't pitch it I guess," said McIlroy.

"If I had of been a few feet right or a few feet left, it would have been fine, but just pitched in that difficult depression and came

back into the water." "I really didn't hit a bad shot, but obviously it was disappointing. Came back okay at the end." The 24-year-old, who has been desperately searching for form is convinced he saw evidence that he was close to getting back to his best. "I played the best golf of the week today. I hit some really good drives and really good iron shots," enthused McIlroy. "Didn't quite putt as well as I did the first three days, but really, really happy with my game going into the next few weeks. "I didn't hit many bad shots out there today."—Reuters



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy reacts after missing a birdie putt on the second hole during the final round of the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 11 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Dufner conquers Oak Hill for first major title



Jason Dufner of the US poses with the Wanamaker trophy after winning the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 11 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

ROCHESTER, (New York), 12 Aug—American Jason Dufner erased memories of his heart-breaking late collapse two years ago when he clinched his first major title by two shots in the 95th PGA Championship on Sunday. One stroke behind playing partner Jim

Furyk overnight, the ultra-laidback Dufner produced some scintillating approach play on the way to a two-under-par 68 and a 10-under total of 268 on the challenging Oak Hill Country Club.

"It probably still hasn't hit me yet," Dufner

said after being presented with the coveted Wanamaker Trophy which he hoisted high before kissing it. "I can't believe this is happening to me." Dufner, 36, seized control with three birdies on the front nine and shut the door on his rivals with a steely display of precise shot-making, backed up by safety-first golf over the difficult closing stretch.

A stunning approach to a foot at the par-four 16th earned him his fourth birdie of the day and he could afford the luxury of bogeys at 17 and 18, two of the toughest holes on the course, as he secured his third victory on the PGA Tour. After putting out on the last green, Dufner retrieved his ball from the hole before partially raising both his arms in celebration with his eyes closed and a faint smile on his face.

Reuters

Ajax suffer first defeat of season at AZ

THE HAGUE, (the Netherlands), 12 Aug—AZ handed Ajax their first defeat of the Eredivisie season on Sunday, by beating the reigning champions 3-2 in Alkmaar. AZ were the better side in the first half, but Ajax took the lead after a free-kick by Christian Eriksen. At the stroke of half-time Roy Beerens equalized after a mistake by Ajax goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer. Due to sickness the latter was replaced by Jasper Cillessen at the start of second half.

Ajax took control in the second part with captain Siem de Jong giving the visitors the lead again. He headed in a cross by Bojan Krkic. However, a red card for Ajax-defender Ricardo van Rhijn, after stopping Nick Viergever illegally, became the turning point of the match. Aron Johansson converted the awarded penalty on fifteen minutes from time Viktor Elm earned AZ the victory.



"We were not playing well in the first half," Ajax coach Frank de Boer reacted. "In the second half we were better and we were waiting for the third goal. After the red card and the penalty things turned around unfortunately. I think it should not have been a red card."

Also on Sunday Feyenoord led already their second defeat of the season, 4-1 at home to FC Twente. On Saturday PSV Eind-

hoven beat NEC Nijmegen 5-0, thanks to a hat-trick by 17-year-old forward Zakaria Bakkali and two goals by Georginio Wijnaldum. PSV, FC Groningen, sc Heerenveen and PEC Zwolle are the only teams left with the maximum amount of six points after two match rounds. Groningen beat FC Utrecht 2-0 on Sunday, while on Saturday Heerenveen won 2-0 at NAC Breda and Zwolle won 3-1 at Heracles Almelo.

Xinhua

Nadal crushes Raonic to win Rogers Cup

MONTREAL, 12 Aug—Rafa Nadal thumped Canada's Milos Raonic 6-2, 6-2 in the final of the men's Rogers Cup on Sunday to capture his eighth ATP title this season and boost his confidence ahead of the US Open, starting later this month. Playing in his first tournament since his shock opening-round loss at Wimbledon, Nadal showed he was back to near his best and his ailing body was ready for the grueling demands of the North American hardcourt season.

Less than 24 hours after his hard-fought semi-final win over Novak

Djokovic on Saturday, Nadal easily beat the dangerous Raonic in just over an hour, playing with all the conviction and freedom of a man near the peak of his powers. "To win here, I had to be playing my top level," Nadal told reporters. "I'm very happy the way that I played almost every match in this tournament. It's very important for me, this title." Sunday's victory provided Nadal with his third win at the Rogers Cup and his 25th career Masters title and the Spaniard will rise to three in the world rankings when they are released on Monday.

Raonic will move into



Rafael Nadal of Spain (R) and Milos Raonic of Canada hold their trophies following the men's singles finals match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal on 11 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

the top 10 for the first time after becoming the first Canadian man in more than half a century to reach the Rogers Cup final. "The breakthroughs I've had this week, with everything, from

ranking to results, it's all great things to have happen, especially here at home," he said. "Even though I don't have the time now, there will be a time when I can stop, reflect upon it, learn

as much as I can from it." Nadal was ruthless from the outset and never allowed Raonic to settle his nerves in front of a partisan capacity crowd in Montreal. The Canadian's big first serve, normally one of his most reliable weapons, was nullified by Nadal's aggressive returns, with the Spanish left-hander twice breaking Raonic's serve in the opening set.

By contrast, Raonic was unable to make any inroads on Nadal's serve with the fourth seed giving up just one solitary point on serve in the entire first set, which lasted a mere 32 minutes. Raonic fared better in the second set and earned three breaks points but was unable to convert any of them while Nadal capital-

ized on the two opportunities to get the double break and secure the title after 68 minutes. "At some points, I wasn't making him play enough," said Raonic, who enjoyed a hard-fought win over in-form Argentine Juan Martin Del Potro on his way to the decider. "I think I was rushing a lot of the first set and a half." The top four guys, when they get ahead that much, it's very hard to get back."

While Nadal's troublesome knees showed no signs of giving him problems this week, they remain under constant scrutiny, especially when he's preparing for the US Open, played on the most physically demanding surface of the four grand slam events.

Reuters

GENERAL



A freshman talks with a staffer of New York University Shanghai (NYU Shanghai), east China's Shanghai, on 11 Aug, 2013. NYU Shanghai, jointly established by New York University and East China Normal University, welcomed its first batch of students on Sunday.—XINHUA

Higher cigarette taxes make people drink less

BEIJING, 12 Aug—A rise in cigarette taxes can obviously lead to lower tobacco consumption, but a recent research suggested that higher cigarette taxes are also connected with the reduction of alcohol consumption among male and young adult smokers.

The study, published on Friday in the journal *Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research*, compared about 11,000 people in 31 states in America that raised cigarette taxes between the 2001-2002 period and the 2004-2005 period, with a similar number of people from 15 states in which taxes remained the same.

The result showed that male smokers in states with higher tobacco tax drank almost 10 percent less alcohol and reduced seven times of their drunken revelry per year than those in the states with the same tax rate.

Young adult smokers between the age of 18 and 29 in states with higher cigarette taxes skipped nearly one-quarter of their binge drinking per year than the others.

“What our analysis shows is an association between increasing cigarette tax and decreasing (alcohol consumption) among segments of the population, those being male smokers, male hazardous drinkers,

and young adult smokers in particular,” said Sherry A McKee, associate professor of psychiatry at Yale University Medical School, and one of the study’s authors.

Lab studies with animals have also shown the link between nicotine and alcohol. Researchers found that exposing a key part of the brain involved in reward and motivation to nicotine increases the response of dopamine-emitting neurons to alcohol. In other words, those given nicotine are likely to drink more liquor.

The study was carried out by researchers from Yale, Stanford and the Roswell Park Cancer Institute.—Xinhua

Williams hungry heading towards US Open

TORONTO, 12 Aug—Even though she did not drop a set in winning her eighth title of the season at the Rogers Cup on Sunday, Serena Williams believes she can play even better heading into the US Open. “Definitely can do a lot more,” she said after her 6-2, 6-0 victory over Romania’s Sorana Cirstea in Sunday’s final. “It’s always about constantly improving and never saying I did great and I can be satisfied.” “It’s like I did great but what can I do better? What can I improve on? That’s what I always strive for.”

Williams won the French Open in June and has lost just three matches all year but the 31-year-old said her defeats to young American Sloane Stephens at the Australian Open and Germany’s Sabine Lisicki

at Wimbledon had reminded her she needs to manage her on-court attitude. “That could improve,” she said. “I get so intense and so emotionally charged, and I want it so bad that sometimes it works against me.”

“Cirstea discovered first-hand just how motivated Williams is when she faced the ruthless world number one on Sunday and the unseeded Romanian said she was impressed by what she saw.” She knows when to raise her level,” Cirstea said. “She knows when it’s enough to play and when she has to step it up.”

Williams rebounded from her shock loss to Lisicki at Wimbledon by winning a tournament in Sweden but was still unhappy at the way she played so returned to Florida to continue

working with her coach, Frenchman Patrick Mouratoglou, and her father.

“I was really disappointed in how I played the last month,” she said. “Even though I won Sweden, I was not happy with the way I played.” So I went home and was working with my dad a lot and just going back to the basics. I didn’t show it so much in (Toronto). Hopefully I can continue to bring that game out.”

Her victory on Sunday was Williams’ 54th career WTA singles title, elevating her to outright fifth on the all-time list. Despite her incredible record, the American said she was still suffered from nerves and expected to have more when she starts her US Open defence last this month.

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10. Mono Classical Songs	6:00 pm
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11. Documentary	6:25 pm
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12. News	7:00 pm
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- * Local News
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Serena Williams of the US Hits a return to Sorana Cirstea of Romania during their women's final tennis match of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, on 11 Aug, 2013.
REUTERS

Pragmatic approach needed to create better future of Kachin State: Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham met with Kachin State government, departmental officials, townsenders, members of social organizations and local authorities at the city hall in Myitkyina this morning.

At first, the Vice-President delivered an address. He said:

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said Myanmar is a country with 14 regions/states and one Union territory in which Kachin state is one of its family members. The Vice-President praised the beauty of Kachin State where the Maykha and Malikha

rivers meet as a confluence of Ayeyawady River, the lifeblood of the nation.

He said the state sits on the abundant natural resources above and underground. To be proud, only the state has the ever snowcapped mountain of Khakaborazi in all 10 ASEAN nations.

He said the country has the moderate climate, creating a harmonious environment for biodiversities and forests.

Events in Kachin State over the previous

year caught international attention while the country was on the track of the most-lauded reforms, he said.

The people from every nook and corner of the nation raised concerns over environmental degradation at Ayeyawady confluence which were now eased, he said.

The armed conflicts made tens of thousands of local people fled their own villages, abandoning their possessions.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham speaking at a meeting with Kachin State government, departmental officials, townsenders, members of social organizations and local authorities.—MNA



Myanmar media development discussed



Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi meets Chairman of MPC (Temporary) U Khin Maung Aye.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—A meeting between Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi and Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) was held at Ruby Hall (5) of Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon, this morning.

The meeting focused on media development in Myanmar.

It was attended

by Chairman of MPC (Temporary) U Khin Maung Aye and members, departmental heads and invited persons.

On the occasion, the Union Minister explained the objectives of Myanmar media development and vision of establishing Myanmar media environment to become a social responsibility media.

The MPC Chairman and those present on the occasion took part in the discussion.

The Union Minister also made discussion.

After that, the Ministry of Information issued a press release (1/2013) on the today's meeting.

The translation of the press release is as follows:

Press release on the meeting between the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Press Council (Temporary)

1. Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi and Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) led by Chairman U Khin Maung Aye exchanged views on Myanmar media development on 12 August, 2013.
 2. During the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Kyi discussed vision of establishing Myanmar media environment to become social responsibility media landscape in Myanmar. The MPC (Temporary) agreed to continue the discussion.
 3. The Ministry of Information and Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) have agreed to handle the differences and other issues through negotiations.
- At a press meet, the Union Minister clarified the press release. The Union Minister, deputy minister and the Chairman of MPC (Temporary) answered the queries raised by media persons.—MNA

Liaison Office opened at Letpadaungtaung Project Area

MONYWA, 12 Aug—The liaison office of the committee to solve the difficulties of local people in the Letpadaungtaung Project area was opened in Hsete-Zeedaw (Ywathit) in Salingyi Township of Yinmabin District of Sagaing Region this morning.

It was attended by Sagaing Region Minister for

Forestry, Mines and Energy U Than Htaik, Region Hluttaw Representative U Aung Zaw Oo, Director U Tun Tun of Ministry of Mines, in-charge U Hla Sein of Letpadaungtaung Copper Mines Project of Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd, local authorities, departmental officials and local people.

The liaison office

is constituted with one minister of Sagaing Region, one representative each of the Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry, Wenbao Co and UMEHL to solve problems of the local people and submit it to higher echelons of different levels and make field trips to the villages.

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Narcotic drugs, arms and ammunition seized

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug—Members of Kayin State Police Force together with witnesses raided the hut of Moke Soe (a) Kyar Ku, 51, in Laikar Village of Kawthinshu Village-tract in Hpa-an Township at 2.30 pm yesterday.

Moke Soe (a) Kyar Ku and Moe Khaing opened fire at the police with M-16. In exchange of fire, Moke Soe (a) Kyar Ku managed to escape though he sustained injuries to his leg. Moe Khaing was dead and arrested there.

While searching the hut, the policemen seized one M-16, 13 rounds of ammunition, two magazines, three hand-made short barrel guns, three long barrel guns, three rounds of 9mm ammunition, one round of .45 ammunition, one BA 57 grenade, 3045 pink stimulant tablets worth K 9,135,000, three pieces of materials used in producing narcotic drug, K 83000, one bottle of gunpowder, one small bottle

of gunpowder, one bottle of lead balls, one dagger, one file and one electrocution machine. Eindu police station opened a file of lawsuit against Moke Soe (a) Kyar Ku under the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Photos show arms and ammunition and narcotic drugs seized in Hpa-an Township.

