

President U Thein Sein's address to be aired on MRTV

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—A ceremony to take heed of President U Thein Sein's address and make affirmation will be held at the Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 10 am on 14 August.

This programme will be broadcast live through Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) starting 10 am.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun delivers an address at work coordination meeting of presidents of Myanmar Sports Federations for XXVII SEA Games.—MNA



It needs to establish good relations between government and sports federations: Vice-President U Nyan Tun

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—A work coordination meeting of presidents of Myanmar Sports Federations

for XXVII SEA Games was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Sports, here this morning, with

an address by Patron of the Leading Committee for holding XXVII SEA Games Vice-President

U Nyan Tun.

In his speech, the Vice-President said that it needs to establish good relations

between the government and the sports federations, calling for ensuring frequent (See page 8)

Breeding giant sea perch with remarkable success in Taninthayi Region

The coast of Myanmar, east of the Bay of Bengal, is 2832 kilometres in length. Taninthayi coastal region

is the longest among three coasts of Myanmar and it is 1200 kilometres long. Such coast is adjacent to Mergui

Archipelago constituted with over 800 islands. Sea fish farming is the main business of the region,

accounting for over 40 per cent of the gross domestic product.

In the business of Taninthayi Region concerning off and onshore fishing industries, sea water fish and prawn breeding, soft crab breeding, sea weed culture, cold storage and shipyards are securing success in their works.

In sea water fish and prawn breeding, giant sea perch is being bred in cage. It has been started by United Myeik Co Ltd in Kyaukpha River near Yaymyitkyi Village in Myeik Township since 2004. Giant sea perch is marketable species. Breeders in Thailand,

Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Hong Kong and Taiwan are engaged in breeding of giant sea perch on a commercial scale.

Priority is being given to breeding of giant sea perch because the scientific hatching can gain higher growth rate and best genes. Giant sea perch can be bred at sea or fresh water. It can be nurtured with the use of cage or in the pond.

Cage breeding system is being practised in Thailand, Malaysia and Taiwan. At present, Myanmar can breed such fish on a commercial



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scale.

Pyinhtetaw sea fish research of Fisheries Department farm in Kyunsu Township has been conducting the hatching of giant sea perch since 2011-2012 fiscal year. The farm can produce one to two million fingerlings while it breeds species of giant sea perch at its owned farm.

Fisheries Department (Head Office) formed a special team under the systematic plan to extend breeding of fish in case system in Myeik District of Taninthayi Region.

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Students provided with stipends of Nay Pyi Taw bus lines

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Nay Pyi Taw All Bus-line Control Committee (Highway) held a ceremony to present stipends to students of staff from bus lines under its control for matriculation examination in 2012-2013 academic year.

The ceremony took place at its office on 10 August.

It was attended by Chairman of the committee U Win Swe and members,

responsible persons of 52 bus lines.

The chairman made a speech and presented prizes to five students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours.

The committee members and officials gave stipends to 233 students at primary, middle, high school and university level, totally amounting to K 7,354,800.

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Gangaw plans to carry out rural development tasks

GANGAW, 13 Aug—The meeting on development of rural region was held at the hall of Gangaw District General Administration Department on 5 August morning, with a speech by Deputy Commissioner U Hla Min Htut of the district.

Plans are underway to carry out 39 road

transportation, 35 water supply for drinking purpose, 15 water supply for agricultural purpose, one electrification, six education task and one general task in Gangaw, Htilin, Saw townships and Kyaukhtu Sub-Township in 2013-2014 fiscal year.

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National Sports

Training aimed at securing gold medals



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan on 10 August viewed training of athletes at the sports camps in Nay Pyi Taw for taking part in the XXVII SEA Games.

In meeting with the athletes at the sports camps, the Union minister stressed the need to speed up their training sessions to be able to win gold medals in all sports events for uplifting the prestige of the State. They were urged to place emphasis on training under prescribed disciplines as stadiums and gymnasiums have been repaired and renovated. They

were also urged to secure the gold medals so as to serve the interests of the nation and the people.

Beginning 6 am, the Union Minister looked into training of jockeys at Shwenatha horse race course, practices of men and women boxers in Myanmar traditional (muay) boxing event at training centre -1 in Nay Pyi Taw, men's and women's teams at the gymnasium in traditional cane-ball event, those in the hoop Takraw event and players in the men's and women's doubles Sepak Takraw event.

Kyemon-Maung Maung Zaw

Crime

Pieces of sawn teak timber seized in Hlegu



HMAWBY, 13 Aug—Forester U ThanZaw and staff of Hmawby Township Forest Department stopped a Toyota Mark II at the forest gate at the junction of No 4 Highway in Hmawby Township at 7.45 am on 8 August.

The car did not stop and drove away. The personnel followed and caught it at mile post 7/4 near Malit Village of Hlegu Township.

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In searching it, the forester and party seized driver San Lwin and passenger Aye Min Soe along with 281 pieces of sawn teak timber weighing 0.412 ton worth K 500,000.

Dabein Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against driver San Lwin, Aye Min Soe and timber owner under the Section 43(a) of Forestry Law.

Charity

Assistance provided to triplet twins

KYAİKTO, 13 Aug—Chairperson of Thaton District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Sein Sein Soe presented assistance to triplet twins at Theinzayat Station Hospital in Kyaikto Township on 7 August.

The mother of the triplet twins is from Moppalin in Kyaikto Township, and the children were born at the station hospital in Theinzayat Village through surgical operation.

Basic officer course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Basic Officer Training Course No. 41 concluded at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) at its parade ground on 9 August.

Rector U Aung Tin Soe delivered an address and presented completion certificates to 122 officer trainees from ministries who attended the 14 weeks course.

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The triplet twins are girls. MCWA provided K 10,000, three blankets, three pieces of clothes, six yards of textile, one bottle of ovaltine and Moppalin Village administrator U Aung Kyaw and Chairman of the library U Hsan Win, necessary assistance.

Kyemon-Than Than Zaw (IPRD)

Ownerless seized oxen sold through auction

BAGO, 13 Aug—Bago Township Administrator U Kyaw Swe Win, Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Zaw Min, Assistant Director U Tin Ko Ko of



Township Development Affairs Committee, Head of Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Khaing Sabei Myint and Assistant Head of Township Internal Revenue

Department U Aung Myo Htut supervised the auction of 56 ownerless oxen seized by Phayagyi Police Station on 10 August.

23 persons bought the oxen through auction.

Next, the officials sold 56 oxen worth K 26,925,000 that will be handed over to the Bago Region government.

Kyemon-Phayagyithar

Heroin seized in Indaw, Homalin, Lashio

INDAW, 13 Aug—A squad led by SIP Aung Sein of Indaw Myoma Police Station acting on a tip-off searched the house of Po Chaw (a) Zaw Lwin, 40 of Manle (North) in Indaw Township at 6 am on 4 August.

They saw Po Chaw (a) Zaw Lwin together with Kyaw Thura Win (a) Aung Aung, 32 of Hmaw Village in Pinlebu Township and Ma Kyi Win, 47, of Thetkeyin Village in Katha Township.

The policemen seized five grams of heroin and one mobile phone.

Likewise, the authorities seized heroin in penicillin bottles worth over K 300,000 from Po La Hsan

of Shaukkhataung Village in Homalin Township on 3 August morning.

On 9 August evening, the authorities searched a motorcycle heading for Lashio from Mongyaw near the rubber plantation on Lashio-Mongyaw Road in Mongtin Village of Lashio Township. They seized 144 grams of heroin, 65 grams of heroin blocks and 4600 stimulant tablets weighing 414 grams from the tool box of the motorcycle.

Lashio, Homalin and Indaw police stations opened files of lawsuit against the drug traffickers and possessors under the law. Kyemon-Myo Win Tun/Zaw Lwin (Lashio)

Illegally imported viscera of chicken seized



BAGO, 13 Aug—With the aim of protecting the consumers and reducing illegal trade, the mobile team-2 checks vehicles at Waw-Sittoung-DaikU junction in Bago Region.

On 1 July morning, officials of the team stopped and searched Aung Sithi Express Bus driven by U

Myo Zaw at the junction and seized 350 kilos of viscera of chicken imported from other country worth K 875,000.

According to the Customs Law, action was taken against him and the seized viscera were destroyed and set on fire.

Kyemon-Htay Naing-Bago

WORLD

Japan, US have “deep, deep bond”

NARITA, (Japan), 13 Aug — Outgoing US Ambassador to Japan John Roos said on Monday that Japan and the United States have a “deep, deep bond with each other,” calling his four-year term “wonderful amazing years.”

“I hope in small way I was able to contribute to even deepening that bond further,” Roos told reporters at Narita airport near Tokyo before leaving Japan.

“The most important (thing) we have enjoyed is the wonderful people of Japan,” said Roos, who experienced the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami that hit northeastern Japan during his tenure.

Caroline Kennedy, daughter of the late US President John F Kennedy,



Outgoing US Ambassador to Japan John Roos waves to people seeing him off at Narita airport near Tokyo on 12 Aug, 2013.
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is the official nominee of President Barack Obama to become the next ambassador to Japan.

Kyodo News

Latest volcanic eruption shows challenge to Indonesia from its ‘ring of fire’

JAKARTA, 13 Aug—A deadly lava flow at the weekend that killed five people and sent hundreds fleeing illustrates the formidable challenges Indonesia faces in coping with the constant threat of eruptions from the world’s largest number of active volcanoes.

Mt Rokatenda at the eastern end of the archipelago off the island of Flores, on Saturday became the fifth serious volcanic eruption in just three years.

The most deadly in recent memory was Mt Merapi, near the densely populated city of Yogyakarta in central Java, which erupted in late 2010, killing over 350 people. “Observation centres in Indonesia have equipment that can detect an increase in geophysical or geochemical activity. So, if there are increasing tremors, it might be a sign



A view of Mount Rokatenda in Palue Island, as it spews hot ash into the air, is pictured from Maumere, East Nusa Tenggara Province on 11 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

of an imminent eruption,” said Dr Agung Harijoko, associate professor of volcanology at Gajah Mada University in central Java, Indonesia’s main island.

“But what is worrying is the capability and logistics to deal with such disasters, especially outside Java. The infrastructure isn’t very good and residents need to be alerted and educated better.”

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug—At least 16 people were killed and 41 wounded on Monday in a suicide bomb attack on a crowded cafe in Balad, 80 km (50 miles) north of Baghdad, part of the worst wave of violence in Iraq in around five years.

Two roadside bombs — one planted near a playground and another near a school — also killed six people and wounded dozens, some of them children, in the town of Muqdadiya, 80 km northeast of the capital.

Those blasts underlined a shift in tactics by suspected Islamist militants, who are increasingly targeting not only military checkpoints and marketplaces, but also cafes and recreational areas used by families and children.

Deadly Iraq bombings target cafe, school and playground

The latest bloodshed came as al-Qaeda claimed responsibility for weekend bombings across Iraq which killed dozens of people during Eid al-Fitr, the festive end to the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, heightening fears of even wider sectarian slaughter.

The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), formed earlier this year through a merger of al-Qaeda’s affiliates in Syria and Iraq, said on jihadist forums it was behind the attacks across Baghdad and southern provinces on Saturday.

It also warned the government to stop arresting suspected militants or face more violence.

“The Islamic State deployed some of its security efforts in Baghdad and the southern province and other

places to deliver a quick message,” ISIL said, according to the SITE Monitoring group, which tracks jihadist websites.

Bombs ripped through markets, shopping streets

and parks late on Saturday as Iraqi families were out celebrating Eid. Nearly 80 people were killed and scores wounded, police and medical sources said.

Reuters



People gather at the site of a car bomb attack in Kerbala, 110 km (70 miles) south of Baghdad, on 11 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Mursi supporters stand firm, brace for Egypt crackdown

CAIRO, 13 Aug—Islamist supporters of deposed President Mohamed Mursi refused to abandon their protest camps in Cairo on Monday and said they would fend off any police crackdown with sticks, stones and their faith.

By nightfall, though, the streets of the capital were relatively quiet as the security forces held back from any action despite warnings on Sunday that they were ready to dismantle the camps. Foreign Minister Nabil Fahmy said every effort was being made to resolve the situation through dialogue.

In a political development, the Nour Party said it could join the assembly writing a new constitution for the country, adding Islamist support to the military’s political transition plan following its overthrow of Mursi last month.

Nour is Egypt’s second largest Islamist party after Mursi’s Muslim Brotherhood.

The crisis brought on by the removal of the Arab nation’s first freely elected president is now focused on the protest camps, where thousands of his supporters are demanding his reinstatement.

At the al-Nahda camp, centered round a traffic circle and extending down a palm tree-lined boulevard next to the Cairo zoo, the mood was solemn but not fearful.

Asked about the threat of a crackdown, Ahmed Shargawy, a 23-year-old translator, said: “They said that 15 days ago too. They always say they are going to finish it.”

A block away, half a dozen armoured troop carriers and a few squads of soldiers were positioned outside a police station, but they did not look like part of a strike force ready to move.

The authorities are keen to end the protests but they held off from acting over the Eid al-Fitr holiday

after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. The holiday ended on Sunday.

A security source said the delay was also because crowds had swelled the camps after reports of an imminent crackdown.

Army chief General Abdel Fattah al-Sisi is under pressure from hardline officers to end the sit-ins, security sources say. But Western and Arab envoys and some senior Egyptian government members have pressed the army to avoid using force.

Fahmy said the right to peaceful protest would be guaranteed. But he suggested there was a limit to the government’s patience.

“It is not reasonable for any democratic government to have to accept sit-ins where violence is being used and the security of citizens and the country is being threatened,” state news agency MENA quoted him as saying.

Reuters

Taleban group warns Pakistani government against executions

ISLAMABAD, 13 Aug—Punjabi Taleban have warned Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif’s government of revenge if it executes convicted militants as scheduled.

“The executions would be regarded as a declaration of war (on the Pakistani Taleban) by Pakistan Muslim League (N) and the party will have to pay

its price,” said a letter the group sent to media organizations.

The letter asked both the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (N) and the Tehreek-e-Insaf party of Imran Khan to be wary of conspiracies with pro-India or pro-United States forces and not to become a part of the war on terror.

Punjabi Taleban is a

powerful component of Tehreek-e-Taleban Pakistan with a sizeable following in southern Punjab.

The Pakistan Peoples Party government imposed a moratorium on executions in 2008 through an executive order, but it lapsed with the ouster of the government in general elections in May.

Kyodo News



A member of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporter of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi walks near tents in front of the main gate of Cairo University, which has been boarded up for protection from riot police, around Nahdet Misr Square where Mursi supporters are camping in Giza, south of Cairo on 12 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

California billionaire lifts lid on 'Hyperloop' futuristic transport

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Aug — Billionaire US entrepreneur Elon Musk unveiled plans on Monday for a futuristic "Hyperloop" transportation system to whisk passengers between San Francisco and Los Angeles in under half an hour.

The highly anticipated announcement put to rest some of the questions surrounding the ambitious project, which the Tesla Motors Inc founder and CEO has hinted at for months but declined to discuss in detail. Musk said the Hyperloop would cost less than \$6 billion in total and could transport 7.4 million people each way each year.

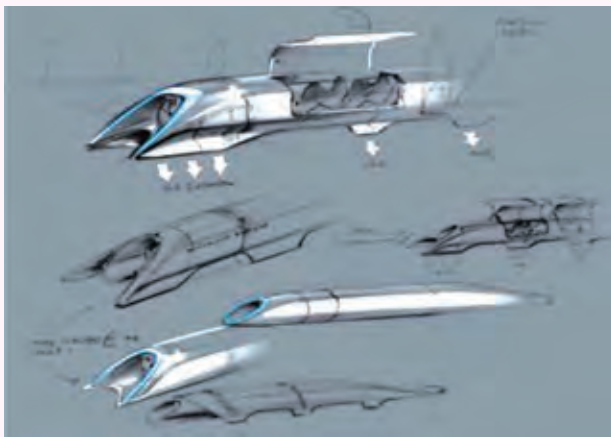
He said it would take 7-10 years for the project to be completed.

The solar-powered system, which Musk previously described as a cross between a Concorde, rail gun and air-hockey table, would shoot as many as 28 passengers in each

enclosed capsule through a low-pressure steel tube at up to 800 miles per hour, according to the 57-page design plan.

Musk, who made his name as a PayPal founding member before going on to start SpaceX and Tesla, envisions capsules departing every 30 seconds and traversing the roughly 400 miles between Los Angeles and San Francisco — the busiest traffic corridor on the West Coast — along an elevated tube erected along the I-5 interstate highway.

The capsules ride a cushion of air blasted from "skis" beneath, propelled via a magnetic linear accelerator. Major questions remain, notably whether the California state government will ever approve the massive project, and whether any private companies are willing to step in and build it. The design remains theoretical and has yet to be tested in the field. Musk has said he is too busy run-



A sketch of billionaire US entrepreneur Elon Musk's proposed "Hyperloop" transport system is shown in this publicity image released to Reuters on 12 Aug, 2013 by Tesla Motors.—REUTERS

ning electric car company Tesla and rocket manufacturer SpaceX to build the Hyperloop himself. He said the design plans were open-source, meaning others can build on them. On Monday, however, he told reporters on a conference call he could kick off the project. "I've come around a little bit on my thinking here," he said. "Maybe I could do the beginning bit... and then hand it over to somebody else," he said.

He said he would be willing to put some of his personal fortune toward the project but stressed that building the Hyperloop was

a low priority for him as he continues to focus primarily on SpaceX and Tesla.

He also asked the public for help improving the design. Corporations have resorted in the past to public assistance on their products. In 2009, Netflix Inc awarded a cash prize to a team that succeeded in improving by 10 percent the accuracy of its system for movie recommendations.

Musk is floating the Hyperloop as an alternative to the state's planned high-speed train line, which he has said will be both too expensive to build and too slow.—Reuters

Facebook plans to buy voice recognition app maker

SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Aug — Facebook Inc plans to buy the maker of a speech recognition and language translation app, providing technology that could bolster the social networking company's mobile efforts.

Facebook did not disclose the financial terms of its deal for Pittsburgh-based Mobile Technologies. Facebook Management Director Tom Stocky said in a blog post on Monday, "Voice technology has become an increasingly important way for people to navigate mobile devices

and the web."

The deal comes a week after Motorola, which is owned by Facebook rival Google Inc, unveiled its Moto X phone which has built-in voice recognition capabilities. Apple Inc's Siri feature, which functions as a personal assistant for iPhones, also uses voice recognition.

Mobile Technologies, founded in 2001, was the maker of the free Jibbigo Translator mobile app that automatically translates speech from more than 20 languages.—Reuters



The loading screen of the Facebook application on a mobile phone is seen in this photo illustration taken in Lavigny on 16 May, 2012. —REUTERS

US horse association will be ordered to allow clones on registry



Cloned horse BS Nandubay Bicentenario and its mother Perdida Pueatera (rear), are shown at a Buenos Aires' farm on 10 Oct, 2010. —REUTERS

NEW YORK, 13 Aug — A US horse association soon will be required to add cloned horses and their offspring to its prestigious registry, a federal judge in Texas ruled on Monday. The decision could encourage cloning and open the way for the animals to participate in lucrative horse races. US District Court Judge Mary Lou Robinson said she will sign an order requiring the American Quarter Horse Association to begin allowing cloned animals to be placed on its registry, according to the organization.

Two Texas breeders, rancher Jason Abraham

and veterinarian Gregg Veneklasen, sued the American Quarter Horse Association last year, asserting the group was operating a monopoly by ex-

cluding clones. A jury last month ruled that the horse association violated anti-monopoly laws by banning cloned animals. The judge did not rule on the plaintiffs' request for an award of nearly \$900,000 in attorney fees, according to the horse association. No other horse breeding registry allows cloned animals, although the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association allows cloned horses to compete in rodeos.

Some quarter horse owners and breeders have complained that cloned animals have an unfair advantage because they are selected according to superior genetic characteristics.—Reuters

US sets up intelligence surveillance technology review body

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — The Obama administration on Monday launched a formal review of its electronic intelligence gathering that has come under widespread criticism since leaks by a former spy agency contractor. The Review Group on Intelligence and Communications Technologies will examine the technical and policy issues that arise from rapid advances in

global telecommunications, the White House said in a statement. The group will assess whether US data collection "optimally protects our national security and advances our foreign policy while appropriately accounting for other policy considerations, such as the risk of unauthorized disclosure and our need to maintain the public trust," the statement said. The high-level group of outside ex-

Neandertals may invent "first specialized bone tools" in Europe

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — Researchers from Germany and the Netherlands on Monday reported the discovery of the oldest specialized bone tools in Europe at sites where Neandertals, a dead-end species in human evolution, lived some 50,000 years ago.

The findings, described in the US journal of *Pro-*

ceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggest that Neandertals, who lived during the ice age, may have invented the first specialized bone tools in Europe and passed their know-how on to the ancestors of modern humans.

The species is named after Neandertal, the location in Germany where it

was first discovered. Researchers led by Shannon McPherron of the Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, unearthed three fragments of the four bone tools at the Neandertal site of Abri Peyrony in southwest France. A second group, led by Marie Soressi at the Leiden University, found a larger, more complete tool at a neighbouring Neandertal site called Pech-de-l'Aze.

The researchers said the tools called lissoirs or smoothers are shaped from deer ribs and are similar to a tool type well known from later modern human sites and still in use today by high-end leather workers.

The implements have a polished tip that, when pushed against a hide, creates softer, burnished and more water resistant leather, they said.

"For now the bone tools from these two sites are one of the better pieces of evidence we have for Neandertals developing on their own a technology previously associated only with modern humans," McPherron said in a statement.

Xinhua



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Singapore's water firm Hyflux inks eco project in Sichuan



SINGAPORE, 13 Aug — Singapore's leading water treatment firm Hyflux said on Monday that it has inked an exclusive strategic cooperation framework agreement for an eco project in China's Sichuan Province.

The project, named Hejiang Fobao Yulanshan Mountain Wetlands project, is planned "to be a world-class ecological and environmentally friendly development consisting of residential, commercial, recreational and tourism

developments."

Hyflux, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Hyflux Management and Consultancy Pte Ltd signed the agreement with Hejiang County People's Government and Sichuan Hengxin Weiye Investment Co. Ltd.

The Hyflux said during the six-month validity period of the agreement, it will conduct feasibility studies with Hengxin Weiye Investment.

The two companies will also work with local

government of Hejiang County "on the features and other details of the project, including the design and development of sustainable water infrastructure and other environment related facilities."

The Hyflux Management and Consultancy will leverage on the Hyflux's "extensive expertise and experience in water treatment solutions and environment technology," the company said in a statement.

Xinhua

US FDA approves GlaxoSmithKline's HIV drug Tivicay

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — The US Food and Drug Administration said on Monday it has approved GlaxoSmithKline Plc's drug Tivicay to treat the most common strain of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. The once-daily drug, known generically as dolutegravir, belongs to a novel class known as integrase inhibitors that block the virus from entering cells. Tivicay is owned by ViiV Healthcare, an HIV joint venture between GSK, Pfizer Inc and Shionogi & Co Ltd in which GSK is the largest shareholder, with a 76.5 percent stake. Analysts on average expect sales of the drug to reach about \$900 million by 2017, according to six analysts polled by Thomson Reuters. Tivicay can be used to treat infected adults

who have been treated with other drugs or are new to treatment.

The FDA also approved the drug for use in children aged 12 years and over, who weigh at least 40 kg (88 lbs) and who have not received treatment with a drug that has

and headache.

Serious side effects included allergic reactions and abnormal liver function in patients who were also infected with hepatitis B or C. Patients received either Tivicay or Merck & Co's Isentress in combination with other HIV drugs;



A no entry sign is pictured outside the GlaxoSmithKline building in Hounslow, west London on 18 June, 2013.

REUTERS

the same mechanism of action. About 50,000 people in the United States are infected with HIV each year and about 15,500 died in 2010, according to the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Common side effects of Tivicay in clinical trials included insomnia or they received Atripla, a fixed-dose combination of three HIV drugs made by Gilead Sciences Inc. A fifth trial evaluated the safety of the drug in children. Last week the FDA approved Alere Inc's HIV test which is designed to diagnose HIV infection earlier.—Reuters

Eyes may hold clues to stroke risk

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — Eyes may someday be used to assess if you're more likely to develop a stroke, researchers reported Monday in the American Heart Association journal *Hypertension*. Researchers from the National University of Singapore tracked stroke occurrence for an average 13 years in 2,907 patients with high blood pressure who had not previously experienced a stroke. At the start of the study, each participant had photographs taken of the retina, the light-sensitive layer of cells at the back of the eyeball. Damage to the retinal blood vessels attributed to hypertension, called hypertensive retinopathy, evident on the photo-

graphs was scored as none, mild, moderate or severe.

During the follow-up, 146 participants experienced a stroke caused by a blood clot and 15 by bleeding in the brain. After adjusting for several stroke risk factors such as age, sex, race, cholesterol levels, blood sugar, body mass index, smoking and blood pressure readings, the researchers found the risk of stroke was 35 percent higher in those with mild hypertensive retinopathy and 137 percent higher in those with moderate or severe hypertensive retinopathy.

Even in patients on medication and achieving good blood pressure control, the risk of a blood clot was 96 percent higher in those



with mild hypertensive retinopathy and 198 percent higher in those with moderate or severe hypertensive retinopathy, they said. "The retina provides information on the status of blood vessels in the brain," said Mohammad Kamran Ikram, lead author of the study and assistant professor in the Singapore Eye Research Institute at the National

University of Singapore. "Retinal imaging is a non-invasive and cheap way of examining the blood vessels of the retina."

Worldwide, high blood pressure is the single most important risk factor for stroke. However, it's still not possible to predict which high blood pressure patients are most likely to develop a stroke.—Xinhua

Machinists top Teamsters in vote to represent US Air mechanics



US Airways jets are seen at Reagan National Airport in Washington on 12 July, 2013. — REUTERS

ATLANTA, 13 Aug — The machinists union on Monday won an election to represent nearly 5,000 US Airways Group (LCC.N) mechanics, beating back an attempt by the Teamsters to gain a foothold at the carrier

ahead of its merger with American Airlines.

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers received 1,903 votes, or 57 percent of votes counted, in the month-long election,

based on certified results from the US National Mediation Board. The International Brotherhood of Teamsters garnered 1,418 votes, or less than 42 percent of ballots counted.

In a statement, the Teamsters said it hoped the US Airways workers who supported its union would be heard. The US Air mechanics have been represented by the machinists union since 1949.

"Hundreds of mechanics and related (workers) at US Airways had the courage to launch a campaign and more than 1,400 voted for change," said Bret Caldwell, communications director for the In-

ternational Brotherhood of Teamsters."

They reached out to the Teamsters because they are the lowest-paid mechanics and have the lowest standards in the industry and wanted a strong alternative to their failed representation," Caldwell added in a statement.

The Teamsters made a big push this year to displace unions at both US Airways and its merger partner American. In May, it filed with the US mediation board seeking an election for mechanics at American, who are currently represented by the Transport Workers Union.

Reuters

Kids' chronic stomach pain tied to anxiety disorders

NEW YORK, 13 Aug — Children with chronic or recurring stomach pain without a clear medical explanation were also more likely to have an anxiety disorder than those without stomach problems, in a new study. By the time kids with stomach pain reached age 20, just over half had symptoms of an anxiety disorder at some point, most often social anxiety, researchers found. Anxiety tended to start in early childhood, around the same time as the chronic stomach problems.

Past studies suggest between eight and 25 percent of all youth have chronic stomach pain, researchers noted. When there's no clear medical cause for the pain — such as inflammatory bowel disease or celiac disease — it's known as functional abdominal

pain. "It's very prevalent, and it's one of the most common reasons that children and adolescents end up in their pediatrician's office. It's one of the most common reasons kids are missing school," said Dr Eva Szigethy, head of the Medical Coping Clinic at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh Inflammatory Bowel Disease Centre. One small study of children with that type of pain found they were at a higher than average risk of anxiety disorders as young adults. To build on those findings, Lynn Walker from the Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in Nashville, Tennessee, and her colleagues followed 332 children who visited a doctor for unexplained stomach pain between age eight and 17.—Reuters



WORLD

Japan confirms Kenya oil exploration project with new government

NAIROBI, 13 Aug—Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said on Monday that he has confirmed with the Kenyan government that the two countries will jointly undertake oil exploration in the southwestern part of the country.

The two countries' state-owned resource developers — Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corp. and National Oil Corp. of Kenya — agreed in April last year to jointly conduct exploration in the Great Rift Valley region. The project was reconfirmed with the government led by

President Uhuru Kenyatta, who came into power in April this year, according to Motegi.

Motegi, who met Deputy President William Ruto in Nairobi on Sunday, told *Kyodo News* that "it is important for Japan to secure oil interests" in Kenya eventually.

Exploration is expected to be undertaken through the fall of 2014. Japan has been requesting Japanese companies be given concessions for test drilling if an oil deposit is confirmed.

During his visit to Kenya, Motegi unveiled a Japanese plan to accommodate



Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshimitsu Motegi (far L) and Kenyan Deputy President William Ruto (far R) hold talks in Nairobi, Kenya, on 11 Aug, 2013. Motegi said 12 Aug that he has confirmed with the Kenyan government that the two countries will jointly undertake oil exploration in the southwestern part of the country. —KYODO NEWS

30 people for training in the petroleum business over the next five years. He also visited the Olkaria geothermal project for power generation in Naivasha.

Motegi visited Tanzania and Kenya from Friday

through Monday. In Tanzania, he held talks with President Jakaya Kikwete and promoted the participation of Japanese businesses in seaport and railway infrastructure development.

Kyodo News

Spying scandal sets back US chances for fighter jet sale to Brazil

BRASILIA, 13 Aug—US hopes of landing a coveted deal worth more than \$4 billion to sell 36 fighter jets to Brazil have suffered a setback with recent revelations that the United States collected data on Brazilian Internet communications.

When US Secretary of State John Kerry sits down with Brazilian officials in Brasilia on Tuesday to prepare a state visit to the White House by President Dilma Rousseff, the sale of the warplanes will not be on the agenda, a Brazilian source said. "We cannot talk about the fighters now—You cannot give such a contract to a country that you do not trust," a high-level Brazil-

ian government official told *Reuters* on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

The official said Kerry's one-day visit to Brazil will focus on restoring the trust between Washington and Brasilia that was shaken by the spying disclosures, which set off a political uproar in the largest US trade partner in South America. Last month, Brazilian newspaper *O Globo* published documents leaked by fugitive former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden that revealed US surveillance of Internet communications in Brazil and other Latin American countries.—*Reuters*



A ring of water vapor begins to form as pilots Lt Justin Halligan (L) and Lt Michael Witt (R) fly their F/A-18F Super Hornet airplane within 200mph of breaking the sound barrier while performing at New York Air Show at Jones Beach in Wantagh, New York, on 23 May, 2009.—REUTERS

Gov't security panel to discuss Japan's response to cyberattacks

TOKYO, 13 Aug—A government panel of experts tasked with considering lifting Japan's self-imposed ban on exercising the right to collective self-defense will discuss the country's response to cyberattacks, a government source said on Monday.

The panel on the legal framework for Japan's security issues will examine whether Tokyo should exercise the right to coming to the defence of an ally in the event of international cyberattacks targeted at computer systems of the allied country, the source said.

It will also consider how Japan will deal with progress in space development, according to the source.

Japan and the United States have cooperated on space security issues in view of China's expansion of its activities in the area outside the earth's atmosphere.

Under its current interpretation of the pacifist Constitution, Japan does not permit itself to exercise the right because doing so would go beyond the self-defence allowed under the war-renouncing Article 9 of the supreme law.

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Fidel Castro's role in Cuba is chiefly offstage as he turns 87



Former Cuban leader Fidel Castro sits at the inauguration of the Vilma Espin Guillois school in Havana in this picture taken on 9 April, 2013, and released by Cuban website Cubadebate on 11 April, 2013.

REUTERS

HAVANA, 13 Aug—Fidel Castro turns 87 on Tuesday, largely out of sight but not out of mind, as Cuba struggles to move on from his half-century rule and as many of his policies are reconsidered under the leadership of his younger brother Raul.

The birthday of one of Latin America's most iconic revolutionary figures has been a low key celebration in recent years. A choral concert in his honour at the Jose Marti national monument in Havana on Monday evening was the only official event planned.

Castro goes about his daily activities out of the public eye, and how much influence the retired commandante still wields is unknown. He emerges every once in a while to reassure his followers that he is very much around, frustrating

those who wish he was not.

"No one believes anymore that Fidel has any real influence over day-to-day policy," a western diplomat said, "but that doesn't mean he is never consulted on big questions or that when he comes out it isn't important." The government has staged just three media events this year for Castro: first, to vote in January for National Assembly deputies and chat with local reporters; then, in February, to attend the new parliament's opening session where his brother's possible successor, 53-year-old Miguel Diaz-Canel, was named first vice president, and more recently, to inaugurate a school near his home on the outskirts of Havana.

Photos of a frail-looking Castro meeting with visiting dignitaries are oc-

asionally published, as well as some of his writings, though far fewer than his once frequent "Reflections," on global topics.

The once-towering, broad-shouldered man is now stooped. He has trouble walking, and his famed booming oratory has softened to a near whisper. It is a transformation which brought tears to two women interviewed for this story.

Reuters

Israel says it intercepts rocket launch near Egypt's Sinai

JERUSALEM, 13 Aug—Israel intercepted a rocket near Egypt's Sinai Peninsula early on Tuesday, exploding it in the air over the southern Israeli city of Eilat, a military official said.

No damage or injury was reported in the incident, but explosions reverberated in the dark skies over the desert hills surrounding the Israeli resort city, where it also set off air raid sirens, witnesses and Israeli news

media said.

Israel's Ynet website said it was the first time Israel's Iron Dome interceptor had struck a missile fired at Eilat. The military official declined to say from where the missile had been fired. Israel briefly shut its airport in Eilat on Thursday citing threats from militants in Sinai involved in a standing confrontation with the Egyptian military.

The violence picked up after former Egyptian Pres-

ident Hosni Mubarak, an ally of Israel, was toppled from power in 2011. It has increased again since last month's military ouster of Muslim Brotherhood leader Mohamed Mursi as Egypt's president.

Four Islamist guerrillas in Egypt's Sinai were killed on Friday by a missile strike that al-Qaeda blamed on Israel. Israel dismissed the reports saying it respected Egypt's sovereignty.

Reuters



Photo taken on 13 Aug, 2013, shows water spouting from the sea as the Maritime Self-Defence Force disposed of a mine in the Kammon Straits off Shimonoseki, Yamaguchi Prefecture. The mine, found buried in the seabed off Shimonoseki in June, was dropped by a US bomber around the end of World War II. KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

Experts seek ways for implementation of Brahamaputra-Salween Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (BSL)

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug — Experts from Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and from International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) based in Nepal held a meeting to compile a report on the Brahamaputra-

Salween Landscape Conservation and Development Initiative (BSL) yesterday.

In his opening address at the meeting at the Forest Research Department (Yezin), Director-General of the Forest Department Dr Nyi Nyi

Kyaw called for stepping up efforts for conservation of Brahamaputra basin, which is one of the world's 34 key biodiversity conservation sites, saving the biodiversities in danger of extinction due to the climate change and increasing in population.

Plans are underway to make survey and compile report which would ensure success of the strategies and project of the BSL.

The meeting focused on supporting information to the report by related departments, ensuring participatory approach of the related departments and stakeholders and seeking ways for compiling report and implementation strategies.

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CONSTRUCTION

Sanitation tasks carried out along Kalay-Gangaw railroad section



KALAY, 13 Aug — Bushes by Kalay-Gangaw railroad section were cleared and the conditions of the railroad were inspected by railway engineers and workers on 8 August.

The mission was led by two junior engineers of Myanma Railways and carried out by 40 workers.

The sanitation efforts covered the areas around Hnankha, Mwelal, Gangaw, Myinza and Kan railway stations.

Assistant Engineer U

Thaung Nyunt inspected and supervised the works.

Kalay-Gangaw railway section was opened on 5 February 1996 and has more than 20 railway stations on the railroad. The length of the road is 82 miles.

The budget of K 223.9 million for the major repair of the road section has been requested at the parliament, according to the Kalay Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Hlaing.—MMAL-Sin Nay

Min

Water supply facilities in Mahaaungmye Tsp repaired

MANDALAY, 13 Aug — Mandalay City Development Committee is regenerating the water supply facilities in the second largest city of Myanmar.

The committee sank new artesian wells and replaced old pipelines with new ones in Mahamyain Nos. (1) and (2) wards in

Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay.

Water supply facilities in the area are outdated and dilapidated, causing leakage along the pipeline.

The MCDC effort is aimed at ensuring safe water supply in the city.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

HRD

Teachers invited to participate in 2013 World Teacher's Day article contest

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug — The article contest will be held in four categories—higher education, basic education high school, middle school and primary school—to mark World Teacher's Day 2013 which falls on 5 October.

Faculty members from the universities and colleges and retired ones are to take part in higher education level, township education officers, staff officers, BEHS heads and SAT in basic education high school level, BEMS heads and JAT in basic

education middle school level and BEPS heads and PAT in basic education primary school level.

The 2013 World Teacher's Day article title is "uplift teachers' qualification, to promote education standard." The participants may send the soft copy (between 3,000 and 4,000 words) with related documents to Daw Khin Wai Myint (Principal), Yankin Education College, Yangon, not later than 13 September.

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Electrification

Power plants built in Mandalay District

MANDALAY, 13 Aug — Region industry minister

Dr Myint Kyu and officials visited Thinpangon power plant in Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay Region and inspected the operation of the power plant.

He urged the staff there to complete the installation works on schedule and for supply of more electricity to end users.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Stipends granted to offspring of members of Pyinmana All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug — Pyinmana All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee (Highway) in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area granted stipends to offspring of members at the ceremony held at its office in Bawgathiri Highway Bus Terminal on 10 August.

The chairman of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee delivered an address at the ceremony, saying the committee had granted K 1.9 million since the start of his reign.

He promised that

the stipends would be granted each year to the schoolchildren from the families of buslines workers. He stressed the importance of the education.

A total of 77 primary school students received K 20000 each; 74 middle school students K 25000 each; 31 high school students K 30000 each; and 22 university students K 50000 each as stipends.

Distinction winners in the matriculation exam were awarded K 30000 per distinctions.

The amount of stipends granted to 223 students reach K 7,354,800 in total.

MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing

Water Supply

Water tanks donated to primary school in water-scarce village

SAGAING, 13 Aug — Water tanks and pots were donated to a Basic Education Primary School in water-scarce area in Ywathaya village in Sagaing Region on 8 August.

At first, Township Development Committee Chairman U Zaw Win explained the purpose of donation of the tanks with the capacity of 2800 gallons for Ywathaya villagers who have occasionally experienced drought.

After that, Township

Development Supervisory Committee Chairman U Myint Maung gave educative talks on utilization of rainwater.

Other facilities to tap rainwater were also presented to the school by townselders.

The water tanks were donated by U Zaw Win, Dr Daw Hnin Hnin Sein, U Nyunt Hlaing and wife Daw Khin Swe Win and Dr Myint Myint Sein (Mandalay), U Zaw Win Aung and U Soe Win and other donors.

MMAL-137

Health

Drug stores in Pyinmana inspected



NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug — Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi of 200-bedded Hospital in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area led a combined team of food and drug control formed with officials of Township General Administration Department, Township

Development Affairs Committee and Veterinary Department inspected drug stores in Pyinmana Township on 9 August morning.

They inspected whether the medicines were legally imported and have official licenses, whether they met set standards.—MMAL-406

Crime

Killer alligator captured dead

BOGALE, 13 Aug — A killer alligator has been captured dead by villagers in Phondawgyi jetty in Satkyun village in Bogale Township.

The alligator named "Mae Lone" killed a novice,

11, taking bath in the creek on 4 August morning.

It is 18 ft long and seven ft round. The body was discovered near Thanbaung village on the other side of the village.

It reportedly killed a

primary school student, 11, in 2012.

There is still another alligator, even larger than Mae Lone, is also running here and there in the creek.

MMAL-Myint Lwin (Bogale)

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 14 August, 2013

Drought and anxiety of farmers

Mandalay and Magway Regions in central Myanmar are arid zones with frequent scarcities of water. Water is as precious as gold for those living in the arid zones. Local people in those regions are at the mercy of rain which is a decisive factor for improving their socio-economic status. However, most of the local people there are at best subject to drought which brings with it misery and anxiety.

Drought that occurred recently in the southern part of Myanmar had caused damage to a vast stretch of crops such as gram, sesame, maize and cotton. Local farmers of the region who rely largely on good rain felt deeply wounded by the unusual weather. With drought, some farmers remain uncommitted to repaying agricultural loans as their cultivation drags on for weeks and later meets with failure.

The only way of taking remedial measures against the frequent drought is the construction of dams and reservoirs in those regions. Tapping underground water and extended building of irrigated systems are also another option. The full water supply for agricultural purpose could release the distress of the local farmers to a greater extent.

President U Thein Sein at a meeting held out the prospect of concrete steps to be taken for full supply of irrigated water in the remaining 30 months of government's five-year term. When the plan is successfully translated into reality, local farmers in those regions including the west areas of Meiktila District will be overcome with joy and happiness, for irrigated water is simply their lifeblood and their lifeblood is simply irrigated water.

Myanmar-Japan Ministerial level meeting on natural disaster held

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Myanmar-Japan Ministerial level meeting on natural disaster took place at Thingaha Hotel, here, yesterday morning, with an address by Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Minister of Japan Mr. Akihiro Ohta.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said that Japanese government has been providing technical assistance related to weather and earthquake and equipment. The three weather radars provided by Japanese government will be installed in Yangon, Mandalay and Kyaukpadaung, he added. He invited investments and official development assistance (ODA) from Japan.

Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin said that plans are underway to establish natural disaster risk management school in Hinthada Township of Ayeyawady Region and pledged to further cooperate in natural disaster risk management tasks between Myanmar and Japan.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw expressed his wishes for installation of necessary machines to inspect safety of the dams and technical skill and modern equipment in cooperation with Japanese government.

At the meeting, a joint communiqué on Myanmar-Japan cooperation in natural disaster risk management was issued.

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It needs to establish good relations...

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relations, cooperation and mutual respects. He urged those officials to take accountability and responsibility for finance and sports system.

It is heartening to see strenuous efforts of all

sports federations. It needs to overcome the challenges by turning into golden opportunity through the efforts of all federations. He called for systematically drafting strategy and plans by all federations, he added.

After that, the Sports

Federation Presidents and delegates reported choosing selected sportsmen, training and all-round preparations.

Afterwards, member of Financial Raising and Prize-awarding Committee Deputy Minister Dr Lin Aung, Deputy Ministers U Zaw Win and U Thang Htike also presented sector-wise reports.

Chairman of the

Leading Committee for holding XXVII SEA Games Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan urged those present to make more efforts and collaboration for the success of the SEA Games.

In his concluding speech, Vice-President U Nyan Tun called for collaboration for success of the SEA Games.

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AIBD's Annual Gathering and General Conference and Associated Meeting held

Union Information Minister U Aung Kyi poses for documentary photo together with those present at 39th Annual Gathering and 12th AIBD General Conference and Associated Meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—"Media plays an important role in shaping and defining societal norms in the modern world," said Union Minister for Information U Aung Kyi at 39th Annual Gathering and 12th AIBD General Conference and Associated Meeting, at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening.

The Union Minister also said that it is therefore important to have a strong

and responsible media in the region, able to inform, educate and entertain audiences through fair, impartial and a balanced array of programming.

Media also plays a role in building cohesive and knowledgeable societies by sharing information and knowledge to audiences around the world, helping to build understanding and tolerance between societies and countries, he added. The Minister urged

all media to strive to serve audience responsibly.

CEO U Win Maw of Forever Group extended a greeting and AIBD General Conference President Mrs Rosarita Niken Widiastuti delivered a welcoming remarks.

After that, the Union minister, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, the AIBD President and officials presented AIBD's awards to the winners.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister U Ye Htut, AIBD Director Mr Yang Binyuan, responsible persons from Forever Group and 67 delegates from 19 countries and guests.

The conference which is organized by Asia Pacific Broadcasting Development (AIBD) and jointly arranged by the Ministry of Information and Forever Group, will go on till 15 August.

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Union Attorney-General meets guests from NUS and UK aid Organization

Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives Retired Deputy Minister of State for Law and Education from NUS Professor Mr Ho Peng Kee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received a delegation led by Professor Mr Ho Peng Kee, Retired Deputy Minister of State for Law and Education from National University of Singapore (NUS) at Union Attorney-General Office, here this morning. They cordially discussed more investments in Myanmar in coming September and capacity building of lawyers.

The Attorney-General of the Union also met Mr Michael Wright of UK aid Organization at the same venue in the afternoon and discussed sharing of experience on drafting law.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

HRD

Crops protection undertaken in Taninthayi



TANINTHAYI, 13 Aug—Staff Officer Daw Aye Thanda Soe of Myeik District Agriculture Department of Taninthayi Region, together with Head of Taninthayi Township Agriculture Department and staff and those of Township Development Affairs Committee made field trips to grassroots level in Taninthayi Township on 9 August.

They checked pesticides and other drugs for crops at the shops and

gave educative talks to the sellers on rules of the pesticides and pesticide lists banned by Pesticide Registration Committee under the notification No 1/2013.

They checked the shop of Daw Nyunt Nyunt Tin on Thukha Street in Chaunggyi Ward and other four shops and urged them not to sell the strong pesticides to the customers and to attend the pesticide control training course.

Kyemon-Htein Win

Landslide blocks Tachilek-Monghsat Road

TACHILEK, 13 Aug—The heavy rains caused landslides at the exit of Tachilek on Tachilek-Monghsat Road at 3 pm on 11 August.

The landslide area was over seven feet high and 60 feet long on the road. Township Administrator

U Ye Htoo and officials supervised clearing of soils with the use of heavy machinery from Thawda Win Construction Co as soon as possible.

There was no casualty in the landslides.

Kyemon-Maung Swe Nyein



Yangon Region ABCC (Central) opens basic course for bus workers

YANGON, 13 Aug—The All Bus-line Control Committee (Central) of Yangon Region conducted the opening of basic course No 21/2013 for bus workers at its office on 12 August.

Chairman of the committee U Hla Aung made a speech. Departmental officials gave lectures to the

trainees.

The bus workers under two years services are allowed to attend the training course.

About 140 trainees from bus lines running in downtown Yangon attended the course that last 9 am to 5 pm the same day.

Kyemon-Kalaungmon

Men's Table Tennis Invitational Cup kicks off

MANDALAY, 13 Aug—With the aim of turning out University selected players on whom the State can rely, the University/Degree College Men's Table Tennis Invitational Tournament, organized by Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), commenced at Open Shed of Mandalay University on 12 August.

The tournament is held under the supervision of Sports Plus Education Leading Committee of the Ministry of Education.

It was attended by Deputy Director-General Dr Thein Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar), Chairman of the Leading Organizing Committee of the tournament Rector of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages Dr Zaw Lin, Rector of Kyaukse University Dr Myint Lwin, Rector-in-charge of Sagaing



Institute of Education U Yin Win Maung, Rector-in-Charge of Mandalay University of Distance Education Dr Tin Maung Hla, Pro-Rector of Mandalay University of Foreign Languages Dr Tint Tint, umpires, guests, organizing committee members, team captains of the universities and degree colleges, coaches

and managers, faculty members and students.

At first, 14 contending teams from universities and degree colleges took the positions at the designated places.

The deputy director-general made an opening address and launched the competition.

The athletes took the

sports oaths.

The sports teams in five groups are taking part in the group matches of the tournament at the Open Shed of Mandalay University on the opening day.

The tournament is categorized as inter-club, doubles and singles events on 13 August.—*Kyemon-MUFL*

Natural Disaster

Creek overflows villages in Hsipaw Tsp

HSHIPAW, 13 Aug—Due to heavy rains, the torrential water caused floods at Manli Creek as of 9 August evening in Hsipaw Township of northern Shan State.

Three feet deep water inundated the land of 57 houses in Mamonhtein, Ayechantha, Seinpan and north Konnyaung wards in Namlan Village-tract.

Township Administrator U Myo Tint Zaw, Commander of Township Police Force

Police Major Myint Swe, Medical Superintendent Dr Nyunt Oo Maung of Hsipaw Township Hospital, Dr Shwe Nyan of Namlan Station Hospital and local authorities supervised pumping out the spoiled water from all wells from the compound of the houses and chlorinated the wells.

At present, the water at the region subsided and there was no loss and damage.

Kyemon-Sai Tha Hlaing

Government Employees Cooperative holds meeting

KATHA, 13 Aug—Katha Township Government Employees Cooperative (GEC) held the annual general meeting for 2012-2013 fiscal year and the executive election at the hall of Township Cooperative Department in Katha on 10 August morning.

Meeting chairman U Aung Htay and Staff Officer U Aung Min Oo made speeches.

Head of the department Daw Myint Myint Shein read the executive committee report and future tasks. Head of department Daw Ohnma Toe read the financial

statement.

Members of the GEC approved the reports and future tasks.

At the ceremony, officials presented prizes



Business

Small loans disbursed in Taninthayi Tsp



TANINTHAYI, 13 Aug—A ceremony to disburse K 5 million loans was held at the guest house of Taninthayi Township Cooperative Syndicate on 9 August afternoon.

The loans were given by Taninthayi Region Cooperative Syndicate with the aim of realizing rural development and poverty alleviation and developing cooperative societies.

Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Win Tin handed over the loans to Chairman of Aung Zabu Cooperative Ltd U Sein Lwin headquartered at No 3 on Thiri Street in Chaunggyi Ward of Taninthayi Township.

The chairman of the Aung Zabu Cooperative Ltd presented K 100,000 each to 50 members through microwave disbursement plan.

Later, officials urged them to abide by the prescribed rules and regulations.—*Kyemon-Htein Win*

Merkel's chief of staff says US spies did not break German law

BERLIN, 13 Aug — Angela Merkel's chief of staff said on Monday that fears of mass US spying on Germans were unfounded, hoping to end a controversy that threatened to damage the chancellor as she seeks re-election next month. Media reports of the US National Security Agency's (NSA) electronic spying operation enraged Germans and put Merkel and her officials on the defensive when pressed to explain what, if anything, they knew.

Emerging from the latest in a series of confidential hearings by a

parliamentary committee, Ronald Pofalla, responsible for Germany's intelligence agencies, said talks last week in Washington and London had brought clarity and the assurances Berlin wanted. "The NSA and the British intelligence agency have assured us they uphold German law in Germany, as indeed do Germany's foreign intelligence agency and the domestic intelligence agency," Pofalla said.

In June the United States confirmed the existence of an operation code-named Prism, after ex-NSA contractor Edward Snowden revealed data mining of us-

ers of Google, Facebook, Skype and other US companies. Since June, a stream of new allegations — that the British were also spying and that German agents were in cahoots with their foreign peers — had kept public anger simmering.

"The allegation of a supposed blanket surveillance in Germany is now, after information given by the NSA, British intelligence and our intelligence forces, off the table," Pofalla said. "In Germany there are no infringements of fundamental rights by the millions, as has been continuously, falsely alleged," he added.

Pofalla said that co-operation between intelligence agencies was essential and that data acquired by German spies had stopped 3-4 attacks per week on troops in Afghanistan, and 19 attacks against German soldiers since January 2011. He added the NSA had offered to strike a "no spy deal" with the Germans, which would be explored. He did not elaborate on what such a deal might entail.

Thomas Oppermann, an opposition Social Democrat who chairs the committee, called the offer a "face-saving confession"



Federal Chancellorery Ronald Pofalla makes notes as German Chancellor Angela Merkel walks past, before the weekly cabinet meeting in Berlin on 7 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

by the United States which in itself showed that surveillance had taken place. Merkel's conservatives are still tipped to win the 22 September federal election, with opinion poll ratings at

41 percent, some 16 points ahead of the SPD. It is less clear whether Merkel can renew her centre-right coalition with the Free Democrats (FDP), who are on just 5 percent.—Reuters

Venezuela's Maduro to seek decree powers in graft fight



Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro (C) holds a copy of the Venezuelan constitution as he speaks during a rally in Caracas in this handout photo provided by Miraflores Palace on 3 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

CARACAS, 13 Aug — Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro said on Monday he will ask for decree powers last used by his predecessor Hugo Chavez to ramp up a fight against corruption that has begun to cost him politically with supporters. Maduro, who served as Chavez's foreign minister and vice president,

narrowly won an election four months ago after his socialist mentor died of cancer. He has struggled with slowing economic growth and rising inflation while also trying to impose control on the diverse coalition he inherited from Chavez. It ranges from military officers to businessmen, leftist ideologues and

armed militants.

A new anti-corruption drive that Maduro launched with great fanfare has led to the arrest of some relatively senior officials from state-run businesses and institutions. But it has suffered from a widespread public perception that "big fish" with political connections have been spared. In a nationally televised speech, Maduro said he would ask the National Assembly, which is dominated by his supporters, to grant him decree powers to step up his battle to defeat graft.

"I'm going to call a national emergency in the fight against corruption, and I'm going to ask for special powers in order to change the laws," he said. "If I have to change all the laws to confront corruption, I'm going to do it."—Reuters

US eyeing Syrian opposition alliances, chemical weapons moves

TEL AVIV, 13 Aug — The United States is gaining more insight into Syria's moderate opposition but must watch carefully to determine when occasional collaboration with Islamist radicals might turn into real alliances, the top US military officer said on Monday. The comments by General Martin Dempsey, chairman of the US military's Joint Chiefs of Staff, came at the start of a trip to close US allies Israel and Jordan likely to be dominated by discussions about Syria's conflict and broader regional unrest.

Syria's Western-backed rebels have been clamoring for the United States to make good on promises to provide weapons. But the Obama administration has been slow to act because of concerns that American arms could

find their way to al-Qaeda-linked fighters.

Dempsey, who did not discuss in any detail the issue of weapons in his remarks to a small group of reporters in Tel Aviv, said some amount of collaboration between moderate and extremist rebels was "unsurprising" given their shared goal to oust President Bashar

think, we're not exactly certain where that fine line of distinction might reside.

Dempsey said perhaps the single greatest point of collaboration between the United States, Israel and Jordan on Syria centered on the threat from Assad's chemical weapons as the civil war rages.

Dempsey renewed US



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs General Martin Dempsey testifies about pending legislation regarding sexual assaults in the military at a Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill in Washington, on 4 June, 2013.—REUTERS

al-Assad.

"The real challenge for the intel community, frankly, is to understand when they're collaborating just for a particular issue at a particular time and when they may actually be allied with each other," he said.

"And to this point, I

assertions that Assad's forces were sometimes moving the chemical weapons. "We know for a fact that it is moving from time to time," Dempsey told reporters, adding the US believed Assad's forces were moving the weapons to keep them secure.—Reuters

India successfully test-fires nuclear-capable missile

NEW DELHI, 13 Aug — India on Monday successfully test-fired its indigenous nuclear-capable Prithvi II missile, according to Press Trust of India.

The surface-to-surface missile with a range of 350

kilometres was tested from the integrated test range at Chandipur in the eastern state of Odisha.

The Indian army regularly carries out tests of the Prithvi II.

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Guests saved as Florida resort building falls into sinkhole

CLERMONT, (Florida), 13 Aug — Dozens of guests at a Florida resort near Walt Disney World were safely evacuated in the middle of the night on Monday when a large sinkhole opened on the property, swallowing a three-story building.

"I was hearing popping noises and I was hearing people screaming and glass breaking. The building actually twisted and separated," Summer Bay Resort security guard Richard Shanley said. "It was like something from a movie."

Shanley was driving a golf cart on the Orlando-area resort's main boulevard when a family hailed him

to say they heard popping sounds and that something was wrong.

A spokesman for the Lake County Fire Department said there were no injuries in the collapse and that resort staff responded

quickly to the first signs of danger. Paul Caldwell, general manager of the 64-acre, lakeside resort, said the building collapsed almost entirely within 45 minutes, leaving only the top floor visible ground level. He es-

timated the sinkhole to be 100 feet (30m) wide.

Shanley, whom Caldwell called "a hero," said he saw balconies breaking. He rushed into the building and began banging on doors, using his master key to open some doors and wake people so they could get out. He said that while he was on the second floor, he felt the building sink about 20 inches and saw the ceilings collapsing. By the time Shanley was on the third floor, he said that floor's ceiling had entirely collapsed.

Shanley kept going through the building until the fire department arrived and made him leave.

Reuters



A section of the Summer Bay Resort lies collapsed after a large sinkhole opened on property's grounds in Clermont, Florida on 12 August, 2013.—REUTERS

REGIONAL

S Korean A-bomb victims file compensation suit against gov't

SEOUL, 13 Aug—Seventy-nine South Korean victims of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki filed a suit with the Seoul District Court on Monday, seeking compensation worth 10 million won (about \$8,990) for each person from the South Korean government.

The group of survivors said in a statement

that the South Korean government has not taken any action since the Supreme Court ruled in 2011 that it is unconstitutional for the government not to try to arrange negotiations with the Japanese government.

"The South Korean and Japanese governments should hold talks to clarify whether responsibility for compensating (for the South Korean victims) rests

with the Japanese government or had been transferred to the South Korean government," said Choi Bong Tae, a lawyer for the plaintiffs.

Japan has maintained that all compensation issues arising from Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula have been settled by a 1965 treaty that normalized relations.

Kyodo News

Yoshinoya arm to start pizza eateries, aims at opening 100 shops

TOKYO, 13 Aug—Peterpan Comoco Co, a subsidiary of fast-food group Yoshinoya Holdings Co, is planning to open a pizza eatery in Tokyo in late September and build a franchise of 100 such outlets in Japan in several years, a company official said on Monday.

The company is planning to offer margherita and four other varieties of small pizzas — 20 centimetres in diameter — for around 500 yen a piece, using Italian flour and yeast

in a 50-square metre shop with a counter and tables for around 20 seats. The first outlet is set to open in Tokyo's Sugunami Ward.

Mikio Kurihara, president of the company, said, "We would like to run eateries for low-priced soft-textured Neapolitan pizza."

Salad and around 10 types of soft drinks, beer and wine will also be served, the company said.

Peterpan Comoco, which runs takoyaki and taiyaki dumpling shops in Japan, is a wholly owned

subsidiary of Yoshinoya Holdings, which is known for beef bowl chains in and out of Japan.

Kyodo News

Philippine FDA intensifies monitoring of dairy products from firm in New Zealand

facturing site in New Zealand after the product was found to contain with hazardous substance.

FDA Acting Director General Kenneth Hartigan-Go said that his office would be collecting samples in the market for testing as part of its monitoring and surveillance activities.

"All consumers are advised to buy dairy products and infant formulae that are registered with the FDA. Moreover, all consumers are hereby informed that whey protein concentrates are also found in high-nutrient food or dietary supplements for body builders.

They are advised to make sure that the products that they buy have passed FDA safety and quality evaluation," he said.

Three batches of whey protein concentrate produced at a single Fonterra manufacturing site in New Zealand were found positive for the presence of Clostridium botulinum on 31 July, 2013.

Clostridium botulinum is a species of harmful spore-forming bacteria that produce preformed toxin in processed food products, especially when manufacturing or processing plants fail to implement proper food hygienic practices

and sterilization of canned goods or any tightly sealed food products.

Ingestion of preformed toxin may result to symptoms like double vision, drooping eyelids, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing and muscle weakness that is symmetric and descends through the body and possibly death, usually due to respiratory failure.

FDA, however, assured that so far consumer products imported by local importers and distributed by Fonterra Brands (Philippines) Inc do not contain the batches of WPC80.

Xinhua

Ishihara to close Singapore plant for titanium dioxide

TOKYO, 13 Aug—Diversified chemical product company Ishihara Sangyo Kaisha Ltd said on Monday that it will close the titanium dioxide production plant in Singapore, citing challenges such as a strong local currency and rising material prices.

ISK Singapore Pte Ltd will terminate production in August and around 200 employees will be dismissed, according to Ishihara Sangyo. Production of titanium dioxide, used in paint, ink and plastic products, will be consolidated into the company's

factory in Yokkaichi, Japan.

Ishihara Sangyo subsequently took a charge of 11.2 billion yen and revised down its estimate for net loss to 7.8 billion yen for the year through March 2014 from 5.8 billion yen.

Kyodo News

Flash floods hit parts of Cambodia, killing seven people

PHNOM PENH, 13 Aug—Flash floods have been hitting some parts of three provinces in Cambodia and have claimed seven lives so far, officials said on Monday.

Keo Vy, chief of the Cabinet of National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), said northwestern Banteay Meanchey and Preah Vihear provinces as well as northern Kampong Thom Province have been flooding with heavy rains since last week and some 450 families have been evaluated to higher grounds.

He added that some 230 houses and around 3,000 hectares of rice paddy have been submerged.

Governor of Banteay Meanchey Province Try Narin said that seven people including 3 children in the province have drowned since last week.

Xinhua



People make traditional Korean dessert to welcome South Korea's 7th July festival in Seoul, South Korea, on 12 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Extradition treaty between Vietnam, India takes effect

HANOI, 13 Aug—The extradition treaty between Vietnam and India officially took effect on Monday after the exchange of the documents ratification, the state-run news agency VNA reported.

The event marked a milestone in the India-Vietnam comprehensive partnership which has grown in all fields since its establishment five years ago, said Indian Ambassador to Vietnam Rannjit Rae.

This is an important move forward of the two countries' law enforcement agencies, which are about to put a treaty of criminal

transfer into practice, Rae said.

Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister Ho Xuan Son expressed his hope that both sides will continue working closely to implement the document effectively to reinforce the traditional friendship and comprehensive cooperation for both countries' prosperity as well as regional and global peace and stability.

The extradition treaty between Vietnam and India was signed during a visit of Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang to India in 2011.

Xinhua

Vessels have all left the port to take shelter from typhoon Utor in Haikou, capital of south China's Hainan Province, on 13 Aug, 2013. As typhoon Utor is drawing near Hainan, navigation across the Qiongzhou Strait has been suspended since 7:00 am Tuesday.

XINHUA



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Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

<u>Sr.No</u>	<u>Tender No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Remark</u>
(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 \$
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(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.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 12th August, 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Vietnam to welcome SEA youth ship programme

HANOI, 13 Aug — As many as 329 delegates from 10 country members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan will attend the Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Programme (SSEA-YP 2013) in Vietnam's southern Ho Chi Minh City from 14 to 17 November. The event aims to strengthen friendship and mutual understanding among the youths of SEA countries and Japan, as well as helping them understand more about Vietnam, local state-run Voice of Vietnam quoted Le Quoc Phong, secretary of the Ho Chi Minh City Youth Union, as saying on Monday.

It is expected to improve local young people's international communication skills, broaden knowledge and share experience in youth activities with foreign delegates, Phong said.

During the four-day event, participants will take part in cultural exchanges with local youth and experience home-stay matching.

About 160 families will join the home-stay program, in which each family will play host to two SSEA-YP delegates.—Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (344)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORA BHUM VOY NO (344) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14.8.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Fall in New Zealand's overseas visitor spending levels off

WELLINGTON, 13 Aug — Chinese visitors buoyed up a flat New Zealand tourism market as they increased their spending in the country by 24 percent in the year to the end of June, according to government figures out on Tuesday. Total visitor spending remained constant at 5.49 billion NZ dollars (4.39 billion US dollars), but the rise in Chinese visitor spending offset a large fall in spending and visitor numbers from the United Kingdom, according to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment.

A record 223 million

Chinese visited New Zealand in the year to the end of June, spending a total of 645 million NZ dollars, according to the ministry's International Visitor Survey.

Australia continued to be New Zealand's largest tourism market, with Australian residents spending 1.6 billion NZ dollars in the same period. The latest survey results show the decline in international visitor spending slowing, following a 2-percent fall in the year to the end of March and a 6-percent drop in the year to the end of December 2012.—Xinhua

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Photo taken on 12 Aug, 2013 shows a dried-up field in Jinshan District, east China's Shanghai. Lingering heat wave hit Shanghai recently, damage crops of local farmers. —XINHUA

Second Time Invitation for Open Tender Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Limited

With the intention to be obvious of modern development of business in line with the international standards, required for the country and its citizen, and the development of employment opportunities, the open tender for leasing and operating, with Annual Management Service Agreement for 15 years term, of the whole building of the under mentioned Commercial Centre, built by Forest Joint Venture Commercial Centre Co., Ltd, a subsidiary company of Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Limited is, for second time, invited to all local private entrepreneurs:

1. The building to be leased and its address
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No. 422-426, corner of Botahtaung Pagoda Road and Strand Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region
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.
3. Detail information and tender terms can be inquired at the address under the above para (1), and telephone number: 01-201839.

Tender Working Committee
Forest Products Joint Venture Corporation Limited

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

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ENTERTAINMENT

Matt Damon thriller 'Elysium' flies above 'Planes' at box office

LOS ANGELES/NEW YORK, 13 Aug—Matt Damon's futuristic thriller "Elysium," the story of an elite space outpost locked in battle with poor invaders from a ruined Earth, won a crowded box-office race among four new films at US and Canadian theaters over the weekend. "Elysium" grabbed \$30.5 million in domestic ticket sales from Friday through Sunday, according to estimates from distributor Sony Pictures. The movie added \$10.9 million from 17 international markets, for a combined global opening of \$41.4 million.

"Elysium" edged the Jennifer Aniston comedy "We're the Millers," which took in \$26.6 million, while "Planes," a spin-off of Walt Disney Co's Pixar franchise "Cars," took off with \$22.5 million at domestic theaters, finishing in third. The other newcomer, fantasy movie "Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters," landed fourth with \$14.6 million. Effects-filled action movie "Elysium" came in at the low end of pre-weekend forecasts for a debut in the low \$30 million range. The movie portrays two distinct worlds in the year 2154—a diseased and overpopulated

Earth and Elysium, a space station where the elite live.

Damon stars as Max, a blue-collar worker with a criminal past who needs medicine from Elysium to survive. Jodie Foster plays the Elysium defence secretary bent on keeping Max and all other illegal immigrants out. The \$115 million production was produced and financed by Media Rights Capital. The movie was distributed by Sony, which stumbled earlier this summer with big-budget releases "After Earth" and "White House Down," although its other summer releases have fared better.—Reuters



Cast members Diego Luna (L), Jodie Foster and Matt Damon pose at the world premiere of "Elysium" in Los Angeles, California on 7 Aug, 2013. The movie opens in the US on 9 August.—REUTERS

Actress Lea Michele dedicates award to Cory Monteith



Actress Lea Michele

NEW YORK, 13 Aug—Actress Lea Michele, in her first public appearance since the death of her boyfriend and cast mate Cory Monteith, dedicated her Teen Choice Award on Sunday in Los Angeles to the actor who died of an accidental drug and alcohol overdose last month.

With tears in her eyes and her hand on her chest, Michele, 26, thanked fans for the best actress in a TV comedy award for her role as Rachel Berry in the musical series "Glee" and for their support in dealing with Monteith's death.

"He was very special to me and also to the world, and we were very lucky to witness his incredible talent, his handsome smile and his beautiful, beautiful heart," she told the audience at the Gibson Amphitheatre.

Monteith, 31, was found dead in a Vancouver hotel room on 13 July. The actor, who played high school athlete turned glee club singer Finn Hudson in the Fox musical comedy, had struggled with substance abuse and was in rehab in April.

Reuters

Filmmaker George Lucas, wife welcome baby girl via surrogate

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug—"Star Wars" filmmaker George Lucas and his wife Mellody Hobson became parents to a baby girl born via surrogate, his representatives said on Monday. Everest Hobson Lucas was born on 9 August and is the first biological child for Lucas, 69, and Hobson, 44, the director's representatives said. Lucas also has three adopted children, Amanda, 32; Katie, 25; and 20-year-old Jett Lucas.

Lucas, the creator of the "Star Wars" and "Indiana Jones" franchises, wed Hobson, the president of Ariel Investments, in Cali-



Film producer George Lucas walks to his seat after US President Barack Obama awarded him the 2012 National Medal of Arts during a ceremony in the East Room of the White House in Washington on 10 July, 2013.—REUTERS

fornia in June this year. Directors Steven Spielberg, Francis Ford Coppola and

Ron Howard were among the guests. This is the second marriage for Lucas,

who was previously married to Oscar-winning film editor Marcia Lou Griffin from 1969 to 1983.

"Star Wars" has become a cultural phenomenon, making characters such as Luke Skywalker, Princess Leia and Darth Vader, and phrases like "May the force be with you" part of popular culture. Lucas sold his production company Lucasfilm Ltd to Walt Disney Co for \$4.05 billion in October 2012. Since then, Disney has announced plans for three new "Star Wars" films and an animated TV series set to air in 2014.—Reuters



Angelina Jolie will be seen next in Maleficent.—PTI

Angelina Jolie scared kids in Maleficent costume

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug—Hollywood star Angelina Jolie says she frightened numerous little kids in her devilish Maleficent costume on the sets of Disney movie.

Jolie, 38, said while playing the lead in movie which is the depiction of Sleeping Beauty story from the perspective of the villainous Maleficent, she scared many kids, reported E! online.

"These little kids would visit the set, and

I would think, 'Oh, I am a Disney character,' so I would go over to them, and say, 'Hi there.' They would just scream. One little kid even said, 'Mommy, please make the mean witch stop talking to me,' she said.

However, her daughter Vivienne was the only one girl, who was not perturbed by her looks. "Vivienne was the only four-year-old who didn't scream when she saw me," she said. Maleficent hit theatres next year.—PTI

Mel Gibson, Antonio Banderas to star in Sylvester Stallone's The Expendables 3

LONDON, 13 Aug—Mel Gibson and Antonio Banderas have joined veteran star Harrison Ford in Sylvester Stallone's action movie The Expendables 3.

Gibson will play Stallone's adversary, while a

representative for Banderas said that he and Stallone worked well together in Assassins.

The third film, to be directed by Patrick Hughes, will reportedly feature a younger group of action

heroes who clash with the older generation before eventually coming together and saving the day.

The rest of the cast for The Expendables 3 has yet to be confirmed. However, a release date of 15 August

next year has already been announced.

The Expendables 2 starred Stallone alongside Bruce Willis, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Statham and Jet Li.

PTI



Apart from Mel Gibson and Antonio Banderas, the rest of the cast for The Expendables 3 has yet to be confirmed. PTI

SPORTS

Dufner's Oak Hill win underlines golf's depth in strength



Jason Dufner of the US is kissed by his wife Amanda as they pose with the Wanamaker trophy after he won the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 11 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

ROCHESTER, (New York), 13 Aug—'Ordinary looking' Jason Dufner struck a chord with club players everywhere while also underscoring the extraordinary depth in the modern game with his impressive victory at the PGA Championship on Sunday. With his characteristic pre-swing waggle and an almost disinterested demeanor, the American does not fit the mould of a golfing superstar yet proved to be the best player on the planet at Oak Hill with a brilliant display of ball-striking.

Known for his unflappable and ultra-laidback persona, Dufner seized control of the tournament by firing a record-tying seven-under-par 63 in Friday's second round, then came from a stroke back after 54

holes to claim his first major title by two shots. Dufner, who plays golf with a wad of snuff inserted inside his lower lip, was ranked 21st in the world at the start of the week and had only two top-10s in 17 starts on the 2013 PGA Tour, though both came in big events with ties for fourth at the US Open and also at the elite WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

Undoubtedly his agonizing experience of losing the 2011 PGA Championship in a playoff to good friend Keegan Bradley, after letting slip a late five-stroke lead, helped him on Sunday but Dufner never felt he truly belonged in the select group of major winners until his breakthrough at Oak Hill Country Club.

Reuters

Big names begin final US Open tune-up in Cincinnati



Samantha Stosur of Australia hits a return to Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic during their women's tennis match at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto on 8 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

CINCINNATI, 13 Aug—Former US Open champion Samantha Stosur continued her buildup to the season's final grand slam with a convincing 6-1, 7-5 win over Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova in first round action at the Western and Southern Open

on Monday. The Australian 11th seed is among a host of former-grand slam winners making an appearance on the Cincinnati hardcourts this week, the joint event likely to be the final tune-up for the top players from both the WTA and ATP ahead

Warriors-bound Nedovic targets Euro success

BELGRADE, 13 Aug—Serbian Nemanja Nedovic is thrilled to be heading to the NBA with the Golden State Warriors but says he is first focused on bringing glory to his national team in next month's European Championship. The Warriors plucked the versatile guard from relative obscurity in the first round of the 2013 NBA draft and will be closely watching his progress at the tournament in Slovenia.

Nedovic, who can play either as a point guard or shooting guard, spent four years at Red Star Belgrade until 2012 before he caught the eye of NBA scouts in one season with Lithuanians Lietuvos Rytas, even though his team made little impact in the Euroleague. "Being drafted to the NBA in the first round is the best

thing that's happened to me and it has given me a tremendous confidence boost," Nedovic told Reuters in an interview. "I am overjoyed and looking forward to my first season with the Warriors, but right now I am completely focused on the national team," he added after Serbia's 91-66 rout of Slovenia on Sunday in the final of a four-nation tournament.

The 22-year-old's talents again came to the fore in that win which was a build-up to the 24-team European Championship where the Serbians will hope to finish in the top eight and qualify for the 2014 World Championship in Spain. "It was very important to win this tournament and it will be an incentive to keep working hard in order to peak in time



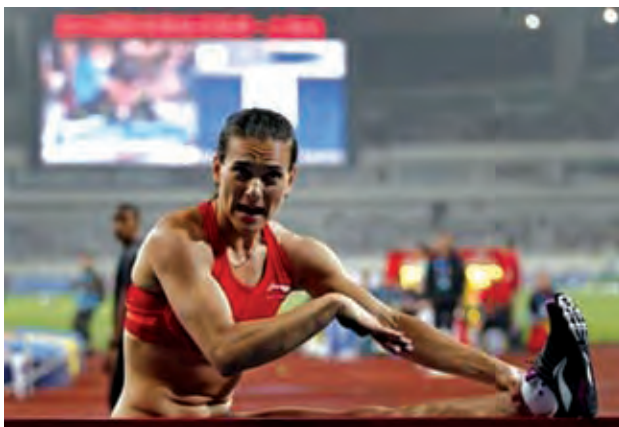
Serbian Nemanja Nedovic

for the European Championship," Nedovic said after scoring a game-high 20 points, garnished with several spectacular assists and iron-clad defence.

"The Slovenians will be fired up in front of their noisy home fans at Eurobasket 2013, while we have switched off regarding expectations where

we might finish although the primary objective is to reach next year's World Championship in Spain." Nedovic made his Serbia debut last year in the European Championship qualifiers when the 2009 runners-up struggled for long spells before squeezing through with a last-gasp win over Israel.—Reuters

Pole vault queen Isinbayeva set for final curtain call



Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva talks to her coach (not pictured) during the women's pole vault at the IAAF Diamond League Athletics meet in Shanghai on 18 May, 2013.—REUTERS

MOSCOW, 13 Aug—Yelena Isinbayeva, the greatest women's pole vaulter of all time, gears up for a lift from her home crowd in what will probably be the Russian's last major championship final on Tuesday. Isinbayeva, who holds the outdoor world record of 5.06 metres and was virtually unbeatable in the discipline between 2003 and 2008, has not won a global title since Olympic gold five years ago in Beijing.

The 31-year-old had said she will end her illustrious career after the competition at the Luzhniki stadium, although she rowed back from that after qualifying by saying her mind was not yet made up. While Isinbayeva contemplates retirement, the precocious Kirani James, 20, is set to continue his global domination of the men's 400 metres by adding a second world gold.

The Olympic champion has American LaShawn Merritt — the only man to beat the Grenadian this season — to contend with.

In the absence of injured Olympic champion and world record holder David Rudisha, the men's 800m title is wide open, although Ethiopia's 19-year-old 2012 world indoor winner Mohammed Aman

has enjoyed an impressive season. Americans Duane Solomon and Nick Symmonds, along with Saudi Arabia's Abdulaziz Ladan Mohammed should provide the main threat to the African. The women's 3000m steeplechase final has also been robbed of a marquee name after Russia's Olympic and world champion Yuliya Zaripova of Russia had to withdraw after suffering a season-ending leg injury in training.

Ethiopian duo Sofia Assefa and Hiwot Ayalew, Kenya's African record-holder Milcah Chemos Cheywa — the last woman to beat Zaripova — and compatriot Lydia Chepkurui should fight it out for the medals. Briton Mo Farah, having secured 10,000 meters gold on Saturday, starts his bid to repeat his Olympic distance double when he lines up in the morning's 5,000m heats.—Reuters

IOC awards broadcast rights in 17 nations and regions for Sochi 2014 and Rio 2016

GENEVA, 13 Aug—The International Olympic Committee announced on Monday that it has reached an agreement with Japan-based advertising agency Dentsu for the Olympic broadcast rights in 17 Asian countries and regions for the 2014 Sochi Winter Games, 2016 Rio de Janeiro Summer Games, and the 2014 Nanjing Youth Olympic Games.

According to the IOC, Dentsu has acquired exclusive rights for the three editions of the Games and "will now seek broadcast partners". The value of the deal was not disclosed. Earlier this month, the IOC awarded Dentsu the broadcast rights



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The Benefactress of Pagodas, Monks and Monasteries Daw Hla Kyi (92) years of age

Who resided at No. 8, Room (5-A), Royal Lake View Tower, Kyeikkasan Road, Maugone Ward, Tarmway Township, Yangon Region; who was the eldest daughter of [U Pho Yee, the Circle Inspector of Police (retired) + Daw Thein Yin]; the beloved wife of [Wanna Kyaw Htin U San Maung, BCS Director (retired)]; the beloved elder sister of Daw Win Mya, Rev. Dr. U Aung Khin + Daw Hla Yee [(Additional Director of the Department of Religious Affairs (retired)); the beloved mother of U Thiha Min Aung [Head of Department, the Central Civil Service Training Institute (retired)] + Daw Yupar Maung [Senior Assistant Teacher (retired), BEHS No.(2), Yankin], Dr. Daw Nandar Maung (Phyarpone), U Aung Myat, Dr. U Min Aung + Daw Hlaing May Htet, Dr. U Ohn Thein (South Africa) + Dr. Daw Khin San Tint (CHAI Myanmar), Daw Khaymar Maung [Assistant Lecturer, Bogalay Teaching Training College (retired)], U Kyaw San (Director General, the Union Attorney General's Office, Nay Pyi Taw) + Daw Thin Thin Aye (Deputy Director, the Union Attorney General's Office, Nay Pyi Taw); the beloved grandmother of U San Min (General Manager, Astronova International) + Daw Yu Yu Khine, U Myo Kyaw Thu (Operation Manager, HISSHOSUSHI Company, USA) + Daw Hlaing Pan Ohn (Logistic Assistant, USA), U Kyaw Ye Lin + Daw Thuzar Su Su Hninn, Ma Soe San Htet (USA), Ma San Thida Aung (USA), Dr. Hninn Nu Aye (MMA), Ma Swe Swe Aung, Ko Naing Ye Lin Thein (Senior Programmer, Knowledgeone Corporation, Australia) + Mrs. Naing Ye Lin Thein (a) Jeane Waters (Environmental Analyst, Virtual Consulting Engineers, South Africa), U Shane Thein (Project Manager at Siemens Ltd, Australia) + Daw Mya Nandar (Project Engineer at Ausgrid, Australia), Ko Kyaw Soe Thein (Actuarial Specialist, Corporate Finance, Old Mutual Life Assurance, South Africa); the beloved great grandmother of Ma Mya Thanthar Cho [Grade-6 (F), BEHS No. (2), Bahan], Maung Myat Lin Maung, Maung Zandra Min Thein; passed away at 12:12 pm on 12-8-2013 and the remains will be cremated at 4 pm of the day of 14-8-2013 in Yayway Cemetery.

Two air force men killed in small plane crash in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 13 Aug—Two Brazilian Air Force officers were killed on Monday in the crash of a small plane in Pirassununga, Sao Paulo state, according to local authorities. The victims, captains Joao Igor Silva Pivovar and Fabricio Carvalho, were the pilot and copilot of a Smoke Squadron plane which crashed onto the ground during training, authorities informed.

The accident took place near the country's Air Force Academy. The two captains tried to eject from the plane, an A-29 *Super Tucano* model, but did not manage to escape successfully, the authorities said.

The Smoke Squadron is a famous Air Force demonstration squadron which performs air shows all over Brazil and abroad. The A-29 *Super Tucano* was manufactured by Brazilian aircraft maker Embraer and is also used in border patrol in Brazil. The Smoke Squadron was founded in 1952 and rarely registers any lethal accidents. The Air Force is investigating the cause of the accident.—Xinhua

Masterful Fraser-Pryce completes Jamaican double

Moscow, 13 Aug—Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce obliterated the field as Jamaica completed a 100 metres double at the world championships on Monday and showed it still has the edge in the battle of sprinting's superpowers. The United States had four athletes in the final for the first time, including defending champion Carmelita Jeter, but they had no answer to Fraser-Pryce who took gold with the biggest winning margin in world championships history.

It was a second world title for the 26-year-old, who also won in 2009, and followed hot on the heels of compatriot Usain Bolt's victory in the men's final on Sunday. Fraser-Pryce's lightning-quick run on the bright blue track at the Luzhniki stadium was Boltesque in its dominance as she set a world leading time of 10.71 seconds and finished streets ahead of her rivals. Murielle Ahoure was second in 10.93

to give Ivory Coast its first world championship medal and she became the first African woman to finish on the podium in a sprint.

Jeter was the best-placed American in third with 10.94. "I was just focused on getting that start," Fraser-Pryce, who is renowned for her devastating ability out of the blocks, told a news conference. "I knew I had to do that to actually do well and when I crossed the line I didn't know I was that far ahead. I was just completely in that zone and trying to do my best I wasn't focused on anybody else." From the moment twice Olympic champion Fraser-Pryce shot out of the blocks there was only going to be one winner.

The Jamaican, whose compact frame gives little indication of the power she can produce, was ahead in the first few strides and her rivals were left watching the soles of her bright pink spikes and matching

hair extensions as she powered to the line. "It was an amazingly fast race and I am still pleased to be on the podium," said Jeter. "This has to be a medal that means a little more than my others because this has been a tough year," added the 33-year-old who has struggled with injury. Jamaica has missed out on just one global 100 metres title since the 2008 Olympics and that was Jeter's world victory in Daegu two years ago.

Bolt made sure the Jamaicans drew first blood in Moscow against their US rivals when he beat Justin Gatlin in the men's final. "I was so happy for Usain and (bronze medallist) Nesta (Carter) but at the same time that was their day and I was excited for them," Fraser-Pryce said of her giant compatriot. "But I was just focused on what I needed to do," she added. "I've been training for this and mentally I was prepared."

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1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw	18. Documentary
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3. Physical Exercise	20. News
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4. Song & Dance of National Races	21. India Drama Series
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5. News/Weather Report	22. News
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6. Maha Wuntha Myat Buddha	23. India Drama Series
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7. News/International News	24. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (Physics)
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8. Nine Precepts	25. News
9:00 am	5:15 pm
9. News/International News	26. Documentary
9:20 am	5:30 pm
10. Sing A Song	27. Documentary (SEA Games)
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11. Documentary	28. News/Weather Report
10:00 am	7:00 pm
12. News	29. News
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13. Documentary (Health)	30. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
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14. Teleplay	31. News/International News/Weather Report
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15. Musical Programme	32. People Talks
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16. News/International News/Weather Report	33. News
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17. Myanmar Movies	35. Fine Atrs-Bosom of Dramatic Performance

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Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica (C) celebrates winning the women's 100 metres final next to Carmelita Jeter of the US (L) and Alexandria Anderson of the US during the IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on 12 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Chairman of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary)



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann receives Chairman U Khin Maung Aye of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) and party.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received Chairman U Khin Maung Aye of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary) and party at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 3.45 pm today.

Also present at the call were Committee Chairpersons Thura U Aye Myint, U Htay Oo, U Thein Zaw and U Thein Swe, member of Commission U Khin Maung Tun and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves K 410.972 billion allocation to give loans to state-owned enterprises

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—To give loans to ministries which have budget deficiency, the Union Government has made allocation of funds to give loans to them, setting aside K 410.972 billion to lend to ministries through the Myanmar Economic Bank with the interest rate of 4 %, said Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein today.

In his clarification at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw here today, the Union minister said the Ministry of Finance has already made the plan in accordance with the Union Budget Law 2013 and Ministry of Information, Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, Ministry of Electric Power and Ministry of Industry would borrow



Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein answering questions.

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the loans and they would give it back at the end of the budget year.

During the meeting, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved the re-setting up of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint-Bill Committee and appointment of members of the board of director of the Central

Bank of Myanmar.

Regarding the second biannual report on the implementation of



U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency participates in discussion.—MNA

on the Union budget (from October to March), U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing constituency called on ministries concerned for giving correct figures and stressed the need for inspecting not only figures but also projects.

He also urged ministries concerned to mention projects in their reports and to have transparency.

The commission for investigating grievances of people over land



Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunhing Constituency takes part in discussion.

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confiscation submitted the report section 3 to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw today.

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Safety of tourists discussed in NyaungU

NAYPYITAW, 13 Aug—A coordination meeting on safety of tourists was held at the hall of NyaungU District Administrator's Office in Mandalay Region on 10 August.

The attendees discussed arrangements for safety

of tourists and crime reduction.

Members of Tourists Security Squad and local policemen are making regular patrols with the use of three vehicles, 18 motorcycles and 20 bicycles.—MNA

Union Home Affairs Minister meets UNHCR Resident Representative

YANGON, 13 Aug—Representative of the Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko received Mr Johannes G Ten Feld, Resident

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, at his office here at 2 pm today.

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Union A&I Minister receives officials of USAID

NAY PYI TAW, 13 Aug—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and party held a talk with Dr Stephanie Wessels and party of USAID of the US at the ministry, here, this morning on short-and long-term cooperation in all-round development of the agriculture sector.

The talk was aimed at

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implementing the short-and long-term projects for USAID to provide assistance to reform process and development tasks in agriculture sector of Myanmar. The USAID is to bilaterally cooperate in respective fields for improvement of Myanmar's agriculture sector.

MNHRC Chairman meets UN Special Rapporteur

YANGON, 13 Aug—Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Win Mya and members met with a delegation led by Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, at the commission office, No. 27 on Pyay Road in Hline Township, here, this afternoon.

At the meeting, the

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Commission Chairman clarified the undertakings of the commission for human rights. Then, both sides had a cordial discussion on raising and protection of human rights.

Also present at the call together with the Commission Chairman were members U Hla Myint, Dr Nyan Zaw, U Laphaing Zaw Gun, U Khwahti Roh and Daw Saw Khin Gyi.



MNHRC Chairman U Win Mya meets with Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar.

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Foreign exchange rates to be put on www.cbm.gov.mm, 01-8605100

1. To ensure smooth flow of foreign currency in the economic system of the State and to encourage the development of banking services with foreign currency, the Interbank Foreign Exchange Spot Market for authorized dealers was established on 5, August 2013.
2. As from 12, August 2013, foreign exchange rates will be put on the website of the Central Bank of Myanmar www.cbm.gov.mm and will be replied at the automatic answering phone number 01-8605100.

The Central Bank of Myanmar