

Thura U Thet Oo Maung concurrently accredited to Morocco

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Thura U Thet Oo Maung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Morocco.—MNA

U Maung Wai concurrently accredited to Swiss Confederation

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Maung Wai, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, Geneva, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Swiss Confederation.—MNA

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Deputy Minister U Thant Kyaw takes part in discussion.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The messages on the appointments of the deputy ministers and BOD members of the Central Bank of Myanmar, which were sent by the President, were put on record at today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session.

The Bill on Prevention against Chemicals and Precursors approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw and the Amyotha Hluttaw and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of Angola submitted by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw were approved.

Twelve proposals submitted by ten MPs



U Ba Shein of Kyaukpadaung Constituency raising questions.—MNA

were withdrawn. Hluttaw approved to discuss 14 proposals on State's taxation for 2013-2014 FY which were submitted by 12 MPs at 18th and 19th Day sessions of Sixth Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Regarding the withdrawal of these proposals, MP U Ba Shein of Kyaukpadaung Constituency said that apart from Pyithu Hluttaw Banks and Monetary Development Committee Secretary U Win Myint's proposal on paying all ministries' taxes only to the Ministry of Finance and issue of income taxes announcement after taking Union government's approval and submitting it

to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the remaining 11 proposals should be withdrawn. Because all people should know about it. I remonstrated about the withdrawal of that proposal.

Twelve MPs held discussions on Investigation Commission's report (part-3) on farmlands and other lands confiscation which was submitted on 13 August.

MP U Kyaw Myint of Myanaung Constituency discussed the commission has made investigation into land confiscation on the ground, based on transparency, fairness and freedom. And the best solutions to the problem

were sought. Promoting living standards of rural people would contribute much to poverty alleviation.

MP U Sein Win of Maubin Constituency discussed the facts described in the report are not biased. There remain land confiscation problems as it is not in conformity with the land confiscation law. Those farmers have been reduced to laborers status from owners. So, they should deserve compensations and other assistance for their losses. The meeting came to an end at 3.45 pm, and 15th day session goes on tomorrow.

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U Kyaw Myint of Myanaung Constituency asking questions.—MNA



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Myanmar, Thailand mull to build a big deep-sea port

Myanma Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport and the Emerald Grand Hotel Co Ltd recently signed an MoU on conducting a feasibility study on a deep-sea port at Kalagote in southern Myanmar's Mon State.

"We have a plan to undertake the extensive feasibility study to construct Kalargote Deep-sea Port within three months after signing MoU," said an

official of the Myanma Port Authority.

Plans are afoot to build Kalargote Deep-sea Port located between Mawlamyine and Ye in Mon State, and the feasibility study will be conducted around the Kalagote Island.

Kalargote Deep-sea Port is an old infrastructure project of the government, and if it is implemented, the port can use the Phayathonzu Road on Thai-Myanmar border.

Feasibility study will be carried out within three months after the MoU will focus on impacts on environment of the area and socio-economy of local people the port could beget.

Kalargote Deep-sea Port would become the first one jointly conducted by the Myanmar Port Authority.

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Union Defence Minister receives former WB President former US Dy Secretary of Defence

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin received former President of World Bank former deputy

secretary of Defence of the US Ambassador Dr Paul Wolfowitz at the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

They focused on

cooperation between the two countries. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Kyaw Nyunt and officials.—MNA

Debate on Pacific Crisis, 21st Century Shift and Tripartite Diplomacy of China, US and India held

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—A debate titled “Pacific Crisis, 21st Century Shift and Tripartite Diplomacy of China, US and India” took place at the assembly hall of Amyotha Hluttaw Building, here, yesterday afternoon. Political, Economic and Legal Affairs Commission member Writer U Saw

Myint Maung chaired the debate and gave an opening speech.

Then, writer U Kyaw Win explained matters related to the debate. After that, Amyotha Hluttaw representative from Yangon Region constituency No. 8 Dr Myint Kyi, Amyotha Hluttaw Defence Services Personnel representative

Major Soe Moe and the representative from Magway Region constituency No. 12 took part in the debate. Afterwards, writer U Kyaw Win reviewed their discussions.

Later, Chairman of Strategic Studies and Research Committee Col Maung Maung Htoo spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Aids provided to flood victims in Kengtung



KENG TUNG, 15 Aug—Heavy rains on 9-10 August deluged downtown wards and roads in Kengtung, inundating Nos. 3 and 4 wards and Airport Road and Cherry Road in Kengtung of Shan State (East).

Departmental personnel, Tatmadawmen, Red Cross members

and firefighters provided necessary aids and social organizations distributed lunchboxes, instant noodles and water bottle.

As the water decreased on 12 August, authorities are providing rations to the displaced families.

MMAL-Maung Maung Naing (Kengtung)

Fire engulfs Mandalay beer pub

MANDALAY, 15 Aug—A gas container explosion occurred in a beer pub in Mandalay on 13 August afternoon and

the fire was put out five minutes after the outbreak.

The fire at Akyaik barbeque and beer restaurant near Ba Htoo Stadium in

Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay Region was caused by the explosion of leaked gas container.

Four fire engines rushed to the scene to put out the fire at the restaurant owned by U Lao San.

There was no injury in the fire, but caused a loss of K 40000.

Authorities are expected to charge the owner with reckless use of fire.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Flood victims in Mon State get relief aids



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victims

Care Committee Dr Khin Shwe, committee members and officials attended the ceremony of providing flood victims in Mon State with relief aids funded by Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victims Care Committee at the State Hall on 13 August morning.

The State Chief Minister extended greetings and the Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw delivered an address. The Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Relief and Victims Care Committee explained the purpose of donation and providing aids. The Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw presented K 30 million, 1,000 bags of paddy strains and clothes to flood victims in Mon State.

Dr Khin Shwe provided K 5 million for Ye flood victims.

The Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw and party gave K 10 million and clothes to flood victims at Kyaikmaraw Township GAD.

In the afternoon, they donated K 10 million and 1,800 bags of cement to Laying Buddha Image being built in the precinct of Win Sein Tawya Monastery in Mudon Township. They also donated cash and offertories to historic Kyaikthalan Pagoda and monasteries.

The total donations of to day amounted to K 262.7 million which is made by Zaygabar Company.

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Drug possessor arrested in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 15 Aug—IP Aung Ko Myat of Special Crime Combat Squad of Kyaukme District Police Force and local surveillance Cpl Chit Oo and party together with witnesses raid a house of Maung Sithu Tun (a) Ah Ti, 24 in Region 4 of Ward

8 in Kyaukme at 11 am on 8 August.

They seized 0.4 gram of suspected white powder from his bedroom.

Township Police Station filed a lawsuit against Maung Sithu Tun under the law.

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CASH DONATED TO CANCER FOUNDATION: Wuwu, daughter of Dr Daw Khin Khin Yi of Shine Hope Company of Yangon donated K 10 million to U Hla Tun Hospice Cancer Foundation Intensive Care Unit through officials of the foundation on her birthday recently.—MMAL-CANCER

FOUNDATION

National Nutrition Week launched in Falam

FALAM, 15 Aug—The National Nutrition Week campaign was launched in Falam in Chin State on 9 August.

District Deputy Commissioner U Soe Tint delivered an address at the ceremony. Tonics were administered to children and expectant mothers at the campaign.

It was attended by the district deputy commissioner, the district/township departmental personnel, healthcare officials and members of social organizations.

MMAL-District IPRD

HRD

Educative talk on traffic rules organized in Dawei

DAWEI, 14 Aug—An educative talk on human trafficking was organized in Zalune village in Dawei Township in Taninthayi Region on 9 August.

Head of District Information and Public Relations Department Daw

Mu Mu Aye gave talks on human trafficking at the Bawa Alinyaung Library in the village.

It was also attended by village-tract administrator U Myo Zaw Oo and officials, teachers and villagers.

MMAL-District IPRD

Talks on census-taking given in Chipwe

CHIPWE, 15 Aug—Educative talk on 2014 census-taking was organized at No (1) internally displaced persons camp in Yitlaw ward in Chipwe of Myitkyina District in Kachin State on 10 August.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Chi Khaw Yein gave talks on taking census in 2014.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Fire

WORLD

US weighs cancelling military exercise with Egypt

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug — The United States is considering calling off a major military exercise with the Egypt after Egyptian security forces killed scores of protesters on Wednesday, US officials said.

The bloodshed appears to have forced US President Barack Obama's administration to consider adopting a more muscular stance toward the Egyptian military, which toppled Mohamed Mursi, Egypt's first freely elected president, on 3 July.

The United States, which gives Egypt \$1.3 billion in military aid and about \$250 million in economic aid each year, has been reluctant to cut the funding for fear of antagonizing the military and losing what influence it has in the Arab world's most

populous nation. As a first step, two US officials said, the administration might respond to the violence in which more than 200 people were killed by scrapping the "Bright Star" exercises, which occur every two years and are a major point of pride for the Egyptian military. "They're taking a hard look at it," said a US official who was not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Calling off the joint drill, which is seen as a cornerstone of US-Egyptian military relations and began in 1981 after the Camp David Peace Accords between Egypt and Israel, would be the strongest signal that the US government has sent Cairo since its 24 July decision to halt delivery of four F-16 fighter jets.—Reuters

US Secretary of State John Kerry reacts during a news conference with Brazil's Foreign Minister Antonio Patriota at the Itamaraty Palace in Brasilia on 13 Aug, 2013.



Japanese Americans renew call for society free of discrimination

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug — A leading group of US citizens of Japanese descent, including those who suffered internment during World War II, is using the historical experience of its community to campaign for a society free from discrimination and prejudice.

The Japanese American Citizens League renewed its call for the protection of all civil rights in the United States today, during a recent Press event marking the 25th anniversary of an act which sought redress for Japanese Americans who were discriminated against even after the war.

On 10 August, 1988, then President Ronald Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act which says one of the purposes of the law was to "apologize on behalf of the people of the United States for the evacuation, relocation, and internment" of wartime Japanese Americans.

After Japan attacked Pearl Harbour in 1941

more than 120,000 Japanese Americans in Hawaii and the West Coast were forced to abandon their homes and assets and taken to inland internment camps and similar sites.

The National Archives in Washington exhibited the original text of the act this summer, holding the event with the league aimed at commemorating the act's enforcement.

Terry Shima, 90, one such Japanese American, recounted the wartime hardship he went through in an interview with *Kyodo News* after the event.

"Nisei had only one mission...that is going to combat" to prove loyalty to the country, Shima said, referring to the name given to the second-generation Japanese Americans like him.

Shima joined the 442nd Regimental Combat Team of the US Army, a unit of Japanese Americans which was sent to battlefields in Europe during World War II.

Kyodo News

Two Koreas agree to reopen shuttered factory park

SEOUL, 15 Aug — North and South Korea agreed on Wednesday to reopen a troubled joint industrial park after a series of talks on the fate of the symbol of economic co-operation, raising hopes of possible improvement in political ties.

In a joint statement, the two sides said they had agreed to work together to get the Kaesong industrial zone, a few miles (km) inside North Korea from the heavily fortified border, up and running again and to prevent another shutdown.

"South and North guarantee the industrial zone's normal operation ... without influence of any kind from the political situation," the two sides said in the statement, noting that they would jointly try to attract overseas investors.

They did not give a date for the reopening, but the move addresses both the political interests of South Korea and the economic interests of North Korea, which is so poor it cannot feed its people.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye wel-



Head of the South Korean working-level delegation Kim Ki-woong (front R) and his North Korean counterpart Park Chol-su (2nd L) arrive for their talks at the Kaesong Industrial District Management Committee in Kaesong, North Korea, on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

comed the decision, saying she hoped "today's talks will be the beginning of a new start of South and North Korea relations", media said. North Korea pulled its 53,000 workers out of the park in April at the height of tension between the two sides, which saw Pyongyang threatening the United States and South Korea with nuclear attack.

Kaesong, with investors from South Korea, was

a rare source of hard currency for North Korea.

It was established even though North Korea is technically still at war with South Korea, one of the world's richest countries, since the 1950-53 Korean War ended not in a treaty but a truce.

Since it opened in 2004, the Kaesong complex has generated about \$90 million annually in wages paid directly to the North's

state agency that manages the zone. Most of the people employed by the South Korean companies were women on assembly lines.

Lee Sang-man, a professor at South Korea's ChungAng University and an expert on North Korea's economy, said the timing of the resumption of operations would be up to each company, and the extent of repairs and preparation they needed.—Reuters

421 killed in Egypt's clashes



Members of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi take cover during clashes with riot police and the army around the area of Rabaa Adawiya square, where the protesters are camping, in Cairo on 14 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

CAIRO, 15 Aug — At least 421 people were killed and 3,572 others injured across Egypt in clashes between supporters of ousted President Mohamed Mursi and the security troops, after the latter dispersed Wednesday two pro-Mursi sit-ins in the country, the Health

Ministry said on Thursday.

The figures are being continuously updated. The newly announced death toll has risen by nearly 200 after Wednesday evening's figure given by the ministry showed at least 235 people were killed and over 2,000 injured in the nationwide clashes.

The Health Ministry has said 43 policemen were killed.

But it remains difficult to dig out the real number of deaths and injuries due to conflicting sources as well as some incessant clashes across the country. The Muslim Brotherhood, from

which Mursi hails, alleged that some 2,000 pro-Mursi protesters were killed in the security forces' dispersal. The Egyptian security forces started Wednesday dawn the evacuation operation at Rabaa al-Adawiya Square in Cairo's Nasr City



Members of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi, lie face down on the ground with their hands secured behind them, after being detained by riot police at Rabaa Adawiya square, where they had been camping, in Cairo on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Demonstrators head to the Nasr City District of Cairo, Egypt, on 14 Aug, 2013. At least 421 supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Mursi were confirmed dead at morgues in Cairo following clashes between security forces and protesters, French public radio reported the same day.—KYODO NEWS

and Nahda Square in Giza. The pro-Mursi protesters had been sitting in there for some 45 days.

After the deadly clashes, the Egyptian interim presidency announced on Wednesday a state of emergency nationwide for one month, while the cabinet imposed curfew on turmoil governorates including Cairo, Giza and Alexandria.

Xinhua



SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



German Chancellor Angela Merkel conducts a lecture, after writing her name on a board, at a classroom in Heinrich Schliemann Gymnasium, a secondary school in Berlin, on 13 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Germany plans boost to European IT after US spy row

BERLIN, 15 Aug — Responding to Germans' unease over US surveillance of the Internet, Chancellor Angela Merkel's cabinet agreed initial plans on Wednesday to boost European technology companies and make them a more favourable alternative to US peers. Merkel's chief of staff said on Monday that fears of mass US spying on Germans were unfounded, and Washington had assured Berlin it had upheld German law.

But with an election looming in less than six weeks, the government has come under pressure to do more to protect citizens' private data. "We need a strong European information technology industry which can offer alternatives," said Economy Minister Philipp Roesler. Among ideas to be explored, he listed more secure cloud computing and better links between technology start-ups and established industry. First results would be discussed at a IT summit in Hamburg in December, he said.

A former US security contractor, Edward Snowden, set off an inter-

national furor when he told newspapers in June that the National Security Agency was mining the personal data of users of Google, Facebook, Skype and other US companies under a secret programme codenamed Prism. President Barack Obama last week announced plans to limit the sweep of government surveillance programmes and make them more transparent. Snowden, facing espionage charges back home, has been granted a year's asylum in Russia.

The German cabinet also agreed to negotiate with the European Commission on tightening EU data protection laws, and to pursue a "no-spy deal" with Washington, whose details are as yet unspecified. Merkel's conservatives are still tipped to win the 22 September federal election, with opinion poll ratings at 40 percent, some 17 points ahead of the opposition Social Democrats (SPD). It is less clear whether Merkel can renew her center-right coalition with the Free Democrats (FDP), who are polling just 5 percent.

Reuters

New iPhone, 4G technology may mean Apple, China Mobile tie-up closer

SINGAPORE, 15 Aug — The stars may finally be aligning for a long-awaited deal between Apple Inc and China Mobile Ltd, the world's biggest mobile carrier, that could help the iPhone maker claw back lost ground in its most important growth market.

Apple is expected to unveil its redesigned iPhone next month and may also release a cheaper, emerging market smartphone. Crucially, it also now has Qualcomm Inc chips that can operate even on China's obscure networks. At the same time, Beijing is expected to grant 4G licenses by the year-end that favor the biggest of its domestic mobile operators.

Apple has so far ducked a deal with China Mobile as this would have required a redesign inside the iPhone to work on the operator's inferior TD-SCDMA 3G technology. For its part, China Mobile has been reluctant to commit to the huge cost of marketing and subsidizing sales of the expensive iPhone.

By offering a mid-market Apple smartphone,

China Mobile, which has 740 million users, could draw in more sophisticated, data-crunching subscribers to grow net profit that last year was only 15 percent higher than in 2008, when Apple opened its first store in China.

While the 4G licenses are expected to be based on TD-LTE technology, rather than the more widely-used FDD-LTE, the new Qualcomm chips can handle both systems, saving Apple from a major re-design just for the Chinese market, albeit the world's largest.

"The circumstances and the issues that were a

hindrance in the past seem to be getting resolved. So I think there's a higher probability that potentially there's something in the works," said Anand Ramachandran, a telecoms analyst at Barclays in Singapore.

Apple CEO Tim Cook met China Mobile Chairman Xi Guohua in Beijing last month, his second China visit this year, prompting speculation that a deal could be edging closer. Apple and China's carriers do not comment on the commercial details of their contracts and talks.

Reuters



An iPhone 5 is pictured on display at an Apple Store in Pasadena, California on 22 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Australia-China scientific collaboration benefits each other

CANBERRA, 15 Aug — Australia's science relationship with China is not opportunistic but productive, Chief Scientist of Australia Professor Ian Chubb said on Wednesday. Delivering a speech at the Australian National University, Chubb said China has been increasingly important to Australia, being "the most significant education partner and a growing research partner."

While the two countries have been enjoying diplo-

matic relations for 40 years, the scientific relations began more than a decade earlier when Professor Wilbur "Chris" Christiansen, a radio astronomer at the University of Sydney, visited China in 1963 as a guest of the Chinese Academy of Sciences. "Australia and China now share a strong and highly productive relationship in science that has been built over more than 50 years," he said. "It (the relationship) has prospered because

each of us brings, and has brought, scientific capacity of quality, and a need, to the relationship, based on quite different intellectual traditions that come together in exciting ways to create new knowledge."

Chubb also noted that China and Australia have become prolific partners in scientific publications, with a wide range of institutions involved and the full spectrum of the sciences.

Xinhua

Gene study uncovers origins of many common cancers

LONDON, 15 Aug — Researchers in Britain have set out the first comprehensive map of mutational processes behind the development of tumours — work that should in future lead to better ways to treat and prevent a wide range of cancers.

In a study published in the journal *Nature* on Wednesday, researchers who analyzed more than 7,000 genomes, or genetic codes, of common forms of cancer uncovered 21 so-called "signatures" of processes that mutate DNA.

"(This) is an important step to discovering the processes that drive cancer formation," said Serena Nik-Zainal of the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute who worked on the research. "Through detailed analysis, we can start to use the overwhelming amounts of information buried deep in the DNA of cancers to our advantage in terms of understanding how and why cancers arise." All cancers are caused by mutations in DNA occurring in cells of the body during someone's lifetime.

Scientists are clear about some things, such as that chemicals in tobacco smoke cause mutations in lung cells that lead to lung cancers, or that ultraviolet light triggers mutations in skin cells that lead to skin cancers. But they have yet to figure out the biological processes that cause mutations behind most common cancers.

Reuters

Samsung W789 Android flip phone with dual screens officially launched

KOLKATA, 15 Aug — Samsung SCH-W789 Hennessy Android flip phone's images surfaced online on Tuesday, and today we get to hear that Samsung's long-time rumoured flip phone has been officially announced.

The Samsung W789 features two 3.3-inch HVGA displays with 320x480 pixel resolution and boasts dual-screen setup.

It is powered by a 1.2GHz quad-core processor. It runs on Android 4.1 Jelly Bean. The device supports dual SIM (CDMA+GSM) with dual-standby. Connectivity features include Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, Micro-USB and GPS. It also packs a 5-megapixel rear camera with flash.

The Samsung W789 is backed up by a 1500mAh battery and comes with expandable storage capabilities. However, there is no mention about internal storage and the RAM of the device yet. It also features Samsung Apps and company's proprietary ChatON app. All the specifications

of the launched clamshell phone are in-line with the leaked specifications that we reported earlier. The South Korean major is promoting its latest W789 phone as a blend of old-school flip phones and touch phones.

For now the handset will be available in China only and there is no word about it being launched in other markets. It seems the Samsung W789 is not the only flip phone that was in the works, as the company is also rumoured to be working on a Galaxy Folder flip phone.

The rumoured specifications of the Samsung Galaxy Folder include a 3.7-inch AMOLED display with a resolution of 480x800 pixels. It is said to be powered by a 1.7GHz Snapdragon 400 processor coupled with 2GB of RAM. It is likely to run Android 4.2.2 Jelly Bean and include an 1820mAh battery. There are reports that suggest that the Galaxy Folder will support LTE. —PTI



BUSINESS & HEALTH

Bacteria in mouth may trigger colorectal cancer

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug—US researchers said on Wednesday they have discovered how a common oral bacterium can trigger a cascade of changes leading to colorectal cancer.

The microorganism called fusobacteria, which are found in the mouth, may stimulate bad immune responses and turn on cancer growth genes to generate colorectal tumours, two studies published in the journal *Cell Host & Microbe* revealed.

Colorectal cancer is the second leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. Recent studies have shown that fusobacteria from the mouth are also abundant in tissues from colorectal cancer patients but it was not known whether they directly contribute to the

formation of tumours. In one of the new studies, Professor Yiping Han from the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and her collaborators discovered that fusobacteria rely on a molecule called FadA, which is found on the surface of these bacterial cells, to attach to and invade human colorectal cancer cells.

FadA then turns on cancer growth genes and stimulates inflammatory responses in these cells and promotes tumour formation, Han said. Han's team also found that the FadA gene levels are 10 to 100 times higher than normal in precancerous and malignant colon polyps. Moreover, they identified a compound known as peptide that can prevent FadA's effects on



cancer cells. "We showed that FadA is a marker that can be used for the early diagnosis of colorectal cancer and identified potential therapeutic targets to treat or prevent this common and debilitating disease," Han said.

In the second study, researchers from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute found that fusobacteria are prevalent in human adenomas, or benign tumours that can become malignant over time, suggesting that these microbes contribute to

early stages of tumour formation. In a mouse model of colorectal cancer, these bacteria accelerated the formation of tumours by attracting immune cells called myeloid cells, which invade tumours and stimulate inflammatory responses that can cause cancer, they said.

The findings will not only lead to more effective strategies for the early diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of colorectal cancer, but also show the importance of good oral health, Han noted.

Xinhua

Lenovo shares up 2 percent after fiscal first quarter net beats estimates

HONG KONG, 15 Aug—Shares of Lenovo Group Ltd (0992.HK), the world's largest PC maker, rose 2 percent on Thursday after it delivered its second-best quarterly earnings that also beat forecasts thanks to swift expansion in its mobile computing business.

Lenovo shares rose 2 percent to HK\$7.71, outperforming the Hang Seng Index's. HSI 0.3 percent gain. Lenovo's April-June net profit was \$174 million, beating a consensus estimate of \$166.0 million.

Reuters

With balloons and fiber, Google experiments in Web access

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 Aug—From sending solar-powered balloons into the stratosphere to offering free Wi-Fi in parks, Google is quietly spending hundreds of millions of dollars on nascent Internet services that may one day challenge the telecom and cable companies. In recent months, Google Inc has announced plans to bring free wireless Internet access to 7,000 Starbucks cafes across America, eventually displacing AT&T Inc; it has asked US regulators for broader access to wireless airwaves; and it has launched 30 solar-powered balloons over the South Pacific ocean, designed to beam the Internet to remote regions.

Then there is Google Fiber, the high-speed cable TV and Internet service that was introduced in Kansas City late last year and that will be expanded soon to

Austin and Provo, Utah. Fiber delivers Internet speeds at 1 gigabit per second, as much as 100 times faster than the average US network. Google is happy with customer responses in Kansas so far and may roll Google Fiber out to a few more US cities, according to several people close to the project.

"Fiber is considered the golden child right now

within Google because of its disruptive nature and the applause that they get from the communities using it," said a former member of Google Access, a group headed by Vice President Milo Medin, who drives the company's Internet access projects. Medin, a networking industry veteran who founded the seminal @Home cable broadband network in the 1990s, leads

a few hundred employees. The group operates autonomously with its own engineering, finance and marketing units, according to the source.

As Google delivers more music, videos and other content to mobile devices, it has become increasingly invested in ensuring it gets the bandwidth it needs. Web access projects like Fiber could help Google grow revenues beyond its maturing search business, and give it more insight into consumers' online habits, crucial to making ads more effective. But Google would be venturing into territory far afield from its traditional strengths and margins may suffer as a result, analysts said. The company would also be competing against well-established Internet service providers, such as AT&T or Time Warner Cable Inc.

Reuters

Verizon delays acquisitions of Canadian wireless firms

NEW YORK, 15 Aug—Verizon Communications Inc (VZN) has decided to put off the acquisition of two small Canadian wireless companies until after a government auction of wireless licenses in January, a Canadian newspaper said, citing people familiar with the matter.

The US telecommunications firm is instead focusing on whether to take part in a key Canadian spectrum auction, which has a 17 September deadline for applications, the Globe and Mail said. Potential bidders in the auction are barred from negotiating any deals with other bidders until next year.

The newspaper said it

the firms Wind Mobile and Mobilicity.

Verizon had tabled a \$700 million preliminary offer for Wind Mobile and signed a non-disclosure agreement with Mobilicity in recent months, it said. This month Rogers Communications Inc (RCIb.TO), Canada's largest wireless company, attempted to thwart Verizon's entry into the country by backing a private equity bid for the two carriers.

In July, Reuters reported that Mobilicity, legally known as Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Holdings Inc, was in talks with Verizon, among others, in connection with a potential acquisition.



was not clear what prompted the change in strategy and whether this signaled Verizon was less enamored about entering the Canadian market or whether it wanted to drive down the prices for

Representatives for Verizon, Wind Mobile and Mobilicity could not be reached for comment outside normal business hours.

Reuters



Lenovo tablets and mobile phones are displayed during a news conference on the company's annual results in Hong Kong on 23 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Gold rises on physical buying from Asia

CHICAGO, 15 Aug—Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange rose on physical buying from Asia on Wednesday. The most active gold contract for December delivery gained 12.9 US dollars, or 0.98 percent, to settle at 1,333.4 dollars per ounce.

Though India raised import duty on gold on Tuesday for the third time this year in an effort to cut a record current account deficit, the country's demand for gold is still expected to pick up later due to seasonal reasons. Meanwhile, physical demand for gold from China remained strong.

Economic data released on Wednesday were neutral.

The US Labour Department reported that the producer price index (PPI) was unchanged in July, while the core producer-price index increased only 0.1 percent.

Furthermore, gold exchange-traded-funds (ETFs) selloff has come to a halt, as holding in the world's biggest gold ETF, SPDR Gold Trust, has remained unchanged at 911.13 metric tons for three days by Tuesday. Silver for September delivery rose 44.4 cents, or 2.08 percent, to close at 21.787 dollars per ounce. Platinum for October delivery climbed 5.5 dollar, or 0.37 percent, to close at 1,505.2 dollars per ounce.

Xinhua



A neon Google logo is seen as employees work at the new Google office in Toronto, on 13 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

WORLD

Talks resume as Israel frees Palestinians, pursues settlements

JERUSALEM, 15 Aug—Israeli and Palestinian negotiators reconvened US-brokered peace talks in Jerusalem on Wednesday amid little fanfare and low expectations, dogged by plans for more Jewish settler homes on occupied land.

An Israeli official, who declined to be named and who was briefed on the talks that were held at an undisclosed Jerusalem location, described them as serious and said the parties agreed to meet again soon.

No details were given on the subject matter of the talks. The parties have agreed to refrain from revealing information in order to raise the chances for success, officials said.

The resumption of negotiations, after a first

round in Washington last month that ended a three-year stand-off over Jewish settlement building, followed Palestinian celebrations overnight as Israel released 26 of their jailed brethren.

Optimism was in short supply before the first official meeting in Jerusalem, a holy city at the heart of their conflict, in nearly five years.

"Israel will resort to feints and evasion and put up impossible demands in order to say that these negotiations are fruitless and to continue its policy of stealing land as it has done until this moment," said Yasser Abed Rabbo, a senior Palestinian official tasked by President Mahmoud Abbas to comment on the talks.

Israel has published



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (C) holds hands with Palestinian prisoners who were released from Israeli prisons during celebrations in the West Bank city of Ramallah early on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

plans for 3,100 new settler homes in recent days, drawing US and other international concern and deepening Palestinian distrust.

Tzipi Livni, Israel's chief peace negotiator and justice minister, said on her Facebook page before the teams met: "Today, I will continue the important mission I began — to achieve a peace agreement that will keep the country Jewish and democratic and provide

security ... for Israel and its citizens." Israeli cabinet minister Yaakov Peri said a "long and exhausting trek" lay ahead. US Secretary of State John Kerry has set a goal of nine months for an agreement to be reached.

"Both for the Palestinians and for us, the hourglass is running out. We will not have many more opportunities to resolve this dispute," Peri told Army Radio.

Reuters

Japan's nuclear clean-up: costly, complex and at risk of failing

KAWAUCHI, (Japan), 15 Aug—The most ambitious radiation clean-up ever attempted has proved costly, complex and time-consuming since the Japanese government began it more than two years in the wake of the Fukushima nuclear meltdown. It may also fail.

Doubts are mounting that the effort to decontaminate hotspots in an area the size of Connecticut will succeed in its ultimate aim — luring more than 100,000 nuclear evacuees back home.

If thousands of former residents cannot or will not return, parts of the farming and fishing region could remain an abandoned wilderness for decades.

In many areas, radiation remains well above targeted levels because of bureau-

tional, according to a *Reuters* review of decontamination contracts and interviews with dozens of workers, managers and officials involved.

In Kawauchi, a heavily forested village in Fukushima prefecture, decontamination crews have finished cleaning up houses, but few of their former inhabitants are prepared to move back. Just over 500 of the 3,000 people who once lived here have returned since the March 2011 meltdown at the Fukushima nuclear plant 25 km (15 miles) to the east.

Even after being deemed safe enough for people to return, Kawauchi has no functioning hospital or high school.

The mushrooms that used to provide a livelihood



Workers wearing protective suits and masks stand next to the No4 reactor at Tokyo Electric Power Company's (TEPCO) tsunami-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima prefecture, in this on 6 March, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

cratic delays and ineffective work on the ground. As a result, some experts fears the \$15 billion allocated to the scheme so far will be largely squandered.

The deep-seated problems facing the clean-up are both economic and opera-

for foragers are now steeped in dangerous levels of cesium. The only jobs on offer in town are menial. Some houses are so mildewed after three summers of abandonment that they need to be torn down.

Reuters

93 killed as torrential rains hit Pakistan



A man sits in his makeshift shelter on a high land of the flooded Ravi river in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 14 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 15 Aug—At least 93 people were killed and 94 others injured in rain-triggered accidents in Pakistan over the last two weeks, official statistics said on Wednesday. According to data compiled by the country's National

Disaster Management Authority, the current monsoon rains affected 84,272 people, destroyed 2,309 houses and affected over 58 hectares of standing crops.

The southern Province of Sindh was the worst hit area where 22 people were

killed and 10 others injured in various rain-related accidents. The rain-triggered flash floods affected 15 villages in the upper part of the provinces and swept away 193 houses. Rain water entered houses in low-lying areas of the province and disrupted railway, road and air traffic. The state of emergency was declared in the rain-hit areas of the province and an emergency cell was formed to carry out rescue and relief operations for bringing the situation under control. At least 21 people were killed, 13 others injured and 149 houses were destroyed in the country's northwest Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The flood-water affected 337 people and destroyed several bridges and highways.—Xinhua

Afghanistan's future depends on foreign soldiers

KABUL, 15 Aug—Afghanistan's security will remain dependent on international troops for many years after most foreign combat forces leave by the end of 2014, the US commander of the NATO-led force in the South Asian country said.

With the formal security handover to Afghans approaching, intense debate is under way about how many troops the United States and its mainly NATO allies should leave to conduct training, support and counter-terrorism operations.

The White House favors about 7,000 US troops, but some in the US military would prefer two or three times as many.

However many are left behind, they will play a vital role in supporting the Afghan National Security Forces. ANSF numbers have been projected at 352,000 by the time they take over, although they have not reached that level yet, according to some official US estimates.

US General Joseph Dunford, the last commander of the NATO-led mission in Afghanistan, would not be drawn on how many he thought should remain, referring instead to "sustainability."

Reuters

Prosecutors appeal against decision on Japanese-Brazilian motorist

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Aug—Brazilian prosecutors on Wednesday appealed a Sao Paulo District court decision sentencing a Japanese-Brazilian woman to 26 months in prison, commuted to one year of community service, for causing a road accident that killed a 2-year-old girl in central Japan in 2005.

The prosecutors filed the appeal with a higher court as they were dissatisfied with the ruling. Under the decision, the defendant, Patricia Fujimoto, 38, is not required to spend time in jail if she

performs four hours of social welfare activities a week for one year. The district court handed down the decision in response to a request from the Japanese government in the absence of an extradition treaty between the two countries.

A prosecutor in charge of the case said the prosecution authorities filed the appeal as the punishment was too mild. Fujimoto, a third-generation Japanese Brazilian, who was charged with professional negligence resulting in death, has pleaded not guilty and also plans to

file an appeal.

According to Monday's court decision, Fujimoto ignored a red light at a crossing while driving a minivan in the city of Kosai, Shizuoka Prefecture, on 17 Oct, 2005, and collided with a car driven by Rie Yamaoka, 47.

The collision killed Yamaoka's daughter Riko, while Yamaoka suffered injuries. Fujimoto was not indicted for negligence resulting in the injuries sustained by Yamaoka because the statute of limitations had run out on that charge.

Kyodo News

British cameraman killed in Egypt

LONDON, 15 Aug — A 61-year-old cameraman working for British media Sky News has been killed in Cairo on Wednesday as Egypt's security forces clear up pro- Morsi sit-ins.

Mick Deane was part of a team covering the violence in Cairo. He was "shot and killed," but the rest of the team are unhurt, according to Sky News reports.

Deane had worked for Sky for 15 years, based in Washington and then Jerusalem.

British Prime Minister

David Cameron tweeted: "I am saddened to hear of the death of cameraman Mick Deane, covering Egyptian violence. My thoughts are with his family and the Sky News team."

At least 15 people were killed and 203 others were injured in confrontations between supporters of ousted President Mohamed Morsi and the security forces during the dispersing operation that started early Wednesday at two major squares in Egypt, an Egyptian health official told Xinhua.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS

Water pumped out from blocked drains



PYINMANA, 15 Aug—Water from filled drains was pumped out in Pyinmana in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday to prevent inundation.

Blocked drains signaled inundation after heavy rain in low-land

downtown wards.

Ward administrators, residents and staff of Myanma Railways participated in the efforts to pump out the water from the drains.

MMAL-Ko Ko Rupa
(Nay Pyi Taw)

HRD

Nay Pyi Taw Council provides teachers with SIM cards

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Low-priced SIM cards were distributed to teachers in remote areas in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Shwe

presented SIM cards to 14 teachers of No (14) Basic Education Middle School and Ohnbin village Basic Education Primary School at the ceremony held at No (14) Basic Education Middle

School in Kangyi village.

Nay Pyi Taw Council has provided SIM cards to 73 teachers from 24 schools in remote areas in Tatkon Township.

MMAL-417

Plan underway to construct 93 school buildings in eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The Ministry of Education plans to build 93 school buildings for increasing number of students in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, said an official of the Ministry of Education.

“Open tender will be invited to construct 93 school buildings to be facilitated to the basic education schools as shaping them with better images in eight townships of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

“We have directives. A plan is underway to construct the school buildings including 12 buildings in Zeyathiri Township. The construction may totally cost K 3164.8 million,” said Nay Pyi Taw Education Officer U Myint Zaw at the opening ceremony of the two-storey school building handing over ceremony at Khitaye Village Basic Education Middle School in Zeyathiri Township on 12 August.

On that day, two RC

two-storey school buildings were handed over to Khitaye BEMS Branch and Pyisanaung BEHS Branch. The buildings are 120 feet by 40 feet each.

“To building the constructions, the government has allotted K 151.2 million from the education budget. Actually, the construction cost K 200 million. But, our company sponsored the remaining cost for the construction. Moreover, we donated K

Myanmar Football Federation rules sanctions over MNL clash

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The Myanmar National League match between Nay Pyi Taw FC and Yangon United FC was suspended after clashes between them and between supporters.

Myanmar Football Federation Disciplinary Committee made rulings over the case 14 August.

The decisions were made after watching CCTV records and hearing the officials.

The rulings suggest that Nay Pyi Taw FC who failed to prevent its supporters from entering into the field would lose the chance to host first season half of MNL next year and pay half of costs for



repair of Wunna Theiddhi Stadium.

Nay Pyi Taw FC player Khaing Htoo will receive one-season ban, the highest penalty against a player.

Other Nay Pyi Taw FC player Zaw Lin was handed five-match ban with the fine of K500,000 and Tin Zaw

Moe and Zaw Myo Oo, five-match ban with the fine of K 200,000 each.

Technical advisor U Myo Win and chief coach U Myo Hlaing Win received three-match ban with the fine of K 500,000.

Assistant coach of Yangon United FC U Tin

Maung Tun was banned for three matches with the fine of K500,000.

The only player to be convicted from Yangon United FC was Kyi Lin who received three-match ban and the fine of K 500,000.

MMAL-Pho Thaw Zin;
Photo: Nyi Myat Thawda

Odd News

African zebras, camels arrive in Mandalay zoo



MANDALAY, 15 Aug—One set of African zebras and one set of African camels arrived at Yadanabon Zoo in Mandalay on 12 August, according to manager of the zoo U Khin Maung Latt.

They were sent from Nay Pyi Taw to the zoo. “They are two years old,” U Khin Maung Lwin said.

“There is no difficulty in

1.5 million to the school funds including desks for students. The construction was undertaken under the supervision of Nay Pyi Taw Council,” said Executive Director U Kyaw Kyaw Lwin of Ayeya Shwewa Co. Khitaye BEMS Branch has 20 teachers who are teaching over 700 students. “We are pleased with construction of the better school buildings,” said Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Than of Khitaye BEMS Branch.—Kyan Taing Aung; Photo Kyaw Thu Win

keeping them as the similarity of climate in Mandalay and



their origins,” he added.

The zoo hosts 4000-5000 visitors including 20-25 tourists each day.

It was established since 18 February, 1989, on 53.21 acres of land.

Currently, the zoological gardens is under management of Htoo Company under a lease deal from the government.

MMAL-Tin Maung
(Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Law course conducted in Nyaunglebin Tsp

NYAUNGLEBIN, 15 Aug—Immigration and National Registration Department of Nyaunglebin Township in Bago District in Bago Region conducted a course on law for prosecutors on 6 August.

Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department

U Myo Lwin briefed those present on the purpose of the opening of course.

Township Law Officer U Thura Thin Zaw, Township Judge U Kyaw Sein Win and Police Sub-Inspector Kyi Lwin of Township Police Force gave lectures.

MMAL-Nay Lin
(Nyaunglebin)

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meets Australian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa received a delegation led by Mr. Andrew McLeod from the University of Sydney at No.1 Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw building, here, this morning.

They exchanged views on legislative affairs being carried out in the Hluttaw.

The meeting was also attended by Bill Committee Chairman U T Khun Myat and Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission member UKhin Maung Soe.

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Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Mr. Andrew McLeod from the University of Sydney of Australia and party.—MNA

Press release on actions ...

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Technology to Deans of Departments (Engineering/Architecture) at 150th Post-Graduate Courses Supervision Committee meeting. The list was approved at the ceremony.

- c. The result was announced on 20-5-2013 in accord with decisions at the meeting held on 19-5-2013 by Rectors of Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University and the Pro-Rectors at the office of the Rector of Yangon Technological University on 19-5-2013.
- d. The assessment board was for written and verbal exams on 22-5-2013, 23-5-2013 and 25-5-2013. The board agreed on considering the lowest mark for those with least performance or health problems as 50 and the highest mark for students with excellent performance as 75 and the middle range. The board agreed to give scores in these three zones.
- e. The result for 2013-2014 academic year was announced on 27-5-2013 according to the decision at the education board meeting No 2/2013 of the Yangon Technological University. For five post-graduate courses, 10 students qualified for water resources major, 12 for geotechnical, two for transportation, seven for construction management and 34 out of 54 for structural. The selection was made as per the criteria set in advance and in agreement with the department.
- f. There are still 11 lecturers in Civil Engineering Department and there are 58 students writing their thesis in 2013-2014 academic year. The board decided to not increase the number and agreed on the number recommended by the respective department to avoid overloading the lecturers.
- g. The selection was made according to their performance in written and verbal exam. The five courses under the civil engineering department accepted 65 students as it targeted earlier.

2. The students with high performance were selected for post-graduate courses (post-graduate diploma, master and doctorate) to be opened at the Yangon Technological University in 2013-14 academic year under the assessment of the University Education Board which weighed capacity of the department and the performance of the students.

3. Regarding the suggestion demanding 24-hour electricity supply at Thingangyun Township Sanpya Hospital, the Health Ministry has installed 750 KVA transformer and 315 KVA transformer and making coordination with Ministry of Electric Power for further installation of 500 KVA transformer.

4. Regarding the suggestion calling for guaranteeing the legal rights for Myanmar citizens working in foreign

countries that have signed Avoidance of Double Tariff Agreement (ADTA) concerning the tax levied on migrant workers in Singapore, the clarification of the Foreign Ministry was made public on 17-3-2013 issue of dailies and the Ministry of Finance has further explained taxation of Singapore's Revenue Department and taxable incomes in Myanmar under section (15) of Myanmar-Singapore ADTA. According to Republic of the Union of Myanmar income tax laws in force, Myanmar nationals working abroad and earning in foreign currency are to pay 10 per cent of their total income until 18-8-2011 and two per cent from 19-8-2011 to 31-12-2011. As of 1-1-2012, the government exempted Myanmar nationals from paying income tax from their total incomes in foreign currency with notification No. 57/2011 dated 21-12-2011.

5. Tax payers to pay income tax in foreign currency according to the set rate and two assigned periods mentioned in notification Nos 124/2006 and 157/2011 of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar if they did not pay tax in Singapore and can't prove they have paid taxes. The ministry also exempts them from paying income tax after 1-1-2012.

6. Regarding the suggestion made to Myanmar Economic Bank to do something for public convenience in circulating in ragged banknotes, the Ministry of Finance is taking the following measures:

- (a) Exchange counters are opened at all the branches of Myanmar Economic Bank exchanging old, ragged and incomplete banknotes for new ones;
- (b) The counters are exchanging old banknotes that are no more suitable for use, whose English/Myanmar serial numbers remain intact despite being torn apart and glued back together, whose English/Myanmar serial numbers are complete and surface area remain at least two-thirds of the original, whose parts between alphabets and serial numbers remain intact despite at most three digits being torn apart from both alphabets and serial numbers, whose surface area remain over the half of the original despite being ragged, torn and stained with oil or chemicals or dyes, for new ones. In so doing, the backs of the banknotes to be exchanged need not to be glued with paper or cello tape.
- (c) Banknotes in critical condition like ones burned, damaged or subjected to white ant or that can't be exchanged at the branches of Myanmar Economic Bank can be exchanged at Central Bank of Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay branches) and services has been provided to people in exchanging such banknotes.
- (d) The Central Bank of Myanmar would extend the ragged banknotes exchange programme which started September, 2010 until 31 March, 2014.

7. Complaints and inquiries about the actions of ministries can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 16 August, 2013

Let's move forward

Life is full of up's and down's. We have to face good and bad things alternatively throughout the life of an individual. We feel depressed and a great hesitation whenever we face difficulties. Depression is the beginning of the failure of our life. So, we must stand our life adamantly by overcoming these difficulties.

Chinese Leader Mao Zedong launched "Great Leap Forward" campaign, which is an economic and social campaign by the Communist Party of China aimed to rapidly transform the country from an agrarian economy into a communist society through rapid industrialization and collectivization. The campaign reminds people of making strenuous efforts to accomplish the tasks whatever difficulties they face.

Moving backward whenever we meet with difficulties would hardly bring about the success in any field. It needs to seek the best possible ways to move forward. In doing so, we must employ tactics and strategy. Trying every possible ways would certainly reach the climax of success.

That is why, each and every person needs to step forward instead of feeling depressed. Our diligence and utmost efforts is at the core of our success. We can move forward through our all-out efforts.

Mr. Quintana visits Central Prison in Insein



Mr. Tomás Ojea Quintana greets a prisoner at Central Prison in Insein Township.—MNA

YANGON, 15 Aug—asked questions for his knowledge. Special Rapporteur on the human rights situation in Myanmar Mr. Tomás Ojea Quintana this afternoon visited the Central Prison in Insein Township. He met with Director U Maung Maung Aye of Yangon Region Myanmar Correctional Department and Deputy Director U Kyaw Htay of Central Prison (Insein) and

Then, he met six prisoners namely Ke Ei (a) Thant Zin Aung, Zaw Min Than (a) Kyaw Soe, Saw Tin Win (a) Saw Wah Lay, Min Min Tun, Htaung Hswam Mong (a) Mon Pee and Lau Hong (a) Yan Naing separately and looked round the prison.

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Termination of office of Magway Region Advocate-General

Under the paragraph (i), Sub-Section (b), Section 264 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Advocate-General U Maung Maung Phyu Tint of Magway Region who cannot discharge his duty efficiently has been terminated from his duties.

Sd/ Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar



Work coordination meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw's committee and commission held



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Pyithu Hluttaw's committee and commission members at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mark McDowell, at

**Pyithu Hluttaw
Speaker Thura
U Shwe Mann shaking
hands with Canadian
Ambassador to
Myanmar Mr Mark
McDowell.**

MNA

the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here this morning.

A work coordination meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw's committee and commission was held at

Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here today, with an address by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann.

Responsible persons, committee chairmen and

secretaries and commission members reported their respective works. It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa.

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UFM stresses to strengthen relations between ASEAN and China



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin poses for documentary photo with ASEAN Foreign Ministers.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin arrived back in Myanmar today after attending the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat in Hua Hin, Thailand on 13-14 August 2013.

During the Retreat, ASEAN Foreign Ministers exchanged views to commemorate the 10th Anniversary of ASEAN-China Strategic Partnership and deliberated on ASEAN Community's Post 2015 Vision.

The ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Retreat was chaired by Mr. Surapong

Tovichakchaikul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand and attended by Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ASEAN Member States and the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Cambodia and Secretary-General of ASEAN.

The Union Minister stressed to strengthen future relations between ASEAN and China and the need to further promote engagements with the People's Republic of China to maintain positive momentum on the progress that has been realized between

ASEAN and China in respect of the Code of Conduct (CoC) process in the South China Sea. The Union Minister apprised the strategic directions and priorities of 2014 Myanmar ASEAN Chairmanship to the Meeting. The Union Minister also expressed his appreciation to the ASEAN Member States for providing capacity building assistance for ASEAN Chairmanship and reiterated Myanmar's commitment to closely work with fellow ASEAN Member States for the success of its Chairmanship.—MNA

26th ASEAN Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting on 20-22 August

YANGON, 15 Aug—The 26th ASEAN-Maritime Transport Working Group Meeting will be held at Sedona Hotel here on 20-22 August, according to Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport.

ASEAN member

countries host the event each for two years alternatively. Myanmar hosted it on 2012 and 2013, according to the IWT.

The meetings were held twice a year and focused on development of maritime activities.

Myanmar hosted 23rd and 24th meeting in Yangon and the 25th meeting in Mandalay in March in 2013.

It is the last meeting for Myanmar to host in this routine.

MMAL-Myat Thanda Maung

Talks on human trafficking given in Ottarathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—An educative talks on human trafficking and crimes was organized at No (3) Basic Education Primary School in Zawana Theiddhi Ward in Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 11 August morning.

Police officers of Nay Pyi Taw Anti-Human Trafficking Corps gave talks on the history of the crimes, anti-human trafficking laws and causes of human trafficking. They then distributed pamphlets about human trafficking.

Commander of Phayagon Myoma Police Station Police Sub-

Inspector Kya Nyo gave talks on crimes reduction.

MMAL-Zaw Myo Naing



Deadly attacks force Doctors Without Borders to quit Somalia

NAIROBI, 15 Aug—A medical charity that was a lifeline for hundreds of thousands of Somalis announced on Wednesday it was pulling out of the country, saying the threat of deadly violence had become intolerable.

The withdrawal of Medecins Sans Frontieres

(MSF), or Doctors Without Borders, is a blow to the government's effort to persuade Somalis and foreign donors that security is improving and a stubborn Islamist insurgency is on the wane.

"The closure of our activities is a direct result of extreme attacks on our staff,

in an environment where armed groups and civilian leaders increasingly support, tolerate or condone the killing, assaulting and abducting of humanitarian aid workers," Unni Karunakara, MSF's international president, told reporters in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi.

Sixteen MSF staff members have been killed in Somalia since 1991 when civil war erupted, but the charity stayed on, negotiating with militant groups and resorting to hiring armed guards, something it does not do in any other country.

"But we have reached our limit," Karunakara said, fighting back tears.

Within hours of the announcement, al-Qaeda-linked al Shabaab militants raided one MSF hospital in southern Somalia, forcing patients out before ransacking it.—Reuters



Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders) international President Unni Karunakara addresses a news conference in Kenya's capital Nairobi, on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Roadside bombs kill 14 in north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 Aug—Twin roadside bombs exploded in the Iraqi city of Baquba on Wednesday, killing 14 people and wounding 26, police said, the latest in a wave of summer attacks close to the capital Baghdad.

One bomb detonated in a cafe in the centre of Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, while the

other explosion hit an ice cream shop on a commercial street, police said.

Al-Qaeda has claimed responsibility for similar attacks in the past week in which scores of Iraqi civilians were killed during celebrations marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. Iraq is experiencing some of its worst violence in at least five years.

Earlier on Wednesday, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki gave a defiant response to the Ramadan bombings, promising in a speech to hunt down those behind the wave of attacks.

Al-Qaeda's merged Iraq and Syria branch has said recent attacks were in response to a security crackdown launched by Baghdad.—Reuters

Snowden case not to affect US-Russia missile defence talks

MOSCOW, 15 Aug — Situation around US intelligence whistleblower Edward Snowden did not affect Russia-US talks over anti-missile defence, a senior Russian military official said on Wednesday.

"I did not feel the problem of Snowden affected the talks on anti-missile defence," Russia's Deputy Defence Minister Anatoly Antonov told reporters.

He said the defence ministries did not play politics but focused on military-technical aspects of missile defence and conventional arms control.

"I am sure that (US Secretary of Defence Chuck) Hagel has been tuned for a pragmatic cooperation with Russia," Antonov said.

Still, according to Antonov, situation around

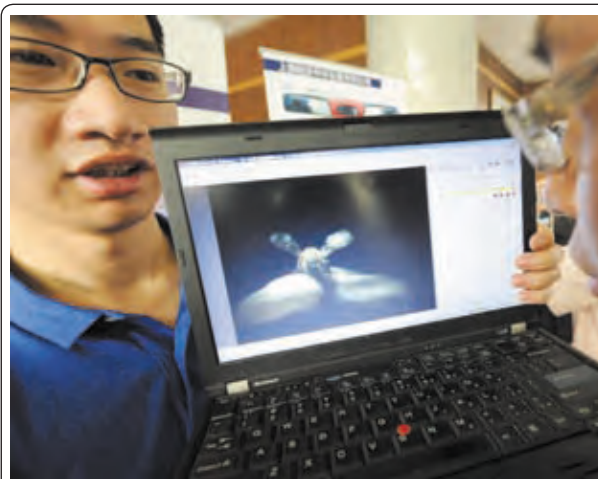
Snowden "was in the air" during the recent "2+2" meeting of the US and Russian foreign and defence ministers in Washington.

"That issue was discussed during our meetings," the RIA Novosti news agency quoted him as saying.

Russia has granted Snowden a one-year asylum after he leaked a classified US surveillance programme code-named PRISM.

In retaliation, US President Barack Obama canceled his planned summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin next month, citing little progress expected on key issues between the two nations.

Antonov also admitted that no progress in the anti-missile defence talks has been achieved. —Xinhua



A representative presents an image displaying the details of a bee's movement at the 4th International Conference of Bionic Engineering (ICBE 2013) in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 14 Aug, 2013. The ICBE 2013, which kicked off Wednesday at Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, attracted about 300 representatives from both China and abroad.—XINHUA

Nicaragua to start oil exploration in disputed Caribbean waters

MANAGUA, 15 Aug—The Nicaraguan government on Wednesday confirmed the arrival of an oil rig to be used for oil exploration in disputed Caribbean waters.

The Ocean Saratoga drilling platform, belonging to US firm Noble Energy Ltd, arrived in Nicaragua on Monday, and is situated at the Paraiso Sur (PS1) well, 168 km from



Vehicles are trapped in water after heavy rains that caused flood on a street in Sanaa, Yemen, on 14 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Shanghai book fair takes measures to cool down readers

BEIJING, 15 Aug—The Shanghai Book Fair opened on Wednesday with organizers taking measures to help shield visitors from an ongoing heat wave.

The book fair has installed spray-cooling facilities in a waiting zone in front of the Shanghai Exhibition Centre to cool

visitors.

"This will lower the temperature by around 3-5 degrees," said Kan Ninghui, vice-director of the Shanghai Press and publi-

cation bureau.

The fair also extended its opening hours to 9 pm so people can visit in the evening, when temperatures are cooler.—Xinhua



People read books during the 2013 Shanghai Book Fair in east China's Shanghai, on 14 Aug, 2013. The seven-day book fair kicked off on Wednesday.

XINHUA

Two pilots killed in US cargo plane crash

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug — A UPS cargo plane crashed near an airport in the US state of Alabama early Wednesday and two pilots were killed, aviation authorities said.

The Airbus A300 plane, which took off from Louisville in Kentucky, crashed at around 6 am local time (1000 GMT) while approaching the airport in Birmingham, said the Federal Aviation Administration.

Birmingham Mayor William Bell confirmed the pilot and co-pilot, who had not been identified immediately, were killed in the tragedy, but no more casualties were reported so far. The US National Transportation Safety Board said it had sent a response team to the site of the crash.—Xinhua

the find, she said, adding the Nicaraguan Ministry of Energy and Mining will be permanently monitoring the work in this part of the Caribbean.

The governments of Costa Rica and Colombia both claim Nicaragua grants oil-exploration concessions in waters that belong to them, an allegation that Nicaragua denies.

Xinhua

REGIONAL



Vehicles drive past the India Gate which is decorated with colours of the India national flag in New Delhi, capital of India, on 14 Aug, 2013. The Independence Day of India will fall on 15 Aug.—XINHUA

Cambodian population at 14.68 million

PHNOM PENH, 15 Aug — Cambodia has the population of 14.68 million as of 2013, a 9 percent rise from 13.4 million in 2008, according to the intercensal population survey released on Thursday. The survey, conducted by the Planning Ministry's National Institute of Statistics in March,

showed that 7.12 million of the population are males and 7.56 million are females. It said urban population constitutes 21.44 percent of the total population, up from 19.51 percent five years ago.

Speaking at the launch of the survey report, Minister of Planning Chhay Than said

the survey was a follow-up of the population census in 2008. "It provides up-to-date information on the population size and growth, fertility level, mortality level, and volume of migration," he said. "It is vital for the preparation of strategic plans for social and economic development."—Xinhua

Indian navy chief does not rule out sabotage in submarine explosion

NEW DELHI, 15 Aug — Indian Navy Chief Admiral DK Joshi said on Wednesday that he cannot rule out sabotage in the explosions on the Indian navy submarine this morning in Mumbai, though the investigation at this point cannot back such a theory.

"We cannot rule out sabotage. But indications at this point do not support the (sabotage) theory," he said at a Press briefing in Mumbai broadcast live on TV.

The INS Sindhurakshak submarine exploded and caught fire before sinking at a major navy dockyard in Mumbai on Wednesday morning. The investigation would take at least four weeks, said Joshi, who accompanied Defence

Minister AK Antony to visit the site of disaster.

Meanwhile, the fate of 18 navy personnel who went missing with the submarine remained uncertain by Wednesday evening, though Indian navy divers entering the vessel had reportedly detected no signs of life from the crewmen.

"We hope for the best but prepare for the worst," said Joshi. Two explosions took place almost simultaneously before the submarine caught fire. Local media said debris of a missile and booster have been found at the navy dockyard. The 16-year-old submarine was built by Russia and has been undergone substantial technological check and lift in Russia recently.—Xinhua

Anti-tank mine explodes, killing six in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 Aug — Six farmers were killed on the spot and another one seriously injured after a home-made tractor ran onto an old anti-tank mine in northwestern Preah Vihear Province, police chief confirmed on Thursday.

The accident occurred in a forest in Chom-ksan District when the tractor hit the mine on Wednesday night at 7:00 pm local time, Sy Kiri, police chief of Preah Vihear Province, said. "All the victims are

men. They returned from their rice fields by a tractor together. Unfortunately, the tractor moved onto the old mine and triggered the explosion," he told Xinhua over telephone. "The injured man is still in critical condition—less hope to survive."

He said the area is a former battlefield and landmines have not been cleared from the forest yet.

It was the second remarkable accident within two weeks. The first one

occurred on 31 July when a buffalo-cart hit an old anti-tank mine in northwestern Oddor Meanchey province, killing a father and his two children on the spot.

Cambodia is one of the world's worst countries suffered from landmines. An estimated 4 million to 6 million landmines and other munitions left over from three decades of war and internal conflicts that ended in 1998.

Xinhua

Japanese man, 70, gives up attempt to swim across English Channel

DOVER, (England), 15 Aug — A 70-year-old Japanese man on Wednesday gave up attempting to swim across the English Channel when faced with strong ocean waves just kilometres away from reaching the French shore. Toshio Tominaga would have been the oldest Japanese to complete the swim across the channel if he had succeeded. After the attempt, Tominaga said in a Dover suburb, "I want to do my best and challenge myself next year."

After more than 12 hours of swimming from the shore near Dover he left early Wednesday morning, "I wasn't moving forward because of the growing waves and winds," he said.

The shortest distance of the channel is around 34 km but it typically requires

a 40-50 km swim to cross because of the tidal current. Tominaga and his staff including a coach had arrived in England earlier this month.

The Hiroshima city resident played water polo and swam competitively in his youth. He took up swimming again at 61 when he retired from his job with an electronics manufacturer.

He has since racked up long-distance swimming successes, including a swim across the Bosphorus, a strait between European and Asian Turkey, in 2009.

The oldest person to swim the English Channel is Roger Allsopp, who made the swim at 70 years and four months old in 2011, according to Guinness World Records.

Kyodo News



Toshio Tominaga, a 70-year-old Japanese man, is seen near Dover, Britain, before dawn on 14 Aug, 2013, before beginning his swim across the English Channel. If successful, he will be the oldest Japanese to complete the long-distance swim.

KYODO NEWS

Typhoon strikes south China after killing six in Philippines



A woman braves the wind at the Golden Bauhinia Square as Typhoon Utor approaches Hong Kong on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

HONG KONG, 15 Aug — A typhoon struck the south coast of China on Wednesday, forcing airlines to cancel flights and halting stock exchange trading in the financial centre of Hong Kong after leaving a trail of destruction in the

Philippines.

The Hong Kong weather observatory raised its No 8 tropical cyclone signal early in the day, its third highest alert, but had lowered it by the afternoon as Typhoon Utor moved inland west of the territory.

Heavy rains and gale force winds lashed Hong Kong and uprooted trees, with heavy disruptions to shipping services and flights. Markets, schools and businesses closed for the day.

China's State Oceanic Administration issued a first-level emergency response late on Tuesday and fishing boats and other vessels were called back to port in western Guangdong.

Nearly 200 workers were rescued from an artificial island on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge as conditions deteriorated, local police said.

On the tropical resort island of Hainan, west of the storm's path, 27,000 boats returned to port while more than 98,000 people

were evacuated from low-lying areas, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

As of late Tuesday, over 3,000 passengers were stranded at Sanya and Haikou airports on Hainan. Some train and shipping services were also suspended, with waves of over 10 meters (32 feet) expected in some coastal zones.

Utor was the worst typhoon to hit the Philippines this year, killing six people and displacing over 30,000 families as it caused landslides and floods and disrupted power and communications links.

Cyclones are common at this time of year in the South China Sea, picking up strength from the warm waters and dissipating over land.—Reuters



Photo taken at Tokyo's Haneda Airport on 14 Aug, 2013, shows a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, on which All Nippon Airways Co found a problem in the wiring of a fire extinguisher for an engine. ANA delayed the flight from Tokyo's Haneda Airport to Frankfurt for about 1 hour and 40 minutes due to the problem.—KYODO NEWS

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(7/2013)

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(5)	IFB -065(2013-2014)	Transmission Pump Assy For Komatsu Dozer	(5) Nos	US \$
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(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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2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 19.8.2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone:95-1-291985, 291994

**Brazil brings 115 mln USD lawsuit
against Samsung**

BRASILIA, 15 Aug — Labour prosecutors in northern Brazil's Amazonas state said on Wednesday they are lodging a lawsuit against South Korea's Samsung Electronics Co for poor working conditions, and demanding 250 million Brazilian reais (115 million US dollars) in compensation.

The lawsuit follows complaints by employees at the company's plant in the Free Economic Zone of Manaus in northwest Brazil, including health problems from working standing up for up to 10 hours and repetitive-

movement injuries. According to the lawsuit, Samsung has received 162 citations on lack of safety standards and poor workplace conditions since 1996. In 2012 alone, Samsung was informed of 2,018 cases of employees who had to suspend working due to muscular-skeletal injuries and other labour-related afflictions.

An investigation by the Labour Ministry showed via photographic and video evidence that workers were expected, for example, to assemble a television set in 65 seconds, which requires between 87 and 96 move-

ments per minute, or more than medically recommended.

The ministry is also demanding Samsung provide employees with a 10-minute break per hour worked, and to readapt work stations so employees can work sitting down.

In a statement, Samsung said it had not been notified of the case, but was willing to cooperate with the Brazilian authorities to offer "a working environment that guarantees the highest industrial standards on safety, health and well being."—Xinhua

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

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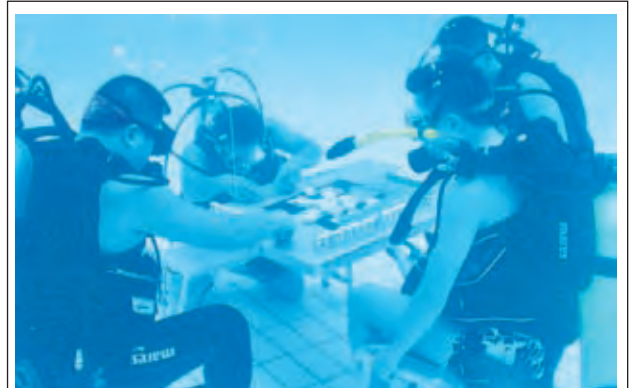
**Jordan, US sign 1.25 bln
USD loan guarantee deal**

AMMAN, 15 Aug — Jordan and the United States signed a 1.25 billion US dollar loan guarantee agreement on Wednesday, the state-run Petra news agency reported. After the signing, Jordanian Prime Minister Abdullah Ensour said the loan guarantee deal allows Jordan to issue Eurobonds in global financial markets.

Under the deal, the United States guarantees Jordanian government bonds for the amount of 1.25 billion dollars for a period of up to seven years.

Ensour said the loan guarantee will enhance Jordan's ability to borrow from international markets and reduce its financing needs from the domestic market, providing room for the private sector to obtain the funds it needs to thrive.

He added that it will also allow Jordan to obtain external financing with competitive interest rates at par with US government borrowing, which will reduce the Jordanian government debt service payments.—Xinhua



Lingering high temperature scorches central China's Hunan Province. Locals in Xiangtan City found a creative way to keep cool — playing mahjong under water—XINHUA

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ENTERTAINMENT



Ram Gopal Varma directed Sridevi in Kshana Kshanam

Sridevi is the greatest living painting: Ram Gopal Varma

NEW DELHI, 15 Aug — Painting is one of Sridevi's passion, but for filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma, the actress, who turned 50 on Tuesday, herself makes for the "greatest living painting ever".

"You might like to paint, but for me you are the greatest living painting ever, which even a Vincent van Gogh or Leonardo da Vinci can't paint without you posing," Varma posted on his Twitter page on Tuesday.

Wishing her for her

special day, he posted: "Happy birthday to the most beautifullest woman and the most fantaastik-est actress in the whollest world."

The filmmaker directed the versatile actress in 1991 Telugu film Kshana Kshanam.

To Shekhar Kapur, who had helmed Mr India, one of Sridevi's best films so far, RGV said: "She was always a star, but in Mr India, you showcased Sridevi like in a way only an artiste can present art."—PTI

MGM adjusted profit gains on film, TV sales

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug — The MGM movie studio said adjusted profit rose in the second quarter on higher revenue from home entertainment sales of the James Bond movie "Skyfall" and "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey."

Net income for the quarter that ended in June totaled \$35.9 million, a \$30 million increase when excluding a one-time gain from the year-ago sale of Latin American pay TV channels. Without the asset sale, second-quarter profit

fell 16 percent from \$42.6 million.

Revenue rose 164 percent to \$339 million, lifted by home entertainment sales of its movies and licensing of TV shows including "Vikings."

MGM, the 88-year-old movie studio synonymous with the golden age of Hollywood, exited bankruptcy protection in 2010.

In July 2012, MGM said it had filed confidentially for an initial public offering.

Reuters



The headquarters of the MGM movie studio is pictured in Los Angeles on 12 Nov, 2007.

REUTERS

Lady Gaga speeds up release of new single Applause

WASHINGTON, 15 Aug — Lady Gaga is hurrying the official release of Applause, the first single from her new album ARTPOP, to a week before scheduled due to piracy leaks making it already available on the Internet.

"Due to hackers an abundance of low/high quality leaks...we issue this pop music emergency...monsters spread the word," Lady Gaga said on her Twitter account. The release of Applause, the first song on her new disc ARTPOP, was

originally scheduled for 19 August. Lady Gaga also said she will give a live performance of the number at the MTV Video Music Awards on 25 August in Brooklyn.

The new disc ARTPOP, which will come with an app for electronic devices, goes on sale next 11 November. The release will now coincide with that of Roar, the song by Katy Perry — which was also leaked on the Internet prematurely — who is Lady Gaga's rival for current pop music stardom.

PTI

The release of Applause was originally scheduled for 19 August.



The actress has often called it her "ugliest" hairstyle.

Jennifer Aniston will never have her Rachel haircut back

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug — Jennifer Aniston has made no secret of her dislike of her famous Friends hairdo and the actress says given a choice she would prefer going bald than having the layered style again.

During an interview

on The Kyle and Jackie O Show, Aniston was asked "Would you rather have the Rachel haircut for the rest of your life or shave your head once?" Aniston, 44, replied, "Shave my hair once, definitely. The Rachel for the rest of my life?"

Shave my head once! Yeah, I'd shave my head once!"

The hairdo was created by Aniston's longtime hairstylist Chris McMillan for her character Rachel, according to E!News. Aniston has often called it her "ugliest" hairstyle.—PTI



The Civil Wars score first No 1 on Billboard 200 album chart

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug — Country music duo The Civil Wars hit No 1 on the Billboard 200 album chart on Wednesday, knocking off last week's chart-topper, Robin Thicke. The band's eponymously titled second album sold 116,000 copies in its first week and

was the only record in the Billboard 200 this week to break the 100,000 barrier, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

"The Civil Wars" was one of four new debuts in the top 10 of Billboard's weekly album chart. The latest compilation of the

"Now That's What I Call Music!" series, "Now 47," featuring hits from Justin Timberlake, Selena Gomez and Bruno Mars, landed at No 2, with sales of 82,000 in its first week, while Thicke's "Blurred Lines" album dropped to No 3.

Reuters

Hugh Jackman offered USD 100 million to reprise Wolverine in four films

LOS ANGELES, 15 Aug — Australian actor Hugh Jackman has reportedly been offered a USD 100 million deal to reprise his role as Wolverine in four future movies. The 44-year-old, who is set to reprise his iconic role in the upcoming X-Men: Days of Future Past, previously hinted at a potential retirement from playing the adamantium-clawed mutant again, reported aceshowbiz.



The actor will be seen playing the mutant again in the upcoming film X-Men: Days of Future Past.

"Hugh has a big decision to make. It's not every day an actor gets offered this kind of paycheck, but Hugh vowed never to lock himself into any multipicture deals after X-Men. He hasn't given any kind of answer yet, so at least he's considering it," a source said.

Jackman, the third highest paid actor on this year's Forbes list, had previously said, "I wasn't even sure after the first stand-alone film if I would do another. I had something to prove, and we could have done better."—PTI

SPORTS



Bosnia's Edin Dzeko (R) fights for the ball against Brad Evans of the US during their international friendly soccer match in Sarajevo, on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Altidore hat-trick fires US to comeback win over Bosnia

SARAJEVO, 15 Aug—Jozy Altidore struck a stunning second-half hat-trick as the United States roared back from a two-goal deficit to beat Bosnia-Herzegovina 4-3 in a friendly on Wednesday. The victory in Sarajevo extended Jurgen Klinsmann's team's winning streak to 12 games and was also Altidore's fifth successive international game with a goal.

Bosnia-Herzegovina, who lead Group G in European qualifying for next year's World Cup, grabbed the lead in the eighth minute when Manchester City striker Edin Dzeko beat Tim Howard with a close-

range shot at the second attempt.

The home side doubled their lead on the half hour through a fine glancing header from Vedad Ibisevic but it was a very different story after the break. Bosnia coach Safet Susic made four changes and the United States took advantage of the disruption to quickly get back in the game. Eddie Johnson slotted home in the 54th minute after Michael Bradley had found Altidore with a long ball. Four minutes later, Johnson returned the compliment, finding Altidore who tapped home to bring the Americans level.

Zvezdan Misimovic twice went close to putting the Bosnians back in front with long-range efforts before Altidore turned it on again.

The Sunderland striker superbly curled in a free kick in the 84th minute and two minutes later completed his hat-trick with a first-time finish after more good service from Bradley. A fine glancing header from Dzeko in the final minute of normal time provided the prospect of a late twist but another impressive win for Klinsmann's team was the perfect tonic ahead of the 6 September World Cup qualifier in Costa Rica.

Reuters

Wimbledon champion Bartoli announces shock retirement



Marion Bartoli of France hits a return to Simona Halep of Romania during their women's singles match at the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 14 Aug, 2013.—REUTER

CINNANATI, 15 Aug—Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli shocked the tennis world on Wednesday by announcing her retirement from the sport at the age of 28.

After a second round loss to Romanian Simona Halep at the Western and Southern Open, the Frenchwoman walked into the media room and said: "I just can't do it anymore".

Her surprise announcement comes just six weeks after she beat Germany's Sabine Lisicki in the Wimbledon final to claim her first and only grand slam title.

"Well, it's never easy and obviously there is never a time to say it or whatever, but that was actually the last match of my career," said Bartoli, wiping the tears from her eyes. "It's time for me to retire and to call it a career. 'I feel it's time for me to walk away.'"

Reuters

Moscow braced for classic men's 400 hurdles final

Moscow, 15 Aug — Having taken a night off on Wednesday, fortuitously timed for Yelena Isinbayeva's emotional pole vault victory to soak in, the action comes thick and fast again at the world athletics championships on Thursday with six gold medals up for grabs.

It could be regarded as "barrier night" on the track with both 400 metres hurdles finals as well as the men's steeplechase. On the infield, there is the men's high jump and women's triple jump, with the women's 1,500m finishing off the action.

The men's one-lap

hurdles has produced some great finals in recent years and Thursday's race could be another as American Michael Tinsley starts favorite but faces a stiff challenge from Puerto Rico's Javier Culson, compatriot Kenny Clement, Cuba's Omar Cisneros and the evergreen Felix Sanchez.

It is a different story in the women's race, where Czech Zuzana Hejnova looks a class above the field, who should be scrambling amongst themselves for silver.

Abeba Aregawi will be similarly favored in the 1,500m after winning all five of her Diamond



Michael Tinsley of the US clears a hurdle in the men's 400 metres hurdles heat during the IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow on 12 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

League races this season but the Ethiopian-turned-Swede was caught out tactically in last year's

Olympic final and needs to show she has learned from the experience.

Reuters

Flamengo deny Juventus link to Adryan

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 Aug—Flamengo have denied holding talks with Juventus for the sale of highly rated Brazilian teenager Adryan. Local media reported on Wednesday that the 19-year-old could join the Italian Serie A side before the close of the European transfer window on 31 August.

But Flamengo's executive director Paulo Pelaipe said there had been no official interest shown by any club in the attacking midfielder. "We haven't received any proposals," Pelaipe said. "He is a young player and forms part of our future plans."

He has done well so far and is being well prepared by our football department."

Adryan, a current member of Brazil's under-20 team, has played 29 matches for Flamengo since his first-team debut in 2011. In April he extended his contract with the Rio de Janeiro outfit until 2016. His release clause is reportedly 13 million euros.

Xinhua



Brazilian teenager Adryan

Top Cuban baseball player missing, reported to have defected



Cuba's Jose Abreu reacts with teammates after hitting a grand slam off China's Liu Yu in the fifth inning at the World Baseball Classic (WBC) qualifying first round game in Fukuoka, southern Japan on 4 March, 2013.—REUTERS

HAVANA, 15 Aug—One of Cuba's top baseball players is reported to have abandoned the Communist-run island to become the latest emigre seeking a multi-million-dollar Major League contract in the

United States. José Dariel Abreu, 26, an all-star first baseman for one of the island's best teams, the Elephants of Cienfuegos, failed to show up this week for training for Cuba's upcoming national champi-

onship, fueling rumours of his defection.

Baseball America magazine, a leading US authority on the sport, reported this week that Abreu left Cuba and is hoping to sign with a Major League team in the United States. Other media reports say he is now in Haiti or the Dominican Republic. Baseball analysts speculate his talent could earn him a professional contract worth tens of millions of dollars, similar to those signed by other recent Cuban defectors. "All I can say is that right now he's not training. He didn't show up," Liván Angarica, the head of the Provincial Baseball Academy of Cienfuegos, told Reuters. "If he defected or not, that's a matter for the provincial sports authority."—Reuters

GENERAL



Members of a family play in the Shimanto River as a heat wave continues in Shimanto, Kochi Prefecture, western Japan, on 14 Aug, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Singapore's River Safari to celebrate birthdays for pandas

SINGAPORE, 15 Aug—Singapore's River Safari will be celebrating the birthdays of the two giant pandas living here as well as the first anniversary of their arrival in Singapore, the zoo said on Wednesday.

Jia Jia will be celebrating her fifth birthday on 3 September, while Kai Kai will turn six on 14 September. Both the pandas arrived in Singapore on 6 September last year to live in Singapore for a period of ten years.

The River Safari is hoping to create a buzz during the week-long holiday for local schools from 7 to 15 Sept by throwing birthday parties for the giant pandas and offering free guided tours.

Wildlife volunteers will also be promoting awareness about endangered species. Visitors may also get a chance to feel the teeth of a giant panda or get a whiff of panda poop. Face painters will be around to turn visitors into pandas.

Ahead of the week-long Panda Party Week, the zoo will also be inviting members of the public to help prepare a special birthday cake and toy for the giant pandas. Ten lucky individuals will get to visit River Safari's bamboo nursery and the kitchen for the giant pandas.

Panda mascots Kai Kai and Jia Jia will also be appearing outside the wildlife parks to surprise panda fans.

Kai Kai and Jia Jia have been immensely popular in Singapore. The River Safari spent 8.6 million Singapore dollars (6.9 million US dollars) to build air-conditioned houses for the two giant pandas.

They arrived in Singapore by a chartered plane, which even the leaders of the city state had not enjoyed. Separately, the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding is also planning to send three Pambassadors later this month, who had emerged winners of a global campaign last year from over a million applicants, to the River Safari as part of a wildlife conservation tour of 14 cities that have giant pandas.—Xinhua

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4. News	21. News/ Weather Report
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10. Mono Classical Songs	27. News/Weather Report
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Good day for Grand Slam champs Djokovic, Murray, Nadal

CINCINNATI, 15 Aug — The winners of the season's first three grand slams Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Rafa Nadal put on a masterclass at the Western and Southern Open on Wednesday, strolling into the third round with straight sets wins.

Centre court at the sprawling Lindner Family Tennis Centre turned into a parade of champions as fans savored an action-packed day that began under a bright morning sun with Wimbledon winner Murray breezing past Russian Mikhail Youzhny 6-2, 6-3. Australian Open champ Djokovic beat Argentine Juan Monaco 7-5, 6-2 to move a step closer to becoming the first player to win all nine World Tour

Masters titles, before French Open winner Nadal dispatched German Benjamin Becker in equally impressive fashion, 6-2, 6-2, under the floodlights.

Nadal, who has been in superb form opening up his hardcourt campaign with a win in Montreal on Sunday, continued to build momentum towards the US

Open later this month and extended his hardcourt winning streak to 11 matches. "I played well tonight, I should be very happy the way that I played since the beginning," Nadal told reporters. "Just for a few games the serve was down a little bit. For the rest, I think I played a great match."

"When you change cit-

ies, change a little bit of weather, the feelings on the ball is different and when you have these kind of tournaments back to back it's not easy, but I'm very happy with the way I played this afternoon and the way that I adapted the game." Djokovic and Murray have met in the Cincinnati final twice before, in 2008 and 2011, and the world's top two players appear on collision course once again. Murray won both previous meetings but the big Serb, who has four runner-up finishes on the Ohio hardcourts, will be determined to be the last man standing this year and become the first player to complete what the ATP Tour has dubbed the 'Career Golden Masters'. —Reuters



Andy Murray of Britain hits a return ball to Mikhail Youzhny of Russia at the Men's Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 14 Aug, 2013.

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Photo taken on 14 Aug, 2013 shows the inside view of the T3 terminal of Shenyang Taoxian International Airport in Shenyang, capital of northeast China's Liaoning Province. The T3 terminal in Taoxian Airport will be the largest terminal in northeast China after it is put into formal use on 15 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Assistant Professor from Hong Kong University

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received Dr Renaud Egretreau, French Research Assistant Professor from Hong Kong University, at Amyotha Hluttaw hall of the Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Amyotha Hluttaw International Parliamentary Friendship and Cooperation Committee Chairman U Khin Maung Yi, International Relations Committee Chairman U Nyunt Tin and officials from the Hluttaw Office.

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Project Document and MoU on building schools in Shan State (North and South) inked



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win attends signing ceremony of MoU and Project Document.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—The signing ceremony of an MoU and Project Document between Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department of the Ministry of Border Affairs and Nippon Foundation, Saetanar and (Bridge Asia Japan-BAJ) was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry, here this morning.

At the ceremony Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing

Win said that 57 schools were built in Shan State (South) with repair of nine schools and 43 schools in Shan State (North) spending US\$ 3 million from 2002 to 2007 in the first phase of the plan.

Under the second phase of the plan, 54 schools were built in Shan State (South), 46 schools in Shan State (North) and with repair of 24 schools in Shan State (South) and eight schools in Shan

State (North) spending US\$ 4 million from 2007 to 2012, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister expressed his thanks to all participants saying that in this third phase of the plan the Saetanar has inked the MoU and Project Document for school buildings in Shan State (North and South) spending US\$ 5 million funded by the Nippon Foundation from 2013 to

2018. Moreover BAJ has agreed to implement about 100 schools in Rakhine State spending US\$ 6 million funded by Nippon Foundation.

Executive Director of the Nippon Foundation Mr Shuichi Ono explained the tasks of school buildings and potential benefits, on-going tasks and providing training courses to people at home and abroad so as to promote human resource development.

Executive Director of the Saetanar U Tin Lay and Resident Representative Ms Akiko Mori of BAJ clarified matters related to the MoU.

Next Director-General U Htwe Hla, Executive Director Mr Shuichi Ono of Nippon Foundation, Executive Director of Saetanar U Tin Lay and Resident Representative of BAJ Ms Akiko Mori inked the MoU and Project Document.

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has accorded agreement to the proposed appointment of Dr. Rodrigo Querubin Londono as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Colombia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Dr. Rodrigo Querubin Londono earned M.Sc. in Electrical Engineering in 1965 and served as a Professor of Electrical

Engineering at the University of Andes, in Colombia. He served as Ambassador of Colombia to the People's Republic of China from 1998 to 2002. Since 2010 he has been serving as Colombian Ambassador to Malaysia.

Dr. Rodrigo Querubin Londono will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Kuala Lumpur.—MNA

Public Notice

- Myanma Radio and Television broadcasts TV programmes to the entire nation through TV re-transmission stations with the use of Thaicom 5 satellite. As the term of Thaicom 5 satellite is going to expire soon, Thaicom 6 satellite has been launched. At present, MRTV is preparing to broadcast five TV channels soon through digital multichannel. Arrangements are being made to change broadcast of the TV programmes through Thaicom 6 instead of Thaicom 5. Thanks to changing satellite to Thaicom 6, everybody can apply necessary Satellite Bandwidth for MRTV channel and its related channels. The parameters for Thaicom 6 satellite are as follows:-
 - Technical Parameters for Nay Pyi Taw MRTV channels-

Satellite Name	- Thaicom-6A
Location	- 78.5°E
Down Link Frequency	- 3708 MHz
Symbol Rate	- 10,000 Ksps
FEC	- 2/3
Polarization	- Horizontal
 - Technical Parameters for Yangon MRTV-4 and related channels-

Satellite Name	- Thaicom-6A
Location	- 78.5°E
Down Link Frequency	- 3730.5 MHz
Symbol Rate	- 12,500 Ksps
FEC	- 7/8
Polarization	- Horizontal
- Thanks to changes, MRTV will be broadcasting its programmes of multichannel across the nation phase by phase. At present, TV re-transmission stations are functioning through Thaicom 6 satellite. The people can enjoy the programmes of MRTV through UHF/VHF Antenna as usual.

Myanma Radio and Television

Press release on actions of line ministries on recommendations submitted to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. The Ministry of Science and Technology followed the procedures mentioned hereafter on the complaints lodged by 20 B.E graduates who failed in verbal exam for ME (Civil-Structure) in which 34 out of 54 students were qualified:-

- Qualification exams for post-graduate courses (post-graduate diploma, master and doctorate) were invited via Myanma Alinn and Kyemon dailies on 8-4-2013 and 9-4-2013. English test was held on 6-5-2013 and the major subject exam on 7-5-2013.
- On 3-5-2013 ahead of the exam, the Yangon Technological University Rector presented the proposed list of students for the ME (Engineering/Architecture) course in accord with the directives of the Ministry of Science and

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Myanmar's trade deficit reaches US\$ 571.63 million for April-July in 2013-14 FY

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—Myanmar's total export value—normal export value of US\$ 564.51 million and border export value of US\$ 233.27 million—has reached US\$ 797.78 million in July 2013-2014 FY while its total import value has amounted to US\$ 789.13 million—normal import value of US\$ 704.43 million and border import value of

US\$ 84.70 million. So, total trade surplus for July 2013-2014 FY stood at US\$ 8.65 million.

Total export value including US\$ 2143.36 million of normal export value and US\$ 821.31 million of border export value of Myanmar totalling US\$ 2964.67 million during April-July in 2013-2014 FY while its total import

value—normal import value of US\$ 3116.67 million and border import value of US\$ 419.63 million—has reached US\$ 3536.30 million. According to Central Statistical Organization's report on monthly export and import, Myanmar's total trade deficit for April to July 2013-14 FY was US\$ 571.63 million.

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