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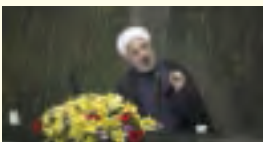
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President U Thein Sein felicitates Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2013.

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President, wife attend ceremony to drive stakes for birth place of Lord Buddha



Photo shows birth place of Lord Buddha at Bodh Gaya.

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—A ceremony to drive stakes at the venues dedicating to the birth place

of the Buddha-to-be and the preaching of Dhammacakka Sutta was held at four Samvejaniya places being

built in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

At first, President U

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65th anniversary establishment of diplomatic ties between Myanmar and Thailand held

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—On 14 August, a Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin attended the ceremony to commemorate the 65th anniversary of Myanmar-Thai diplomatic relations in the afternoon at Thai Foreign Ministry in Bangkok after attending the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Hua Hin. At first, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin opened the

Photo Exhibition of 65th anniversary of Myanmar-Thai diplomatic relations by cutting ribbon and viewed the photos exhibited.

Afterward, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin delivered opening remarks at the commemorative ceremony of 65th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Thailand.

Present on the occasion

were Chairman U Nyunt Swe and members of Myanmar-Thai Friendship Association, officials from Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs and relevant ministries and the Ambassador of Myanmar to Thailand U Tin Win, members of Myanmar Embassy and Myanmar community in Bangkok.

Before the 65th anniversary commemorative ceremony, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin called on Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign

Affairs Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul at Thai Foreign Ministry. The two ministers discussed matters on registration of Myanmar migrant workers, signing of visa exemption agreement on ordinary passport holders, cooperation at border areas and the matters of mutual interests during the meeting.

After the meeting, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul presented 100,000 USD to Union Minister U Wunna Maung



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin poses for documentary photo with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr. Surapong Tovichakchaikul.—MNA

Lwin for the resettlement and rehabilitation of the victims of affected areas

in recent flash flood in Myanmar.

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LOCAL NEWS

Water tanks for fire prevention cleaned

YANGON, 16 Aug—Two water tanks with capacity of 3000 gallons each were cleaned by members of Township Fire Services Department, Deputy Commanding Officer U Myo Myint and party, local authorities and local people on Thitsa Street in Ward 12 and Ward 13 in Yankin

Township of Yangon East District on 10 August morning.

The work was supervised by Chairman of Township Fire Prevention Supervisory Committee Township Administrator U Win Aung and Head of Township Fire Services Department U Ko Ko Gyi. MMAL-043

Illegal teak timber seized in Taikkyi

TAIKKYI, 16 Aug—Forester U Aung Mya and party of Taikkyi Township Forest Department searched a Mart II car at mile post 46/4 on Yangon-Pyay Road in Taikkyi Township on 9 August afternoon.

The driver and his partner managed to flee the

scene.

The departmental personnel seized 806 pieces of teak sawn timber weighing 0.9506 ton worth K 570,360.

Taikkyi Myoma Police Station opened a file of lawsuit over the case.

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Plan to scrutinize CCTV victim cars under traffic rules

YANGON, 16 Aug—Yangon Region Traffic Police Corps scrutinized their moves and took action against those who broke traffic rules with the use of CCTV, said a traffic police officer.

“At a time when traffic light changes red from green, if a vehicle

stops at a place beyond the stopped line, its act will be documented by CCTV. In scrutinizing the documentary one, if the car did not move back without any car behind it, action would be taken against the car. If not, the penalty will be relaxed,” he said.

In taking action against

Ancient monastery, ordination nearing bank erosion in Maubin Township

YANGON, 16 Aug—Due to bank erosion, an ancient monastery and ordination halls caused nearing collapse in East Takapaw Village in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region.

The monastery and ordination halls are over 100 years old. Despite preserving the monasteries and ordination halls in

successive eras, the local people now face the danger of collapse, said School Board of Trustees U Bo Bo Win.

In our Maubin District, the monasteries and ordination halls of over 100 years old are very rare. Since its establishment, the monastery was located on five acres of land but now

it is on about two acres of land. The monastery is just 30 feet to the river bank. In this region, bank erosion causes about 30 feet wide landslide,” he said.

U Kesarasiri of Abaya Wihara Monastery remarked, “I am 88 years old and 68 years vasa. In my novicehood, the monastery was over 4000 feet far from

the bank. Now it is adjacent to the bank. I would like to request the local authorities to preserve and maintain the monastery and ordination for their durability.”

Members of the monastery board of trustees said, “There are one monastery, one ordination hall, two-storey Dhammayon and one pagoda. The construction is going on. Wellwishers are ready to make donations. But, we suspend our works due to bank erosion.”

Local people said, “We vow to preserve the monastery with outmost efforts as it is significant one. However, the cost will be high. We set a fund for prevention against flood. But, the fund from the village will be less than the estimated. The preservation of the State for the monastery and ordination will be better.”—Kyemon-Ko Thet (Botahtaung)



School heads work proficiency course kicks off

THANLYIN, 16 Aug—Organized by No. 3 Basic Education Department of Yangon Region, the school head work proficiency enhancement course was opened at the hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Thanlyin of Yangon South District on 7 August morning.

Director U Myint Soe (Education) made an opening address.

A total of 492 school heads from basic education primary, middle and high schools from Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Thongwa and

Kayan townships.

The training course was lectured at two places. One training venue was located at No 1 BEHS in Thanlyin and another one at BEHS No 2 Thanlyin.—Kyemon-Than Win (Thanlyin)

One dead, four injured in overturned express bus

TOUNGGOO, 16 Aug—A Mitsubishi Fuso express bus of Shwe Nat Taung bus line heading for Tounggoo from Myawady of Kayin State overturned at the bridge in Indaing Village of Ottwin Township of Bago Region on Yangon-Mandalay Highway at 7.45 am on 14 August.

In the incident, bus conductor Myo Min Zaw, 30 died on the spot under the bus. One man and three

women of 10 passengers sustained unserious injuries and rushed to Ottwin Township People's Hospital by the car of the Township Administrator.

Ottwin Township Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against reckless driver Min Thein Kyaw, 22, under the law but he managed escape from the incident.

Kyemon-Kyaw Swa (Tounggoo)



CCTV installed at the post in centre of the road to check the vehicles that break traffic rules.

Nutritious food cooking contest marks nutrition week



AUNGLAN, 16 Aug—In commemoration of the Nutrition Week, the nutritious food cooking contest, organized by Aunglan Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association of Magway Region, was held at the hall of the Township MCWA office in Aunglan on 13

August.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Ko Ko Lay explained matters related to the Nutrition Week and presented awards to the township that secured awards in the contest.

Kyemon-Myint Myint Swe (Aunglan)

Officials of MCWA making assessment over nutritious foods made by contestants.

Development

WORLD

Iran Parliament approves big Rouhani cabinet nominees, rejects three

DUBAI, 16 Aug — Iran's Parliament on Thursday approved all President Hassan Rouhani's big-name nominees for a cabinet of technocrats, which will have the task of imple-

menting his plans to patch up relations with the world and ease international sanctions.

The parliament debated each of the 18 nominees over the course of four

days, rejecting three minor candidates.

Rouhani's nominee for education minister, Mohammad Ali Najafi was turned down after coming under attack by conservative members of parliament for having ties to opposition leaders held under house arrest.

The proposed minister of science and Rouhani's nominee to head the ministry of sport were also rejected.

But parliament approved Rouhani's choice of foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, a US-educated former UN Ambassador who has been at the centre of several rounds of secret negotiations to try to overcome decades of es-

trangement between Washington and Teheran.

Rouhani, who took office on 3 August, has promised to repair Iran's image abroad after eight years of confrontation under his predecessor Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

Parliament also approved Bijan Zanganeh, a former oil minister under the reformist president Mohammad Khatami, to return to that post where he will be charged with the task of increasing Iran's oil production and exports.

Western sanctions imposed over Iran's disputed nuclear programme have halved Teheran's oil exports since 2011, and its ageing oilfields need crucial maintenance.—Reuters



Iranian President Hassan Rouhani delivers a speech at Iran's Majlis (parliament) in Teheran, Iran, on 15 Aug, 2013. Iran's Majlis on Thursday approved candidates that President Hassan Rouhani nominated for key posts in his 18-member cabinet.—XINHUA

Biden to visit Japan in fall for talks with Abe

TOKYO, 16 Aug — US Vice President Joseph Biden is likely to visit Japan in the fall for a meeting with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, a Japanese government source said on Friday.

Tokyo and Washington are eying October or November for the trip, the source said.

During a meeting meant to signal the robustness of the security alliance between the two countries, Biden and Abe are expected to compare notes on developments in the Asia-Pacific region, including China and North Korea.

The plan comes as China flexes its muscles to push territorial claims to Japanese-administered islands in the East China Sea called Senkaku in Japan and Diaoyu in China, and North Korea continues down the path toward developing nuclear weapons.

Biden is expected to

welcome and express support for political stability in Japan and urge the country to take steps toward improving its soured ties with China and South Korea.

Abe is likely to convey to Biden the need for Japanese and Chinese leaders to work hard to reduce tensions between the two countries, and Tokyo's plan to communicate well with Seoul through diplomatic channels.

The prime minister also plans to brief Biden on his government's plan to review its interpretation of the war-renouncing Constitution to pave the way for Japan to exercise its right to collective self-defence, according to the source.

So far Tokyo has taken the position that while Japan has the right to come to the defence of an ally under armed attack, it cannot exercise the right because of the limits imposed by the



Robert Menendez (L), chairman of the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe shake hands at the prime minister's office in Tokyo on 15 Aug, 2013.

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pacifist Constitution.

In a speech in Singapore in July, Biden said he would be "back again in the fall in China and Japan." Abe and Biden last met in the city state on 26 July,

when both were travelling through the region at the same time.

Biden last visited Japan as vice president in August 2011.

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US walks careful Egypt line; some see mixed messages

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug — By cancelling a military exercise with Egypt but not cutting off US aid, President Barack Obama sought on Thursday to show his displeasure at the Egyptian army's violent crackdown on protesters — without totally alienating the generals.

Obama announced the move a day after at least 623 people were killed, according to Egypt's Health Ministry, as troops and police used force against protesters seeking the return of

those objectives and weakens US credibility, after repeated calls by the US administration for Egyptian authorities to avoid bloodshed have been disregarded," members of the Working Group on Egypt said in a statement.

Former US officials said Obama's decision reflected his balancing act since the army ousted Egypt's first freely elected president, an action the United States appeared to tacitly condone by its deci-



US President Barack Obama makes a statement about the violence in Egypt while at his rental vacation home on the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard in Chilmark on 15 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

President Mohamed Mursi, who was toppled by the military on 3 July.

Critics argued that Obama had done too little, too late and that his administration has repeatedly sent mixed messages — among them its failure to brand Mursi's ouster a military coup — thereby eroding its ability to influence events.

A bipartisan group of US Middle East experts said the cancelling of the military exercise was necessary but fell far short of what is needed to meet US objectives in Egypt.

"The president's failure to suspend aid to the Egyptian military is a strategic error that undercuts

sion not to call for Mursi's restoration.

The White House has tried to appear to support democracy in Egypt, while protecting the US strategic interest in Egypt's stability, its peace treaty with Israel and its military cooperation with the United States, including privileged access to the Suez Canal.

In his desire to maintain some links to Egypt's generals, Obama on Thursday cancelled the biennial Bright Star military exercise with Egypt rather than cut the \$1.55 billion in aid - including \$1.3 billion to the military — that Washington gives Cairo annually.

Reuters

59 injured after explosion at firework festival in Kyoto

KYOTO, 16 Aug — Fifty-nine people were taken to hospital on Thursday evening after an explosion at a row of stalls at a summer firework festival in Kyoto with 19 of them having suffered heavy injuries such as burns over their entire bodies, firefighters said.

Five were particularly in serious condition including a 10-year-old boy who was being treated in

an intensive care unit, they said. The blast occurred at around 7:30 pm just before the start of the fireworks in the main viewing venue on the bank of the Yura River in Fukuchiyama, across the firework launch site, according to the authorities.

The annual festival, which last year drew around 110,000 spectators not only from Kyoto but also from Osaka and Hyogo prefectures, was cancelled with

no fireworks lighted. The local chamber of commerce, which organized the fireworks, said propane gas cylinders used at stalls may have exploded. Local residents said they had heard more than one explosion.

The firefighters said flames of fire and billows of smoke were seen and three stalls caught fire and were knocked down. They were among the around 350 stalls selling foods and



Investigators examine past midnight of 15 Aug, 2013, a site where an explosion occurred that evening at a row of stalls at a summer firework festival in Fukuchiyama, Kyoto Prefecture. Fifty-nine people were taken to hospital.

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goods at the festival venue, they said. "I heard a bang and then saw a billow of

smoke," said a 37-year-old man of the chamber of commerce who was serving as a

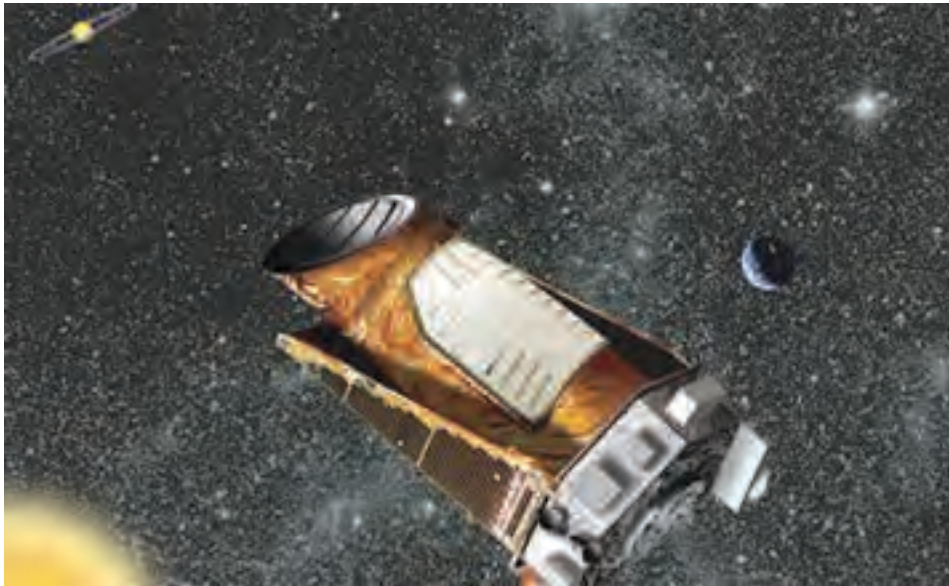
volunteer around 200 meters away from the site of the blast.

A 28-year-old woman from Ritto, Shiga Prefecture said, "It was a mess with blue sheets used by festival goers scattered at the viewing site, drawing a crowd of curious people while other people were leaving the venue."

About 6,000 fireworks were scheduled to be displayed during the 90-minute festival starting at 7:30 pm, according to the official Website of the festival.—Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

NASA calls off attempts to fix Kepler space telescope



An artist's composite of the Kepler telescope is seen in this undated NASA handout image. Two of Kepler's four gyroscope-like reaction wheels, which are used to precisely point the spacecraft, have failed and NASA reported on 15 Aug, 2013, that it is ending attempts to fully recover the spacecraft.—REUTERS

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 16 Aug—The Kepler space telescope's planet-hunting days are over because its broken positioning system cannot be fixed, NASA officials said on Thursday. The observatory was launched in 2009 to hunt for Earth-sized worlds suitably positioned around their parent stars for liquid water, a condition believed to be necessary for life.

The telescope was sidelined in May when it lost use of equipment needed to keep its gaze steady on about 100,000 target stars. Kepler worked by finding slight dips in the amount of light coming from a star, a

telltale sign of a planet passing by, relative to the telescope's line of sight. The technique requires precise pointing, which was accomplished by three spinning wheels to control the telescope's motion up and down, left and right and side to side. Kepler also had a fourth spare wheel, but that was put into service after a previous wheel failure in July 2012. Engineers began tests last month to see if either jammed wheel could be recovered, but the efforts ultimately proved fruitless, the US space agency said.

"The wheels are sufficiently damaged that they cannot sustain spacecraft

pointing control for any extended period of time," Charles Sobeck, Kepler deputy project manager at NASA's Ames Research Centre in Moffett Field, California, told reporters during a conference call on Thursday. Scientists may be able to use the telescope for projects that do not require such precise positioning, such as looking for asteroids, comets and other celestial objects. NASA is soliciting proposals for alternative Kepler missions and expects to make a decision early next year on whether to continue funding the telescope's operation. The Kepler project's budget

currently is about \$18 million a year.

So far, the telescope has found 135 planets beyond the solar system and another 3,500 possible planets that are awaiting confirmation, according to scientists. While some planets are even smaller than Earth and others have been found in potentially life-friendly orbits, so far a perfect Earth analog has yet to be identified. An Earth-sized planet orbiting a star about the same distance that Earth is from the sun would take a year to pass under Kepler's gaze. Scientists want three or four years' worth of data to be sure a change in the amount of light coming from a target star is due to a passing planet and not an eclipsing neighbour star, a stellar flare or some other phenomena.

Scientists have about two years of archived Kepler data yet been analyzed. "I'm confident that we are going to find what we expected ... but we're going to have to work hard for the next couple of years," said Kepler lead scientist William Borucki, also with Ames, referring to an Earth-sized planet hospitable to life. Kepler flies about 40 million miles (64 million km) from Earth, too far away for a robotic or astronaut-led repair mission.

Reuters

Sony nears deal with Viacom for new Internet TV service

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—Sony Corp is close to striking a deal to secure content from media company Viacom for a new Internet-based TV service, the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Thursday.

Sony is working on a service that can stream live television over the Internet and it aims to roll it out by the end of the year, the newspaper reported, citing an anonymous source. The Japanese company is also

speaking to Time Warner, CBS and Disney about potential programming deals, the newspaper reported.

A US spokesman for Sony declined to comment as did representatives from Time Warner, CBS, Disney and Viacom. The report said the Web-based service would be available on Sony's new PlayStation's console, Bravia high-definition TVs and could later expand to other Sony products such as tablets and phones.—Reuters



Sony Corp's logo is seen at the company headquarters in Tokyo on 22 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Hackers use new tactic to attack US media sites

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—Hackers promoting the Syrian Electronic Army simultaneously targeted websites belonging to CNN, *Time* and the *Washington Post* on Thursday by breaching Outbrain, a firm which publishes content recommendations on those sites. That resulted in some WashingtonPost.com and Time.com customers being redirected to the website of the Syrian Electronic Army when they clicked on the content from Outbrain, said Outbrain Vice President Lisa LaCour.

The CNN International site briefly displayed a headline that said "Hacked by SEA," she said. The Syrian Electronic Army is an online group that supports Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and has been linked to several high profile attacks. They include one on the Associated Press' Twitter feed in which a bogus message was sent out about explosions at the White House.

The latest attacks were significant because the hackers simultaneously targeted several sites by breaching a single supplier whose content is published on multiple platforms. In previous campaigns linked to the Syrian Electronic Army, hackers have breached networks using similar tactics. But in

those cases emails were sent to employees of a single specific media outlet they were targeting, which made preparations for the attacks more labour intensive. Outbrain, which posts content on a large number of prominent news sites, took down its entire network at about 11 am EDT on Thursday, before the hackers could do any more damage, LaCour said. The company's technicians, who are based in Israel, cleaned up the network and planned to restore service late on Thursday, she said. Outbrain said the hackers got in after sending a phishing email to all company employees on Wednesday that purported to be from the CEO. An employee provided login credentials in response to that email and then the hackers were able to get other credentials for accessing internal systems, the company said.

Chris Wysopal, chief technology officer for software security firm Veracode, said he believes that hackers will increasingly choose to go after third-party providers because their security is likely to be more lax than that of their customers. "As the Internet becomes more interconnected, this risk is going to increase," he said.—Reuters

Introducing the olinguito, the newest mammal discovery

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—The long-tailed, orange-furred, big-eyed olinguito—said to resemble a cross between a house cat and a teddy bear—is the newest mammal and the first carnivore discovered in the Americas in 35 years, the Smithsonian Institution announced on Thursday.

Native to the high, misty cloud forests of Colombia and Ecuador, the olinguito is the smallest member of the raccoon family, according to Kristofer Helgen, a Smithsonian scientist who recognized it as a distinct species 10 years ago. The "aha" moment occurred not in a South American forest but at Chicago's Field Museum, the creature's discoverer, Helgen said at a news briefing.

"I pulled out a drawer ... and said 'Wow,'" Helgen recalled of his first view of

a long-dead 20th century specimen, which had been identified as a related species, the olingo. "It was like nothing I'd ever seen before," Helgen said the teeth and skull of the specimen were much different from those of an olingo, which is larger and has more prominent ears than the olinguito. He said he could have published this finding in a scientific journal then, but in the interest of being thorough, he sought out colleagues to confirm the existence of the new species in its natural habitat.

Olinguitos are considered carnivores, even though they eat mostly fruit, Helgen said. These creatures have teeth that look fully capable of eating meat, he added. They have thick, woolly fur that is brighter than that of the more drab-colored Olingos. Olinguitos

are about 2.5 feet (.76 metre) long and weigh about 2 pounds (900 grams). Males and females are about the



Two stuffed specimens of the newly-discovered mammal, "Olinguito (*Bassaricyon neblina*)," are pictured by the media at the Smithsonian in Washington, on 15 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

same size, and females raise a single baby at a time, the scientists said.

Olinguitos are hard to spot in the cloud forests of the northern Andes, which are thickly wooded and often shrouded in fog or mist with elevations of 5,000 to 9,000 feet above sea level. Largely nocturnal, they spend most of their time in the forest canopy and are

adept at jumping from tree to tree. Helgen and his team closely observed the animal's habits and environment. Andean cloud forests are considered unique ecosystems because of the variety of species they support, but they are being deforested to make way for agriculture, urbanization and the illegal drug trade.

Reuters

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Monsoon rains 4 per cent below average in past week



NEW DELHI, 16 Aug— Monsoon rains were below average in the week ended on 14 August, data from the weather office showed on Thursday, easing concerns about damage to crops such as soybeans and cotton. Rainfall was 4 per cent below average, compared to 1 per cent below the previous week.

The June to September rains were very heavy in the first half of the season, which initially helped sowing but later raised worries of crop damage. “The monsoon rains have now eased in most parts of central and south India,” said a weather official.

India, one of the world’s biggest producers and consumers of farm commodities, is heavily

reliant on the annual monsoon for its huge harvests of rice, sugar and cash crops like cotton. The monsoon, crucial for 55 per cent of Indian farmland that does not have irrigation, was the heaviest in nearly two decades during the first half of the season with the fastest ever coverage of the country — almost a month ahead of schedule.

The ample rains could mean higher rural incomes in the world’s second most populous country, improving sales of everything from cars and gold to refrigerators. Finance Minister P Chidambaram has already said the monsoon could help agricultural growth and spur the overall economy.

Reuters

Metformin tied to longer prostate cancer survival

NEW YORK, 16 Aug— In older men with diabetes and prostate cancer, taking the diabetes drug metformin was linked to a lower risk of death, according to a new study. Researchers found metformin’s apparent benefits accumulated over time. Among men with diabetes in Ontario, Canada, who were over age 66, the study found a 24 percent reduction in prostate-cancer mortality for every six months of metformin use, and a similarly lower risk of death from any cause for the first six months.

“Among diabetic men with prostate cancer metformin should be considered the drug of choice, not only for diabetes control but possibly to improve prostate cancer outcomes,” Dr David Margel, a urologist at Rabin Medical Centre, Petah Tikva, Israel, and lead author of the study, told Reuters Health in an email. The World Health Organization estimates that prostate cancer is among the top five leading causes of cancer death worldwide. Approximately 1 in 7 men in the US will be diag-

nosed with prostate cancer at some point in their lives, with roughly two-thirds of these cases found between the ages of 55-74. According to the National Cancer Institute, more than 29,000 American men will die from prostate cancer in 2013. Likewise, the World Health Organization estimates that 347 million people worldwide have diabetes, and that it will be the seventh leading cause of death by 2030.

According to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, more than 25 million Americans are affected by diabetes and over one-quarter of people older than age 65 have the disease. How metformin would work in someone with prostate cancer but without diabetes is unknown, however. Margel’s research team is planning a randomized controlled trial to see if metformin also improves prostate cancer outcomes for non-diabetic men. “Metformin is cheap, safe and has minimal side effects among patients without diabetes and therefore may be an ideal drug

Rising vegetable prices to push up WPI inflation

MUMBAI, 16 Aug— Owing to rising vegetable prices and a weakening rupee, global brokerage firm Nomura has revised its average wholesale price index (WPI) forecast for FY14 to 5.7 per cent from 5 per cent earlier.

According to Nomura, higher food prices, weak domestic demand and the depreciating rupee may even drive the WPI inflation above 6 per cent in the coming months. Rising for the second consecutive month, inflation shot up to 5.79 per cent in July, driven largely by double digit rise in prices of food articles, mainly vegetables, including onion.

Inflation based on WPI stood at 4.86 per cent in June. In July 2012, it was 7.52 per cent. On 14 August, rupee closed at 61.19 against the dollar. “Core inflation rose in July, led by higher textiles, chemicals and leather products prices,” the firm said in a report in Mumbai. Vegetable price inflation jumped to 46.6 per cent in July from

16.5 per cent in June, led by a steep increase in prices of onion and potato. “This (vegetable inflation) will continue to be higher in the next month as well, considering that onion prices have continued to ascend in August,” it said.

Similarly, mineral oil price inflation shot up to 16 per cent in July from 9.6 per in June as rising global crude prices and a weak currency have resulted in oil rates jumping to an all-time high in rupee terms. This trend has persisted in August, suggesting fuel price inflation will also continue to inch higher, it said. Nomura, however, expected vegetable prices to drop later in the year.



“Vegetable prices may reverse (uptrend) and demand may remain weak, but a weak rupee and adverse base effects will continue to drive input costs higher, which is likely to drive the WPI to 6 per cent in coming months,” the Japanese brokerage said.

“We do not see demand-driven inflation as a problem. In the current demand environment, sup-

ply shocks such as rupee, commodity prices and food inflation will be the main drivers of inflation.

High food price inflation remains the key structural irritant,” it said. Nomura observed that monetary policy has been hijacked by financial stability considerations with growth-inflation dynamics taking a backseat.

PTI

Dutch hospital uses Google Glass during jaw operation



THE HAGUE, 16 Aug— Surgeons at the Dutch Radboud University hospital in Nijmegen used Google Glass during a jaw operation, allowing medical students to follow the surgery from the doctor’s perspective, it was announced on Thursday.

The aim of the experiment was to see if the eyewear had added value for students compared with tra-

ditional fixed camera observations. The hospital is enthusiastic about the results. “The quality of the images was sometimes even better than when you would use traditional over-the-shoulder-camera observations. It offers a lot of new possibilities,” Radboud press officer Marloes de Vink told Xinhua.

De Vink said another potential advantage of

Google Glass is “that colleagues world-wide can watch operations via Skype in case extra advice is needed.” But according to the hospital, there was also room for improvement. The footage collected by Google Glass was sometimes jumpy as surgeons walked around. Also, strong light in the surgery room had a negative impact on image quality.

The hospital said it was the first time in Europe that Google Glass was used to take footage during operations. The hospital plans to carry out more research into potential applications of Google Glass in healthcare. The system may also be used by home nursing staff so that doctors can assess patients from a distance.—Xinhua

South African farmers use polluted water to irrigate crops

CAPE TOWN, 16 Aug— South African farmers use polluted water to irrigate their crops, putting not only the health of South Africans at risk but also the country’s reputation as a food exporting country, *Timeslive* reported on Thursday. River water in South Africa is too polluted to be used to irrigate crops, but farmers are unaware of this and untreated contaminated river water is commonly used in agriculture, said *Timeslive*, a local news outlet.

South African rivers contain levels of E.coli bacteria over 10,000 times higher than the number

allowed by the World Health Organization and South Africa’s own Department of Water Affairs, according to the report. This finding was based on a research project undertaken in 2007 by the food sciences department at Stellenbosch University near Cape Town and commissioned by the National Water Research Commission.

Head of the research project Professor Trevor Britz said the situation is so bad that falling into some of the rivers in South Africa could be fatal. The trouble is, much of this river water comes into contact with the food eaten by South

Africans, said the report. This river water irrigation affects crops like maize, citrus, grapes, wheat and vegetables. According to the research, human excrement was a serious pollutant in the rivers.

Britz advised consumers to be sure to clean their fruit and vegetables in sterilizing fluid before eating them. Spokespeople for the Department of Water Affairs and Department of Health both told *Timeslive* they have yet to closely examine the results of the report, and will respond once they have done so.

Xinhua

WORLD

UN agencies in N Korea could run out of cash in weeks



Ghulam Isaczai, UN resident coordinator in North Korea, is interviewed by Kyodo News at the UN headquarters in New York on 15 Aug, 2013.
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NEW YORK, 16 Aug—Facing a serious cash shortfall, UN agencies operating in North Korea are concerned their humanitarian work will be adversely impacted as soon as next month, North Korea's resident coordinator said on Thursday.

"For some (UN agen-

cies) they are in desperate need (of cash), perhaps it could probably last a couple of weeks, for others maybe a couple of months, for others maybe three to four months," Ghulam Isaczai, the UN resident coordinator in North Korea, told *Kyodo News* in an interview while in New York. Since the international community tightened sanctions against the country for carrying out its latest, and third, nuclear underground test in February, international agencies and diplomats working there have increasingly faced challenges in carrying out bank transactions.

"We need money and this money comes through these banks and therefore it has affected the UN system and we are now trying to find a solution working with member states to see if we can find a solution to our cash problem," the resident coordinator explained, adding it was the first time

they have faced such a cash crunch.

Senior UN officials, he said, have been in contact with the US government to raise concerns with hopes that a "humanitarian exemption" could be an option.

There are six UN organizations in North Korea, officially known as the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which provide a range of assistance from life-saving food aid, to agricultural support and health interventions to help the most vulnerable populations.

Isaczai, who took up the post in May, explained how one agency, has "completely suspended" its operations to keep its office open and running through the next four to six months, but added that although the money is running out, the UN agencies are "not going to shut down," as much of the assistance and supplies are procured externally.—*Kyodo News*

Death toll in Egypt crackdown tops 600



Supporters of ousted Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi pray at a mosque in Nasr City, Cairo, on 15 Aug, 2013, the day after clashes between security forces and protesters in various parts of the country left more than 500 people dead and over 3,700 injured. The bodies of many victims were carried to the mosque.
KYODO NEWS

CAIRO, 16 Aug—The death toll in the military crackdown on protesters in Egypt had reached 638 by Thursday night, the Egyptian health ministry said.

Clashes between security forces and protesters including supporters of ousted President Mohammed Morsi on Wednesday left about 4,000 injured, according to the ministry.

The clashes prompted the government to declare

a one-month state of emergency for the entire country and impose a curfew in Cairo and elsewhere.

A total of 288 people were confirmed dead in Cairo's Nasr City district where security forces stormed camps of protesters, while 90 died at a sit-in camp near the Cairo University campus.

Amid the continuing violence in the country, the interior ministry on Thurs-

day warned of the use of live ammunition against attacks on public facilities and security forces. Vice President and Nobel peace laureate Mohamed ElBaradei, who had opposed the forcible removal of protesters, resigned in protest. The protesters were calling for Morsi's reinstatement after the military ousted Egypt's first democratically elected president on 3 July.—*Kyodo News*

Flight recorders retrieved from UPS cargo jet in Alabama

BIRMINGHAM, (Alabama), 16 Aug—An initial investigation into the wreckage of the UPS cargo jet that crashed on approach to Birmingham, Alabama's airport has found no evidence of pre-impact fire or engine failure, the National Transportation Safety Board said on Thursday.

The downed plane's cockpit voice and flight data recorders were also retrieved.

The so-called black boxes will be sent to the NTSB headquarters in Washington for evaluation of possible clues about the cause of the fiery crash of the United Parcel Service Inc aircraft in which two pilots were killed, Robert Sumwalt, a senior NTSB official, told a Press conference in Birmingham.

Sumwalt said the flight data and cockpit voice recorders were covered in debris and plastic that melted in the fire and then hardened onto them. It took

three hours to dig them out.

Investigators hoped to get them opened later Thursday and should know by Friday whether the data is still good.

"They weren't made to be opened. They'll have to saw into them," Sumwalt said. "We are optimistic we will be able to obtain good data from those recorders."

He said there was debris in the engine that was apparently sucked in when the plane clipped the trees. It was "indicative of an engine coming through trees and striking dirt," Sumwalt said.

Sumwalt said they also would be looking at lighting and navigational issues that might be involved with the runway.

The cargo plane, an Airbus A300, clipped trees and nearly hit a house before plowing across about 200 yards of empty field well short of the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport, the NTSB



National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) investigators retrieve the flight voice and data recorders from the wreckage of UPS flight 1354 in this handout photo taken in Birmingham, Alabama on 15 Aug, 2013.
REUTERS

has said.

The pilots of UPS flight 1354 issued no emergency or distress calls before the plane crashed and burst into flames.

UPS identified the two crew members as 58-year-old Carea Beal Jr, a resident of Matthews, North Carolina, and Shanda Fanning, 37, of Lynchburg, Tennessee.

Kevin Hiatt, president and chief executive officer of the Flight Safety Foundation, an Alexandria, Virginia-based international watchdog group, said Birmingham-Shuttlesworth can be tricky to land at be-

cause it is nestled into surrounding hills.

That is especially true of Runway 18, which the UPS jet was approaching when it crashed into a tall hill at the north end of the airport, said Hiatt. A veteran former Delta Airlines pilot, Hiatt said he had touched down on the runway many times himself.

"It is not a full instrument landing. You have to visually fly into that runway. Sometimes it takes nuance to land there. You have to realize that hill is there or you could come in too low," Hiatt told *Reuters*.—*Reuters*

Kevin Rudd unveils special development plan for northern Australia

CANBERRA, 16 Aug—Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd unveiled on Thursday his party's plan to drive growth in the largely underdeveloped northern Australia.

The new plan, named Growing the North: A Plan for Northern Australia, is a three-point strategy to develop and diversify the economy of northern Australia, which straddles a vast area across North Queensland, the Northern Territory and northwest Australia.

It includes a commitment to establish a Northern Special Economic Zone focusing on the Northern Territory to encourage businesses to expand and to attract new businesses to the region.

"My personal objective for the territory is it would be great to have a company tax rate here one-third lower than that of the rest of the country," Rudd said.

The special zone would begin from 2014 and be fully operational by 2018, when the new tax rate would kick in.

The plan also pledges to build the third stage of the Ord River irrigation scheme in Western Australia, and 20-year growth plans for northern hubs including Darwin, Cairns,

Townsville and Mackay to increase trade and investment.

Expanding the Ord Irrigation Scheme Stage 3 includes 10 million AU dollars (9.1 million US dollars) to the Northern Territory government to help facilitate expansion of the scheme from its current 29,000 hectares to 43,000 hectares.

This will increase economic output in northern Australia by an estimated 150 million AU dollars (136.5 million US dollars) every year, mainly through expanded sugar production and agricultural crops.

Rudd's plan, still subject to talks with the local government and business chiefs, was labelled "catch-up politics" by Opposition Coalition leader Tony Abbott, who in June, to ridicule by the then-Labour leadership, announced a Coalition government would produce a white paper on northern Australia.

Labour said northern Australia has tremendous natural advantages. However development in the region has been held back by infrastructure shortages, high business and living costs and a lack of economic diversity.

Xinhua

China's chief justice urges stricter discipline

BEIJING, 16 Aug—Chief justice Zhou Qiang on Thursday called for stricter discipline among judges following a scandal involving four judges from Shanghai.

Four senior judges were removed from the Shanghai

Municipal Higher People's Court's judicial committee over their alleged hiring of prostitutes at a nightclub in early August.

Zhou, president of the Supreme People's Court, made the remarks at a na-

tional teleconference on discipline construction.

"The court is ashamed at the judges' disciplinary violations," Zhou said. Zhou said people's courts at all levels should be aware of problems concerning dis-

cipline, corruption and judicial capacity.

He called for people's courts at all levels to manage their judges more strictly and set up a long-term mechanism for enhanced discipline construction.—*Xinhua*

LOCAL NEWS

Mobile SIM cards sold to vendors, drivers



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Low-priced mobile SIM cards were sold to shopkeepers of markets under Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee of the Nay Pyi Taw Council for the first time.

The SIM-cards were sold to trishaw drivers at the office of the Pynmana Township Development

Committee through lottery-style sale on 13 August.

The sale was supervised by Pynmana Township Administrator U Hsan Maw, Township Development Affairs Committee Manager Assistant Director U Okkar and officials sold 20 SIM cards to the drivers by lots.—MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

HRD

Education staff appointed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Pale Township Education Office of Monywa District in Sagaing Region announced the list of over 180 education staff on 3 August.

No. 1 Basic Education Department appointed 24407 educational staff

and teachers, No. 2 Basic Education Department 25571 teachers and education staff and No. 3 Basic Education Department 2783, totalling 52761 across the nation.

MMAL-Myint Thein Soe (Pontaungmyay)

Odd News

Two women locked in idle elevator



YANGON, 16 Aug—Firefighters save two women locked in the elevator in 45th street in Botahtaung Township following an electricity outage yesterday evening.

The elevator remained idle even after the electricity supply resumed.

Kyauktada Township Fire Brigade sent seven firefighters to handle the case

about five minutes later after the report to the Region Fire Brigade.

The two ladies locked in the elevator were company staff from Insein and Dagon Myothit (South) Townships.

The firefighters recommended the owners of the building to replace the battery of the ERD system of the elevator.—MMAL-Ko Gyi Tin

HRD

Outstanding students awarded in Aunglan

AUNGLAN, 16 Aug—Outstanding students who passed matriculation exam in 2012-2013 academic year in Aunglan were awarded at the hall of No (1) Basic Education High School in Aunglan Township on 8 August.

The ceremony was organized by Aunglan Township Education Development and Executive Committee.

It was attended by the Aunglan Township Administrator, the Township Education Officer, high/middle school headmaster/headmistress, standing students, members of School Board of Trustees, executives of Parent Teacher Association, patrons of Township Education Development Committee, Chairman of the committee U Myint Kyi (Retired



Township Education Officer) and donors.

Distinction winners and the schools with highest pass rates were awarded as well.

Ma Hnin Ei Lwin, a five-distinction winner, spoke words of thanks on behalf of all the award-winning students.

MMAL-Kyaw Thet Aung

Truck plunges off road in Insein Tsp



YANGON, 16 Aug—A Canter truck fell off road in front of Steel Factory of Myanma Economic Corporation in Insein Township in Yangon North

District, Yangon Region, on 14 August.

The driver lost control of the high-speed vehicle bound for Shwepyitha Township from Insein.

The police station charged driver Than Lwin Oo, 20, of Ve Ve Beverage Company with reckless driving.

MMAL-Myint Oo (Insein)

Nutrition week launched in Bago

BAGO, 16 Aug—Nutrition week activities were launched in the city hall in Hanthawady ward in Bago in Bago Region on 7 August.

BAGO, 16 Aug—An elephant was found without tusk killed by poachers in Bago Township's Salu Forest Reserve on 12 August.

Bago Township Forest Department Head U Myo Lwin and Veterinarian Dr Kyaw Soe and Police Sub-Inspector Aung Kyaw Htoo of Htandawgyi Police Station rushed to the scene following the report by forester U Thet Naing.

The male elephant died with the gunshot wound and tusks removed. The veterinarian concluded that it died five days ago.

The forest department has filed a lawsuit against the poacher(s) at the Htandawgyi Police Station.—MMAL-Thant Zin

Head of Bago Region Health Department Dr Nay Myo Ohn elaborated on purposes of organizing seventh World Breastfeeding Week and Nutrition Week activities.

Ferrous tonics and Vitamin B1 tablets were distributed to the expectant mothers and Vitamin-A tablets were given to under-5 children.

MMAL-Thant Zin

Elephant found poached in Salu forest reserve



Crime

Thai immigration authorities return four overstayed Myanmar men

TACHILEK, 16 Aug—District/Township Anti-Human Trafficking Team led by U Win Aung accepted four Myanmar migrant workers at No (1) Friendship Bridge in Tachilek in eastern Shan State from Thai immigration authorities on 13 August.

The overstayed Myanmar workers were arrested in a raid in Thailand.

The police could confirm that they were not trafficked and would be handed over to their relatives on bail.

Thailand has handed over 6413 workers to Myanmar since 19 October, 2010, to date.—MMAL-Myinmo (Tachilek)

ARTICLE

Authentic Abhidhamma Teaching in Theravâda Buddhism

By Venerable Ariyajoti

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 17 August, 2013

Yangon bus ride

It is not the surface of Mars and do not hope to see a NASA spacecraft making expeditions despite all those gaping holes on it. It just implies you are on the streets of Yangon, the holey commercial hub of Myanmar.

Of course you are not on the back of a galloping horse. You are just on a bus on the streets of Yangon, driving at the terrific speed which even the best Formula racing driver like Lewis Hamilton would find himself helpless with awe. Yes, such amazing driving skills, our commuter bus drivers possess and are never hesitant to demonstrate them.

Getting on a bus in the rush hour, especially in the mornings, is easier said than done. Without technique, it is almost impossible, but it is still a Hobson's choice since being late for work means deductions from your salary or less seriously long lectures from your boss. Nonetheless, commuter buses have long been a cohesive force in our social relations, no space between commuters when packed like sardines.

To take the specially-modified buses (it is quite difficult to call the exact names of hybrid reassembled buses here), you would sometimes need some acrobatic skills especially when you are over 170 cm tall. When you have a seat (though it rarely happens) and sit, your knees would lose freedom, being confined in narrow space between two rows. When you stand, a bow is a must to avoid a bump on a galloping bus.

Meanwhile, fatal road smashes have been reduced significantly over the past few months thanks to the speed-limiting measure on Yangon streets that make sure vehicles are crawling and not running on overcrowded streets during traffic peak hours. Being cost-effective, it has also contributed to job creation, providing hawkers with business opportunities at Shwegondaing Traffic Lights, Thamine Junction and some other places.

This is the rhythm of the daily life of Yangonites, and part of their heartbeats which makes them complete.

Abhidhamma is regarded as the higher and genuine teaching of Lord Buddha by *Theravâda* Buddhist. However, not all *Theravâda* Buddhist countries give priority to the *Abhidhamma* comparing to *Suttanta* and *Vinaya* as the Teaching of Lord Buddha except in Myanmar. The obvious reluctance of *Abhidhamma* teaching can be seen in the modern Buddhist scholars' writings such as David Kalupah, a Srilankan scholar and so on. Is there not any reason behind that why only Myanmar Buddhist gives special attention to the *Abhidhamma* but not other countries? It is believed that Myanmar people regard *Abhidhamma* as higher teaching because of the following reasons: firstly, *Abhidhamma* teaching is difficult to understand; however, due to the guidance of the learned monks in Myanmar even the lay people can access the teaching without any difficulty. Secondly, the teaching of *Abhidhamma* discusses the ultimate reality, being a Buddhist, it is essential to understand the ultimate reality for those who want to be free from the suffering of birth and death. Someone might ask, whether other Buddhists want to be free from the suffering of birth and death or not? It is assumed that most of the Buddhist wants to realize *Nibbâna*; nevertheless, in order to be free from suffering, a Buddhist does not require to understand all the *Abhidhamma* teaching (or texts). In terms of higher teaching, *Theravâda* Buddhist regarded the *Abhidhamma* as noble teaching. Therefore, to understand and know the noble teaching is highly beneficial.

The interpretation of *Abhidhamma* differs from scholars to scholars. It is so called *Abhidhamma* because it explained much more detailed and analytical way which is the common interpretation from the Southern Buddhism's (*Theravâda*) perspective. Furthermore, the Chinese interpretation of *Abhidhamma* is "great dharma, peerless, excellent dharma, and the study about dharma

or facing dharma" (Gal-mandagoda, Sumanapala, *An Introduction to Theravâda Abhidhamma*, 7). The following interpretations are also interpreted by the *Abhidhammikas* that the "*Abhidharma* is able to investigate and discriminate the characteristics of phenomena thoroughly". According to Vasumitra, Sarvastivadin scholar that it is expounded from the *Sûtra*. (Loc.cit.) In Pârûva's understanding of *Abhidhamma* seems to be a closer understanding of the *Theravâda Abhidhamma*; it is so called *Abhidharma* because it is ultimate, excellent and infallible wisdom (Loc.cit.). Not only the above meanings defined by the *Abhidhammikas*, there are also more, nevertheless, it is not going to illustrate further.

The modern scholars usually hesitate, how the teaching of *Abhidhamma* can be decided as the genuine teaching of Lord Buddha. Did the Buddha really visit *Tavatimsa* and preach *Abhidhamma* to his former mother who is now *devaputta*? Why the Buddha needed to go to *Tavatimsa* to preach *Abhidhamma*? It will emphasise on some of the fundamental reasons whether it proves or not regarding the Buddha's preaching of *Abhidhamma* in deva realm. While Buddha preached the first sermon of *dhammacakkapavattanasutta* and the commentary of *Sîhasutta* states that "among the five disciples however, only Aññāsikondaññathera with eighteen crores of Brahmas attained first path and fruition knowledge" (*Samyutta Nikâya Atthakatthâ*, 2.261). This statement is the evident that the number of devas and brahmas is higher in terms of attainment of path and fruition knowledge as comparing to human beings.

That is one of the reasons it is recorded that the Buddha preached the *Abhidhamma* teaching in the *Tavatimsa* heaven. Second reason is that Buddha chose to teach *Abhidhamma* in the deva realm rather than in the human realm is because it has to be expounded in a complete picture of

Abhidhamma teaching from the beginning to end to the same audience in a single session. Since the full exposition of the *Abhidhamma* requires three months, only devas and Brahmas could receive it in unbroken continuity, for they alone are capable of remaining in one posture for such a length of time" (Bhikkhu, Bodhi, *A Comprehensive Manual of Abhidhamma*, 10). The final reason is that every Buddha to be has to preach *dhamma* to the *devaputta*'s mother who was the former mother in the human realm, for repaying gratitude is considered as the law (*dhammatâ*) of the Buddhas. Through the assumption of the preaching *dhamma* in the *Tavatimsa* realm to *Devas* and *Brahmas* headed by *devaputta* (former Bodhisatta's mother) and the records of preaching *Abhidhamma* seems to match that Lord Buddha taught it in the deva realm.

Abhidhamma teaching in the deva realms seems as a mystery for others. Why it is so? Is it impossible for Buddha? *Mahânidessa* explains plainly that the Buddha's return from *Tavatimsa* heaven after he had preached the *Abhidhamma* (*Mahâniddesapâli*, 352). Moreover, *Vimânavatthu* and *Petavatthu* also remarked many events about Mahâmogallana visited in the deva realms, brahma realms, and even in hell. Venerable Mahâmogallana, who was the disciple of Lord Buddha capable to travel from realms to realms, why is it impossible for the Buddha. He is the teacher of deities and human beings (*satthâ-devâmanussânâman*). Due to Lord Buddha's responsibility to teach *Dhamma* to all beings according to their fulfillment of perfection (*pâramî*), he preached the *Abhidhamma* in the *Tavatimsa* heaven. In fact, it is not beyond the possibility of Lord Buddha to preach *Abhidhamma* in the deva realm.

Modern scholars think *Abhidhamma* teaching did not exist during the Buddha's time which agitates many *Theravâda* Buddhists. Nyanaponika states that the *Sautrântikas*

regarded only *Suttanta* and *VinayaPimaka* as canonical texts but not the *Abhidhamma* (Nyanaponika, *Abhidhamma Studies*, 13). The reason why the scholars say it does not exist is because of the subject matters (viz. aggregate, base, element, etc.) which discussed in *Abhidhamma* also found in the *Suttanta Pitaka*. In addition, *Abhidhamma* occurs in the *Suttanta Pitaka* of several early recessions, moreover, Watanabe states, Buddha's own disciples formed the conception of *Abhidhamma* as an elementary philosophical study that attempted to define, analyse, and classify *dhammas* and to explore their mutual relation (Bhikkhu Bodhi & Nânamoli, *The Middle Length Discourse of the Buddha*, 1226). In some Buddhist traditions venerable Sâriputta is regarded as the literal author of *Abhidhamma* treatises. (*A Comprehensive Manual of Abhidhamma*, 11). Because he brought the teaching to the human world. Then, what is the response from the *Theravâda* literature. The commentary of *Dhammasa Eganî* states that "What is known as *Abhidhamma* is neither the province nor the sphere of a disciple; it is the province of, the sphere of the Buddhas" (Pe Maung, Tin, *The Expositor*, 519). Indeed, in *Mahâgosi Egassutta* (*Majjhima Nikâya* I, 32) and *Gulissânissutta*, (MN. II, 69) clearly stated that "the monks discussing on *Abhidhamma* which demonstrates the existence of *Abhidhamma* during the lifetime of Lord Buddha." Although the same subject matters of *Abhidhamma* discussed in *Suttanta Pitaka* but their explanations are not much more detailed and do not approach from different aspect comparing to *Abhidhamma* teaching. Consequently, the opinion of the existence of the *Abhidhamma* is only after the passing away of Lord Buddha which seems to be contrary to the information in *Tipitaka*.

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NATIONAL

President, wife attend ceremony to drive stakes...

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Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa at Sasana Beikman near Thatta Thattaha Maha Bo Tree Pagoda.

Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas. The President offered alms to the

Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw. Likewise, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife and Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife together with those present donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Union ministries and wellwishers presented K 2099.4108 million including

Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) K 180 million for construction of religious buildings in the venues dedicating to the birth place of the Buddha-to-be and place of the preaching Dhammaçakka Sutta.

Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha

congregation.

The President and party drove stakes for construction of the birth place of the Buddha-to-be, four corners of the lake and the site for stone inscription and planted Sal trees. They also drove stakes for the sites of Dhammarajika Pagoda,



Vice-President U Nyan Tun driving a stake at Bodh Gaya replica Thatta Thattaha Maha Bo Tree Pagoda.—MNA

Authentic Abhidhamma ...

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The purpose of Abhidhamma teaching will not be clear if it does not explain its essence. "Suttanta Pitaka provides common use (of language) (voharadesanâ), Abhidhamma Pitaka explains the ultimate teaching (paramatthadesanâ) and Vinaya Pitaka describes about "command" (ânâdesanâ) (Pârâjikakand -Atthakathâ, I., 17). Is there any difference among the purpose of Tipitaka? In terms of its purpose whether Vinaya, Suttanta, or even the philosophical Abhidhamma Pitaka have the same purpose of realising the essence of deliverance (vimuttirasâ). In other word, the teaching of Lord Buddha is a means (raft) for overcoming (crossing) the endless samsâric journey of birth and death. Buddha's teaching tells how to see thing as they really are, such as noting the body (kâya), mind (citta), feeling (vedanâ), and mental object (dhamma) with mindfulness. In fact,

Abhidhamma teaching also does. If Abhidhamma discusses about the noting of the activity of either the mind or body, it means indicating us how to live with mindfulness. If a person is living with mindfulness (sati), he could be able to abstain from arising unwholesome mind (akusala-citta). Finally, he will be able to eradicate all the mental impurities. Hence, Abhidhamma teaching coheres its purpose with the other two Pitakas.

Despite of many opinions on Abhidhamma teaching, but to expound without the omniscient knowledge (sabbaññutanânam) of the Buddha is impossible. Because Theravâda literature provides the sufficient evidence for the existence of Abhidhamma. Thus, it is assumed that Abhidhamma teaching is totally connected with the teaching of Lord Buddha. Therefore, the teaching of Abhidhamma is a genuine teaching in Theravâda Buddhism.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham drives a stake at Bodh Gaya replica Thatta Thattaha Maha Bo Tree Pagoda.—MNA

Nayaka Committee Manawhari Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kusala of Hleiseik Model Village in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region delivered a sermon and shared merits gained together with the

Dhammekha Pagoda, Nandiya Monastery and Asoka Monument.

Also present on the occasion were the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission, the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services,

Publication of the actions of ministries concerned regarding the suggestions made to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. Regarding the phrase "bill can be paid either in USD and FEC" on business-purpose electricity bill notice, the Ministry of Electricity and Ministry of Finance explained that the Ministry of Electricity in its electricity bill notices demands the foreign companies, foreign missions, joint ventures with foreigners and residences of foreign houses to pay the electricity bill in US dollars and FEC, but after the Central Banks has announced the launch of FEC abolishment programme announced in newspapers, the word FCE has been excluded from the bill since April 2013.
2. Regarding the suggestion, the Ministry of Finance, in response to the instruction of the Union government to all Union ministries and all region/state governments to collect, pay, receive and hand over the taxes in local currency Kyat as of 1-7-2013, instructed the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank to allow the ministries/organizations to put their received foreign currency into their respective accounts without examining the relevant documents before the Union government's instruction could be followed. In paying bill for business-purpose electricity use, it can be paid in Kyats and if it is to be paid in foreign currency from abroad, it can be done so according to account transfer.
3. Regarding the letter that says the imposition of pre-income tax for exports is making things difficult for

businessmen and thus it is suggested that 2 per cent income tax should be deducted from the sale revenues put into exporter's account by the buyer on depending on the currency exchange rate of the day on which the buyer pay money for the goods he buys, the Ministry of Finance explained as follows:

(a) For exports, the date for the 2 per cent pre-income tax is set the date of shipment and for imports, it is the date of custom clearance at Customs Department. If the goods are exported from Yangon Port and Airport, the tax is to be paid at Companies' Revenue Department, if it is from Mandalay Airport, the tax is to be paid at the office of the head of Pyigyidagun Township Internal Revenue Department, if it is of border trade, the tax is to be paid at branches of Myanmar Economic Bank concerned taking out receipt from OSS concerned. For specific conditions, the authorities concerned still accept the tax by crossed-cheques. For imports, tax is to be paid together with customs duty at the customs department upon clearance.

(b) The procedure for paying pre-income tax for exports from Yangon Port and Airport is to take out form at the office, No.33/12 in middle block of 36th Street showing ED Form of Revenues Department and (See page 10)



President U Thein Sein drives a stake at Bodh Gaya replica Thatta Thattaha Maha Bo Tree Pagoda.—MNA

the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), Union ministers, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, guests and wellwishers.

In Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, four Samvejaniya places are under construction. Of them, Bodh Gaya replica Thatta Thattaha Maha Bo Tree Pagoda has been built successfully.

At the today's ceremony, stake was driven for construction of Lumbini

Sal Plantation, Bodh Gaya, Migadawon Wood where the Lord Buddha preached Dhammaçakka Sutta and Kusinayon. The Buddhist people who are unaffordable to visit the four Samvejaniya places in India and Nepal will get easy access to the same venues at home soon.

Those wishing to donate cash to the funds for construction of more religious edifices may contact Nay Pyi Taw Council and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee.

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copy of company registration and pay at Myanma Economic Bank Branch-1 in person. Regarding those who could not pay in person, the bank still accepts the tax by crossed-cheques. Regarding those who do not want to pay the 2 per cent pre-income tax separately for separate business deals, he can pay for all depending the volume of goods he is going to export and the amount is deducted every time he exports.

- (c) Two percent of the foreign currency deposited into the bank was collected as the income tax in advance before the issuance of Order No. 148/2012. There was tax collection for taxpayers from the changes in the rate of notifications and collection from the tax-exempted taxpayers. As it had no full effect on the border trade but it had full effect on the ordinary trade activities, it harmed the competitiveness in the market.
 - (d) The respective department has made it cleared that it would not change 2% tax rate but it would rather amend the procedures to lessen delays in the taxation.
4. The Ministry of Finance made the following conclusions over the recommendations to increases tax for wheat powder as the entrepreneurs face losses as the tax rate of wheat seed is 5%:-

- (a) All the imported goods are being taxed as mentioned in the table in Section-4 of the Commercial Tax Law of Internal Revenue Department. As the wheat seeds and raw and fine wheat powders are the goods in Table (1), meaning they will not be taxed for sale and purchase inside the country. They would be taxed 5% only when they are imported.
 - (b) If the tax rate for wheat power is raised to a non-trade tax level, they will have to pay the taxes for both imports and sale inside the country at the increased rate.
 - (c) According to Myanma Revenue Table (2012) by the Internal Revenue Department, the wheat seed with outer shell is ranked in HS Code 1001.11.00 and 1001.91.00 in HS Chapter (10) and levied 0% tax on it and the wheat seed without outer shell is ranked in HS Code 1104.19.90 and the wheat powder in HS Code 1101.00.10 and levied 5% tax.
5. The import of the wheat seed with outer shell will be taxed 0%. So, there is no need to increase the tax and there is no loss by the entrepreneurs. Two different tax rates for the import and local trade of the same commodity could not be levied so that the balance in the tax structure could be maintained and the market would be stable.
6. If there arise any disagreements and questions, one could report to the Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.
- Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

Labour Department, Center for Vocational Training sign MoU

TANINTHAYI, 16 Aug—Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security and Center for Vocational Training (CVT Myanmar) (Switzerland-based INGO) held a signing ceremony of construction of training

centre and conducting theoretical and practical training courses, on-job training courses, modern technology and vocational training courses, at the ministry, here, today.

Deputy Minister for

Labour, Employment and Social Security U Htin Aung delivered an address.

Director-General U Myo Aung of Labour Department and Dr Karl Kiser of CTV Myanmar signed

the MoU.

The MoU signing ceremony was aimed at conducting vocational courses for enhancement of workers' skills, creating job opportunities and developing human resources of the Myanmar youths.

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Vitamin-A fed to children under five to mark nutrition week activity

KYUNSU, 16 Aug—The nutrition week campaign was launched for the second week activity at Township People's Hospital in Kyunsu Township at 10 am on 14 August.

At first, Head of Township Health Department Dr Phone Han, nurses and health staff members fed vitamin-A

and refreshment.

As part of the second week activity of the nutrition week, a ceremony to give vitamin-A tablets to children under five from four wards of Kyunsu was held at Kyunsu Township People's Hospital.

Kyemon-Township IPRD;

Photo: Yan Naing Tun



HKAMTI, 16 Aug—The advanced tailoring course No 6/2013 and the basic domestic science course No 7/2013 concluded at Hkamti Women's Vocational Training School on 9 August.

Officials presented certificates to 67 trainees.

Kyemon

Talks on anti-human trafficking, population and census taking given

MYEIK, 16 Aug—Talks on prevention against trafficking in person, population and households, and taking census were disseminated at No 16 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Kyaungnge Ward in Myeik on 14 August afternoon.

It was attended by local people, teachers and members of the School Board of Trustees, totalling about 75.

IP Han Thein of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Force (Section) (Myeik) explained prevention against trafficking in person, anti-human trafficking law, and the victim who fell under human trafficking due to job opportunities and persuasion of money.

Staff Officer Daw Hla Hla Htay of Myeik District Information and Public Relations Department population and households, census and purpose of taking census and then distributed pamphlets to the attendees.

Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

Photo: Zaw Myo Naing

Traffic rules explained

GYOBINGAUK, 16 Aug—Under the supervision of Commander of Zigon Township Police Force Police Major Kyaw Aung of Thawady District in Bago Region, IP Zaw Lin Han and party helped teachers and students led by Headmaster U Aye Kyaw of Basic Education High School in Zigon Township for prevention against traffic accidents at school time on 11 August.

Kyemon-Thwin Hset

Iodized salt checked at Hopin Development Market

HOPIN, 16 Aug—Medical officer-in-charge Dr Thein Aung of Hopin Sub-Township Health Department and health personnel, Engineer U Kyaw Zin Naing Myint of Sub-Township Development Affairs Committee, in-charge of the market U Thein Lwin, members of Sub-Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization inspected content of iodine in salt at the shops at the market.

Kyemon-Toe Toe May



Departmental personnel observe systematic production of maize seeds

TAUNGGYI, 16 Aug—A team led by Taunggyi Township Administrator U Zaw Myint Thein visited cultivation and production of 888 hybrid maize seeds by CP Company from Thande Village in Thande Village-tract in Taunggyi Township on 14 August.

At first, Township Administrator U Zaw Myint Thein explained the purpose of observation. Responsible persons of the company conducted them round on production process of maize seeds.

Thanks to the assistance of the company, the local people can produce 2000 viss of maize seeds per acre.

As a result, the local maize growers are now enjoy better livelihoods, using quality maize seeds and agricultural technology. The local farmers should apply good agricultural patterns, said village elder U Kyaw Zaw. The excursion team comprised township level officials and local authorities.

Kyemon-Naing Win Tun (Taunggyi)

Workshop on control of malaria vaccine resistance organized in Myeik

MYEIK, 16 Aug—At Myeik District Health Department, the malaria vaccine resistance control workshop was attended by departmental officials, NGOs and INGOs.

At first, Head of Myeik District Health Department Dr Kyaw Zin made a speech.

Leader of Taninthayi Region malaria control team Dr Tin Tun Oo explained participation for the people in control of malaria vaccine resistance.

Taninthayi Region Field

Coordinator Dr Tin Soe Moe of WHO discussed the plan for control of malaria vaccine resistance and coordination and cooperation tasks.

Those present participated in discussion on malaria vaccine resistance and cooperation.

Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD; Photo: Khaing Htoo

Advance tailoring course, domestic science course conclude in Hkamti

REGIONAL

TEPCO starts pumping out more groundwater to stop flow into sea

TOKYO, 16 Aug—The operator of the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant said on Thursday it started pumping up more groundwater from the site with new vacuum pumping equipment to prevent radioactive water from flowing into the adjacent Pacific Ocean.

Tokyo Electric Power Co plans to install a total of 28 pipes underground at 2-metre intervals along the coast. Groundwater is pumped up through the 4.6-metre-long pipes and TEPCO started to use the first one at around 11:30 am on Thursday.

TEPCO is expected to finish installing all the pipes on Sunday, which will increase the amount of removed groundwater to about 70 tons a day. The water, once pumped out, will be transferred to an underground tunnel connected to the No 2 reactor turbine building.

After the government announced an estimate last week that about 300 tons a day of contaminated groundwater may be flowing into the sea from the plant, TEPCO on Friday started collecting some groundwater from a well it has created as an emergen-

cy measure.

Operating the vacuum pumping system is another measure TEPCO has decided to take to address the leakage of radioactive water. A massive amount of radioactive water is accumulating at the plant as a result of continuing water injections into the Nos 1 to 3 reactors that suffered meltdowns in the midst of the nuclear crisis, triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March, 2011.

Groundwater penetration is also leading to an increase in the total amount of polluted water.

Kyodo News



A staff member stirs raw materials used to make Shanxi mature vinegar at Donghu Vinegar Garden in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 15 Aug, 2013. Donghu Vinegar Garden is a theme museum displaying a unique technology of making Shanxi mature vinegar. With over 3,000 years of history, Shanxi mature vinegar, one of the four famous vinegars in China, is made from sorghum, barley and other raw materials. The whole making process of such vinegar is of purely natural fermentation without any chemical catalysts.—XINHUA

Cambodia opposition reiterates call for independent poll probe committee

PHNOM PENH, 16 Aug—Cambodia's opposition leader Sam Rainsy on Friday reiterated his call for the establishment of an independent committee to look into the widespread allegations of irregularities during the poll last month which the ruling party of long-serving Prime Minister Hun Sen won.

Speaking to reporters in front of the Phnom Penh International Airport upon his arrival from the United States, Sam Rainsy, president of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), said that an independent committee must be established to investigate irregularities during the national poll on 28 July, or the poll results would not be recognized.

"Definitely, I believe that the committee will be set up because no one will recognize any government standing from fake election,"

he answered a reporter's question.

The National Election Committee (NEC) released initial official results on Monday, showing that the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) of Prime Minister Hun Sen got 3.23 million votes and the CNRP of Sam Rainsy received 2.94 million votes. The CPP calculated that with its 3.23 million votes, it won 68 seats of the 123 parliamentary seats, while the CNRP, with its 2.94 million votes, got the remaining 55 seats.

This victory would allow Hun Sen, who has ruled the country for 28 years, to continue to stay in power for another five years.

But the CNRP rejected the results, claiming that its party should win 63 seats, with the CPP getting the remaining 60 seats if an independent committee is formed to investigate and resolve

poll irregularities.

"The whole world knows that CNRP won the election and the whole world would help CNRP to expose the truth," Sam Rainsy said on Friday. "I will demand justice for the people."

Tep Nytha, NEC's secretary general, said Wednesday that there was no need to talk about the joint poll probe committee as the initial results had already been released.

"No more negotiation for the joint committee as the temporary results were released," he told Xinhua, adding that the final poll results would be issued on 8 September. CNRP's Vice President Kem Sokha said on Thursday that the party would boycott the first parliamentary session and call for mass protests if an independent poll probe committee was still not established.—Xinhua



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe bows during a memorial ceremony marking the 68th anniversary of Japan's surrender in World War II, held at Nippon Budokan hall in Tokyo on 15 Aug, 2013. KYODO NEWS

S Korea proposes inter-Korean talks on family reunions next week

SEOUL, 16 Aug—South Korea proposed to North Korea on Friday that Red Cross officials of the two sides meet on 23 August to discuss reunions of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry.

The South's offer to hold the talks at the truce village of Panmunjeom was conveyed to the North through a channel at Panmunjeom earlier Friday.

It follows up on President Park Geun Hye's offer, made on Thursday, to hold additional rounds of temporary reunions of families.

In a speech marking the

68th anniversary of liberation from 35 years of Japanese colonial rule, Park said, "I ask North Korea to open the door of its mind for separated families to hold reunions on the occasion of the Chuseok."

Chuseok, which is Korean Thanksgiving Day, falls on 19 Sept. The two Koreas have held more than a dozen rounds of reunions for separated families since a landmark summit in June 2000, bringing together more than 20,000 family members who had not seen each other since the war. But none have been in recent years due to strained ties.—Kyodo News

Nepal's Election Commission resumes voter registration for seven days

KATHMANDU, 16 Aug—Nepal's Election Commission on Thursday decided to restart the already closed voter registration works for a short period of seven days from 17 to 23 August targeting the upcoming legislative election.

"We have reopened voter registration on the condition that it will not affect the already declared date of the second Constituent Assembly election on 19 November this year," Bir Bahadur Rai, the Commission's spokesperson, told Xinhua.

The decision, signed by all five commissioners, came after requests from various

quarters to do so. Earlier, the voter enrollment task ended on 15 July, after 12.3 million voters were registered across Nepal for the upcoming election.

From this time onward, Nepal is introducing voter ID cards with digital records, so that election fraud and the number of duplicate voters could be reduced.

Around 4 million voters are not estimated to have not yet registered as compared to the last legislative election in 2008. But all these missing voters are not expected to register, as a number of them are either fake voters or have already gone abroad.

"We are giving one more chance to those prospective voters, who have not shown interest in registering themselves before July 15," said Rai, adding that a voter of one district can register in the election office of another district, but has to cast his or her vote in one's own district.

On Saturday, the Commission will open all its 75 district offices to register the missing voters again, said Rai. For this election, any Nepali citizen who has reached 18 years of age by 15 July this year has been considered eligible to cast his or her vote.—Xinhua

12 parties to take part in Indonesia's 2014 polls

JAKARTA, 16 Aug—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said on Friday that 12 political parties and 3 local parties in Aceh are to participate in the legislative and presidential elections in 2014. President Yudhoyono stressed that he would not take part in the poll after his second term end.

"We hope there will be a change and continuity after the presidential election," Yudhoyono said on his annual speech at the parliament building ahead of anniversary of Indonesia's Independent Day on 17 August.

On parliamentary polls, the president said that 560 members of new parliament would be elected. "We expect political parties to use the polls in 2014 as a moment to boost the quality of democracy in the country," said Yudhoyono.—Xinhua

Performers from Chamber Ballet Taipei rehearse Swan Lake in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 15 Aug, 2013. An adapted version of Swan Lake by Chamber Ballet Taipei will be shown here for three consecutive days from 16 August XINHUA



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Visitors take a close look at the model of Air Force One during its unveiling ceremony at the Richard Nixon Library & Museum in Yorba Linda, California, on 13 Aug, 2013. A new exhibition featuring a 1/20 scale, 7 feet model of Air Force One SAM 26000 was opened here on Tuesday. Air Force One SAM 26000 was the plane on which former US President Nixon flew around the world.

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Egypt sends rain, flood relief to Sudan

KHARTOUM, 16 Aug — Two Egyptian military planes on Wednesday landed in the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, carrying relief supplies for people affected in recent rain and floods in the country.

The planes brought 25 tons of shelter materials and food that the Egyptian government provided for the

Sudanese victims.

Egyptian interim President Adly Mansour earlier made a phone call to his Sudanese counterpart Omar al-Bashir, reiterating his country's support for the Sudanese people in their effort to cope with the disaster.

Heavy rain and floods hit a wide range of areas

in Sudan, resulting in 42 deaths and collapse of thousands of houses, according to the latest statistics of the Sudanese Civil Defence Authority.

The Sudanese Meteorological Authority forecasted that heavy rain would hit most part of the country again in the coming two days and advised

the citizens to take precautions against possible accidents.

In the meantime, the water level of most part of the Nile's upper stream continues to rise, particularly in the Jabel Awliya area south of Khartoum, raising fears of imminent destructive floods.

Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Once Upon Ay Time In Mumbai Dobaara!

NEW DELHI, 16 Aug — After the stupefying success of Farhan Akhtar's Bhaag Milkha Bhaag and Shah Rukh Khan's Chennai Express comes the crime gangster drama Once Upon Ay Time In Mumbai Dobaara!. Directed by Milan Luthria, this much-awaited movie features Akshay Kumar, Sonakshi Sinha and Imran Khan.

A sequel to the 2010 hit

movie Once Upon Ay Time in Mumbai, Once Upon Ay Time In Mumbai Dobaara! will commence from where the previous one had ended.

As the tagline of Once Upon Ay Time In Mumbai Dobaara! suggests, this movie is all about the personal tussle between the two heroes trying to win over their love.

The movie revolves around Shoaib Khan (Ak-

shay Kumar) taking over as the reigning don after killing his predecessor Sultan Mirza (Ajay Devgn). Despite having extended his empire to the Middle East, his confidantes comprise only of his old-time love Mumtaz (Sonali Bendre) and Aslam (Imran Khan), a youth spotted by him during a visit to his old slum.

He takes a liking to a rising starlet, Jasmine (So-

nakshi Sinha), which later becomes obsession thereby leading to a rift between Shoaib and Aslam, who also vies for Jasmine's love.

Produced by Ekta Kapoor and Shobha Kapoor under the Balaji Motion Pictures banner, the movie will be released across approximately 2,500 screens on 15 August.

PTI



Once Upon Ay Time In Mumbai Dobaara! features Sonakshi Sinha, Akshay Kumar and Imran Khan.



Sridevi was awarded the Padma Shri in 2012.

Sridevi: Child star to Queen Bee

NEW DELHI, 16 Aug — In a film industry of heroes who don't age beyond 30 and heroines beyond 25, comebacks are hard to pull off, especially if you are female and have crossed into the twilight zone of 40 plus.

Last year, Sridevi changed that by starring as a decidedly middle-aged homemaker, low on glamour and grammar, in English Vinglish. 15 years away from the arc-lights have not dimmed Sridevi's talent or her star quality and now, at 50, she is a bona fide star once again, a feat last achieved by a 58-year-old Amitabh Bachchan whose career was resurrected by Mohabbatein in 2000.

It all started with 1967's Kandam Karunai in which a four-year old Sridevi starred in Kandam Karunai opposite Tamil great Sivaji Ganesan.

Little Sridevi, who was born into a lawyer's family in Sivakasi, then appeared in a number of Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam movies.

Her performance in 1971's Poombatta won her the Kerala State Film Award for Best Child Artist. In 1976, 13-year-old Sridevi scored her first role as leading lady in Moondru Mudichu, opposite two men who would become Tamil cinema's biggest stars - Rajinikanth and Kamal

Haasan. By the time Sridevi made her Bollywood debut as a leading lady in 1979's Solva Sawan, she was a name to reckon with down South. Sridevi continued to appear in Tamil and Telugu cinema well into the Eighties, after becoming a Bollywood superstar.

Solva Sawan, which co-starred Amol Palekar and flopped at the box office, was not Sridevi's first Hindi outing. In the hit 1975 film Julie, Sridevi played the heroine's younger sister.

Her Bollywood breakthrough came four years after Solva Sawan in 1983 with Sadma, a remake of Moondram Pirai starring herself and Kamal Haasan, and the blockbuster Himmatwala opposite Jeetendra. Despite the critical acclaim Sadma received, it was Himmatwala, with its peppy dance number Naino Mein Sapna, that made Sridevi a star. In 1986, Sridevi appeared in Nagina as a shape-shifting snake-woman, a role that had been turned down by many actresses including Sridevi's reported rival Jaya Prada. Nagina was a surprise hit and made Sridevi the undisputed queen of box office charts, a position she occupied for the rest of the Eighties and late into the Nineties.—PTI

MUMBAI, 16 Aug — An ominously stormy sky, skyscrapers, choppers flying in the air and a topless man watching all this standing behind a window — this is the first look of the much awaited film Dhoom 3. It's dramatic and makes you curious.

Although the face is not visible, the man in the poster looks like Aamir Khan giving a glimpse of his well-toned body, something which audiences appreciated in his 2008 hit Ghajini. He is seen wearing a pair of trousers and has teamed it up with a hat.



Aamir Khan is playing an antagonist in Dhoom 3.

The film is scheduled for a Christmas release, an auspicious time for Aamir's films, and the poster's tag

line proclaims: "This year will end with a Dhoom". The 48-year-old is playing an antagonist in Dhoom 3,

PTI

Fox Sports to reach 90 million homes for its Saturday debut

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug — Fox Sports 1, the new sports cable channel, will reach 90 million homes when it goes live on Saturday and will be carried by all major TV operators, the network said on Thursday. A top-ranking executive of the new cable channel, which is owned by Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox, also said that Fox would consider bidding on Thursday night National

Football League games for the new channel should the league decide to sell those rights.

"We will certainly take a look at it," if a package of Thursday night games become available, Randy Freer, chief operating officer and co-president of Fox Sports' media group, said. "The question is, the NFL always comes at a pretty hefty price tag. ... Can you make it work in a

way that creates any economics for anyone other than the NFL?" Freer told Reuters on the sidelines of Variety's Sports Entertainment Summit. While the NFL Network currently has the rights to show most Thursday night matchups, sports networks and broadcasters expect the league to eventually sell the rights to those games, sparking a bidding war between media companies. No other

programming would help Fox Sports 1 grow more quickly into a full-fledged competitor to ESPN, the highly profitable cable sports leader owned by Disney. Consultants estimate the rights to those Thursday football games could fetch more than \$1 billion. For now, Fox Sports 1 will hit TV sets without any NFL, unlike ESPN, which has the rights to Monday Night Football.—Reuters

Ashton Kutcher explores the glamour and glitches of Steve Jobs

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug — Ashton Kutcher may be best known for his goofier comedy roles in "That '70s Show" and "Two and

a Half Men," but the actor takes a rare dramatic turn in new film "Jobs" as visionary Apple co-founder Steve Jobs. Kutcher, 35, who

bears a strong physical resemblance to a young Jobs with his wavy dark hair, brown eyes and five o'clock shadow, told Reuters that as a fan of Jobs' work, he was surprised when learning details about the Apple CEO's life.

"When I read the script, Steve was a guy that I really admired, and he was not always being shown in the best light, and I was a little taken aback. I really admire who he is and what he's done. I want to in some ways protect the legacy of a guy that I admire," Kutcher said. "I also had the chal-

lenge of playing a guy who very much is still in the zeitgeist ... I had to play the guy that became the guy that everybody remembers," he added. "Jobs," directed by Joshua Michael Stern and out in theaters on Friday, outlines 30 defining years of Apple's co-founder, who revolutionized the way people listen to music with the iPod and home computers with the Apple Macintosh. Jobs, who helped build Apple Inc into one of the world's most recognizable brands, died in 2011 aged 56 after battling pancreatic cancer.—Reuters



Cast member Ashton Kutcher poses at the premiere of "Jobs" in Los Angeles, California on 13 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

SPORTS

‘Big Four’ reach star-studded Cincinnati quarters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia hits a return to David Goffin of Belgium during their men's singles match at the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 15 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

CINCINNATI, 16 Aug —Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray, Rafa Nadal and Roger Federer all picked up third round wins at the Western and Southern Open on Thursday to set up a star-studded last eight in Cincinnati. The ATP Tour's big four were joined in the quarter-finals by 2009 US Open champion Juan Martin Del Potro of Argentina, the only other man to hoist a grand slam trophy since Marat Safin at the 2005 Australian Open. Djokovic, Murray, Nadal, Federer and Del Potro have accounted for the last 34 grand slams and it is just the second time this year all five have reached the last eight of a tournament.

The marquee matchup on Friday will see world number five and 17-time grand slam winner Federer

take on long-time rival Nadal, the world number three. Nadal, whose grand slam resume lists 12 titles, and Federer will clash for the 31st time, adding yet another chapter to what will go down as one of the sport's all-time great rivalries. Nadal has



Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a return ball to Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria at the Men's Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 15 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

been in superb form coming off a win Montreal and ran his hardcourt winning streak to 12 matches with a 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 win over Bulgarian Grigor Dimitrov on Thursday. "Always play against Roger is a special feeling," said Nadal, who has reached the finals in 10-of-11 events he has entered this season, claiming eight titles.

"We have a great history behind us in our confrontations, so it's another quarter-finals." It's a special one because you're playing against a very special player. Our matches were very special always. "But, again, it's a quarter-finals match, not the final, so that's a big difference."

Federer, the five-time defending champion in Cincinnati, also needed three sets to see off evergreen German Tommy Haas 1-6,

7-5, 6-3 as he struggles to build some momentum going into the US Open after missing the start of the North American hardcourt season with a sore back.

In contrast, the world's two top-ranked players, Djokovic and Murray, cruised into the quarter-finals with no-nonsense straight sets decisions.

Looking to end a run of four runner-up finishes on the Cincinnati hardcourts, world number one Djokovic needed just 50 minutes to hand Belgian qualifier David Goffin a 6-2, 6-0 tennis lesson. While Cincinnati has been a happy hunting ground for Federer, it has been a frustrating tournament for Djokovic. But if the big Serb is the last man standing on Sunday he would become the first player to complete what the ATP Tour has dubbed the 'Career Golden Masters', winning all nine World Tour Masters events.

"I played four times (in the) finals, so it's been one of the tournaments where I've performed well actually in the last five, six years," said Djokovic. "Never managed to take final step and hopefully this year I can do so." I have an extra motivation and an opportunity to make history in this tournament, so I'm very inspired to play well day after day." World number two Murray was no less ruthless, the Wimbledon champion looking right



Andy Murray of Britain serves to Julien Benneteau of France at the Men's Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 15 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

at home as he steamrolled Frenchman Julien Benneteau 6-2, 6-2 in 69 minutes. The Scot will be chasing his third Cincinnati title as he continues to prepare for the defense of his US Open crown later this month at Flushing Meadows.

Djokovic will take on top-ranked American John Isner in the last eight while Murray will meet Czech sixth seed Tomas Berdych. "You want to try and get off quickly because you need to play the next day," said Murray. "But also in 10 days' time, we're going

to have to play best-of-five sets, so sometimes the long matches can kind of set you up for that well. "But in terms of winning this event, better to get off quick because you have to play five days in a row if you want to win." Seventh seed Del Potro battled into the quarter-finals with a 6-4, 1-6, 6-4 win over Spain's Feliciano Lopez and will meet Russian qualifier Dmitry Tursunov, who pulled off the upset of the day dumping world number four David Ferrer of Spain 6-2, 6-4.

Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return ball to Tommy Haas of Germany at the Men's Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 15 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Press highlights Argentina "wins even without Messi"

BUENOS AIRES, 16 Aug —The Argentine national soccer team "learned to play without (Lionel) Messi and passed the exam" by defeating Italy 2-1 in the friendly match played in Rome, Argentinean Press highlighted on Thursday. "Without Messi, the national team stomped its feet strong before Italy," daily "Clarín" entitled its front page, adding that the team led by Alejandro Sabella "did not shine but played

well."

In the sports section, "Clarín" summarized: "The day when the team learned to play without Messi," adding that "without his biggest star, it passed the test of facing a big rival." The sports daily "Ole" wrote: "Without Messi and the Pope (in the stadium), Argentina won Italy 2-1 in Rome. Sabella's team has approved."

The friendly match against Italy was in honour of Pope Francis, who is Argentinean. The match was played on Wednesday in Rome's Olympic Stadium, with goals scored by Argentines Higuain at minute 19 and Ever Banega (minute 48) and Italian Lorenzo Insigne (minute 75).

Xinhua

Lionel Messi



Bondarenko wins men's high jump gold with Championships record

MOSCOW, 16 Aug —Ukraine's Bohdan Bondarenko broke a 20-year-long Championships record to claim the men's high jump title at 2013 IAAF World Championships here on Thursday. The 23-year-old Bondarenko, who will turn 24 by the end of August, cleared 2.41 metres with his second attempt to clinch the

gold, equalling his world leading performance and bettering the former Championships record of 2.40m set by Cuba's Javier Sotomayor in 1993 Stuttgart worlds.

Bondarenko, wearing one red shoe and one yellow, also tried to beat Sotomayor's world record of 2.45, set on 27 July, 1993,

but failed all the three attempts at 2.46m. The Ukraine has been enjoying a huge progression so far in the 2013 season, improving his personal best by 10 centimetres. The seventh finisher at London Olympics set the world leading in Lausanne as he went over 2.41m, a height not achieved for 19 years. At

his last competition in London just over two weeks ago, Bondarenko went well clear over 2.38m before two audacious attempts at 2.47m.

Starting at 2.29, Bondarenko showed great confidence on Thursday and skipped 2.32 and 2.38 before leaping over 2.41 with only his fourth jump in the evening.—Xinhua

Greensboro specialist Garcia back in title hunt

GREENSBORO, (North Carolina), 16 Aug —Sergio Garcia's love-affair with Greensboro shows no sign of waning, as he proved in Thursday's first round at the \$5.3 million Wyndham Championship. Back at the site of his American coming-out-party 15 years ago, the Spanish former world number two did not record a bogey on his way to a five-under-par 65 at Sedgefield Country Club.

"I'm very happy with

the round and hoping to do more of the same tomorrow," said Garcia, who was among eight players trailing co-leaders Chris Stroud and Ross Fisher by one stroke. Garcia was an 18-year-old amateur when he nearly won a secondary PGA Tour event at Sedgefield in 1998, creating headlines of his own with

a third-place finish. The Donald Ross course has been redesigned since

Spain's Sergio Garcia laughs as he stands on the 14th green during a practice round for the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 7 Aug, 2013 file photo. REUTERS



then but it clearly remains a good fit for the 33-year-old Spaniard, a 10-times winner on the European Tour. Garcia missed only one green in regulation, although that statistic disguises that he was not entirely happy with a few of his approach shots which ended up a long way from the hole. "I did have some pulls with some of my irons but other than that I probably feel the most comfortable I have in the last three weeks," the Spaniard said.—Reuters

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UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon holds a joint news conference with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 15 Aug, 2013.
REUTERS

UN chief Ban appeals for North Korea aid funding

, 16 Aug—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appealed on Thursday for funding to urgently provide food, healthcare and sanitation to millions of North Koreans, stressing that donors should not be deterred by the reclusive state's nuclear ambitions.

The United Nations said it needs almost \$100 million to fund aid programs for the rest of 2013 in North Korea, where there

are about 2.4 million very vulnerable people in need of regular food assistance. The world body said almost a third of children under age 5 in North Korea suffer chronic malnutrition.

"The lives of many people are at stake, including children who are vulnerable to lasting suffering if they do not receive aid," Ban's press office said in a statement.

"The secretary-general

calls on prospective donors to respond to this serious situation. He stresses that humanitarian assistance should not be linked to political or security considerations," it said.

North Korea is under a sweeping array of UN, US and other national sanctions due to repeated nuclear and ballistic missile tests since 2006 in defiance of international demands that it stop.—Reuters

Top seeds advance but Bartoli buzz remains

CINCINNATI, 16 Aug — As the tennis world took stock of Marion Bartoli's shock decision to retire, Victoria Azarenka tried to put the focus back on court with a controlled display against Magdalena Rybarikova at the Western and Southern Open on Thursday.

The world number two's 6-3, 6-4 third round victory was impressive but it could not turn attention away from Bartoli, the Wimbledon champion having stunned the sport 24 hours earlier by announcing she was quitting following a second-round defeat.

Even when world number one Serena Williams closed out the action under the center court floodlights



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus reacts during her women's singles tennis match against Maria Joao Koehler of Portugal at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 24 June, 2013.
REUTERS

with a 63 minute 6-4, 6-1 demolition of Germany's Mona Barthel, Bartoli's departure remained firmly in the spotlight at the sprawling Lindner Family tennis center."Marion Bartoli is such a great fighter and she has a great attitude," Williams told reporters. "I remember the first time I saw

her, I was actually in Paris for the Paris Indoor Championships."

It was a long, long, long time ago, probably in like the early 2000s, and I just remember her being so young and working so hard, and that was her whole career.

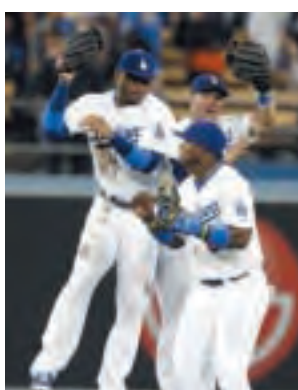
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Los Angeles Dodgers streak into history books

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug — It was nearly midnight on Wednesday when Los Angeles Dodgers first baseman Adrian Gonzalez sent a pitch from Pedro Feliciano into left field for a double, producing a come-from-behind 5-4 victory over the New York Mets in what has become season of heroics for the Major League Baseball team. Gonzalez's shot extended the Dodgers winning streak to eight games, and erased a 4-0 deficit, the

team's second come-from-behind win in six days. On Friday, the Dodgers scored four times in the ninth inning to beat Tampa Bay 7-6.

"The magic has happened again," Vin Scully, the Dodgers' fabled 85-year old announcer Vin Scully, excitedly proclaimed to his listeners as the Dodgers stormed back on Wednesday night. The victory over the Mets gave the Dodgers a 40-8 record since 22 June, the best 48-game per-

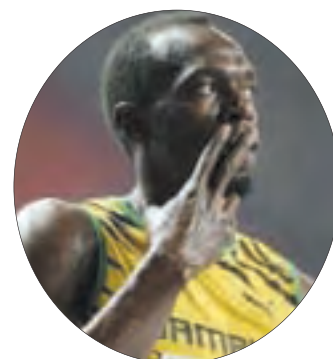


formance since the 1942 St Louis Cardinals went 41-7, according to information

provided by the Dodgers from the Elias Sports Bureau.

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Los Angeles Dodgers left fielder Carl Crawford (L) and center fielder Skip Schumaker (R) leap in celebration with right fielder Yasiel Puig (C) after defeating the New York Mets 4-2 in their MLB National League baseball game in Los Angeles, California on 13 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS



Usain Bolt of Jamaica celebrates winning in the men's 100 metres final during the IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow on 11 Aug, 2013 file photo.
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Fab Friday beckons with the Felix, Farah and Bolt show

Moscow, 16 Aug — Usain Bolt starts his quest for a second world track gold in Moscow but American sprinting great Allyson Felix looks set to steal the limelight as she goes for a

fourth world 200 meters title on Friday. Briton Mo Farah should also rubber-stamp his status as one of the all-time distance running greats -- and repeat his Olympic feat from London -- by adding a 5,000 meters gold to the 10,000 title he won on the first day of the championships. The graceful-striding Felix won three Olympic golds in London last year at 200 and in the

4x100 and 4x400 meters relays and is firmly on course to become the athlete to win most individual world championship golds. Felix, Carl Lewis and Michael Johnson have all won eight.

The 27-year-old has most to fear from Jamaican Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, whose 100 meters victory on Monday was probably the most impressive of the championships.—Reuters

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Appointment of Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council

Under Para (ii), Sub-sections (a) and (b), Section 285 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 22 of the Union Government Law and Section 4 of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Law, U Tin Ngwe, Sagaing Region Transport Minister, has been appointed as member of the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
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Union government, region/state governments to deal with land disputes ASAP: Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Seven MPs continued holding discussions on Investigation Commission's report (Part-3) on people's losses due to farmland and other lands confiscations, at today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session.

Regarding the report, MP U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency said that the commission has made strenuous efforts for it. Under the constitution, the Union ministries will have to submit their undertakings on part 1 and 2 of the report to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. It is found that, according to the report (part-3) there is no swiftness, and it has weakness even if there is swiftness. That's why, that commission should have till the end of Hluttaw's reign as land disputes remain existed. And it needs to promote its duties and authority.

Deputy Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Khin Maung Aye said that the confiscated lands which are

not in use will be given back to the farmers. And paying appropriate compensations will be carried out in accord with the farmland law in cooperation with respective region/state governments and private entrepreneurs.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Zin Yaw said that plans are underway to give back the plots of land which do not include in the master plan of Mandalay International Airport. The compensation of K 145.2520 million has been paid for 5569 acres of land from 2004-2005 FY to 2009-2010 FY.

Regarding the report (part-3), Hluttaw has decided that every level of administrative bodies will take soonest action in accord with Section 228 (a) of the Constitution, and respective Hluttaw committee are to handover complaint letters and petitions to the respective region/state governments through the Union government.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann makes discussion in today session.—MNA

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that most of today's discussions occurred in the olden days. Their reviews and suggestions are objective. He urged the Union government and region/state governments to deal with these problems as

quickly as possible. He called for presenting their reports on the handling of the disputes to the Hluttaw within at least 2 months period. The meeting came to an end at 1:30 pm, and the 16th day session will be announced.

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Journalism course concluded

YANGON, 16 Aug—The journalism course, jointly conducted by News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of

Information and New York-based Associated Press of the United States of the America, concluded at the hall of NPE on Theinbyu

Road in Botahtaung Township today, with an address by Deputy Minister U Paik Htwe.

It was attended by the



departmental heads of the ministry, officials from AP News Agency and trainees.

Course Instructor Mr. Ted Anthony of AP News Agency and Daw Aye Aye Win of AP explained matters related to the course. Managing Director U Kyaw Soe of NPE presented completion certificates and a trainee spoke words of thanks.

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Concluding ceremony of Journalism Course conducted by News and Periodicals Enterprise and AP of USA in progress.

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NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Dr. Boediono, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2013.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets media men

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann met the media men who are collecting news at the Hluttaws and replied their questions at his office, here, this afternoon.—MNA

Union FM felicitates Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—On the occasion of the 68th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Dr. R.M. Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

Health infrastructures to be upgraded

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—A ceremony to launch the project for upgrading of Ministry of Health's health infrastructures and related equipment took place at rural health center in Aukseik Village of Seikpyu Township, Magway Region this morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said that plans are under way to build 33 rural health centers in nine townships of Magway Region. Rural health care centers, station hospitals, township hospitals and Pakokku General Hospital will be provided with medical equipment. The project will be implemented with the contribution of Yen 1.256 billion by Japanese

government. He expressed thanks for Japanese government's donation and called for local people's cooperation in the project.

After that, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe touched upon education and health care and turning out of midwives for reducing maternal and child mortality rates.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Mikio Numata explained the project for upgrading of health infrastructures and related equipment in the central Myanmar which is a part of huge aid of Japan.

Before the ceremony, the Union minister looked into Seikpyu Township People's Hospital.

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