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Water levels at Hpa-an, Ngathainggyoung

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—According to the 12:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an rose 71 cm (about 2.3 ft) above its danger level. It may decline 30 cm (about 1

foot) and may remain above its danger level during the next 24 hrs commencing this noon.

At 5:30 pm, the water level of Ngawun River at Ngathainggyoung rose 56 cm (about 1.8 ft) above its

danger level. It may decline 15 cm (about 0.5 foot) and may remain above its danger level during the next three days commencing this noon, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Union NPED Minister attends ASEAN Economic Ministers meeting



Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw poses for documentary photo together with his counterparts of ASEAN countries.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw attended the working dinner of ASEAN Economic Ministers at Empire Hotel & Country Club on 18 August in Brunei.

On 19 August, the Union minister also attended 27th meetings of ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and ASEAN Investment Area (AIA) Council.

After that, he held

talks on cooperation between the government and entrepreneurs at the working lunch of the ASEAN Economy Advisory Council.

He attended 45th meetings of ASEAN Economic Ministers and 10th ASEAN Economic Community Council, Ministerial level meeting of Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and chaired 5th CLMV meeting.

On 20 August, he delivered a speech at

the opening of ASEAN Economy and Investment Summit held at Brunei International Convention Center.

Afterwards, he attended the coordination meetings, a dinner hosted by His Royal Highness Prince Mohamed Bilkiah and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade and the prize-awarding ceremony for ASEAN region.

On 21 August, he also attended the meetings

with ASEAN dialogue partners. He held talks with Mr Toshimitsu Motegi, Japanese Minister for Economy, Trade and Industry on 20 August, a delegation led by Chairman of ASEAN-US Economic Council Mr Alexander Feldman and US trade representative Mr Michael Froman on 21 August.

On 22 August, he visited booths of ASEAN countries at ASEAN Consumers Exhibition

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and University of Brunei Darussalam.

After that, the Union minister held talks with the business team led by Managing Director Mr Jackson Ting of Sunlit Advertising Sdn. Bhd Co. MNA

Myanmar Airways to start flights to Japan

MITO, 24 Aug—Myanmar Airways International aims to launch its first service to Japan with three flights per week between Yangon and Ibaraki Airport, northeast of Tokyo, later this year.

The airline and the Ibaraki prefectural government signed an agreement on Monday to launch the service, to be operated as "scheduled charter" flights. After monitoring demand for three months, the carrier will determine whether to continue serving the route.

Negotiations started last September and the airline was impressed by the airport's relative proximity to the Tokyo metropolis and



Ibaraki Gov. Masaru Hashimoto (L) and Khin Maung Latt (R), chairman of Myanmar Airways International, hold a press conference at the Ibaraki prefectural hall in Mito, Ibaraki Prefecture, on 19 Aug, 2013. They agreed on the launch of regular flights linking Yangon and Ibaraki Airport.—KYODO

low facility usage charges, a prefectural official said. The airport is located around

85 kilometers northeast of Tokyo.

Kyodo

Toungoo District Fisheries Department engaged in rural development



NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Head of Toungoo District Fisheries Department and officials of Township Agriculture Department, Settlement and Land Records Department and Irrigation Department of Bago Region

made field trips to Bahnaung and Kanni village-tracts of Toungoo Township on 22 August. They met local farmers and assisted in undertakings of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.—Kyemon-472

Emergency Response Group course kicks off in Sagaing

SAGAING, 24 Aug—Jointly organized by Myanmar Red Cross Society and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, the emergency response group (water/sanitation) course was opened at Health Department in Sagaing as of 19 August.

Altogether 20 trainees from Sagaing, Katha, Htigyaing, Myinmu, Pale,

Ayadaw, Mingin and Kalewa townships.

The first course was aimed at preventing contaminated diseases caused by water and environs during the emergency period, ensuring availability of safe water and building latrines in the emergency period, said course in-charge U Yan Naing Tun (ERT Coordinator).

Tornado destroys houses in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 24 Aug—A tornado hit Maungyon Village of Tagundaing Village-tract in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region at 12.30 pm on 18 August.

The strong winds flattened 10 houses and 11 huts. The local people lost their property worth K 1.8 million.

Kyemon-Ko Lwin (Swa)

Sea water level rises about five feet more than normal at Kyaikkhami, Setse

THANBYUZAYAT, 24 Aug—Due to the fact that the sea water level rose five feet above more than the normal water levels in Kyaikkhami and Setse areas of Thanbyuzayat Township of Mon State on 21 August, five houses of fishermen

collapsed at Damin Jetty in Setse Village.

Likewise, seven huts of fishermen near the port collapsed in Aungthukha Ward of Kyaikkhami and 22 houses were damaged.

There was no dead and injury in the flood.

The victims of 29 damaged houses were temporarily accommodated at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Thiri Myaing Ward of Thanbyuzayat.

Responsible persons from the Township Administrative Committee, Myanmar Police Force, Red Cross and Fire Brigade provided necessary assistance to the flood victims.

Kyemon-Mon State IPRD

MRCS provided water purifiers donated by international community during the event of Cyclone Nargis to regions and states. Similar courses will be conducted in Mawlamyine, Patheingyi, Magway, Sittway, Kengtung, Myittha and Yangon.

Advanced courses will be given to Red Cross members in Nay Pyi Taw.

Kyemon-Nanda Min Lwin

Disaster

Mann Creek water reaches Footprint of Buddha at Mann Settawya Pagoda



MINBU, 24 Aug—Heavy rains hit the Lower Settawya Footprint of Mann Settawya Pagoda in Minbu Township of Magway Region at 5.30 pm on 20 August.

The water inundated 10 inches deep over the

platform of the footprint of the Buddha.

Policemen and officials of Pagoda Board of Trustees assigned duties to water guards for prevention against floods.

Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Stimulant tablets seized at toll gate in Yamethin



YAMETHIN, 24 Aug—IP Khin Maung Kyaw and party of Mandalay South Anti-Drug Squad, SIP Kyaw Moe of Yamethin District Anti-Drug Squad and witnesses searched Grande Mark II driven by Ye Tun Swe at the toll gate of Yamethin heading for Yamethin from Tatkon on 8 August.

There were three persons on board the vehicle, namely Ye Tun Swe, Thiha San and Ma Khin Moe Myint (a) Ma Tar.

The authorities seized one packet of 200 WY brand pink stimulant tablets

weighing 20 grams, one packet of 180 WY brand orange stimulant tablets weighing 18 grams, one packet of 197 WY brand orange stimulant tablets and five green tablets, totalling 202 weighing 20.2 grams, totalling 582 stimulants from the trousers of Ye Tun Swe.

After investigation, Ye Tun Swe said that he bought three packets of stimulant tablets worth K 750,000 from Maung Thaik staying at Pan Swe Daw Hotel in Toungoo one and a half months ago. He paid K

500,000 in cash and needed to pay K 250,000 more to the seller. Maung Thaik was arrested at the entrance to Yangon in the case of narcotic drug.

Under interrogation, Thiha San confessed that the stimulant tablets in his pulse were put by Ye Tun Swe.

Under interrogation, Ma Khin Moe Myint (a) Ma Tar said that they would go to Taungpyone from Toungoo. As she was one of the related crime brokers in the narcotic drug case in which Ma Cho Cho Mar was detained at No. 2 Police Station of Toungoo under sections 15/19(a)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law 20 days ago, she managed to escape from the scene.

With regard to the case, action was taken against three persons under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Crime News

Unlicensed vehicle, illegal teak timber seized

SAGAING, 24 Aug—IP Min Lwin Tun of Sagaing Myoma Police Station No. 2 informed the Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Administration that 12-wheeled UD Counter vehicle owned by Daw Than Than Soe did not have licence on 21 August.

The vehicle was seized under the Law.

Vehicle owner Daw

Than Than Soe, 40, daughter U Soe Maung of Ward 7 in Katha of Sagaing Region is under interrogation according to Section 8 of Export and Import Law.

On 4 July, a combined team led by Head of Sagaing Township Forest Department U Kyaw Kyaw Oo and Commander of Township Police Force Police Major Tin Aung

Kyaw and party seized the vehicle of Daw Than Than Htay with the load of 395 pieces of illegal teak timbers weighing 6.6738 tons covered by pieces of iron wares in front of the Ohndaw power line officer on Monywa-Mandalay-Shwebo Road in Ohndaw Village of Sagaing Township.

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WORLD

Abe leaves for trip to 3 GCC countries, Djibouti



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (C) attends a rally staged by the Tokyo Olympic bidding committee for the 2020 Summer Olympics, at the Tokyo metropolitan government hall on 23 Aug 2013, ahead of the International Olympic Committee's vote in Buenos Aires on 7 Sept to chose the winning city. KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 24 Aug—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe left Tokyo on Saturday to visit three member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar—as well as Djibouti.

While looking to improve ties with the GCC nations to secure a stable

supply of resources such as crude oil and natural gas, Abe will meet with Japanese Self-Defence Forces officers who are stationed in the northeast African country to help fight piracy in waters off Somalia.

Abe will also urge local leaders of Kuwait and Qatar, where large-scale infrastructure needs are expected to grow, to enable Japanese companies to take part in the projects. Qatar will host the 2022 Soccer World Cup. Prior to his departure, Abe told reporters, “I hope I will be able to enhance our ties comprehensively, rather than focusing only on oil and other energy fields. I am going to market (Japan) to the rapidly growing Gulf countries.”

Around 50 business leaders are accompanying the premier and will hold a business forum in Qatar, with Hiromasa Yonekura, leader of the Japan Business Federation, and Hiroshi Okuda, governor of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation, expected to attend.

Meanwhile, as Japan's negotiations with the GCC

toward concluding a free trade agreement have been stalled since 2009, Abe will urge the leaders of the member countries to resume the talks at an early date, government officials said.

Kyodo News

Colombia peace talks suspended after FARC call for pause

BOGOTA, 24 Aug—Colombia's government and Marxist FARC rebels suspended their participation in peace talks in Cuba on Friday, complicating nine months of painstaking negotiations aimed at ending five decades of bloodshed.

President Juan Manuel Santos called his negotiating team home from Havana hours after the FARC, or Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, said it would “pause” the talks to review a government plan to put any peace deal to a popular vote.

It was the first interruption to the talks that began last November and a sudden dent to hopes the two sides would soon see the difficult talks through to the end, after recent comments from the FARC had given cause for optimism.

While the halt to talks will worry Colombians, analysts said there is little reason to suspect the two sides

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—President Barack Obama's security advisers will convene at the White House this weekend to discuss US options, including possible military action, against the Syrian government over an apparent chemical weapons

attack earlier this week, a US official said on Friday.

If Obama takes part in the high-level meeting as appears likely, it would be his first full-scale session with top foreign policy aides since Wednesday's mass poisoning in

a Damascus suburb.

But the official, speaking on condition of anonymity, cautioned against expecting that any final decision might come out of this next round of discussions.

Reuters



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos speaks during a Reuters interview at the presidential palace in Bogota on 8 Aug 2013.—REUTERS

one who makes pauses and establishes the conditions, is not the FARC.”

The FARC has said repeatedly it sees a constituent assembly as the best way to enshrine the tenets of the peace accords in the country's constitution and does not trust that a referendum would protect agreements reached in Havana.

Colombians are desperate to see an end to the war that has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced millions since it began in 1964. Santos is also eager to negotiate peace with the National

Liberation Army, a smaller rebel group known as the ELN. He has said he wants the FARC peace accord by November.

In the final year of his four-year term, Santos has ruled out a constituent assembly and said the Colombian people must support any deals reached before an end to the war can be declared. Santos has not said if he will seek re-election.

He accepted the FARC's right to study the government proposal, but urged the rebel negotiators not to take too long.

Reuters

Suicide bomber targets busy Baghdad cafe, killing 25

BAGHDAD, 24 Aug—A suicide bomber killed 25 people and wounded more than 50 in Baghdad on Friday when he detonated his explosives inside a busy cafe near a park popular with families, police and medical sources said.

It was one of the worst attacks in Iraq since suicide bombers hit the same district two months ago, targeting a Shi'ite mosque and killing 29 worshippers during noon prayers.

Friday's bombing took place in al-Qahira, a northern district of the capital that is home to mainly Shi'ite Muslims. Children were among the casualties at the site, which is in an area with cafes and restaurants. The wounded had been taken to four different hospitals, the sources said.

“There was a crowd of people, and the suicide bomber detonated himself right inside it. Most of the people were killed or injured by ball bearings from

the device,” police officer Ahmed Jassim said.

His patrol heard the blast and arrived at the site to find people lying dead or injured on the ground in pools of blood. Police hesitated to help the wounded because they feared a second bomb, he said.

In a separate attack in central Baghdad, gunmen on motorcycles shot dead four people who were in a car, police and health sources said. Iraqis have suffered extreme violence for years, but since the start of 2013 the intensity of attacks on civilians has dramatically increased. More than 1,000 Iraqis were killed in attacks in July, the worst monthly toll since 2008.

Since the start of 2013, bomb attacks by mainly Sunni Muslim insurgents have increasingly targeted cafes and other places where families gather, as well as the usual targets of military facilities and checkpoints.—Reuters

Bombs kill 42 outside mosques in Lebanon's Tripoli

TRIPOLI, 24 Aug — Bombs hit two mosques in the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli on Friday, killing at least 42 people and wounding hundreds, intensifying sectarian strife that has spilled over from the civil war in neighbouring

Syria. The apparently coordinated blasts - the biggest and deadliest in Tripoli since the end of Lebanon's own civil war — struck as locals were finishing Friday prayers in the largely Sunni Muslim city. Lebanese officials appealed for calm.



Civil Defence members and residents gather around a crater caused by one of the two explosions outside one of two mosques in Lebanon's northern city of Tripoli, on 23 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

The explosions in Tripoli, 70 km (40 miles) from the capital Beirut, came a week after a huge car bomb killed at least 24 people in a part of Beirut controlled by the Shi'ite Muslim militant movement Hezbollah.

A recent resurgence of sectarian violence in Lebanon has been stoked by the conflagration in Syria, where President Bashar al-Assad is fighting a largely Sunni-led rebellion. Both Hezbollah and radical Sunni groups in Lebanon have sent fighters over the border to support opposing sides in Syria. Medical and security sources said the death toll from Friday's blasts in Tripoli had risen to 42 by late afternoon. Hundreds more were wounded, they said.

The first explosion hit the Taqwa mosque, fre-

quented by hardline Sunni Islamists, and killed at least 14 people there, according to accounts earlier in the day. Further deaths were reported from a second blast a few minutes later outside the al-Salam mosque, which the Interior Ministry said was hit by a car laden with 100 kg (220 pounds) of explosives.

A Reuters reporter at the scene said the blast left a huge crater and the floors of the mosque were covered in blood. A 50-metre (160-foot) stretch of the road was charred black and the twisted remains of cars littered the area.

“We were just bowing down to pray for the second time and the bomb went off. The air cleared, and I looked around me and saw bodies,” said Samir Jadool, 39.—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Canon spies opportunity in surveillance as camera growth cools

TOKYO, 24 Aug — Nosy governments and nervous homeowners, among other drivers of the surveillance society, may soon upstage amateur photographers as the focus for big camera makers such as Canon Inc (7751.T) who spot growing opportunities in the security market.

Canon, the industry

leader, has been hit with a sudden downturn in shipments of its top-end digital cameras, an increasingly saturated market sensitive to the recent slowdown in emerging economies and with a receding pace of innovation.

Add to that a compact camera market that has been battered by smart-

phones with increasingly high-resolution cameras, and companies like Canon have been left scrambling for new markets.

“A major focus for the next phase is increasing our business-to-business (B2B) sales, and of course security cameras — which is a huge market — is part of that,” Canon President and CEO Fujio Mitarai said in an interview.

Canon is looking beyond digital cameras — the last consumer gadget industry still dominated by Japan Inc - and targeting industrial and corporate clients, much like Japanese peers such as Panasonic Corp (6752.T) which fell prey to foreign competition in TVs and other consumer electronics.

Canon sees surveillance cameras, which re-

search firm IHS forecasts will swell by two-thirds to a global market of \$23 billion by 2017, as a wide-open playing field with no dominant suppliers and an ideal target for its B2B ambitions.

The company, which counts the US Secret Service as a customer, aims to reach annual sales from the sector of about \$1 billion during its next five-year plan from 2016, Mitarai said.

Panasonic said its security camera division posted sales of 13.4 billion yen (\$136 million) in the latest quarter and it was aiming for annual growth of 15 percent. Sony Corp (6758.T) said it was also aiming to leverage its image sensor technology to become a major player in the sector.—Reuters



A logo of Canon Inc is pictured at an electronics store in Tokyo on 23 Oct, 2012.

REUTERS

NASA to wake telescope WISE from 2 1/2-year nap

BEIJING, 24 Aug — WISE, known as the space-based telescope, has been orbiting our planet in a hibernative state for the past two and a half years and, now nap time over, is to do some asteroid hunting.

NASA announced it will reactivate the sleeping space telescope to work as an asteroid hunter, with focus on finding potentially hazardous asteroids and other space rocks that could come uncomfortably close to our planet.

NASA hopes the telescope still has enough juice to discover 150 previously unknown near-Earth objects, and to help scientists learn more about the shape and size of 2,000 others, the agency said in a statement.

WISE, the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, was launched in December 2009, tasked with scanning the night sky in infrared light — looking for heat emanating from galaxies, stars and asteroids.

By the time its primary mission ended in February 2011, WISE had captured more than 2.7 million images in multiple wavelengths and cataloged more than 560 million objects in space, according to NASA.

Xinhua

Google buys patents on virtual image technology from Hon Hai

TAIPEI, 24 Aug — Taipei's Hon Hai Precision Industry said it sold Google Inc part of a patent portfolio involving the superimposition of virtual images on real-world photos. The technology, dubbed Head Mounted Display, is commonly used in aviation and ground displays, engineering and scientific design applications, gaming devices and training and simulation tools, the company said on Friday in a statement.

It did not disclose the price of the sale. Hon Hai, the world's largest maker of electronics under contract and a major manufacturer of Apple Inc products,



The Google signage is seen at the company's headquarters in New York on 8 January, 2013.—REUTERS

has said it will focus on developing new technology, intellectual property rights and e-commerce as it looks to reduce its reliance

on Apple. It said it had applied for over 55,000 patent rights globally, of which over 5,000 have been approved.—Reuters

Researchers prefer northeast Japan as Int'l Linear Collider site

TOKYO, 24 Aug — Japanese researchers promoting a project to build a machine aimed at answering questions about the beginnings of the universe, named the International Linear Collider, said on Friday they have chosen a mountain area in northeastern Japan as a candidate site in the country.

But whether the government will invite the project to Japan remains to be seen due to the high cost, estimated at more than 1 trillion yen, about half of which is expected to be borne by the host country.

The group of research-

ers told a press conference that they prefer the Kitakami area straddling Iwate and Miyagi prefectures in the Tohoku region over another candidate, the Sefuri mountain area in the Kyushu region, southwestern Japan.

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology will decide whether to invite the project and if so will select a candidate site taking the researchers' choice as a "reference." The Science Council of Japan has said it is "premature" to seek to attract the project, in response to an inquiry from

the ministry.

The ILC is a linear accelerator about 30 kilometers long that will be built in an underground tunnel and will hurl electrons and their antiparticles, positrons, toward each other at nearly the speed of light to produce conditions resembling the dawn of the universe right after the Big Bang. Its length may be extended to 50 km in the future.

The researchers said the Sefuri site was less suitable because the prospective tunnel would run under a dam lake and near geological faults.

Kyodo News

Culture



Performing Arts

Mythical Creatures

Mythical creatures from ancient legends are often used as decorative motifs for pagodas or musical instruments. They are the Keinari and Keinara, half-human half-bird; ogres with green skin; the Naga, the water serpent; the Galon, the giant bird; the deer-like Toe Naya; the Meggan, which has the body and snout of a crocodile and an elephant's trunk; and the Manote Thiha, which has the crest of a lion, a human face and the double hindquarters of a lion. There are also the Pyinsa Rupa, which has a Naga body, a fish tail, horns of a deer, wings of an eagle and trunk of an elephant; and the Byarla, which has parts of nine animals: the trunk of an elephant, eyes of a deer, horn of a rhinoceros, tongue of a parrot, body of a fish, tail of a peacock, ears of a horse, fangs of a tiger and paws of a lion.

Marionettes

In the past, puppets served as messengers to convey unpleasant information to the king, through the play's dialogue. Human dancers also learned choreography by copying the moves of a puppet manipulated by a master. They also carried news from the capital city to remote towns and villages, thus becoming the earliest form of media. Puppet shows usually take place at pagoda festivals, which are like country fairs. The performances begin at about 8pm and end at dawn the next day.

Music

Traditional Myanmar music is played without notes. The orchestra leader plays the drums with his fingers while seated within the circular frame hung with 21 small drums. The gong circle is in a smaller, lower frame. There is the oboe as a wind instrument, and tiny cymbals and bamboo clappers keep the tempo. The biggest drum is hung from a golden, decorated frame topped with the mythical creature, the Pyinsa Rupa. Solo instruments are the xylophone with bamboo slats, and the elegantly curved and tasselled Myanmar harp.

Myanmar Harp

The Myanmar harp is generally believed to have originated about 1000 years ago during the Pyu era. Musicians who mastered the harp were highly regarded by kings, queens, ministers and courtiers. In accounts of the life of the Lord Buddha, Pancasinkha showed Siddhartha the way to the Middle Path by tuning harp strings. In one of the many stories about Myanmar nats, or spirits, the popular Nat, Maung Shin, played a harp to attract the nymphs of Meinmahla (Pretty Women) Island in the Ayeyarwady Delta region. The harp remains an important symbol of Myanmar traditional culture. Despite the growing influence of Western culture, the instrument has adherents in all age groups.

Dance

Myanmar choreography is series of movements gracefully flowing from one step to the other with slight pauses in between, when the pose is rigidly held for a few seconds. The pace can be fast or slow according to the type of dance. The criteria are that humans should dance as if they were marionettes and marionettes, as if they were humans.

Zat Performance

Zat is the traditional Myanmar dance-drama led by a male dancer. A large number of pretty female dancers will make up the corps de ballet, dancing duets in turn with the leading man. The repertoire includes a classical play, comic sketches, a musical interlude called Awpair Ra (opera), and modern play. The show ends at dawn.

Anyeint Performance

Anyeint is a dance troupe led female dancer. The principal dancer comes on stage last after three or four of her protégés have taken their turn with their own style of dancing and their own songs. The danseuse is usually accompanied by four comics dressed in jackets, large checked waist-garments and wraparound turbans. The dancing is quick and lively. The programme lasts from about 7pm to midnight.

BUSINESS & HEALTH

GSK's Crohn's disease treatment fails in Phase III trial

LONDON, 24 Aug—British pharmaceutical group GlaxoSmithKline Plc said vericirmon, a drug it was developing to treat Crohn's disease and licensed from ChemoCentryx, had failed in a late-stage clinical trial.

The medicine, which GSK licensed from the California-based company in 2010, did not improve the incidence of adverse events in patients when measured against a placebo, GSK said on Friday, and there was a trend for overall adverse events to increase as dosage levels increased.

The trial failure wiped as much as \$242 million, or nearly half, from Chem-

oCentryx's value. Its shares were trading down 36 percent at \$7.47 at 1438 GMT. GSK's shares were up 0.3 percent at 1,672 pence, underperforming a 0.7 percent stronger FTSE 100 index.

"The results from the SHIELD-1 study are clearly disappointing but we are committed to further explore the data to determine the way forward to help patients with this chronic debilitating gastrointestinal disease," said Paul-Peter Tak, senior vice president of GSK's immunoinflammation research and development.

The company said new recruitment and dosing in the ongoing clinical trial



had been suspended pending further review of the results.

Vericirmon, a type of drug called an antagonist, was being developed by GSK for the potential treat-

The signage for the GlaxoSmithKline building is pictured in Hounslow, west London on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

ment of inflammatory bowel diseases, such as Crohn's disease, a condition with symptoms such as persistent diarrhea and abdominal pain.

Reuters

Cervical cancer vaccine victims urge permanent halt to vaccination

TOKYO, 24 Aug—Eight teenage sufferers of severe side effects of cervical cancer vaccines and their parents called on health minister Norihisa Tamura on Friday to permanently end the government's subsidy programme for the vaccines.

The schoolgirls aged between 14 and 18, including four in wheelchairs, and their parents are members of the Nationwide Liaison Association of Cervical Cancer Vaccine Victims and Parents. They made the request in a meeting with the minister of health, labour and welfare at the ministry building, association chief Mika Matsufuji told a news conference.

The association handed five petitions to Tamura, with the plea to abolish the vaccination programme topping the list. Other petitions included one for intensified government efforts to identify causes of the side effects, including convulsions, seizures, severe headaches and

even partial paralysis, and to find therapeutic remedies.

On 15 June, the ministry told local governments to suspend recommending that girls aged 12 to 16 be given injections of the vaccines Cervarix or Gardasil, citing a possible link between chronic adverse reactions and the vaccines. Local governments, acting on behalf of the central government, had issued the notices recommending teenage girls be vaccinated.

In April, the Diet revised the Preventive Vaccination Law to offer free vaccine injections to girls aged 14-18.

However, an advisory panel to the ministry subsequently advised that the recommendation that teenage girls be vaccinated be suspended after it analyzed cases of schoolgirls who developed chronic pain after vaccination and concluded the symptoms appeared to be the result of the vaccination.

Kyodo News

Wall Street ends up a day after Nasdaq outage, Microsoft jumps

NEW YORK, 24 Aug—Stocks rose in light trading on Friday, led by a jump in Microsoft shares, as trading took place without interruption a day after the Nasdaq stock exchange suffered an unprecedented, three-hour trading halt.

Microsoft (MSFT.O) shares posted their largest daily percentage gain in more than four years after the head of the world's largest software company, Steve Ballmer, announced he will retire within 12 months.

The stock closed up 7.3 percent at \$34.77 and was the largest contributor to the advance on the three major indexes.

"The big news today is the succession at Microsoft, but beyond that it's pretty quiet," said Dan Veru, chief investment officer at Palisade Capital Management in Fort Lee, New Jersey.

The Dow Jones industrial average .DJI rose 46.77 points or 0.31 percent, to 15,010.51, the S&P 500 .SPX gained 6.54 points or 0.39 percent, to 1,663.5 and the Nasdaq Composite .IXIC added 19.085 points or 0.52 percent, to 3,657.792.

Volume was among the lowest of the year with

about 4.9 billion shares changing hands on the New York Stock Exchange, the Nasdaq and NYSE MKT, far below the daily average so far this year of about 6.3 billion shares.

Trading volume was only slightly higher than Thursday's 4.4 billion, affected by a technological problem that shut down trading in Nasdaq securities for three hours in the afternoon. On Friday, Robert Greifeld, chief executive officer of Nasdaq OMX (NDAQ.O) said the exchange resolved the technical problems that led to the halt but could not guarantee there would never be future glitches. Nasdaq shares gained 1.2 percent to close at \$30.83.

Friday's gains helped the S&P 500 and Nasdaq Composite end a two-week losing streak, but the Dow posted its third consecutive weekly decline. For the week the Dow fell 0.5 percent, the S&P gained 0.5 percent and the Nasdaq added 1.5 percent.

Economic data showed sales of new single-family homes fell by 13.4 percent in July to an annual rate of 394,000 units, well below expectations of 490,000 units.—Reuters



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 21 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Dengue cases reach 206 in Chinese province



KUNMING, 24 Aug—The number of confirmed dengue fever cases rose to 206 in a prefecture of southwest China's Yunnan Province as of Friday afternoon, local authorities said.

There have been no serious cases or deaths since the disease was first reported in the area on Thursday last week, according to the information office of the Dai Autonomous Prefecture of Xishuangbanna.

The cases included six originating outside the province. Of the confirmed cases, 82 were hospitalized and the others were being treated at home or in clin-

ics. A total of 17 have left hospital after treatment.

The prefecture government is organizing training courses for about 80 medical staff. Armed police are spraying anti-mosquito liquid in the affected areas.

The prefecture government also printed 50,000 leaflets on Friday with information telling the public on how to prevent the fever.

Dengue is a mosquito-borne, potentially fatal disease that affects between 50 and 100 million people in tropical and subtropical regions every year, causing fever and muscle and joint aches.—Xinhua

Shanghai FTZ signals further reform, opening up

SHANGHAI, 24 Aug—The approval of establishment of a pilot free trade zone (FTZ) in the eastern business hub of Shanghai indicates an important move for China's further reform and opening up, analysts say. The Ministry of Commerce (MOC) announced on Thursday the State Council had approved the establishment of the pilot zone on the basis of existing bonded zones in Shanghai, as a crucial move in adapting to global economic and trade

development and imposing a more proactive opening-up strategy. Zhu Jianfang, chief economist at Citic Securities, said the "negative list" approach, which the FTZ will adopt, showed a thinking of power delegation.

"We can no longer rely on preferential policies to improve business and the investment environment. Rather, we should attract investment with highly efficient and transparent administrative services," said Zhang Youwen, an econom-

ic researcher at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences.

In the FTZ, the reforms featuring power delegation will be deepened and finan-

cial, business, cultural, education and medical services, which faced many restrictions before, are expected to enjoy more development op-



portunities, analysts said.

Service trade is a key sector in an FTZ and thus the service industries will see both challenges and opportunities, according to Chen Bo, an economic and trade expert at Shanghai University of Finance and Economics.

Financial reforms will be accelerated as the marketization of interest rates has been a trend, according to experts.

"The FTZ is not a special zone or new area. Its significance lies not in striving for preferential policies but in establishing a new system

in line with international standards and realizing highly efficient management in sectors like investment and trade," said Zhou Zhenhua, director of the Shanghai Municipal Government Development Research Centre.

China has rapidly grown into a global manufacturing power with its entry into the World Trade Organization, but the country remains relatively backward in service industries like financing, shipping, commerce, trade and culture, compared with developed nations, experts said.—Xinhua

Brazil's Rousseff's popularity rises in poll as economy stumbles



Brazil's President Dilma Rousseff arrives for a ceremony of the one million contracts Fund Student Financing in Sao Paulo on 22 Aug 2013.—REUTERS

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 Aug—Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff's popularity recovered from a recent drop caused by massive street protests as the government tried to deal with the sluggish economy and concern that inflation will rise, the *Estado de S. Paulo* newspaper reported on Friday.

Those Brazilians who consider Rousseff's administration "excellent" or "good" rose to 38 percent

from 31 percent a month ago, the paper said, citing a poll conducted by Ibope public opinion research agency for the National Confederation of Industry.

The poll is the third to be released by the CNI and Ibope since a wave of protests began in June in several Brazilian cities against hikes in bus fares, poor public services, corruption and government spending on the soccer World Cup.

Since the protests have

died down Brazil's currency has extended year-to-date declines to as much as 15 percent, fueling concern about inflation and a \$60 billion currency intervention program aimed at halting the slide.

The central bank has already moved to fight inflation by raising interest rates, a move that could choke off economic growth.

Rousseff's excellent or good rating was 54.2 percent in June, the newspaper said, citing Ibope and CNI.

The poll showed the percentage of people who rated Rousseff's government "bad" or "terrible" fell to 24 percent from 31 percent from July. The percentage who considered Rousseff's performance "average" was unchanged at 37 percent.

Ibope conducted the poll among 2,002 Brazilians between 15 Aug and 19 Aug. The poll's margin of error is plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Reuters

Closer military cooperation conducive to improving China-US mutual trust

BEIJING, 24 Aug—The Chinese and US navies are set to conduct on Saturday their second counter-piracy exercise in the Gulf of Aden.

The joint drill marks yet another step forward in the two global heavyweights' efforts to promote military cooperation, cement mutual trust and boost their overall relations.

Military-to-military interaction is an important indicator of trust and ties between countries. Undeniably, however, it is not among the strong links in China-US cooperation.

Particularly vulnerable to disturbances in bilateral relations, China-U.S. military ties have gone through numerous twists and turns over recent decades, mainly due to irresponsible measures on the part of Washington, such as its repeated arms sales to Taiwan.

Meanwhile, the United States has not made a convincing case that its rebalancing to the Asia-Pacific, especially the military dimension of the strategy, is not orchestrated to contain China.

Nonetheless, looking beyond bilateral differences

and aiming at mutual and global interests, Presidents Xi Jinping and Barack Obama have pledged to forge a new type of major-country relations.

The commitment provides a fresh opportunity for the two countries to beef up military cooperation. The latest joint anti-piracy drill and China's agreement to participate in the 2014 Rim of the Pacific Exercise are signs of their willingness to seize the chance.

In addition, they need to maintain the good momentum, diversify communication and cooperation

mechanisms, and thus ensure sustained cooperation between their armed forces.

As ancient Chinese philosopher Mencius said, a trail through the mountains, if used, becomes a path in a short time, but, if unused, becomes blocked by grass in an equally short time.

The path to closer China-US military ties is bound to be bumpy.

Chronic impediments like the Taiwan question will not disappear soon, and modern problems like cyber security have posed new challenges.

Xinhua

Typhoon Trami affects 360,000 in central China

CHANGSHA, 24 Aug—Typhoon Trami, the 12th typhoon hitting China this year, affected 361,000 people in central China's Hunan Province and of all, 30,900 were displaced, local authorities said Saturday. The typhoon brought rainstorms mainly to the southeastern and eastern parts of Hunan, with a township in the city of Zixing receiving the largest rainfall of 281.6 mm, the provincial meteorological centre said in a statement.

The rains wreaked havoc in 14 counties, cities and districts, affecting 361,000 local residents and forcing 30,900 of them to evacuate, the statement showed.

Meanwhile, 13,350 hectares of crops were damaged and 150 houses were toppled. The heavy rains also pushed water in several local rivers above the warning levels and forced some to discharge flood waters into large reservoirs, it said. The raining is forecast to wane considerably on Saturday as the typhoon moves out of Hunan, it said. Rainstorms brought by Typhoon Trami also have swept the southeastern coastal provinces of Zhejiang and Fujian, affecting 1.4 million people and forcing relocation of 351,000, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said on Friday.

Trami made landfall in Fuqing City, Fujian Province early Thursday morning and weakened to a tropical depression in neighboring Jiangxi Province.—Xinhua

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A woman and a boy are protected themselves from the cold with warm clothes while walking in a street in Buenos Aires City, capital of Argentina, on 23 Aug 2013. Thursday was registered a polar wave in Buenos Aires Province, where it is expected that the minimum temperature will be two degrees Celsius and maximum will be ten degrees Celsius until Monday of next week, according to local Press information. —XINHUA



Shimane urged to take "immediate action to protect life"

TOKYO, 24 Aug—The Japan Meteorological Agency on Saturday urged people of Shimane Prefecture to "take immediate action to protect life" in the face of torrential rain, which exceeded 200 millimeters in three hours in the city of Gotsu.

The municipal government of Gotsu urged 24,808 residents of 9,818 households to evacuate shortly after 3 a.m. In the city, more than 30 houses were inundated.

In the neighboring town of Onan, 5,433 people of 2,113 households were also recommended to evacuate.

The agency called for vigilance against mudslides and river floods in the prefecture.

Kyodo News

At least 29 killed in Bolivia prison riot

LA PAZ, 24 Aug—At least 29 people were killed and some 50 others injured in a violent prison riot in the eastern Bolivian city of Santa Cruz early Friday, officials said.

One of the dead was a child living with incarcerated parents. The melee began about 5 a.m. local time (0900 GMT), when the sound of gunfire was heard, and a huge fire fueled by exploded propane gas tanks injured severely inmates.

Xinhua

China issues rainstorm alert for southern regions

BEIJING, 24 Aug—China's top meteorological authority issued a rainstorm alert on Saturday, warning of torrential rains to hit the southern regions till Sunday morning. Yunnan Province, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, and some areas of Jiangsu and Anhui provinces in particular, will see heavy rainstorms. Precipitation in these regions is forecast to reach a maximum of 300 mm, the

National Meteorological Centre (NMC) forecast.

Meanwhile, some areas in the provinces of Guizhou, Sichuan, Hunan, Hubei, Shaanxi and Henan will also see torrential rains, according to the forecast.

Local authorities were urged to step up preparatory work against possible mountain floods, landslides, and mud-rock flows.

The NMC said that the stormy weather is due to

joint influence of the southwest monsoon and typhoon Trami, which had already weakened and been downgraded to a tropical depression on Friday.—Xinhua

Rainstorms brought by Typhoon Trami swept the coastal provinces of Zhejiang and Fujian, affecting 1.4 million people and forcing relocation of 351,000 since it made landfall early Thursday morning.

Xinhua



A pear grower and his wife reach for the 20th Century variety of pears in Yurihama, Tottori Prefecture, on 23 Aug 2013. The pear harvesting season began the same day in the town and will continue through mid-September. —KYODO NEWS

LOCAL NEWS

Tourists enjoy riding elephants in Thabeikkyin region

Tourism

THABEIKKYIN, 24 Aug—Thabeikkyin in PyinOoLwin District of Mandalay Region is a precious area that produces gold and other forest products.

When flocks of tourists flow into the destination of Myanmar in the open era, a large number of globetrotters visit Thabeikkyin so as to observe valuable natural resources.

On 21 August morning, a total of 55 tourists from Mandalay-Bhamo-Bagan package tour arrived at Thabeikkyin by cruise liner Road to Mandalay from



Katha and proceeded to the elephant camp of Myanmar

Timber Enterprise in Waphyutaung Village, 10 miles of Thabeikkyin.

They enjoyed riding of elephants on their visits.

They observed demonstration of extracting timbers by the Myanmar Timber Enterprise at the camp.

Over 40 elephants are being kept at the elephant camp in Waphyutaung Village in Thabeikkyin

Township for extracting timber from the forests.

If the tourists visit the camp, Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry can make foreign exchange. The globetrotters pay visits to Thabeikkyin at least five times a year. The local people warmly welcome the tourists yearly.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Women's Affairs

Knowledge about prevention of women against violence shared to students in Bago

BAGO, 24 Aug—Organized by Bago Region Women's Affairs Organization, the talks on prevention of women against violence and nutritious feeds for students was held at YMBA Hall of No 3 Basic Education High School in Bago of Bago Region on 22 August morning.

Patron of Bago Region Women's Affairs

Organization Daw Tint Maw and Chairperson Daw May Thu attended the ceremony.

Leader of Women's Protection and Nurturing Working Group of Bago Region WAO Daw Yin Yin Myint made a speech.

Next, members of District and Township WAOs fed the students nutritious refreshments.

MMAL-Thant Sin



Disaster

Narcotic drugs, stimulant tablets seized in Nawnghkio



NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Members of Kunlong Anti-Drug Squad and members of Kunlong Myoma Police Station raided the house of Ar Son (a) Wu Ah Kyon in Holi Village of Kunlong Township on 21 August morning.

They seized 440 stimulant tablets from the pockets of trousers of Ar Son (a) Wu Ah Kyon and five grams of heroin from his bedroom.

Members of Tachilek Anti-Drug Squad and members of Wampon Poilice Station searched

the motorcycle driven by Ah Gyoung, 40 of Yway Yon (Arkha) Village in Mongphone (B) Village in Tachilek in the evening and seized 1000 stimulant tablets.

Likewise, Lashio Anti-Drug Squad seized 104,000 stimulant tablets worth K 208 million from the jeep driven by Kyaw Taung (a) Ah Ton, 29 of Region 4 in Ward 3 of Kutkai and Kwan Ho, 23 at the entrance to Nawnghkio the same evening. Nawnghkio Myoma Police Station opened the files against them.

MNA

Thanlwin River, Hlaingbwe Creek exceed danger levels

Disaster



Photo taken on 22 August shows heavy rains in Yangon causing inundation along Strand Road in Latha Township, one of six townships in downtown Yangon City.—SHWE INTA KHIN MAUNG WIN



HPA-AN, 24 Aug—According to the observation at 6.30 pm on 21 August, Thanlwin River exceeded 844 centimetres above danger level of 750 centimetres in Hpa-an and Hlaingbwe Creek at 850 centimetres in Hlaingbwe. Thanlwin River also exceeded 1115 centimetres above danger level of 960 centimetres in Shwegun.

Kayin State government accommodated 4668 flood victims from 802 households at seven relief camps in Hpa-an Township and 319 people from 90 households

in Shwegun Village of Hlaingbwe Township, totalling 4987 people from 959 households.

The government also provided basic requirements and health care services to the flood victims.

Kayin State Government U Zaw Min, the secretary of Kayin State government and officials comforted the flood victims at Shweyinhmyaw relief camp and inundation on Rubber Farm Road in Ward 4 and Myaingthazin Road in Ward 2 on 21 August.

MMAL-District IPRD

ARTICLE

I AM PROUD OF BEING A
PHONGYI KYAUNGTHAR

Maung Hlaing

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 25 August, 2013

Towards drug free society

Every nation in the globe sees narcotics as a scourge on society in which young men serve as a committed workforce for development of national economy. So, attempts to extirpate the narcotics trafficking and illicit drug abuse are being made in each and every nation. But human society is still under the threat of narcotics as trafficking and abusing drugs in various forms are mushrooming around the world, especially in developing countries.

Anti-narcotics activities are being engaged as a national duty in Myanmar which is irrevocably committed to combating drug smuggling. In its fight against scourge of illicit drugs, tactics of curbing production and trading in narcotics, eliminating drug abuse and ensuring law enforcement are being employed in cooperation with international counternarcotics agencies, including the UN. As achievements in its drive to eradicate narcotics and its goal of standing tall among world nations as a narcotics free country, haul of narcotic drugs including 339.79 kilos of heroin were incinerated, dealers imprisoned and a total of 58738.69 acres of poppy under destruction in the previous year.

All people thought the task of battling against drug trafficking lies with an organization concerned. In actual fact, the onus is on us all to eliminate drug smuggling and production as the police alone cannot translate all tactics into a success. Trafficking in narcotics that pose a grave threat to the entire mankind is a matter of serious concern not only to Myanmar but also to the world. As drug abuse is closely related to production and sales of narcotics, there can be no real success in destroying narcotics crops and drugs laboratories without reducing demand. Building a drug free society requires educative talks on evil consequences of drug abuse to be given to poppy growers and nation's youth.

All in all, a collaborative effort between authorities concerned and the entire people is a must for the success of counternarcotics activities of the country in pursuance of the 15-year plan for narcotic drugs elimination.

Every now and then, the New Light of Myanmar carries the news about the ceremonies to donate teaching aid to monastic education schools. Nowadays, as the number of monastic education schools is increasing, it is vividly seen that they are being encouraged to help Non-formal Education and Informal Education.

According to the records, over 200 schools have so far been run even in Yangon Region. As for other States and Regions, I think the number may reach four figures or so. It is heartening to hear that under the arrangement of the Department of Religious Affairs, the schools provide K. 36,000 each to the teachers at primary level, K.40,000 to those at middle school level and K.45,000 to those at high school level.

Being a man who had schooling in monasteries, I take my hat off to those concerned or responsible. And as for those who wants to build a constant learning society will surely say in unison "Well-done" three times.

Actually, the role played by the monastic education schools cannot be underestimated in our country. For centuries, Myanmar people had their first schooling in the monasteries and learned their three R's under the monks, leading austere lives taught and moulded their character. It was in the monasteries that young boys

and even girls learned their lessons that had been meant not only to enable them to be literate or to earn their living but to be more interested in the religious teachings of the Buddha.

The right to education in Myanmar takes us back to a recorded past of 1830s. It was in the time of the Myanmar monarchs when our literary rate surpassed that of the land of the colonialists that came to wreak havoc on Myanmar society. Much credit in ancient times went to the monasteries where the vast majority of the citizens pursued their education.

When Myanmar was annexed by the colonialists, the rate of literacy in Myanmar stood at 85 per cent and it fell to 35 after the imperialists tried to block progress and tried to replace national education with colonial education designed to serve the colonial bureaucracy.

The monastic education schools were all there even in the post-independence period in our country. My grandparents and parents were true products of monastic education. Although they had neither degrees nor certificates they all were well-versed in Buddhist literature including the treatises on Buddhist philosophy and other weighty tomes. It was for this reason that when we were in our childhood, we were used to sleeping on the laps of our Grandpa or Grandma and listening to the

Jataka stories, or Buddha's life stories (life stories of previous incarnations of Buddha), tales on religious texts, etc. told by them.

When I was born in Wakema, a small town in delta, in 1948, the insurgency was at its peak as the peace and stability did not prevail throughout the nation. In those days, going to school was just like a dream for the young. When I was five, I was sent to the monastery named 'Tavatimsa' where we could have monastic education. My Grandpa enrolled me, offering one pyi of rice, one 25-pya coin, and a hand of bananas to the presiding monk as a token of recognizing the value of education and my enrollment.

In the morning, monks taught us Buddhist literature and school textbooks prescribed by the government. When I was eight or nine, we used to follow the monks on their alms collecting rounds after learning Buddhist literature in the mornings. In the monastery, listening to our mentors chanting prayers, seeing them practice austere lives, and following the monks on their alms collecting rounds enabled the young to have the profound effect on the minds. In this way, we became Phonegyi Kyaungthars, or resident students of the monastery.

Unlike those in schools of western countries, resident students of the monastery need not pay monthly or annual fees. In the time of Myanmar monarchs, most of them who stayed on in the monasteries either entered the Order, or became profound scholars of Buddhist philosophy and literature. Many with good monastic education had risen to eminent positions in both the official and literary world.

While children from the families struggling to make both ends meet were going to monastic education school, most educated people of the town preferred to send their children to Missionary Schools. Sadly, some of the well-to-do classes deliberately or absolutely ignored the true worth of monastic education. However, we

cannot deny the facts that the true products of monastic education schools are well-disciplined in learning and that monastic education contributes to the boom of Non-formal Education and Informal Education. This is because the sphere of education covers not only Formal Education, which is familiar with most people but also Non-formal Education and Informal Education.

Regarding the monastic education, systematic arrangements should be made within the reach of all those desirous of getting education, those who cannot afford to learn at state schools for various reasons, those who have dropped out of school, and those who are illiterate. No doubt, monastic education schools are community learning centres which can contribute to community based education.

Today is the knowledge age which dominates all sectors. Constant learning is a must in this knowledge age and thus it is necessary to possess reading and writing skills as a first step. It can be said that an illiterate person will not be able to serve the interest of the nation and even his own. While every government in the world is paying serious attention to building a constant learning society, the role played by the monastic education schools should be promoted.

We had our first schooling in the monasteries, where the Presiding Sayadaw and his disciples devoted a part of their time to teaching us out of goodwill, or cetana, hobby and sacrifice. Today, the role of the teachers teaching at the monastic education schools are being promoted and monastic education encouraged.

Today, I am not looking back nostalgically to my childhood days at the phonegyi kyaung, or monastery, but we cannot fail to recognize the true worth of monastic education. Doubtlessly, the discipline and spirit of Ba-ka education, or monastic education made us good and able persons.

I was really proud of being a Ba-ka product.

I am still proud of being a phonegyi kyaungthar.

Monsoon tree-planting held at Hlawga Park

YANGON, 24 Aug—A monsoon tree-planting ceremony, jointly organized by Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) and staff families of PETRONAS Carigali Myanmar (Hong Kong) Ltd (PCML), was held at Hlawga Watershed Area of the Parks and playground Department in Hlawga Park, Mingaladon Township here this morning.

Officials from YCDC, Mr Ahmad Lutpi Haron from PCML, the Country Manager of PETRONAS and staff families and representatives from joint venture companies planted saplings at designated places. A total of over 4000 saplings were planted at today's ceremony.—MNA



Staff of PETRONAS Carigali Myanmar plant saplings.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Disaster

Flood victims accommodated in safe places in Kalay Tsp



KALAY, 24 Aug—Due to heavy rains and overflow of Nerinzaya and Myittha rivers, low-lying areas such as Chanmye

Aungsi, Aungmyayman, Aungmingala and Nyaungbintha wards of Kalay Township in Sagaing Region and Pinyintha, Kyikon,

Phaungku and TaungU villages and farmlands were flooded on 18 August.

Up to 22 August, servicemen from regiments

and units under Regional Control Command Headquarters (Kalay), district and township level departmental personnel, management committee officials and support committees, ward administrators and ward management committee members accommodated 1280 flood victims from 267 households at the relief camps at Aungmingala Theatrical Drama House, Sagahla Pagoda Dhammayon, No 15 Basic Education Primary School and monasteries in Kyikon Village.

Under the supervision of local authorities, the local people provided the flood victims with foods, drinking water and health care services, electrification and other necessary assistance.

Departmental personnel donated bags of rice to the victims.

Kyemon-Ju Nine

HRD

Nyaunglebin BEHS 1 holds PTA meeting



NYAUNGLEBIN, 24 Aug—The annual meeting of Parent-Teacher Association of No 1 Basic Education High School in Nyaunglebin was held in conjunction with the prize presentation to the outstanding students for 2012-2013 academic year on 17 August morning.

Headmistress Daw Khin Than Nu of BEHS No 1

made a speech. Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Hla Shwe explained the executive committee report of the PTA.

Secretary of the association teacher Daw Khin Htwe Yi read the financial statement.

The newly elected executive committee of the PTA was approved.

Headmistress Daw Khin Than Nu and officials presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2012-2013 academic year with flying colours.

The school had 38.80 per cent of pass rate in the matriculation exam.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

PSM

Effective Media Skill course recounted

HAKA, 24 Aug—A ceremony to recount experience in effective media skill course was held in conjunction with the coordination meeting at the library of Haka Township Information and Public Relations Department in Chin State on 21 August morning.

Head of Chin State IPRD Assistant Director U Kham Lyan Som made a

speech.

Staff Officer U Mann Sein of Falam District IPRD explained lectures at the media effective skill course.

Next, the coordination meeting followed. Heads of Township and District IPRDs discussed plans of public service media to be implemented and plans of educative talks in respective districts and townships.

Kyemon-Chin State IPRD

RBE runs to Tantkyi Hill Pagoda Festival

SEIKPYU, 24 Aug—Under the arrangement of Manager of No 10 Division of Myanmar Railways, an RBE ran from Seikpyu Station to Tantkyi Hill Station from 20 August to 22 August for convenient transportation of local people and pilgrims.

During the period of Buddha Pujaniya, Myanmar Railways managed running of RBE for convenience of pilgrims and holding of Buddha Pujaniya festival on a grander scale on the request of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Myanmar Railways

runs trains along Pakokku-Tantkyi Hill, Seikpyu-Tantkyi Hill and Seikpyu-Pakokku railroad sections on the right time, said Travelling Manager U Min Min Htwe of Division 10 of Myanmar Railways.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

Environmental Conservation Committee gives talks on pollution control

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Myanmar will host the XXVII SEA Games in December 2013 in line with the mottoes Green, Clean and Friendship.

The Environmental Conservation Committee

An educative talk on

environmental conservation

in progress

in Pyinmana

Township.



led by Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is undertaking greening tasks such as tree growing and nurturing of forests.

An educative talk took place in Ywadow Village of Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 20 August with the aim of enabling the people to take part in the environmental conservation in their bit, to have

knowledge about important role of environment and disadvantages of pollution and to join hands in protection of ecosystem.

At the talks, Staff Officer U Win Bo of Pyinmana Township Forest Department explained crucial role of forests and trees, climate change, ecosystem in interrelationship between flora and fauna and biodiversities, emission of carbon dioxide from

factories and industries disadvantages of forest fire and air pollution and conservation of trees.

The talk was attended by the administrator of Ywadow Village, the headmaster of Basic Education Post-Primary School, teachers, students and local people totalling 200.

Later, officials distributed 200 copies of pamphlets.—*Kyemon-Forest Department*



The asphalt road leading to Kalay is being inundated due to flooding on 22 August.

WORLD

Fire near Yosemite threatens power for San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 24 Aug—California Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency for San Francisco late Friday after power lines providing electricity to the city were threatened by a wildfire raging at the edge of Yosemite National Park.

The fire has damaged the electrical infrastructure serving the city, and forced the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission to

shut down power lines, the governor said in his declaration.

The so-called Rim Fire, which started on Saturday in the Stanislaus National Forest, had blackened 11,000 acres at the northeastern corner of Yosemite, which is about 200 miles from San Francisco, as of Friday afternoon after exploding in size overnight, a park spokeswoman said.

Reuters



Los Angeles County firefighters hike in on a fire line on the Rim Fire near Groveland, California, on 22 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Indian Congress leader rules out early election

NEW DELHI, 24 Aug — Indian National Congress (INC) President Sonia Gandhi on Saturday ruled out early election and expressed confidence over the ruling alliance's winning of the next election in May 2014.

"Our aim is to go till the very end," Gandhi, who is also chairperson of the

ruling United Progressive Alliance (UPA), told the media after inaugurating the National Media Center here. She also expressed confidence that the INC-led UPA will retain power in the next general election.

"Certainly. 100 percent," she said.

Some people have speculated that the INC

would call for an early election after the passing of the much-awaited Food Security Bill in Parliament in the current legislative session.

Falling rupee, high inflation and a slowdown of economic growth are exerting a lot of pressure on the government about nine months away from the next election.—Xinhua

US repositions naval forces, no decision on Syria strike

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — The United States on Friday was repositioning naval forces in the Mediterranean to give President Barack Obama the option for an armed strike on Syria, although officials cautioned that Obama had made no decision on military action. A defence official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the US Navy would expand its presence in the Mediterranean to four destroyers from three.

Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel, en route to Asia, said Obama had asked the Pentagon for options on Syria, where an apparent chemical weapons attack that killed as many as 1,000 civilians has upped pressure on Washington to respond.

"The Defence Department has responsibility to provide the president with options for all contingencies," Hagel said. "And that

requires positioning our forces, positioning our assets, to be able to carry out different options — whatever options the president might choose." He did not elaborate.

The defence official, who was not authorized to speak publicly, said the USS Mahan, a destroyer armed with cruise missiles, had finished its deploy-

ment and was due to head back to its home base in Norfolk, Virginia. But the commander of the US Sixth Fleet has decided to keep the ship in the region, the defence official said.

The official stressed the Navy had received no orders to prepare for any military operations regarding Syria.

Reuters



Free Syrian Army fighters walk past damaged buildings and debris in Deir al-Zor on 20 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

San Diego mayor says will resign over sexual harassment scandal

SAN DIEGO, 24 Aug — San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, facing a sexual harassment lawsuit and a string of allegations of inappropriate behavior toward women, said on Friday he would resign as the head of California's second-largest city.

A visibly emotional Filner addressed the San Diego City Council after members emerged from a closed meeting where they voted 7-0 to accept a settlement that requires him to step down, effective August 30, in exchange for the city joining in his legal defense in the lawsuit.

Filner, a 70-year-old Democratic former congressman elected San Diego mayor last year, had faced mounting pressure to step down after acknowledging behaviour toward women that he said was unsuitable.

While Filner pledged to resign, his speech to a room full of reporters, accompanied by occasional cheers from supporters, was also defiant at times as he described being forced out of office.

"Certainly it was never my intention to be a mayor who went out like this," Filner said, before making an apparent reference to his 1960s work with civil rights group the Freedom Riders.

"You know I started my political career facing lynch mobs, and I think we have just faced one here in San Diego," he said. "In a lynch mob mentality, rumors become allegations, allegations become facts, facts become evidence of sexual harassment which have led to demands for my resignation and recall."

Filner's former Press



San Diego Mayor Bob Filner addresses a special meeting of the San Diego City Council after resigning as the city's mayor in San Diego, California on 23 Aug, 2013. REUTERS

Secretary, Irene McCormack Jackson, sued him in July, accusing him of sexually harassing her. Since then 17 more women have come forward to say he groped them or made other unwanted advances.

Jackson's lawsuit is at the centre of the settlement between Filner and the city, which sued him last month seeking to hold him responsible for any damages arising from the lawsuit.

As part of the deal, the

city will join in his legal defense, according to an outline of the arrangement from the City Attorney's office which will be responsible for representing the mayor.

The city could also underwrite up to \$98,000 in attorney fees for Filner's private legal defense, the document said, and while the city would pay for some forms of damages that may arise, it would not cover punitive damages.—Reuters



Visitors watch sand sculptures during the Fourth International Sand Sculpting Competition and Exhibition of the 135th Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto, Canada on 23 Aug, 2013. XINHUA

Taleban recruiting Afghan children as suicide bombers

KANDAHAR, 24 Aug — "It was two years ago when a man gave me a heavy bag tied with wires and connected to a button. The man told me that whenever I see security forces around I should get closer and press the button," Sami Ullah said when interviewed recently by Xinhua in Sarpoza, a prison in Kandahar City in southern Afghanistan, the former stronghold of the Taleban.

Sami is among dozens of Afghan teenagers who have been jailed for involvement in various crimes including robbery and selling drugs. However, Sami's case is different from the other inmates because he was for planning to carry out a suicide bombing on Afghan security forces in Kandahar.

When the child prisoners were asked what crimes they had committed, most of them refused to answer and just looked at the re-

porters.

But Sami, 16, told Xinhua that he is innocent. He said he was misled by the Taleban, adding that he did not understand what suicide attack means.

Sami was lucky because he was not able to detonate the explosive handed to him by the Taleban. Before he could press the button of the device, he was arrested by security forces.

Sami was originally from neighbouring Uruzgan Province but his family decided to move to Spin Boldak District of Kandahar Province for security reasons. "When I was arrested I was just 14 years old, it is now 23 months that I have been in prison. I hate the Taleban because they deceived me and I could have blown myself had I pressed the button of the device which at that time I did not know was a bomb," Sami said.

Gul Mohammad, 17, is another would-be suicide bomber who was arrested in July last year in Zharay District of Kandahar City, 450 km south of Kabul.

"When I was 15, my father sent me to a Madrasa (religious school) in Helmand Province. But my Madrasa teachers decided to send me to a Pakistani Madrasa so that I could improve my education," Muhammad said.

Muhammad said that while at the Mawlavi Mas-soum seminary in Quetta city of Pakistan, the mullahs told him that Afghanistan has been occupied by the United States.

"They sent me back a suicide jacket to Kandahar and ordered me to carry out a suicide attack. I was supposed to carry out the bombing. Fortunately I was captured by security forces and now I'm still alive," Mohammad said.

Xinhua

REGIONAL

Nuclear regulator raps TEPCO for lax management of water tanks

TOKYO, 24 Aug—The Nuclear Regulation Authority on Friday criticized as lax Tokyo Electric Power Co's management of water storage tanks at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, after NRA officials visited areas where serious leakage was confirmed recently.

In addition to the already-confirmed leaky tank, signs of small leaks have been detected around the bottom of two other tanks. The three tanks are of the same type, assembled by joining steel plates with bolts. TEPCO cannot immediately stop using them because there are already around 350 in use, many storing radioactive water created as a result of continuing water injections into the three reactors that suffered meltdowns.

More storage containers are needed at the site because the total amount of contaminated water is increasing daily due to an

inflow of groundwater that seeps into reactor buildings. The government, trying to lend a hand to TEPCO, held a meeting of experts on Friday to discuss the issue. According to a government official, one expert proposed improving the reliability of the tanks by coating the joints between steel plates to prevent leaks.

As TEPCO continues



Supplied photo shows officials from the Nuclear Regulation Authority on Aug 2013 examining an area near water storage tanks from which 300 tons of highly radioactive water was recently found to have leaked at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. —KYODO NEWS

inflow of groundwater that seeps into reactor buildings.

As TEPCO continues

PM's advisers remain apart over sales tax hike

TOKYO, 24 Aug—Taiichi Sakaiya, adviser to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, said on Saturday the consumption tax should be raised to 8 percent from the current 5 percent next April as scheduled.

Postponement of the tax hike "will hurt trust in Japan's policy implementation," Sakaiya, who served as director general of the now-defunct Economic Planning Agency, told a TV programme.

He also urged the government to consider reducing income and inheritance taxes to mitigate the impact of the sales tax hike on the Japanese economy. Under legislation enacted last August, the

government plans to raise the sales tax rate to 8 percent in April 2014 and 10 percent in October 2015, aiming to cover swelling social security costs amid the increasing proportion of elderly people in Japan.

In the same TV programme, University of Shizuoka Professor Etsuro Honda, another adviser to the premier, suggested the rate be raised by 1 percentage point per year, arguing the "recuperating" economy will not be able to stand the planned tax hike.

Sakaiya said, for his part, the step-by-step sales tax hike "will cause confusion to retailers as well as consumers."

Kyodo News

Bomb wounds four rangers in restive S Thailand

BANGKOK, 24 Aug—Four paramilitary rangers providing security for teachers were injured, one critically, by a bomb explosion on Friday in restive southern Province of Pattani, Bangkok Post online reported.

The four founded rangers were taken to Pattani hospital. According to witnesses, the four rangers were

patrolling in a pickup truck along a local road in Pattani's Yarang district, about 500 meters from Sanor Pitthayakom school, when the bomb was detonated.

The pickup truck was damaged by the explosion. Police blamed separatist militants.

More than 5,000 people have been killed and more than 9,000 injured

in over 11,000 incidents, about 3.5 incidents a day, in Thailand's Muslim, ethnic-Malay dominated three southern border Provinces—Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and four districts of Songkhla—since separatist violence erupted in January 2004, according to Deep South Watch, which monitors the regional violence.

Xinhua

Nine killed in firing outside seminaries in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 24 Aug—At least nine people were killed in two separate incidents of firing outside two seminaries in Pakistan on Friday night, local media reported.

Geo TV said that two unknown gunmen riding a motorbike opened fire at the people who were coming out of a seminary after offering night prayer.

Two men died on the spot while another got

injuries in the attack.

The injured man later succumbed to injuries in Pakistan Institute of Medical and Health Sciences Islamabad, the hospital where he and the dead bodies had been shifted by the rescuers.

Police said that the slain people were religious scholars and the militants fled the scene after attacking them. No group has claimed responsibility

for the attack yet.

In a separate incident in Bhakkar area of the country's eastern Punjab Province, six people were killed and eight others injured in firing between two religious groups outside a seminary.

Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif took notice of Bhakkar firing and asked concerned authorities to probe the incident.

Xinhua



A young boy takes photos of a vintage car at an auto cultural festival in Datong City, north China's Shanxi Province, on 23 Aug 2013. —XINHUA

Nepal's flood, landslide kill 118 people in two months

KATHMANDU, 24 Aug—Nepal's flood and landslide incidents in the past two months have killed 118 people, wounding 31 others and leading to the disappearance of 56, the Home Ministry said on Friday. Out of 75 districts of Nepal, 46 districts (61 percent) have been affected by flood and landslide, while 38 districts (51 percent) have recorded some sort of deaths.

Some 12,000 individuals have been affected in the rain-triggered natural disaster, out of which, 10,000 have been entirely displaced.

Most number of

deaths was recorded in Palpa district in western hills, while the largest number of disappearance was registered in Udaypur district in eastern Terai plains. Some 2,500 houses were damaged either totally or partially, while around 1,000 cattle and other livestock were lost.

"We reached to the victims distributing them relief materials and cash. But we could not provide prompt services to them as per the expectation," Jhanka Nath Dhakal, spokesperson at the Ministry's Natural Disaster Management Centre, told Xinhua.

This year's flood

and landslide affected Nepal's far-western parts the most, as the swollen Mahakali River caused havoc, displacing hundreds of locals in Darchula, Kanchanpur and Kailali districts.

On 18 Aug, Chairman of Interim Election Council Khil Raj Regmi issued a directive to high level government officials to provide immediate relief to flood and landslide victims within 15 days.

"We are working to that end. We are coordinating with other ministries and local administration offices to meet the target in time," said Dhakal.—Xinhua



A staff member of an exhibitor introduces food to visitors during the 2013 Taiwan International Tourism Expo in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 23 Aug 2013. The 2013 Taiwan International Tourism Expo opened here on Friday, attracting more than 350 exhibitors.

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VALLETTA, 24 Aug — A man was injured after being shot during an attempted hold-up outside Skyparks near Malta International Airport (MIA) on Thursday morning, according to local report. The shooting was carried out by two men wearing balaclavas.

They stopped a car which was carrying the victim and another man, believed to be handling a large amount of cash after leaving a Bank of Valletta branch, and demanded cash. A shot was then fired through the car's windscreen. One of the two victims, 77 years old, suffered a gunshot wound and was taken to hospital, while the second man, aged 64, suffered slight injuries.

People on the scene said the man was injured, but conscious. A witness said the victim was drenched in blood, as an ambulance took him away from the site just after 11am. Police officers in bullet proof vests are in the arrival and departure lounges at MIA.

The police is searching for a white Peugeot 208, believed to be the robbers' car.

Xinhua

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Syrian refugees, who fled the violence back home, are seen at the Domiz refugee camp in the northern Iraqi Province of Dohuk, on 21 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

Number of children who have fled Syria reaches a million, says UN

GENEVA, 24 Aug — The number of Syrian children forced to flee their devastated homeland will on Friday reach a million, half of all the refugees driven abroad by the conflict, the United Nations said. Another two million Syrian minors are uprooted within their coun-

try and are often attacked or recruited as fighters in violation of humanitarian law, the UN refugee agency UNHCR and UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) said.

"The youth of Syria are losing their homes, their family members and their futures. Even after

they have crossed a border to safety, they are traumatized, depressed and in need of a reason for hope," Antonio Guterres, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, said in a statement.

Nearly two million Syrians have fled to Turkey, Lebanon, Iraq, Jordan and North Africa, the UNHCR says. They include 40,000 Syrian Kurds who flooded into Iraqi Kurdistan in the past week. The United Nations demanded Syria give its chemical weapons experts immediate access on Thursday to rebel-held Damascus suburbs where poison gas appears to have killed hundreds, including many children, a few miles

from the UN team's hotel.

UNICEF executive director Anthony Lake said Syrian youth were bearing the brunt of the war, which has taken the lives of some 7,000 children among the estimated 100,000 victims. The one millionth child refugee was not just another number, he said.

"We must all share the shame, because while we work to alleviate the suffering of those affected by this crisis, the global community has failed in its responsibility to this child. We should stop and ask ourselves how, in all conscience, we can continue to fail the children of Syria," he said.—Reuters



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US air guitarist wins world championship with fierce headbanging



Winner Eric "Mean Melin" Melin of the US performs during the 2013 Air Guitar World Championships in Oulu on 23 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

OULU, (Finland), 24 Aug—American Eric "Mean" Melin was crowned air guitar world champion on Friday after his fierce rendition of alternative rock band Weezer's "Hash Pipe" impressed judges at an annual competition in the northern Finnish city of Oulu.

Melin narrowly beat compatriot Doug "The Thunder" Stroock after a

play-off by showing off a combination of energetic headbanging and charismatic stage presence.

"This is insane. It's so amazing," Melin said after his performance which, unlike that of many air guitarists who play in the privacy of their bedrooms, won thunderous applause from a real-life audience and a top score from judges. "This is the best night in my life."

The Finns started the competition in the 1990s and it is one of many offbeat events such as wife-carrying and mobile phone-throwing held in the summer, when normally reserved Finns like to celebrate the warmer weather with goofy games.

Melin wore a sleeveless T-shirt and dark jeans, while some rivals opted for more dramatic costumes including the leather, viking-style bodysuit of 2012 champion Justin "Nordic Thunder" Howard. Melin described his pursuit as both silly and serious.

"All the people from around the world who do this crazy thing that we do, that is so ridiculous and so nuts and so silly... we want to elevate the art of air guitar to performance art," he said. "We're not pretending to play the guitar, we're not playing invisible guitars. We're playing the air guitar."—Reuters

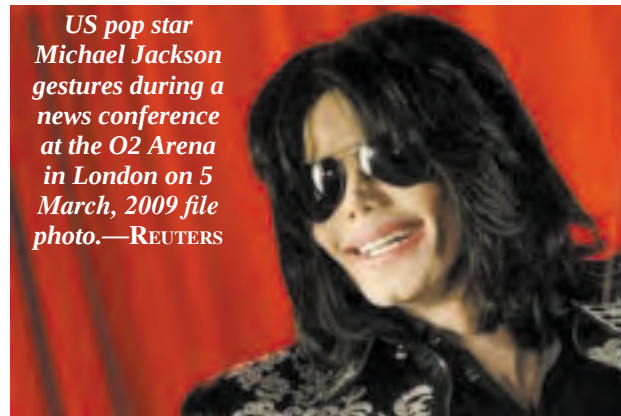
US agency says Michael Jackson estate owes \$702 million in taxes

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—The estate of pop music legend Michael Jackson owes \$702 million in federal taxes and penalties, the Internal Revenue Service charged in US Tax Court, accusing the estate of undervaluing some of the star's assets by hundreds of millions of dollars.

The dollar amounts in dispute had not been previously disclosed in the court challenge that the Jackson estate filed in July to a bill from the IRS, the US tax-collecting agency.

At issue is the wide difference between what the estate said Jackson's legacy was worth versus what the IRS determined was its taxable value.

US pop star Michael Jackson gestures during a news conference at the O2 Arena in London on 5 March, 2009 file photo.—REUTERS



An IRS spokesman and lawyers for the estate declined to comment.

Jackson died on 25 June, 2009, the date of the estate tax return. His estate's beneficiaries are Jackson's mother, Katherine, his three children and charities.

The estate's 2009 tax filing said the total Jackson estate had a \$7 million taxable value. In May, the IRS issued the estate a tax deficiency notice for \$505.1 million in taxes and \$196.9 million in penalties, according to Tax Court documents dated Tuesday.—Reuters

Chinese officer criticizes Hollywood's "Pacific Rim"

BEIJING, 24 Aug—The hit American science fiction film "Pacific Rim" fails to convey a sense of peace but exported the US's rebalancing of its Asia-Pacific strategy, said an officer of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) on Friday. In an bylined op-ed carried by the PLA Daily on Friday, Zhang Jieli, a PLA officer said Hollywood movies "have always served as a propaganda machine to convey American values and their strategies in the world."

In the movie, the US again behaves as the savior of mankind and the world police, fighting the Kaijus, monsters which have risen from the depths of the Pacific Ocean to attack human cities, said Zhang.

The US science fiction blockbuster "Pacific Rim" remained atop China's box office charts in the week ending 18 Aug, grossing 640 million yuan (104.5 million US dollars). "The decisive battle against the monsters was deliberately set in South China Sea adjacent to Hong Kong," Zhang said. "The intention was to demonstrate the US commitment to maintaining stability in the Asia-Pacific area and saving the mankind." In addition to tremendous box office earnings from the Chinese market each year, American blockbusters implant western values in young Chinese minds to change their way of thinking, he noted. Seeing China's rise as a challenge to their values and system, some western people have spared to no effort to infiltrate the Chinese psyche, ideologically and culturally with the help of Hollywood movies, he said.—Xinhua

Casinos to spin Timberlake, Affleck poker film as cautionary tale

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug—Justin Timberlake and Ben Affleck have Las Vegas on edge.

They are the stars of a new film about the murky world of unauthorized online poker that could cast an unwelcome spotlight on a fledgling legal market that Sin City's biggest players are betting on.

Timberlake is set to walk the red carpet with other celebrities at Caesars' Planet Hollywood next

month in Las Vegas for the premiere of Twenty-First Century Fox Inc's "Runner, Runner." The movie opens on 4 October in the United States.

In the movie, Affleck plays an online gambling tycoon in Costa Rica confronted by Timberlake, a graduate student who believes he's been swindled by the gaming site.

It is a departure from the run of films like the "Hangover" series and

"Ocean's 11" that glamorized casinos and the Las Vegas Strip.

"People very well could get the wrong idea," said John Pappas, executive director of the Poker Players Alliance. "Not all offshore operators are unregulated bad guys. This is a dramatization, let's be clear about that. It shows what could be happening in a worst-case scenario."

Industry groups like the American Gaming As-

sociation are preparing advertising and discussion screenings around the film's release, to draw a distinction between its portrayal of the seedy trappings of global online poker, and a federally regulated market they're trying to plug.

A legal, well-supervised market safeguards against fraud and cheating, and increases revenues, its proponents argue.

Reuters



Director Ben Affleck holds his best picture award for his film "Argo" at the 2013 Vanity Fair Oscars Party in West Hollywood, California on 25 Feb, 2013.

REUTERS

SPORTS

Usual suspects lined up for run at US Open crown

NEW YORK, 24 Aug—There is a familiar but deceiving look about the main contenders set to battle for the US Open men's singles title when the year's final grand slam gets underway on Monday.

If history and current form are any guide, only

five men — Roger Federer, Rafa Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Juan Martin Del Potro — have any real chance of wearing the hardcourt crown.

Since the 2005 French Open, only five men have won grand slam singles titles but rarely have all five

been in contention at the same event. But this time they are and the US Open is the one grand slam where they all believe they have a chance.

In the past five years, there have been five different winners at Flushing Meadows. Unsurprisingly, they are the same familiar faces contending this year and the stakes could not be higher with all five desperate to prove a point.

For Federer, who won the title five times in a row from 2004-2008, it is looming as possibly one of his last chances to prove he is not a spent force.

The Swiss master may be the most prolific grand slam winner of all time but he has struggled in recent years, winning just one of the last 14 majors.

He still strikes the ball

as sweetly as anyone but at age 32, he is not as nimble as his younger rivals and has started to slide down the rankings.

Federer is seeded seventh this year and facing a treacherous path to the final, including a possible quarter-final showdown with his old nemesis Nadal.

The Spaniard won the US Open in 2010 to complete his collection of grand slam titles but the effort took a toll on his body.

Apart from the French Open, where he remains virtually unbeatable, Nadal has not won any other grand slam title since the 2010 US Open, stalling his chances of overtaking Federer's record of 17 grand slam title.

Nadal already has 12 grand slam titles but hardcourt looms as the key to his chances of overtaking



Roger Federer of Switzerland hits a return ball to Tommy Haas of Germany during their men's singles match at the Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 15 Aug, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

Federer with two of the four majors played on the pavement.

Unlike clay, where he can slide around and wear down his opponents with his relentless pursuit of everything hit at him, Nadal has to change his game on hardcourt.

The 27-year-old has to play more aggressively and take more risks to shorten the points but it is a strategy

he is becoming more comfortable with and finding success.

This year he captured three of the four Masters events played on the North America hardcourts, including this month's tournaments at Montreal and Cincinnati, and heads into the US Open as the slight favorite, just ahead of Djokovic and Murray, last year's finalists.—Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain celebrates after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland in three sets in their singles quarter-final match at the Men's Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio on 16 Aug, 2013 file photo.—REUTERS

Azarenka poses danger for Williams at US Open

NEW YORK, 24 Aug—Serena Williams may be the overwhelming favourite but the world number one is anything but a sure bet to win a US Open overflowing with intriguing possibilities.

As the greatest player of her generation, Williams is the obvious choice to win the women's singles tournament, starting on Monday, but faces challenges on several fronts including the calendar.

If she wins, the 31-year-old American will be the oldest woman champion since tennis turned professional in 1968 but time has not caught up with Williams just yet.

"I'm definitely prepared. I'm definitely ready for New York. I'm looking forward to it," she said.

"I feel like I definitely had more matches than I could want, but I'm definitely prepared for the US Open."



Serena Williams of the US returns a ball while she attends an exhibition game after the Draw Ceremony before the start of the 2013 US Open tennis tournament at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York, on 22 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

The American is already the second oldest grand slam winner after she won last year's US Open and has captured eight titles this season, including the French Open. But not everything has gone her way.

A quarter-final loss to Sloane Stephens at the Australian Open and a fourth-round defeat to Sabine Lisicki at Wimbledon

were followed by her gut-wrenching loss to Victoria Azarenka at the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati earlier this month.

Williams seemed to have the match under control when she cruised through the opening set only to lose in a third-set tie breaker, boosting Azarenka's confidence heading into the year's final grand slam.—Reuters

Pirelli calm tire fears after Spa punctures

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, 24 Aug—Pirelli calmed renewed fears about their Formula One tires on Friday after triple world champion Sebastian Vettel and Ferrari's Fernando Alonso suffered punctures in second practice at the Belgian Grand Prix.

Red Bull's Vettel was fastest in the dry session but the sight of him nursing his stricken car back to the pits at slow speed with strips of right rear tire buckling and flailing was more of a talking point.

Alonso had a rear right puncture too, also at around turn 14, at the end of the session. "I don't think it's a similar problem to what we saw in Silverstone, maybe more of a random set of circumstances, but all the same it needs careful analysis," said the Spaniard who was quickest in the morning.

Pirelli had to strengthen their tires after a spate of blowouts at the British Grand Prix in June trig-

gered safety fears and threw the sport into crisis.

Their motorsport head Paul Hembery assured reporters that Friday's incident was completely different, however, and due to "external sources" - such as debris - rather than anything structural.

"It looks on the Red Bull as though something has been rubbing on the surface and then has just cut through," he said.

"And on the Ferrari there are two quite clear holes through the top of the

tread. So we have to go and look at the track later to see what is between turns 13 and 15."

Last month's Hungarian Grand Prix, the last race before the summer break, was free of tire-related incidents but the Hungaroring is one of the slowest circuits while Spa is the second fastest track with heavy loads on the tires.

Any tire failure or track issue, with cars racing on full throttle for long stretches, could be catastrophic.—Reuters



Ferrari Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain drives during the first practice session of the Belgian F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit of Spa-Francorchamps on 23 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

Kuchar edges into lead at The Barclays

JERSEY CITY, (New Jersey), 24 Aug—Matt Kuchar joined the birdie brigade at Liberty National to overtake clubhouse leaders Webb Simpson and Gary Woodland by a stroke late in the second round of The Barclays on Friday.

Kuchar registered five birdies without a bogey to reach 10 under par after 13

holes on the scenic layout perched at the edge of New York harbor before play was halted due to darkness.

"I'm really pleased with how I'm playing," said 35-year-old Kuchar, who felt it could be a positive to be one of the 40 players coming back on Saturday morning to finish the round.

"Right now the greens are getting a little bit worn.



Webb Simpson of the US watches his tee shot on the 13th hole during the weather delayed first round of the Barclays PGA golf tournament in Jersey City, New Jersey on 23 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

There's just been a lot of traffic on them. I feel like in the morning, they will be perfect greens."

World number one Tiger Woods, playing in the same group as Kuchar, reached seven under after six holes but began missing fairways and greens and posted three bogeys before stopping the bleeding with a birdie at 13 to stand five under par.

A stretch of four birdies in five holes from the sixth lifted Kuchar level into a tie for the lead and a tap-in

birdie at the par-five 13th put him ahead. Simpson, the 2012 US Open champion, shot a second-round 66 after playing 12 holes Friday morning to complete an opening 67 as 63 golfers had to return early to finish a first round hit by more than six hours of delays due to thunderstorms. The 28-year-old American had a feeling his score might not stand up given ideal scoring conditions on greens softened by rain storms that caused over six hours of delays on Thursday.—Reuters

GENERAL



South Korea's Ko Miso rests after the girls' 50m freestyle final of swimming at 2nd Asian Youth Games in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 22 Aug, 2013. South Korea's Ko Miso claimed the gold medal.

XINHUA

Ghanaian gov't tightens security ahead of election petition ruling

ACCRA, 24 Aug—The government of Ghana stepped up security measures throughout the country late Friday ahead of a ruling by the Supreme Court in the landmark election petition case next Thursday.

Interior Minister Kwe- si Ahwoi said in a statement that the security agencies have been fully prepared for the task ahead and were ready to protect life and property during and after the ruling.

"The security agencies are prepared psychologically and logistically to maintain law and order while efforts are under way to prevent any disturbances," the statement stressed.

The statement listed special telephone numbers for emergency calls in case of any disturbance, calling for calm during and after the Supreme Court's ruling.

Meanwhile, the police said on Friday that it had deployed 32,000 personnel to strategic locations across the country ahead of Thursday's verdict.

There have been general apprehensions among citizens that some violent eruptions could occur following the court's verdict on the petition challenging the election of President John Dramani Mahama last December.

The Clergy, govern-

ment officials, traditional rulers and a myriad of concerned institutions have constantly called for peace during and after the ruling.

The election last year went on peacefully with the swearing in of President Mahama, before the main opposition New Patriotic Party went to court seeking to overturn the declaration of the Electoral Commission for what it claimed irregularities and the breaking of the law during the elections.

After four months of hearings, the Supreme Court has set 29 Aug for its final judgement of the case.

Xinhua

Alabama announces museum to honor the Negro League baseball

BIRMINGHAM, (Alabama), 24 Aug—In the city where baseball legends Satchel Paige and Willie Mays played on a segregated team, plans for a new Negro League Baseball Museum were unveiled Friday. Several former players for the famous "Birmingham Black Barons" turned out for the occasion anxious to honor their old teams and teammates. The interactive museum will feature holograms that allow visitors to stand in the line of fire as Paige pitches one of his legendary fastballs.

Visitors will also be able to meet former players volunteering at the museum who will be free to "tell all the lies they want," joked Layton Revel, found-

er of the Center for Negro League Baseball Research (CNLBR) in Dallas.

"It will be a museum like no other one in the country," said Revel, who will be donating most of the memorabilia that will fill the 5,000 square foot museum, including 1,500 baseballs. His massive collection was once displayed in a now-closed museum in Dallas and could cover 30,000 square feet, he said.

Negro League teams were professional baseball teams made up of African-American players excluded from the all-white major leagues during segregation.

They began informally in the late 1800s and operated professionally from 1920 to 1960, drawing

large crowds around the country. Some of Major League Baseball's most talented players emerged from these leagues, including Jackie Robinson, the first black player in the modern era to be signed by a major league team, the Brooklyn Dodgers, in 1945.

The new museum plans to work in unison with the Kansas City, Missouri-based Negro Leagues Baseball Museum, which was founded in 1990, Birmingham Mayor William Bell announced at a press conference. "We look forward to cooperating in spreading the word of the history of the Negro leagues and its relevancy," concurred Bob Kendrick, president of the Missouri museum. "Bir-

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Former Negro League Baseball players Robert Vickers (L), a former catcher and pitcher (1956-1974) and Charlie Harris, a former outfielder (1962-1963) in the segregated Industrial League attend an announcement of the new Negro League Baseball Museum honoring their teams in Birmingham, Alabama, on 23 Aug, 2013. REUTERS

mingham has a rich black baseball history and great players whose careers began there."

The Birmingham museum will focus on the segregated Southern League and the Industrial League as well as the integration of baseball, to complement Birmingham's civil rights

past. "I played for the Raleigh Tigers for one year, before the St. Louis Cardinals signed me in 1963. I was one of the first black players after integration, and I was only 17 years old," said Ernest "Big Dog" Fann, now 70 years old, who's story will be featured in the new facility.

The Birmingham City Council in May approved \$400,000 in funds for the \$2 million construction project adjoining Birmingham's new downtown baseball field. The rest of the funding will be raised privately, according to Chuck Faush, Jr. a spokesman for the mayor.—Reuters

Milch cow breeding helps families earn extra income

Union Minister U Ohn Myint meeting the students at School milk programme at No 5 BEHS in Zabuthiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug— Education High School in Zabuthiri Township, was launched at No 5 Basic here, this morning. At the ceremony, Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn

Myint said that the school milk cow programme can help enable the school-age children to be healthy and intelligent ones in their older ages.

The Union minister bided to sell milch cows to the school board of trustees, parents of the students through installment system. The Union minister pointed out that selling of surplus milk will facilitate to earn extra money for the families. He also gave suggestion on extension of meat and fish breeding to fulfill meat and fish demand in the region.

Then, the Union minister, deputy minister and departmental officials fed fresh milk to the students.

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Private sector accounts for 99% of production in developed countries

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint made a trip to inspect No.8 Textile Factory (Pyawbwe) and its branch (Yamethin) yesterday morning.

Economic ministries should do their works like commercial business, he stressed in meeting with staff of the factories. He continued that in realizing people centered approach, the ministry should serve the interest of the people

as much as possible without causing a burden to the people.

The Union minister noted that private sector accounted for 99 per cent of production and the government, one per cent in developed countries.

The Union minister also toured No.7 Textile Factory (Wundwin), No.18 Heavy Industry (Ingon) and No.2 Textile Factory (Paleik).

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Water level at Shwegyin

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—According to the observations at 1:30 pm MST today, the water level of Shwegyin River stood at 13 cm (about 0.4 foot)

below its danger level. It may continue to rise its danger level within the next 24 hr, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

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Ayeyawady Bridge-Pathein railroad section, development drive for local people

Pathein is located in the focal point of road transport in Ayeyawady Region. Yangon is an economic hub of the nation as well as a great downtown of Yangon Region. At present, Myanmar Railways is constructing a railroad linking Yangon and Pathein.

“Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)-Pathein (Begaret) railroad section is 57.66 miles long. The 20.75 miles long Pathein (Begaret)-Einme railroad section has been completed and was commissioned into service on 21 March 2011. The remaining railroad sections will be built on schedules,” said Project Engineer U Zaw Ye Myint of Myanmar Railways.

At present, rail tracks,

sleepers and gravels have been stockpiled, and a plan is underway to start placing the rail tracks in open season.

Seven railway stations namely Hsingaung, Dauntgyi, Einme, Kyondainggyi, Mayan, Pantanaw and Sekkawt will be on the railroad section. Of them, Hsingaung, Dauntgyi, Einme and Sekkawt stations have been completed. Pantanaw Station is under construction. There remain two stations Kyondainggyi and Mayan to be built.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)-Pathein (Begaret) railroad section will pass Kangyidaunt, Kyaunggon, Einme, Pantanaw and Nyaungdon townships in the region.

Ayeyawady Region is teeming with rivers and creeks. So far, 110 bridges under 40 feet, 14 bridges under 180 feet and two bridges above 180 feet have been built. Two bridges above 180 feet are Mandalaygon and Einme bridges. Thongwachaung Bridge has been completed by 50 per cent.

It is expected to complete construction of 98 miles long Yangon-Pathein railroad in 2013-14 fiscal year. Officials and workers of MR are making all-out efforts for timely completion of the construction tasks. Upon completion, the new railroad will be contributing a lot to regional development, and commodity and passenger



transport of the local people and the regions.

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Construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon)-Pathein (Begaret) railroad section in progress.

Test running of Aungmyingalar Highway Bus Arrival Terminal launches

As the first phase of new Aungmyingalar Highway Bus Arrival Terminal in Yangon, the test running of the arrival terminal has been launched as of the night of 19 August to 31 August, according to In-

Photo shows newly-opened Aungmyingalar Highway Bus Arrival Terminal.

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Saw Thein Win**

charge U Nyan Tun Aung of Aungmyingalar Highway Bus Terminal.

Myanmar's first-ever terminal can systematically hold incoming and outgoing highway expresses. Travelling patterns are rapidly changing to be on a par with the development of country. The terminal is aimed at offering easy access to the transport sector.

The arrival terminal can hold 30 highway expresses and 50 taxis

simultaneously, covering seats at four platforms, trolleys, LED signboards, CCTV, TVs, 20 toilets, Internet access, shops, clinics, currency exchange counters and 132 cars from five bus lines.

The steel-structure terminal measuring 312 ft X 122 ft was built at a cost of over K 500 million. As of 1 September, K 500 per highway express and K 200 per taxi will be collected.

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