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Two factories face lawsuit over running on public holiday

YANGON, 21 July— The Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security will file a lawsuit against two factories over running the factories on the Martyrs' Day, the public holiday.

"We are planning to file a lawsuit against a garment factory and a wool factory for failure to close on the Martyrs' Day," said U Win Shein, the Director-General of the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department.

The law enforcement team found out that the two factories were running on the Martyrs Day during the surprise check in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone on the Martyrs' Day, which falls on 19 July.

The department filed a lawsuit against a factory in Mingalardon Industrial Zone, four factories in Hlinethaya and Shwelinban industrial zones this year over running the factories on a public holiday.

Those factories which need to run around the clock and on public holidays can ask permission from labour offices in accordance with the law.

According to statistics by the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security, there are about 17,800 factories in Myanmar. — *NLM*

Curfew hours reduced in Mandalay District

MANDALAY, 21 July—Curfew that was imposed in seven townships in Mandalay District on 1, 2,3 and 4 July respectively has been reduced, according to an injunction issued by Mandalay District General Administration Department on Monday.

Curfew was placed in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay on 1 July as riots broke out in the township and later spread to other townships in the district.

As the situation in the district has become stable, the curfew hours were reduced, the injunction said.

According to the injunction, no one is allowed to go outside between 9 pm to 3 am in seven townships in Mandalay District without permission.

The injunction will come into force at 9 pm on 21 July.—*MNA*

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Storm warning raised to yellow level

YANGON, 21 July— The low pressure area over the North Bay of Bengal is moving towards the northwest of the bay, strengthening into a depression centering at 80 miles southwest of Kolkota, India.

It is expected that the depression will move towards west and northwest and cross Odisha coast of India within next 24 hours. The warning level has been raised to yellow and the storm is not likely to enter Myanmar, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—*MNA*

SEOM 3/45, Related Meetings continue

Senior Economic Officials from ASEAN had consultations with officials from dialogue countries China, Japan and Korean, on free trade agreement and economic cooperation after SEOM 3/45.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 21 July— Senior Economic Officials Meeting 3/45 (SEOM 3/45) continued on Monday, with discussions going on among Asian Development Bank (ADB), ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) and ASEAN Food Beverage Alliance (AFBA).

During the third day of the meeting in Yangon, senior economic officials from ASEAN exchanged views with ADB on how they could assist ASEAN in its on-going efforts to further deepen economic integration in the region.

Besides, the senior economic officials from ASEAN also held talks with ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) over activities pertaining to the establishment of ASEAN Economic Community 2015.

The meeting with ASEAN Food and Beverage Alliance (AFBA) was followed and AFBA briefed on strategic roadmap and study on preparedness of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) for the agro-based product sector.

The ASEAN Secretariat also presented the draft outline for the operationalization of ASEAN Framework on Equitable Economic Development (AFEED) and OECD presented the draft framework for public private partnership in ASEAN.

In the afternoon, senior economic officials from ASEAN also had consultations with senior officials from dialogue partners namely China, Japan and Korea.

Media registration for 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting-AMM and related meetings

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—The 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting-AMM and related meetings will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw from 8 to 10 August.

Local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the news of meetings are to click the registration link for the 47th ASEAN Foreign Ministers Meeting-AMM of Upcoming Events at the Home Page of *www.asean2014.gov.mm* to fill up the Media Registration Form. The registration must be taken not later than 31 July. The media accreditation cards will be issued at MICC-1 on 8 August morning.

The foreign correspondents are to apply visa at the respective Myanmar embassies to cover news. Please dial 067-412227 and 067-412360 of ASEAN Affairs Department for further information about the meeting and 067-412126 of News and Periodicals Enterprise about news coverage of local-based foreign news agencies and local media.—*MNA*

Japan Builds One Monastic Eye Clinic in Yangon Region

The handover and opening ceremony of the eye special clinic at Tipitaka Paleyaung Shein Monastery in Yangon Region in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 21 July — The Government of Japan, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, has extended the assistance of US$ 123,228 under a humanitarian assistance program entitled "The Project for Construction of Eye Special Clinic in the Tipitaka Paleyaung Shein Monastery in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region".

The handover and opening ceremony of the eye special clinic in Yangon Region was held at the Tipitaka Paleyaung Shein Monastery on 17th July 2014. Mr. Ichiro MARUYAMA, Minister Counselor of the Embassy of Japan, Ms. Sumie ARIMA, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Japan, U Mya Nyein, Deputy Speaker of Upper House, U Khin Shwe, House of Nationality for Upper House, Badana Kudapala, Head Monk of Tipitaka Paleyaung Shein Monastery, committee chairman and committee members of construction project and local residents attended this ceremony.

The Tipitaka Paleyaung Shein Monastery, located in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region, provides ophthalmic treatment with volunteer eye doctors regularly since 2011. However due to lack of facilities and staying space for the patients coming from other towns, many potential patients are not receiving appropriate treatment.

Under such circumstances, the Government of Japan provided funding for eye special clinic: two-storeyed RC building at the Tipitaka Paleyaung Shein Monastery in Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region. It is expected that this project will benefit around 600 patients per month who suffer from eye diseases or ophthalmologic disorder.

Japan has conducted 688 various grassroots projects in Myanmar under this GGP scheme since 1993. Among them, 311 education projects, 175 healthcare projects, 136 public welfare and environment projects, 31 infrastructure projects and 35 other projects are included. It is expected that these assistances will further strengthen the existing friendly relations between Japan and Myanmar, which marks its 60 years anniversary of diplomatic relations this year.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses Highways Law amendment bill

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Members of representatives from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Upper House and Lower House of parliament here on Monday discussed the Highways Law amendment bill.

The bill with the remarks of President U Thein Sein was delivered to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee for the approval at the 10th regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The meeting was opened by U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairman of committee and vice speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Discussion on Highways Law amendment bill in progress.—MNA

Workshop on role of teachers in education promotion held

YANGON, 21 July — The workshop on the role of teachers in education promotion was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Yangon on Monday.

Patron U Than Oo of the advisory board of the implementation committee for education promotion delivered an address at the workshop.

Directors-general from the basic education departments, members of the advisory board, retired headmasters and headmistress and official participated in the workshop.

The workshop will continue until 23 July.

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Patron U Than Oo of advisory board delivers a speech at workshop on teachers' role in education promotion.—MNA

Heavy rains and mountain streams cause flood in Hlaingbwe

A neighbourhood in Hlaingbwe flooded by heavy rains on 19 July.—MNA

HPA-AN, 21 July—The Hlaingbwe Creek overflowed its banks due to heavy rains and violent flow of mountain streams, resulting in floods in lower neighbourhoods in Hlaingbwe on 19 July.

Flood victims were evacuated to temporary camps opened in two primary schools and an Islamic school in the town.

The chief minister of Kayin State and officials visited the camps and presented ten boxes of dried noodles and 600 eggs to about 100 families of flood victims.

Nay Myo Lwin (IPRD)

Myanmar eyes nuclear reactors for research purposes: Union Minister for Science and Technology

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo answers question on the plan to build nuclear reactors for research purposes.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Myanmar is carrying out tasks for human resources development in nuclear technology and will build nuclear reactors when the required infrastructure has been built, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo told the Upper House on Monday.

The union minister was answering the question raised by a representative whether the country has a plan to build nuclear reactors for research purposes.

The union minister said that although the use of nuclear energy is supposed to be dangerous, correct application of it can be beneficial as the technology can be applied in various fields including health, agriculture, livestock breeding etc.

The union minister added that it is necessary to build a nuclear reactor in order to conduct nuclear researches more effectively but the government at present is still trying to implement measures for protection against nuclear radiation, drafting laws for nonproliferation of nuclear weapons, building infrastructure for nuclear technology and development of human resources in nuclear technology.

He concluded that Myanmar might build nuclear reactors for research purposes at an appropriate time.

Other topic discussed at the Upper House on Monday included accountability for budget of national projects and the training for highway bus drivers.

At the Lower House session on Monday, representatives discussed transparency of tender systems for government projects and difficulty faced by peasants to get agricultural loans.—*MNA*

Appointment of ambassador agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July — The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of H.E. Mr. Peter Lysholt Hansen as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mr.Peter Lysholt Hansen was born in 1951. After he graduated from University of Copenhagen with the Master of Arts in Economics in 1978, he served as the Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He became the Head of Section in 1980 and served as First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Denmark to UN from 1983 to 1987. Then he served at the Embassies of Denmark in New Delhi, Pretoria and Dar es Salaam in various capacities from 1989 to 1998. In 2001, he became the Under-Secretary of Bilateral Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Copenhagen. He was appointed as Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in 2004. Since 2010 to date he has been serving as the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark to the Republic of Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with residence in Seoul. He is married.

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Enhancement of social impact on business dialogue held in Nay Pyi Taw

'Enhancing the Social Impact of Business in Myanmar' dialogue in progress at Parkroyal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July —The 'Enhancing the Social Impact of Business in Myanmar' dialogue jointly organized by Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, and British Council Myanmar was held here on Monday.

The event that took place at the Parkroyal Hotel was attended by Union Minister U Soe Thane at Ministry of President's Office, Union Minister U Ohn Myint of Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, Union Minister U Khin Ye of Ministry of Immigration and Population and staff from the British Council in Yangon, totaling 150 dignitaries and representatives from ministries and business organizations.

Union Minister U Tin Naing Thein of the President's Office, Kevin Mackenzie of Director of British Council Myanmar and Noble laureate Professor Mohammad Yunus of Bangladesh gave talks at the event, which aimed to alleviate poverty and to ensure socio-economic development of the country.

The plans of Myanmar government for socio-economic development, the role of assistance by international organizations, lessons from Asian region and experiences of Myanmar in this sector were discussed at the event.—*MNA*

Union Minister U Khin Ye speaks to immigration staff in delta city

Union Minister U Khin Ye speaks to immigration staff in Pathein.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— Union Minister U Khin Ye for Ministry of Immigration and Population on Monday urged the staff of his ministry in Pathein, Ayeyawaddy Region, to try hard for the implementation of 'Third Wave Reform'.

He said that the ministry is taking part in the reform processes by issuing visa-on-arrival to foreign visitors, opening four border passes between Myanmar and Thailand to international visitors, and allowing for the application of permanent resident status.

U Khin Ye also said that as his ministry is making relations with both foreigners and all the Myanmar citizens, the services should be focused on the need of public with the cooperation among each other.—*MNA*

Union Minister inspects conservation of nature reserve

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspects natural gas pipeline crossing Taninthayi nature reserve project area.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun inspected the natural gas pipeline crossing the Taninthayi nature reserve project area and arrangements for conservation of biodiversity in the area on 19 July.

The union minister also met with locals in the area and viewed round the forest set up by them.

The union minister urged the authorities to reduce the environmental impact of the pipeline through the nature reserve and to carry out preventive measures for soil erosion along the pipeline.

On 20 July, the union minister met with the chief minister of Taninthayi Region and officials and discussed establishing forests and conservation of mangrove forests in the region.

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Physicians provide health care in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 21 July—A team of mobile clinic led by Mohnyin District Medical Superintendent provided medical services to locals in Mohnyin township in Kachin State this month. People from Nanmar, Pinhe, Hsemile, Chaungwa, Lonton, Mayingon, Ingyingon, etc. got free medical treatment during their tour.

"As the State has provided more medicines we can provide medical treatment to brethren in the far flung areas. But we still need to appoint medical staff.

Even in Mohnyin District hospital, there were only two physicians although the organizational chart set the number of physicians at 18. There was an order of appointing four more doctors but no one has arrived yet." said District Medical Superintendent Dr Win Win Htay.

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School health activities launched in Sagaing Region

INDAW, 21 July—Indaw township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and nurses from Indaw hospital launched weekly school health activities in Indaw of Sagaing Region on Sunday.

Under the campaign, school children got medical check-up and other medical treatment. Officials also presented awards to children who won the health quiz.

They were also provided with exercise books and pencils. The team also checked the iodized salt used by expectant mothers and housewives at their homes. They disseminated knowledge on health and reproductive health to the women.

Kyaw Thiha

Children get stipend in Myingyan

MYINGYAN, 21 July — Myingyan Township All Bus Lines Control Committee provided stipends to offspring of its staff who passed the matriculation exam on Saturday. Myingyan District Administrator U Myint Thinn Aung and others presented stipends to students.

Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Talks on anti-human trafficking given to rural people

YEDASHE, 21 July— The Myanmar Police Force holds educative talks on prevention against trafficking in persons, crime reduction and dangers of narcotic drugs to people in townships across the country, with lectures given on 16 July in Bago Region.

Educative talks on anti-human trafficking were held at the Dhammayon of Shwezedi monastery in Yeni of Yedashe Township in Bago Region, attended by 180 local people and students. Commander of the Township Police Force Police Major Nyan Win talked about the plight of human trafficking victims and labour exploitation of Myanmar citizens abroad.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Wint Nanda talked about drug abuse, and on a lighter note about the opening of mini book corners in villages.

Ko Lwin (Swa)

Third Wave reform clarified

MYINGYAN, 21 July— The process of the Third Wave reform was clarified in Myingyan on Firday. An official of District Rural Area Development Department explained steps of the process.

Government staff from Myingyan, Taungtha, Natogyi, Ngazun townships got knowledge on the process.

U Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Indonesian leader urges presidential election loser to concede

JAKARTA, 21 July — Indonesia's outgoing leader on Monday came within a whisker of telling retired general Prabowo Subianto to admit defeat so that the country's most bitterly fought leadership contest could be resolved.

Prabowo has almost certainly lost the 9 July election but on Sunday cried foul and demanded the Elections Commission investigate vote cheating before he would accept its result. The Commission is due to announce the result on Monday or Tuesday.

"Admitting defeat is noble," President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono told reporters in a clear reference to Prabowo. A protracted wrangle over the election outcome could undermine confidence in Southeast Asia's biggest economy which has seen strong investment in recent years.

Private tallies of the 130 million votes show Jakarta governor Joko "Jokowi" Widodo won by about five percentage points over Prabowo who has spent the last 10 years preparing for his presidential bid.

Prabowo's recalcitrance has led to fears his supporters might turn violent and some have threatened to rally outside the Elections Commission (KPU) office in central Jakarta ahead of the official result, which under law must be declared by 22 July.

The national police and military have deployed nearly 300,000 personnel across the vast archipelago of 240 million people.

*(From L to R) Indonesia President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono gestures to presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto to shake hands with fellow candidate Joko "Jokowi'' Widodo during a meeting at the presidential palace in Jakarta on 20 July, 2014. —*REUTERS

Security has also been beefed up around the KPU office but there has been no word of any violence.

"We don't anticipate the KPU to be a hot spot for violence," national police spokesperson Boy Rafli Amar told *Reuters*. "At the same time, we ask the public not to assemble there so that the KPU officials can continue their work in a conducive atmosphere."

Candidates can lodge complaints with the Constitutional Court, which has been done by the losers in the previous two presidential elections. The Court has to return a verdict on any challenge within two weeks. The verdict cannot be appealed. "If there is someone who does not accept the official result, I would advise them to peacefully go the constitutional route," said Yudhoyono, who hosted both candidates for dinner at the presidential palace on Sunday night.

KPU officials said reports of irregularities have been investigated as recommended by the election watchdog. They said the number of disputed votes numbered in the thousands.

Analysts reckon it would need a reversal of up to seven million votes to hand Prabowo victory.

As it has become increasingly clear that Prabowo has lost, so signs have grown that key supporters may be ready to leave his "permanent coalition" of parties, or join the other side. "The election has been completed and my job is complete. I've failed the Prabowo ... ticket," Mahfud MD, a widely respected former chief of the Constitutional Court and head of Prabowo's campaign team told media.

Members of the biggest party backing Prabowo, Golkar, also appear to be turning against their own chief Aburizal Bakrie, who is a staunch supporter of Prabowo.

Bakrie, who heads a prominent, debt-laden conglomerate, has been a key Prabowo ally.

Indonesia, a member of the G-20 group of nations, was swept by bloodshed in which hundreds of people were killed when strongman ruler Suharto was ousted in 1998 after more than three decades in power.

It has since made a slow transition to full democracy, with this only its third direct presidential election.

Reuters

Indian PM eyes Japanese visit at end of August

NEW DELHI, 21 July — Arrangements are being made for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Japan at the end of August for a summit with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe soon afterward, possibly on 1 September, an Indian government official said on Sunday. Modi, who became prime minister in late May, had planned to visit Japan in early July but postponed the trip so his newly formed government could compile its first budget.

During the envisioned summit, the two leaders are expected to discuss the proposed export of Japan's US-2 amphibian search-and-rescue aircraft and shinkansen high-speed rail technology, as well as negotiations over a nuclear power agreement that would enable Japan to export nuclear reactors to energy-hungry India. India's and Japan's leaders have visited each other's country almost every year since Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi visited India in 2005. Abe visited India for talks with Modi's predecessor, Manmohan Singh, in January.

Kyodo News

S Korea, US, Japan begin search-and-rescue exercise off peninsula

SEOUL, 21 July — South Korea, the United States and Japan began a two-day search-and-rescue exercise in waters south of the southern island of Jeju on Monday, according to South Korea's Defence Ministry. The exercise, known as SAREX, has been held once or twice a year for humanitarian purposes, and involves the South Korean and US navies and the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force.

The last such trilateral drills took place in South Korea's southern waters in October. The US aircraft carrier *George Washington*, which arrived in South Korea on 11 July for a joint exercise with South Korea, also participated in the latest trilateral drills. North Korea has raised tensions with South Korea in recent weeks by firing rockets, short-range ballistic missiles and artillery shells into the sea off its eastern coast.—*Kyodo News*

Car bombing hits Afghan southern town, killing two

LASHKAR GAH, (Afghanistan), 21 July — At least two people were killed and nine others were wounded in a suicide car bombing in Lashkar Gah city, the capital of southern Afghan province of Helmand on Monday, sources said.

The blast occurred in Zanzer Mina locality of the city at around midday. The target of the attack was a police convoy passing by the area, a security source told *Xinhua* anonymously.

The killed included one police and a civilian while four policemen and five civilians were wounded in the explosion, the source added.

Helmand is notorious for poppy growing and is a known Taleban hotbed.

The injured were shifted to War Victims' Emergency Hospital in the city, 555 km south of national capital of Kabul, the source noted.

No group claimed responsibility. The authorities blame Taleban militants for such attacks.

The Taleban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched an annual rebel offensive against Afghan government forces and nearly 50,000 NATO-led troops stationed in the country in mid-May.

The Taleban urged civilians to stay away from official gatherings, military convoys and centres regarded as the legitimate targets by militants besides warning people not to support the government and foreign troops.

More than 1,560 civilians were killed and nearly 3,290 others wounded in conflicts and Taleban-led attacks in the first six months of 2014, according to official figures released by UN mission in the country.—*Xinhua*

S Korea approves historians' visit to N Korea for joint project

SEOUL, 21 July — South Korea has approved a request filed by a group of South Korean historians to visit the North Korean border city of Kaesong for a joint excavation of an ancient royal palace site, South Korea's Unification Ministry said on Monday.

A total of 13 members from the South Korean Office of the Association of Inter-Korean Historians will travel to Kaesong on Tuesday, and 32 others will head there in the coming weeks for work related to resuming the inter-Korean programme to excavate the site of Manwoldae, a Goryeo Dynasty (918-1392) palace, ministry spokesman Kim Eui Do said during a Press briefing.

"The government has approved pure social and cultural exchanges with North Korea in the non-political sector," Kim said, adding the approval for the Manwoldae program has been made "in consideration of the significance of preserving Korea's cultural assets." The Unification Ministry plans to provide 276 million won (about $268,000) in assistance for the project. The inter-Korean project began in 2007 but came to a halt shortly after the death of the North's leader Kim Jong Il in late 2011, according to *Yonhap News Agency*.—*Kyodo News*

UK's new foreign secretary reiterates earlier stance on EU membership

LONDON, 21 July — Britain's new Foreign Secretary Philip Hammonds reiterated his position from two years ago that if Britain does not get good renegotiation, it should leave the European Union.

In an interview with Andrew Marr of the BBC, Hammonds reiterated his earlier stance that if the European Union failed to change and to agree to new terms for Britain's membership, he would rather leave the bloc.

"If there is no change at all in the way Europe is governed, no change in the balance of competences between the nation states and the European Union, no resolution of the challenge of how the Eurozone can succeed and coexist with the non-Eurozone — that is not a Europe that can work for Britain in the future, so there must be change, there must be renegotiation."

Britain's new Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond leaves 10 Downing Street in central London, on 15 July, 2015.—REUTERS

Hammonds said his government would put it to the British people to decide once there is substantive renegotiation and substantive change in Europe that addresses the concerns that Britain has along with the needs of Europe in a modern world.

"So my job now is to pursue that renegotiation — to prepare for it ..over the next nine, 10 months..," Hammonds told the BBC.

He said he would make his recommendation to the British people after a renegotiation is carried out.

"We're all in government in the same place on Europe. We all believe that the status quo is not an acceptable way to run Europe in the future."

Hammonds was appointed foreign secretary last week in a surprise development. William Hague, Britain's most senior diplomat for the past four years, voluntarily stood down allowing Prime Minister David Cameron to appoint him. Cameron has promised to try to reshape Britain's EU ties if re-elected next year before giving voters a membership referendum, something opinion polls show could be close.

Reuters

Colombia's Santos opens 'Congress of peace,' urges deal with rebels

BOGOTA, 21 July — Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos opened a new session of Congress on Sunday, calling on lawmakers to back government efforts to strike a peace deal with Marxist rebels to end 50 years of war.

"This will be — there's no doubt — the Congress of peace," said Santos, who will be inaugurated for a second four-year term on 7 August. "We have a great challenge — an achievable challenge — to end an armed conflict which has bled us for half a century, and build peace."

Santos won re-election last month with support for his bid to bring an end to five decades of war with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, that has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced millions.

Santos will face fierce opposition in Congress, not

Colombia President Juan Manuel Santos

least from ex-President Alvaro Uribe, a newly minted senator and leader of the right-wing Democratic Centre party. His backers won 20 percent of the Senate seats and just under 10 percent of the lower house in March elections.

Uribe is a staunch opponent of the peace talks, which he says will lead to impunity for FARC leaders and are a betrayal of the war's victims. Talks have so far produced partial agreements on three topics — land reform, political participation and drug trafficking. Negotiators in Havana are now discussing reparations and justice for victims of the conflict.

The FARC and the smaller rebel group the National Liberation Army, or ELN, who are in preliminary talks with the government, released a joint statement urging lawmakers to support peace.

"Reconciliation is knocking at Colombia's door," the rebel statement said. "It's time to pass from rhetoric and dead words to a period of transition, when Congress will legislate in favor of the uniting of Colombian society." The government will also seek congressional backing for reforms to taxation, pensions, healthcare and the justice system. Members of Congress were sworn in during the ceremony in central Bogota.

Santos's governing coalition holds majorities in the lower house and Senate.—*Reuters*

Israel kills militants entering from Gaza, death toll tops 500

GAZA / JERUSALEM, 21 July— Israeli forces killed at least 10 Palestinian militants on Monday after they crossed the border from Gaza through two tunnels, the military said, as the death toll from the two-week conflict passed 500.

With the UN Security Council calling for an immediate ceasefire, Israeli jets and tanks continued to pound the Gaza Strip through the night.

The Israeli barrage killed 25 people from one family near Gaza's southern border with Egypt, while 10 from another died in the nearby Khan Younis after shells hit their home and struck again as they tried to flee, hospital officials said.

The overnight raids lifted the Palestinian death toll to 484, mostly civilians, since fighting started on 8 July. Israel says 18 of its soldiers have also died along with two civilians.

In New York, the Security Council called for a truce after an emergency meeting on Sunday. The 15-member Council "expressed serious concern about the growing number of casualties (and)... called for an immediate cessation of hostilities," Rwanda's UN Ambassador Eugene Gasana told reporters. Two groups of Palestinian fighters slipped into southern Israel in the early morning, with the Israeli army ordering a lockdown in local communities as they tracked them down.

An Israeli soldier gestures from a tank near the border with Gaza on 20 July, 2014.— REUTERS

Aircraft targeted one of the squads and soldiers opened fire on the other, killing at least 10 militants, a military spokeswoman said. The military had no immediate comment on media reports of casualties amongst Israeli forces. Fighters from the Hamas Islamist group, which runs Gaza, and its allies, have repeatedly tried to enter Israel over the past week through a vast network of hidden tunnels, looking to attack villages and army encampments that dot the border area.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu order his ground forces into Gaza on Thursday, promising to destroy the tunnels and put an end to incessant missile fire out of the populous Mediterranean enclave.

Setting off celebrations around Gaza, Hamas's military wing announced on Sunday that it had captured an Israeli soldier during fighting. It named the man as Shaul Aron and showed his ID papers, but showed no picture of him in their hands. Although Israel's ambassador to the United Nations denied the claim, Israel's military said it was still investigating.

"We still cannot rule it out," military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Lerner said on Monday.

If confirmed, Aron would be the first Israeli soldier held captive in Gaza since 2011, when Israel released more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners to free Gilad Shalit, a soldier who was held for more than five years after his capture in a raid.

Lerner told reporters that the main focus of fighting remained the Shejaia district, east of Gaza City, where some 72 Palestinians, many of them civilians, were killed in fierce shelling on Sunday.

In its push against militants in Shejaia, Israel also suffered its worst losses in the offensive, with 13 soldiers killed — the army's heaviest one-day loss in battle since 2006.

Israel's army said it had been targeting militants from Gaza's dominant Hamas group, charging that they fired rockets from Shejaia and built tunnels and command centres there. The army said it had warned civilians to leave two days earlier.

As international efforts to seek a truce were stepped up, US Secretary of State John Kerry was to travel to Cairo on Monday to meet Egyptian officials about the crisis, spokeswoman Jen Psaki said in a statement, adding the United States was deeply concerned about the risk of further escalation. Earlier on Sunday, Kerry had said he supported Israel's efforts to destroy tunnels it says Gaza militants use for infiltration attempts and to hide weapons.

Lerner said that since start of Israeli ground operations, the army had uncovered 43 access points to 16 different tunnels.

Egypt, Qatar, France have also been pushing, with little sign of progress, for a permanent ceasefire in the worst surge of Israeli-Palestinian fighting in more than five years.

Reuters

Angry Australia PM says Ukraine crash probe resembles 'garden clean-up'

SYDNEY, 21 July — Australia's prime minister voiced deep concern on Monday that Russian-backed rebels remained in control of the crash site of a Malaysian airliner shot down over Ukraine, saying the site looked more like a "garden clean-up" than a forensic investigation.

At least 27 Australian passengers were among the 298 people who were on board Malaysian Airlines Flight MH17, shot down over eastern Ukraine in an attack the West has blamed on separatist rebels armed by Russia.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott, speaking on a breakfast radio show, said he had spoken "overnight" to Russian President Vladimir Putin for the first time about the disaster, amid mounting horror over the treatment of victims' remains.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott delivers his keynote speech during the B20 Summit in Sydney, on 17 July, 2014. —REUTERS

"He said all the right things and now we need him to be as good as his word," Abbott told 2GB radio, declining to comment in detail about his discussion with Putin.

US Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday demanded Moscow take responsibility for actions of pro-Russian rebels whom Washington suspects of downing the jet with a missile. He expressed disgust at their "grotesque" mishandling of the bodies.

Moscow denies any involvement in the disaster and has blamed the Ukrainian military.

Television images of the rebel-controlled crash scene, where the remains of victims had lain decomposing in fields among their personal belongings, have turned initial shock and sorrow after Thursday's disaster into anger.

The bodies had been removed from much of the crash site by Sunday, with many placed in refrigerated train wagons.

Abbott said an Australian investigation team of around a dozen people, including police, was in Kiev but had been unable to travel to the site.

He said there had been some improvement with the Ukrainian government offering access.

"But there's still a hell of a long way to go before anyone could be satisfied with the way that site is being treated," Abbott said. "It's more like a garden clean-up than a forensic investigation. This is completely unacceptable."

Australia is leading a push for a binding UN resolution that demands those responsible be held accountable and that armed groups don't compromise the crash site integrity.

Abbott is due to host Putin and other world leaders at the G20 Leaders Summit in November and is facing mounting calls to ban the Russian leader from participating.

Reuters

N Korea preparing large-scale military drills

SEOUL, 21 July — North Korea is preparing for large-scale landing exercises near its western city of Nampo in an apparent response to a South Korean-US military drill set to be held in August, *Yonhap News Agency* reported on Monday, citing a South Korean government source.

"Signs have been detected from about three weeks ago that North Korea has been preparing for a large-scale landing exercise," the source was quoted as saying.

The source said, "It appears to be a national-level consolidate drill bringing together its ground, naval and air force troops."

A South Korean Defence Ministry spokesman said North Korea conducted exercises in Nampo in March last year and that it is not yet known when this year's drills will be held.

"North Korea might have changed the date for this year's exercises due to its leader Kim Jong Un's schedule," Kim Min Seok said during a Press briefing.

South Korea and the United States are set to conduct annual joint military exercise in August known as Ulchi Freedom Guardian to improve their joint defence posture.

Kyodo News

US presses case against Russia on downed jet as horror deepens

HRABOVE, (Ukraine) / WASHINGTON, 21 July — US Secretary of State John Kerry laid out what he called overwhelming evidence of Russian complicity in the shooting down of Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 as international horror deepened over the fate of the victims' remains.

Kerry demanded that Moscow take responsibility for actions of pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine whom Washington suspects of downing the jet with a missile, and expressed disgust at their "grotesque" mishandling of the bodies. Television images of the rebel-held crash sites, where the remains of victims had lain decomposing in fields among their personal belongings, have turned initial shock and sorrow after Thursday's disaster into anger.

Emotions ran high in the Netherlands, the home country of about two-thirds of the 298 people who died in the Boeing 777. The Dutch foreign minister has said the nation is "furious" to hear bodies were being "dragged around", while relatives and church leaders demanded they be rapidly returned home.

But the departure of dozens of corpses loaded into refrigerated railway wagons was delayed on Sunday as Ukrainian officials and rebels traded blame over why the train had not yet left the war zone, and where or when international investigators would be able to check it.

The UN Security Council is scheduled to vote on Monday on a resolution that would condemn the downing of the plane and demands that those responsible be held accountable and that armed groups not compromise the integrity of the crash site. In an apparent bid to compromise with Moscow, the wording of the resolution, drafted by Australia, was changed to characterize the incident as the "downing" of the flight, instead of "shooting down," according to the final draft obtained by *Reuters*. Diplomats said it was unclear if Russia would support the final version. In Washington, Kerry criticized Russian President Vladimir Putin and threatened "additional steps" against Moscow.

Members of the Ukrainian Emergencies Ministry, medical personnel and a crane operator work at the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17, near the village of Hrabove, Donetsk region,on 20 July, 2014. — REUTERS

General view of a train of refrigerator wagons, which according to employees and local residents contain bodies of passengers of the crashed Malaysia Airlines Boeing 777 plane, at a railway station in the town of Torez, Donetsk region on 20 July, 2014. — REUTERS

"Drunken separatists have been piling bodies into trucks and removing them from the site," he said on NBC television on Sunday. "What's happening is really grotesque and it is contrary to everything President Putin and Russia said they would do."

Moscow denies any involvement in the disaster and has blamed the Ukrainian military. While stopping short of direct blame on Moscow, Kerry put forward the most detailed US accusations so far, based on the latest US intelligence assessments.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond urged Moscow to ensure international investigators had access to the crash sites. "Russia risks becoming a pariah state if it does not behave properly," he told Sky television.

Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said he had spoken "overnight" to Putin for the first time about the disaster, amid mounting horror over the treatment of victims' remains. At least 27 Australian passengers were on the Malaysia Airlines flight.Abbott said an Australian investigation team was in Kiev but had been unable to travel to the site. He said there had been some improvement with the Ukrainian government offering access.

"But there's still a hell of a long way to go before anyone could be satisfied with the way that site is being treated," Abbott said. "It's more like a garden cleanup than a forensic investigation. This is completely unacceptable."— *Reuters*

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 22 July, 2014

Future of Myanmar is relying on new generation

By *Aung Khin*

The future of Myanmar is largely relying on the efforts and far-sightedness of the youths to a large extent. While the country is on the path of transition period, there are many challenges for them from education to healthcare system and from income to the expectancy.

According to figures of the Ministry of Education, Myanmar has 163 higher education institutions under 13 different ministries of which 66 are under the Ministry of Education in the 2011-2013 Academic year, though there were only 32 higher education institutions in 1988.

Nearly 300,000 teachers at more than 40,000 basic education schools are teaching 8 million students across the country. The government is now promoting the education system in various ways and means, including facilities and human resources.

However, many school children from basic education levels and students from higher education in cities are going to extra classes as they feel that teachings at school or university are not enough to do well in examinations. As a result, tuition fees become a burden on the families with lower income.

Actually, schools should have a system of access to health professionals. Both educational and athletic facilities must be good; elementary schools should have an outdoor playground. School libraries and multimedia classrooms should also be fully effective for the students to have exposure to global knowledge.

A well-educated or learned generation is pivotal to create a better future of the country. Despite political or socio-economic challenges in the country, the youths themselves should focus on building their capacities for their readiness in making right decisions for their country through a common sense.

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Letter to the Editor

LESSONS FROM BRAZIL

Dear Mr Aung Khin,

I refer to your article "What lessons Brazil gave us" published in *The New Light of Myanmar* on the 10th of July 2014. There are many lessons to be taken from 'Brazil'. You were obviously referring, however, in your article, to the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil, not to Brazil in its huge complexity of the seventh economy in the world, with the fifth largest population and the fifth largest territory in the world. And it is to this, to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, that I also refer here.

I am afraid you took the wrong lessons.

To start, no negative approach can taint the magnificent event that the 2014 World Cup in Brazil was as it has been widely recognized internationally.

You considered (I am sorry to say , confused) two levels in your article: action on the pitch and action out of it.

As to lessons from what has happened in Brazil at the World Cup, out of the pitch, you mention 'political instability'. There is no 'political instability' in Brazil. Demonstrations on the streets are not political instability. On the contrary, they show maturity. Especially considering that about one hundred and forty million Brazilian voters will go to the polls this year for direct presidential elections (this is more than twice the total estimated population of Myanmar of any age or ethnic group) and there is not one serious complain that the elections might be unfair or rigged. There can be no better sign of political stability.

Yes, there were before the World Cup (much less during the cup) demonstrations in Brazil of discontent with the way the Brazilian government might have applied resources. Your counted one million demonstrators. There might have been more. If we add, as you did, the participants in different demonstrations. At the same time, it should also be remembered that dozens of millions of Brazilians have been lifted out of poverty in the last few years. This wakens up people's minds. It makes them want more.

You also spotted US$ 14 billion as total expenses for the infrastructure for the World Cup. Most of the money has to be considered on a multi-annual basis. And there is a lot of non-budgetary investment involved. It is for infrastructure, as you yourself mention, which means that it will remain there, underpin development and progress (besides the stadiums, airports and roads, for example). At the same time, Brazil's annual budget is about US$ 1,12 trillion dollars, that is, eighty times that amount.

Since Brazilians are demonstrating freely, may be you should leave for them to decide on their dissatisfaction. Especially as to what happened on the pitch in the last two games Brazil played.

To conclude: another lesson you failed to mention is that about six hundred thousand tourists came to Brazil for the month of the Cup from more countries than there are members of the United Nations (including welcome and important guests from Myanmar). And the fun and joy they experienced in Brazil's stadiums, as could be seen in the TV images all over the world, will remain as a strong image of Brazil's friendly people and the great success that the 2014 World Cup was for football fans all over the world.

Truly Yours
Alcides G.R. Prates
Ambassador of Brazil to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Ah -Yai-Paing-Min

By *BA THAN*

(continued from yesterday)

Under the new administrative reform process a new set-up was replaced whereby the Ministries had direct relations with the line department and corporations renamed as Directorates and Corporations headed by Directors-General and Managing Directors in the integrated system.

The Head of Office replaced the Secretaries of the ministry to serve as transit point between the Minister and the DGs and MDs of the line organizations. Its official rank was also downgraded.

To recapitulate, the role of the Civil Services in UK was restructured from the spoils system allocation during Robert Clive's British East India Company to that of permanent career service recruited through open competitions system by the British Civil Service Commission commencing on 1858. The famed ICS and BCS I officer cadres were the legacies of the British Colonial Rule in India and Myanmar. After Myanmar's independence in 1948, the civil administrative service of the BCS cadre continued till 1962 when the Senior Branch & Junior Branch open recruitment by PSC totally ceased Recruitment of Myanmar ICS started in 1921 with U Tin Htut, lasting till 1935 with separation of the province of Burma (Myanmar) from the Indian Empire. Recruitment for the Myanmar Civil Service continued with BCS (1) replacing ICS till 1948. At the outset of Myanmar's Independence in 1948 recruitment of BCS I ceased, replaced by BCS (Sr Branch) and BCS (Junior Branch). Finally in March 1962 the saga of the Civil Service came to an end with the 1962 recruitment of 5 probationers ending in U Khin Maung (Pa/1494).

The BCS officers continueto serve the Government in various positions of efficiency, competency and impartiality in their own personal commitment and dedication till the superannuation ages of 60. Recipients and successors of its famed heritage, lasting from 1858, the first Home Service recruit till 1962 the last recruit of the BCS (Sr Branch) by the PSC, the Service and the officers finally ceased to function, its legacy consigned to the dusty tomes of history.

The BCS pensioners or retirees continued to meet once in two months in breakfast in reputable restaurants in Yangon to talk about the olden days, never missing their regular meet. Many colleagues were now in the eighties, the majority doddering and senile. But their eyes lit up as they recalled some episodes kept in their innermost hearts and sharing among the close-knit comrades.

They made it their solemn duty to send their condolences and attend the funerals if health permits of those who passed away with prayers for better after-life.

Risen from top-notch grades in the universities, with apparent versatility, many interesting memoirs recorded by these talented writers provided glimpses of knowledge gems to enrich the literary world.

This in essence is the story the author, himself a BCS, has recalled and recorded from personal memory, which he will remember and cherish.

(Concluded)

U Ba Than is a seasoned writer of English, regularly contributing hundreds of articles of lasting interest in both English and Myanmar. His career began as an English tutor, with him rising to Director-General. He was honoured with 'Literary Lifetime Award' in 2012, sponsored by Pakokku Sarpay, for his lifelong contribution to literature.

GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (21-7-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K677,000 per tical: Selling K677,800

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K677,000 per tical: Selling K677,800

FE RATE

USD	Buying	K969	Selling	K974
SGD	Buying	K777	Selling	K786
Euro	Buying	K1308	Selling	K1320

ARTICLE

Myanmar's prospects for Achieving Middle Power Status

By Sayar Mya

(continued from yesterday)

History and definition

On the web definition it is said that no agreed standard method defines which states are middle powers. Some researchers use Gross National Product (GNP) statistics to draw lists of middle powers around the world. Economically, middle powers are generally those that are not considered too "big" or too "small," though that is the way they defined. However, economics is not always the defining factor. Under the original sense of the term, a middle power was one that had some degree of influence globally, but did not dominate in any one area. However, this usage is not universal, and some define middle power to include nations that can be regarded as regional powers.

Dr. Jonathan Ping is Associate Dean (Learning and Teaching) as well as Associate Professor (International Relations), Faculty of Society and Design of Bond University, Australia.

First, Dr. Ping introduced in brief about the Bond University at the paper reading session.

Next, he moved to the thesis that Myanmar is uniquely positioned in time, place and history to develop rapidly to become a natural middle power. He defines "Power" as the ability of "A" to make "B" do what "A" wants. It is whether "B" wants to carry out or not. He explains on the structural power as "The power to decide how things shall be done, the power to shape frameworks. They are to be done within which states relate to each other, relate to people or relate to corporate entities." Dr. Ping had referred the statement from the book of Susan Strange published in 1994, "States and Markets" on page 25.

Regarding the "Global Political Economy" (GPE), he describes that it is a subfield of International Relations.

According to Web definitions, the term "subfield" is clarified as "In abstract algebra, field extensions are the main object of study in field theory. The general idea is to start with a base field and construct in some manner a larger field that contains the base field and satisfies additional properties."

Regarding the "Political Economy" he explained that it predates "Economics and Political Sciences." GPE borrows many ideas from "classical" political economy.

Web defines that the classical economics is widely regarded as the first modern school of economic thought. Its major developers include Adam Smith, Jean-Baptiste Say, David Ricardo, Thomas Malthus and John Stuart Mill.

Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations* in 1776 is usually considered to mark the beginning of classical economics. The school was active into the mid 19th century and was followed by neoclassical economics in Britain beginning around 1870, or, in Marx's definition by "vulgar political economy" from the 1830s. The definition of classical economics is debated, particularly the period 1830–70 and the connection to neoclassical economics. The term "classical economics" was coined by Karl Marx to refer to Ricardian economics – the economics of David Ricardo and James Mill and their predecessors – but usage was subsequently extended to include the followers of Ricardo.

In fact, Political Economy emerged when it was common to study philosophy and history at university.

Dr. Ping defines "Global Political Economy" or "IPE" is linked together with (a) International Economics; (b) International Politics; (c) Domestic Politics; and (d) Domestic Economics. However, he warns "Inherent Instability", which means global financial crisis shows "Inherent Instability" of Capitalism. A prominent Japanese economist explained how it reflects the "inherent instability" of capitalism and reveals the failure of the neoclassical experiment.

Next, he talked about "GPE" being linked with the ideologies such as (a) Liberalism; (b) Mercantilism; and (c) Marxism.

According to web definition, liberalism is a political philosophy or worldview founded on ideas of liberty and equality.

Mercantilism has the belief in the benefits of profitable trading. It is the economic theory that trade generates wealth and is stimulated by the accumulation of profitable balances, which a government should encourage by means of protectionism.

Marxism embraced the political and economic theories of Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, later developed by their followers to form the basis of communism.

Dr. Ping compares the three ideologies with seven criteria such as (1) Most important actor / Unit of Analysis; (2) Role of State; (3) Nature of the IPE; (4) Proper Objective of Economic Policy; (5) Human Nature; (6) Economics and Policies; and (7) Future.

Next, he outlines the questions asked by global political economists in details. The writer of this article set aside the questions to make the article as short as possible.

In the talk, he explained about the "Power Identification". He said that the position or rank of States determined by three main methods. (a) Statecraft (behavior); (b) Perceived Power (what the State and others believe); and (c) Statistics (limited to collective data).

He emphasizes that the statistics is the only positive or objective measure, and that others have only the ideological or correlative assumptions.

He suggests that statistics must be employed first.

Next, Dr. Ping talked about the great powers statecraft by saying that the great powers have enough power to impose themselves on the global political economy. Moreover, the great powers have enough power to resist change imposed by the global political economy.

Talking about the "Middle Power Statecraft", he said that they have not enough power to resist change and also they have not enough power to impose change. However, the statecraft with intermediate resource has the intermediate power and ability. They may in part can resist change and also in part impose change.

He talked about the term "hybridize" by the middle powers in the context of perceived power and statecraft from the GPE that will help them survive by state activity with new more effective policies.

Talking about "Small Power Statecraft", he said small powers do not have powers to resist and do not have powers to impose. In effect, small powers must accept what is imposed on them as they do not have power to hybridize.

Next, he talked about the "Middle Power Concept", by saying the types of middle powers such as (a) Static and Dynamic and (b) Natural and unnatural middle powers. He outlines the statistical definition of middle powers for the year 2000 in Asia and the Pacific. The list includes Australia, Canada, Chile, India, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Mexico, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey. Uzbekistan was included in 1990 and Pakistan in 1975.

It was determined by nine statistical measures, with a ranking system using bracketing, and five statistics of nine weighing.

These being: Population, Geographic Area, Military Expenditure, Gross Domestic Product, Gross Domestic Product Percentage Real Growth, Value of Exports, Gross National Income per Capita, Trade as a Percentage of GDP, Life Expectation at Birth.

Dr. Ping next talked about "Middle Power Statecraft and Myanmar". He said that middle powers have a unique form of statecraft as result of their size which differentiates them from great and small power. They must hybridize new and unique forms of statecraft in order to maintain their state.

Talking about definition on development, he said by quoting the book of Dr. Payne published in 2005 as follows.

"The collective building by the constituent social and political actors of a country (or at least in the first instance a country) of a viable, functioning political economy, grounded in at least a measure of congruence between its core domestic characteristics and attributes and its location within a globalizing world order and capable on that basis of advancing the well-being of those living within its confines."

The writer of this article would like to simplify the above mentioned multifaceted and multifarious definition into simple sentence such as that "we must think globally and act locally with focus on the well-being of the citizens in that particular area."

Dr. Ping asked a question and answered by him.

Why would Myanmar develop rapidly to become a natural middle power?

He pays high attention on statistics in areas such as Population, Geographic Area, Military Expenditure, Gross Domestic Product, Gross Domestic Product Real Growth, Value of Export, Gross National Income per Capita, Trade as a Percentage of GDP, Life Expectancy at Birth.

He warned that it is unrealistic to use the past statistics to reflect the future.

He also pointed out that Myanmar has not made the assessment and evaluation on the entire development mistake and that Myanmar may learn from others about the development.

Dr. Ping pin-points three areas to learn lessons such as (a) Democracy and Capitalism; (b) ASEAN and India; and (c) Socialist State Directed Market (centralized market economy).

Regarding Myanmar's status that the time is at the start of globalization, and the place is between Indian and Chinese great powers. Myanmar has a history that holds a linking civilization between East and South Asia.

Before concluding his paper, Dr. Ping spelt out the risks in four sectors such as (a) that the country is between the great powers; (b) that the conflict of interest in mercantilism and corporate power; (c) the fallacy of regulatory failure and bad governance; and (d) the possible societal instability and market failure.

With much enthusiasm, Dr. Ping concluded that Myanmar is uniquely positioned in time, place and history to develop rapidly to become a natural middle power.

Aiming to become a Middle Power, it must have specific goal with development.

He told the audience that the concept is presented in his book "Middle Power Statecraft".

With much optimism, Dr. Ping hoped that Myanmar would achieve middle power status in 20 – 40 – 50 years, with correct vision and mission and in the right path to step forward.

The participants raised questions in the context of the presentation, which Dr. Ping responded with enthusiasm.

Before the end of the talk, former Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win spelt out his observation that the goal Myanmar to become a middle power is reachable and that the talk was indeed inspiriting and stimulating for the audience as well as the stakeholders in the country, especially the new generation.

Joint Secretary U Khin Maung Lynn expressed thanks on behalf of MISIS to Dr. Ping and the participants.

The paper reading session ended at 12:00 noon.

(Concluded)

Comparing the three

	Mercantilism	Liberalism	Marxism
Most Important Actor / Unit of Analysis	State	Individual	Classes (particularly the Capitalist Class)
Role of State	Intervene in the economy to allocate resources	Est. and enforce property rights to facilitate market-based exchange	Instrument of the capitalist class uses state power to sustain capitalist system
Nature of the IPE	Anarchic / Conflictual	Harmonious	Exploitative
Proper Objective of Economic Policy	Enhance power of nation-state in the international system	Enhance aggregate welfare	Promote an equitable distribution of wealth and income
Human nature	Self-serving / Evil	Essentially good	Results from the mode of production and can change
Economics and Politics	Politics over Economics	Economics over Politics	Economics gives rise to Politics
Future	Not considered	Not considered	Violent revolution to bring about Socialism

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Trading firms raised early concerns about Barclays' dark pool: WSJ

A man rides a bicycle past a Barclays bank in London on 5 Aug, 2010 file photo.
REUTERS

BANGALORE, 21 July — Trading firms and employees raised concerns about high-speed traders at Barclays Plc's "dark pool" months before the United States accused the bank of favouring its high-frequency trading clients, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, citing people familiar with the firms.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman filed a lawsuit last month, accusing the Barclays dark pool of giving high-frequency traders an unfair advantage, even though the bank had promised investors they would be protected from "predatory" and "toxic" traders.

The lawsuit alleges that Barclays executed nearly all of its customers' stock orders on its LX Liquidity Cross dark pool alternative trading system instead of on exchanges or other venues that might have offered better prices.

Some big trading firms noticed that their orders weren't getting the best treatment on the dark pool and began to grow concerned that the poor results were due to high-frequency trading, the Journal said.

Dark pools let institutional investors trade large blocks of shares anonymously and only make trading data available afterwards so that investors with large orders are not at a disadvantage.

A number of Barclays employees also privately expressed concerns to top stock-trading executives that the London-based bank was giving high-frequency traders too much access to its dark pool without fully informing clients, the newspaper said.

Reuters

Wal-Mart adds $102.9 million in Indian wholesale business in June

MUMBAI, 21 July — Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT.N) has infused fresh funds worth 6.2 billion rupees ($102.9 million) into its Indian wholesale business in June, according to a filing made by its Indian unit to the Registrar of Companies.

The funds were allotted as share application money, the filing showed.

Wal-Mart runs 20 wholesale stores in the country and plans to roll out 50 more over four to five years. The retailer has already launched its e-commerce operations, to sell to small businesses, in the cities of Lucknow and Hyderabad earlier this month.

($1 = 60.2800 Indian Rupees) — *Reuters*

The Wal-Mart company logo is seen outside a Wal-Mart Stores Inc company distribution centre in Bentonville, Arkansas on 6 June , 2013.—REUTERS

Illinois legalizes medical marijuana for children with seizures

SACRAMENTO, 21 July — Illinois children and adults with epilepsy will soon be allowed to use marijuana to ease their symptoms under a law signed on Sunday by Democratic Governor Pat Quinn, the latest in a series of measures loosening restrictions on cannabis by US states.

The move to add epilepsy and other seizure disorders to the list of conditions legal to treat with marijuana or its extracts comes as numerous states have made medical use of the drug legal. Two states, Colorado and Washington, have legalized its recreational use.

"This new law will help alleviate the suffering of many adults and children across the state," Quinn said in statement. "Epilepsy is a debilitating condition, and this much-needed relief will help to reduce some of its symptoms for those who endure seizures."

The Illinois law, which takes effect in January, would allow children

Marijuana plants for sale are displayed at the medical marijuana farmers market at the California Heritage Market in Los Angeles, California on 11 July, 2014.
REUTERS

who experience seizures to be treated with non-smokable forms of cannabis, as long as they have permission from a parent.

"I have a 14-year-old constituent by the name of Hugh who lives with epilepsy," said Republican state lawmaker Jim Durkin, who co-sponsored the new law.

"His parents, Bob and Kelly, want to provide their son with as much relief as possible.

Unfortunately, traditional medications and methods have not worked."

The state is putting the final touches on a broader medical marijuana plan, a tightly regulated programme whose regulations were finalized just last week.

Residents will be allowed to apply for permission to use the drug to treat medical conditions in September, and the full programme is expected to be up and running early next year, Quinn spokeswoman Katie Hickey said on Sunday. — *Reuters*

Asian stocks shade firmer, upbeat on US earnings

SYDNEY, 21 July — Asian stocks were a fraction firmer on Monday as investors set aside geopolitical concerns for the moment to focus on the generally upbeat flow of US corporate earnings ahead of a host of results due this week.

Volumes were light, however, with Japanese markets on holiday. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan added 0.24 percent, with small gains for most markets across Asia.

A crowd of US companies report this week, ranging from Apple Inc to McDonald's Corp, Coca-Cola Co and Caterpillar Inc.Thomson Reuters data showed that of 82 companies in the S&P 500 that had reported earnings through Friday morning, 68 percent beat Wall Street's expectations, roughly in line with the 67 percent rate for the past four quarters and above the 63 percent rate since 1994.

The Dow ended on Friday up 0.73 percent, while the S&P 500 gained 1.03 percent and the Nasdaq 1.57 percent. For the week, the Dow rose 0.9 percent, S&P 500 gained 0.5 percent and the Nasdaq added 0.4 percent.

Geopolitical concerns kept US Treasuries and German debt well underpinned. US 10-year yields were steady at 2.48 percent on Monday, while German bunds were yielding just 1.16 percent having neared all-time lows.

The UN Security Council is due to vote on Monday on a resolution that would condemn the downing of a Malaysian passenger plane.

US Secretary of State John Kerry on Sunday laid out what he said was overwhelming evidence of Russian complicity in the downing of the airliner.

In Gaza, Hamas's armed wing said on Sunday it had captured an Israeli soldier in a nearly two-week military offensive that has killed hundreds of Palestinians and 13 Israeli soldiers.

Kerry will travel to Cairo on Monday to meet with Egyptian officials about the crisis.

After an initial bout of risk aversion, major currencies have settled into an eerie clam.— *Reuters*

Waning lock-up shares eligible for trade

BEIJING, 21 July —The value of lock-up shares becoming eligible for trade on China's stock market this week will dip from the previous week, according to data from the country's two stock exchanges.

From Monday to Friday, 22 listed companies on the two bourses will see shares worth 23 billion yuan (3.74 billion US dollars) released to the market after lock-up agreements expire.

The value represents a minor decline compared to 24.86 billion yuan the previous week.

Under China's market rules, major shareholders of non-tradable stocks are subject to a lock-up period of one or two years before they are permitted to sell their shares.

On Friday, the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index gained 0.17 percent from the previous trading day to finish at 2,059.07 points.

The Shenzhen Component Index went up 0.9 percent from Thursday to close at 7,259.45.

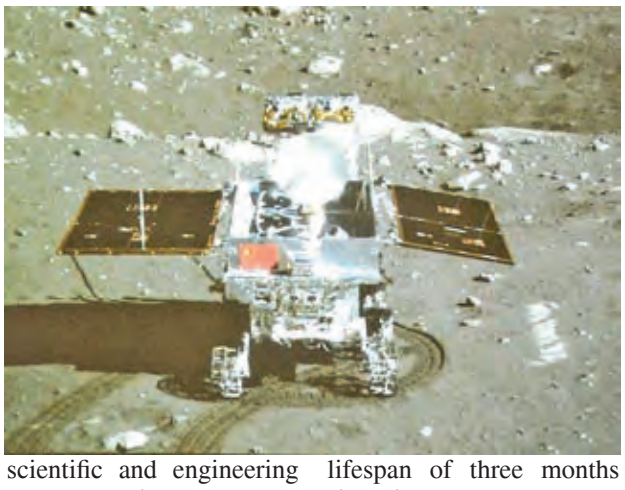
Xinhua

Lunar rover is "awake" but faults continue

BEIJING, 21 July — China's first lunar rover, Yutu, or Jade Rabbit, is still "alive" despite the malfunction of some of its equipment, according to a senior space scientist.

"Yutu has been woken up after the past dormancy, but the problems still exist," Wu Weiren, chief designer of China's lunar probe project, told *Xinhua News Agency* in Hong Kong. Wu was to attend an exhibition set to open on Monday in Hong Kong that features the achievements China has made in its lunar exploration project.

He said the rover will embrace its eighth "working day", which is about 14 Earth days, in an abnormal state caused by mechanical failures, noting that "fortunately, the rover has completed its designated



scientific and engineering tasks". During the lunar night, there is no sunlight to provide power to Yutu's solar panel, and the extremely low temperatures would damage its delicate electronics, so the rover must "hibernate".

The 140-kilogram, six-wheeled Yutu, part of the *Chang'e-3* lunar probe, has outlived its designed lifespan of three months since it reached the moon in mid-December. Using its scientific apparatus, the rover has analyzed major elements on the lunar surface and studied mineral resources.

However, after nearly six weeks of operation, the moon buggy reported a mechanical control problem on 25 Jan before entering its second dormancy.

Since then, it has been unable to move any farther, remaining about 20 metres southwest of where it landed. The antenna and solar panels cannot be folded, either. Chinese engineers blamed the problem on the "complicated lunar surface environment".

Zhang Yuhua, deputy head of Yutu's design team, said experts have concluded that the rover was probably damaged by large rocks when it was moving. She said the landing site's environment was even worse than scientists had expected.

It has become virtually impossible to resolve the mechanical failures, given that many parts on Yutu have approached the end of their designed lifespan, Zhang said.—*Xinhua*

Taiwan's UMC to raise prices by up to 15 percent

TAIPEI , 21 July — Taiwan's United Microelectronics Corp (UMC), the world's third-largest contract microchip manufacturer, will raise the prices it charges some clients by 5 to 15 percent amid heated demand, the *Commercial Times* reported.

Clients who order less than 5,000 foundries monthly from UMC will see their prices rise by as much as 15 percent, the report said.

UMC will demand that larger clients fill an entire season's worth of orders, according to the report, while previous price discounts of up to 5 percent will be rescinded.

The move comes amid strained capacity at chip players across the industry, according to the report, with larger domestic rival Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co Ltd (TSMC) unable to step in to meet the additional demand.

A separate report in Taiwan's *Economic Daily News* said that UMC and TSMC's clients are offering to pay between 3 and 5 percent more for the chips, also due to strained capacity and fierce industry demand.

The reports did not say specifically which clients would be affected.

Representatives for UMC and TSMC would not comment on the reports.

UMC shares were up about 3 percent at T$15.70 at 0223 GMT.—*Reuters*

Samsung Galaxy Star advance with Android KitKat reportedly launched

MUMBAI, 21 July — Soon after launching the Galaxy Core 2, Samsung seems to be gearing up to launch another budget KitKat smartphone — the Galaxy Star Advance — if a retailer from Mumbai is to be believed.

Claiming a launch price of Rs. 7,299, mobile retailer Mahesh Telecom has further listed some specifications of the Galaxy Star Advance (SM- G350E). It's worth noting that we are yet to hear an official announcement about the phone made by Samsung. The specifications listed by the retailer for the yet-to-be-announced Galaxy Star Advance include a 4.3-inch WVGA (480x800 pixels) TFT display; 1.2GHz dual-core processor; dual-SIM support; 1.2GHz processor (unspecified chipset); 512MB of RAM; 3-megapixel camera with LED flash; 1800mAh battery, and 4GB of inbuilt storage, which can be expanded further up to 32GB (via microSD card). Further, the smartphone is said to come with 3G support and will run Android KitKat with the company's TouchWiz UI on top. Some of the other features listed for the Galaxy Star Advance are ChatOn, video recording, Google Talk, Google Maps, Samsung Apps and FM radio recorder.—*PTI*

ZTE Nubia Z7 Max With Snapdragon 801 to Launch in India by October

NEW DELHI, 21 July — Chinese handset maker ZTE is expected to launch its premium 'Nubia Z7 Max' handset in India ahead of the festive season to compete in the fiercely contested smartphone market.

The ZTE Nubia Z7 Max, priced at around Rs 26,000, is expected to be the first device from ZTE's premium phone range to debut in India, the world's fastest growing smartphone market.

ZTE will launch the device around September-October in the Rs. 24,000 to Rs 26,000 range, sources said. ZTE launched Nubia in 2012 to tap the premium-end of the European handset market. Other devices under the Nubia range include Z5 S, Z5 Mini and the X6.

Sources said ZTE is confident of the Nubia range doing well in the Indian market and helping it grow its presence in the multi-crore open handset market in India.

Apart from the open market, ZTE also supplies handsets and dongles to telecom operators. Launched in July this year, the dual SIM Nubia Z7 Max features a 5.5-inch screen, 2.5GHz quad-core Qualcomm Snapdragon 801 processor and runs Android 4.4 KitKat (with Nubia UI 2.0).

It sports 2GB RAM, 32GB memory (expandable up to 64GB), 13-mega pixel rear camera, 5-mega pixel front camera and a 3100 mAh battery. ZTE has two other devices under Nubia Z7 range — Z7 and Z7 Mini. However, details about the launch of these devices in India were not available.

According to reports, ZTE sold 52,800 Nubia Z7 handsets in 4 minutes and 36 seconds in China through a website.

PTI

Forty-five years after Apollo landing, US debates next lunar step

CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 21 July — Forty-five years after the first Apollo lunar landing, the United States remains divided about the moon's role in future human space exploration.

Ten more US astronauts followed Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin's on 20 July, 1969, visit to the moon before the Apollo programme was canceled in 1972. No one has been back since.

The most recent effort to return astronauts to the moon ended in 2010 when the Obama White House axed an underfunded programme of the previous administration called Constellation. Instead, NASA was directed to begin planning for a human expedition to an asteroid.

That initiative, slated for 2025, also includes a robotic precursor mission to redirect a small asteroid or piece of a larger asteroid into a high lunar orbit.

Astronauts would then rendezvous with the relocated asteroid and pick up samples for return to Earth. The missions are intended as steppingstones for eventual human expeditions to Mars.

This path, however, is fraught with technological cul-de-sacs that do not

This NASA file image shows US astronaut Neil Armstrong, the Apollo 11 Mission Commander, standing next to the Lunar Module ''Eagle'' on the moon on 20 July, 1969. — REUTERS

directly contribute to radiation protection, landing systems, habitats and other projects needed to build the road to Mars, a National Research Council panel concluded in June. After a three-year study of different options for human space exploration, the panel said a more viable and sustainable path would be to return to the moon.

"The moon, and in particular its surface, (has) significant advantages over other targets as an intermediate step on the road to the horizon goal of Mars," the council's Committee on Human Spaceflight wrote in a report.

"Although some have dismissed the moon as no longer interesting because humans have visited it before, this is similar to considering the New World to have been adequately explored after the first four voyages of Columbus."

NASA considers the moon "the purview of other nations' space programs," and "not of interest to the US human space exploration programme," the report said.

"This argument is made despite the barely touched scientific record of the earliest solar system that lies hidden in the lunar crust, despite its importance as a place to develop the capabilities required to go to Mars, and despite the fact that the technical capabilities and operational expertise of Apollo belong to our grandparent's generation," the report added.

Reuters

Ex-college professor obtains Ph D in Ireland at 81

Yoshio Oro, seen in this undated photo, received a Ph D from Trinity College Dublin in Ireland at the age of 81.

Kyodo News

Nazgoya, 21 July — Yoshio Oro, a retired college professor, believes he has verified his own theory — the more you use your brain, the smarter you get.

Oro was conferred a Ph D in social gerontology, the study of society and aging, at Trinity College Dublin in Ireland in April at the age of 81.

"I love starting new things from scratch," he said in an interview during a brief return home to Japan in late May. "People can rejuvenate themselves if they continue to act with something worth living for."

Despite his advancing age, Oro said he has never felt a decline in his memory.

Born in Osaka Prefecture in November 1932, Oro has loved literature since childhood and studied English poets such as Robert Browning (1812-1889) at university.

He taught English and British industrial history for about 40 years at universities including Toyohashi University of Technology in Toyohashi, Aichi Prefecture, in central Japan.

He first came across the field of social gerontology after retiring, and knew straight away that it would become his "new lifework."

In 2006 at the age of 73, he moved alone to the western Irish city of Galway to enter the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, which had been founded at the National University of Ireland, Galway the same year.

Oro went to Trinity College Dublin two years later to undertake a Ph D programme focusing on elderly people and their sports activities.

He focused on how elderly people's participation in sports can generate various positive outcomes such as physical health and mental well-being. Oro said that his wife, 71, initially asked him not to travel to Ireland because she would be lonely, but that she is now one of his main supporters.

The couple talks using a free Internet-based telephone service almost every day. Oro has never failed to return home to Aichi Prefecture to celebrate her birthday. "She will get mad if I don't," he says.

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Nigeria's free-wheeling media fears crackdown over Boko Haram battle

Abuja/Lagos, 21 July — Nigeria's Press is traditionally free to write almost anything about anyone — whether it's true or not. But reporters fear a government sensitive to criticism is now cracking down, especially on coverage of the battle against Boko Haram.

After 15 years of democracy, journalists believe the state is trying to tame the vibrant, prolific media during its faltering campaign to stamp out the militant Islamist group.

One Friday last month the army seized newspaper print-runs, halted distribution vans across the country and ransacked offices of newspaper distributors and agents, detaining staff for several hours, the Nigerian Press Organization said.

For Femi Adesina, now editor-in-chief of Nigeria's top tabloid, *The Sun,* this awoke bad memories of life under military rule, when reporters were routinely hauled in for questioning over their news stories.

Newspapers are seen at a vendor's stand along a road in Ikoyi district in Lagos on 18 July, 2014.—Reuters

"You virtually had your heart in your mouth. You wrote the story and you didn't know whether you should sleep at home or sleep somewhere else," recalled Adesina, who is also president of the Nigerian Guild of Editors. "If we are not careful as a country, we could slide back to those dark days."

While reporters accuse the security forces from time to time of intimidation, conditions for journalists remain a long way from the era of military dictatorship. Newspapers are able to publish vitriolic criticism of President Goodluck Jonathan that is largely tolerated.

Spokesmen for the presidency and police and a spokeswoman for the state security service did not respond to *Reuters* requests for comment.

However, the military said it made the searches last month after receiving intelligence on the movement of "materials with grave security implications" through newspaper distribution channels. One security source told *Reuters* there was a genuine concern that militants were using the vans to transport explosives.

Nevertheless, the Press organization says the military is using national security as an excuse for a crackdown on critical media coverage before elections next year.

Reuters

Heavy clashes erupt over Tripoli airport, at least four dead

Tripoli, 21 July — Heavy fighting erupted on Sunday around Tripoli International Airport, where rival militias have been battling for control, killing at least four people and forcing thousands from their homes, local residents and witnesses said.

The airport standoff is the most serious violence in Tripoli since the 2011 fall of Muammar Gaddafi, with Libya's fragile government unable to assert authority over rival brigades of former rebels fighting for political and economic power.

Militias used heavy anti-aircraft cannons, Grad missiles and rockets in exchanges around the Qasr Ben Ghashir neighbourhood, trapping some families while several thousand others fled the fighting around their homes, community leaders said.

One *Reuters* witness said gunmen were set up on roofs of homes facing each other with residents caught in between.

"The shells are landing on us from all warring militias," said Mohammed Abdulrahman, a spokesman for the district. "We couldn't reach some families until now."

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Sr	Link	Capacity
1.	Myanmar-Thailand Cross Border (Tachilake)	1x10 G
2.	Myanmar-China Cross Border (Muse)	1x10 G

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Pakistan military says 28 militants killed in airstrikes

BANNU (PAKISTAN), 21 July — The Pakistani military said it killed 28 local and foreign militants in air strikes in the volatile northwest of the country on Sunday, as evidence emerged that civilians had died in previous strikes.

The bombing took place in the heavily forested Shawal valley, the military said in a statement.

It was part of an offensive that began last month to drive the Taleban from their stronghold in North Waziristan, a remote region that borders Afghanistan.

The area has been heavily bombed in recent days. Residents say a bombing raid on Friday killed nine women, six children and two civilian men when their houses were hit.

Aadil Khan, whose house was among five that were bombed, said he saw the bodies of his relatives being pulled from the rubble.

The military ordered the entire population of North Waziristan to leave ahead of the offensive, but some families stayed behind, either because they were too poor to afford to move, had sick members or did not think their area would be targeted.

Residents say most militants moved out ahead of the ground offensive.

The United States has long urged Pakistan to take action against Taleban havens along the Afghan border. The Taleban and other militants used North Waziristan as a staging ground for planning attacks in Afghanistan.

The military says it has killed hundreds of militants in the offensive. It is impossible to verify their figures since the area is sealed off to journalists.

Reuters

Weather report

STATE OF THE SEA: Frequent squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) m.p.h. OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Upper Myanmar areas.

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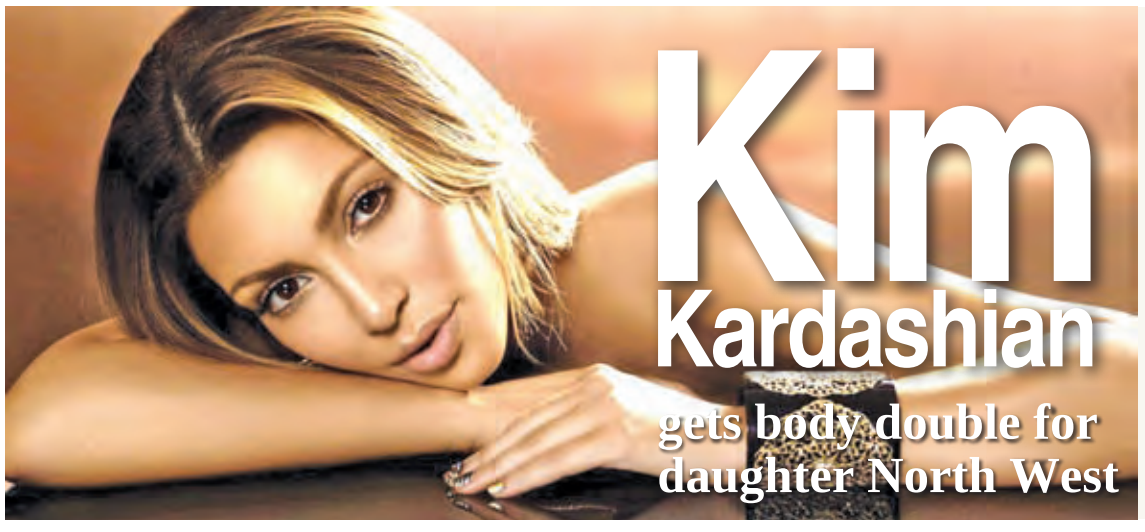

LONDON, 21 July—Reality TV star star Kim Kardashian and her rapper husband Kanye West are so concerned about their daughter's safety that they have reportedly hired a body double for North.

The couple are concerned about the attention 13-month-old North receives from photographers, so have taken drastic measures to allow the youngster and her nanny to go out undetected, reported *OK!* magazine.

"Kim and Kanye hired the lookalike to shield North from the paparazzi. There were auditions held in LA at a specialist agency and in the end they found a child who is the spitting image of their daughter," a source said.

"They also hired a body-double nanny, who they hope will really throw paps off the scent."

North isn't the first celebrity offspring to have a double, as it was revealed last year that Suri Cruise — the daughter of Tom Cruise and his ex-wife Katie Holmes — also had a decoy.—*PTI*

Actor James Garner of 'The Rockford Files' dead at 86

Actor James Garner covers his mouth at the 11th annual Screen Actors Guild awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles in this 5 Feb, 2005 file photo.—REUTERS

LOS ANGELES, 21 July — Actor James Garner, best known for his prime-time television roles as the wisecracking frontier gambler on "Maverick" and as an ex-con turned private eye on "The Rockford Files," has died at age 86, Los Angeles police confirmed early on Sunday.

Garner, who built a six-decade career playing ruggedly charming, good-natured anti-heroes and received the highest honour of the Screen Actors Guild in 2004, was found dead from natural causes on Saturday night at his Los Angeles home, according to police.

There were no further details immediately available on the circumstances of his death. Garner underwent surgery for a stroke in 2008, two years after appearing in his last big-screen role as a wealthy grandfather for a film adaptation of the best-selling book "The Ultimate Gift".

An Oklahoma native, Garner entered show business in the 1950s after serving in the Korean War and first rose to fame on the TV western "Maverick," a sardonic alternative to the more serious frontier shows then popular on American prime time.

He was Bret Maverick, a cardsharp and ladies man who got by on his wits instead of a six-gun and would just as soon duck a fight as face a showdown. Co-star Jack Kelly played his more straight-laced brother, Bart.

Garner left the ABC show in 1960 in a contract dispute with producers but brought his "Maverick"-like alter ego to a series of films, including "Thrill of It All," "Move Over, Darling," "The Great Escape" and "Support Your Local Sheriff!"

Garner once said his screen persona as an easy-going guy smart enough to steer clear of a fight actually ran only so deep.

"At times it's like me, but I used to have this temper," he told *Reuters* in a 2004 interview. "I used to get in a fight in a heartbeat. But that was many years ago."

With his wry, low-key presence, good looks and thick dark hair, Garner was hailed by some as Hollywood's next Clark Gable or Cary Grant.

But he ended up scoring his next big hit on the small screen in the 1970s, starring as canny private detective Jim Rockford, a wrongly accused ex-convict starting life over in a beachfront trailer home, on "The Rockford Files."

The show ran on NBC from 1974 until Garner abruptly quit the series in 1980. He reprised Rockford for several TV movies in the late 1990s.—*Reuters*

Blues singer inspired by ancient tomb mounds

TOKYO, 21 July — Blues singer Marikofun finds inspiration in a unique place — Japan's ancient tomb mounds, called "kofun" in Japanese.

She has visited over 1,000 ancient tombs across Japan over the past seven years — a dedication expressed in the line of one of her songs, "I was so desperate to see you."

In April, the musician, who has not revealed her real name or age, released her first album titled "Kofun de Kofun!" It uses two different meanings of "kofun," which also means "excited" as well as an "ancient tomb mound," and has won fans among children as well as high school students.

There are ancient tombs in more than 130,000 locations in Japan. Some giant tombs for emperors are administered by the Imperial Household Agency and entry is prohibited.

Marikofun said ancient tombs must be "in the corner of everyone's memory" in Japan as students learn about them in textbooks. They should be enjoyed "casually," she said.

"When I visit a tomb mound, it makes me think about the regions and people that have handed it down to us today," she said. "I hope we can pass it down for the next 1,000 years."

Marikofun, born to a family of musicians in Kuki, Saitama Prefecture, has composed songs since she was at elementary school.

Seven years ago, she visited the tomb mound for Emperor Nintoku, the 16th emperor of Japan, in Sakai, Osaka Prefecture, finding time between singing engagements.

Although she walked around the mound, Marikofun was unable to find the keyhole shape she had been looking forward to seeing. She made a song about her feeling of frustration and the visit became the start of her tour of tomb mounds across Japan.

For Marikofun, tomb mounds that create various forms combining circles and squares are "cute," while keyhole-shaped tombs have "beautiful waists." She describes a rectangular tomb as like "a chocolate bar."

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* World News
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* Myanmar Traditional Art Bronze Casting
* Local News
* Taste of Myanmar: Noodle With Fermented Soya Bean
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* Local News
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* Myanmar Chef (Japanese)

Costa Concordia almost ready for final voyage

GIGLIO, 21 July — The massive hulk of the *Costa Concordia* is nearly ready to be towed away from the Italian island where it struck a rock and capsized two-and-a-half years ago, killing 32 people, officials said on Sunday. The rusting prow of the once-gleaming white luxury liner was due to emerge fully from the water for the first time on Sunday, and the ship should be ready to tow on Monday, but the departure has been pushed back a day due to forecasts of rough seas.

The 114,500-tonne *Concordia* has been slowly lifted from the sea floor since Monday, when salvagers began pumping air into 30 large metal boxes, or sponsons, attached around the hull. The air has forced water out of the sponsons, lifting the cruise liner 7.5 metres off the undersea platform where it had been resting, Franco Porcellacchia, the engineer in charge of the salvage, said. There are 6.3 metres to go, he added.

A convoy of 14 vessels, led by the tug boat Blizzard, will then tow the *Concordia* to a port near Genoa, where it will be broken up for scrap, completing one of the biggest maritime salvage operations in history.

The bow of the Costa Concordia cruise liner is seen as it emerges during the refloating operation at Giglio harbour on 20 July, 2014. REUTERS

The president of the *French Concordia* survivors group Anne Decre, who is on the island of Giglio, told *Reuters* on Sunday that the departure of the ship will be an important symbolic moment for those who were aboard the night of the shipwreck. "It gives us the opportunity to try and collect ourselves and move forward," she said, adding that the liner will take the same route to Genoa it should have taken more than two years ago to complete its ill-fated cruise.

"We hope that we will also be able to return to our route." The ship's captain, Francesco Schettino, is on trial on charges of manslaughter, causing a shipwreck as he sailed too close to shore to "salute" the port, and abandoning ship. He is fighting the charges.

Reuters

Rosberg wins in Germany for Mercedes

Mercedes Formula One driver Nico Rosberg of Germany (front C) his team mate Lewis Hamilton of Britain (centre L) and Daimler CEO Dieter Zetsche (centre R) pose with the members of the Mercedes team after winning the German F1 Grand Prix at the Hockenheim racing circuit on 20 July, 2014.—Reuters

Hockenheim, (Germany), 21 July — Nico Rosberg gave Germany another win to celebrate after their World Cup success with a home grand prix triumph for Mercedes on Sunday that stretched his overall lead in the Formula One championship to 14 points.

Untroubled from pole position to chequered flag, the newly-married German's commanding victory added another highlight to a week that had begun with the signing of a multi-year contract extension.

Lewis Hamilton, his team mate and only real title rival, finished third after starting in 20th place and then making 15 overtaking manoeuvres as he charged back through the field in one of the more determined drives of his career.

Finland's Valtteri Bottas took second place for Williams, his third podium finish in a row and a hefty 20.7 seconds behind Rosberg, after Brazilian team mate Felipe Massa crashed at the start in a collision that brought out the safety car.

Rosberg was the first to win for a works Mercedes team in Germany since Argentine Juan Manuel Fangio in 1954 and first German home winner for a German team since the championship started in 1950. "What a great day after so many great events for me this week," he said. "I came here hoping for a win and it worked out perfectly."

If it did not quite compare to getting married as the best feeling of all, it was still pretty good.

"That was the best feeling," he said of his Monaco wedding last week. "But of course everything has been special...many positive things happening in the two weeks, or week and a half. It's been really enjoyable, and also this weekend with pole and the win.

"Just awesome. A very, very special day today."

Rosberg now has 190 points to Hamilton's 176 with Australian Daniel Ricciardo third on 106.

The German's fourth victory of the season had looked inevitable from the moment a brake disc failed on Hamilton's car in the first phase of qualifying on Saturday, sending the Briton spinning hard into the barriers. Between them, the Mercedes drivers have won nine out of 10 races so far in 2014 and in normal circumstances would have been celebrating another one-two on an overcast afternoon that only turned to rain after the finish.

The 50,000 spectators, a disappointing attendance in a season dominated by Mercedes, were treated instead to the sight of Hamilton on a charge to limit the damage and a series of other thrilling duels further down the field.—*Reuters*

World Cup host Qatar agrees some foreign worker reforms

Doha, 21 July — Qatar's government has approved some measures to improve the treatment of foreign workers following international criticism over the past year, as the Gulf state gears up to host the 2022 World Cup soccer tournament. The steps were announced by minister of labour and social affairs Abdullah Saleh Mubarak al-Khulaifi on Sunday. They include a requirement that companies set up bank accounts for workers and pay wages electronically and a ban on mid-day outdoor work in the summer heat.

However the government is still working on plans to replace a contentious sponsorship law in the Arab country of 2.2 million people.

"We know there is much more to do, but we are making definite progress," al-Khulaifi said in a statement.

Pressure on Doha grew after Britain's *Guardian* newspaper reported in September that dozens of Nepali construction workers had died and that labourers were not given enough food and water. Qatari and Nepali officials denied the report.

Qatar has the highest proportion of migrant workers per population in the world. The OPEC member's population jumped 9 percent in the first quarter as companies hired thousands of laborers to work on World Cup-related infrastructure projects.

Among the measures, companies will have to pay wages within seven days of the due date or else face a sanction. The government did not say what that penalty would be. Outdoor work between 11:30 am and 3:00 pm in the hot summer months from mid-June until the end of August is also banned.—*Reuters*

Secretary-General Hassan Al-Thawadi (3rd L) of Qatar's Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy, the nation's 2022 World Cup organizing committee, speaks during a news conference to announce the start of work on the Al-Khor Stadium in Al-Khor on 21 June, 2014.—Reuters

Bolt to race on Copacabana Beach next month

Raleigh, (North Carolina), 21 July — Jamaican world record holder Usain Bolt will return to Rio de Janeiro next month to run a special 100 metres on the beach, he said on his website on Sunday.

The six times Olympic gold medalist added the 17 August "Mano a Mano" 100m on Copacabana Beach to three previously announced races in what he said was his finalized schedule for 2014.

Bolt streaked to victory in a 150m race at the famous beach in March 2013 on a track specially built for the event.

He has delayed opening his season this year because of a foot injury and will start with a 4x100 metres relay with his Jamaican team mates at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on 1-2 August.

Jamaican athlete Usain Bolt poses for photographers with a copy of his autobiography, "Faster than Lightning,'' at Selfridges in central London on 19 Sept, 2013.—Reuters

The eight-times world champion will also run 100m races in Warsaw, Poland on 23 August and at the Zurich Diamond League meeting on 28 August.— *Reuters*

McIlroy joins greats after repelling Garcia charge

Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland celebrates as he holds the Claret Jug after winning the British Open Championship at the Royal Liverpool Golf Club in Hoylake, northern England on 20 July, 2014.
Reuters

Hoylake, (England), 21 July — Rory McIlroy suffered several anxious moments but kept the jitters in check to rubber-stamp his status as the newest golfing great by landing the first British Open title of his career on Sunday.

The 25-year-old Northern Irishman watched Sergio Garcia (66) cut his overnight lead from six strokes to two before repelling the last-round charge by his European Ryder Cup team mate to land his third major in a tantalizing finish at Royal Liverpool.

McIlroy returned a closing 71 for a 17-under total of 271 to become the third youngest player in the modern era to capture three of the four majors, following Jack Nicklaus (23) and Tiger Woods (24).

"It feels absolutely incredible. I'm happy I gave myself a cushion because there were a lot of guys coming at me especially Sergio and Rickie Fowler," he told reporters after picking up the coveted Claret Jug and a first prize of 975,000 pounds ($1.67 million).

"Just to be sitting here and looking at this thing and having my name on it, is a great feeling. It hasn't sunk in yet and I'm going to enjoy it and let it sink in tonight in the company of my friends and family."

Garcia, still striving to shed the unwanted tag of being one of the best players never to win one of the 'Big Four' prizes, pushed the 2011 US Open and 2012 US PGA champion all the way before settling for a share of second place.

The 34-year-old Spaniard was two shots adrift and right in the hunt until he suffered a calamity at the 161-yard 15th, the shortest hole at Royal Liverpool.

Garcia's tee shot found a deep greenside bunker and he made a heartbreaking bogey four after taking two strokes to get out.

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