

## Villagers trespass Letpadaungtaung Project Area and attack security personnel

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Some villagers from Mogyo Pyin Ale Village in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region, trespassed the Letpadaungtaung copper mining project area and attacked security personnel with catapults and stones on Saturday, injuring some of the security personnel, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

At about half past two, about 15 women including Daw Wa, aged 35, from Mogyo Pyin Ale Village approached about 20 feet outside the temporary fence of the police security post at the back of the project area and fed about 70 cattle. Later, about 35 men and 30 women from the same village, together with 80 cattle, arrived at

the police post and told the police that they wanted to feed their cattle inside the fence. The police explained that it was dangerous to feed their cattle inside the project area and told them to feed their cattle outside the fence but the villagers, saying abusive language, pulled down the fence and drove their cattle inside the fence.

When the police drove back the cattle, the villagers attacked the police with catapults and stones, injuring the township police officer on the forehead.

At about 4 O'clock, the region security and border affairs minister and region police chief arrived at the scene and tried to control the situation but about 80 villagers attacked them with catapults and

stones from behind the cattle and left the area. Afterwards, they gathered again near Latekhun Hill and attacked the police post on the hill with catapults and stones for about 20 minutes. As they approached the police bunker, the police had to fire two warning shots with a 12-Volt gun and the villagers dispersed.



Two policemen injured in attacks of local people in the area of Letpadaungtaung copper mining project.—MNA

Due to the attacks, five security personnel were injured and taken to Monywa and Salingyi People's Hospitals for treatment. Concerning the incident, Salingyi Myoma Police Station has taken action against the villagers in accordance with the law, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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## Education is a vital vehicle for national development: Upper House Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Three affiliated high schools, two in Bwet and Kyisu villages of Yamethin township and one in Shwenyaungphu village of Pyawbwe township, have now enjoyed the status of high school, while a primary school in Wakon village of Yamethin Township in Mandalay Region has got a new school building.

Speaking at the event in the primary school on Saturday, Upper House Speaker U Khin Aung Myint called education a vital vehicle for regional, as well as national, development, urging teach-

ers to nurture students to become morally, intellectually, physically strong.

U Khin Aung Myint stressed the need to replace rote learning with creative thinking and suggested excursions to gain some knowledge of the outside world.

As part of promoting the education sector, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has approved a fourfold increase in the education budget, according to the Lower House speaker.

He also noted that learning is a lifelong process.

The Speaker unveiled the signboard of the upgraded schools.—MNA

## Union ministers, foreign ambassadors visit Bengalis' shelters in Rakhine State

SITTWAY, 27 July — Union Minister at the President's Office U Soe Thane, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, teaming up with the American and British ambassadors, visited Bengalis residing in relief shelters in Sittway on Sunday, sources said.

Union Minister U Soe Thane explained the purpose of their visit together with foreign ambassadors, saying that their visit is intended to find out ways to render further unbiased assistance for stability and development in the region.

Union Minister U Khin Yi spoke of the citizenship scrutiny being carried out as a pilot survey in Myebon township in Rakhine State.

Bengalis raised queries concerning health and education needs as well as the Myanmar Citizenship Law of 1982, followed by the foreign ministers engaged in open and frank conversations with Bengalis.

The union ministers also went on an inspection tour of the site chosen for the construction of an industrial zone in Ponnagyun township, where they inspected progress on the installation of electronic equipment and machinery.

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YANGON, 27 July — The Myanmar Restaurant Association (MRA) is going to launch a pilot project designed to ensure sanitation at roadside food stalls in Yangon at the end of this month.

The move is aimed at promoting national health standard and developing the tourism industry in Myanmar, U Kyaw Myat Moe, General Secretary of the MRA, told the New Light of Myanmar on Sunday.

MRA has already chosen 14 popular food stalls from seven townships in the Yangon municipal area — Lanmadaw, Latha, Pabedan, Kyauktada, Botahtaung, Tamway and Bahan. According to the association, the food stalls meet its four set standards, one of which says that the food stalls must be greatly popular with the grass roots.

The pilot project will take effect in August, and MRA will educate the selected food stalls about knowledge of food hygiene, and provide free medical check-ups and

### By Khaing Thanda Lwin

necessary furniture, U Kyaw Myat Moe added.

Daw Hnin Hnin Aye, an executive member of MRA, expressed her view that roadside food stall owners have little or no knowledge of food safety

and hygiene and they all should follow the examples of food stalls in Singapore and Thailand at a time when the country sees a vast inflow of tourists nowadays.

MRA had talked to 40

food stall owners about the project. Most showed great interest and a few felt reluctant to cooperate with it, she added.

U Kyaw Myat Moe said that the association has a further plan to help food stalls in suburban areas, such as Hlaingthaya and Shwepyithar townships.—NLM



Roadside food stalls on Pansodan Street in Kyauktada Township in Yangon.—PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

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## Winners awarded in general knowledge quiz



MANDALAY, 27 July—The prize presentation for the general knowledge quiz, organized by Aung Thamadi Jewellery and Gold Refinery Industry, took place at the workshop of the refinery on 14<sup>th</sup> street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on Saturday.

Owner of the refinery U Aung San Win explained the purpose of holding the quiz and writer Kyaw Yin Myint, selection of winners for the quiz.

The first prize went to Daw Aye Nyunt (Patheingyi Township), second to Daw Khin Swe Oo (Mahaangmye Township) and third to Daw San San Kyu (Aungmyethazan Township).

A total of 60 contestants from Mandalay, Myingyan, Amarapura, Madaya, Sagaing, Magway, Mogoke and Muse participated in the quiz.

*Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



## Experts, scholars emphasize conservation of Ayeyawady River



MANDALAY, 27 July—Myanmar Geosciences Association (Mandalay) organized the talks about prospects of danger for Ayeyawady River and geological review at the Zaygyo Hotel Hall in Mandalay on Saturday, attended by scholars, experts and enthusiasts.

Dr Myint Thein, retired rector of Institute of Education and Chairman of the association retired director-general U Soe Myint made speeches of honour for the talks.

Dr Myo Thant gave lectures on Myanmar and

danger of earthquake, Dr Win Maung, the River Ayeyawady and danger, Dr Zaw Myint Ni, conservation of watershed area, retired director U Mya Than Tun of Fisheries Department conservation of the Irrawaddy dolphin and writer Nay Win Myint dangerous impacts for Ayeyawady River.

The talks highlighted that experts from all corners need to protect the Ayeyawady River for perpetual existence of natural beauties against various dangers.

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## Mandalay Region clinches title in ISR Wushu Championship



MANDALAY, 27 July—The Mandalay Region Wushu team championed in the Shan State Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-State/Region Wushu Championship 2014, bagging 13 gold, seven silver and nine bronze medals in both women's and men's events.

The deputy director and officials of Sports and Physical Education Department and families of athletes warmly welcomed the victorious Wushu athletes.

Deputy Director of SPED U Wai Zin gave a speech of honouring the athletes. Team manager U Kyaw Aye explained victory of the region Wushu team and handed over the championship shield to the deputy director.

*Tin Maung (Mandalay)*

## Infection of DHF, beautifying of bank at Kyauktaw River discussed



KYAUKTAW, 27 July—Rakhine State Minister for Development Affairs U Mya Aung and officials comforted eight patients suffering from dengue haemorrhagic fever at Township People's Hospital in Kyauktaw of Rakhine State on 24 July.

At the Township General Administration

Department, they met departmental officials and discussed infection of DHF and medical treatment.

The state minister and party held discussions with departmental officials and townsmen on keeping the bank along Kyauktaw River clean and pleasant.

*Kyauktaw Township IPRD*

## Myanmar Golf Tour to kick off on 7 August



PyinOoLwin, 27 July—With the aim of turning out outstanding new generation golfers, the Myanmar Professional Golfers Association and Myanmar Golf Federation will jointly organize the fourth leg of Myanmar Golf Tour at

PyinOoLwin Golf Club in PyinOoLwin of Mandalay from 7 to 10 August.

Deserved prizes will be awarded to winners in the professional, men's amateur handicap 0-12 and women handicap 0-14 events to be held under St Andrew rules.

As a special programme, an Isuzu Single Cab will be presented to the hole-in-one scorer.

The golfers at different levels are to enlist at the golf club not later than 12 noon on 4 August, dialing 09-2037671, 09-420017835 and 09-73130474. They must enlist at the Myanmar golf training range of Han Event Management in Kyaukyedwin of Yangon for transport service.

*Soe Nyunt*

## NATIONAL

## Government eases rules and regulations for smoothness of trade and investment

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — The new government has eased many rules and regulations for trade and investment in line with the Doing Business Report 2014 issued by International Finance Corporation-IFC of the World Bank, Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein on Sunday said at a meeting on stepping up the Third Wave process for development of trade and investment sectors at the office of Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

He said that the Myanmar Investment Commission has opened its one-stop service office in Yangon, and that the Ministry of Commerce will open



Union Minister at the President Office U Tin Naing Thein speaking at the meeting to step up Third Wave process.—MNA

its one-stop service office soon for ensuring smoothness in business transactions. He stressed the need to coordinate between the government departments and private sectors for easing some rules as it needs to

amend the law and submit the amendment to the Hluttaw.

Union Minister U Win Myint discussed plans for smooth process of business and formation of the one-stop office, special task

force and work groups and urged all to try hard to uplift the position of Myanmar in IFC.

Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and officials of UMFCFI participated in the discussions.—MNA

## Sitagu Sayadaw donates eye test and surgical equipment



The cash donation ceremony to Sitagu Ahyu Dana Hospital in progress in Pyinmana.—PHOTO: MYO ZEYAR (PYINMANA)

PYINMANA, 27 July — A ceremony to donate eye test and surgical equipment worth US\$ 80,124 to Sangha Hospital in Pyinmana Township was held at the hospital on Sunday.

General Secretary of Sitagu Life-saving Eye Treatment Donation Association Sitagu U Han explained the purpose of donating the equipment and Patron U Soe Tint of

the administration board of the hospital, the president of Soe Electric Company, expressed thanks for the donation of the equipment.

Eye patients will be tested and necessary treatment will be provided between 1 to 4 August and eye operations will be performed from 5 to 9 August. On 10 August, Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanisara will give a sermon and

open an eye clinic at the hospital.

Over 900 eye patients have registered to have their eyes tested and treated at the hospital. Anyone can receive eye treatment at the hospital free of charge.

The donation ceremony was attended by Deputy Commissioner of Dekkhina District General Administration Department, Vice

## U San Myint Oo presents Credentials to Indonesian President

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July—U San Myint Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Indonesia, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on 21 July 2014 in Jakarta.—MNA

## Philanthropic organizations receive financial assistance

MANDALAY, 27 July

— The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has been rendering financial assistance to philanthropic organizations, with Union Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin saying that the ministry has recognized 1,294 organizations and provided them with cash and technological assistance.

The Department of Social Welfare offered financial assistance to philanthropic organizations in Mandalay and Kyaukse districts on 26 July,

sources said.

U Ohn Myint, Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development, Dr Pe Thet Khin, Union Minister for Health, and U Ye Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister provided cash assistance to homes for the aged, orphanages, ethnic youth hostels, and self-reliant nursery schools in the two districts.

According to officials, the money provided amounted to over K 63 million.

Thiha Ko Ko  
(Mandalay)

Chairman Professor Dr U Mya Aung of Sitagu Ahyu Dana Hospital and International Buddhist University and officials.

Myo Zeyar  
(Pyinmana)



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint presents cash assistance to philanthropic organizations in the region.

PHOTO: THIHA KO KO (MANDALAY)

## Myanmar in International Media

By Kyaw The-ein

The 25 July issue of The Wall Street Journal (the United States) recommended renting a classic sailing yacht for a trip to the Myeik Archipelago in Myanmar. Made up of 800 islands, close to the Thai border, the Myeik Archi-

pelago is a relatively new destination on the yachting circuit. It will give travelers the chance to stretch their sea legs on almost untouched inlands where they will be able to spot lizards and gibbons and maybe even meet the semi-nomadic Moken people who live there.

The 22 July issue of

Financial Times (United Kingdom) stated that the scale of US investment in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) speaks volumes: the country commits a third of its investments in Asia to the bloc. Plans for an ASEAN Economic Community envisage creating a community marked by the free

flow of goods, services, foreign direct investment and skilled labor and the free flow of capital. However, few believe that much will be achieved by a target date of December 2015. Part of the reason lies in the competing interests of a grouping that includes Indonesia, which represents 40 % of the region's economic output, and, at the other end of the scale, My-

anmar, which is emerging from decades of isolation.

The 23 July issue of Tages Anzeiger of Switzerland reported that the West, which has until now largely isolated Narendra Modi, will now have to change its attitude as he becomes Indian Prime Minister. That is because Mr Modi will govern a huge market with a population of 1.2 billion people and because he was

democratically elected. In addition, Mr Modi's relations with China will also be important. India has been expanding its navy for several years, which is in response to China's military build-up. For example, Chinese companies are building deep-water ports in Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Pakistan. India sees these as Chinese bridgeheads.

# Poll shows Thai military junta gains majority support to stay on

BANGKOK, 27 July — A majority of Thais have agreed to an interim charter provision that allows the military junta to remain to coexist with a forthcoming interim government, an opinion poll released on Sunday showed.

The interim charter which took effect last Tuesday stipulates that the coup-making National Council for Peace and Administration (NCPO) stay on after an interim government takes shape and be tasked with handling security affairs while overseeing and consulting with the government.

The majority, or 79.94 percent, of 1,256 respondents surveyed on 24 July and 25 voiced support for the continued existence of the NCPO, according to NIDA Poll by the National



Thai army chief General Prayut Chan-O-Cha(R).

Institute of Development Administration.

About 11 percent of

the respondents, who were from various educational and occupational back-

grounds, expressed disagreements and the rest gave no comments, the

poll showed.

Meanwhile, more than 66 percent said they

had been happier since the 22 May coup because of diminished political turmoil, according to the poll.

In a related development, the NCPO received an approval rate of 8.87 out of 10 for its two-month performance, higher than the 8.82 for its first-month evaluation, another survey by Suan Dusit Poll showed on Sunday.

Around 92 percent of the 1,689 people who were surveyed nationwide between on 22 July and 26 said they were satisfied, to different extents, with the NCPO's performance.

The majority of them said the NCPO had done satisfactorily in maintaining peace and order, as well as administering the country.

Xinhua

## N Korea fires another missile, Japan protests as security violation

SEOUL/TOKYO, 27 July — North Korea fired a short-range missile into the Sea of Japan on Saturday, likely under the guidance of leader Kim Jong Un, according to reports from Seoul and Pyongyang, prompting Japan to lodge a strong protest, calling the launch a violation of UN Security Council resolutions.

A missile presumed to be a Skud-type projectile capable of flying about 500 kilometres was fired at 9:40 pm in a northeastern direction from the North's western coastal region, without advance warning or a no-fly or no-sail zone imposed, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

North Korean leader Kim "guided a rocket-firing drill of the strategic force" the country's army "on the spot" the same day, one day ahead of the 61<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Korean War Armistice Agreement, the official *Korean Central News Agency* reported on Sunday.

The Japanese government protested strongly late Saturday, denouncing Pyongyang's 15<sup>th</sup> missile launch this year as another ballistic missile launch in violation of UN Security Council resolutions.

North Korea is banned from using ballistic missile technology under the resolutions.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said during a trip to Mexico that Tokyo lodged a protest via diplomatic channels in Beijing. Japan and North Korea do not have diplomatic ties.

"We need to let them know that nuclear and missile development and economic revival won't go together," Abe told reporters, calling the launch "a violation of UN Security Council resolutions."

The premier said Japan would gather and analyze information in coordination with the United States and South Korea, ensure the safety of flights and maritime navigation, and swiftly give information to the public, officials said.

In Tokyo, Defence Minister Itsunori Onodera told his ministry to gather information and stay on full alert, a ministry official said. While Tokyo will look to continue talks with Pyongyang over Japan's priority issue of the fate of its citizens abducted by the North, it has growing concerns over the North's repeated missile launches, according to the officials.

Kyodo News



Sam Rainsy, president of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), gestures in Phnom Penh on 27 July, 2014. The CNRP held its first national congress on Sunday with the participation of about 5,000 party members and activists. —XINHUA

## Philippine rebels accuse government forces of violating truce

MANILA, 27 July — The Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) on Saturday accused the Philippine military of violating the ceasefire agreement between the government and MILF, saying that massive uncoordinated military movements in areas close to MILF forces had been found early in the morning.

The leadership of MILF, which is the largest Muslim rebel group in the Philippines, said its commanders had reported that hundreds of Philippine army troops clad in full bat-

tle gear and backed with several tanks moved into the villages of Kitango, Tatapan, Kitapok, Maitem a Ig, and Pagatin in the towns of Datu Unsay and Datu Saudi in southern Philippine province of Maguindanao.

However, the government and MILF Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AH-JAG) were not aware of these provocative massive deployment and movement, it added. "This nature of uncoordinated movement can

trigger untoward incident and worst fierce encounter between the government and MILF forces," said Rasid Ladian, head of the MILF CCCH Secretariat.

"We do not want any tension or confrontational situation to grip in between MILF and government forces, otherwise we are remiss with our responsibility," he said. He said any movements which are not normal administrative functions like the case that appeared in those areas constitute ceasefire violations unless the CCCH coordinates them.

He noted the government forces know this very well, "but unfortunately they acted in contravention."

Ladian appealed to the government to enhance coordination especially at this time when the government and MILF are confronting major challenges on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) following the review and changes made by the government review team on the law which was drafted by the MILF-led Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC).

Xinhua

## WORLD

## Turkish court orders arrest of 12 more police officers in wiretap probe

ISTANBUL, 27 July — A Turkish court on Saturday ordered the formal arrest of 12 more police officers, including the former head of Istanbul's intelligence unit, pending charges they may have illegally wiretapped Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, media said.

The detention of 115 police officers in overnight raids earlier this week ratcheted up a power struggle between Erdogan and his erstwhile ally, Fethullah Gulen, an influential Islamic scholar based in Pennsylvania, whose followers took up key posts in the police and judiciary during Erdogan's 11 years in power.

The alliance began to crumble in 2010 and spilled into the public in late 2013 when police arrested the sons of three cabinet min-

isters on corruption allegations and audio recordings of Erdogan, his family and ministers that allegedly depicted them committing wrongdoings were leaked on YouTube.

Fuat Ali Yilmazer, who oversaw intelligence for Istanbul police and is accused of forming and leading a criminal gang, was among those formally arrested, CNN Turk reported. Others are accused of illegal wiretapping, forging documents and espionage.

Eight others were arrested on Friday.

Deputy Prime Minister Besir Atalay said the probe into wiretapping would likely reach the judiciary.

Erdogan, who is running for president in an 10 August election, had promised a "witch hunt" against the "parallel state," the

name he gave Gulen's followers in the bureaucracy.

He has accused them of a litany of crimes, including organizing 2013 mass anti-government protests and using the corruption charges in an attempt to topple him in a coup.

The operation follows a stream of purges targeting the police, judiciary and other state institutions this year which government critics have condemned as a symptom of Erdogan's tightening grip on power.

The police officers say the arrests are politically motivated.

Yakup Saygili was a police officer expelled from the force in March after leading the financial-crimes unit that looked into the corruption charges against Erdogan's inner circle.

"When Erdogan said

he would undertake a witch hunt, bureaucrats took that as an order. That's the reality in Turkey," Saygili told *Reuters*. "Erdogan gave the signal that an operation would happen, and so it did."

Erdogan denies he has intervened in the judicial process.

Critics say Erdogan's charged rhetoric has polarized politics and is aimed at winning more votes.

The officers were accused of making up an investigation into an alleged terrorist group linked with Iran as a pretence to tap the phones of Erdogan, ministers and the country's top spy. That probe, targeting 251 people, had been dismissed due to a lack of evidence after a three-year investigation during which 2,280 people were wire-



*Turkey's Prime Minister and presidential candidate Tayyip Erdogan speaks during an election rally in Diyarbakir, southeast Turkey, on 26 July, 2014.*

REUTERS

tapped.

The scene at the Istanbul courthouse on Saturday was chaotic, with dozens of family members keeping a vigil outside the building, television footage showed.

Dozens of detained

officers tried to leave the courthouse after the legal four-day pre-charge detention period expired on Saturday, then staged a sit-in protest after court police barred them from leaving.

Reuters

## Suicide bombers, gunmen storm Afghan police chief house

BEIJING, 27 July — China will conduct a military exercise off its south-east coast starting July 29, the Ministry of National Defense announced on Sunday.

The manoeuvre with troops is part of the Chinese army's routine training, the ministry said in a

statement.

KANDAHAR, 27 July — At least eight militants were killed after Taleban suicide bombers and gunmen launched an attack on the provincial police chief house in Spinboldak district of southern Afghan province of Kandahar on Sunday morning, sources

said.

"At least 10 militants were involved in the attack which took place at around 7:30 am local time.

Two bombers detonated their suicide jackets close to the building. Six of the attackers were shot dead by the security forces," a district securi-

ty source told *Xinhua*. He said two militants seized an empty school building and they were fighting the security forces.

There are no immediate reports about casualties on the side of security forces as the battle is still underway, the source said.

Security forces have

## Japan mulls law to supply arms to US troops in logistics support

TOKYO, 27 July — In a major policy change, Japan is considering creating a law that would enable its Self-Defence Forces to provide weapons and ammunition to US and other troops as part of its logistics support, a Japanese government source said on Saturday.

The move is in line with the Japanese Cabinet's decision on 1 July to expand its support to troops of other countries as part of Japan's security policy overhaul.

The government hopes the change regarding the weapons provision will be reflected in the guidelines for US-Japan defence cooperation to be revised by the end of the year, and it aims to submit bills to revise the relevant legislation to the ordinary parliament session next year, the source said.

With the introduction of the new legislation, the government's position is that providing arms and ammunition does not run counter to the pacifist Constitution so long as the SDF is not integrated in the use of force by other countries.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe also wants to eliminate restrictions on SDF personnel in their overseas

missions and for Japan to act as a more proactive contributor to global peace, the source said.

Critics have pointed out that an expanded SDF presence will increase the chances of SDF members being involved in conflicts once they start supplying arms and ammunitions to other troops.

The New Komeito party, the ruling coalition partner of Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, appears to be wary about a possible change in the provision of weapons.

"Nothing has been discussed about this matter," a senior New Komeito lawmaker told *Kyodo News*.

The government's decision earlier this month pushed the SDF to assume a greater role in global security. A major change was reinterpreting the Constitution to allow for the exercise of the right to collective self-defence, or coming to the aid of an ally under armed attack even if Japan is not directly attacked.

"It is but natural to revise our legislative framework to pursue the SDF's expanded role in logistics support following the Cabinet decision," the source said.—*Kyodo News*

## Sumida River fireworks festival in Tokyo



*Fireworks explode over the Sumida River in Tokyo on 26 July, 2014, at the annual fireworks festival. Organizers said about 965,000 people enjoyed the event, in which some 20,000 fireworks were set off. At right is the lit-up 634-metre tall Tokyo Skytree. —KYODO NEWS*

## Russia criticizes EU sanctions, raps US over Ukraine role



**Russian amphibious vehicles move during a naval parade rehearsal in the far eastern port of Vladivostok, on 25 July, 2014.—REUTERS**

MOSCOW, 27 July — Russia reacted angrily on Saturday to additional sanctions imposed by the European Union over Moscow's role in the Ukraine crisis, saying they would hamper cooperation on security issues and undermine the fight against terrorism and organized crime.

Russia's Foreign Ministry also accused the United States, which has already imposed its own sanctions against Moscow, of contributing to the conflict in Ukraine through its support for the pro-Western government in Kiev.

The 28-nation EU reached an outline agree-

ment on Friday to impose the first economic sanctions on Russia over its behaviour in Ukraine but scaled back their scope to exclude technology for the crucial gas sector.

The EU also imposed travel bans and asset freezes on the chiefs of Russia's FSB security service and foreign intelligence service and a number of other top Russian officials, saying they had helped shape Russian government policy that threatened Ukraine's sovereignty and national integrity.

"The additional sanction list is direct evidence that the EU countries have

set a course for fully scaling down cooperation with Russia over the issues of international and regional security," Russia's Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

"(This) includes the fight against the proliferation of weapon of mass destruction, terrorism, organized crime and other new challenges and dangers."

The EU had already imposed asset freezes and travel bans on dozens of senior Russian officials over Russia's annexation in March of Ukraine's Black Sea peninsula of Crimea and its support for separatists battling Kiev's forces in eastern Ukraine.

The decision to move toward targeting sectors of Russia's economy came after last week's downing of a Malaysian MH17 airliner, killing 298 people, in an area of eastern Ukraine held by the Russian-backed separatists.

The United States and other Western countries accuse the separatists of downing the plane with a surface-to-air missile supplied by Russia. The separatists deny shooting down the plane and Russia says it has provided no such weapons. Moscow has suggested Kiev's forces are to blame for the crash.

Reuters

## More fighting breaks out in Gaza after rockets hit Israel

GAZA / JERUSALEM, 27 JULY — A humanitarian truce in the Gaza Strip collapsed on Sunday after a barrage of rockets fired by Palestinian militants was met with fierce Israeli shelling, in a fresh setback to efforts to secure a permanent ceasefire.

Israeli tanks and artillery army pounded targets along the coastal enclave, sending thick plumes of black smoke rising into the sky, signaling an end its unilateral, 24-hour truce in the wake of the missile salvos.

Palestinian witnesses reported heavy shelling east of Gaza City, with ambulances immediately racing towards the area. At least three deaths were reported in separate strikes. More than 1,000 people, mainly civilians, have been killed in Gaza.

"Following Hamas' incessant rocket fire throughout the humanitarian window, which was agreed upon for the welfare of the civilian population in Gaza, the (army) will now resume its aerial, naval and ground activity in the Gaza Strip," a military statement said.

Israel and the Hamas Islamists who control Gaza had agreed to a 12-hour ceasefire on Saturday to allow Palestinians to stock up on vital supplies and retrieve bodies trapped under the rubble.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's cabinet decided to extend the quiet until midnight on Sunday, on condition that its forces could continue to track down and destroy militant tunnels that criss-cross the Gaza border.

Hamas rejected the proposal and said its forces would



**An Israeli army tank moves near the border with the Gaza Strip on 27 July, 2014. —REUTERS**

keep fighting as long as Israeli troops remained in Gaza. The Islamist group said it had fired at the Israeli cities of Tel Aviv and Ashdod. No damage or injuries were reported. Netanyahu was due to convene his cabinet later on Sunday to decide how to move forward, and at least one senior minister said Israel must step up its offensive.

"After what we saw this morning, it is clear we need to resume fighting with even greater force," Communications Minister Gilad Erdan told Army Radio.

Reuters

## Gunmen in army uniforms seize, later release Sunni official in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 July — Gunmen wearing army uniforms who seized a senior local official and prominent member of a Sunni Islamist party from his Baghdad home on Friday night have released him, an official said late on Saturday.

The armed men in SUVs had shown up at the home of Riyadh al-Adhdah, who heads Baghdad's Provincial Council and belongs to the Sunni Islamist Iraqi Islamic Party, and taken him away.

Ghalib al-Zamili, a member of the council, told Reuters Adhdah



**Iraqi Shiite Muslim men from Shi'ite Badr organization hold portraits of Iran's late leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini (C), Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei (R) and Iraq's late Shi'ite cleric Mohammed Baqir al-Sadr (L) during a parade marking the annual al-Quds Day, or Jerusalem Day, on the last Friday of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan in Baghdad, on 25 July, 2014.—REUTERS**

was released on Saturday evening. "I am on my way to see him now and do not yet have the details of his release," he said.

It was not clear if Adhdah had been kidnapped by militiamen, who often wear military outfits, or detained by the authorities.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's military spokesman was not immediately available for comment on the incident.

Adhdah had previously faced terrorism charges but was not convicted due to a lack of evidence. Sunni politicians have long accused Maliki's security

forces of targeting them on false terrorism-related charges in a witch-hunt.

The lightning sweep of Sunni militants through northern Iraq has deepened sectarian tensions and raised fears not only that Baghdad faces a violent carve-up but also a possible return to the kidnappings and killings of the 2006-2007 civil war.

In a sign of the breakdown of security in and around Baghdad, 15 people, including an entire Shi'ite family, were found shot or beheaded, according to police and medical sources.—Reuters

## WORLD

## US evacuates Libya embassy after 'free-wheeling militia violence'

TRIPOLI, 27 — The United States evacuated its embassy in Libya on Saturday, driving diplomats across the border into Tunisia under heavy military escort after escalating clashes broke out between rival militias in Tripoli.

Security in the Libyan capital has deteriorated following two weeks of clashes between brigades of former rebel fighters who have pounded each other with rockets and artillery fire in southern Tripoli near the embassy compound.

The violence is the worst seen in Tripoli and in eastern Benghazi since the 2011 fall of Muammar Gaddafi. Western governments fear Libya is teetering toward becoming a failed state just three years after the NATO-backed war ended his one-man rule.

Three F-16 fighters provided air support and Osprey aircraft carrying Marines flew overhead the US convoy as a precaution, but there were no incidents during the five-hour drive from Tripoli to Tunisia,



The entrance of the compounds of the US embassy is pictured in Tripoli on 26 July, 2014.—REUTERS

US officials said.

"Security has to come first. Regrettably, we had to take this step because the location of our embassy is in very close proximity to intense fighting and ongoing violence between armed Libyan factions," US State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf

said in a statement.

US sources familiar with the matter said there were about eight US diplomats and 200 or more US security personnel in Libya and all had been evacuated.

A Reuters reporter outside the embassy later saw no sign of movement or personnel on the perim-

eter gate of the compound, which lies a few kilometres from the airport.

Since one militia attacked Tripoli airport two weeks ago, fighting has killed at least 50 people in the capital, shut down most international flights and forced the United Nations and Turkey to pull out their

diplomatic staff.

Tripoli was quieter after the evacuation. But at least 25 people were also killed in a day of clashes between Libyan special forces and Islamist militants who are entrenched in the eastern city of Benghazi, security and hospital sources said.

Speaking to reporters in Paris before holding talks on the Middle East, US Secretary of State John Kerry described Libya's situation of "free-wheeling militia violence" as a real risk to US staff with clashes around the embassy.

Britain's foreign office on Saturday also urged British nationals to leave by commercial means, due to "ongoing and greater intensity fighting in Tripoli and wider instability throughout Libya."

The battle for control of Tripoli International Airport is the latest eruption in a rivalry among bands of ex-fighters who once battled side by side against Gaddafi. Since then, they have turned against each other in the scramble for control.

Since the 2011 fall of Tripoli, fighters from the western town of Zintan and allies have controlled the area including the international airport, while rivals loyal to the port city of Misrata entrenched themselves in other parts of the capital.

Reuters



The crash site of Air Algerie flight AH5017 is seen near the northern Mali town of Gossi in this undated handout picture released by ECPAD, the French Army Communication Audiovisual office, on 25 July 2014. —XINHUA

## PM says bad weather to blame for Air Algerie crash

ALGIERS, 27 July — Algerian Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal said on Saturday that bad weather was the most likely cause of the crash of an Air Algerie flight which killed all 118 people aboard.

The MD-83 plane, operated by Air Algerie, encountered complicated weather conditions, including thick cloud, strong wind and a sand storm, soon after takeoff, Sellal told a Press conference.

No information indicated that rebels in northern Mali, where the ill-fat-

ed airliner crashed, were equipped with weapons capable of hitting aircraft flying at a cruising altitude of 10,000 metres, he added.

Analysis of the black boxes and the crash site could determine whether pilot errors were to blame for the air crash.

The MD-83 plane, leased from Spanish company Swiftair just one month ago, was checked days before the crash by French aviation mechanics and was "in good condition," according to the Al-

gerian premier.

Operated by Algeria's flagship carrier, the AH5017 flight with 112 passengers of 14 different nationalities and six Spanish crew members, crashed in the northern Malian town of Gossi Thursday after taking off from the Ouagadougou airport in Burkina Faso.

Both black boxes of the doomed aircraft have been retrieved at the crash site by a French military unit and the UN peace-keeping mission in Mali.

Xinhua

## Militants kill two Tunisian soldiers near Algerian border

TUNIS, 27 July — At least 2 Tunisian soldiers were killed on Saturday when Islamist militants attacked a checkpoint in a remote area of Kef region near the Algerian border, the second attack on an outpost in less than two weeks, authorities said.

Since April, thousands of Tunisian soldiers have been deployed in the Chaambi region bordering Algeria in an operation to flush out al-Qaeda-linked

militants. Some fighters have been in the area since fleeing French intervention in Mali last year.

Earlier this month, 15 Tunisian soldiers were killed when dozens of gunmen with rocket-propelled grenades attacked two checkpoints in Chaambi, one of the deadliest strikes on the North African country's armed forces.

"Two soldiers were killed in a confrontation between a military patrol and

a terrorist group, in Sakiet sidi Youusef town in Kef," army spokesman Lamjed Hammami said, without giving more details. Tunisian state television said three soldiers were wounded in the clashes. Tunisia has struggled with the rise of Islamist militants since the 2011 popular revolt ended the rule of autocrat Zine el-Abidine Ben Ali and began the country's fragile steps towards democracy.—Reuters

## Nigeria says open to negotiations to free abducted Chibok schoolgirls

LAGOS, 27 July—Nigeria's Permanent Representative to the UN, Joy Ogwu, says the country is still open to negotiation to secure the release of over 200 schoolgirls abducted in April.

Ogwu said in a televised interview on Saturday that terrorism is a global problem that requires global solution.

She was speaking on the latest terrorist attacks

in northern Kaduna and Kano, which killed several Nigerians and injured many others.

It is now more than 100 days after the schoolgirls were abducted by Boko Haram terrorists in Chibok, Borno.

She said Nigerians have not given up hope on the release of the girls as they have persevered in prayer vigils, protests and appeals to their abductors

to free them.

According to the Human Rights Watch, Boko Haram has so far been responsible for the death of 2,053 civilians in 95 attacks during the first six months of this year.

In May, at the request of Nigeria, the terrorist group was added to the UN Security Council's al-Qaeda-linked organizations subject to an arms embargo and asset freeze.—Xinhua

## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 28 July, 2014

## Myanmar people expect a solid foundation for peaceful society

By Aung Khin

Ordinary Myanmar people are worried over promotion and protection of a peaceful society in the country. And they also understand aggressive manners of any community could not lay foundations of peaceful coexistence.

The most fundamental thing to wipe out misunderstanding among various interfaith groups is to avoid aggressive manners. The efforts of government alone are not enough to do so. All the citizens need to understand different perspectives and grievances to each other.

Without firm determination to respect other community or to make the best for their country, they would not enjoy a democratic society that can address challenges and continue on the path of reform. The contributions of international community and organizations are also crucial to help Myanmar government solve ongoing problems in the country. They should focus on underlying causes and delicate problems which Myanmar people are facing, rather than blaming on surfacing problems. A long-term problem could not be solved overnight.

Poverty and lack of education are involved in the major causes of internal conflicts. Appropriate and long-term remedy is needed to solve these problems. Myanmar people are facing some challenges in their daily life at home, as well as difficult working environments abroad.

Every community and party concerned are responsible for ensuring better living conditions after clearing suspicion and mistrust among each other.

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# Second last old capital city “Amarapura” Part I

*Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja  
Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt*

Amarapura was the second last capital city of Myanmar kings. It became Capital City for 41 years under First Konebaung dynasty and for 19 years under Second Konebaung dynasty totalling 60 years. During this long career of 60 years, Amarapura underwent the ups and downs of its life, just as the rise and fall of the five kings who ruled in Amarapura. Unlike the long lasting Capital City of Inwa [329 years] Bagan [325 years] and, Hantharwaddy Pegu (104 years), Amarapura may rightfully claim that at ranked the fourth long lasting capital city, the other two capital cities-Shwebo (1752-1765) and Mandalay (1857-1885) lasted 13 years and 28 years respectively. To-day Amarapura Township is in Mandalay Region with Mandalay and Patheingyi townships to its north and northeast. Amarapura today covers 91 square miles and 46 villages surrounding it. It lies on the Mandalay-Myitkyina railway line and Sagaing-Shwebo and Mandalay-Monywa highways. Amarapura lies only 6 miles south of Mandalay. Therefore Mandalay people call Amarapura town Myo [Southern Town]. It is within easy reach of Mandalay, Inwa and Sagaing.

“Amarapura” is a Pali name meaning Amara=immortal Pura=City. Immortal City just like Rome is the eternal city. Founded by King Bodawpaya [Lord of Badon], who was the

fourth son of King Alaungpaya’s six sons, Amarapura was the Capital City for 37 years until he passed away in 1819 A.D.

Myanmar primary historical sources say that, “On 20, October 1782 A.D. His Majesty King Badon Min dispatched Minister Maha Sithu and Commander Nay Myo Zeya Gamani to the place named “Hti Paung Ka” to build a new palace city. They took with them a party of architects, masons, carpenters and construction workers. After consultation with astrologers, learned monk Sayadaws and laymen, they build a new Palace city on the even level site measuring 3000 tars to the east of Hti Paung Ka... On the completion of the new Palace, the capital was moved from Inwa [Ava] to Amarapura on 12 May 1783 A.D. and His Majesty moved into the new palace. On 17 May 1783 A.D. officials names Amarapura for the new Capital, “Mya Nan Bon San” [Emerald Palace with seven tier roof] for the Palace city and “Aung Nan San Ya” [Palace of Victory for royal residence] for the new palace were given.”

Thus, Amarapura became the Mandala (the centre) of administration and focal point of royal domains. The urban area of Amarapura was much larger than its township area of to-day. The map in the Amarapura parabikes [folding manuscript papers] shows and describes its extent as follows:—

“... to the east, Amarapura reaches Zaung Ka Law Lake, to the South-east, it reaches Taung Myint village, to the south, it reaches Taung Tha Man Lake, to the South west it reaches Shwe Kyet Yet Pagoda, to the west it reaches Tet They In Lake, to the north it reaches Mandalay Myin Wun Mingyi Monastery and to the north-east it reaches Aung Pin Lei Lake.”

Lying between the River Ayeyawady and Taung Tha Man Lake from north-east to south-west Amarapura looked like a long island. Therefore the land area of Amarapura was restricted two aquatic bodies. But that restricted space was utilized as strategic and defensive advantages for the security of the capital and the palace. Rebels within were denied easy escape and external invaders could not gain easy entry into the city.

The urban plan of the Capital was laid out on the topography of the site. Keeping the Palace as the Centre of the capital as well as the hub of the entire kingdom, seven auspicious buildings at seven places of the capital were constructed simultaneously in accordance with the rituals and procedures of Myanmar traditional architecture.

Nan Myo Taw [royal palace city] covered on area of 2000 tars farming a square. The palace city walls were 18 cubits and 2 mites high. At every one tar distance on the walls were two merlons [Thuye Kho or armed sentry post] built strongly. So, altogether

4000 sentry posts lined up on the city walls. Each side of the palace city had 3 gates totalling 12 gates. The city walls consumed 30 millions baked bricks.

The palace city was quite spacious, measuring 137 tars east to west, and 120 tars north to south. Similarly the layout of the palace platform, the plan and design of the palace, and all appertaining structures on the platform strictly followed the traditional designs of Myanmar royal residences, the number, position, and direction of gates were built in accordance with the astrological prescriptions.

Next, the King being the promoter and defender of Buddhist Faith as well as the Inheritor of Buddha Sasana gave top priority to the buildings for three Gems [The Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha]. Hence Pagodas Temples and other edifices, the libraries of Tipitaka Literature stone inscriptions and Dhamma salas or preaching halls and residences for the monks and nuns monasteries nunneries and meditation centers were built on all four cardinal directions of the palace city.

For housing a total of 4462 monks and novices of Amarapura at that time of its founding 42 big monasteries were built, 23 to the east of the Capital, 7 to the west and 12 to the north. As Taung Tha Man Lake was located to the west of the Palace providing natural sceneries, only 7 monasteries were built to preserve its green environment. The numbers of monasteries on three sides showed the

numbers of monks and novices living there. The greatest number of monks and novices lived on the east, followed by the north and the west. The River Ayeyawady flows on the south, so no monastery was built that side. Surrounding the palace city with monasteries gave it the atmosphere of peace and sacredness and security making city dwellers feel physical comfort and spiritual serenity.

Within the Palace City, residential quarters were laid out not only on the topography of the sites, but also according to the rank, status and office for royal service men, and ethnic origin, trade and profession of commoners.

Residences of Crown Prince and his household, Princess Royal and her household, Princes, Princess, lesser queens, concubines, and royal relatives were quartered around the Palace platform. Next were houses of ministers, commanders and other officials. Quarters for artisans, artists, performing artists had their own living quarters at same distance from the Palace.

Prisoners of War (P.O.W.) were given separate quarters bearing their ethnic names such as Kathe (Manipuris), Anthan (Assam), Yodia (Ayudia or Thai), Linzin [Viengchan or Laos], Zimmei [Chiangmai], Kala [India], Ponna [Brahmin], Tayoke [Chinese], Bayingee [Portuguese descendants] etc. Those foreigners or foreign descents, who were serving in royal armed forces—elephantry, calvary, chariotry, infantry, artillery and gunnery were given residences at their head quarters. Regarding military service men of Portuguese descent they were quartered near the posts of their duty and their quarters were known as Bayingee Win [Yard, just like Scotland Yard in the heart of London.]

Foreign merchants, traders and business men were given living places outside the palace city. Their living quarters were named after their ethnic names such as Tayoke Tan for Chinese, Kala Tan for Indian quarters, Yodaya Yat for Ayudians or Thai, Linzin Yat for Laotians, etc.

(To be continued)

### GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (27-7-2014)

#### Yangon Gold Price

Buying K675,300 per tical: Selling K676,000

#### Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K675,300 per tical: Selling K676,000

#### FE RATE

USD Buying K970 - Selling K975

SGD Buying K779 - Selling K788

Euro Buying K1300 - Selling K1318

## LOCAL NEWS

## Some youths climb Mingun Stupa, not abiding by archaeological request

SAGAING, 27 July — As the Department of Archaeology and National Museum has requested the pilgrims not to climb the world famous Mingun Stupa in Mingun ancient cultural region of Sagaing Region, some persons neglect the request, climbing the stupa.

In the past, foreigner tourists and local pilgrims were allowed to climb the stupa for enjoying panoramic view of the surrounding areas.

Due to increasing number of visitors stepping on the stupa, the Mingun four places maintenance committee installed the brick steps and steel rails at the stupa in May 2008. As some damages caused at the stupa in the earthquake that hit on 11 November 2012, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum requested the pilgrims and visitors not climb the stupa to be free from danger.

“The department erected signboards on request in bilingual of Myanmar and English for the visitors in the aftermath of



the earthquake. Most of the foreigners and visitors abide by the request,” said an artist of Mingun.

The globetrotters on their arrival at Mingun

ancient cultural region visit the Great Stupa built by King Bodawpaya, the Lion statue, the great bell and Myatheindan Pagoda in addition to the gal-

lery and souvenir shops in Mingun. They also pay visits to Dhammanada Monastery where the late Mingun Tipitakadhara Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vic-

ittasrabhivamsa stayed, Momeik hill, the footprint pagoda and Mingun Home for the Aged.

Nanda Min Lwin

## Water melons of ChaungU Tsp get good price

CHAUNGU, 27 July— Villages in ChaungU Township of Sagaing Region produce a lot of water melons and export them to the market in China.

Since April this year, the local farmers grew water melon plantation on over 800 acres of croplands. They harvested plantations as of mid-July and export the fruits to the market in China, said Khinmon Village administrator U Win Naing Oo.

“Now is not the season for production of water melon. The farmers tried hard in cultivation of the plants to seek the foreign market. This month, we get the good price. Regularly, the cultivation of water melon starts in August and the plants are harvested in November,” he said.

Depending on the size, the fruit can fetch K150 to K2,000 in the Mandalay, Muse and Chinese markets.

Min Thet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

## Agricultural machinery, most useful in farming tasks

PWINTBYU, 27 July — As now is time to transform the manual to mechanized farming system with momentum in the nation, the demand of modern agricultural machinery is higher in the rural area. Some villages in Pwintbyu Township of Magway Region did not use the paddy threshing ground but they use power-tillers and combine harvesters at the farming tasks.

Thanks to favourable water, full of irrigation facilities and application of modern agricultural technology, the farmers can produce high yield per acre of summer paddy. As a result, the local farmers could transport paddy not only to the market in Magway but to Yenangyoung, Taungdingyi and Bayintnaung Brokerage in Yangon. Moreover, the disbursement

of loans from Myanma Agricultural Development Bank contributes to betterment of operating their tasks and use of farming equipment on a wider scale.

“We worked farming together cattle in cultivation of paddy and crops in the past. Now, we are friendly with power-tillers, combine harvesters and other farming equipment. Staff members of Agriculture

Department give advice for good agricultural patters to us. As a result, we could do our tasks at full capacity,” said a local farmer of Konzaung Village of Pwintbyu Township.

Five rice mills are now operated in Konzaung Village daily to send the rice to various regions of the nation.

Phu Pwint Nay Chi (Magway)



## Six-distinction winners honoured in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 27 July— Shan State Government awarded outstanding students who passed matriculation examination in 2013-14 academic year, at the city hall in Taunggyi of Shan State on Saturday.

Chief Minister of Shan State U Sao Aung Myat presented prizes to 13 six-distinction winners of the state.

In Shan State, 9,928 students of 35,819 passed the examination with 27.69 per cent.

Than Wai (Taunggyi)



## China introduces new acupuncture treatment protocols

BEIJING, 27 July — A total of 18 medical protocols for acupuncture and moxibustion were issued on Friday to make the centuries-old traditional therapies align with modern medicine.

The National Technical Committee on Acupuncture and Moxibustion Standardization Administration of China and China Association of Acupuncture-Moxibustion (CAAM) issued the protocols.

The protocols address different aspects of the therapies, such as the use of acupuncture needles, how to treat asthma with acupuncture therapy and the dictionary of medical terms used in acupuncture and moxibustion therapies.

China has so far issued 41 medical protocols related to acupuncture and moxibustion.

All the protocols have been instructions rather than compulsory rules due



to the nature of these two ancient treatments, said Liu Baoyan, CAAM president.

Acupuncture treats patients by manipulating thin and solid needles that are inserted into acupuncture points in the skin. Moxibustion is the practice of burning the mugwort herb against the skin.

Practiced by Chinese since 400 BC, acupuncture and moxibustion have been effective treatments for various conditions such as headache, back pain, rheumatoid arthritis and stroke.

As with many old medicines, the knowledge and skills for acupuncture and moxibustion have traditionally been passed from masters to their apprentices. Abilities vary from practitioner to practitioner and do not meet the scientific requirements of modern medicine.

Lack of uniform protocols is one of the biggest barriers to incorporating acupuncture and moxibustion, whose effects have been proved by practice, into modern medicine and

introducing the treatments to people in other countries, Liu said.

There will also be safety concerns if practitioners apply different protocols, Liu added.

The health department and CAAM have been trying to unify protocols among different schools of acupuncture and moxibustion treatments without compromising their flexibility, he said.

In 2010, UNESCO listed acupuncture and moxibustion as an intangible cultural heritage.

The World Federation of Acupuncture-Moxibustion Society has issued four international protocols on acupuncture and moxibustion and the International Standardization Organization (ISO) has issued a standard for acupuncture needles, including their texture, diameter, length, and flexibility.

Xinhua

## WB offers to host UNCTAD meet in Kolkata



KOLKATA, 27 July — The West Bengal government has offered to host the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's (UNCTAD) global entrepreneur meet to be held in December this year.

"We will be glad to host the global entrepreneur meet to be organized by UNCTAD in the city in December," state Finance and Industry Minister Amit Mitra said.

The state government would extend all support to make the event a success.

PTI

## US doctor contracts Ebola in Liberia



Medical staff take a blood sample from a suspected Ebola patient at the government hospital in Kenema, on 10 July, 2014. — REUTERS

DAKAR, 27 July — A 33-year-old American doctor working for a relief organization in Liberia's capital has tested positive for the tropical disease Ebola, according to a statement from Samaritan's Purse.

Dr Kent Brantly, medical director at one of the country's two treatment centers run by the organization, recognized his own symptoms and confined himself to an iso-

lation ward.

It was not immediately clear how he caught Ebola. The relief group's Melissa Strickland said that he had followed strict safety protocols when treating patients.

"It's too early to try to explain it. We will have an intensive and thorough investigation," she said.

Across Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, at least 660 people have died from the illness, accord-

ing to the World Health Organization, as poor, ill-equipped African governments have struggled to cope with the virus.

Ebola kills up to 90 percent of those who catch it, although the fatality rate of the current outbreak is lower at around 60 percent. Highly contagious, patients suffer from vomiting and diarrhea as well as internal and external bleeding.

Reuters

## ICBC plans to issue 13-bltn-USD in preference shares

BEIJING, 27 July— Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Ltd (ICBC), the country's largest lender by market value, said on Saturday it plans to issue preferred stocks worth up to 80 billion yuan (about 13 billion US dollars) to replenish its capital.

Up to 45 billion yuan in preferred shares will be issued in the domestic market and another 35 billion yuan in preferred shares are planned for the overseas market, ICBC said in a filing on the Shanghai Stock Exchange.

According to the plan approved by ICBC's board, the bank will issue the preferred shares to no more than 200 qualified investors through a private offering in the domestic market.

The issuance of preference shares overseas will be carried out independently from the domestic offering, according to ICBC.

Voting rights for the planned preferred stocks will be restricted, ICBC said. As bad loans build up, other Chinese lenders, such as Agricultural Bank of China Ltd and Bank of China Ltd, said earlier this year they planned to issue



preferred shares worth billions of dollars.

The non-performing loan ratio climbed to 1.08 percent for Chinese commercial banks by the end of June this year, according to the China Banking Regulatory Commission.

To help banks meet new global capital rules known as Basel III, the China Securities Regulatory Commission announced in March this year new rules of the pilot programme allowing eligible companies to issue preference shares.

Preference shares, along with common shares, are two primary types of stocks that companies offer to investors. Preference shareholders have priority rights over ordinary shareholders in distribution of profits and residual assets.

Unlike common shares, preference shares function more like a bond.

Xinhua

## Europe backs new leukemia drugs from J&J and Gilead

LONDON, 27 July — Two new leukemia drugs from Johnson & Johnson and Gilead Sciences have been recommended for approval by European regulators, paving the way for formal approval in a couple of months. The European Medicines Agency said on Friday its experts had issued positive opinions for J&J's ibrutinib, developed with Pharmacyclics, and Gilead's idelalisib. Ibrutinib, marketed at Imbruvica, was approved by US regulators for treatment of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) in February, while Gilead's idelalisib, which has the brand name Zydelyg, was approved in the United States last month.

The approvals reflect a rapid pace of progress in treating CLL, a slowly progressing form of blood cancer, as scientists develop better ways to target the biological pathways involved in the disease. Last November, the US Food and Drug Administration also approved Roche's Gazyva and the use of Arzerra, from GlaxoSmithKline and Genmab, was expanded in April 2014 to include CLL.

Reuters

## HEALTH &amp; BUSINESS

# Human-robot technology takes quantum leap

BEIJING, 27 July — Robots designed by the University of Science and Technology of China amazed the audience and won the championship for the first time at the RoboCup, which concluded on Friday in Joao Pessoa, Brazil.

Recognized for their stability and precision, the robots of USTC's WrightEagle team — dubbed Kejia — won top honours in the RoboCup@Home league, one of several leagues at the global competition, officially known as the 2014 Robot World Cup Initiative.

Kejia achieved a historical mark of 8,555 points, 3,600 higher than the second-place team, after running through a set of benchmark tests.

The tests are used to evaluate a robot's abilities in a realistic, non-standardized home environment — the first stage of the competition.

Following the benchmark tests, the robots wowed the audience a



*Kejia, an intelligent service robot designed by the University of Science and Technology of China, neatly lines up several drinks at the 2014 RoboCup@Home competition in Joao Pessoa, Brazil, recently.—XINHUA*

second time in the finals, which consisted of tasks that were designed by each team on their own.

The WrightEagle team designed a programme that made the robot open a tight bottle cap in cooperation

with another robot, which won an additional 94 points, the highest among all the dozens of competing teams

in the section.

The @Home is a new league in the RoboCup that aims to foster the develop-

ment of applications in the domains of service and assistance robotics, ambient intelligence and human-robot interactions, according to RoboCup's website.

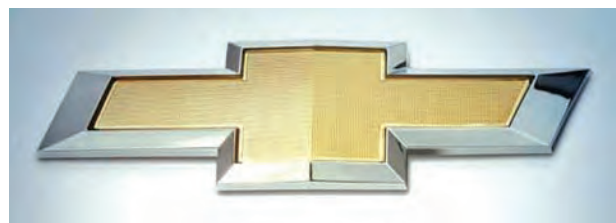
"Many countries are now exerting efforts in the research and development of intelligent service and assistive robots, which is also expected to play an important role in upgrading China's manufacturing sector," said Chen Xiaoping, a computer science professor at USTC and the WrightEagle team leader, after the competition.

The seven-member team is an emerging star in the @Home league but a traditional power in the 2D Simulation League, in which two teams play soccer in a two-dimensional virtual stadium with autonomous software programmes.

The high performance of its programmes has given the team the championship five times in the 2D Simulation League.

Xinhua

## NHTSA probes air bag software on older Chevrolet Impalas



DETROIT, 27 July — US safety regulators are investigating the potential for air bags to fail because of software issues in older Chevrolet Impala sedans made by General Motors Co (GM), after receiving a consumer complaint about an alleged incident in Texas.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said on Friday that it has opened a probe into about 320,000 Impalas from model year 2008, but would also look at 2007 and 2009 models.

GM has recalled nearly 15 million vehicles this year, including the Impala, for ignition switch issues that could cause air bags to fail in a crash.

One of the recalls, in June, included Impalas from model years 2006-2014. In a 2 July letter to NHTSA, GM said a heavy key ring on those cars could pull the ignition key out of the run position, which could shut off the engine

and cut power to steering and air bags.

NHTSA's new investigation of the 2008 Impala involved a separate issue. It was in response to a November 2013 petition by Donald Friedman, a principal in a California research firm and an expert witness in product liability litigation, on behalf of an elderly couple involved in a crash of a 2008 Impala in Texas.

After receiving additional information this year from Friedman and reviewing its own crash databases, NHTSA said it opened the probe "in an abundance of caution."

Friedman asked NHTSA specifically to investigate the software that controls passenger-side air bag deployment in a crash on all 2004-2010 GM models.

In the Texas crash, the driver's air bag deployed, but the front passenger's did not. Both occupants were injured, according to Friedman's complaint.

Reuters

## Telecom operator woos 4G subscribers with more data

BEIJING, 27 July — Beijing Mobile, a provincial-level branch of China's largest telecom operator China Mobile, sharply increased data streams for its 4G packages on Saturday without increasing prices.

This is the third time the company has increased data allowances in an attempt to attract more 4G subscribers.

Following the latest upgrade, the most generous package offers 3 GB of data for a 188-yuan (30 US dollars) monthly package, up from 500 MB.

The most modest package increased from 200 MB to 500 MB for 58 yuan (9.3 US dollars) per month.

China's 4G users topped 13.97 million by the end of June, seven months after 4G licenses were issued to China's big three telecom operators, China Mobile, China Telecom, and China Unicom.

A fierce competition for customers is under way among the operators, led by China Mobile with 760 million customers. China Unicom has 295 million users and China Telecom has 180 million.

China Mobile, the world's largest mobile services provider by network scale and subscriber base, has lagged behind in the 3G competition. It has ambitiously rolled out the world's biggest 4G network, with plans to expand its 4G network to at least 340 cities by the end of 2014.

As of the end of June, China Mobile had more than 10 million 4G users in more than 300 cities, said the company's vice president, Li Zhengmao, earlier this month.

The Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) issued LTE FDD licenses to China Telecom and China Unicom in



June. China Telecom and China Unicom are experimenting with mixed-mode networks in 16 cities. The two operators have adopted both variants of the LTE (Long Term Evolution) standard, TD-LTE and LTE FDD, while China Mobile currently follows the TD-LTE standard, which it played a main role in developing. FDD is more widely used throughout the world.

Wen Ku, director of the MIIT's communication development department,

believes that building integrated FDD/TDD networks will become a trend in China's telecom industry.

Figures from the China Internet Network Information Center (CNNIC) show that China's netizen population reached 632 million by the end of June, and mobile Internet users totaled 527 million. This year marks the first for Chinese netizens to use mobile phones (83.4 percent) more often than traditional PCs (80.9 percent).—Xinhua

## Florida boy gets prosthetic arm and hand from 3-D printer

ORLANDO, (Florida), 27 July — A Florida boy born without most of his right arm took home a new forearm and functioning hand on Friday made by a team of scientists using a 3-D printer — a method they hope will transform the way prosthetics are made, particularly for children. The prosthetic made for 6-year-old Alex Pring is among at least 50 created in the past year by a diffuse band of international contributors who collaborate online and print them out on 3-D printers, said Jon Schull, a Rochester Institute of Technology scientist who launched the online group last July. Pring's prosthetic, which cost about \$350 in materials, is notable as the group's first for a child without a wrist or elbow to operate it, Schull said. "I'm going to open things, climb trees and do all that other stuff that everybody does," said Pring, a resident of Groveland, outside of Orlando, who was able to give his mother his first two-armed hug.—Reuters

# Cuba marks National Rebellion Day

HAVANA, 27 July — The Cuban government on Saturday marked the 61st anniversary of an attack on the Moncada Barracks, considered the beginning of a revolutionary struggle led by Fidel Castro.

The celebration of the National Rebellion Day was held in the western city of Artemisa, along with leaders of the government and the Communist Party as well as 8,000 local people.

Some 28 of the young revolutionaries participating in the events were born in Artemisa, about 60 km southwest of Havana.

Cuban leader Raul Castro, 83, presided over the ceremony in his uniform of army general.

“That 26 July was not a victory of weapons, but a victory of morals and dignity. It was the spark that lit the engine that would lead us ... to reach the true and definitive independence of Cuba,” said Vice President of the Councils of State and Ministers, Ramiro Valdes Menendez.

“This unity of the Cuban people should be preserved above all things,” he stressed, adding that Cubans maintain the same “fighting spirit without truce.”

The vice president recalled the economic and social political woes that led Fidel Castro and his partners to the rebellion, adding that today most of Cubans know the history only by reference and not



*The President of Cuba, Raul Castro(C), accompanied by the first Cuban Vice President, Miguel Diaz Canel (2nd R) arrive for the commemoration ceremony of the National Rebellion Day, in the Mausoleum of the Martyrs, in Artemisa town, Havana Province, Cuba, on 26 July, 2014. On 26 July, 1953 was the beginning of the Cuban Revolution led by Fidel Castro.—XINHUA*

by their own experiences.

Thus, Valdes warned against the use of new technologies and methods as tools to incite an internal subversion, especially among the youth, and called for preserving the unity of the country because “the struggle of the revolution has not finished.”

“It has only changed the way in which they seek

to destroy us,” he said.

The National Rebellion Day marks the events on 26 July, 1953, when revolutionary leader Fidel Castro and about 100 of his followers attempted to take the Moncada Barracks, the second military fortress of the Fulgencio Batista’s dictatorship, in the city of Santiago de Cuba, and the Carlos

Manuel de Cespedes Barracks in the nearby town of Bayamo.

Most of the then rebels were killed in dungeons after both attacks, aimed at seizing weapons and starting an uprising, failed. However the insurgents gained popular recognition and support.

On 2 Dec, 1956, Castro landed in eastern Cuba and launched a two-year guerrilla war that forced Batista to flee on 1 Jan, 1959 to Santo Domingo.

Fidel Castro, 88, chaired the 26 July celebration, giving speeches on major national and international issues related to the island nation, until 2006 when the leader handed over power to his younger brother Raul following an intestinal illness.

Xinhua



*A woman carries a Cuban national flag during a march on the occasion of the commemoration of 61st anniversary of the beginning of the Cuban Revolution, in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 26 July, 2014.—XINHUA*

## China’s largest salt lake expands

XINING, 27 July — The area of Qinghai Lake, China’s largest salt lake, has expanded by 124 square kilometres in the past four years, according to the latest survey.

The area of the lake was 4,373 square km during the dry season in a satellite survey carried out between the end of May and early June, said Wang Yuan, deputy head of the Qinghai Provincial Basic Geographic Information Centre.

The lake is approaching its record size of 4477.53 square km recorded in 1974, Wang told Xinhua on Sunday. Abundant precipitation, grassland restoration, reforestation, wind blocking and sand fixation contributed to the expansion of the lake, he said.—Xinhua

## Narita Express trains begin service to foot of Mt. Fuji



*A Narita Express train arrives at Kawaguchiko Station on the Fuji Kyuko Line in the town of Fujikawaguchiko, Yamanashi Prefecture, on 26 July, 2014, as the express started runs from Narita International Airport to the station close to Mt Fuji. East Japan Railway Co and Fuji Kyuko Co jointly started the runs linking Tokyo’s gateway with Mt Fuji to give tourists from overseas easy access between the airport and the World Heritage site.—KYODO NEWS*

## Local gov’ts give iodine tablets to residents as reactor restart looms

KAGOSHIMA, (Japan), 27 July — Local governments started on Sunday handing out iodine tablets to residents living within 5 kilometres of an offline nuclear power plant in Kagoshima Prefecture, southwestern Japan, that may restart in the fall.

It is the first time iodine tablets have been distributed under Nuclear Regulation Authority guidelines instituted following the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster. Iodine tablets help protect thyroids from radiation.

The move by the Kagoshima prefectural and Satsunomai city governments came after Kyushu Electric Power Co’s Sendai plant cleared a safety hurdle key to its restart earlier this month.

About 2,700 of the roughly 4,700 residents aged over 3 who live within the radius were given a supply of tablets after hearing an official briefing, submitting medical interview sheets and receiving the green light from doctors, according to prefectural officials.

Briefings for the remaining residents will resume in September, they said.

A total of 39 residents declined to receive the tablets during the current distribution. Children under 3 will receive the equivalent at shelters in the event of a nuclear accident, the officials said.—Kyodo News

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Photo taken on 26 July, 2014 shows the Cecilienhof Palace in Potsdam, capital of Germany's Brandenburg state, where the Potsdam Proclamation was issued in 1945. Saturday marks the 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the on 26 July, 1945 Potsdam Proclamation demanding Japan's unconditional surrender to the Allies at the end of World War II, in the wake of its wartime aggression. —XINHUA

### Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 27th July, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and Mon State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

## Militants resume firing rockets into Israel from Gaza

GAZA, 27 July — Militants resumed firing rockets into Israel from Gaza around two hours after the end of a 12-hour ceasefire on Saturday, the armed wing of Islamist group Hamas said.

Warning sirens sounded across the country as rockets were fired as far as the Tel Aviv area, police said. Israel had offered to extend the truce, which began at 8 am (0500 GMT/6.00 am BST), by four hours, but Hamas said it had not agreed to this.

Gaza's health ministry said a man was killed in the southern Gaza Strip as a result of tank fire, believed to be the first fatality after the breakdown of the

ceasefire. More than 1,000 Gazans, mostly civilians, have died in 19 days of fighting. Forty Israeli soldiers and three civilians have been killed.

After the ceasefire began early on Saturday, Gazans took advantage of the lull in fighting to retrieve their dead and stock up on food, flooding into the streets to discover scenes of massive destruction in some areas. Israel's security cabinet met in the evening to discuss international efforts, led by US, Secretary of State John Kerry, to secure a longer lasting truce, but at least one minister said the military operation should be expanded.—Reuters

## Briton kidnapped in Yemen has been released — Foreign Office

LONDON, 27 July— A British teacher who was kidnapped in Yemen in February has been released safely, the Foreign Office said on Saturday.

Mike Harvey, who was abducted on 12 February on his way from an educational institute, was at the British embassy in the capital Sanaa, it said in a statement.

"We are pleased to confirm that British hostage Mike Harvey held in Yemen since February has been released safely. He is being supported by staff at the British Embassy and will be reunited with his

family soon," it added.

Earlier this year, the kidnapping was the third in Yemen in two weeks. Another Briton working in the oil business was abducted in February, two days after a German citizen was kidnapped.

Kidnappings by armed tribesmen in Yemen are common although most hostages are released after a ransom is paid. The Foreign Office advises British nationals not to travel to the country.—Reuters

## Russian fighter jet crash kills pilot

MOSCOW, 27 July — A Russian fighter jet crashed in southern Russia on Sunday, killing the pilot, Russian Air Force Commander Viktor Bondarev said. "A pilot has been killed in a fighter crash," Bondarev said. "We are investigating this incident and, according to preliminary data, the crash was caused by aviation equipment failure."

The MiG-29 jet was on a routine training flight when it crashed in an airfield 30 km away from the port city of Astrakhan, the Interfax news agency quoted the commander as saying. The crash happened at around 9:20 am Moscow time (0520 GMT).

Xinhua

## WHO identifies China's HIV challenges

BEIJING, 27 July — China faces multiple challenges in its fight against HIV/AIDS, including low testing coverage and high infection rates among men who have sex with men, said a World Health Organization (WHO) official.

Bernhard Schwartlander, the World Health Organization (WHO) Representative in China, detailed the state of HIV/AIDS in the country in an article posted on the agency's official website. The article coincides with the 2014 International AIDS Conference being held in Melbourne.

Schwartlander said testing coverage in China remains low, particularly at the village and township levels. Even among people who do get tested, there is often no follow-up after the initial screening.—Xinhua

## Car bombing kills four in Syria's Aleppo

DAMASCUS, 27 July — At least four civilians were killed and many others wounded on Saturday when a booby-trapped car ripped through a marketplace in a rebel-held town in Syria's northern province of Aleppo, activists said. The car tore through a vegetable marketplace in the town of Azaz, in the northern countryside of Aleppo on the borders with Turkey, the UK-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said, adding that women and

children were among those killed.

It said the death toll is likely to rise due to the number of critically wounded people.

While the Observatory stopped short of giving further details, it is largely believed that the blast was part of the infighting among rival militant groups in Aleppo where an array of rebellious groups are plagued by a conflict of purposes and strategic gains.

Xinhua



Lebanese Prime Minister Tammam Salam (1st R) meets with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister for Arab and African Affairs Hossein Amir-Abdollahian (C) in Beirut, Lebanon, on 26 July, 2014. Abdollahian said that Iran would spare no effort to support the Palestinian people on Saturday. —XINHUA

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Sharr Htut Eindra smiles after being crowned in Miss Universe Myanmar 2014 pageant in Yangon, Myanmar, on 26 July, 2014. Myanmar on Saturday selected Sharr Htut Eindra as a representative to compete in the Miss Universe 2014 beauty pageant. XINHUA



Contestants participate in Miss Myanmar Universe 2014 pageant in Yangon, Myanmar, on 26 July, 2014. Myanmar on Saturday selected Sharr Htut Eindra as a representative to compete in the Miss Universe 2014 beauty pageant.—XINHUA

## Salman Khan: I may end up never marrying

NEW DELHI, 27 July — Bollywood superstar Salman Khan says he has no plans to enter politics and would rather focus on his social work.

In an interview to Manoj Tibrewal Aakash of Doordarshan, the 48-year-old actor said he would like to carry out the social work through his 'Being Human' organization.

The actor also plans to adopt few places to work for the betterment of the children living there.

He is considered one of the most sought-after bachelors in Bollywood but Salman said he had no plans to settle down anytime soon and may end up never marrying. —PTI



Salman Khan is considered one of the most sought-after bachelors in Bollywood.—PTI



## George Miller reboots 'Mad Max' with '105-minute chase scene'

SAN DIEGO, 27 July — A dynamic new lead and an epic-scale chase will be at the centre of the new "Mad Max" reboot, as Australian director George Miller reignites his explosive action thriller franchise as the fight for survival in the wasteland rages on.

"Mad Max: Fury Road," the fourth installment of the "Mad Max" franchise that began in 1979 with Mel Gibson in the lead role, saw a post-apocalypse dystopian Australia where police officer Max Rockatansky battles hardened criminals of the outback.

Time Warner Inc.-owned Warner Bros' "Fury Road," due in theaters next year, is set 45 years in a post-apocalyptic fu-

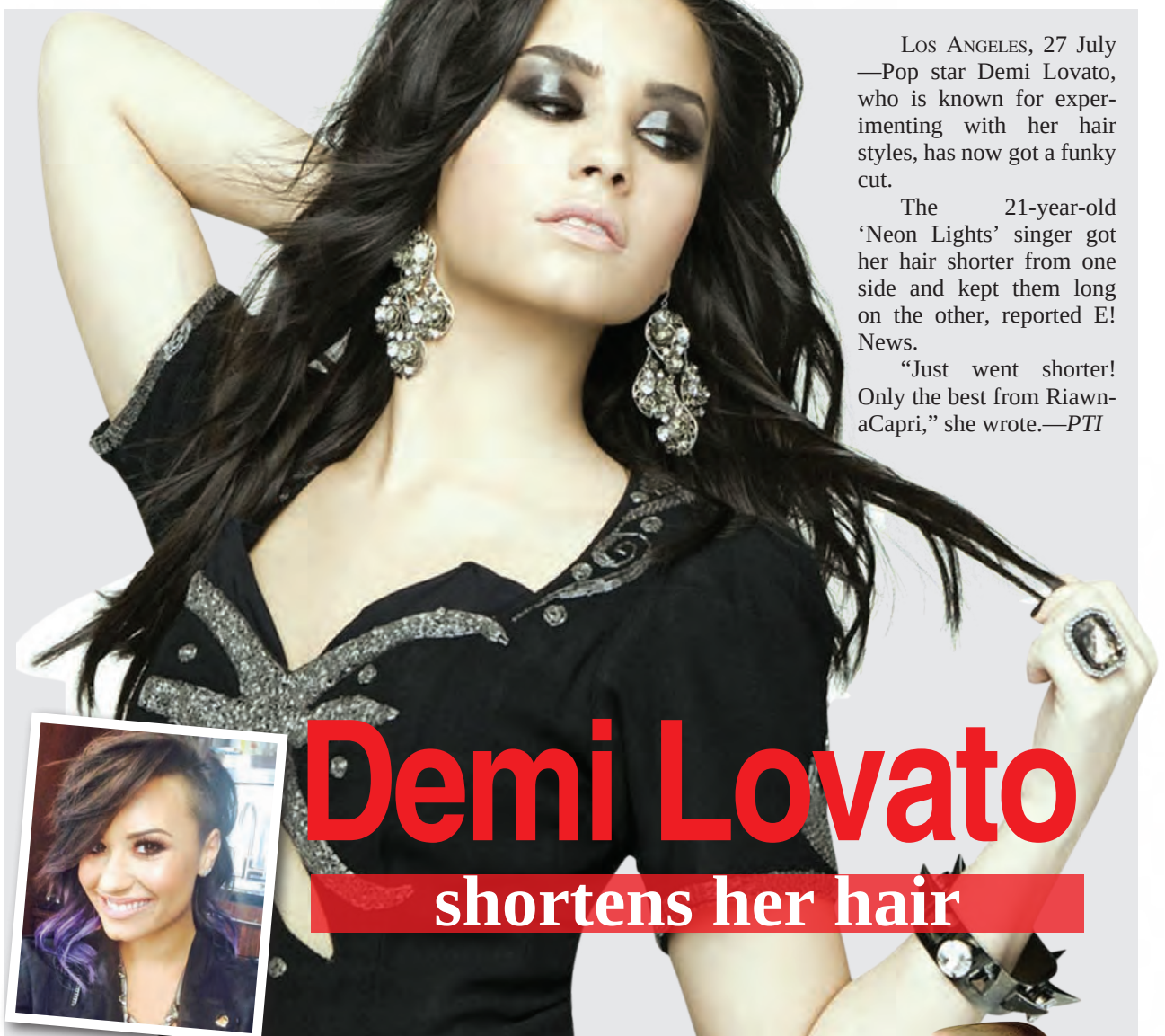
ture, and Miller said the whole film is a "105-minute chase scene through the wasteland."

"Everyone in the story is either a villain or a good guy; this is a very dangerous world and everyone you encounter could be out to kill you to simply to take what you have. So it's all survival," the director told Reuters.

The film has been about 15 years in the making, and Miller said that initially he was working with Gibson, but after 9/11, the project was scrapped. By the time the director picked it up again, Gibson was past the age he wanted Max to be.

"It's not about an old Mad Max, it's about the same Mad Max," he said.

Reuters



LOS ANGELES, 27 July —Pop star Demi Lovato, who is known for experimenting with her hair styles, has now got a funky cut.

The 21-year-old 'Neon Lights' singer got her hair shorter from one side and kept them long on the other, reported E! News.

"Just went shorter! Only the best from Riawn-aCapri," she wrote.—PTI

## Demi Lovato shortens her hair



## It's always fun to work with Salman Khan, says Kareena

MUMBAI, 27 July — Actress Kareena Kapoor Khan, who is part of Salman Khan's next film 'Bajrangi Bhaijaan', says she shares a good rapport with the superstar and they make a "lovely pairing" on screen.

Salman and Kareena, who were last seen romancing each other on screen in 'Bodyguard', will be seen

together in the Kabir Khan-directed movie.

"I loved the film (script) and my role. While Salman will play the title role of Bajrangi Bhaijaan, I am playing a Brahmin girl," Kareena told PTI, without divulging any further details. "It's always fun to work with Salman. We

share good rapport. Also, Salman and I make a lovely pairing. It will be a big Eid release and it works for us. The film worked in my time-frame and hence I said yes for it," the actress said.

PTI



Kareena Kapoor

## GENERAL



Photo taken on 15 April, 2014 shows buildings under construction in Yiwu City, east China's Zhejiang Province. The overall investment in real estates in Zhejiang rose by 19.1 percent year on year in the first six months this year, according to the latest statistics. Meanwhile, the sales area and volume of commercial housing of the Province decreased by 22.6 percent and 27.5 percent year on year respectively. —XINHUA

## Typhoon Matmo kills 13 in China

BEIJING, 27 July — Typhoon Matmo has claimed 13 lives in China and affected about 2.5 million residents, the Ministry of Civil Affairs announced on Sunday.

Nine deaths were reported in east China's Jiangxi Province and four were reported in south Chi-

na's Guangdong Province, the ministry said in a statement.

As of 9 am on Sunday, more than 2.54 million people had been affected as the impact of the typhoon spreads to 185 counties in eight provinces including Liaoning, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Fujian, Jiangxi,

Shandong and Guangdong.

About 289,000 residents have been relocated and some 37,000 are in urgent need of basic living supplies, according to the statement.

Matmo, the 10<sup>th</sup> typhoon to affect China this year, has destroyed homes and crops and caused di-

rect economic losses worth 3.37 billion yuan (about 547 million US dollars), it said.

Matmo made landfall in southeast China's Fujian Province on Wednesday and has brought strong winds and heavy downpours to affected areas.

Xinhua

## Britain arrests two in suspected female genital mutilation case

LONDON, 27 July — British police have arrested two people in London on suspicion of conspiracy to carry out female genital mutilation (FGM) and placed a young girl in the care of social services, a police statement said on Saturday.

The arrests followed the arrival at the capital's Heathrow airport on Friday morning from Kampala of a 72-year-old Ugandan man accompanied by an 11-year-old girl, the statement said. They came only days after London hosted a one-day summit on FGM and forced marriage where the government announced it would earmark 1.4 million pounds (\$2.4 million) for a prevention programme and prosecute parents allowing the practice.

The man was arrested in Newham, east London, on Saturday and a 40-year-old woman was also arrested in Hackney, northeast London, it said. Both remain in police custody.

The statement did not say whether the girl had undergone FGM in Uganda. Immigrant families sometimes take girls back to their home countries for FGM, the partial or total removal of external female genitalia

to suppress sexual desire and prevent what their traditional societies see as immoral behavior.

"With concerns for her welfare, specialist officers took the girl — a UK national — into the care of social services," the statement said.

The Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 made it illegal to participate in any sort of arrangement for FGM to be performed on another, either in or outside of Britain.

At the "Girl Summit" on Tuesday, Prime Minister David Cameron said 21 countries had signed an international charter to eradicate both practices and urged other countries to join them.

About 103,000 women aged between 15 and 49, as well as 10,000 girls under 15 who have migrated to England and Wales, are estimated to have undergone FGM, according to a report from City University London.

Worldwide, more than 130 million girls and women have undergone FGM are more than 700 million women alive today were children when they were married.

## McDonald's HK to surrender all Husi products after food scare

HONG KONG, 27 July — The McDonald's fast food chain apologized on Sunday to the Hong Kong public and said it is surrendering all food products imported from China's Husi plants because of an expired meat scandal that affects China, Japan and the United States.

The US food chain's Hong Kong managing director Randy Lai said the firm let down customers over miscommunication on whether the restaurants had imported and sold food products from Husi, including from the Shanghai plant that was using expired and tainted meat.

"We have immediately stopped selling relevant products and sealed all food products from Husi," Lai said. "On behalf of the company's management, I sincerely and solemnly apologize to the public." Hong Kong's food safety watchdog imposed a ban on import and sale of products from all Husi plants

in China on Thursday after a press expose Monday on the Shanghai Husi plant, which along with nine other mainland subsidiaries is run by US-based OSI Group LLC and supplies processed meat to local and regional markets.

Hong Kong McDonald's denied having imported any food from Husi's Shanghai plant until the Centre for Food Safety revealed otherwise. The company later admitted having twice imported food products from the Shanghai plant in the past year, in addition to Husi's Hebei and Guangzhou plants. During inspections carried out last week, Shanghai's food and drug administration found more than 5,100 crates of processed meat products, including chicken nuggets and meat pies, that included raw ingredients with expiration dates between on 18 June and 30, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

Kyodo News

## Nissan recalls 226,000 passenger cars in US

NEW YORK, 27 July — Nissan Motor Co said on Saturday it will recall 226,326 passenger cars in the United States due to defective air bags made by Japanese parts maker Takata Corp.

The Sentra compact sedan's 2002 to 2004 models and the 2002-2003 Pathfinder sport utility vehicle are subject to the recall for fear air bags will fail to function in accidents, the Japanese carmaker said.

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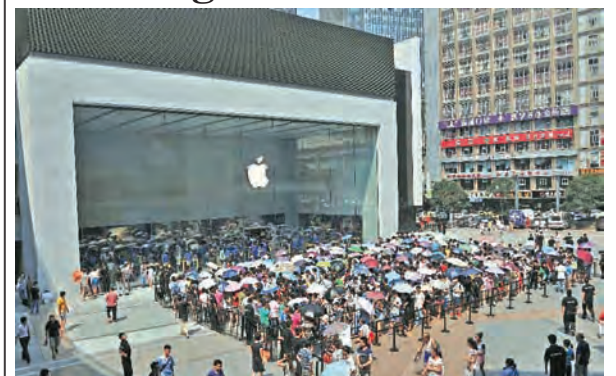
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## Chongqing's first Apple Store goes into business



Customers wait outside a new Apple Store in Jiangbei District of southwest China's Chongqing, on 26 July, 2014.

Chongqing's first Apple Store went into business on Saturday.

Xinhua

# Dominant Nibali set to be crowned in Paris



Race leader Astana team rider Vincenzo Nibali of Italy cycles during the 54-km individual time trial 20th stage of the Tour de France cycling race from Bergerac to Perigueux on 26 July, 2014.—REUTERS

PERIGUEUX, (France), 27 July — Having dominated on all terrains, Vincenzo Nibali is set to win the Tour de France after avoiding any late dramas on Saturday in the penultimate stage, a 54-km time trial from Bergerac won by Tony Martin.

Italian Nibali finished fourth in the stage, nearly two minutes slower than

the dominant German — who clocked one hour six minutes 21 seconds — but will roll into Paris on Sunday with an overall lead of seven minutes 52 seconds.

Jean-Christophe Peraud climbed to second overall ahead of compatriot Thibaut Pinot and France are now poised to have two riders on the podium for the first time since Laurent Fignon and

Bernard Hinault finished first and second in 1984.

Nibali will become the sixth man to win all three grand tours barring a crash in Sunday's procession final stage that ends on the Champs Elysees, and the first Italian to win the Tour de France since the late Marco Pantani in 1998.

"It was not an easy time trial, it required a lot

of power," said Astana rider Nibali who has won four stages and has worn the yellow jersey for most of the race since snatching it on the second day in Sheffield, England.

FDJ.fr rider Pinot, who will claim the white jersey for the best under-25 rider ahead of compatriot Romain Bardet, is 8:24 off the pace.—Reuters

## FA too white and too male and it must change, says Dyke

LONDON, 27 July — "Overwhelmingly male and overwhelmingly white" Football Association chairman Greg Dyke said of his own organization on Saturday, saying the governing body must change.

In a pre-recorded video message to the Football Supporters Federation, former BBC director general Dyke, who took over from David Bernstein at the FA a year ago, said the governing body was in danger of becoming "irrelevant".

"If you look at who's supporting, who's playing, football and then you look at the FA Council — it doesn't represent them," Dyke was quoted as saying on the BBC.

"It's still overwhelmingly male, overwhelmingly white in a world that isn't overwhelmingly male and white and somehow that has to be changed.

"We have to try and change it but we're not alone, supporters have got to try and change it as well."

The FA Council consists of around 120 members from both the professional and amateur circles of the game and are re-



FA Chairman Greg Dyke

sponsible for helping to make policy decisions for the organization.

The comments of Dyke, who once accused the BBC of being "hideously white", come after criticism of the FA's lack of diversity by the likes of former England defender Sol Campbell.

Campbell said in his biography this year that, had he been white, he would have captained England for 10 years.

"We've got to look at how we involve the population of 21st century England and the mix it's got," said Dyke.

"If we just carry on like this — old, white males — we're going to be increasingly irrelevant."

Reuters

## Furyk leads by three as local hopes fade at Canadian Open

CARY, (North Carolina), 27 July — American Jim Furyk moved closer to ending a personal winless streak of nearly four years when he earned a three-shot lead after the third round at the Canadian Open in Montreal on Saturday.

But a much longer national drought is likely to continue after Canadian hope Graham DeLaet three-putted the final hole to fall seven strokes from the lead on the Royal Montreal Blue Course.

No Canadian has won the country's national open since English-born Pat Fletcher in 1954, and it has been 100 years since the last Canadian-born player triumphed.

That was of no concern to Furyk, who extended his bogey-free stretch to 50 holes as he plotted his way to a five-under-par 65.

He was not at his very sharpest, but displayed a deft short game to post a 15-under 195 total, while South African Tim Clark, boosted by an unlikely eagle at the par-four second, carded a 64 to vault into second place on 12-under.

Furyk, a 16-time PGA Tour winner, will join illustrious company if he wins on Sunday and becomes just the fifth player to win the Canadian Open three times since the event's inception in 1904.

But the 2006 and 2007 champion will be mindful that he has let several good chances slip away since his most recent tour victory, at the 2010 Tour Championship, posting five runner-up finishes in the ensuing period.—Reuters

GLASGOW, 27 July — Annette Edmondson and Scott Sunderland won gold for Australia at the Chris Hoy Velodrome on Saturday but England were left subdued after four of their Olympic gold medallists failed to get on the podium.

The 22-year-old Edmondson claimed victory in the women's 10km scratch race with a time of 12 minutes 53 seconds, beating compatriot Amy Cure and Wales' Elinor Barker.

England's Olympic team pursuit champions Dani King and Laura Trott finished fourth and 11th respectively, while another Olympic champion Joanna Roswell, who won gold in the 3,000m individual pursuit on Friday, finished 19th out of 24 riders.

"I didn't know we had all done so well until I looked on the board and (had) seen the replay," Edmondson told reporters. "The aim was to get first

## Australia dominate in the velodrome with double gold



Australia's Annette Edmondson (C) holds her gold medal with compatriot and silver medal winner Amy Cure (L) and bronze medal winner Elinor Barker of Wales after the women's 10km scratch cycling race at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland on 26 July, 2014.—REUTERS

and to do anything else was a bonus."

Sunderland took gold in the 1,000m time trial to retain the title he won in

Delhi four years ago, while New Zealand duo Simon van Velthoven and Matthew Archibald finished second and third.

England's Ed Clancy, a gold medallist in the team pursuit at London 2012, had to settle for fourth.

Reuters