

Vice President attends meeting of industrial zones



Vice President U Nyan Tun discusses requirements for industrial zones with industrial zone management committees in Yangon Region.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—The government intends to build more industrial zones that can overcome problems facing the existing ones, Vice President U Nyan Tun told a coordination meeting of industrial zones in Yangon on Monday.

Aiming at industrial development, industrial zones have been developed in Myanmar since 1990 after enacting the private industry law, the vice president said. In Yangon Region, the Department of Human Settlement

and Housing Development developed industrial zones to create jobs for people in new townships, to relocate industries in residential quarters and to promote national entrepreneurs of small and medium enterprises, according to the vice

president.

However, the industrial zones have been faced with many problems, including lack of infrastructure, skilled workers and bank loans, uncompetitiveness due to high production costs, land price speculation

Six farmers arrive back after learning farming methods in Japanese field

By Soe

YANGON, 4 Aug—Six farmers from Myanmar arrived back after learning agricultural methods and ways of making natural fertilizer in Japan.

During their seven-day stay at the homes of Japanese farmers, Myanmar farmers learnt systematic and effective use of pesticides, land preparation and soil test in the field.

“It is a surprise to us that in Japan just 10 farmers work for planting rice on 100 acres and for harvesting. Every farmer has enough farming machinery for every step from planting to harvesting and to put the produce on sales,” said Hein Latt, in his 30s, from

DaikU, Bago Region, who was one of the six farmers chosen for the field trip.

When a farmer needs to buy machinery, local authorities share 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the cost of the machine, he added.

“The reason why Myanmar farmers went to Japan is to strengthen friend-

ship between farmers of the two countries and to share farming knowledge they gained during their tour in Japan to Myanmar farmers,” said U Michel of the Agriculture and Farmer Federation of Myanmar.

According to the AFFM, agricultural experts from Japan plan to conduct

agricultural training in Myanmar for farmers to further the exchange.

The six farmers were from Kawhmu, Kayan, DaikU, Kungyangon, Pakokku and Naga Self-Administered Zone, with the study tour sponsored by the Japan Asia Social and Cultural Centre.—NLM



The government should assist the farmers in practising safe and systematic agricultural methods.—PHOTO SUPPLIED BY FTUM

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Anti-Bribery Commission renamed Anti-Corruption Commission

Under the Law Amending the Anti-Corruption Law, the name of “the Anti-Bribery Commission formed under Order No. 6/2014 of the President Office dated 25-2-2014 has been renamed to “the Anti-Corruption Commission”.

Sd/Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

and dispute between workers and employers, the vice president admitted.

In the future, the government intends to develop industrial zones that can overcome such problems, he stressed.

In conclusion, the vice president urged the meeting to build industrial zones with experienced developers and investors who can provide infrastructure and build labour intensive factories that can create jobs.

Following his speech, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe reported on the situation of 29 industrial zones in Yangon Region. Deputy Governor U Set Aung of the Central Bank of Myanmar and member of Presidential Advisory Board on economics Dr Zaw Oo then discussed the requirements for developing industrial zones.—MNA

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Companies urged to draw fire prevention plans for Thilawa Port

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Entrepreneurs are to cooperate with the government in fulfilling fuel requirements, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission and Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung said at a meeting with responsible persons of 16 companies on Saturday.

On his inspection tour of fuel tanks and jetties at Thilawa Port, the Union minister stressed the need to draw the fire prevention plans for the whole area as the region has a large volume of fuel storage. He called for timely completion of the fuel tanks and jetties in the region, urging



departmental officials to solve the problems submitted by the companies in implementing the project.—MNA

Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission and Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung discusses duty of companies to draw fire prevention plans for Thilawa Port.—MNA

Two refuellers of MPPE arrive in Yangon

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Two refuellers purchased by Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy arrived at the fuel supply section of Mingaladon International Airport on 1 August.

Flight line brand refuellers made in the United Kingdom can store 4,000 gallons each at their tanks to be able to supply fuel to the airplanes at the airport where full of airplanes still land.

An expert team of Flight Line Company will give a short-term training to staff of MMPE to operate the machinery for refuellers from 11 to 13 August. After that, the refuellers will be used at Yangon International Airport. Arrangements are being made to buy two more refuellers with 7,000 gallon capacity each and they will

arrive in Myanmar by 2014.

MMPE plans to undertake a joint venture task with an experienced foreign company for supplying airplane fuel at international level. Twelve foreign companies won the tenders and the tender submission will be closed on 25 August.

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Officials inspect already-arrived refuellers to be used for fuelling aircrafts at Mingaladon International Airport.—MNA

Workshop on preservation of cultural heritage on 12 Aug

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—A workshops on preservation of cultural heritages organized by the Ministry of Culture were held in Sagaing, Bagan and Mawlamyine in July 2014.

Based on the results from the discussions, a central level workshop will be held at the Ministry of Culture on 12 August.

The researchers are to submit their papers attached to the work experiences and evidences of the papers to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum at Office No 35 in Nay Pyi Taw, not later than 9 August. For further information, dial 067-408032 and 067-408418. Each paper will be allowed 15 minutes. Priority will be given to the papers depending on the number of resource persons.—MNA

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Ten region Hluttaw representatives of Armed Forces substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Region/State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute ten representatives of the Armed Forces who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following ten region Hluttaw representatives under the Notification No. 3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011, Notification No. 48/2012 of the commission dated 15-11-2012 and Notification No. 20/2013 of the commission dated 1-8-2013.

The region Hluttaw representatives to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the first multi-party general election held on 7 November 2010.

Sagaing Region

(1) BC 27447	Major Than Tun	BC 31366	Major Thein Htoo
(2) BC 27511	Major Thant Zin Htwe	BC 20238	Major Myo Han Chin
(3) BC 27593	Major Zaw Hlaing Oo	BC 27604	Major Myint Htwe
(4) BC 31831	Major Ye Win Aung	BC 37207	Major Naing Zin Thet
(5) BC 35592	Major Tin Tun Lin	BC 21057	Major Phone Myint Naing
(6) BC 27769	Captain Khin Maung Win	BC 28470	Captain Thet Naing Oo
(7) BC 29403	Captain Aung Myat Win	BC 27600	Captain Thet Naing Aye
(8) BC 29989	Captain Tin Htay	BC 48766	Captain Yazar Htet
(9) BC 31329	Captain Tun Hla	BC 32717	Captain Maung Maung Myint
(10) BC 33885	Captain Zeyar Hlaing	BC 35075	Captain Kyaw Win Hlaing

By Order,

(Tin Tun)

Secretary

Union Election Commission

First service of SAT introduced to media in Yangon

YANGON, 4 Aug — Save Automobile Team of Japan Road Service Company Limited with Myanmar partner will launch its 24-hour auto services as of 4 August. The team will provide auto services to discipline drivers whose cars broke down or who had accidents, according to Director Mr Hirotaka Yamaguchi and Manager of Save Automobile Team Japan Co.,Ltd in Mingaladon Township, Yangon.

Currently, SAT servic-

es will be available within 50 kilometers around Yangon. Arrangements are also underway to provide similar services in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay, according to the company. The services include towing vehicles that have broken down or have problems on the road and emergency repair service that will be provided within an hour. Members of SAT services are entitled to enjoy free services for minor repairs within 20 minutes. Vehicles that have problems

outside the service area will be charged more depending on the distance.

There are three types of membership, including personal membership, family membership, and corporation membership. Basic fees for personal membership is 100 US\$ (about K100,000) per year and US\$ 250 for 3 years. The services are available for vehicles less than two tons. The number of vehicles in Myanmar is increasing rapidly and in 2014, a total of



SAT tow truck seen at Yangon International Hotel, which can carry the cars in insurance.—PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

120,000 vehicles were imported into Myanmar. Myanmar will import and up to 170,000 vehicles in 2015,

according to starstics.

The company is planning to build a network with sale centers through

various kinds of incentives, including discount plans, installment plans, gifts and festivals.—Thant Zin Win

NATIONAL

Defence Services discharges 363 underage military personnel

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—A coordination meeting of the committee for prevention of military recruitment of underage children took place at the Ministry of Defence on Monday, attended by Chairman of the committee Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin.

The Myanmar government and the United Nations Country Task

Force on Monitoring and Reporting (UN CTFMR) signed a Plan of Action for prevention of recruitment of underage children at Hotel Thingaha in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 June 2012. According to the plan, the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and the UN CTFMR investigate who has not reached 18 years of age and arrange for the underage children to be

discharged from the armed forces. So far, a total of 363 children have been handed over to their parents, with rehabilitation measures taken.

Members of the committee also discussed implementation of the plan of action, discharging suspected underage military personnel from the armed forces, public educative tasks and rehabilitation.

MNA



Union Minister Lt-Gen Wai Lwin speaking at meeting of committee for prevention of military recruitment of underage children for scrutinizing underage military personnel.—MNA

Yangon, Mandalay technological universities to be upgraded with assistance of JICA

YANGON, 4 Aug—The Ministry of Science and Technology and Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA and signed a grant agreement on upgrading technological universities in Myanmar.

Under the agreement, Yangon Technological University and Mandalay Technological University will be upgraded.

For the 5-year cooperation on technology between Myanmar and Japan, JICA will also provide the two universities with laboratory equipment.

Two research facilities will be built at Yangon Technological University under the agreement.

The agreement was



U Kyaw Swa Soe, HED Director-General and Mr Masahiko Tanaka, Representative of JICA exchange notes after signing grant agreement on upgrading technological universities for promotion of education.—MNA

signed by U Kyaw Swa Soe, the Director-General of the Higher Education

Department, and Mr Masahiko Tanaka, Representative of JICA, in the pres-

ence of Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo.—MNA

Accreditation for 46th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—The 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting (AEM) and related meetings will be held at the Hotel Royal Ace in Nay Pyi Taw from 25 to 28 August.

Local and foreign correspondents who wish to cover the news of the meetings are to click the registration link for the 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers' Meeting (AEM) of Upcoming Events at the Home Page of www.asean2014.gov.mm to fill up the Media Registration Form. The registration must be done

not later than 15 August. The media accreditation cards will be issued at the Hotel Royal Ace on 25 August morning.

The foreign correspondents are to apply for visas at the respective Myanmar embassies to cover news. Please dial 067-417149 and 407150 of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development for further information about the meeting and 067-412126 of News and Periodicals Enterprise about news coverage of local-based foreign news agencies and local media.—MNA

Progress of hydropower projects, Shwegyin dam inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Maw Thar Htwe inspected progress of inflow of water to the main dam, power intake structure, the water control tower, pre-stressed steel pipeline and spillways at Pyuchaung Hydropower Project, seven miles west

of Pyu in Bago Region on 1 August.

The power station of the project will generate 120 kilowatt hour million per hour.

Kunchaung Dam can store 920,000 acre-feet of water. It has been installed with three 20-megawatt generators to generate

about 190 kwh million yearly.

The deputy minister also visited Shwegyin Dam and power station, six miles northeast of Shwegyin. The power station was installed four 18.75-megawatt generators. The power station is generating 262 kwh million per year.—MNA



Generators installed at Shwegyin Hydropower Station in Shwegyin Township.—MNA

Investment in production of cement, tyres and textile discussed



Resident Representative of IFC Mr Vikram Kumar calls on Union Minister U Maung Myint to discuss its link for investment of foreign companies in Myanmar.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 Aug—Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint received Resident Representative Mr Vikram Kumar of the International Finance Corporation (IFC) at the min-

istry in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

They discussed linkage of the IFC for local and foreign companies to invest in production of cement, tyres and textiles under the

ministry, linkage for international loan providers to disburse loans to small- and medium-scale industries development banks, and investment of IFC in Myanmar.—MNA

Hindu families offer Waso robes to Buddhist monks of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon)



YANGON, 4 Aug—Sanatan Dharma Swayamsevak Sangh (Hindu) Organization offered Waso robes and meals for the 20th time to members of

the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Buddhist monks from State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and students monks at Mogok refectory on Kaba Aye Hill on Sunday morning.

Indian Ambassador Mr Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, Deputy Councillor Tara Nath Acharya of the Nepalese Embassy, Pro-rector (Admin) Dr Thant Zin Naing of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the chairman and executives of Sanatan Dharma Swayamsevak Sangh and Hindu families donated Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Aung Thura



New dragon boat under construction in Taninthayi Township

TANINTHAYI, 4 Aug—Under the supervision of Buddhist monks of Chaunggyi Monastery, West Monastery and East Monastery, carpenters led by U Maung Hla Shwe and U Maung Ni are building a 69 feet long and 16 feet wide wooden boat in Taninthayi of Taninthayi Region since May 2014. The boat was identified as Aung Nan Thai and it will be installed with the head with the shape of dragon. Leading monks of the township together with local authorities supervised construction of the boat on 30 July.

Upon completion, the

boat will be 75 feet long due to installation of the dragon shaped head. The boat will give seats to 42 crew members for rowing in tradition.

Taninthayi Township has five traditional boats namely Mya Lone Naung, Sein Pan Thwe, Yan Gyi Aung, Mya Gyi Aung and Padamya Thwe. The new boat Aung Nan Thai will be commissioned into service in September 2014.

The Dragon boat race with the participation of six boats will be held on 12 October 2014, 4th waning of Thadingyut in Taninthayi.

Nan Thai-Htein Win
(IPRD)



Myeik Township to get three new bridges soon

MYEIK, 4 Aug — Region and state governments are supervising regional development tasks as their one of the functions.

Construction of roads and bridges are laying sound foundations for development of the regions and states. It is because roads and bridges are playing a key role in development of transport sector for the local people. Taninthayi Region Minis-

ter for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Lwin and Deputy Commissioner of Myeik District U Aung Kyaw Tun made a trip to inspect the conditions of bridges in Myeik Township of Taninthayi Region on 1 August so as to allot funds for construction and repairing of the bridges.

They inspected conditions of the 220-foot long Myeiktaung Creek Bridge, the 220-foot long

Naukle Creek Bridge and the 145-foot long Daweikan Creek Bridge in Myeik Township. The region government plans to allot the development fund for repairing these bridges.

On his inspection tour of Myeik, the Union Minister for Border Affairs heard reports on repairing of these bridges presented by the township management committee and officials.

Myeik District IPRD

WORLD

At least 398 dead after quake hits southwest China

BEIJING, 4 Aug—A magnitude 6.3 earthquake struck southwestern China on Sunday, killing at least 398 people and leaving 1,881 injured in a remote area of Yunnan Province, and causing thousands of buildings, including a school, to collapse.

The US Geological Survey said the quake registered at a shallow depth of less than 1 mile (1.6 km). Chinese state media said it was felt most strongly in Yunnan as well as in the neighbouring provinces of Guizhou and Sichuan.

The official *Xinhua* news agency said the epicenter was in Longtoushan town in Yunnan's mountainous Ludian county.

Communications have been seriously affected and rescuers have begun arriving on the scene, the report said. Pictures posted online by state media showed troops stretching people away and cars damaged by fallen bricks. Many people rushed out of buildings onto the street after the quake hit, electricity supplies were cut and at least one school collapsed, *Xinhua* added, with more than 12,000 houses having collapsed and 30,000 sustaining damage. Ludian resident Ma Liya told *Xinhua* the streets were like a "battlefield after bombardment".

The government is sending 2,000 tents, 3,000 folding beds, 3,000 quilts and 3,000 coats to the disaster zone, where heavy



Rescuers transport injured people after an earthquake in Ludian County of Zhaotong City in southwest China's Yunnan Province, Aug. 3, 2014. A 6.5-magnitude earthquake jolted Ludian County at 4:30 pm Sunday (Beijing Time), said the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC). The Ministry of Civil Affairs has reported that the updated number of casualty is 175 dead and 181 missing.—XINHUA

rain forecast for the coming days will add to the misery, the report said.

Ludian is home to some 265,900 people, *Xinhua* added. This region of China is frequently struck by quakes, with one killing more than 1,400 in the same part of Yunnan in 1974.

A quake in Sichuan in 2008 killed almost 70,000 people.

Reuters

US ready to help China in quake relief

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—The White House on Sunday offered condolences over loss of lives in China's southwestern province of Yunnan, where a strong earthquake befell earlier in the day, saying the United States was ready to help. "The United States offers sincere condolences to all those who lost loved ones in the 3 Aug earthquake in southwestern China," National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said in a statement.

"Our thoughts and prayers

are with the families of those that lost their lives, those injured or displaced, and all the people of China on this difficult day," she added.

She said US disaster response officials were in contact with their Chinese counterparts and the US "stands ready to assist." A massive relief effort is underway in Yunnan, as the death toll has risen to at least 367, with 1,881 others injured in the 6.5-magnitude earthquake.

Xinhua



This photo taken by cellphone on 3 Aug, 2014 shows a damaged building after an earthquake in Ludian County of Zhaotong City in southwest China's Yunnan Province. A 6.5-magnitude earthquake jolted Ludian County at 4:30 pm Sunday (Beijing Time), said the China Earthquake Networks Centre (CENC).—XINHUA



An injured victim receives medical treatment at Ludian people's hospital, in Ludian County of Zhaotong City in southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 3 Aug, 2014. At least 367 people have been killed and more than 1,800 injured after a 6.5-magnitude earthquake rattled southwest China's Yunnan Province on Sunday afternoon, rescuers said. —XINHUA

Wildfire destroys eight buildings on California - Oregon border

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug—A wildfire burning on the border of Oregon and California has destroyed eight structures and was threatening hundreds more on Sunday, officials said, after California declared a state of emergency amid an extremely aggressive fire season.

California Governor Jerry Brown issued the emergency declaration on Saturday, saying the state's extreme drought has made fire conditions particularly dangerous.

The declaration allows various state agencies to cooperate while battling at least 14 significant fires currently burning in California, including the Oregon Gulch fire, which started in Oregon last week then spread over the border.

That blaze has charred about 32,000 acres; 23,000 in Oregon and the rest across the border in California, according to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The blaze was expanding rapidly amid extremely hot, dry conditions, said CalFire spokesman Dennis Mathisen.

"This is the third really dry year we've had," Mathisen said. "The fire behavior we are seeing out there is usually not behavior we see until September," he said.

The Oregon Gulch blaze, part of the larger Beaver Complex, has destroyed three homes and five outbuildings, and was threatening another 280 dwellings, fire officials said. Evacuation notices were in effect for several communities on both sides of the border.

About two dozen fires are currently burning from California to Washington state, many triggered by lightning and then fanned by hot temperatures and strong winds. "With the current conditions, all you need is a spark," said Mathisen. "We know what the typical fire season should look like. This year nothing's typical."

Reuters

Indian PM vows to boost ties with Nepal in parliament address



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (L) shakes hands with his Nepalese counterpart Sushil Koirala after issuing postal stamps at Prime Minister's office in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 3 Aug, 2014.—XINHUA

KATHMANDU, 4 Aug — Visiting Indian Premier Narendra Modi on Sunday said that his government does not intend to intervene in Nepal's internal affairs but looks forward to assisting the country at all its odds.

Addressing a special session at Nepal's Legislative Parliament, Modi said, "We have believed that it is not our work to interfere in what you (Nepal) do but to support you in the path you decide to take."

Quite strikingly, Modi

opened his 50-minute address in Nepali language and then switched to his own Hindi language.

He said that India has cherished the long-standing brotherly relationship between the two countries. "I have returned to this beau-

tiful country as a friend and I am happy to come here as a prime minister," he said.

He also drew an analogy of Himalayan and Ganga River to describe the purity and eternal relationship between India and Nepal.

Modi who came to Ne-

pal for a two-day official visit, the first Indian prime minister to visit the country in 17 years.

Encouraging the lawmakers to draft the constitution and to bring the ongoing peace process to a successful conclusion, the Indian leader also said that India supports the draft of a federal democratic republican constitution. "The path Nepal has chosen from bullet to ballet will turn a model for ending violence and establishing peace in the whole world."

In his televised address, the Indian leader singled out some potential areas where the two countries can work together including, hydro-power and tourism and others.

"You all would mind if I say I want to do a heet (welfare in Nepali) to Nepal. But I am pretty sure Nepal direly needs 'HIT' which includes, highways (roads), infoways (information) and transways (transmission lines)."

Modi noted that Nepal is the country of Buddha and immense hydro-power resources. "As Buddha,

one who born in Nepal, enlightened entire world through his knowledge, Nepal's hydro-power resources also can light up entire South Asia which is still struggling in dark."

He also expressed India's readiness to provide as much energy as required to Nepal for 10 years and expects the energy from Nepal after 10 years in return. "But, don't be afraid, we won't take your water and energy free, but we will pay for it," he said, sending his audience to laughter.

Meanwhile, Modi offered 1 billion US dollars in loan to Nepal to be used in priority areas Nepal wish to spend.

After assuming office in May as India's 15th prime minister, Modi chosen to visit Nepal, his second foreign tour after he first visited Bhutan.

He is scheduled to offer prayer to Pashupathinath and meet Nepal's President Ram Baran Yadav and chief of Nepal's major political parties before returning home on Monday.

Xinhua

Bangladesh ferry capsizes with 200 passengers aboard

DHAKA, 4 Aug — A ferry with about 200 passengers aboard capsized on Monday in the river Padma, near Munshiganj district, about 30 km (18 miles) southwest of Dhaka, the chief of the district administration told Reuters.

Mohammad Saiful Hasan Badal, the Deputy Commissioner of the district, said 44 passengers had been rescued from the vessel, identified as the *Pinak-6*. No deaths had yet been reported.

Teams from the Bangladesh Inland Water Transport Authority and the army were engaged in the rescue operation.

Reuters

Afghanistan election crisis deepens with new fraud allegations

KABUL, 4 Aug — Afghanistan's troubled presidential election plunged deeper into crisis on Sunday when one of the main contenders accused a deputy of President Hamid Karzai of orchestrating fraud in favour of his rival.

Supporters of Abdullah Abdullah, a former foreign minister, released an audio recording they said was Vice President Mohammad Karim Khalili encouraging vote-rigging in favour of Ashraf Ghani, the other contender in the race.

Khalili's and Ghani's staff dismissed the recording as a fake.

Allegations of mass fraud have overshadowed the outcome of the vote, which was meant to be the first democratic transition of power in Afghanistan's history and came before the withdrawal of international combat troops at the end of

this year.

The eight million votes cast in the second round of the election, held in June, are currently being audited under UN supervision, according to a deal brokered by the United States.

The audit has also been dogged by delays as Abdullah and Ghani have not been able to agree on some technicalities, such as how to disqualify votes.

The recording released on Sunday is the most recent that Abdullah's campaign alleges is evidence of high-level collusion in an effort to ensure Ghani, a former finance minister and World Bank technocrat, is declared the winner.

The speaker allegedly encourages cheating at the highest level of the administration to help Ghani win.

"I am aware that in all efforts within the government and within the elector-



Afghan election workers count ballot papers during an audit of the presidential run-off in Kabul on 3 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

al commissions and with his Excellency the President of Afghanistan there exists

an agreeable perception of the victory of this team and this candidate," the speaker

says after referring to one of Ghani's running mates, Sarwar Danish.—Reuters

Censured over shelter deaths, Israel declares seven-hour Gaza truce

GAZA / JERUSALEM, 4 Aug — Israel said it would unilaterally hold fire in most of the Gaza Strip on Monday to facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid and allow some of the hundreds of thousands of Palestinians displaced by an almost four-week-old war to go home.

The announcement, made first to Palestinian media, met with suspicion from Gaza's dominant Hamas Islamists and followed unusually strong censure from Washington at the apparent Israeli shelling on Sunday of a UN-run shelter that killed 10 people.

An Israeli defence official said the ceasefire, from 10 am to 5 pm (0800 to 1500 London time), would apply everywhere but areas of the southern town of Rafah where ground forces have intensified assaults after three soldiers died in a Hamas ambush there on Friday.

"If the truce is breached, the military will return fire during the declared duration of the truce," the official said. The official said east Ra-



An Israeli Merkava tank pulls back from the Gaza Strip to an army deployment area in southern Israel bordering the Gaza Strip, on 3 Aug, 2014. The Israeli military has announced that it will hold fire for seven hours on Monday in parts of the Gaza Strip to facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid and for displaced Palestinians to return to their homes. —XINHUA

fah was the only urban area in which troops and tanks were still present, having been withdrawn or redeployed near Gaza's border with Israel over the weekend.

Hamas, whose envoys are in Egypt for truce negotiations that Israel has shunned in anger at Friday's ambush in Rafah, saw a possible ruse in the

humanitarian truce announcement.

"The calm Israel declared is unilateral and aims to divert attention away from the Israeli massacres. We do not trust such a calm and we urge our people to exercise caution," said the group's spokesman, Sami Abu Zuhri.

Israel is winding down its offensive in the absence



Israeli soldiers from the Givati brigade return to Israel from Gaza on 3 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

of a mediated disengagement deal with Hamas. It says the military is close to completing its main objective of destroying cross-border infiltration tunnels from Gaza and is prepared to resume strikes in response to any attacks by the Palestinians.

The Israeli chief military spokesman said forces were deployed along both sides of the Gaza border.

"Redeployment lets us work on the tunnels, provides defence (of Israeli communities nearby) and lets the forces set up for further activity.

There is no ending here, perhaps an interim phase," Brigadier-General Motti Almoz told Army Radio.

In a predawn air strike Israel killed a senior commander of the Islamic Jihad, a Palestinian group fighting alongside Hamas. Islamic Jihad identified him as Danyal Mansour, head of the group's northern command, and said he was killed in a bombing of a house in Jablaya. Almoz confirmed Israeli forces struck him.

Reuters

Islamic State grabs Iraqi dam and oilfield in victory over Kurds

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug — Islamic State fighters seized control of Iraq's biggest dam, an oilfield and three more towns on Sunday after inflicting their first major defeat on Kurdish forces since sweeping across much of northern Iraq in June.

Capture of the electricity-generating Mosul Dam, after an offensive of barely 24 hours, could give the Sunni militants the ability to flood major Iraqi cities or withhold water from farms, raising the stakes in their bid to topple Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's Shi'ite-led government. "The terrorist gangs of the Islamic State have taken control of Mosul Dam after the withdrawal of Kurdish forces without a fight," said Iraqi state television.

But a Kurdish official in Washington told Reuters the dam was still under the control of Kurdish "peshmerga" troops, although he said towns around the dam

had fallen to Islamic State forces. "The situation has taken a turn for the worse over the weekend," said Karwan Zebari, an official with the Kurdistan Regional Government's office in Washington. He said peshmerga fighters were preparing for a "major offensive" on Sunday night to take back control of towns near the dam.

The swift withdrawal of the peshmerga troops was an apparent severe blow to one of the few forces in Iraq that until now had stood firm against the Sunni Islamist fighters who aim to redraw the borders of the Middle East. The Islamic State, which sees Iraq's majority Shi'ites as apostates who deserve to be killed, also seized three towns and the Ain Zalah oilfield, adding to four others already under its control that provide funding for operations.

Initially strong Kurdish resistance evaporated

after the start of an offensive to take the town of Zumar. The Islamists then hoisted their black flags there, a ritual that has often preceded mass executions of their captured opponents and the imposition of an ideology even al-Qaeda finds excessively harsh. The group, which has declared a caliphate in parts of Iraq and Syria to rule over all Muslims, poses the biggest challenge to the stability of OPEC member Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein in 2003. The US State Department said in a statement that Washington was "actively monitoring" the situation in Iraq and was helping facilitate coordination between Iraq's military and Kurdish forces. On Sunday, Islamic State members were also involved in fighting in a border town far away in Lebanon, a sign of the group's ambitions across the frontiers of the Middle East.

It controls cities in Iraq's Tigris and Euphrates valleys north and west of Baghdad, and a section of Syria stretching from the Iraqi border in the east to Aleppo in the northwest.

Iraq's Kurds, who rule themselves in a northern enclave guarded by the peshmerga units, had expanded areas under their control in recent weeks while avoiding direct confrontation with the Islamic State, even as Iraqi central government troops fled.

But the towns lost on Sunday were in territory the Kurds had held for many years, undermining suggestions that the Islamic State's advance has helped the Kurdish cause.

Witnesses said Islamic State fighters were also trying to take control of the town of Rabia near the Syrian border and were engaged in clashes with Syrian Kurds who had crossed the frontier after Iraqi Kurds

Hamas says Israel's 7-hour humanitarian truce "unilateral"

GAZA, 4 Aug — The Gaza Strip-ruling Hamas movement said early Monday that the seven-hour truce announced by Israel is a unilateral move meant to divert people's attention off "Israel's massacres" in the blockaded Palestinian enclave.

"Israel's humanitarian truce in some areas in Gaza is unilateral," Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said in a press statement. "We do not trust such proposals. Our people must be highly cautious."

The Israel Defence Forces (IDF) announced on Sunday night that it would hold its fire in most of Gaza between 10:00 am (0700 GMT) and 5:00 pm (1400 GMT) on Monday.

The ceasefire will not apply to areas east of the southern Gaza town of Rafah, "where clashes were still ongoing and there was

Israeli military presence," according to an IDF statement. However, the Israeli army warned that should the truce be violated, the army will fire back.

On Friday, a 72-hour ceasefire collapsed after Hamas militants and Israeli forces clashed near Rafah. The two sides accused each other of breaching the truce. The Palestinian death toll in Israel's ongoing military operation, which started on 8 July, has surpassed 1,800, while the Israeli side has confirmed the death of 64 Israeli soldiers and three civilians.

Israel launched its offensive on 8 July following a surge in Hamas rocket salvos. It escalated from air and naval barrages to overland incursions centred on Gaza's tunnel-riddled eastern frontier but also pushing into densely populated towns.—Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 5 August, 2014

Competition benefits all

By Myint Win Thein

With reforms in Myanmar, the government has opened up the market and the country has become the last frontier market for foreign companies. All these companies will compete here and this will surely

benefit the people. Without competition, people have to put up with low quality services.

Competition in the telecommunication sector will benefit all the people in Myanmar, where there was only one phone operator, MPT, which provides poor quality services and sold SIM cards at a very high price. Now, Ooredoo officially launched its SIM cards in Yangon on 2 August and Telenor will launch its SIM cards in September. They announced higher quality services at lower prices. As a result, MPT is thinking about lowering its call charges and enhancing the quality of its services. It also has to form a joint-venture with Japanese KDDI to improve its services.

All these phone operators will try to provide highest quality services in the future.

Other service sectors should also follow the telecommunication sector which has shown the best example of the benefit of competition. People of Myanmar still have no choice, but poor quality services in other sectors. Everyone deserves the highest quality services.

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The Visionary Leadership

Kyi Mun

Three Types of Leaders

There are many ways to lead, and indeed, we are influenced by some people even centuries after they are gone. Some leaders are teachers, who are rule breakers and value creators; some are heroes, responsible for great causes and noble works; and some are rulers, motivated principally to dominate others and exercise power. Consider how the ideas and deeds of the teachers, heroes, and rulers in Table I-1 have influenced the world.

Table I-1	Teacher	Hero	Ruler
Types of Leaders	Aquinas	Columbus	Alexander
in History	Aristotle	Curie	Charlemagne
	Augustine	da Vinci	Elizabeth I
	Buddha	Darwin	Frederick II
	Confucius	Edison	Genghis Khan
	Jesus	Einstein	Hitler
	Lao-tzu	Ford	Isabella I
	Luther	Galileo	Julius Caesar
	Marx	Gutenberg	Louis XIV
	Moses	Hippocrates	Mao Tse-tung
	Mohammed	Michelangelo	Napoleon
	Paul	Newton	Ramses II
	Plato	Pasteur	Saladin
	Rumi	Shakespeare	Washington
	Socrates	Watt	Yoritomo

Nine Key Areas of Leadership

The successful leader must master the art of leadership, with its nine key areas for success. If people cannot decide which course of action to take or if they are not making satisfactory progress along a chosen path, breakdown occurs. Breakdown can be traced to deficiency in one or more of these areas:

Leadership variables - understanding the influence of qualities of leaders, characteristics of followers, and the nature of situations.

The power of vision - establishing a clear and compelling direction and a plan to succeed.

The importance of ethics - leading by moral principles, goodness of character, and personal courage.

The empowerment of people - fostering a high-performance culture through participative leadership and service to others.

Leadership principles - demonstrating human relations skills, managing morale, and developing a winning team.

Understanding people - comprehending human motivation, the art of persuasion, and the value of diversity.

Multiplying effectiveness - using delegation skills and dealing effectively with different kinds of people.

Developing others - understanding the role of the leader as teacher, helping people through change, and developing adaptive capacity.

Performance management - achieving organization success through personal humility, fierce resolve, and sustained discipline.

Ref : The Art of Leadership
by Manning Curtis

Visionary Leadership and Goals

You start by breaking down the vision into the series and/or sequence of goals necessary for attainment.

To create your own vision chart, as in Figure 4-3, you need to determine:

1. Which goals will move you closer to your vision ?
2. Who will be responsible for executing those goals ?
3. When are the completion dates for each goal and reaching the vision ?
4. What resources will your team members need ?

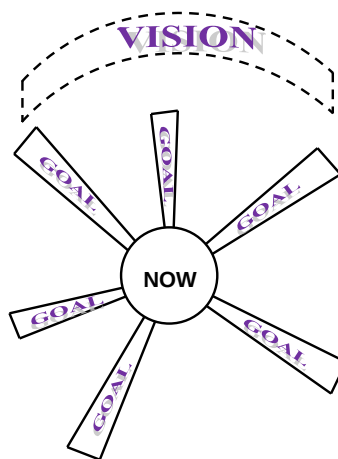


Fig: Goals that are not vision-directed.

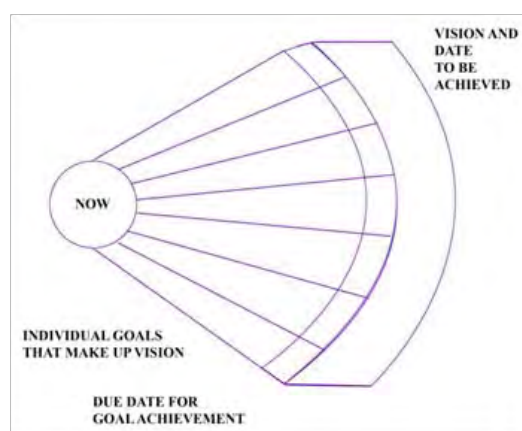


Fig:4-3 Goals and vision alignment.

Source : Leadership When The Heat's On by Danny Cox with John Hoover

Visionary Leadership and Corporate Culture

An organization's culture is the manifestation of its sustained accomplishments including its beliefs and values, attitudes and behaviors, skills and knowledge, concepts and ideas. To continually raise the levels of an organization's culture is one of the most important tasks of the transformational leaders who have got to be good role models.

The Ten Characteristics of an Organization's Culture

1. Vision, Values & Strategy
2. Innovation and Risk Taking
3. Total Quality Focus
4. Customer-Focus
5. Results-Oriented
6. People-Oriented

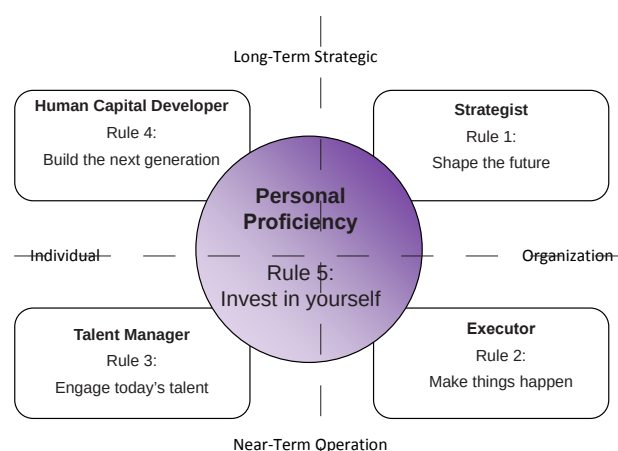
7. Team-Oriented
8. Strategic Concentration & Offensive
9. Growth & Consolidation
10. CSR-Oriented

Source : Management by

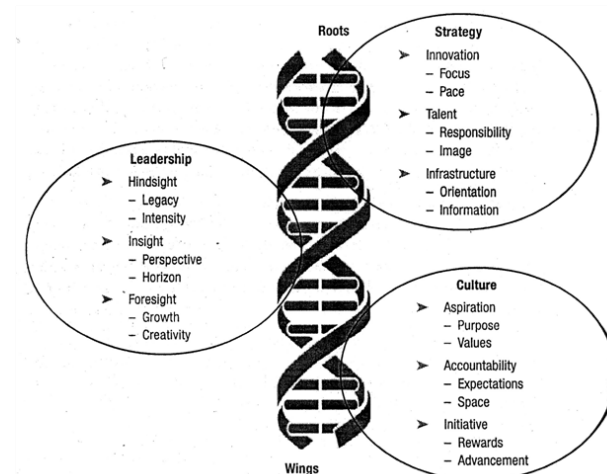
Stephen J. Robbins and Mary Coulter

The Visionary Leadership and the Five Rules

The Leadership Code



Please carefully study the Leadership Code and the Five Rules, and meticulously compare them with the following:



Source : The AMA Handbook of Leadership by Marshall Goldsmith John Baldoni Sarah McArthur

(To be continued)

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (4-8-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K668,800 per tical: Selling K669,500

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K668,500 per tical: Selling K669,200

FE RATE

USD Buying K969 - Selling K974

SGD Buying K775 - Selling K782

Euro Buying K1295 - Selling K1310

LOCAL NEWS

Ancient Tamok Shinpin Shwegugyi Pagoda, a wonderful destination for pilgrims, visitors

KYAUKSE, 4 Aug—Tamok Shinpin Shwegugyi Pagoda located near Kyaungpangon, Nyaungbinzauk and Ngetoe villages in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region is decorated with Myanmar handicrafts of Bagan and enshrined with ancient Buddha images.

The pagoda is attracting pilgrims and visitors for their observation daily.

At present, Taungpyone festival is being held in Madaya Township. The visitors to Taungpyone festival also pay homage to the Tamok Shinpin Shwegugyi Pagoda.

The pagoda was built

by King Anawrahta who established the first Myanmar Empire from 1044 to 1077 AD centring at Bagan. At first, the Tamok Shinpin Shwegugyi Pagoda was constructed as a one-storey temple. Due to deterioration, the pagoda was rebuilt as a two-storey temple with Myanmar handicraft decorations by King Narapati Sithu (1174-1211 AD).

In the time of King Uzana, the new pagoda covered the ancient pagoda, ordination hall and Buddha image as new pagoda in 684 Myanmar Era. After the Pinya era had collapsed, the buildings con-



structed in its era gradually came into deterioration.

Last 25 years ago,

Sayadaw Ashin Candobhasa of Maha Gandayon Monastery of Amarapura

Township from Mandalay Region cleared the site of ancient pagoda and found

the damaged pagoda parts.

Under the permission of the Archaeology Department, the disciples and the monk continued clearing the mound of ancient pagoda and found ancient Myanmar handicrafts and Buddha images.

Thanks to all-out efforts of Myanmar handicraft expert Tampawady U Win Maung, the building with the works of Pyu era and urns were unearthed from the northern wing of the pagoda.

Researchers, pilgrims and visitors are very interested in wonderful ancient artifacts from the pagoda.—Nanda Min Lwin

People need to nurture planted saplings for thriving

MOHNYIN, 4 Aug—As part of efforts to green the township, the monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in the compound of Mohnyin Degree College in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State on 1 August.

Commander of No 904 Artillery Control Command Brig-Gen Thet Lwin, senior military officers, Deputy Commissioner of the district U Aung Soe Moe, departmental personnel, faculty members and students, local authorities and people totalling 550 participated in tree growing ceremony.

The Staff Officer of the Township Forest Department explained the advantages for growing trees to green the township and to prevent climate change. Next, they planted 550 sap-



lings at the ceremony.

“Growing trees is the best idea. But, it is not actual activity. In fact, it is necessary to nurture the planted saplings to have thriving

forever. Yearly, hundreds of thousands of saplings are grown across the nation. However, small forests cannot be seen anywhere due to lack of nurturing and

conserving the trees. All the people should reform their mindsets to avoid the work show activity,” said local people.

NLM-001

Implementation of policing process discussed in Hpa-an

HPA-AN, 4 Aug—A workshop on role of Myanmar police force in implementation of the Third Wave process took place at Hsinbyushin Hall of Kayin State Police Force in Hpa-an on 31 July.

Chief Justice of Kayin State U Saw San Lin, Commander of Kayin State Police Force Police Col Sein Lwin, MPs of Kayin State Hluttaw, departmental officials and police officers participated in the discussions.

A group led by Commander of Hpa-an District Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Min Aung discussed the topic on security and rule of law, Hlaingbwe Township Constituency of

Kayin State Hluttaw MP U Min Aung Lin and party, the implementation of the community-based policing process, member of Hpa-an Township Development Supportive Committee U Tin Aye, the drug elimination, Head of State Directorate of Road Administration U Aung Naing reduction of traffic accidents, Kayin State Judicial Officer U Khin Maung Tun the investigation of cases and rapid process for prosecution and Deputy Head of State Immigration and National Registration Department U Saw Tint Lwin the prevention against religious related riots.

Tun Tun Htwe
(Hpa-an)

Health talks, health care activities performed



ZEYATHIRI, 4 Aug—The same age health talks, jointly organized by Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Women's Affairs Organization and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area Health De-

partment, took place at Basic Education Primary School in Ywathitgyi Village of Zeyathiri Township on Sunday afternoon.

The talks placed emphasis on personal hygiene

of children, sanitation at school and home and health care activities.

Head of Nay Pyi Taw Health Department Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi and Chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw WAO Daw Myat Myat Moe distributed vitamins and cereal snacks to older persons. Chairman of Township WAO Daw Hla Hla Win presented iodized salt and eggs to pregnant women.

After the talks, officials of Township MCWA sent two mothers of under five children to Myitta Sanyay clinic of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central).

Min Min Latt (Physics)



Deputy Commissioner U Hla Myo of Thandwe District and officials view spraying for prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever in Thandwe of Rakhine State on 2 August.—DISTRICT IPRD

Lebanese army tries to expel Syria-linked militants from border town

BEIRUT, 4 Aug — Lebanese soldiers traded fire with Islamist gunmen and shelled areas around the border town of Arsal on Sunday aiming to roll back the biggest incursion by militants into Lebanon since Syria's civil war began.

Security officials said 13 Lebanese soldiers had died in the fighting, which erupted after Islamists seized a police station following the arrest of one of their leaders on Saturday—an attack that army chief General Jean Kahwaji said was premeditated.

“What happened is far more dangerous than some believe,” Kahwaji told reporters in Beirut, saying the arrested commander had admitted to planning a large attack against army positions.

“The terrorist attack which occurred yesterday was not an attack by chance or coincidence. It was planned previously, a long time ago, awaiting the appropriate time,” he said.

An unknown number of militants and civilians, possibly dozens, were also killed in the fighting. More than a dozen members of Lebanon's security forces were taken captive, while some 15 soldiers are also missing, security sources said.

Security officials say the gunmen in Arsal include fighters linked to the Islamic State, an al-Qaeda offshoot that has seized



Lebanese army soldiers sit on top of an armoured vehicle near the entrance leading to Arsal on 3 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

territory in Syria and Iraq, as well as Syria's al-Qaeda branch, the Nusra Front.

Bombardment of the area prompted a large number of the tens of thousands of refugees sheltering in the area to flee, residents said. Entire refugee families abandoned their shelters as fires broke out in the camps, Syrian activists in the area said. Television images showed plumes of black smoke rising from the mountainous area around the town.

“They're shelling from all directions,” said Qassem Al-Zein, a Syrian doctor at the field hospital in Arsal, adding that the hospital had recorded 17 civilians

killed so far, including refugees hit by the shelling. The wounded numbered 150, up to 15 of whom were militants, he said.

Lebanon, a Mediterranean country of about 4 million people that borders Israel, has struggled with the shockwaves of Syria's three-year-old conflict, whose sectarian dimensions echo those of its own 1975-90 civil war.

Suicide attacks, car bombs, gun battles, kidnappings and rocket fire have plagued Lebanon. But the confrontation in Arsal has been the biggest direct clash between its army and rebels fighting to overthrow Syria's President Bashar al-Assad.

Reuters

Russia staging military exercises near Ukraine

Moscow, 4 Aug — Russia announced new military exercises involving bombers and fighter jets on Monday in a show of strength near the border with Ukraine.

An air force spokesman was quoted by *Interfax* news agency as saying more than 100 planes and helicopters would take part in the manoeuvres from Monday until Friday in its central and western districts.

The spokesman, Igor Klimov, said the exercises were the first in a series to improve coordination in the military and made no mention of Ukraine, where pro-Russian rebels are fighting Ukrainian government forces.

The move is likely to alarm Western powers which have accused Russia of beefing up the number of troops along its border with Ukraine and arming the rebels in eastern Ukraine.

Moscow denies supplying the rebels with weapons.

Klimov said aircraft such as *Su-27* and *MiG-31* fighter jets, Russia's newest frontline bomber *Su-34*, and *Mi-8*, *Mi-24* and *Mi-28N* helicopters would be used in the exercises and the aircraft would conduct missile practice.

The aircraft will be testing “aircraft weapons on land and air targets on new ranges, and will be conducting real

and electronic launches of anti-aircraft missiles in Ashuluk (Astrakhan region in southern Russia) which is specifically designed to aide the coordination between aviation and anti-missile defence”, he was quoted as saying.

Russia's Defence Ministry could not immediately be reached for comment.

Fighting in eastern Ukraine has intensified, with Kiev stepping up a campaign to squeeze rebels in their two main strongholds of Donetsk and Luhansk after the West accused the rebels of shooting down a Malaysian airliner last month. An official from Russia's FSB security service in the Rostov region, just across the border from Ukraine, was quoted as saying more than 400 Ukrainian troops had asked for asylum in Russia.

“During the night 438 Ukrainian soldiers asked Russian border guards about asylum,” *Itar-Tass* news agency quoted Vasily Malayev as saying. The West criticised Russia for staging earlier military exercises near Ukraine. In March, Russia sent 8,500 artillery personnel to the border, armed with Grad (Hail), Hurricane and Tornado multiple-rocket launchers, for exercises.

Reuters

Ukrainian army steps up attacks on rebel-held Donetsk

DONETSK, (Ukraine), 4 Aug — Pro-Russian separatists battled on Sunday to keep advancing Ukrainian government forces at bay in heavy fighting on the outskirts of Donetsk, the rebels' main stronghold in eastern Ukraine.

Shelling by Ukrainian troops, some of them in sunflower fields outside the large industrial city, killed six people over the weekend, city officials said, as well as setting buildings ablaze and leaving shell craters in roads.

The army has all but encircled the other main rebel redoubt of Luhansk, where three civilians were killed in the latest fighting, and is trying to tighten the noose around Donetsk.

Fighting has intensified since the downing of a Malaysian airliner in rebel-held territory on 17 July and, with each side blaming the other for the deaths of the 298 crew and passengers, relations between Russia and the West are deteriorating rapidly.

British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond appealed to Russian President Vladimir Putin to persuade the rebels to end the conflict and to ensure they do



Ukrainian army tanks move past a checkpoint as they patrol the area near eastern Ukrainian town of Debaltseve on 3 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

not hinder international experts trying to recover human remains from the plane's wreckage.

“It is an unspeakable abomination that, two weeks after this

crash, there are still bodies on the crash site unrecovered and the Russians have not used their influence with the separatists,” Hammond told the Sunday Tele-

graph newspaper.

“I said last week that there is one man who can snap his fingers and make this happen and he hasn't done so. He must now do

so,” Hammond said, urging Putin to cut off arms to the rebels and “stop destabilizing and interfering” in Ukraine.

Putin denies arming the rebels or trying to orchestrate events in Ukraine since the ousting of a president sympathetic to Moscow in February. He accuses the West of attempting to ‘contain’ Russia, using a Cold War-era phrase to suggest the United States wants to reduce Moscow's global influence.

A military spokesman in the Ukrainian capital Kiev told a briefing the army had now recaptured three-quarters of the territory the rebels once controlled in their self-proclaimed ‘people's republics’ of Luhansk and Donetsk.

But Russia has firm control of the Crimea peninsula it annexed in March and the separatists are putting up fierce resistance in the last two big cities they hold in the east.

A Reuters reporter in central Donetsk heard shelling through the night and saw the smoke from burning buildings in the outlying Petrovsky district drifting as far as the city center.—Reuters

HEALTH & BUSINESS

In Liberia's capital, fear of Ebola hampers official response

MONROVIA, 4 Aug — Health workers turned up in Monrovia's Clara Town district on Sunday to remove two bodies of possible victims of the Ebola virus, four days after they dropped dead there when nobody would take them to hospital.

At a swampy field elsewhere in the Liberian capital, the health ministry ordered 100 graves to be dug for victims of the deadly tropical virus, but only five shallow holes partly filled with water had been prepared by Saturday evening.

Monrovia's overcrowded and understaffed Elwa Hospital has had to turn away Ebola cases this week, a scenario exacerbated by the withdrawal of some international staff following the infection of two US health workers here.

One of them has arrived for treatment in the United States and the second is due to follow on an overnight flight on Monday.

Strong resistance like this from workers too afraid to handle infected corpses or communities opposed to burying them nearby has slowed down stretched West African governments as they seek to control the worst Ebola outbreak in

history.

The Ebola virus has killed 227 people so far in Liberia and at least 826 people in the region, according to the World Health Organization.

Nema Red, a resident of Clara Town, said the two men who lay dead in the street for days had shown symptoms of Ebola such as bleeding and vomiting.

"They started seeking help from the community to take them to the hospital, but community members ran for their lives ... they both gave up and dropped dead on the ground in the streets of Clara Town," she said, saying they lay there four days.

Information Minister Lewis Brown confirmed the bodies had been collected but said they had only been there for a few hours. "They have been removed," he said, adding their houses would be fumigated and relatives placed under surveillance.

Ebola, which is fatal in more than half of cases in the current outbreak, is transmitted by direct contact with the blood or fluids of the infected, including the dead.

Monrovia's first burial site for 30 bodies, in the poor township of Johnsonville, was abandoned by health workers after the



A Samaritan's Purse medical personnel demonstrates personal protective equipment to educate volunteers on the Ebola virus in Liberia, in this undated handout photo courtesy of Samaritan's Purse.—REUTERS

land owner refused to sell the land to bury Ebola victims.

A few of the corpses were left floating in body bags in pools of water, which led to complaints from the residents.

A local man, Bill Marshall, said residents had not been consulted before the cemetery was created. "Ebola, we don't know where it came from and we don't know its effect," he

said. "The grave will give us Ebola, it will kill us."

At a second site, an angry crowd gathered, shouting at health workers dressed in white protective suits who sought to appease them by handing out Ebola information flyers.

"You will have to kill us first," shouted one group.

Soldiers from the Liberian army with shields and bulletproof vests ar-

rived on the scene shortly afterwards. A source in the health ministry said the bodies were finally buried overnight with the help of around 40 additional workers.

The government says that high levels of mistrust and resistance from local communities justifies a series of strict new measures designed to control the outbreak.

Liberia plans to close

schools and consider quarantining some communities as part of an action plan outlined this week by President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf.

In a crisis meeting on Sunday attended by the president, officials decided that the names of those in contact with suspected Ebola cases would be shared with airport and security authorities to restrict their movements.

Reuters

Cuban scorpions help fight cancer



HAVANA, 4 Aug — Venom from a scorpion endemic to Cuba, "Rophaeus juncus," is being used by Cuban scientists as an effective weapon to fight cancer.

The venom, with analgesic, anti-inflammatory and anti-tumor properties, is the active ingredient in homeopathic medicine "Vidatox 30 CH," which can be used to treat breast, liv-

er, brain, prostate, lung and other cancers.

The treatment has been successfully used for more than four years in humans after being first tested in biological models.

Labiofam, a Cuban laboratory, has breeding centres for both the Red Scorpion and Blue Scorpion.

Each month, some 30,000 scorpions in Las

Minas town, 270 km east of Havana, undergo a stimulation process, in which they receive a 20-millivolt electric stimuli to remove the venom. After two years, the scorpions are released back into their natural habitat.

Denyer Sanchez, a biologist from Labiofam, explained that the conditions of captivity are tailored for reproduction, proved by the high number of breeding female scorpions.

"When the offspring, which we call nymphs, becomes able to live in the environment, we release them because they do not have the necessary size yet to remove their venom," said Sanchez.

Sanchez also said that there is still much to research on the exploitation process of scorpions, such as female mortality or the

capacity to survive of the released specimens.

Cuban research on the scorpion's venom began at the end of 1980s in Guantanamo Province, the island's eastern tip, where a group of biologists and doctors became interested in the stories told by the peasants about the venom's benefits.

The first revelation was made by Cuban biologist Misael Bordier, one of the first researchers. In 2001, Bordier visited Mexico's National Autonomous University (UNAM) and presented the research progress in a professional journal.

Bordier died in 2005, one year before Cuba's Industrial Property Office granted Labiofam the rights to exploit the patent related to "Rophaeus juncus" venom.—Xinhua

Japan's July monetary base at fresh record high

TOKYO, 4 Aug — Japan's monetary base grew 42.7 percent in July from a year earlier to 243.11 trillion yen, reaching a fresh record high on the Bank of Japan's aggressive monetary easing to boost the economy, data released by the central bank showed on Monday.

The average daily balance of the money that the BOJ provides to the economy, such as cash in circulation and the balance of current account deposits held by financial institutions at the bank increased for the 27th straight month.

The balance of cur-

rent account deposits, or the sum of money those institutions can use freely, rose 84.8 percent to 152.19 trillion yen as the BOJ purchases from the lenders massive amounts of Japanese government bonds and other financial assets as part of the monetary easing, introduced in April 2013.

The average daily balance of the monetary base reached a record high for the 17th consecutive month. The BOJ aims to raise the amount to 270 trillion yen by the end of the year.

Kyodo News

Japan, China seek to hold summit at APEC in November: media

TOKYO, 4 Aug — Japan and China are trying to arrange two-way talks between their leaders at a summit of APEC leaders in November in Beijing, in a bid to mend ties strained over a territorial spat and wartime history, the *Nikkei* business daily said on Monday.

Such a move would mark a shift in stance by China, which has shrugged off a call by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for a summit at the APEC meeting.

Chinese President Xi Jinping expressed his desire to mend relations between Asia's two major powers during a meeting with former Japanese prime minister Yasuo Fukuda, who visited China late in July on a "stealth mission" to broker a rapprochement, the paper said, citing sources from both sides.

During the meeting, Fukuda conveyed Abe's call for dialogue, while Xi voiced concern over bi-



Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo

lateral relations and expressed a positive stance to resolve the diplomatic deadlock, the paper said.

Xi probably referred to conditions for a breakthrough, the paper said, without elaborating, but added that China had previously refused a summit unless Abe made concessions on the territorial spat and his visit to a war shrine in Tokyo.

Abe has yet to meet Chinese

leaders since he returned to power late in 2012, as relations cooled over disputed islands in the East China Sea and Abe's visit to the Yasukuni Shrine, which China sees as a symbol of Japan's past militarism.

Fukuda, who has retired from parliament, could not be reached for comments. Fukuda, whose father oversaw a key friendship treaty in 1978, is seen as a key conduit to China.

Japan has been locked in a territorial dispute with China over a group of East China Sea islets, known as the Senkaku in Japan and the Diaoyu in China. Ships of both nations frequently shadow each other around the islands, raising fears of a clash.

Tension escalated after China declared an air defence zone in the area last November, a move that also sparked concern from the United States and South Korea.

Reuters



A woman kisses the horse of "Cavalia" at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, on 4 Aug, 2014. "Cavalia" is going to be shown on 12 August.—XINHUA

Billions of dollars in deals and funding to be announced at Africa summit



A street vendor holds mannequins wearing clothes depicting the US national flag in the streets of Abidjan on 3 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — The United States will announce nearly \$1 billion in business deals, increase funding for peacekeeping and commit billions of dollars to expanding food and power programmes in Africa during a summit this week, US and development officials say.

US officials said the August 4-6 summit in Washington of nearly 50 African leaders hopes to showcase US interest in the fast-growing region through a series of government-private partnership deals to boost trade and investment.

The spread of the deadly Ebola virus in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone is also a reminder of the vast development needs that persist in some of the region's poorest countries, despite rapid their rapid economic growth and investment.

Administration officials have played down questions over

whether the summit is in response to China's growing presence in the region. Instead, they have emphasized that American interests go beyond Africa's oil and minerals, where China is focused.

"You will see a series of announcements on agriculture and food, and power and energy," Rajiv Shah, the administrator of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), told *Reuters*. "We will make big announcements that demonstrate these are big ambitions we can take on with our African partners and the private sector."

Shah said there will be new support for Power Africa, a privately funded program launched by President Barack Obama last year to install 10,000 megawatts of new generation capacity and connect 20 million new customers across Africa by 2018.

Reuters

German magazine reports Israel spied on Kerry last year



US Secretary of State, John Kerry

BERLIN, 4 Aug — German magazine *Der Spiegel* reported on Sunday that Israel and at least one other intelligence agency were listening in on US Secretary of State John Kerry's unsecured phone calls last year when he was holding nearly daily negotiations for peace with various leaders in the Middle East.

The magazine cited "several sources from intelligence circles" as saying that although Kerry has a secure phone at his mansion in

Georgetown, while he was traveling and needed to make a quick phone call, he sometimes used an ordinary telephone that the intelligence agencies listened in on.

"A large number of these conversations, which went via satellite, were listened to by at least two intelligence agencies, including the Israelis," the magazine wrote. "It is probable that the Russians and Chinese were also listening in."

Reuters



The final steel beam was installed on Shanghai's tallest building on Sunday, on 3 Aug, 2014, with the skyscraper reaching its designed height of 632 metres. The 137-story Shanghai Tower in Lujiazui financial and trade zone in the city's Pudong New Area is expected to open in the middle of next year. The landmark building will include offices, commercial space, a five-star hotel, exhibition and conference halls and recreational facilities.—XINHUA

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Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 5th August, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region, Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Bago and Yangon Regions, Kayin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Five killed in light aircraft crash in northeast Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Aug — Five people were killed on Sunday when a light aircraft crashed against a house in Balsas municipality, in Brazil's northeastern state of Maranhao, the Brazilian Fire Brigade said.

The five people were passengers of the Embraer-720 aircraft, which crashed on Sunday early morning when flying from Balsas, the capital of Maranhao, to Teresina, the capital of Piaui state.

The aircraft fell shortly after takeoff. The victims are an 87-year-old woman who was taken from a hospital in Balsas to another in Teresina, the old woman's daughter and her grandson, the pilot and his wife.

The aircraft fell over a house where four people were sleeping but no one was injured.—Xinhua

Safety violations at China auto factory led to dust blast

HONG KONG, 4 Aug — Chinese officials have blamed the chairman of a car parts factory in eastern China and local regulators for safety breaches that led to the most deadly industrial accident in a year, the official Xinhua news agency reported on Monday.

The blast at the Kunshan Zhongrong Metal Products Co Ltd factory in the city of Kunshan on Saturday killed at least 75 people and injured 185.

A preliminary investigation suggested the blast was triggered by a flame lit in a dust-filled room, local government officials said. Dust can be highly explosive when it is suspended in air in the right concentrations, and is true even of materials such as aluminium and iron that don't typically burn.

Kunshan Zhongrong, which polishes aluminium wheels for automakers including General Motors Co (GM.N), failed to properly store dangerous goods, did not have appropriate ventilation or dust removal systems, and had a substandard

electrical system, according to the government investigation cited by Xinhua.

The factory also ignored prior warnings about dust, did not have appropriate fire safety equipment and did not provide safety training for workers, according to the report.

A senior official in charge of China's work safety administration called the situation a "very serious dereliction of duty," Xinhua reported.

Neither Kunshan officials nor executives from Kunshan Zhongrong could be reached for comment.

General Motors said on Sunday that it had asked its main Chinese supplier to find an alternative source of components after the explosion.

The Detroit automaker issued a statement saying it bought components from a company called "Dicast-al" — which Zhongrong works with. GM went on to say it had no direct dealings with Zhongrong, which it described as a "Tier-2" supplier.

A GM spokeswoman



Chinese State Councilor Wang Yong (2nd L) visits people injured in a blast accident at the Third People's Hospital in Wuxi City, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 3 Aug, 2014. —XINHUA

in Shanghai said she had no information on whether GM conducts safety inspections of production facilities run by lower-tier suppliers with which they do not do busi-

ness with directly.

Xinhua said previously that two company representatives had been taken into police custody and that President Xi Jinping had de-

manded a full inquiry into what happened and punishment for those responsible.

It said on Monday that the State Council has approved a special task force

to investigate the accident and will soon carry out nation-wide inspections on plants and their dust control measures.

Reuters

Kareena Kapoor: The biggest film or the best script, no midway for me

Kareena Kapoor



MUMBAI, 4 Aug —“Take the best, leave the rest” seems to be Kareena Kapoor’s mantra for choosing films. The actress, who is said to have refused six scripts lately, says she is keen to do a few but fantastic films as there’s never a “middle way” for her.

“If the scripts were good, I would have definitely said ‘yes’. A few scripts work for some actresses, a few scripts don’t work. But, yes, my job is to choose the best script,” Kareena told IANS in an interview here.

The 34-year-old, who married actor-producer Saif Ali Khan in 2012, said: “After marriage, I want to do only one or two films at a time. I can’t do too many films. That’s my personal decision and I want people to respect that.”

“Whatever I will chose it would be according to my time frame. It should be worthy enough that I leave my home and go to work. Either it should be the biggest film of the year or it should have the best script. There is no middle way out for me at the moment.”

Wouldn’t turning down offers affect her personal equation with celebrities?

“I don’t think it affects relationships at all. It’s (a film is) an actor’s choice and one film can’t affect a relationship. In fact, if you say ‘no’ to somebody, there are chances that they will come back. After all, it’s a film! If you are not comfortable, it’s okay,” said the actress, who will now be seen in Singham Returns.

Kareena, who belongs to the famous Kapoor family of Hindi cinema, started her Bollywood career in 2000 with JP Dutta’s Refugee. She made space in the industry with entertainers like Ajnabee, Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham, Chameli, Omkara, Jab We Met, Golmaal Returns, 3 Idiots and Ra One.

The actress is clear about what she wants. In fact, on an episode of celebrity chat show Koffee With Karan, filmmaker Anurag Kashyap advised Kareena: “Don’t ask who is in the film; you should ask what is the film.” She is taking it seriously. “I am taking his advice and that’s why I am rejecting scripts because I am choosing films on the basis of scripts,” Kareena said. She, however, feels the Hindi film industry suffers from a lack of good scriptwriters. —PTI

“Guardians of The Galaxy” leads North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug — Marvel’s latest superhero film “Guardians of The Galaxy” was the master of this weekend North America box office, becoming the biggest debut on record for an August movie.

“Guardians of The Galaxy” debuted with an estimated 94 million US dollars, according to studio estimates from Rentrak. Without adjusting for ticket price inflation, “Guardians of The Galaxy” easily set a new opening record for the month of August, previously held by “The Bourne Ultimatum”, which debuted with 69 million dollars in 2007.

Also “Guardians of the Galaxy” delivered the third largest opening weekend performance of 2014 to date, behind only “Transformers: Age of Extinction” and “Captain America: The Winter Solider”. 3D grosses represented 45 percent of the film’s overall gross this weekend.

The 3D sci-fi superhero film earned 92 percent of positive critics from



Rotten Tomatoes, and first-night moviegoers gave it a collective A, according to online pollsters CinemaScore. Universal’s “Lucy” slid to in a distant second this weekend with an estimated 18.3 million dollars.

The sci-fi action film starring Scarlett Johansson was down a sharp 58 percent from last weekend.

“Lucy” earned nicely with a ten-day start of 79.6 million dollars. Universal’s “Get on Up”, the James

brown, opened in third with an estimated 14 million dollars.

It got 77 percent of positive critics from Rotten Tomatoes and a collective A on CinemaScore. —Xinhua

Tara Reid launches new ‘Shark’ perfume



Tara Reid

LOS ANGELES, 4 Aug — ‘Sharknado’ actress Tara Reid is launching a new perfume inspired by her popular shark drama whose second installment ‘Sharknado 2: The Second One’ premiered on 30 July. Aptly named ‘Shark

by Tara’, the fragrance is described as “a light and refreshing perfume perfect for day-to-day wear” on her website, reported Ace Showbiz.

The fragrance, which is kept in a classic square vial, “incorporates a pleth-

ora of ‘lavender’ coloured flowers, which is Tara’s favourite colour. It comes in three different levels of “nodes,” the website said. “We hope you all have as much fun wearing it as we did making it,” Reid wrote on the site. The perfume is

available for USD 24.95. Reid, 38, is not the only celebrity who is selling a new perfume. Actress Drew Barrymore is going to launch three fragrances, called Cherished, Radiant and Sultry, for her Flower cosmetics line. —PTI

GENERAL

RFK Jr and actress Cheryl Hines wed on Cape Cod

KANSAS CITY, 4 Aug — Robert F Kennedy Jr and actress Cheryl Hines married on Saturday evening at the Kennedy family compound at Hyannis, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, according to media reports and the designer of Hines' wedding gown.

The couple married under a tent before a cheering group of family and friends during the Kennedy family's annual reunion, according to People magazine.

Kennedy, 60, is an environmental lawyer and son of the late US Senator Robert F Kennedy Hines, 48, is an actress and writer on the HBO series "Curb Your Enthusiasm." A fans' website for Hines provided links to media accounts of the wedding, and the designer of



RFK Jr and actress Cheryl Hines

her gown, Romona Keveza, announced the wedding on her company Facebook

page on Saturday. Hines and Kennedy were introduced on a ski trip in Utah, and

the marriage is her second and his third, according to People.—Reuters

Hudson to be named New Zealand coach

WELLINGTON, 4 Aug — Englishman Anthony Hudson is set to be announced as the new coach of New Zealand's national soccer team after walking out on Bahrain last week, local media reported on Monday.

The 33-year-old's departure left Bahrain's preparations for January's Asian Cup in disarray and the Gulf state's football association

said on Friday they would challenge his exit through the courts.

New Zealand Football had hoped to appoint Hudson as Ricki Herbert's successor last week but were forced to delay their announcement. They have called a news conference for Tuesday.

Herbert, who had eight years at the helm, stepped down after the 'All Whites'

lost a two-legged playoff to Mexico 9-3 on aggregate and failed to reach this year's World Cup finals.

Unlike neighbours Australia, who moved to the Asian Football Confederation in 2006, New Zealand have stuck with the Oceania region, which offers easier opponents but no automatic berths for the World Cup finals. Hudson, born in the United States when his former England midfielder father Alan was playing for the Seattle Sounders, was described as a "young Jose Mourinho" by Harry Redknapp after working under the now Queens Park Rangers boss at Tottenham.

He got his first head coaching job at senior level in 2011 with Welsh non-league club Newport County,

where he lasted just five months before being sacked.

He moved to Bahrain to work with the under-23 side under fellow-Englishman Peter Taylor in 2012 and led the team to the title at the 2013 Gulf Cup of Nations.

After taking over the senior team in August 2013 he helped them qualify for the Asian Cup as group winners and signed a new contract through to 2016 earlier this year.

Adrian Whitbread, who had been coaching Bahrain's Olympic team, will take charge of the senior side for a two-week training camp in Spain later this month, the Bahrain FA said in a statement.

The 2015 Asian Cup takes place from 9-31 January in Australia.—Reuters



Anthony Hudson

"China Joy" attracts 70,000 gamers over weekend

SHANGHAI, 4 Aug — "China Joy" 2014 has opened at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre, bringing over 700 games from all over the world, under one roof. Although it rained heavily in Shanghai over the weekend, the enthusiasm of game aficionados has not been dampened. A record breaking 70,000 people swarmed to the venue on Saturday. Lines hundreds of metres long, under a rainy sky. The passion of these gamers is burning high. And

many of them, with cameras dangling from their necks, want to capture the moment.

"The People, the venue, everything," said one visitor.

"I came to see new games, and beautiful girls," said another visitor.

This venue for interactive entertainment occupies an area larger than ten soccer fields, with over 1,000 games on display. The organizer has also prepared 1,500 game machines for free try-outs, and all of them have long lines. "I like to play kinect

games. I can play this one with my husband and my baby," said a gamer.

The expo is also a chance for mobile app providers to showcase their latest designs. Tencent has launched "myapp.com", and Rolling Stone will cooperate with Clouday and Disney, as it marches into the booming industry. Kongzhong is also offering its military-themed game, with a platform for gamers from home and abroad to battle together.

Meanwhile, new com-

petitors are putting much pressure on industry leaders. And as the dominator of China's domestic market, Perfect World is adjusting its strategy and investing in game start-ups over all the world.

"If they succeed, we can buy them and bring them under our flag. If they succeed even more, they can go public or be sold to other companies. We benefit either way," said Xiao Hong, from Perfect World company.

Xinhua



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* Sarah Special....: A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-4)

* World News

* In The Studio: May Phyu Phyu

Serena announces return to form with Stanford win

LONDON, 4 Aug — Serena Williams showed she has made a full recovery from recent health issues by beating Angelique Kerber 7-6(1), 6-3 in the final of the Stanford Classic on Sunday.

Williams, playing in her first tournament since being forced to retire from a Wimbledon doubles match because of a viral infection, took the Stanford crown for a third time and won her fourth title overall this season.

Her return to fitness has come at just the right time with the US Open set to start on 25 August. "I have a lot of confidence going but every week is a new week and hopefully I can just try to improve," Williams, who also took the title in 2011 and 2012, told reporters.

Her latest victory was far from easy as Williams had her service broken twice in the opening set and fell behind 5-1. The 17-times grand slam champion rallied to tie the score and eventually dominate the tiebreaker 7-1. "I blinked my eye and I was down 1-5 and Angelique was playing so well," the 32-year-old said. "I tried to relax and just think about making my shots." Williams claimed a 2-0 lead in the second set and held off her German opponent the rest of the way. She fired six aces and did not face a break point in the final set. Kerber was looking for her first singles crown of the season but instead lost her fourth final of 2014. "I gave everything I could out there," Kerber said. "When she was down she started hitting the ball better. It's a special thing she has."

Reuters

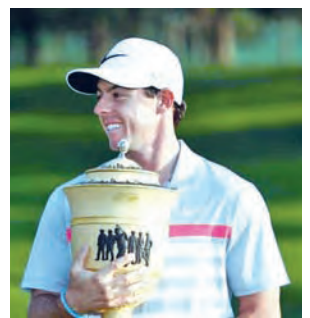


McIlroy wins Bridgestone to claim world number one ranking

CARY, (CAROLINA), 4 Aug — Rory McIlroy continued his dominating form when he won the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational by two strokes on Sunday and regained the world number one ranking, replacing Australia's Adam Scott.

McIlroy made a sizzling start to the final round with three consecutive birdies to quickly erase a three-stroke deficit and surge past Sergio Garcia at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

The Northern Irishman carded a 66 to finish at 15-under-par 265, while Spaniard Garcia (71) was second on 13-under, with Australian Marc Leishman



Rory McIlroy celebrates with the trophy following the final round of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament at Firestone Country Club — South Course.— REUTERS

(67) another shot back in third place.

Defending champion Tiger Woods pulled out of the tournament after aggravating his troublesome back, raising more questions about the playing future of the 14-times major champion. McIlroy, 25, took the world number one ranking for the fifth separate occasion, and the first since March of last year, displacing Scott, who had been on top for 11 weeks.

McIlroy, who won the British Open in his previous start two weeks ago, collected \$1.53 million for his first victory in a World Golf Championships event.

Reuters

Real Madrid confirm arrival of Costa Rica keeper, Navas



Costa Rica goalkeeper, Keylor Navas

MADRID, 4 Aug—Real Madrid confirmed the signing of Levante goalkeeper, Keylor Navas on a six-year contract on Sunday afternoon.

The Costa Rican international joins Real Madrid until 2020 after the European Champions are thought to have paid his former club around 10 million eu-

ros (13 million US dollars) for his services in a deal which ends several days of waiting for Navas who was due to return to training in Valencia on Tuesday.

Instead Tuesday will see him presented as a new Real Madrid player at 13.00 hours in the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Navas is Real Madrid's

third signing of the summer and takes the club's pre-season spending to around 130 million euros, a figure which could well increase before the start of the season if Radamel Falcao joins from Monaco. The arrival of a goalkeeper, who was one of the stars of the World Cup finals in Brazil means that either Iker Casillas or Diego Lopez will almost certainly abandon the club. Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti said on Friday that Casillas will play in the European Supercup, but added that after that he "didn't know what would happen," and that doubt will have grown after Casillas' poor display in Real Madrid's 3-1 defeat to Manchester United.

Xinhua

United's Van Persie to miss Premier League opener

LONDON, 4 Aug — Dutch striker Robin van Persie is set to miss Manchester United's opening Premier League match against Swansea City after being given an extended break after the World Cup.

Van Persie, 30, did not travel with United on their pre-season tour of the United States, and will not appear in the final friendly against Valencia at Old Trafford on 12 August, four days before their first league match. Manager Louis van Gaal said his compatriot would resume training on Monday and, having missed much of last season through injury, would not be rushed back into the team before he reached full fitness.

"When a player has

Robin van Persie of the Netherlands scores from a penalty kick during their 2014 World Cup third-place playoff against Brazil at the Brasilia national stadium in Brasilia on 12 July, 2014.

REUTERS

been on holiday for three weeks they have to train," van Gaal was reported as saying by British media.

"I'm sorry but players have to train and Robin needs a full training regime behind him before he can play again. People can criticise me for my decision



but I know what to do with players who have had three weeks' holiday.

"Hopefully, Robin will get his fitness back very fast but, for now, he won't play. Robin wants to play every game, I know that, but so do the other 30 players in the squad."—Reuters

Glasgow revels in Bolt buzz and warm glow



Jamaica's Usain Bolt poses for photographs with fans after Jamaica won the men's 4x100m relay final at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, on 2 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

GLASGOW, 4 Aug — The Glasgow Commonwealth Games proved to be much more than just 'Friendly' as Scottish culture, sport and six-times Olympic champion Usain Bolt combined to create a memorable 11-day event.

The success of the Games was assured with the golden seal of approval from Bolt, the world's most recognisable athlete, whose cameo in Jamaica's sprint relay triumph lit up Scotland's biggest city.

Inevitably, Bolt stole the show, providing one of the images of the "Friendly Games" as he returned home with a gold medal from his maiden Commonwealth appearance. The Games provided few truly jaw-dropping sporting moments, but they will be remembered for the spirit in which athletes and visitors from the 71 Commonwealth nations and territories were greeted by crowds determined to enjoy the party.

"In my view, they are the standout Games in the history of the movement," Commonwealth Games Federation chief executive Mike Hooper said.—Reuters