

Vice President holds discussions with delegation of Mizuho Bank

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug —Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Mr Nobuhide Hayashi, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mizuho Bank Ltd, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

They held discussions on cooperation to support the financial reforms of Myanmar, development of small and medium enterprises, financial services and development of financial services for the special economic zones.

Those present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw and Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein.

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Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun (centre) with a Japanese delegation led by Mr Nobuhide Hayashi, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mizuho Bank Ltd.—MNA

52 Myanmar nationals face prison sentence in Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug— The Myanmar Embassy in Malaysia was rendering assistance to 75 Myanmar citizens who had been detained at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, media has reported.

Further information revealed that 61 of the Myanmar nationals entered Malaysia with fake visas, and that 36 men and 16 women were sentenced to one-year imprisonment under the Malaysian immigration law on 12 August.

The people sentenced are reportedly allowed to lodge an appeal within 14 days, sources said.

Eight people with fake visas have been released as they are elderly people and small children.

According to Malaysian immigration officials, 12 Myanmar people with authentic visas are being kept at the detention centre at the airport as they need to appear as witnesses when three agents, two of whom hold authentic visas, are to stand trial.

Malaysian immigration officers said that the trial date has been set for 19 August and that 20 pardoned Myanmar nationals will return home at the end of this month. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs said it will coordinate and negotiate with the Malaysian government to find ways through diplomatic channels to lessen the prison term passed to the Myanmar nationals.

Myanmar officials said further investigation will be made to take action against local agencies for smuggling people out of the country.—MNA

Thilawa SEZ Holding Public Ltd. has the the largest number of shareholders in Myanmar, which is still in the process of establishing a stock exchange, with the Board of Directors introducing themselves at the first meeting of the public company.

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Directors, shareholders of Thilawa SEZ Holding Public Ltd. hold meeting for the first time

YANGON, 14 Aug— Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holding Public Limited—the largest public company that manages the first international standard special economic zone in Myanmar—held its first meeting on Thursday “to build trust between the board of directors and shareholders”, according to the Chairman of the Meeting U Win Aung.

He introduced all members of the board of directors to shareholders

at the statutory meeting of MTSEZHPL held at the National Theatre in Yangon.

Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holding Public Ltd is composed of nine companies including FMI, GLAD, MAPCO, MAGDOPL, MEICO, MSD, MTI, NDGOG and New City, with the SEZ Holding Public Limited approved by authorities on 3 May 2013. The nine companies invested K 500 billion, with the capital in-

vestment divided into 50 million shares. One share costs K 10,000 according to a private shareholder.

As 55 percent of the shares were sold to the public, the nine companies own 45 percent of the shares, according to U Win Aung.

U Set Aung, Chairman of the Management Committee for the Thilawa Special Economic Zone was optimistic about the project. He said Thilawa SEZ Holding Public

Limited is the first public company with the largest number of shareholders in Myanmar and that the SEZ, which has been completed with waste water treatment systems and environmental protection programmes, is the first special economic zone that meets international standards. He pledged to manage the special economic zone in accordance with international practices.

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Farmers need modern agricultural technology and knowledge to ensure high yields



NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — Farmers should be provided with scientifically proven farming methods and technological assistance to ensure high yields which will in turn generate more income, U Myint Hlaing told a meeting here on Thursday, describing the 'food security' as a national concern.

U Myint Hlaing, Union

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing stresses the need for farming technology at a meeting to enhance crops yield and to generate more income for farmers.—MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation, urged officials to distribute high-yield seeds to interested farmers, pointing out the importance of harvest-after-harvest visits to plantations of individual farmers in the Nay Pyi Taw council area.

Departmental officials briefed the union minister on arrangements for the distribution of quality seeds to farmers and plans for dissemination of agricultural knowledge to individual growers.

After hearing the

briefings, U Myint Hlaing stressed the need to take far sighted steps to ensure that food security meets the ever growing population as his ministry is mainly responsible for 'food security and nutrition' for the public.

Efforts should be made to help farmers enjoy proper market prices for their agricultural produce, he noted.—MNA

Heroin and opium worth K 28 million seized in Sagaing Region

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — To conduct drug raids in Sagaing Region, 45 troop members participated in the so-called Chindwin Operation in Phaungpyin of Mawlaik District and Hkamti Township of Hkamti District in Sagaing Region from

25 May to 23 June 2014.

They seized 95.244 grams of heroin in 33 cases, 11.72 kilos of opium in seven cases, 200 stimulant tablets, 1.389 kilos of raw opium in seven cases, 50.7 grams of opium oil in one case worth K28.850 million

in total, arresting 78 people involved in 49 drug-related cases.

As part of the operation, the troops also gave talks on the dangers of narcotic drugs to more than 5,000 people in the area.

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Electric safety measures taken in Thingangyun



As electric safety has been a concern in Myanmar, officials and engineers in Thingangyun Township checks power lines.

YANGON, 14 Aug — Officials and staff of Thingangyun Township from the Yangon City Electricity Supply Board introduced electric safety measures for the public on Thursday.

Township Officer U

Hla Myint, Township Engineer U Saw Thura and linemen from the township erected billboards, educating the public about the dangers of electric accidents in front of the township general administration

department office and Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital.

They installed 400-volt spacer link ropes in three sections of the electricity line along Myay Ni Street and inspected power distribution of the new 200-KVA transformer at the corner of Shweye Street and 8th Street.

Yangon City Electricity Supply Board is taking necessary measures to prevent electric accidents and to distribute electricity 24 hours.

District Officer U San Htay and District Engineer U Myo Khin of the YESB inspected the work being carried out by the staff and engineers.

Hmwe Hmwe (Thingangyun)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of U San Lwin, Director-General of the Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, on expiry of the one year probation period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Swe, Deputy Director-General of the Planning and Administrative Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as the Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assume charge of his duties.

Public Announcement for Remonstrations

1. After applying for registration as a political party to the Union Election Commission, the Democratic Party for a New Society headquartered at No. 4 in Zawana Ward on Thiriwaiba Street in Thingangyun Township of Yangon Region released a public announcement for remonstrations in newspapers issued on 21 May, 2014.
2. The party submitted an application to change its flag described hereunder to the UEC.
3. It is herewith announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the flag of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with strong evidence within seven days from the date of the announcement.

Union Election Commission



The flag of the Democratic Party for a New Society

Myanmar youth sports team to take part in 2nd Youth Olympic Games

YANGON, 14 Aug — A Myanmar sports team led by Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win left Yangon International Airport on Thursday morning for Nanjing of the People's Republic of China to take part in the 2nd Youth Olympic Games.

The Myanmar team comprised Min Thiha Kyaw, Hnin Yu Soe, Zin May Oo and Hset Naing Kyaw and six athletes who will participate in the Taolu event of the Wushu sport.

The sports team was seen off at the airport by Cultural Counsellor Mr

Wang Ruiqing of the Chinese Embassy and officials.

The Youth Olympic Games will be held from 16 to 28 August in Nanjing of China. A total of 3,008 youth athletes from 192 countries will take part in the games.

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Myanmar youth team leaving Yangon International Airport to take part in the Taolu event of the Wushu sport in the 2nd Youth Olympic Games in China.—MNA

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Cooperative efforts ensure inclusive development in the country: Union Minister



Union Minister U Hla Tun meets departmental officials to discuss peace-making process and people-centred development in Mon State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—On his tour of Mon State for undertaking regional development tasks, Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun met with locals and officials, including Mon State Chief Minister U Ohn Myint, in Mawlamyine on Tuesday.

In his speech at Aung San Hall of the Mon State government office, the Union minister pointed out that inclusive develop-

ment in the country can be brought about by cooperative efforts by all people while elaborating on the steps the government has taken as part of the Third Wave process, which lays down a sustainable foundation for democracy and will fulfill the socio-economic needs of the people through collaboration and cooperation between the Union ministries and region and state governments.

Locals in Kayin and Mon States are now seeing the results of peace efforts, he added, saying that people-centred development will be possible with cooperation of the entire people.

In his concluding remarks, the Union minister stressed the need of cooperation between all parties concerned in promoting the education and health sectors.—MNA

Union Minister U Myat Hein discusses important role of e-government system in running departmental process at 5th workshop on the e-Government project.—MNA



Myanmar prepares for border trade meeting with India

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—A preliminary coordination meeting for the Third Border Trade Meeting between Myanmar and India was held at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Officials from the Commerce and Consumers' Affairs Department, General Administration Department, Customs Department, Myanma Economic Bank, the Central Bank of Myanmar, Agriculture De-

partment, Food and Drug Administration, Livestock and Fisheries Department, Fishery Department, Forestry Department, Public Works, Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa Chamber of Commerce, Directorate of Trade, Trade

Promotion Department and Chin State Government held discussions on promotion of border trade and banking between the two countries, trade expansion, and immigration.

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Korean doctors and KOICA's volunteers provide medical services in Yangon and Toungoo

YANGON, 14 Aug—Medical teams, including eye specialists, from Seoul Namsan Lions Club of Korea led by Dr. Jin Hak Lee organized seminars and workshops on eye care and conducted eye operations

and eye treatment at Yangon Eye Hospital on 13 August 2014 and Toungoo General Hospital from 11 to 15 August 2014.

World Friends KOICA-Volunteers and officials of the Korea In-

ternational Cooperation Agency (KOICA Myanmar Office) assisted in providing medical services to the patients, sharing medical knowledge with local children in Toungoo. WFK-volunteers are Ko-

rean nationals dispatched by KOICA to offer expertise and contribute to the socio-economic development of Myanmar for two years in various fields. Currently, over 30 volunteers perform various tasks under eleven ministries.

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Mind is the forerunner of all mental states; mind is their chief, they are mind-made. If, with an impure mind, one speaks or acts, then suffering follows one even as the wheel follows the hoof of the ox (that draws a cart).

U Min Thein Zan presents Credentials to Maldivian President

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Aug—U Min Thein Zan, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Maldives, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Abdulla Yameen Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives, on 5 August 2014 in Male.—MNA

Workshop on e-Government project held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Union Minister for Communications and Information Technology U Myat Hein urged ministries' officials to cooperate in the implementation of an e-Government system under the guidelines of the President on Thursday at the 5th workshop on the e-Government project in Nay Pyi Taw.

Officials at the President Office will make

assessments during the implementation of the 20-month project and provide technical training, equipment, data and software to meet the target goal.

The Union Minister also heard reports on the progress of related projects and future plans by U Khun Oo, President of the Myanmar Computer Federation.

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Hong Kong students visit office of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Force

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug—Under a youth leadership training project, a 21-member student delegation from Hong Kong visited the office of the Anti-Human Trafficking Police Force in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday.

Commander of the force Police Brig-Gen Win Naing Tun extended greetings. Police Lt-Col Khin Maung Hla explained efforts of Myanmar to prevent trafficking in persons, followed by a Q&A session.—MNA



Commander of Anti-Human Trafficking Force Police Brig-Gen Win Naing Tun explains prevention against trafficking in persons with capability of police.—MNA

Mandalay Region donates cash and Waso robes to Sangha



MANDALAY, 14 Aug—Mandalay Region government held its 24th donation and Waso robe offering ceremony at Maha Atula Waiyan Monastery in Aungmyethazan Township on Wednesday, attended by leading members of the Sangha, Myanmar's main Buddhist organization, and Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint.

At the ceremony, the region government donated 7,880 bags of rice, 1,448 sets of robes, 63 sets of nun's habit, traditional medicine and cash, worth over K171.9 million.

The offertories were donated to members of the Sangha with sharing of merits to the congregation.

*Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*

Traffic rules announced in Thabeikkyin Tsp

THABEIKKYIN, 14 Aug—The local authorities carry out traffic rules enforcement in Mandalay to enable the local people to realize the rules and regulations issued by Mandalay Region Development Committee for their traffic safety.

Officials of Township bus-line control committee, staff of Development Af-

fairs Committee and traffic police announced the traffic rules of the Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs and distributed helmets to the bikers.

Action will be taken against the offenders under the Township Development Committee Law.

*Soe Naing Win
(Thabeikkyin)*



K127 million spent on development tasks in Haka



Workers of Township Development Affairs Committee construct gravel-filled drain along the local road in Haka of Chin State for proper flow of water in the raining season.

HAKA, 14 Aug—With the aim of developing Haka Township in Chin State, whilst preserving its ethnic characteristics, the Chin State government spent K127 million on development tasks in 2014-15 fiscal year, according to officials.

The state government built the gravel-filled conduit, gravel-filled retaining walls and drain, expansion of the road and traf-

fic blocks spending over K127 million, said Executive Officer U Aung Tun Lin of the Township Development Affairs Committee.

With the construction, local people now have smooth transport, traffic safety and proper flow of water at drains, which will also prevent landslides and erosion, authorities said.

Gay Phe-IPRD

Action to be taken against wrongly parked cars in municipal area of MCDC

MANDALAY, 14 Aug—Action will be taken against the owners of restaurants, tea shops, grocery shops and businesses for double parking of their vehicles on the road in front of their shops in the municipal area of the Mandalay City Development Committee, Secretary of MCDC U San Maung said at a press conference at the city hall on 12 August.

“Increasing population, vehicles and shops causes traffic congestions along the roads in Mandalay City. Unsystematic parking and double parking of vehicles block traffic lines in front of restaurants. So we have given educative talks on prevention of traffic congestions, and we will take action against any offender,” he said.

During the period from

March 2012 to July 2014, the MCDC has given educative talks on prevention of traffic congestions in its municipal area, he added.

According to the release of MCDC, six townships of Mandalay District have issued work licences to 729 restaurants, 801 tea shops, 566 construction material shops, 197 mobile phone shops, 475 textile shops and 45 sports grounds.

There are 654,330 motorcycles, 79,306 buses and 27,606 various vehicles in six townships of Mandalay District.

Most injuries and fatalities are caused by traffic accidents in downtown Mandalay from 6 pm to 8 pm daily, officials said.

*Min Htet Aung
(Mandalay Sub-printing House)*



Wrongly parked vehicles near Zaygyodaw Market in downtown Mandalay cause traffic congestions.

Kerry says constructive relations with China needed for regional stability

HONOLULU, 14 Aug—A constructive relationship between Washington and Beijing is necessary to maintaining regional stability despite China's behaviour in the South China Sea, US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Wednesday at the end of an eight-day trip to Asia.

In a speech in Hawaii, Kerry focused on the Obama administration's so-called pivot to Asia instead of crises engulfing Iraq, Afghanistan, Gaza and Ukraine.

Outside the East-West Centre where he gave the speech, a small group of demonstrators protested Israel's actions in Gaza.

During the speech, Kerry said President Barack Obama had asked him to redouble efforts in building relations with countries in Asia and the Pacific. In particular, those efforts would be focused on ensuring lasting economic growth, energy efficiency, regional cooperation and promoting human rights and democracy, he said.

"The United States is an Asian-Pacific nation, and we take our enduring interests there very seriously.



US Secretary of State John Kerry delivers a speech at the East-West Centre in Honolulu, Hawaii, the United States, on 13 Aug, 2014. Kerry said on Wednesday that the United States is seeking to forge a relationship with China that broadens cooperation on "common interests."—XINHUA

ly. We know that America's security and prosperity are closely and increasingly linked to the Asia-Pacific," Kerry said.

Kerry referred to tensions in the South China Sea, which was the focus of a recent summit of the 10-member Association of

Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) he attended in Myanmar.

During the conference China rebuffed efforts by Washington to rein in Beijing's assertive actions in the disputed waters.

"The United States takes no position on ques-

tions of sovereignty in the South and East China Seas, but we do care about how those questions are resolved," Kerry said. "We care about behaviour."

"We firmly oppose the use of intimidation, coercion, or force to assert a territorial or maritime claim

by anyone," he added, "and we firmly oppose any suggestion that freedom of navigation and overflight and other lawful uses of the sea and airspace are privileges granted by big states to small ones."

Washington has proposed a freeze on provoca-

tive acts in the South China Sea and urged countries to work together to solve the claims through peaceful means.

Kerry also underscored the need for more democratic reforms in some countries, emphasizing backsliding in countries such as Thailand.

"We are disturbed by the setback to democracy and hope it is a temporary bump in the road," Kerry said, urging the Thai authorities to lift restrictions on political activists and to restore civilian rule through free and fair elections.

"We will continue to promote human rights and democracy in Asia, without arrogance but also without apology," he added.

Thailand's military seized power in May after months of street protests left the country teetering on the brink of more bloodshed.

The country recently inaugurated a new national assembly dominated by military figures, in what the junta called a step toward the transition of power back to democratic government.

Reuters

DPRK urges S Korea to cancel military drill with US unconditionally

PYONGYANG, 14 Aug — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) on Thursday urged South Korea to cancel its military exercises with the United States, warning that the drill "will push the situation to the brink of a war."

Demanding unconditional cancellation of the Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) military drill scheduled for this month, DPRK also asked South Korean authorities to stop depending on foreign forces and pull down barriers that impede the nation's unity and reconciliation, the official KCNA news agency reported. This is part of a three-point proposal to Seoul issued by the Committee for the Peaceful Reunification of Korea, one day ahead of the 69th anniversary of the liberation of Korea from Japan's colonial rule from

1910 to 1945.

"South Korean authorities should roll back their policy of depending on foreign forces and settle the issue of north-south relations by the concerted efforts of the nation," the statement said. The DPRK also urged Seoul to respect all concluded agreements and take practical actions to consistently honour them, no matter who heads the administration. If these agreements are implemented in good faith, such issues as the humanitarian cause, connection of railroads and social cooperation can be satisfactorily settled, it added.

Meanwhile, the statement also asked South Korea to end slander and hostilities against each other, and to remove institutional mechanisms that block contact and exchange between north and south.—Xinhua

SEOUL, 14 Aug —

North Korea fired three short-range rockets off its east coast on Thursday, South Korea's Ministry of Defence said, shortly before Pope Francis arrived in Seoul on his first visit to Asia. The rockets were fired from multiple launchers in the North Korean port city of Wonsan and traveled 220 km (135 miles) before landing in waters east of the Korean peninsula, a defence ministry official said.

The last rocket was fired 35 minutes before Pope Francis was due to arrive at an air base in Seoul, where the pontiff started a five-day visit to South Korea.

The launches came ahead of US-South Korean military exercises scheduled to start on Monday. Seoul and Washington say the exercises are defensive

North Korea fires three short-range rockets off its east coast



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (4th R) visits the Kumsusan Palace of the Sun to pay tribute to founding President Kim Il Sung and former leader Kim Jong Il to mark the 61st anniversary of the victory of the Korean people in the Fatherland Liberation War, in this photo released by North Korea's Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) in Pyongyang on 27 July, 2014.—REUTERS

in nature but North Korea regularly protests against the drills, which it sees as a rehearsal for war.

North Korea last fired short-range rockets in late July but has since said repeatedly that the launches

are specifically designed as counter measures against those drills.

"Given that the US and the puppet forces of South Korea continue staging nuclear war exercises against us in particular, we will

take countermeasures for self-defence which will include missile launches, nuclear tests and all other programmes," a statement carried by North Korean state media last Friday said.

Reuters



National Cadet Corps students march during a rehearsal ahead of the Independence Day celebration in Calcutta, capital of eastern Indian state West Bengal on 13 Aug, 2014. —XINHUA

Cuban media hail Fidel Castro on 88th birthday

HAVANA, 14 Aug—Cuban media on Wednesday gave an extensive coverage of retired leader Fidel Castro on his 88th birthday, hailing him as a historic world figure.

From official daily *Granma* to sports news website Jit, news providers were filled with articles spotlighting Castro's achievements as a revolutionary fighter, statesman, Latin American leader and even sports promoter.

Granma carried no less than three articles on its front page on the iconic leader of the 1959 Cuban Revolution who went on to govern Cuba for some 50 years.

"Cubans and people from around the world who know of his tireless struggle for a more just humanity, have on each 13 August, one more reason to believe that a better world is truly possible," *Granma* wrote in an article on an exhibit of documentary photographs taken by Roberto Chile, who served as Castro's personal photographer for 25 years.

Taken between 2005 and 2012, the images will be on show until 13 September. In Havana, while a simultaneous exhibit in Berlin and Germany has already sold some of the prints, said gallery curator Ada Maria Pavia Arguelles.

In an article headlined "Nicolas Maduro underscores the genius of Fidel," Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro described the revolutionary leader as a "giant of history" who single-handedly kept the flame of socialism alive in Latin America. *The Cuban News Agency (ACN)* reported on the presentation of a book entitled "The shared destiny of Latin America" as a gift to Castro.

In an article titled "Homage and Inspiration," sports website Jit reported on a nationwide workshop on Castro's contribution to the development of sports in Cuba, accompanied by black-and-white photo-

graphs of young Fidel in baseball uniform swinging a bat.

In Castro's birthplace Biran, in Holguin Province, the site of his childhood home-turned-museum was renovated for the celebration. Castro retired from power in 2006 following a life-threatening intestinal infection, but he occasionally writes on world affairs for Cuban dailies and continues to receive foreign dignitaries, including most recently Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping, whom Castro called "one of the strongest and most capable revolutionary leaders I have ever met."—Xinhua

NBS will strive to keep dinar stable

BELGRADE, 14 Aug—The National Bank of Serbia (NBS) will strive to keep the dinar's exchange rate relatively stable, NBS Governor Jorgovanka Tabakovic has said.

"A major part of the economy, many Serbian citizens, as well as the state, depend on the value of the dinar and it is very significant that the NBS ensure that changes in the target inflation rate and the fluctuating exchange rate do not take place suddenly or by leaps and bounds," Tabakovic told the RTS late Tuesday.

Over the past two years it has become apparent that

this kind of predictability can be ensured when it comes to planning at both personal and business level, Tabakovic said.

The ongoing decline of the dinar is not about instability, but the usual impacts such as purchase of fuels or payment of dividends to foreign shareholders, Tabakovic said.

"Serbia is a small, open economy that is being hit by the waves of all uncertainties coming from other markets. I can guarantee that the NBS and the team that is under my leadership will do everything to ensure that there are no sudden shocks and that the



dinar's exchange rate is relatively stable," Tabakovic noted.

I am an advocate of a precautionary agreement with the IMF, which is the least expensive and the most worthwhile, she said.

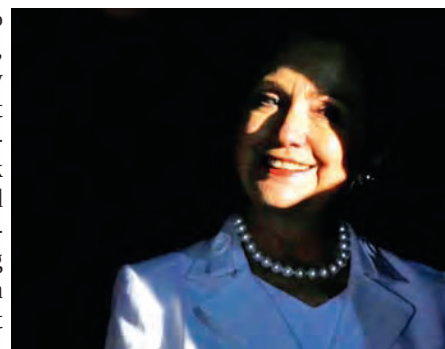
Speaking about the

measures being carried out by Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic, Tabakovic said that she, too, would recommend the same.

The NBS is doing everything "for that project to succeed," Tabakovic added.—Tanjug

Obama, Clinton to mingle on Martha's Vineyard after foreign policy spat

VINEYARD HAVEN, (Mass), 14 Aug—They may or may not hug, but President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are rubbing shoulders on Wednesday at a party on Martha's Vineyard



US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

after the former secretary of state criticized the foreign policy vision of her one-time boss.

Clinton called Obama on Tuesday to say that her comments to Jeffrey Goldberg, a writer for the *Atlantic* magazine, were not meant as an attack on the president. In the *Atlantic* interview, published on Sunday, Clinton described US policy in Syria as a failure and said Obama's doctrine of "don't do stupid stuff" is not an organizing principle for a great nation.

Her spokesman said Clinton, a potential 2016 presidential candidate, looked forward to "hugging it out" with Obama when the two attend a Wednesday evening party given by mutual friend and Washington power broker Vernon Jordan on the Massachusetts island, where the Obamas are vacationing.

Clinton is on the island to promote her book, "Hard Choices," a memoir of her time as the nation's top diplomat under Obama, who picked her for the post after besting her for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2008.

Speaking to reporters before starting to sign books, Clinton said she was "absolutely" looking forward to hugging it out with the president and said they both were committed to the values and security interests of the United States.

"We have disagreements as any partners and friends, as we are, might very well have," Clinton said.

"But I'm proud ...

that I served with him and for him, and I'm looking forward to seeing him tonight."

The White House has played down suggestions of tension between the two, although some Obama aides privately expressed annoyance over her words.

Obama and Clinton developed a rapport during her time as secretary of state and White House spokesman Eric Schultz said they are "very close friends" who are in touch regularly, both in person and on the telephone.

"They continue to agree on a broad majority of issues confronting our country, even if they have the occasional policy difference," Schultz said at a Wednesday news briefing in Edgartown.

"The president appreciates her counsel and advice, but more importantly he appreciates her friendship and that's why he's looking forward to seeing her this evening."

Both the president and his former secretary of state have good reason to maintain a positive relationship.

For Clinton, Obama's network of fundraisers and political strength with key Democratic constituencies including blacks and gays, are assets she would like to inherit if she runs for president in 2016.

For Obama, protecting his legacy will involve ensuring that a Democrat replaces him in the White House and keeps laws such as the healthcare overhaul and financial regulatory reform on the books.

Reuters

Russian PM Medvedev's Twitter account hacked

MOSCOW, 14 Aug—Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev's Twitter account has been hacked, and the words on his resignation were fake, the Russian government press service said on Thursday.

"The (latest) tweets are not true. We have been working over the problem," it told RIA Novosti news agency.

Earlier on the day, a Tweet saying "I'm going to resign, I feel ashamed of the government actions, sorry for

that" appeared on Medvedev's personal page, which has so far been reposted for more than 6,200 times.

The alleged hacker was still updating the prime minister's Twitter.—Xinhua

WORLD

Ukraine accuses Russia of cynicism over convoy; death toll rises sharply

KIEV / VORONEZH, 14 Aug — Ukraine described Russia's dispatch of an aid convoy advancing now towards its border as a cynical act designed to fan a pro-Russian rebellion the UN said on Wednesday had claimed nearly 1,000 lives, fighters and civilians, in two weeks.

Kiev declared that the convoy would not be allowed to pass; but a presidential spokesman later suggested a compromise might be found, bringing it under the control of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

"First they send tanks, Grad missiles and bandits who fire on Ukrainians and then they send water and salt," Prime Minister Arseniy Yatseniuk said of a conflict that has killed over 2,000 since mid-April.

"The level of Russian cynicism knows no bounds."

The comments reflected suspicions in Kiev and Western capitals that passage of the convoy onto Ukrainian soil could turn into a covert military action to help separatists in the Russian-speaking east

now losing ground to government forces.

Russia, which sees Russian-speakers in the east under threat from a government it considers chauvinistic, said any suggestion of a link between the convoy and an invasion plan was absurd.

The convoy of heavy trucks rumbled out of Moscow region on Tuesday and traveled some 500 km (300 miles) to the southwestern Russian town of Voronezh. There it stopped at an air base behind high fences, according to a Reuters reporter.

Several people who entered the airbase and spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity said dozens of trucks were still parked at the airbase. It was not clear whether the Voronezh convoy was the only one traveling towards Ukraine.

"The journey isn't short, of course," one truck driver interviewed on Russian Rossiya-24 television commented.

"How can I put it? It's pretty difficult. But how could we not help our Slavic brothers? We are all for



A Russian convoy of trucks carrying humanitarian aid for Ukraine drives along a road near the city of Yelets on 12 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

it." An ICRC spokeswoman in Geneva said Russia had given a "general list" of goods on its convoy to Ukrainian authorities and the ICRC, but the aid agency needed a detailed inventory.

"A number of important issues still need to be clarified between the two

sides, including border crossing procedures, customs clearance and other issues," Anastasia Isyuk said.

The list of contents on the 260-truck convoy provided by Moscow included food, water bottles and generators, she said.

The last few weeks has

seen significant government successes against rebels who have abandoned a string of towns under heavy fire. Kiev says rebel leaders, some of whom are Russians and who seek union with Russia, are receiving arms from Moscow, something the Kremlin denies.

UN human rights spokeswoman Cecile Pouilly said the estimated death toll had risen to 2,086 as of 10 Aug from 1,129 on 26 July. The figures included Ukrainian soldiers, rebel groups and civilians, but were "very conservative estimates".

Reuters

Renewed Israel, Palestinian Gaza truce off to shaky start



A Palestinian man rests inside his makeshift shelter next to the remains of his house, which witnesses said was destroyed in the Israeli offensive, during a 72-hour truce in Khan Younis the southern Gaza Strip on 13 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

GAZA / JERUSALEM, 14 Aug — Israel and the Palestinians renewed a truce that had largely tempered a five-week-old war, but the deal got off to a shaky start on Thursday with rockets from Gaza slamming into Israel and Israel retaliating with air strikes.

The Israeli military said Gaza militants breached the truce and fired eight rockets at Israel and that in response army forces targeted "terror sites" across the enclave. There were no casualties reported in any of the incidents.

Hamas denied in-

volvement in firing the rockets and accused Israel of violating the truce, extended at the last minute by another five days for the sides to work out a long term ceasefire, mediated by Egypt.

Israel had no comment on the new truce deal announced in Cairo by the Palestinians.

Hamas official Izzat Reshiq denied the Palestinians had breached the truce, and denounced Israel's air strikes as "a violation of the calm".

The halt in fighting which has killed more than 2,000 people had been set to expire at midnight on Wednesday. Bridging the gaps between Israel and the Palestinians in order to secure a permanent ceasefire have proven difficult.

Hamas and its allies want an end to the Israeli and Egyptian blockade on Gaza.

Israel and Egypt harbor deep security concerns about Hamas, the dominant

Islamist group in the small, Mediterranean coastal enclave, complicating any deal on easing border restrictions.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh told Al-Aqsa Hamas television on Wednesday that the group would insist on "lifting the Gaza blockade" and reducing movement restrictions on the territory's 1.8 million residents, as a prerequisite to a "permanent calm".

Members of the Palestinian delegation said they would return to Cairo on Saturday night to begin more talks on Sunday.

A Palestinian official with knowledge of negotiations in Cairo said Egypt had presented a new proposal for a permanent truce. Egyptian and Palestinian sources said Israel had tentatively agreed to allow some supplies into Gaza and relax curbs on the cross-border movement of people and goods, subject to certain conditions.

Reuters

6th China-built hydropower dam in Cambodia starts operation

PHNOM PENH, 14 Aug — The sixth China-built hydropower plant, located in the Koh Kong Province of southwestern Cambodia, has begun producing electricity after more than four-year construction, the China National Heavy Machinery Corporation (CHNC) said in a statement on Thursday.

CHNC started to develop the 246-megawatt Tatay River Hydropower Plant in 2010. The dam comprises three generators, each is capable to produce the power of 82 megawatts, the statement said.

"One of the generators began operation on Wednesday as the construction of the remaining two generators is still going on," it said.

"The dam's operation will contribute to developing economic activities and reducing electricity shortage in Cambodia."

The statement said

CHNC's president Lu Wenjun has recently visited the plant and commended Chinese and Cambodian engineers and workers for their efforts to construct the dam.

CHNC invested 540 million US dollars to build the dam, which is a concessional contract of a 42-year build-operate-transfer (BOT). Under the deal, the plant sells power to the state-owned Electricity of Cambodia.

China is the largest investor in building hydroelectric dams in Cambodia. According to the Cambodian Ministry of Mines and Energy, Chinese companies have invested over 1.6 billion US dollars to construct six hydroelectric dams in Cambodia with the total capacity of 928 megawatts.

So far, all six dams have come into operations.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 15 August, 2014

From brain drain to brain gain

By Kyaw Thura

Brain drain is a term referring to the loss of highly educated and learned people migrating to other countries where they think they receive what they deserve in return for their talent. In other words, it is the flow of human capital from poor countries to richer ones. Brains go where brains are.

Brain drain is seen as a serious blow to developing countries. Myanmar is not an exception. One factor that leads to the brain drain is

young people losing contact with social, economic, politic and professional developments at home.

The most important thing to do in finding a solution to this problem is to create an intellectually stimulating environment in the country. It is undeniable that educated people have been trained by the country concerned at a considerable amount of money. Properly managed, these people can make a significant contribution to the interests of their respective countries.

It is natural that everybody wants to lead an easy life. This desire should no way be interpreted as morally wrong. A glance at rich countries is enough to help understand that their ancestors had made sacrifices to bring wealth to their countries so that their posterity could enjoy prosperity. The people of today's rich countries have dual responsibility, which is to sustain and accrue the affluence accumulated.

Now is the time for our nationals working

abroad in the thought that 'the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence' to return home and work harder than ever before in tandem with intellectuals at home. Now is the time for our nationals everywhere to come together to make the grass greener at home.

All things are possible as long as our nationals are determined to beaver away at pushing our country ahead with its democratic reforms.

One thing for sure, however, is that the problem of brain drain will remain unsolved for any nation failing to pay due respect to its intellectuals.

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The Mystic Land and the Never-Ending Interconnectedness...

Sonu Trivedi

The lust and desire for the 'mystic' land of Myanmar arouses from the never-ending inter-connectedness that this exotic place has with the Indian subcontinent. Though the historical and cultural linkages abound our mythologies and contemporary literature but this boundless relationship of the past should not be compromised in the light of the current realities. The amazing zeal of the early Buddhists from India having laid the foundation for this inexhaustible association between the two countries is eternal. Besides the shared cultural and historical roots, the country has much to offer. The traditional relation of friendship and cooperation between the two countries could be deepened and intensified further to each other's mutual benefit. Since both the nations share a common thread of cultural ancestry, Myanmar may have to learn a lot in modern times from Indian experience of democratic development and consolidation.

The charm and allure of this wonderful land is based on my personal experiences and inter-connectedness that I have developed during few of my previous visits to the country. Apart from the usual official meetings and designated calls, this fascinating land had much to offer which left an everlasting impact on my memory. The overwhelming response from the people of

Indian origin (almost the third generation) —was unforgettable. There is much to be treasured in the amazing hospitality which I received from the local Burmese community during each stint of my stay in Myanmar. Besides, the expats and the officials from India presently posted in Myanmar gave memories much to be cherished and made it a memorable experience. It was not only an opportunity meant for meeting of minds but rather for meeting of hearts too.

No wonder why this magnificent land has inspired poets and writers like Rudyard Kipling and George Orwell. Kipling in this famous poem "Mandalay" conveys the lust of a British soldier for the grace and charm of a Burmese girl in the exotic land. The plot of the George Orwell's classic novel 'Burmese Days' is also build up in Burma (present day Myanmar). It is an excellent narrative set in the days of British Empire ruling in Burma. Our very own Amitav Ghosh is much to be treasured for his poignant novel 'The Glass Palace' based in Myanmar. It is set against the backdrop of the political changes in real-life Burma during colonial rule and the present. The Indian film industry has also left an indelible mark with its popular black and white classic 'Patanga' where the actress moves along the fine tune of the everlasting song pining her desire for her lover visiting the splendid land "Mere piya gaye Rangoon kiya

hai wahan se telephone.....". The song sung by Shamsad Begum has become a reference point for a deep connection in India and a much enduring and everlasting India-Myanmar relationship. Besides, there are many untold stories of Indians staying in Myanmar. There are families separated by the waves of repatriation each one unfolding their unique experience.

References to 'Brahmadesh' and 'Swarnabhumi' abound our mythology and history about this captivating land. The magnitude of Indian influence is so great that in order to have a proper grasp of the cultural trends in Burmese history, it would be important to study the cultural progression in ancient India. In the words of Buddhist historian R. L. Soni, "there is certainly scope for further investigation and research.....". Because of the existence of diverse ethnic groups, numerous sub-groups and countless races, this mystic land has been called by Martin Smith as 'Anthropologists paradise'. From a researcher's perspective I would like to call it as a 'goldmine', not only in terms of foreign investment and capitalist penetration, but particularly in the context of the social, political and economic transformation taking place in the country. It has been considered as a laboratory for reforms in the administrative, judicial, legislative and the military organizations. My subsequent visits to the country

have validated this argument. Moreover, looking at the speed with these changes taking place in the country, it may be observed that it has immense potential and resources to overpower many of the erstwhile Asian Tiger economies in the years to come. However, these reforms come with a caveat. Considered the last, large and untapped market in Asia, it has turned out to be a new battleground for foreign investors and capitalist penetration. This has opened a new chapter in the history of Myanmar.

As foreign investments begin pouring in Myanmar in the wake of political re-

forms, Asia's last stronghold of bio-diversity could be further lost and deteriorated. Development of sea ports, special economic zones and road-rail connectivity projects poses grave environmental challenges which demands immediate intervention and rehabilitation. Some of the famous tourist destinations are facing serious threats due to their delicate eco-system.

Nevertheless, a large

part of my ravishing journey to this enchanting land included apart from the usual tourist destinations, many virgin spots known for their historic legacy and architectural heritage most of these sited in south western part of Myanmar in Rakhine State, Upper Myanmar and Shan Hills. But, a large part of this exquisite land still was left unexplored for the successive visits in future.

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Teams from ministries face each other in 7th soccer championship

NAY PYI TAW, 14 Aug — The 7th soccer championship of all ministries in Nay Pyi Taw took place at Wunna Theikdi Sports Training Ground 3 and 4 in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

Chairman of the My-

anmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan watched the matches between the teams from the Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Information and Ministry of Construction.

Following the football

matches, the union minister inspected the Sports Museum in Wunna Theikdi Social Zone, urging staff of the museum to keep records of the sports events of the 27th SEA Games and to display photos from the games for the public.—MNA



LOCAL NEWS

Mandalay International Airport to be upgraded



MANDALAY, 14 Aug —Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint received Executive President and Group CEO Mr Hitoshi Sakuma of Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan at the hall of the region government in Mandalay on Thursday.

They discussed arrangements for upgrading the Mandalay International Airport.

*Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*



Rakhine State Chief Minister inspects progress of development projects

SITTWAY, 14 Aug — Rakhine State Chief Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and his delegation on Tuesday inspected progress of development projects underway in the state, including renovation and construction of schools and upgrading streets in Sittway Township.

In the morning, the Chief Minister watched a football tournament with students from Sittway Uni-

versity, one of the universities in the country that now offers free WiFi access.

At No.5 Basic Education High School in Sittway, U Maung Maung Ohn urged officials to renovate the roofs of the school as soon as possible, before inspecting progress of the reconstruction of No.4 BEHS's main building funded by the state government.

U Maung Maung Ohn also met vendors from Sittway Myoma Market and inspected the construction of streets around the market.

He also met with residents in Minbagyi Street in the township, urging them to cooperate in sanitation tasks of the township.

In the evening, the Union Minister held a meeting with state ministers, members of the Relief and Resettlement Sub-Committee and supervisors from fourteen relief camps to discuss progress of the rehabilitation tasks.

MNA

Nutrition Development Week observed in Thayetchaung

THAYETCHAUNG, 14 Aug — The authorities of Thayetchaung Township of Taninthayi Region observed Nutrition Development Week at the township Health Department on 12 August.

On the occasion, Dr Htwe Mya Soe, leader of the Taninthayi Region nutrition development group, explained the activities in commemoration of the nutrition development week.

The chairperson of the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association presented gifts to pregnant women and mothers.

The ceremony was attended by officials from the Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and personnel of Health Department, as well as pregnant women and young mothers, with officials saying a total of 70 people attended.

Thayetchaung Township IPRD

Asphalting of major road in Langkho Township planned



LANGKHO, 14 Aug — To speed up rural development in Langkho, the Shan State fund will finance the asphalting of a 33-mile long road from the confluence of Namting Creek and Thanlwin River and Tasuktein jetty on Langkho-Homein in Road, officials said. The Shan State government allotted K500 million on the construction of the new asphalt road and

44 bridges along the road in the 2014-15 fiscal year, with Deputy Commissioner of Langkho District U Soe Myint inspecting progress of the construction road on 10 August.

Arrangements are being made for construction of 21 bridges out of a planned 44, which will be under 180-feet long.

Upon completion, local people will have easy

access to Langkho and Homein townships and other parts of Shan State.

The state government has allotted K264 million for the construction of a six-mile long section of a 12 mile-long gravel road in the 2014-15 fiscal year, and Homein Militia Troupe will take responsibility for construction of that road section.

Hsaung Hnin Latt (IPRD)

Water dredged in Kyunhla Township

KYUNHLA, 14 Aug — A lake is being dredged in Taungyaseik Village-tract of Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Region, financed by the Union fund in the 2014-15 fiscal year.

Construction-4 of the Irrigation Department dredged the lake with the use of one excavator and three dumpers, said Staff Officer (Civil) U Win Khant of the department.

"The village-tract is constituted with four

wards which are home to 1,337 people from 180 households and local people bring water by motor-bike and bicycle for basic water supply.

Water pipelines and water tanks have now been laid in the village to supply water to the locals, which will be upon completion of the lake," said U Tun Maung, village administrator.

*Myo Win Nyo
(Kyunhla)*



Police fire tear gas, stun grenades in Missouri; Obama briefed

FERGUSON, 14 Aug — Police in Ferguson, Missouri, fired tear gas, stun grenades and smoke bombs, to disperse some 350 protesters late Wednesday, the fourth night of racially-charged demonstrations after police shot to death an unarmed black teen.

Some demonstrators hurled rocks at police as others scattered down side streets and into cars, while smoke engulfed the area. A Reuters reporter saw two young men preparing what appeared to be petrol bombs in a bus-stop shelter, their faces covered by bandanas. Protesters have gathered every night since Saturday when 18-year-old Michael Brown was shot to death in the mostly black suburb of St Louis, during what authorities said was a struggle over a gun in a police car. National figures from President Barack Obama to civil rights activist Rev Al Sharpton have called for a peaceful response to the shooting.

Obama, who is vacationing on the Massachu-

setts island of Martha's Vineyard, was briefed on Wednesday night about events in Ferguson by senior advisor Valerie Jarrett and US Attorney General Eric Holder, the White House said. About 40 protesters have been arrested since Saturday.

Police have sent a heavy deployment of camouflage-clad officers in body armor, including one manning a rifle on a tripod atop an armored car, to Ferguson. "I've had enough of being pushed around because of the colour of my skin. I'm sick of this police brutality," said one protester who only gave his first name, Terrell, 18.

"I'm going to keep coming back here night after night until we get justice," he said.

Police have been slow to release information about the shooting, except to say that it followed a struggle between the unnamed officer and Brown, and that the officer was treated at a hospital for swelling on the side of his face.

One witness who was



Police officers briefly detain a person in Ferguson, Missouri on 13 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

walking with Brown at the time has said in media interviews that Brown put his hands in the air and was not struggling with the officer. He said the officer fired multiple times into Brown's head and chest.

The witness, Dorian Johnson, was expected to

meet on Wednesday with prosecutors and investigators, local media reported. His lawyer, Freeman Bosley, a former St Louis mayor, did not immediately answer requests for comment. Another witness, Tiffany Mitchell, told CNN she watched Brown and the

officer "tussling through the window," with the officer pulling the teen in as he struggled to get away, and then a "shot was fired through the window."

"The kid he finally gets away and he starts running. As he runs, the police get out of his vehicle and he

follows behind him shooting," Mitchell said, adding that Brown turned around and put his hands in the air.

"And the cop continued to fire until he just dropped down to the ground and his face just smacks the concrete."

Reuters

US says rescue mission for Iraq's Yazidis less likely after visit



Displaced people from the minority Yazidi sect, fleeing the violence in the Iraqi town of Sinjar, re-enter Iraq from Syria at the Iraqi-Syrian border crossing in Fishkhabour, Dohuk Province on 10 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

WASHINGTON/EDGARTOWN, 14 Aug — A US mission to evacuate Iraqi civilians trapped on a mountain by Sunni militant fighters is far less likely after a US assessment team sent there on Wednesday found the humanitarian situation not as grave as expected, the Pentagon said.

A team of US military and humanitarian aid personnel sent to Mount Sinjar in northern Iraq to assess the situation of thousand of members of the Yazidi

religious minority found far fewer people than previously feared and in better condition than expected, the Pentagon said in a statement. "Based on this assessment," the Pentagon said, "an evacuation mission is far less likely."

The Pentagon credited the better-than-expected situation on air drops of food and water, US airstrikes on Sunni militant targets, efforts of Kurdish Peshmerga fighters and the ability of thousands

of Yazidis to evacuate the mountain in recent nights.

The White House said earlier the United States had not ruled out using American ground forces in an operation to extract the trapped civilians, but added the troops would not engage in combat.

The team of fewer than 20 US personnel flew in darkness early in the morning to Mount Sinjar, where thousands of members of the Yazidi religious minority fled to escape an advance by Islamic State fighters, a US official said. The team returned safely to the Kurdistan capital of Erbil by military air.

The United States has 130 US military personnel in Erbil, drawing up options ranging from creating a safe corridor to an airlift to rescue those besieged on Mount Sinjar for over a week, most of them Yazidis. "These 130 personnel are not going to be in a combat role in Iraq," White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes

told reporters travelling with President Barack Obama, who is on vacation on Martha's Vineyard island in Massachusetts.

Rhodes noted that Obama had repeatedly ruled out "reintroducing US forces into combat on the ground in Iraq." But he added: "There are a variety of ways in which we can support the safe removal of those people from the mountain." Rhodes said the intention was to work with Kurdish forces already operating in the region and with the Iraqi military.

Kurdish fighters had been guarding Yazidi towns when armed Islamic State convoys swept in, and have already helped many thousands escape to safe areas to the north.

Obama has been deeply reluctant to revive any military role in Iraq after withdrawing the last combat troops in 2011 to end eight years of costly war that eroded the United States' reputation around the world.—Reuters

Series on first 5 days of 2011 Fukushima nuclear crisis to start



Supplied photo taken on 12 March, 2011 shows Tokyo Electric Power Co workers remaining in the control room for the Nos 1 and 2 reactors of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant after the explosion of the building containing the No 1 reactor. —KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 14 Aug —Kyodo News on Thursday will start releasing a series of stories depicting the critical first five days of the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant disaster, based on the testimonies of those who actually dealt with the crisis. The 16 installments in the series, titled "Lives on the Line," depict in chronological order the physical efforts and inner struggles

of the workers, identified by their real names, as they fought to regain control of the troubled reactors.

The workers included Fukushima Daiichi plant chief Masao Yoshida and his aides, who were heroically dubbed the "Fukushima 50" for remaining at the site on the morning of 15 March, 2011, despite the threat of a catastrophe.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Intel explores wearable devices for Parkinson's disease research



A man walks past an Intel logo during a news conference by Intel Chief Executive Paul Otellini in Taipei on 28 Oct, 2010.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 Aug — Intel Corp plans to use wearable gadgets such as smart watches to monitor patients with Parkinson's disease and collect data that can be shared with researchers.

On Wednesday, the chip maker said it is teaming up with the Michael J Fox Foundation, established by the actor and Parkinson's sufferer in 2000, to conduct a multi-phase research study of the neurodegen-

erative brain disease. An estimated five million people globally have been diagnosed with Parkinson's, the second-most-common neurodegenerative disease after Alzheimer's.

The initial goal is to

determine the feasibility of using wearable devices to monitor patients remotely and store that data in an open system that can be accessed by scientists.

In the next phase of the study, which will likely kick off in the fall, the foundation will set aside funds to explore how patients are responding to medication. Participants will be monitored via an array of wearable devices.

"As more of these devices hit the market, we can collect objective measurements and determine the efficacy of new therapeutics," Sohini Chowdhury, a senior vice president for research partnerships at the foundation, told Reuters.

Clinical trials have been far too "subjective" in the past, she said. For instance, a patient might inform her doctor that she felt a tremor for several minutes, when it actually lasted a matter of seconds. In the future, Chowdhury

hopes patients and their doctors will have more precise measurements via wearable devices about the "frequency and severity" of symptoms.

Chowdhury said the foundation will continue to raise funding to cover the costs of providing wearable devices to patients.

By using such devices, the foundation and other research groups can tap into a broader pool of patients for clinical trials, Chowdhury said. Today, many people with Parkinson's disease are unable to participate in clinical trials because they do not live near a research facility.

But wearable devices offer a convenient way to track patients from their work or homes, allowing people in the most rural parts of the country to participate.

As it expands beyond the PC arena, Intel hopes to capture a share of the growing market for big data ana-

lytics and wearable devices in the health sector. Ron Kasabian, general manager of Intel's Big Data Solutions group, said the data center and "Internet of Things" business units are exploring the sector.

"We're exploring how to pull data out of devices in real-time," he said. "We can mine data to improve research, and better understand the behaviors and progression of the disease."

While Intel boasts its own wearable technologies, Kasabian stressed that the Parkinson's study is device agnostic, meaning patients can test a variety of wearable gadgets. In March, Intel completed its acquisition of Basis Science, a startup that is best known for its wrist-band that measures the wearer's heart rate. Intel expects to extend similar programs to related areas of health care, as well as other industries, including manufacturing.—Reuters

New study finds geckos' secret of being super sticky



BEIJING, 14 Aug — Geckos' remarkable ability to adhere to any surface attributes to toe hairs they use to quickly turn on and off feet stickiness, a new research finds. The research, published on Tuesday's *Journal of Applied Physics*, explained how geckos use tiny, branched hairs in their toes, called "seta", to scale vertical walls and even hang upside down.

It's geckos' incredible synergy of the flexibility, angle and extensibility of the toe hairs that makes it possible, said the study lead author Alex Greaney, a professor of engineering at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

The system makes it

possible for geckos to stick and unstick their feet so quickly that they can scurry across surfaces at 20 body lengths per second.

Gecko toes are well-studied. Since the time of the ancient Greeks, people have wondered how geckos are able to stick to walls, said Alex Greaney.

It was only in 2000 that US bionicist Kellar Autumn and colleagues proved unequivocally that geckos stick using van der Waals forces, a type of physical bond that happens when electrons from the gecko hair molecules and electrons from the wall molecules interact with each other and create an electromagnetic attraction.—Xinhua

Who's your mummy? Egyptian mummification older than was thought

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug — It has long been known that the practice of mummification of the dead in ancient Egypt — fundamental to that civilization's belief in eternal life — was old, but only now are researchers unwrapping the mystery of just how long ago it began.

Researchers on Wednesday said a form of mummification was being carried out there more than six thousand years ago, much earlier than previously thought. They said embalming substances contained in funerary textiles from the oldest-known Egyptian cemeteries showed mummy-making from as early as about 4300 BC. The embalming agents were infused into the linen used to wrap the corpse to provide an antibacterial and protective barrier. It was not as elaborate as the process used much later on the bodies of powerful pharaohs and other elites as well as many ordinary Egyptians, but came more than 1,500 years earlier than Egyptian mummification had been thought to have started.

There is evidence of

mummification involving remains from around 2600 BC of Queen Hetepheres, mother of Khufu, the pharaoh who commissioned the Great Pyramid at Giza outside Cairo. There also is evidence of linen that contained resin being used to wrap bodies around 2800 BC. The researchers were amazed to find that the plant, animal and mineral components used in preparing the mummies at the cemeteries in Mostagedda in central Egypt were essentially the same embalming "recipe" used thousands of years later at the pinnacle of the ancient Egyptian civilization.

"I was surprised that the prehistoric Egyptians, who lived in a tribal society 1,000 years before the invention of writing, were already in possession of the empirical science that would later become true mummification," said one of the researchers, Jana Jones, an Egyptologist at Macquarie University in Australia.

Biochemical analysis identified the components from funerary textiles retrieved from the cemeteries

during excavations in the 1920s and 1930s and held in Britain's Bolton Museum. The "recipe" consisted of a plant oil or animal fat base, with smaller amounts of a pine resin, an aromatic plant extract, a plant gum and petroleum.

"The ancient Egyptians believed the survival of the body after death was necessary in order to 'live again' in the afterlife and become immortal. Without the preserved body, this was not possible," said Stephen Buckley, an archaeological chemist at Britain's University of York who led

the scientific research.

Jones said mummification demanded rare and costly ingredients, some from distant lands. Pine resin in the Mostagedda textiles may have come from southeastern Turkey, many hundreds of miles away. The practice of mummification reached its peak during the era known as the New Kingdom, between about 1550 BC and 1000 BC, when powerful pharaohs reigned including Ramses II and Thutmose III, as well as the "boy king" Tutankhamun, better known as "King Tut."—Reuters



Funerary textile with outer wrapping of animal skin dated from the late Neolithic/Badarian period in Mostagedda are shown in this undated handout photo provided by the University of York on 13 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

Nagaoka fireworks to be used in Pearl Harbour commemoration display



Photo taken on 11 Aug, 2014, shows a plate at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, explaining Japan's attack on the harbour in 1941 bringing the United States' direct participation in World War II. Sister cities Honolulu and Nagaoka in Niigata Prefecture have announced a plan to hold a firework display using fireworks from the Japanese city, which has a century-old fireworks tradition, at Pearl Harbour on 15 Aug, 2015, to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of the Pacific War. 15 Aug is the day Japan surrendered in 1945.—KYODO NEWS

HONOLULU, (Hawaii), 14 Aug — Sister cities Honolulu and Nagaoka in Niigata Prefecture have announced a series of events next year to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the end of the Pacific War, including a display of fireworks from the Japanese city at Pearl Harbour.

The announcement was made while Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell was visiting Nagaoka, which has a century-old fireworks

tradition, on 2 August during a weeklong diplomatic and trade trip to Japan. The fireworks display will take place on 15 August, the day Japan surrendered in 1945.

Both cities were severely impacted by the war. Japan's attack on Pearl Harbour led to the United States' direct participation in World War II, while Nagaoka was heavily bombed by the US military towards the end of the Pacific War.

Nagaoka Mayor Ta-

mio Mori said he believes the fruits of Nagaoka and Honolulu's exchange will "bloom like fireworks" next year when the two cities commemorate the anniversary.

In comments provided by the city of Nagaoka, Honolulu Mayor Caldwell added that the fireworks display will be a historic event, showing that both Nagaoka, hometown of Isoroku Yamamoto, who commanded the attack on

Pearl Harbour, and Honolulu, where the Pearl Harbour attack occurred, have built a wonderful friendship.

While there is some concern about potential opposition to the event from those affected by the Pearl Harbour attack, Edwin Hawkins, president of the Japan America Society of Hawaii, said people "must reflect on the road to war, why this happened, and think about future relationships,"

Kyodo News

Two N Koreans swim across sea border to defect to S Korea

SEOUL, 14 Aug — Two North Korean men swam across the Yellow Sea border overnight to defect to South Korea, *Yonhap News Agency* reported on Thursday, citing government sources.

South Korean border guards spotted them reaching Gyodong Island, just south of the Northern Limit Line, the de facto maritime border, at around 4 am.

The two, one in his 50s and the other in his 20s, told the border guards they wanted to defect to the South. They were taken into custody for interrogation by the South's state intelligence authorities on their reasons for defection.

"It's unusual for North Koreans to swim across the heavily fortified border to reach South Korea, but it's just possible given the location of Gyodong Island," about 2.5 kilometres away from the North's closest western coast, one of the source was quoted as saying.

"In fact, it's the third consecutive year North Koreans reached the island by swimming," the source said.—Kyodo News

Five climbers die on France's Mont Blanc

PARIS, 14 Aug — Five climbers were found dead on Wednesday on Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain due to bad weather while another was still missing, local media reported.

Four men, a woman aged up to 40 years and a guide, have been missing since Tuesday evening after participating in a workshop organized by the UCPA association which offers sports camps, the news channel BFMTV said in its report.

Search for the missing climber was difficult as "weather conditions were very bad in the massif," it added.

Xinhua

Tibet's glaciers at their warmest in 2,000 years

BEIJING, 14 Aug — The Tibetan plateau, whose glaciers supply water to hundreds of millions of people in Asia, were warmer over the past 50 years than at any stage in the past two millennia, a Chinese newspaper said, citing an academic report.

Temperatures and humidity are likely to continue to rise throughout this century, causing glaciers to retreat and desertification to spread, according to the report published by the Chinese Academy of Sciences' Institute of Tibetan Plateau Research.

"Over the past 50 years, the rate of temperature rise has been double the average global level," it said, according to the report on the website of *Science and Technology Daily*, a state-run newspaper.

Glacier retreat could disrupt water supply to several of Asia's main rivers that originate from the plateau, including China's Yellow and Yangtze, India's Brahmaputra, and the Mekong and Salween in Southeast Asia.

In May, Chinese scientists said Tibetan glaciers had shrunk 15 percent — around 8,000 square km (3,100 square miles) — over the past 30 years.

The new report said a combination of climate change and human activity on the plateau was likely to cause an increase in floods and landslides there. However, rising temperatures had also improved the local ecosystem, it said. The scientists urged the government to work to reduce human impact on the region's fragile environment.



A road sign is seen in front of the Kharola glacier some 200km (125 miles), west of Lhasa Tibet Autonomous Region on 25 Nov, 2009.—REUTERS

But Beijing is building a series of large hydro-power projects there, with construction of several mega-dams expected to start by 2020. China has built

thousands of dams in the past few decades in a bid to reduce its reliance on imported fossil fuels.

India, too, is planning a number of hydro plants

along the Brahmaputra river — more than 100 proposals are under consideration — as the country strives to boost electricity generation.—Reuters

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Invitation to the First Myanmar-Japan Symposium

A symposium by the researchers from Patheingyi University and Japan Universities, namely Hokkaido University, National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE); Tottori University, Yamanashi University and Tamagawa University will be held at Patheingyi University, Ayeyawady Region.

The research papers on the following fields or areas will be presented and discussed at the symposium.

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Venue and Date for the Symposium

Venue - Convocation Hall

Date - 30th November, 2014 (Sunday) &
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Invitation to the researchers

The researchers from all universities in Myanmar, other ministries, private enterprises and various companies concerned with the areas mentioned above are cordially and warmly invited to the symposium.

Those who are interested in these areas and who would like to present their researches have to submit the hard and soft copy of the abstract of the research paper to Dr. Than Soe, the Pro-Rector of Patheingyi University, not later than on 30th September, 2014.

Detailed information can be obtained from the Pro-Rector, the Head of the Academic, and Professors and Heads of the Department of Chemistry, Botany and Zoology of Patheingyi University.

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One child killed and two wounded in Sinai rocket attack

CAIRO, 14 Aug — One child was killed and two others were wounded when a rocket landed on their home in the Egyptian town of el-Mattallah south of Rafah, near the border with Gaza, security and medical sources told Reuters on Wednesday.

Sara Salama, 13, died while her brother Khaled, 8, and sister Rahaf, 2, sustained serious injuries and were taken to hospital.

The rocket impact is the third to hit the area in recent weeks, security sources said, adding that Egyptian authorities were investigating the incident.

Israeli police said a rocket fired from Gaza landed in Israel on Wednesday evening. — Reuters

Three dead in apparent gas leak in Houston

HOUSTON, 14 Aug — Three people were found dead at a mobile home in the US city of Houston on Wednesday, which was believed to be tied to a gas leak, local media reported.

The bodies were discovered on Wednesday night at a trailer in Houston's northwest suburb of Tomball, local TV ABC13 said. Officials believe their death was caused by an apparent gas leak. The three victims are all adults whose identities have not been released. A fourth person was hospitalized in unknown condition. Pictures from social media show the makeshift home was cordoned off and emergency personnel were investigating at the scene. — Xinhua

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Celine Dion puts career on hold citing health, family reasons



Celine Dion

TORONTO, 14 Aug—Superstar Canadian singer Celine Dion said on Wednesday she has put her show business career on hold indefinitely, cancelling her Las Vegas show and a planned fall tour of Asia, to focus on the health of both her husband and herself. “I want to devote every ounce of my strength and energy to my husband’s healing, and to do so, it’s important for me to dedicate this time to him and to our children,” Dion said in a statement.

Dion’s husband, Rene Angelil, had surgery in December to remove a cancer-

ous tumour, and Dion has been fighting an illness that has caused inflammation in her throat muscles. She has not been able to perform her scheduled Las Vegas shows since 29 July.

The Canadian-born singer said it has been very difficult and stressful for the couple as they try to fight illness and juggle their show business schedule with raising three young children. “I also want to apologise to all my fans everywhere, for inconveniencing them, and I thank them so much for their love and support,” she said.

Reuters

Justin Bieber makes a deal to settle Florida driving charges

MIAMI, 14 Aug—Pop star Justin Bieber pleaded guilty to lesser charges on Wednesday to resolve a criminal case brought by Miami Beach police who initially said he was caught drag racing in a Lamborghini under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

The agreement with prosecutors requires the Canadian singer, who was not in court, to attend a 12-hour anger-management class, watch online videos about tragic drunken driving cases and donate \$50,000 to a children’s charity. As part of the deal, Bieber pleaded guilty to careless driving, a civil infraction, and resisting an officer without violence, a misdemeanor. In return, the state dropped a charge of



Canadian singer Justin Bieber performs in Helsinki on 26 April, 2013.—REUTERS

driving under the influence.

In approving the plea deal, Miami-Dade Circuit Judge William Altfeld said he hoped Bieber, 20, was

aware that his actions had consequences due to his status as a celebrity and a role model for young people.—Reuters

‘Awesome Mix’ of ‘Guardians of the Galaxy’ tops Billboard 200

LOS ANGELES, 14 Aug—The alien superheroes of Disney’s “Guardians of the Galaxy” not only stormed the movie box office, but the Marvel superheroes’ throwback 1970s-style soundtrack climbed to the top spot on the weekly US Billboard chart on Wednesday.

“Awesome Mix Vol. 1,” which includes classic hits such as Blue Swede’s “Hooked on a Feeling,” The Jackson 5’s “I Want You Back,” and David Bowie’s “Moonage Daydream,” sold 109,000 copies in its second week, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

It had entered the chart last week at No 3 with first-week sales of 60,000.

The 12-track retro mix is featured heavily throughout the film as rogue hero Peter Quill’s own

soundtrack as he battles evil intergalactic villains to save the galaxy. It is the second soundtrack this year to top the album chart, following the success of Walt Disney Co’s animated hit “Frozen.”

At No 2 this week is the 51st installment of the “Now That’s What I Call Music!” album franchise, featuring hits by Iggy Azalea, Katy Perry and Justin Timberlake, which sold 94,000 copies in its first week.

Other new entries in the top ten of the weekly Billboard 200 chart include metal rockers Godsmack at No 3 with “1000hp,” which sold 58,000 copies.

Rock group Spoon debuted at No 4 with its latest record “They Want My Soul,” and British boy band The Vamps rounded out the new entries at



Cast member Zoe Saldana poses at the premiere of “Guardians of the Galaxy” in Hollywood, California 21 July, 2014.—REUTERS

No 10 with its “Somebody To You EP.”

Last week’s chart topper, “Hypnotic Eye,” by Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers, dropped to No 6 this week.

For the week ended 10 August, total album sales

clocked in at 4.27 million, down 9 percent from the comparable week in 2013, while year-to-date album sales totalled 146.4 million, down 14 percent from the same period a year ago, Billboard said.

Reuters

Indo-American actress Devika to star in Ramanujan biopic

MUMBAI, 14 Aug—Indo-American actress Devika Bhise will play the female lead in visionary Indian mathematician Ramanujan biopic, titled ‘The Man Who Knew Infinity’. The film, which stars ‘Slumdog Millionaire’ actor Dev Patel as Srinivasa Ramanujan, will see Devika as his wife, Janaki.

Based on the biography of the same name by Robert Kanigel, the film also stars Oscar-winning actor Jeremy Irons, who plays Ramanujan’s mentor, G H Hardy.

“I feel fortunate to be able to portray such a rich character who has had a

fascinating life. My extensive training in Bharatanatyam has helped me understand the intricacies of the Tamilian Brahmin Iyengar culture community, which gives me a lot of insight for this particular role,” Devika said in a statement. Born and raised in Manhattan, the actress previously played the role of the goddess Namagiri in ‘The Partition’, a play based on the book ‘The Man Who Knew Infinity’. Devika has also acted in ‘The Accidental Husband’ (2008) co-starring Uma Thurman and ‘Anamika: Her Glorious Past’ (2006).

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Rihanna wants to buy Liverpool football club?



Rihanna had a great time during the World Cup.

LONDON, 14 Aug — R&B star Rihanna is reportedly planning to buy Liverpool football club. Liverpool are currently under the ownership of the Fenway Sports Group, reported Daily Mirror.

There were reports earlier that the 26-year-old singer wants to set up her own footballing academy in Barbados before branching into football ownership.

The ‘Diamonds’ hit-maker had a great time during the World Cup, tweeting her views on matches, attending the final.

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Devika Bhise previously played the role of the goddess Namagiri in ‘The Partition’.

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Dominant Farah eases to European 10,000 metres title

ZURICH, 14 Aug — Britain's Mo Farah put aside his recent fitness problems to claim his fourth European title by comfortably winning the 10,000 metres final on Wednesday.

The double Olympic champion was chased hard down the final straight by Turkish pair Ali Kaya and Polat Kemboi Arkan and compatriot Andy Vernon, but never looked in any real danger.

Vernon, hampered by backmarkers at the start of the final lap, pipped the two Kenyan-born Turks to take silver, Kaya was third and Arkan, the defending champion, finished out of the medals.

It was a welcome win for the 31-year-old Farah in what has been a frustrating season.

"It meant a lot to me," Farah told reporters after adding to his 5,000 and 10,000 metres European golds in Barcelona in 2010 and his 5,000 metres title in Helsinki two years ago.

"I was really ill a few weeks ago but training has gone well.

"Winning the European Championships again really does mean a lot to me. I didn't want to let peo-



Mohamed Farah of Britain (C) celebrates winning the men's 10000 metres final during the European Athletics Championships at the Letzigrund Stadium in Zurich on 13 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

ple down after missing the Commonwealth Games, it hasn't been easy."

On a wet and chilly evening at the Letzigrund, Farah went to the front of the pack just over three laps from the end and never looked like relinquishing his lead.

Farah, who won the 5,000 and 10,000 metres titles at the London Olympics and the world championships in Moscow last year, was admitted to hospital in the United States at the start of July with abdominal pains.

He initially said he would compete at both distances in the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow but had to pull out.

He also made an inauspicious competitive debut over 26.2 miles when he finished eighth in the London marathon in April.

Britain also won gold in the men's 100 metres and women's 100 metres hurdles.

James Dasaolu held off Frenchman Christophe Lemaitre to win the 100 in 10.06 seconds and Tiffany Porter won the sprint hur-

dles in 12.76 seconds, three hundredths of a second ahead of Cindy Billaud of France.

Dafne Schippers of the Netherlands, world championship bronze medallist in the heptathlon last year, made a successful switch to the sprints as she won the women's 100 metres in 11.12 seconds ahead of Myriam Soumaré of France and Ashleigh Nelson of Britain.

Schippers will also run in the 200 metres and women's 4x100 metres relay.

Reuters

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Western powers urge warring sides in Libya to stop attacks on civilians

WASHINGTON, 14 Aug — The governments of Britain, France, Germany, Italy and the United States on Wednesday urged warring factions in Libya to stop attacks on civilians, as clashes in the past month were raging out of control in the North African country.

The Western powers "strongly condemned" the ongoing fighting and violence in Tripoli, Benghazi and across Libya and voiced "deep concern" about the increasing toll on the civilian population and institutions.

"We deplore the rise in the number of civilian casualties and express deep concern about the shortages in medical supplies, the displacement of thousands of families, the destruction

of residences and infrastructure, as well as the halt in economic activity," the Western powers said in a joint statement, their second this month. Since July 13, clashes between armed Islamic groups and pro-secular militias in Tripoli, the national capital, have left at least 102 people dead and 452 others wounded.

Meanwhile, in eastern city of Benghazi, fierce fighting has continued between the army and Islamist militant groups, who are now in control of some of the army's camps.

On Wednesday alone, four civilians died and at least eight others injured in Tripoli as a result of heavy shelling from the armed groups.—Xinhua

SANTOS, (Brazil), 14 Aug — Brazilian presidential candidate Eduardo Campos was killed in a plane crash on Wednesday, throwing the October election and local financial markets into disarray. A private jet carrying Campos and his entourage crashed in a residential area in bad weather as it prepared to land in the coastal city of Santos. The accident killed all seven people on board, the Sao Paulo state fire department said.

Campos, 49, was running on a business-friendly platform and was in third place in polls with the support of about 10 percent of voters. While he was not expected to win the 5 October vote, he was widely seen as one of Brazil's brightest young political stars and his



Rescue personnel survey the wreckage site of the crashed private jet which was carrying third in polls ahead of Brazil's October presidential election, in Santos on 13 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

death instantly changes the dynamics of the race.

Some analysts said that Campos' death could make it harder for President Dilma Rousseff to win a second term, especially if his running mate Marina Silva runs in his place, as allowed by

electoral law.

A renowned environmentalist and former presidential candidate, Silva is better known nationally than Campos and could eat into Rousseff's support among leftist and younger voters. Silva's religious beliefs also

make her hugely popular among evangelical Christian voters, an increasingly important demographic in Brazil. Silva's popularity could get an additional boost from an outpouring of sympathy in the wake of Campos' death.

But a significant surge for Silva could, some observers speculated, put her ahead of Rousseff's closest challenger, Senator Aécio Neves, and even knock the pro-business centrist out of a second-round runoff.

In the hours after the crash, politicians from all sides expressed grief for a charismatic young former governor who even opponents privately whispered was likely to become president — probably not in 2014, but someday.—Reuters

Hungry Dortmund beat Bayern 2-0 to retain German Super Cup

DORTMUND, (Germany), 14 Aug — Borussia Dortmund eased past lacklustre Bayern Munich 2-0 with goals from Henrikh Mkhitaryan and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang to lift the German Super Cup on Wednesday and draw first blood in their rivalry with the Bavarians this season.

Both clubs left most of their World Cup winners and big names at home or on the bench with the season yet to start and Dortmund were more aggressive from the start despite most eyes on Bayern's new striker Robert Lewandowski.

"We played very good at the back," Dortmund coach Juergen Klopp told reporters.

"The Bavarians did not have a lot of chances and we defended superbly. The engine is gradually starting to work well but we are still

not at 100 percent."

With Dortmund fans whistling and jeering the club's former forward on his first return to the city since joining their rivals, Armenian Mkhitaryan struck in the 23rd minute, rifling home after a superb run.

Bayern, without Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben as well as defender Rafinha and midfielders Bastian Schweinsteiger and Thiago Alcantara, were on the back foot throughout with keeper Manuel Neuer, newly crowned German Player of the Year, repeatedly coming to the rescue.

He was without a chance, however, when winger Aubameyang rose high above defender Jerome Boateng to drill in a header in the 62nd minute and celebrate by putting on a Spiderman mask he slipped out of his sock to



Borussia Dortmund's team poses with the German Super Cup soccer trophy after their victory over Bayern Munich in Dortmund on 13 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

the delight of the 80,600 crowd.

Aubameyang and Italy striker Ciro Immobile played in a two-pronged attack as Dortmund did not look to be missing Lewandowski on Wednesday, despite being without

central defender and new captain Mats Hummels and winger Marco Reus.

Defender Sokratis Papastathopoulos also managed to shut out Lewandowski, who had only one clear scoring chance.

"I only focused on

the game but Dortmund were better than us," Lewandowski, last season's Bundesliga top scorer, told reporters.

"It is always a bit difficult when many players come later into training but we will improve a lot in the

next game." Bayern's new-look three-man backline also played below expectations as the Ruhr valley club players continuously found space.

Bayern coach Pep Guardiola brought on captain Philipp Lahm and Mario Goetze in the second half but Germany's World Cup winners could do little to stem the flow of the Dortmund attacks.

There was more bad news for Bayern with midfielder Javi Martinez being taken off after half an hour with a suspected knee ligament injury.

"Many of us only recently returned to training and we also have some players injured," said Lahm. "It was not easy. We did not have that many chances but we are still in the middle of our pre-season preparations."

Reuters

Serena battles past Stosur in Cincinnati



CINCINNATI, 14 Aug — World number one Serena Williams won a tense battle of US Open champions by beating Australia's Samantha Stosur 7-6(7), 7-6(7) on Wednesday to reach the third round of the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati.

After last week's loss to sister Venus in the Montreal semi-finals, Williams faced another familiar foe in Stosur, who had beaten her in straight sets in the

2011 US Open final.

Williams has won all four meetings against the Australian since but the 17-times grand slam winner was made to work much harder on the Cincinnati hard courts than she did in Montreal last week where she pounded Stosur 6-0, 6-2.

In a tight contest that did not feature a single break by either player, Williams needed nearly two hours to advance to the last

16.

"She was up in both of the (tie)breakers, I think it was just a great match, to be honest," said Williams, who has won 61 career titles but has never lifted the Cincinnati trophy.

"She served unbelievable, and I was like, I can't lose serve because she's just serving great.

"It was really intense."

Fourth seeded Pole Agnieszka Radwanska, fresh from her Rogers Cup

win in Montreal on Sunday, cruised to a 6-2, 6-2 win over Japan's Kurumi Nara, while German sixth seed Angelique Kerber beat Russia's Ekaterina Makarova 6-4, 6-1.

Ukrainian teenager Elina Svitolina provided the biggest upset of the day by stunning Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova 6-2, 7-6 (2).

Playing in her first event since successfully defending her Baku title last month, the 19-year-old served for the match at 5-4 and 6-5 but could not close it out and third seeded Czech Kvitova forced a tiebreak.

Svitolina held her nerve, however, and reeled off five straight points from 2-2 to clinch the upset and advance to the third round in her Cincinnati debut.

"I have to say number one I'm disappointed how I played today, for sure," said Kvitova.

"From the beginning I didn't feel very comfortable out there and I was trying to really fight. I just wasn't able to do that today. I'm not pretty sure why."

Reuters

Federer survives Pospisil scare in Cincinnati



CINCINNATI, 14 Aug — Roger Federer survived an opening-match fright by outlasting Canada's Vasek Pospisil 7-6(4), 5-7, 6-2 on Wednesday to claim his 300th Masters Series win and reach the third round of the Western and Southern Open in Cincinnati.

Back in action after losing to Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the final of the Rogers Cup in Toronto on Sunday, third-ranked Federer appeared sluggish at times as he struggled to tame the 46th-ranked Canadian.

With the victory, the second seeded Swiss, a five-time champion on the Cincinnati hard courts, becomes the first player to reach 300 wins in the ATP Tour's elite Masters 1000 events.

Neither player was able to capitalise on early break chances before

Federer eventually won the first set tiebreak on a forehand error by the Canadian.

Pospisil, Wimbledon doubles champion with American Jack Sock, battled back to take the second set but a focussed Federer wasted no time taking charge in the third with an early break putting him on the way to clinching the milestone win.

The day featured a pair of early upsets with Taiwan's Lu Yen-Hsun shocking fourth seeded Czech Tomas Berdych 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 while Poland's Jerzy Janowicz knocked off Bulgarian seventh seed Grigor Dimitrov 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

In evening matches, Frenchman Gael Monfils sent 13th seed Roberto Bautista Agut home with a dominant 6-4, 6-1 win in just under an hour.

Reuters