

1st 4-monthly meeting for 2014-15 fiscal year of Union government continues



The second-day session of the first four-monthly meeting for the 2014-15 fiscal year highlights reform processes, development of border areas, e-government and seven priorities of the State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—President U Thein Sein attended the second-day session of the first four-monthly meeting for the 2014-15 fiscal

year at the meeting hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday morning. Union ministers reported on the reform process in political, economic,

administrative and private sectors, the seven priorities of the State, development tasks in border regions, Third Wave process of the State, e-Government pro-

cedure and efforts to remove Myanmar from the list of least development countries.

The meeting will continue on 22 August.—MNA

Suspected Ebola patient shows improvement after receiving malaria treatment

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 21 Aug — A 22-year-old Myanmar citizen who has been placed in an isolation ward at Yangon's Waibargi Hospital on suspicion of being infected with the deadly Ebola virus has shown signs of improvement after receiving

ing malaria treatment, according to an official from the Ministry of Health on Thursday.

Tests provided by the National Health Laboratory in Yangon on Wednesday evening showed the man has been infected with Plasmodium falciparum and Plasmodium vivax that cause malaria while four of

his close contacts who are also isolated in the same hospital have been cleared of any diseases, said the ministry.

"The health condition of the suspected Ebola patient had improved by Thursday morning after being given appropriate malaria treatment the night before," Dr Tun Tin, Dep-

uty Director of the Central Epidemiology Unit told The New Light of Myanmar daily.

On preparedness and response measures undertaken by the ministry's rapid response team at Yangon International Airport, he said that the team comprising medical officers and health assistants, numbering about 17, are working day and night shifts on high alert following the arrival of the suspected patient two days ago, who returned to Myanmar after more than a year in West Africa.

On Tuesday night, the team detected the man, who had flown in from

Bangkok, with fever higher than 38 degree Celsius and signs of weakness. Following temporary loss of consciousness, he was transferred to Waibargi Hospital for further testing with four others who were in close contact with the man.

Myanmar News Agency reported that the Health Ministry is making necessary arrangements, following WHO's guidelines for an Ebola response and sending blood samples of the suspected male patient and the four others to a laboratory in India's city of Pune. The ministry is currently taking procedures that include seeking the

approval of the designated country and International Air Transport Association-IATA for sending the samples by air, the report said.

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Correction

Please read "specialist hospital" instead of "specialist hotel" in the fourth line, first column and first paragraph of the story under the headline "Suspected Ebola patient in isolation ward in Yangon: Health Ministry" on the cover page of this daily issued on 21-8-2014. Error is regretted. — NLM



The Health Ministry's Rapid Response Team undertakes infrared thermal scanning of passengers at Yangon International Airport's arrival lounge.

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Dy Health Minister tours relief camp, rural health centres



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint with staff in relief camp in Sittway, inspecting facilities and hearing reports on living standard.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint looked into health care services being provided to local people at the dispensary of Hsatyoekeya relief camp in Sittway of Rakhine State on 14 August.

He also inspected pro-

gress of the rural health branch in Thetkebyin Village in Sittway and a rural health centre in Hsintamaw Village of Pauktaw Township.

In meeting with health staff and officials at Sittway General Hospital, the deputy minister explained plans of the government

for improvement of health care standard of the hospital.

The deputy minister met officials of the Rakhine State Health Department and World Health Organization to discuss opening of more rural dispensaries in rural areas.

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Japan grants one monastic school in Magway Region

YANGON, 21 Aug—The Japanese Government, under its Grant Assistance for Grassroots Human Security Projects (GGP) Scheme, has extended the assistance of US\$96,076 for a humanitarian assistance programme entitled “The Project for Construction of Yadanar Theinkha Monastic Post-Primary School in

Pakokku Township, Magway Region,” according to a press release by the Japanese embassy.

The handover and opening ceremony of the school was held in Pakokku Township on Sunday, with Mr. Hideki Wada, Second Secretary of the Japanese Embassy, departmental officials and local people at-

tending the ceremony.

The Japanese government provided funding for a two-storey RCC building, toilets and school furniture to the school which is attended by 356 students.

The Japanese government has conducted 689 various grassroots projects in Myanmar under its GGP scheme since 1993.—NLM

3MDG to spend \$300m on health care in Myanmar

YANGON, 21 Aug—The Three Millennium Development Goals Fund (3MDG) will spend US\$300 million to help Myanmar accelerate its health care services across the country, according to Mr Billy Stewart, senior health advisor at the Department of International Development.

The three health-related millennium goals are prevention of diseases, environmental cleanliness

and maternal and child health care.

3MDG was formerly known as the Three Disease Fund (3D), a health body which was responsible for raising funds for HIV, TB and malaria in 2004 and 2005. According to reports, 3MDG came into existence in 2010, contributing to health care services in Myanmar. With the assistance from seven donors, the health body has

joined Myanmar’s Ministry of Health, UN agencies and other partners to provide health care services in the country.

It will also initiate public health care services in urban and rural areas, aiming to raise health awareness, provide health-related information, reduce child mortality, improve maternal health and combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases.—Sagawah

APCSS Director meets Myanmar Police Force Chief



Chief of MPF Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win with Director of APCSS US Lt-Gen Mr Daniel Leaf (retired) as MPF tries to enhance its capacity.

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The Director of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Security Studies (APCSS) retired US Lt-Gen Mr Daniel Leaf and par-

ty called on Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Zaw Win at the hall of the MPF in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

They discussed reform process of the Myanmar Police Force and training to improve policing skills.

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MySQUAR to launch free mobile messaging app on 27 Aug



Responsible persons from MySQUAR demonstrate the new mobile messaging app.—PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

YANGON, 21 Aug—MySQUAR, the first local-language content platform, will launch its free mobile messaging application for Myanmar on 27 August, aimed at providing better service to customer by offering world class consumer technology solutions, according to an official of the company.

David Rossellat, Chief Technology Officer of MySQUAR, said on Thursday at a press conference that MyChat is a free beta app for android devices with localized language which connects users to existing friends while also introducing them to new ones through the innovative ‘look around’ features that

is the strong point of the app.

“MySQUAR’s chief mission is to connect Myanmar youth with experiences built just for them. With MyChat, our goal is to provide a completely tailored messaging app optimized for the Myanmar market so youth may connect with their friends and find new ones easily,” said CEO Linda Lim of MySQUAR.

The app covers iconic Myanmar character and traditional toy stickers such as Pho Wa Yoke and Pho Tha Htoo as well as U Shwe Yoe and Daw Moe that will keep conversations creative and colourful, with new stickers and

emoticons being added on a continual basis, Han Tun Lwin, Product Manager of MySQUAR said.

He also explained how to login into the app with user’s email or facebook account while those users may upload a photo, set a status and create a display name to express their best selves, adding that users may download the new app from Google Play Store, 1 Mobile Market and mysquar.com.

My SQUAR operates in Myanmar and Vietnam, providing free online services to users through its more than 10 mobile apps such as MySocial, MyMatch and MyStore.

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By Khaing Thanda Lwin

NATIONAL

Myanmar, Qatar to cooperate in trade and investment

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — Vice President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by member of the Qatar Emirate family Sheikh Abdullah bin Mohammed bin Saud Al-Thani at the hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Thursday to hold talks about cooperation in trade and investment.

They also discussed promotion of friendly relations between Myanmar and Qatar.—MNA

Trade and investment cooperation as well as promotion of ties were discussed between Vice President U Nyan Tun and the Qatar delegation.—MNA



Senior General says relations with Thai armed forces improved a great deal



Thai General Tanasak Patimapragorn and Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sign agreement for strengthening friendly ties between Thailand and Myanmar.—MYAWADY

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — The relationship between the two armed forces of Myanmar and Thailand has improved unprecedentedly given the long tradition of relations between the two neighbours, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing told the second High Level Committee Meeting at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan on Thursday morning.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, also expressed his belief that the formation of a bilateral high level committee has opened a new chapter in history for the two armed forces.

Speaking at the meeting, General Tanasak Patimapragorn, Chief of Defence Forces of the Royal Thai Armed Forces said he has pinned his hope on

the emergence of the ASEAN Community in 2015 through further cooperation between the two countries and two armed forces.

He continued to say that steps are being taken to enable Myanmar migrant workers to enjoy the same rights as Thai nationals and that Thailand is making arrangements for demarcation between the two countries. Following the meeting, General Tanasak Patimapragorn and his delegation, accompanied by Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and high-ranking military officials, toured around Bagan, visiting the Archaeological Museum.

The first Thailand-Myanmar High Level Committee Meeting was held in Bangkok on 18 September last year.

Myawady

U Win Maung presents Credentials to Crown Prince of Thailand

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Aug — U Win Maung, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand, presented his Credentials to

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn of the Kingdom of Thailand, on behalf of the King of the Kingdom of Thailand, on 14 August 2014 in Bangkok.—MNA

Agricultural students educated on farming during field trip to Ottarathiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — A teacher and student team of Shwebo Institute of Agriculture viewed round organic vegetable plantations on a 900-acre farm irrigated by Setsetyo Dam in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on Thursday.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing explained nurturing of vegetable

plantations, cultivation of asparagus, gourd, chilli and taro, use of good agricultural methods, the thriving of sample plantations of Ngwechi-8 and Shwedaung-8 long staple cotton plants, and sugarcane and Palethwe hybrid paddy.

He urged the students to participate in development tasks to ensure food sufficiency for the nation

and production of organic vegetables.

The agriculturists are to make trips to the farmlands for serving interest of the farmers and solve agricultural problems, he said, adding that agriculturists are to uplift the living standards of the farmers and agriculture sector of the State, applying theory and practical works.

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Vice-Senior General Soe Win met Myanmar trainees during recent Moscow trip



During his recent trip to Moscow, Vice-Senior General Soe Win visited a number of projects of interest for Myanmar and held talks with Myanmar students.—MYAWADY

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug — During his tour of the Russian Federation, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief

(Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win visited Moscow Power Engineering Institute and met with Myanmar army trainees on 17 August.

He urged the trainees to study hard so that they can help turn the Myanmar Army into a standard force, before handing out stipends.—Myawady

Myanmar chefs secure bronze medal in Pattaya City Culinary Challenge 2014



YANGON, 21 Aug—The Myanmar Chefs Association team won the bronze medal in the Pattaya City Culinary Challenge 2014 in Thailand on 17 August.

The Myanmar culinary team comprised leader Oliver E Soe Thet of Laguna Lodge – Ngapali Beach, Chefs—Aung Myo Lwin of Parkroyal Hotel, Zin Maw Win & Jan Moeller of Belmond Governors Residence, and Swe Moe Tha

of Sule Shangri-La, Hotel Yangon.

A total of 15 international chef teams participated in the challenge by cooking 20 portions and a 11-course seafood buffet, plus a 10 portion protein main course within four hours.

It was the fourth time the Myanmar team won bronze in cooking competitions.

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Students join performance contest in Myingyan



MYINGYAN, 21 Aug—Myingyan Degree College held the inter-subject singing contest, organized by the Myingyan Degree College Fine Arts Association, at its assembly hall on Tuesday.

On behalf of Principal Dr Ko Ko Myint, Dean and Professor of the History Department Dr Daw Pyone opened the contest. Chairman of the fine arts association and head of the Zoology Department Dr Khin Soe Win explained the dis-

ciplines of the contest.

Five students each participated in the modern song contest and stereo song contest. Maung Moe Zaw won first prize, Maung Yan Shin Aung the second and Maung Aung Kyaw Khaing the third in the modern contest. Ma Myat Cherry Myat won the first prize, Maung Nyi Nyi Min the second and Ma Thiri Wah the third in the stereo contest.

Zaw Min Naing
(Myingyan)

Four types of licences for hotel and tourism industry issued

MANDALAY, 21 Aug—The Nay Pyi Taw Head Office of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Yangon Branch and Mandalay Branch have been issuing hotel and lodge licences, travel agency licences, tour agency licences and tour guide licences to entrepreneurs since 15 August.

Entrepreneurs may contact the Directorate of the Hotels and Tourism at Office No 33, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon Branch, No 4 Warehouse at the corner of Sandaku Street and Merchant Street in Botahtaung Township and Mandalay Branch at No 211 on 29th street between 84th and 85th street in Mandalay.

Thurein



Maintenance of Kyeeni Lake inspected in Yamethin Tsp



YAMETHIN, 21 Aug—Mandalay Region Min-

ister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U

Myint Than inspected renovation of the southern and

northern bunds of Kyeeni Lake, dredging of a diver drain and dredging of sand from the lake in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region on Sunday.

The minister instructed officials to take care of maintaining the feeder canals for irrigating monsoon paddy.

He viewed thriving paddy plantations on 25 acres of the Chaungmagyi seed production farm and gave instructions to officials to distribute high yield hybrid paddy strain to local farmers.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)

Statues and photos of outstanding Myanmar athletes to be displayed

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—To discuss the erection of statues and display of photos of historical and admiral sports athletes, a meeting was held at the Sports Archives at the Ministry of Sports in Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik noted that the statues will be displayed at the Sports Archives in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Stadium to honour “victorious athletes who brought prestige to the State”.

Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Myo Hlaing explained the formation of the scrutiny committee formed with 19 sports writers and scholars, who chose 44 veteran ath-

letes from 15 sports disciplines to erect the statues.

Head of Office of the ministry U Kyaw Oo participated in discussions on the display of documentary photos of leaders

of the Myanmar sports arena and directors-general of the SPED, Joint Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee U Khin Maung Lwin talked about outstanding persons

in the Myanmar sports chronicle and sports writer U Lu Lu Min discussed ideas on where to put the statues and photos of the outstanding athletes.

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REGIONAL

Thai junta leader appointed PM by hand-picked parliament



President of Thailand's National Legislative Assembly Pornphet Vichitcholchai (C), First Vice President Surachai Liengboonlertchai (L) and Second Vice President Peerasak Phortjit (R) speak during a parliamentary session at parliament house in Bangkok on 21 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 21 Aug — Thailand's coup leader General Prayuth Chan-ocha was appointed prime minister on Thursday by a legislature he hand-picked, giving the army chief a veneer of legitimacy even while the military presses on with efforts to silence its

critics.

The army seized power on 22 May in a bloodless coup following six months of sometimes deadly street protests that contributed to the ousting of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, whose populist government was opposed by the Bang-

kok royalist establishment.

Although Prayuth's appointment paves the way for an interim government to be set up in the coming weeks, power will remain firmly in the junta's hands. The general has said he plans to press ahead with a year of political reforms

before a new election that he said will take place by late 2015.

"It is designed to give him the power to run the country according to the law. The premier position will give him legal power in the Thai governance system," Gotham Arya, a lecturer in human rights studies at Mahidol University, told *Reuters*.

The nomination comes as no surprise — the National Legislative Assembly (NLA) that chose Prayuth is largely considered little more than a rubber stamp parliament tasked with enacting sweeping reforms under the army's watch.

The 60-year-old Prayuth will retire as army chief in September but will stay on as head of the junta, formally known as the National Council for Peace and Order. His appointment will need to be endorsed by Thailand's king.

In the weeks leading up to the coup Prayuth denied rumours that the military was planning to take control, but a *Reuters*

report in May revealed the army had a plan ready that ran through various scenarios and how the military should respond.

Yingluck, the sister of self-exiled former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, had already been forced to step down on 7 May, after a court found her guilty of abuse of power, but the army said its putsch to remove the remnants of her government two weeks later was necessary to restore order.

Prayuth, who was not present at Thursday's vote in the legislature, has said he will hand over power once a three-phase roadmap of reconciliation, an interim government to oversee reforms and elections is complete.

Moments after his appointment Prayuth, who was inspecting troops at an army camp in Chonburi province south of Bangkok, was asked by reporters whether he had heard the news.

"I didn't know I had been asked to join," Prayuth said, shaking his head, adding: "First, I want the country to move on."

Since launching the

coup, Prayuth has displayed signs of authoritarianism. A draft 2015 fiscal budget was approved on Monday in a unanimous vote, with only three abstentions by the NLA president and deputies according to convention.

"Nobody had any problem. Nobody disagreed," Prayuth said after the vote on Monday.

Australia, the United States and the European Union downgraded diplomatic ties with Thailand after the coup and western diplomats *Reuters* spoke to said the appointment amounted to little more than a public relations exercise.

"The prime minister title is just a cosmetic change and the nomination is not unexpected," said one Western diplomat in Bangkok, who declined to be named.

"Prayuth is a soldier and not a democratically elected politician and Western nations will continue to press Thailand for progress toward free and fair elections. Right now, we are more concerned about Thailand's human rights record." —*Reuters*

Malaysian militants bought bomb material for planned attack-official

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Aug — Suspected Malaysian militants loyal to the extremist Islamic State movement bought bomb-making material ahead of a proposed attack on a Carlsberg brewery near the capital Kuala Lumpur, a top anti-terrorism official said. The plan, which the official said was at a "discussion" stage, would be the first time Southeast Asian militants inspired by Islamic State's rise have sought to launch a major attack at home, adding to officials' fears of a domestic "blowback" from Islamic State's expansion in Syria and Iraq.

Ayob Khan Mydin, the police counter-terrorism division's deputy chief, told *Reuters* that the group of 19 suspected militants had attained aluminium powder, which is often used as an ingredient in bombs. "In terms of ideology and intention it was very clear," Ayob Khan said in an interview. "It would have been carried out." The group, seven of whom have been

charged under anti-terrorism and weapons laws, had discussed bombing the Danish beer-maker's factory in Petaling Jaya on the outskirts of the capital as well as other targets such as pubs, Ayob Khan said. Alcohol is forbidden under Islamic rules, but is widely available in Muslim-majority Malaysia.

Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia said in a response to *Reuters*' questions that it had taken "necessary steps to ensure security at our premises, as employee safety is a priority". Ayob Khan said that 12 of the suspects had to be released due to lack of evidence tying them to specific plans for an attack or to join the banned Islamic State.

Islamic State's sweep through northern Iraq, bringing it close to Baghdad and in control of the second city, Mosul, has energized radical Muslim followers in Malaysia and Indonesia, partly due to teachings that "the final battle" would take place in the greater Syrian region.

Reuters

Indonesia police fire teargas ahead of court verdict on election

JAKARTA, 21 Aug — Indonesian police fired teargas to disperse thousands of protesters outside the country's top court in Jakarta on Thursday, as judges started delivering their verdict into last month's disputed presidential election.

Losing candidate Prabowo Subianto has asked the Constitutional Court to overturn the election result, saying the vote in the world's third largest democracy was tainted by mass fraud.

Judges started reading through their findings — estimated to be hundreds of pages long — in the afternoon and it could take hours before a final verdict is announced. The court is widely expected to uphold Joko Widodo's election victory and the verdict cannot be appealed.

The case is widely seen as a face-saving gesture and has been a common course of action in previous elections. The court has never overturned the result of a

presidential election. Thousands of Prabowo supporters gathered near the court and police fired teargas and water cannons to disperse protesters trying to break through security barriers shortly after the court began its session.

Witnesses said protesters rammed four trucks into the barriers, sparking the police response. A few people were injured and four were arrested. The crowds later largely dispersed. About 50,000 police and military personnel are on standby around the capital in case of more violence, authorities said. Some businesses and schools closed early.

Political rallies in Jakarta have been peaceful since the hearing began two weeks ago.

A spokesman for Prabowo urged supporters to refrain from violence.

"We will respect the court's decision because it is final and binding," Tantowi Yahya told *Reuters*.



Indonesian police block supporters of presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto from reaching the Constitutional Court in Jakarta on 21 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

"Prabowo has repeatedly said to his supporters to be calm and peaceful."

Indonesian stocks closed at a 15-month high, up 0.31 percent at 5,206.14 and near a record high. The rupiah also strengthened against the dollar.

Uncertainty over the election has delayed at least one major economic reform policy, as the outgoing government awaits the verdict before launching talks with Widodo's transition team on how to address balloon-

ing fuel subsidy costs. "We are waiting for the Constitutional Court decision before starting discussions with the transition team," chief economics minister Chairul Tanjung told reporters on Wednesday.

The Elections Commission, which has been commended by international observers for its transparency, declared Widodo the winner by nearly 8.5 million votes, with more than 53 percent of the vote.

Reuters

Chinese president arrives in Mongolia for state visit

ULAN BATOR, 21 Aug — Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in Ulan Bator on Thursday for a two-day state visit to Mongolia.

It was the first visit in 11 years by China's head of state to Mongolia, and also the second time for Xi to make a one-stop trip to a foreign country since he took office in March 2013.

Xi and his wife Peng Liyuan were greeted by Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag and his wife at the airport in Ulan Bator. Xi said China and Mongolia are close neighbors who are linked by mountains and rivers and boast profound friendship.

"I believe my visit will be a trip of friendship, co-operation and development that bears the anticipations of both peoples," he added.

The Chinese president said his trip to Mongolia is like "visiting relatives" and he is very delighted and full of expectations.

"I hope to take this visit as an important opportunity



Chinese President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan are greeted by Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag and his wife at the airport in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on 21 Aug, 2014. — XINHUA

ties 65 years ago, Xi noted. "The constant deepening of strategic mutual trust, the growing converging points of our interests, and the increasingly closer sentiments between the two nations are valuable assets

nity to elevate the bilateral relations to a new height," he said.

Friendship and cooperation has been the theme of China-Mongolia relations since the two countries established diplomatic

accumulated jointly by the two peoples," Xi said.

China and Mongolia, which share a borderline of more than 4,700 km long, should be good neighbours in action and friendly neighbours in emotion, in addition to being close neighbours geographically, he added.

The Chinese people are striving for the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation, and the Mongolian people are also forging ahead in their path of reform and development, Xi said. The two countries enjoy converging points in strategy and complementarity in economy, and the two peoples boast long-standing friendship and deep-rooted amity toward each other, he said.

"We are blessed with good timing, geographical convenience and harmonious human relations when we continue to deepen and develop our friendship and cooperation," Xi said.

Xinhua

US, S Korea officials discuss sanctions on N Korea, Iran, Russia

SEOUL, 21 Aug — Senior US Treasury official David Cohen held talks with South Korean officials here on Thursday on sanctions imposed on such countries as North Korea and Iran over their nuclear and ballistic missile programmes, according to *Yonhap News Agency*.

Cohen, undersecretary for terrorism and financial intelligence, met at the Foreign Ministry with Hwang Joon Kook, South Korea's top nuclear envoy, and Lee Kyung Soo, deputy minister for political affairs.

"We've discussed issues regarding the DPRK as well as our joint efforts with respect to Iran," Cohen said after the meetings, using an acronym for North Korea's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Treasury Department announced on Monday that Cohen would be visiting Japan, South Korea, China, the United Arab Emirates and Oman on 18-25 August and meet with senior government officials to discuss, besides issues related to North Korea and Iran, "international efforts to maintain financial pressure on the government of Russia in response to its destabilizing actions in eastern Ukraine." Cohen, who arrived in Seoul on Wednesday, was due to depart later Thursday for China, *Yonhap* said.

Kyodo News

39 dead, seven missing after torrential rain hits Hiroshima



Japan's Self-Defence Forces personnel continue searching for missing people among debris in Asami-ward in the city of Hiroshima, western Japan, on 21 Aug, 2014, after deadly landslides hit the residential areas the previous day. — KYODO NEWS

HIROSHIMA, 21 Aug — A total of 39 people were confirmed dead and seven remain missing on Wednesday after a series of landslides and flooding triggered by torrential rain overnight engulfed residential areas in Hiroshima, western Japan.

The government has boosted the number of Self-Defence Forces personnel deployed for rescue operations to 600 personnel to continue operations through the night. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who was taking his summer vacation, cut short a game of golf to return to his office in Tokyo to deal with the disaster.

In the Asakita Ward of Hiroshima, one of the hardest hit areas, a record 217.5 millimetres of rain fell in the three hours from 1:30 am on Wednesday. — *Kyodo News*

N Korean request for UN Security Council meeting draws no support

NEW YORK, 21 Aug — North Korea's request for an emergency meeting of the UN Security Council to discuss joint military exercises by the United States and South Korea received no support at an informal meeting of the council held on Wednesday, UK Ambassador Lyall Grant said. China, Pyongyang's key ally, raised the issue at the meeting, according to the British ambassador, who holds the rotating presidency of the council in August.

North Korea sent a letter in July requesting that the top UN body convene a meeting. Ambassador Ri Tong Ill gave a Press conference about the request on 1 August, saying it was "unfair" of the council to condemn its missile launches for "self-defensive exercise" while "turning its blind eyes to the provocative ongoing joint military exercises." — *Kyodo News*

Australia's highest court to hear test case on asylum seekers

SYDNEY, 21 Aug — Australia's highest court set a date on Thursday for a full hearing into how a group of Sri Lankan asylum seekers were detained at sea, a case that will test the government's authority to pursue its secretive immigration policies.

Lawyers for the group of Tamil asylum seekers said it was likely the United Nations would seek to join the case, a highly unusual step they said showed the level of international concern over Australia's "Operation Sovereign Borders".

Justice Kenneth Hayne, who has said the case appeared to be unique in the world and raised serious questions about how far Australian power extends, set an expedited two-day hearing before a full bench of the High Court for 14-15 October.

The boat carrying the 157 Tamil asylum seekers was intercepted in late June and held by Australian authorities at sea for weeks. The group's lawyers argue that the their detention and the government's plan to send them to Sri Lanka or back to India, from where they had left, were illegal.

The fate of the group has highlighted Australia's immigration policy, in which boats carrying would-be asylum seekers are intercepted at sea and turned back. The policy has been condemned by the United Nations and human rights groups.

Lawyers representing the asylum seekers indicated that the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), which in July expressed "profound concern" over the case, and the Australian Human Rights Commission (HRC) would seek to join the case. The UN would not be a direct party to the case but could offer legal opinion, testimony and text evidence.

"What Australia does on the high seas does affect international law and the approach of other countries," lawyer George Newhouse told reporters.

"It would be highly unusual for the United Nations to intervene in a High Court case in Australia," he said.

"It shows the high level of concern internationally over Australia's treatment of vulnerable men, women and children."

Reuters

Softbank's Son joins iced water challenge



Masayoshi Son, chairman and chief executive officer of Softbank Corp, a Japanese telecommunications and Internet company, pours a bucket of iced water over himself at the company's headquarters in Tokyo's Minato Ward on 20 Aug, 2014. Son joined a charity event gaining popularity among US celebrities to increase awareness of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a disease known as ALS, by pouring iced water onto themselves and posting videos of it on social networking sites.

KYODO NEWS

WORLD

US military failed in rescue attempt for journalist Foley

BAGHDAD/EDGARTOWN, 21 Aug — The US military earlier this summer carried out an attempt to rescue journalist James Foley and other American hostages held in Syria, a US official said on Wednesday, in an operation that the Pentagon said ultimately failed to find the captives.

Foley, 40, was beheaded by an Islamic State militant in a video that surfaced on the Internet on Tuesday. President Barack Obama expressed revulsion on Wednesday at the execution and vowed the United States would do what it must to protect its citizens.

The unsuccessful rescue operation “involved air and ground components and was focused on a particular captor network within ISIL,” the Pentagon said in a statement, using a different name for the militant group. “Unfortunately, the mission was not successful because the hostages were not present at the targeted location.”

Officials would not say



A sign outside a shop remembers James Foley in his hometown of Rochester, New Hampshire on 20 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

exactly when the operation took place but said it was not in the last couple of weeks.

Obama authorized the mission “earlier this summer,” Lisa Monaco, Obama’s top counterterrorism aide, said in a separate statement. “The President authorized action at this

time because it was the national security team’s assessment that these hostages were in danger with each passing day in ISIL custody,” she said.

Islamic State said Foley’s execution, which prompted widespread horror that could push Western powers into further action

against the group, was in revenge for US airstrikes in Iraq.

The Pentagon said US aircraft conducted 14 airstrikes in the vicinity of Iraq’s Mosul Dam, destroying or damaging militants’ Humvees, trucks and explosives.

Britain’s prime min-

ister cut short his vacation as UK intelligence tried to identify Foley’s killer, while France called for international coordination against the Islamist militants fighting in Syria and Iraq.

US officials said on Wednesday that intelligence analysts had concluded that the Islamic State video, titled “A Message to America,” was authentic. It also showed images of another US journalist, Steven Sotloff, whose fate the group said depends on how the United States acts in Iraq.

The gruesome video presented Obama with bleak options that could define American involvement in Iraq and the public reaction to it, potentially dragging him further into a conflict he built much of his presidency on ending.

Obama called the beheading of Foley “an act of violence that shocked the conscience of the entire world” and said the militants had killed innocent

civilians, subjected women and children to torture, rape and slavery and targeted Muslims, Christians and religious minorities.

“So ISIL speaks for no religion. Their victims are overwhelmingly Muslim, and no faith teaches people to massacre innocents. No just God would stand for what they did yesterday and what they do every single day,” Obama said in brief comments to reporters in Edgartown, Massachusetts, where he has been vacationing. He said he had spoken with Foley’s family. “ISIL has no ideology of any value to human beings. Their ideology is bankrupt.”

US Secretary of State John Kerry said the United States would “never back down in the face of such evil. ‘ISIL and the wickedness it represents must be destroyed, and those responsible for this heinous, vicious atrocity will be held accountable,’” Kerry said in a statement.

Reuters

Afghanistan gives NYT reporter 24 hours to leave country



New York Times reporter Matthew Rosenberg, 40, speaks during an interview in Kabul on 20 Aug, 2014. REUTERS

KABUL, 21 Aug—Afghanistan has given a New York Times reporter 24 hours to leave the country, accusing him of not cooperating with an investigation into his reporting, the Attorney General’s office said on Wednesday.

Matthew Rosenberg, 40, was summoned for questioning on Tuesday after the newspaper ran a story about officials discussing plans to form an interim government and “seize power” if a deadlock over the presidential election failed to break soon.

“Due to the lack of proper accountability and non-cooperation, the Attorney General’s office has decided that Matthew Rosenberg should leave Afghanistan within 24 hours,” the office said in a statement. “He will not be permitted to enter the country again.”

Rosenberg said he and his newspaper had been co-operating fully.

“We simply requested a lawyer as is our right under Afghan law,” he said. “We were also never informed of a formal investigation and we do not understand how insisting on the right to a lawyer is not cooperating.” Caitlin Hayden, spokeswoman for the White House National Security Council, said the Afghan government’s move was a “significant step backward for the freedom of the press in Afghanistan and should be reversed immediately”.

Afghanistan is in the midst of a ballot that has dragged on for months, with both candidates claiming victory after the June 14 run-off and allegations of mass fraud threatening to derail the process.

Reuters

Hamas says Israel killed three top Gaza commanders

GAZA, 21 Aug — An Israeli air strike killed three senior Hamas military commanders in the Gaza Strip on Thursday, the Islamist group said, the clearest sign yet Israel is focusing its assault on those leading attacks from the Palestinian enclave.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment on what would constitute the killing of the most senior Hamas men since it launched its offensive on Gaza six weeks ago with the declared aim of curbing rocket fire into its territory.

Hamas, which dom-

inates the Gaza Strip, named the men as Mohammed Abu Shammala, Raed al-Attar and Mohammed Barhoum and said they were killed in a bombing of a house in the southern town of Rafah.

A military spokeswoman said aircraft carried out 20 assaults in Gaza on Thursday, but gave no further details. Late on Tuesday Israel targeted Hamas’s top military commander, Mohammed Deif, but failed to kill him. Deif’s wife and seven-month-old son were killed in the air strike, Hamas said.



Palestinians remove belongings from a house that witnesses said was destroyed during an Israeli air strike in the northern Gaza Strip on 21 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS



An Israeli soldier sits atop an armoured personnel carrier (APC) near the border with the Gaza Strip on 20 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

Egyptian-mediated talks to end weeks of deadly fighting between Israel, Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza collapsed on Tuesday when violence broke out after ten days of relative calm.

Palestinian health officials said 2,050 Palestinians, most of them civilians, have been killed in the fighting.

Israel says it has killed hundreds of Palestinian militants in the conflict, which the United Nations says has displaced about 425,000 people. Sixty-four Israeli soldiers and three civilians in Israel have been killed.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 22 August, 2014

Drawing a line between use and abuse of the Internet

By Kyaw Thura

The Internet has made our everyday life more comfortable than ever before to an extent that everything we need to know, either serious or frivolous, is just a few clicks away.

Simply put, the internet makes no discrimination in offering a variety of benefits to people willing to make the most out of it.

Given the enormous amount of information

available, the internet has become a valuable tool in various settings, for instance, economy, business, education and health.

The internet has already enabled people, especially young people, to increase the scope of their knowledge through its exponential growth.

Another major benefit that the internet has brought with it is the creation of job opportunities. Nowadays, every industry needs to have a website of their own. As a result, more jobs are open to web designers, programmers, computer technicians and software developers.

The most noticeable aspect of the internet can be found in the education sector. Educators and students looking for further information for various disciplines can now have easy access to valuable sources of reference. Electronic libraries are prime examples. Learning and teaching material and courses are easily available on the Internet.

Lots of social media, such as Facebook and Twitter, eliminate distances and provide people with a unique opportunity to keep and get in touch with friends. In fact, the internet has redefined the mode of communication by means of modern technology.

There are always two sides to every story. True to this statement, there is a high level of abuse by teenagers and unscrupulous people. No matter what, the benefits the internet can provide to all of us are really august, with advantages outweighing disadvantages.

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The Essence of Buddhism

Kyí Mun

What is Buddhism ?

A religion, a philosophy, discipline of the mind, a way of life. The Buddhist Path is a personal experience of achieving deep and long-lasting happiness by gaining wisdom and a mind free of negative emotions. This can only happen if we cultivate positive practices and realize the benefits of doing so. Meditation is an essential means of accomplishing this.

THE DHAMMA THEORY

The Dhamma Essence

To avoid all evil,
To do good, and
To purify your mind.
This is the teaching of
All the Buddhas.

To Keep Away From (10) Evil Things

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|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| • Killing | • Stealing | • Sexual Misconduct | • Lying |
| • False Witnessing | • Harsh speech | • Futile speech | • Covetousness |
| • Perturbed Mind | • False View | | |

To Reinforce / To Multiply (10) Meritorious Things

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|----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| • Charity | • Morality | • Meditation | • Reverence |
| • Service | • Sharing One's Merits | • Delighting Other's Merits | |
| • Hearing the Dhamma | • Delivering the Dhamma | • Straightening one's View | |

To Purify the Mind

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Right View | } Wisdom (Pañña) |
| • Right Thought | |
| • Right Speech | } Morality (Sila) |
| • Right Deed | |
| • Right Livelihood | |
| • Right Effort | } Concentration (Samadhi) |
| • Right Mindfulness | |
| • Right One-pointedness of mind | |

THE DHAMMA PRACTICE
COVETOUSNESS

With a mind filled with greed, overly attached to possessions and the wish to have more, a person may think that the possessions, wealth, lifestyle or talents of others should be theirs. There is nothing wrong with those objects in themselves but a mind filled with desire and greed will not be satisfied, despite how many are accumulated, and envy of those with more is easily aroused.

A MEDITATION

Contemplate how the covetous mind brings dissatisfaction and discontent. Recall thoughts you may have had that fall into this category of covetousness or greed. Develop a sense of regret for such thoughts. Resolve to be generous towards others and to be content with what you have.

ILL-WILL

Jealousy, retribution, envy may all be motivations for wishing to harm others or see them suffer in some way, but ill-will can also be very deceptive.

The 'tall poppy' syndrome where satisfaction, however subtle, is experienced by seeing happy, talented or wealthy people falling from fame or fortune can be classed as a form of ill-will.

A MEDITATION

Contemplate on the fact that all sentient beings wish to be happy and avoid suffering, as you do yourself. A mind thinking of ill-will towards others is never happy. Recall a time when you may have wished misfortune on others or experienced a sense of satisfaction when others experienced suffering of some kind.

Develop a sense of regret for such thoughts and the suffering they cause for you in the future. Resolve to be mindful of the fact that others are just like you, they also need love, compassion and protection.

WRONG VIEW

For the Buddhist practitioner, wrong view and the act of killing are the worst of the negative actions.

Wrong view relates to three views in particular:

- 1 That the Law of Cause and Effect i.e. karma does not exist.
- 2 There is a permanent 'self', the belief of eternalism.

3 That there are no past or future lives and things arise spontaneously without cause, the belief of nihilism.

Buddha's teachings tell us that these views are the cause of great and continuing suffering. A mind with these views would not believe the remaining non-virtuous actions to be so harmful, resulting in them arising more easily.

A MEDITATION

Contemplate the suffering caused by a mind of self-cherishing. Consider the laws of karma and the possible causes for experiences you are going through.

Recall a time when you were overwhelmed by negative thoughts or emotions. Would it have been of benefit at that time to have some understanding as to why you were experiencing those thoughts ?

Resolve to listen, think and meditate on ways of developing knowledge and wisdom.

THE BUDDHIST WAY TO ENLIGHTENMENT

Transient are Conditioned Things

Transient are all conditioned things: when this, with wisdom, one discerns, then is one disgusted with ill, this is the path to purity.

Sorrowful are All Conditioned Things

"Sorrowful are all conditioned things" : when this, with wisdom, one discerns, then is one disgusted with ill; this is the path to purity.

Everything is soulless

"All Dhammas are without a soul" when this, with wisdom, one discerns, then is one disgusted with ill; this is the path to purity.

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Nay Pyi Taw Council member inspects damaged bridge, flooded paddy fields

TATKON, 21 Aug—Officials from Nay Pyi Taw Council inspected damage caused by heavy rains in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 19 and 20 August which destroyed Nyaunggaing wooden bridge.

Due to floods, water from Pwesar Dam in Ohnbin Village-tract, Nawin Creek and Nyaunggaing Creek eroded the wooden bridge, with Nyaunggaing

Creek overflowing some acres of farmlands. Officials of the Agriculture Department said they will provide crop saplings to the farmers after the floods have subsided. The floods and broken bridge did not cause transport interruption as local people still had access to the Pedaw, Thayetbin, Temyint and Nyuenglunt connecting road.

Member of Nay Pyi



Taw Council U Myint they will give assistance to Shwe, local authorities and the local community. departmental officials said Township IPRD

LOCAL NEWS

Natmauk residents to celebrate centennial birthday of General Aung San



NATMAUK, 21 Aug—The centennial birthday of General Aung San, the leader of Myanmar independence struggles, will be held on a grand scale in Natmauk of Magway Region on 13 February 2015, sources said.

The birthday celebration will last from 7 to 13 February. The organizing committee members plan to hold entertainment programmes, literary talks

and Dhamma talks. On 13 August, a ceremony to offer meals to members of the Sangha will be held at Dipinkara Monastery where the general pursued education in his childhood. The committee will publish tapes on commemorative songs, as well as magazines and calendars.

On Wednesday, 32 wellwishers donated K2.3 million to the fund of the organizing committee at Hsutaungpyae Phayagyi monastery in Natmauk, said secretary of the leading committee Dr Soe Min.

The organizing committee is inviting the public to attend the centennial birthday of General Aung San.—Hla Win (IPRD)

1 person killed and 1 injured in car accident in ChaungU



CHAUNGU, 21 Aug—A vehicle with beehive boxes of the Beekeeping Department caused a traffic accident near mile post 67/6 on the Monywa-Mandalay Road in ChaungU Township of Sagaing Region on 18 August, killing one person and injuring another.

According to police, a Dyna driven by Maung Me of West Chaungma Village in Kani Township, leaving Bantbwe Village of Nawngkhio Township for Chaungma Village of Kani Township, overturned due to high speed.

During the incident, a worker identified as Maung Min Zaw Oo was injured and another one called U Myint Htoo was killed, with the driver escaping from the scene.

Following the accident, beehive boxes were scattered on the road, causing

blockage for several hours before they were removed by members of the

Township Police Force and Auxiliary Fire Brigade.

ChaungU Township IPRD

Computer course conducted in Nay Pyi Taw to improve human resources



NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A basic computer course was conducted free of charge at the Shwenatha Ward administrator office in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, aimed at improving human resources, officials said.

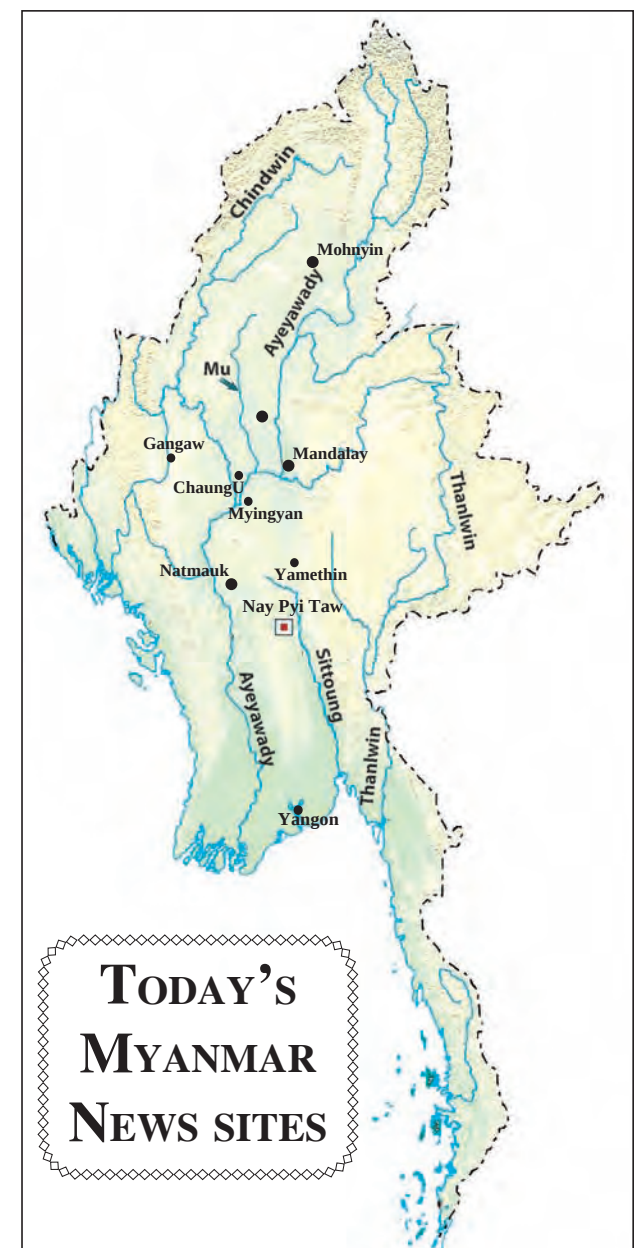
The course supervised by Ward Administrator U Tun Tun Oo was given to 38 trainees under the guidelines of five trainers, with teaching aid and textbooks distributed to the trainees free of charge.

Salai Tong Hsi

GANGAW, 21 Aug—The Gangaw Township Planning Committee held a coordination meeting on planning of community-based regional development projects at the hall of the Township General Administration Department in Gangaw of Magway Region on Wednesday.

Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) MP U Hla Swe, Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) MP U Aung Myint and departmental officials discussed transport, supply of water, irrigation for agricultural purpose, electrification, education, health and general matters.

Gangaw District IPRD



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Community-based regional development project coordinated



US attorney general visits Missouri town for meetings on fatal shooting

FERGUSON, 21 Aug — US Attorney General Eric Holder met with community members in Ferguson, Missouri, on Wednesday and vowed a thorough civil rights probe into the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black teenager that has set off 12 nights of racially charged protests.

Holder, the first Afri-

can-American to head the Justice Department, spoke in person with students and then community leaders at a community college during a visit to Ferguson for a briefing on a Justice Department investigation into the 9 August killing of 18-year-old Michael Brown.

He later met for about 20 minutes with Brown's

parents at the St Louis US Attorney's Office. No details of the private session were divulged, but a person familiar with the encounter quoted Holder as promising "a fair and independent inquiry" when family members asked him about the investigative process.

Before meeting with Holder, Brown's mother viewed her son's body at a local morgue for the first time since he was shot, the same person told reporters.

Also on Wednesday, a grand jury began hearing evidence in the case, though protesters stepped up their demands that the local criminal probe be turned over to a special prosecutor. Before a briefing at local FBI headquarters, Holder said the thrust of his department's inquiry differed from the investigation conducted by local authorities.

"We are looking for



Attorney General Eric Holder talks with Capt Ron Johnson of the Missouri State Highway Patrol at Drake's Place Restaurant in Florissant, Missouri on 20 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS



Demonstrators protesting against the shooting of Michael Brown, stand at the scene where St Louis metropolitan police shot and killed a man wielding a knife, in the St Louis area on 19 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

violations of federal, criminal civil rights statutes," he said. The Justice Department is seeking specifically to determine whether federal prosecutors can bring criminal charges against Darren Wilson, the police

officer who shot Brown, for violating Brown's civil rights by use of excessive force.

His visit came hours after dozens of protesters were arrested in the latest street disturbances. Many

of the protests have been peaceful, but others, especially smaller ones late at night, have been punctuated by looting, vandalism and clashes between demonstrators and police.

Reuters

Dozens die in Ukraine in street battles, Donetsk shelling

KIEV/DONETSK, (Ukraine), 21 Aug — Heavy shelling hit residential neighbourhoods in Ukraine's rebel stronghold of Donetsk and government forces fought street battles in other towns on Wednesday as they sought to crush a four-month-old separatist rebellion.

The forces of the Western-backed Kiev government are steadily gaining the upper hand over the separatists in Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine and are tightening the noose around the main rebel bastions of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Reuters reporters in Donetsk said mortar rounds had struck Chelyuskintsev Street in the north of the city, a few km (miles) from the frontline of the conflict, shattering the windows of several five-storey apartment buildings and shearing off the branches of trees and downing power lines.

The attack left large craters in the street and a metre-wide hole in the first floor of one of the apartment buildings.

"The Ukrainian army or whoever they are — they're bombing us again. I've lived in the apartment building my entire life and now they want to take everything I have. There is



Train wagons are seen on the destroyed railway bridge which collapsed during the fighting between the Ukrainian army and pro-Russian separatists, over a main road leading to the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk, near the village of Novobakhmutivka, north of Donetsk city on 19 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

nothing left to lose here in this city," said Nina, 52.

The Donetsk city administration, controlled by the separatists, said nine residents had been killed in shelling on Wednesday. The Ukrainian government denies that its forces are targeting civilian areas.

Another nine people, pro-Ukrainian volunteer fighters supporting Kiev's forces, were killed overnight in separate clashes near Donetsk, Ukrainian officials said.

The government in Kiev and its allies have accused Moscow of orchestrating the separatist rebellion and equipping the rebels with tanks, missiles

and other heavy weaponry.

Moscow denies this and accuses Kiev of waging a war against its own people and shelling civilians.

The conflict has plunged relations between Russia and the West to their worst level since the end of the Cold War in 1991.

The United Nations puts the death toll in the conflict at 2,086, including civilians and combatants. That figure has nearly doubled since late July, when Ukrainian forces stepped up their offensive and the fighting spread to major urban areas.

Reuters

ICRC team enters eastern Ukraine to smooth way for Russian convoy

GENEVA, 21 Aug — Red Cross officials entered eastern Ukraine on Wednesday to smooth the planned delivery of relief supplies aboard a Russian aid convoy, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said.

The convoy has been stuck at the Russia-Ukraine border for nearly a week due to Ukrainian concerns it could serve as a Trojan horse to infiltrate military supplies to pro-Russian separatists in the area. Moscow says the mission is purely humanitarian in support of civilians trapped by the conflict.

"An advance ICRC team crossed into eastern Ukraine this morning, having received security guarantees from groups controlling the territory

for this mission. The team is checking conditions of the road, and the general situation, and establishing contacts in preparation for the passage of the convoy," ICRC spokesman Ewan Watson told Reuters in Geneva.

"Obviously, this is a very positive step, it certainly brings us closer," he said.

But the ICRC had no time frame for when the cross-border aid operation might start as Ukrainian authorities had yet to begin inspecting cargo on the approximately 260 trucks, Watson said.

ICRC officials and vehicles are expected to accompany the Russian trucks and their drivers once they get the green light. The Russian convoy

carrying 2,000 tonnes of water, baby food and other humanitarian aid left Moscow on 12 August, arriving at the border a few days later.

Despite renewed diplomatic effort to end the conflict this week, Ukrainian forces fought street battles with the rebels in the eastern town of Ilovaisk overnight into Wednesday as they sought to isolate separatist strongholds near the border, an Interior Ministry official said in Kiev.

Government forces are gaining the upper hand after fighting for four months to quell rebellions in its Russian-speaking east and are steadily tightening the squeeze on rebels in their two big bastions of Donetsk and Luhansk.

Reuters



A Russian convoy carrying humanitarian aid for Ukraine enters border crossing point Donetsk for customs control, in Russia's Rostov Region, on 20 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Hewlett-Packard posts surprise revenue gain after PC sales jump

SAN FRANCISCO, 21 Aug — Hewlett-Packard Co posted a surprise increase in quarterly revenue after sales from its personal computer division climbed 12 percent, but a flat to declining performance from its other units underscored the company's uphill battle to revive growth.

HP sales rose a mere 1 percent to \$27.6 billion in its fiscal third quarter from \$27.2 billion a year earlier. Wall Street analysts had forecast a modest drop in revenue to \$27.01 billion.

The Silicon Valley giant is undergoing a major overhaul aimed at cutting costs and re-orienting itself toward higher-margin businesses such as computing infrastructure. It's trying to reduce a reliance on PCs

and move toward servers, storage and networking for enterprises — part of Chief Executive Officer Meg Whitman's effort to return the sprawling company to growth.

Whitman credited personal computer demand for "coming back some" as consumers and corporations upgraded ageing machines. She was pleased with 2 percent growth in revenue to \$6.9 billion at the Enterprise Group, the company's second-largest business that deals in networking, storage and servers.

"It's a turnaround in a declining business," Whitman said in an interview. She singled out a 9 percent increase in sales of industry-standard servers in particular, saying uncertainty

around Lenovo's acquisition of IBM Corp's low-end server unit helped steer business to HP.

"We've been able to capitalize on that uncertainty and our win rates are up against IBM," Whitman added.

She pegged Russia and China — countries whose relations with the United States have come under strain — as weak spots for PC sales, though Whitman said its Chinese business as a whole remained on solid footing.

HP intends to remain rigorous on costs to try and boost profitability. In May, it estimated another 11,000 to 16,000 more jobs needed to be cut on top of 34,000 previously announced.

It narrowed its earnings



A visitor takes a photo with a tablet in front of a Hewlett-Packard (HP) stand at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 27 Feb, 2014.

REUTERS

forecast for the full year to \$3.70 to \$3.74 per share, from \$3.63 to \$3.75. The company posted \$1.7 billion or 89 cents per share of non-gaap diluted net earnings in the third quarter, up

3 percent and in line with forecasts.

Whitman said HP was assessing its \$4 billion software business in view of an industry migration toward Internet-based or cloud

software. And she said the company, with \$4.9 billion in operating company net cash at the end of the fiscal third quarter, could make acquisitions if needed.

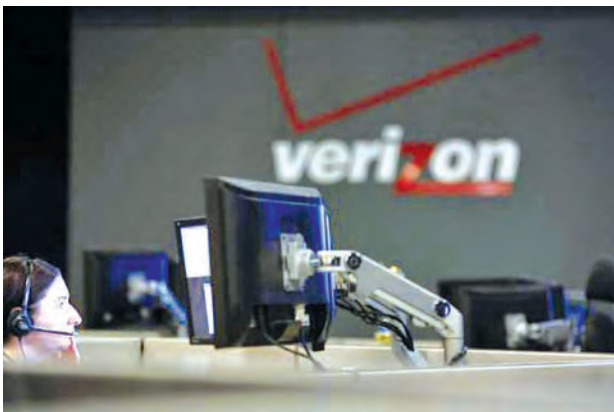
The company prefers to build its own capabilities and buying when it cannot develop inhouse, Whitman told analysts on a conference call. HP also remains committed to returning at least half its cash flow to shareholders, via dividends and buybacks.

"We're in a position to make acquisitions the way we weren't over the past year," she said.

Shares of the company dipped 0.8 percent to \$34.84 after-hours. They closed at \$35.12 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Reuters

Verizon denies it plans to open new app store



A cyber-security expert monitors telecommunications traffic at a network operations centre in a Verizon facility in Ashburn, Virginia in this on 15 July, 2014 file photo. —REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug — Verizon Communications Inc denied a report on Wednesday it was in talks with carriers and hardware manufacturers to open a

new mobile software store.

"We have no plans to do that," Verizon spokeswoman Debra Lewis said. "Been there. Done that," she added, referring to

Verizon's Apps, a mobile software store the company shut down last year.

Lewis spoke after The Information, an industry website, reported that Verizon was leading discussions to launch an industry coalition to create a mobile app store.

Currently, Google Inc gives its distribution partners, including carriers and device manufacturers, 30 percent of revenue from applications sold in its stores. Apple Inc operates differently, offering no share of revenue from the apps sold in its stores. In 2013, customers spent a record \$10 billion on Apple's App store. Google does not release revenue figures for its store. —Reuters

OSLO, 21 Aug — Norwegian software maker Opera has signed a deal to take over the browser building unit of Microsoft's Nokia mobile phone unit, Opera said on Thursday.

"We have signed a strategic licensing deal with Microsoft. We are basically taking over the browser building department in Nokia," Opera Chief Executive Lars Boilesen said. "This means that Opera Mini will become the default browser for Microsoft's feature phone product lines and the Asha phones product lines."

The deal will be profitable from the start, he added. —Reuters



The Nokia X is seen at its unveiling at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 24 Feb, 2014.

REUTERS

Tire makers race to turn dandelions into rubber

MUENSTER, (Germany), 21 Aug — Dutch biologist Ingrid van der Meer often meets with disbelief when she talks about her work on dandelions and how it could secure the future of road transport.

The reaction is understandable, given most people regard the yellow flowers as pesky intruders in their gardens rather than a promising source of rubber for tires.

"People just think of it as a horrible weed and ask how can you get enough material for tires from just a

small root," she said.

Her research team is competing with others across the world to breed a type of dandelion native to Kazakhstan whose taproot yields a milky fluid with tire-grade rubber particles in it.

Global tire makers such as industry leader Bridgestone Corp and No 4 player Continental AG believe they are in for rich pickings and are backing such research to the tune of millions of dollars.

Early signs are good. A small-scale trial by a US re-



Project manager Dirk Pruefer poses beside dandelion plants at a greenhouse at the Fraunhofer Institute for Molecular Biology and Applied Ecology (IME) in Muenster on 14 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

search team found the dandelions delivered per-hectare rubber yields on a par with the best rubber-tree plantations in tropical Asia.

So within a decade, rather than being a backyard bane like their wild cousins, the new flowers might be seen in neat rows in hundreds of thousands of acres across Europe and the United States, where they can grow even in poor soil.

And they could have some interesting modifications. For instance, German researchers have bred the plants to grow to up to

a foot (30 cm) in height, dwarfing many of their backyard cousins. They are also developing the dandelions with upright rather than flat-growing leaves - just so harvesting machines have something to grab on to.

The tire industry, which consumes about two-thirds of the world's natural rubber, has long felt uneasy about its complete reliance on rubber-tree tapping in a handful of Southeast Asian nations which account for most of the \$25 billion in annual natural-rubber output. —Reuters

Saudi Arabia sentences 18 to jail for militant offences

RIYADH, 21 Aug — A Saudi Arabian court has sentenced 18 men to prison terms of 10 months to 25 years for their part in a series of militant attacks against government and foreign targets between 2003-06, state media reported late on Wednesday.

The men were part of a group of 50 on trial at the same time, of whom 30 have already been sentenced to jail and one to death.

Those sentenced on Wednesday were found guilty of crimes including giving information on foreign residential compounds to attackers, sheltering wanted militant suspects, financing militants and possessing illegal arms.

The conservative Islamic kingdom and US ally has detained thousands of its citizens and sentenced hundreds of them to jail after a campaign of bombings and attacks last decade by an al-Qaeda group that killed hundreds of people.

Riyadh's concerns about Islamist militants have grown more acute over the past two years as the conflicts in Syria and Iraq have attracted more of its own citizens to travel to those countries in order to join groups fighting in the name of jihad.—Reuters

France seeks international meeting to tackle Islamic State

PARIS, 21 Aug — France said on Wednesday it wanted to bring together Arab states, Iran and the main world powers to coordinate a comprehensive response against Islamic State insurgents who control large parts of Syria and Iraq.

Speaking in an interview with Le Monde French President Francois Hollande did not say when such a meeting could be held or who would be invited but said a global strategy was needed to combat the insurgents.

"We can no longer keep to the traditional debate of intervention or non-intervention," Hollande told Le Monde.

"We have to come up with a global strategy to fight this group, which is structured, has significant financing, very sophisticated

ed weapons and threatens countries like Iraq, Syria and Lebanon," he said.

The Islamic State has captured swathes of northern Iraq since June, executing non-Sunni Muslim captives and minorities, displacing tens of thousands of people and drawing the first US air strikes in the region since Washington withdrew troops in 2011.

On Tuesday night the group released a video showing the beheading of US journalist James Foley that it said was in revenge for the strikes.

Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius told lawmakers Paris wanted the permanent members of the UN Security Council — Britain, United States, China, Russia and France — and regional countries, including Arab states and Iran, to coordinate action against the mil-

itants.

"We have to see with different partners how we can face them (Islamic State) with intelligence and military measures. That means cutting their resources, it means taking action to separate the support this group has from the population," Fabius said.

A diplomatic source said the conference, if it took place, could be held in Paris in September.

"We consider this terrorist group is of a different level of dangerousness than others. It is a business of destruction. Today it is Iraq, but the caliphate is the entire region, and beyond it is obviously Europe," Fabius said and condemned Foley's killing.

France, which has close ties with Iraq's Kurdish regional government, started delivering weapons



French Foreign Affairs Minister Laurent Fabius speaks during a news conference with Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister for Energy Hussain al-Shahrastani in Baghdad, on 10 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

to Kurdish fighters on Friday to help stop an advance by Islamic State into the Kurdish region.

"I believe the international situation is the worst we've seen since 2001," Hollande said. "We are not dealing with a terrorist group like al-Qaeda, but a quasi-terrorist state, Islamic State." Speaking on French radio on Tuesday, a Kurd-

ish general said French weapons' deliveries so far had not been sophisticated enough and called on Paris to provide anti-tank missiles.

Hollande said that France's weapons' deliveries had been carried out in agreement with the central government in Baghdad to ensure Iraq remained united.—Reuters

Six people injured in blasts in Afghanistan

KABUL, 21 Aug — Six people were wounded in two separate blasts in Afghanistan on Thursday.

In one attack, three army soldiers and one civilian got injured when an improvised explosive device (IED) went off

near a bus stop in Ahmad Shah Mina locality of the Afghan capital of Kabul at around 7:00 am local time, Deputy Interior Minister Ayoub Salangi said in a short message.

The target of the attack was the army soldiers, who

were waiting for a military bus. None of the injured received life threatening wounds, the official added.

In Jalalabad city, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, a sticky bomb attached to a police vehicle was deto-

nated, injuring one civilian and one police officer, a provincial police spokesman told Xinhua.

The blast destroyed the police van in the attack which occurred at around 8:00 a.m. in the city, 120 km east of Kabul.

A surge in attacks has been witnessed in the country since mid-May when the Taliban launched a yearly rebel offensive against Afghan security forces and NATO-led troops stationed in the country.—Xinhua



Former Senator Marina Silva (R), the congressman Luiz Roberto Albuquerque (L) and the national president of the Brazilian Socialist Party (PSB, for its acronym in Portuguese), Roberto Amaral (C), take part in an extraordinary meeting of the PSB in Brasilia, Brazil, on 20 Aug, 2014. Marina Silva was confirmed as presidential candidate of the PSB and Luiz Roberto Albuquerque as vice-presidential candidate after the death of Eduardo Campos, according to local press.

XINHUA

Brazil can learn from China to open up for competition

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Aug — Brazil can learn a lot from China to open up for competition and boost growth, a US expert said on Wednesday.

Brazil "can open up for competition, little by little," much like China did in the past, Ann Lee, an economics and finance professor with New York University, said at a seminar here.

Lee, an expert on Chinese economy, praised the Chinese model, which, according to her, is based on concrete experiences.

She said Brazil can learn from China's experiences in special economic zones and be more open, even if in just a few sectors at first.

"Forty years ago, China had a 100-percent state-

owned economy, with no private industry whatsoever. And they had to learn how to integrate themselves into the current global order... where private industry played a role. They had to figure out how to move from their then state to a different state, when they had no real market economy, and there were not rulebooks or blueprints," Lee said.

"China realized they had to do things step by step through trial and error," she added.

Brazil is going through a presidential campaign and general elections will be held in October.

Lee aid she believes Brazil can get more dynamism and increase its global presence, adding that in order to achieve more growth,

the country needs a plan to advance, as well as a political figure with a strategic vision to conciliate different interests and gather them around the same policy.

Again, that is a strategy that has worked for China. "China has strategic plans that they have announced to the whole world; it is like a goal setting exercise for them, where they say 'this is where we would like to be,' and 'these are our aspirations.'"

And then they try to align all the government officials to carry them out," she said. "By having hard targets like that, they help attract the right kind of talent and businesses to China to help them reach those goals."

Xinhua

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**Ministry of Energy
Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Invitation for Opened Tender (3/2014)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats and United States Dollars (CIF Yangon).

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/5 (2014-2015)	2,800. Gallons Bowser (Brand New)	10 Units	Kyats
(2)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/6 (2014-2015)	Flow Meter 100 IGPM (Positive Displacement Liquid controls, Branded)	10 Nos	Kyats
(3)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/7 (2014-2015)	Air Conditioner	5 Sets	Kyats
(4)	MPPE/LP/TTS/T/2 (2014-2015)	Tyre with Tube and Flap	2 Items	Kyats
(5)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/3 (2014-2015)	300 IGPM Fuel Transfer Centrifugal Pump (Engine Driven)	2 Sets	USD
(6)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/4 (2014-2015)	Fire Fighting Angus Engine Driven Pump With Trailer Inductor	2 Sets	USD
(7)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/5 (2014-2015)	Mercedes Refueller Engine Assembly with Clutch and Gear Box Assembly	2 Sets	USD
(8)	MPPE/AV/T/1 (2014-2015)	Aviation Gasoline 100LL	480x200 Litre Drums	USD
(9)	MPPE/AV/LUB/T/1 (2014-2015)	Aviation Lubricating Oil & Grease	14 Items	USD
(10)	MPPE/MCY/T/2 (2014-2015)	Filter Elements	8 Items	USD

2. Tender Closing Date & Time- 18-9-2014, 12:00 Hrs.

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 19-8-2014 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Phone: 067-411487.

Planning Department
Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No(6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

US could send another 300 military personnel to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—The US State Department has requested additional military personnel to provide security in Iraq, a US official said on Wednesday.

The request for additional military personnel, which would include fewer than 300 people, has not yet been approved, the official said on condition of anonymity.

The US military has already sent more than 800 soldiers to Iraq since Islamic State fighters took over much of the country's north in June.—*Reuters*

4.2-magnitude quake jolts SW China

KUNMING, 21 Aug—A 4.2-magnitude earthquake struck China's Yunnan Province on Thursday.

The earthquake occurred in Binchuan County, Bai Autonomous Prefecture of Dali at 12:11 am Thursday with its epicenter 12 km deep, according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre.

Residents in the county seat felt the earthquake with many rushing out of their homes, said Zhao Zhizhen, a county official.

There have been no reports of casualties or damage. Local authorities are checking into the situation. Yunnan is prone to earthquakes. A 6.5-magnitude earthquake in Ludian in the northeast of Yunnan on 3 August killed more than 600 people and destroyed 80,000 homes.—*Xinhua*

**THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION
MYANMA RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
FROM DEVELOPERS FOR DRY PORTS PROJECT**

1. In line with the National Development Plan, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been identifying the economic potentials to contribute to the country's economic development by providing business opportunities and investments for the local, international developers and private organizations. As our endeavor for freight transport sector development, Myanma Railways has committed to formulate dry ports and implement the functions of its at Ywarthargyi (Yangon Region) and Myitnge (Mandalay Region).

2. Myanma Railways now invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputable local, international or joint venture developers/investors to undertake design, build and operate works for the dry ports project.

3. The EOI form will be taken at Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinphyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Phone +95-1-291985, 291994. Developers must submit EOI in original, a duplicate copy and electronic copy of a CD ROM not later than 14:00 pm, 19 September 2014. No submission by E-mail shall be entertained.

4. Myanma Railways shall determine to its satisfaction whether the EOI that is selected as having submitted the substantially responsive and then successful developers will be invited to submit for tender process. Enquiries can be made by calling telephones +95-67-77005, 77085, 77068.

**Managing Director
Myanma Railways
Ministry of Rail Transportation**

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(17/2014)**

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(3)	IFB-089(14-15)	2 7/8" Drill Pipe Elevator (3) Nos	US\$
(4)	DMP/L-014(14-15)	Lifting Sling, Webbing Sling & Shackle (13)Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-015(14-15)	Air Hose Pipe (3) Items for ZJ50D Drilling Rig	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time - 16-9-2014, 16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 18th August, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph.+95 67 - 411097 / 411206

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2. Locations	Hpa An, Ban Maw, Baw Saing Branch, Lashio Branch	Yangon (Thanlyin) and Pyin Ma Na
3. Tender Closing date and time	9th September, 2014 (15:30) Hrs.	
4. Contact Address	No. (1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw +95-(0)67 - 409012, 409383	No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw +95-(0)67 - 409391

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Shakira's hit song ripped off Dominican artist — NY judge

NEW YORK, 21
Aug—A federal judge has
found that a hit 2010 song
by Colombian pop star
Shakira copied a Domini-
can songwriter's work.

U.S. District Judge
Alvin Hellerstein in a rul-
ing in Manhattan federal
court on Tuesday said Sha-
kira's Spanish-language
single "Loca" infringed on
the work of Ramon Arias
Vasquez, who wrote "Loca
con su Tiguer" in the late
1990s.

Hellerstein dismissed
claims that Shakira's Eng-
lish version of the track
infringed, citing a lack of
evidence.

The ruling is a victory
for the plaintiff, Mayim-
ba Music, which holds the
rights to Arias's work and
which sued Sony Corp of
America and several other
Sony units in 2012.

The judge found only
two of them liable, Sony/
ATV Latin and Sony/ATV
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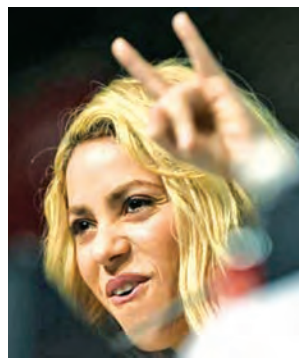
Lot 2: Type B Motorcycle 25 units

Sealed bids are to be submitted to U Khant Zaw, Dep-
uty Chief Engineer, Department of Rural Development,
Office No. (14), Nay Pyi Taw, no later than (23.9.2014)
10:30 hour, after which no bid will be accepted. No tel-
egraphic/ telex proposal will be accepted.

For detail information please contact the Deputy Chief
Engineer 067 409413.

Website: www.drdmyanmar.org

Email: drdmyanmar@gmail.com



**Colombian singer Shakira
smiles during a news con-
ference at the Maracana
stadium in Rio de Janeiro
12 July, 2014.**

REUTERS

Shakira's song.

An attorney for Sony
declined to comment. An
attorney for Mayimba
could not immediately be
reached.

Shakira reached the
top of the Latin Billboard
charts with "Loca," report-
edly selling more than five
million copies of the single
worldwide.

Hellerstein said Sha-
kira's single was based on
a 2007 song by Dominican
rapper Eduard Edwin Bel-
lo Pou, better known as El
Cata, which also copied
Arias and was distributed
by Sony.

Reuters

Murder, revenge, lust and rampage take over 'Sin City' sequel

LOS ANGELES, 21
Aug—Femmes fatales and
brutish men form a com-
plex web in "Sin City: A
Dame to Kill For," as old
and new faces from Frank
Miller's noir graphic nov-
els are brought to life in
film.

"A Dame to Kill For,"
out in US theatres on Fri-
day, is both a prequel and
a sequel to 2005's "Sin
City," adapted by from
Miller's gritty series of the
same name.

The film, distributed
by Weinstein Co, sees the
return of characters such as
the warrior Marv (Mickey
Rourke), private investiga-
tor Dwight McCarthy (Josh
Brolin) and exotic dancer
Nancy Callahan (Jessica
Alba), as they battle both
their mental and physical
demons in the corrupt, he-
donistic Sin City.

Brolin plays a prequel
version Dwight before the
character undergoes major
facial reconstruction, as
seen in Clive Owen's por-
trayal in the first film.

"I like that (Dwight)
is so multi-faceted," Bro-



**Cast member Bruce Willis
poses at the premiere of
'Sin City: A Dame to Kill
For' in Hollywood, Cali-
fornia 19 Aug, 2014.**

REUTERS

lin said. "The minute you
make the decision that he is
brutish and hypercool and
exaggerated like a simian
man, suddenly you see all
the cracks and the weak-
nesses."

Dwight's weakness
comes in the form of the
seductive Ava Lord, played
by Eva Green, who embod-
ies all the characteristics of
Miller's ultimate femme
fatale — a green-eyed ruth-
less manipulator who uses
her sexuality to get what
she wants.

"We've all dreamt of
being Ava Lord at some

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ကုမ္ပဏီများ **RFP (Request for Proposal)** စာရွက်စာတမ်း နောက်ဆုံးလာရောက်

ထုတ်ယူရမည့်ရက်အား အသိပေးကြေငြာခြင်း

၁။ မြန်မာ့မီးရထားသည် နိုင်ငံတော် စီးပွားရေးဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေး ကြိုးပမ်းဆောင်ရွက်မှုအနေဖြင့်
မီးရထားလုပ်ငန်းဆိုင်ရာ စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်းတစ်ရပ်အနေဖြင့်သော်လည်းကောင်း၊ မဟာရန်ကုန်
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ကောင်း ရန်ကုန်ဘူတာကြီး၏ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုကို မီးရထားလုပ်ငန်းနှင့်ဆက်စပ်လျက်ရှိသော စီးပွားရေး
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နေ့ရက်အား Email ဖြင့် အသိပေးဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့ပါသည်။

၃။ ယခုအခါ တင်ဒါယှဉ်ပြိုင်ခွင့်ရရှိသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီများအနေဖြင့် အချိန်လုံလုံ လောက်လောက်ဖြင့်
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Actress Emma Stone

Actress Emma Stone to make Broadway debut in 'Cabaret'

NEW YORK, 21 Aug —
Actress Emma Stone will
replace Michelle Williams
and make her Broadway
debut as singer Sally Bow-
les opposite Tony winner
Alan Cumming in the mu-
sical "Cabaret," producers
said on Wednesday.

The 25-year-old ac-
tress, who starred in
Woody Allen's "Magic in
the Moonlight" and super-
hero action franchise "The
Amazing Spider-Man,"
will begin on 11 November
in the musical set during
the rise of Nazism in Ber-
lin. "Cabaret" is based on
Christopher Isherwood's
1939 novel "Goodbye to
Berlin," which chronicles
in part the seedy cabaret
nightlife of the German
capital in the final years of
the Weimar Republic.

Williams has extend-
ed her run in the role made
famous by Liza Minnelli to
9 Novembr, and Cumming
will continue to play the
emcee at the Kit Kat Klub
until 29 March.

The revival of the
1998 Tony Award-winning
production that opened on
24 April at Studio 54 has
won rave reviews, with
the *Hollywood Reporter*
describing it as a "thrilling
production, which is even
sharper this time around."

Reuters

point; to have so much
power and to just let it all
out and use men and be
nasty," said Green. "She's
a fantasy."

"Sin City" came at the
forefront of a new wave of
comic book adaptations on
the big screen, as DC and
Marvel properties such as
X-Men, Spider-Man, and
Batman reboots dominat-
ed the box office in recent
years. Director Robert
Rodriguez worked close-
ly with Miller to adapt "A
Dame to Kill For," using
3D techniques and ani-
mation to lend the graphic
novel feel to the film, which
Miller said helped the film
stay close to the books.

Miller criticized recent
superhero films for stray-
ing from original source
material, pointing to "Iron
Man," "Captain America"
and "Avengers," based on
Jack Kirby's 1960s comics.
"There's a big difference
between going from a sin-
gular vision and taking the
title of something into a
boardroom full of people
and ripping it to pieces," he
said.—Reuters

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Liberia police fire on protesters as West Africa's Ebola toll hits 1,350

MONROVIA, 21 Aug — Police in the Liberian capital fired live rounds and tear gas on Wednesday to disperse a stone-throwing crowd trying to break an Ebola quarantine imposed on their neighbourhood, as the death toll from the epidemic in West Africa hit 1,350.

In the sprawling ocean-front West Point neighbourhood of Monrovia, at least four people were injured in clashes with security forces, witnesses said. It was unclear whether anyone was wounded by the gunfire, though a Reuters photographer saw a young boy with his leg largely severed just above the ankle.

Liberian authorities introduced a nationwide curfew on Tuesday and put the West Point neighbourhood under quarantine to curb the spread of the disease.

"The soldiers are using live rounds," said army spokesman Dessaline Allison, adding: "The soldiers applied the rules of engagement. They did not fire on peaceful citizens. There will be medical reports if (an injury) was from bullet wounds."

The World Health Organization said that the countries hit by the worst ever outbreak of the deadly virus were beginning to suffer shortages of fuel, food and basic supplies after shipping companies and airlines suspended services to the region.

The epidemic of the hemorrhagic fever, which can kill up to 90 percent of



Members of Liberian security forces talk with a protester after clashes at West Point neighbourhood in Monrovia 20 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

those it infects, is ravaging the three small West African states of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea. It also has a foothold in Nigeria, Africa's biggest economy and most populous country.

Liberia — where the death toll is rising fastest — said its Ministry of Health warehouse had run out of rubber boots and bottles of hand sanitiser, essential for preventing the spread of the disease.

Still struggling to recover from a devastating 1989-2003 civil war, Liberia recorded 95 deaths in the two days to 18 August, the World Health Organization said. Since it was discovered in remote southeastern Guinea in March, the overall

death toll from the outbreak has reached 1,350 from a total of 2,473 cases.

Witnesses said the clashes in West Point started after security forces early on Wednesday blocked roads to the neighbourhood with tables, chairs and barbed wire. Security forces also came in to escort the local commissioner out of the neighbourhood, they said.

Attempts to isolate the worst affected areas of the country and neighbouring Sierra Leone have raised fears of unrest in one of the world's poorest regions should communities start to run low on food and medical supplies.

"I don't have any food and we're scared," said

Alpha Barry, a resident of West Point who said he came from Guinea and has four children under age 13.

In an effort to calm tensions, authorities on Wednesday started delivering tonnes of rice, oil and essential foodstuffs to West Point, residents and a government official said.

The World Food Programme has begun emergency food shipments to quarantined zones where a million people may be at risk of shortages. The WHO has appealed to companies and international organisations to continue providing supplies and services to countries at risk, saying there was a low risk of contagion.—Reuters

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- * Local News
- * Rakhine Land: The Most Prominent Resort and Residence Ngapali
- * World News
- * In the Studio: Sunee
- * Local News
- * Unique Pattern of Myanma...A Trend of Chin Traditional Dress
- * World News
- * Short Cuts "Food Trip"
- * Local News
- * Photographer : Kyaw Win Hlaing(YUC)
- * World News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw (The Golden Palace)
- * Local News
- * Youth of the Future: Hair Designer
- * World News
- * Myanmar Masterclass: Conceptual Art
- * Local News
- * Sarah Special: A Day Out With Sarah (Episode-7)
- * World News
- * Welcome to the Southern most part of Myanmar
- * Local News
- * Myanma Pottery
- * World News
- * Myanmar Harpist
- * Local News
- * The Photographer (Portiature) "Aung Kyaw Moe"
- * World News
- * On the River

Fighting corruption is a way to commemorate Deng Xiaoping

BEIJING, 21 Aug —As the nation observes the 110th anniversary of the birth of Deng Xiaoping, one newspaper called for the people to champion Deng's resolute attitude when fighting corruption.

People's Daily, the flagship newspaper of the Communist Party of China, ran a commentary on Thursday saying Deng attached great importance on fighting corruption throughout the course of China's reform and opening up. Deng warned the country and Party will "change face" if corruption is not stopped, adding the current leadership of CPC

is now carrying out Deng's insight on fighting corruption, the commentary asserted.

There is never an end to reform, as with the anti-corruption campaign, the paper said. Thirty years after the opening up and reform, groundbreaking changes have taken place in China, but corruption continues.

"We must have a zero tolerance attitude for corruption, and have the courage to confront the toughness in fighting corruption," said the commentary. It said that people's full support in anti-corruption campaign is the Party's guarantee in winning this war. —Xinhua

NANJING, 21 Aug — An August summer in Nanjing can be daunting. But 20,000 "Little limes" around the city are working long hours to keep the thousands of athletes, officials and media smiling despite the heat.

"Little lime" is the name given to the volunteers, dressed in green kit, that are seemingly everywhere, to lend a helping hand.

A total of 20,000 volunteers were recruited for the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games to cover 400 positions in spectator services, competition organization, food and beverage, medical services, NOC services and

other fields.

The volunteer recruitment drive was launched in October 2013 and a total of 103,000 people submitted their applications online.

After 30 interviews, some 18,000 locals were recruited, together with 2000 people from other places in China and overseas.

"We planned to include 20,000 volunteers in the Youth Olympic Games and we were successful in recruiting 20,000 volunteers," said volunteer department director Shan Xiaofeng.

"We had to enroll so many volunteers and we felt it was difficult as they had to

work in the summer and they don't get paid. But we got 103,000 applications. Most of the applications were from local universities. So from every six applications we chose one volunteer. We were moved by their enthusiasm."

The volunteers went through four phases of training: orientation training, specialized training, job training and participating in validation exercises.

"We highlighted knowledge about fire control, first aid and venue training. We ensure that the volunteers know about the functional areas they work for. We

also enhanced venue training to inform them about team structures and sports knowledge," said volunteer department assistant director Wang Peng.

The Organizing Committee also devised an incentive system to keep the young volunteers happy.

"We took measures to motivate the volunteers and gave them a number of incentives. We had a number of cultural activities for them to make them communicate better and in order to build team spirit," said volunteer department deputy director Lin Wuping.

Xinhua

'Little limes' add flavour to Nanjing Youth Olympic Games

'No green jacket for you', a teasing Woods tells McIlroy

PARAMUS, (New Jersey), 21 Aug — Rory McIlroy, the hottest golfer on the planet, is not thinking about taking the torch from Tiger Woods as the sport's next dominant player, but the easy-going Northern Irishman says he has already sparred with Woods over a potential rivalry.

McIlroy, winner of the British Open, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational and PGA Championship in his last three starts, spent a day earlier this week with fellow Nike spokesman Woods in the New York area. The duo were promoting some new irons and also appeared on a late-night talk show ahead of The Barclays, which opens the FedExCup playoffs starting on Thursday.

"It was good to catch up with him. I haven't really seen him much for a few months really," world number one McIlroy said on Wednesday about Woods, who has shut down his golf game after continued trouble with his back following surgery this year.

"It was good fun. It was a good day."

McIlroy grew up idolising Woods, as did so many of the young golfers now on tour who watched the American amass 14 majors, and he feels it may be premature to write Woods off, despite his major title drought dating back to the 2008 US Open.

"I know that he's working his butt off to get back here and get back to where he wants to be," said the 25-year-old McIlroy, who is a Masters title away from achieving a career grand slam.

"We talked about a few things and he's telling me like, 'I'm not going to let you win a green jacket next year,' ... because he's super competitive," added McIlroy, who fell in behind Jack Nicklaus and Woods after his PGA triumph at Valhalla as the youngest player to have captured four major titles.

McIlroy said he shares the ultra-competitiveness of Woods, though he restricts it to golf and prefers



Tiger Woods of the US and Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland gesture as they prepare to take their tee shots on 2nd hole during the first round of the 2014 Omega Dubai Desert Classic in Dubai on 30 Jan, 2014. — REUTERS

to maintain a composed demeanour.

"I might not look it but I'm the exact same way. I've got a very competitive spirit but it would only be on a golf course. Like I'll let you win in a game of pool. I don't care about that," he said.

"But golf, it's my thing to be competitive at and it's my thing to succeed in, so of course I'm

really competitive and even if it doesn't look it, on the inside I'm trying to beat those guys to death on the course.

"Tiger has just got a more competitive spirit, period. Like he'll want to beat you at cards. He'll want to beat you at anything you're playing him against.

"I'm a little bit different in that way in that golf is my vehicle to be compet-

itive in something in life, and that's why I sort of put everything into that."

McIlroy said he was ready to give his all in a push for the FedExCup and its \$10 million bonus prize to the points leader after the 11-14 September Tour Championship, the fourth and final event of the series.

"It would just be really gratifying to know that I finished the season off well

and the way that it should be finished off," he said.

Ridgewood Country Club, an AW Tillinghast design, should present a worthy test in launching the playoffs, winning praise from many in the 122-player field as a classic, tree-lined, heavily-bunkered parkland course with US Open-style rough.

"It's a great golf course," said PGA Tour veteran Jim Furyk, who went on to win the 2010 FedExCup series despite being disqualified from The Barclays at Ridgewood for failing to make his pro-am tee time the day before the first round.

"I think it's the best of the four we play," he added, ranking it ahead of Bethpage Black, Liberty National and Plainfield.

The top 100 players on the points list advance to next week's Deutsche Bank Championship, with the leading 70 players qualifying for the BMW Championship which sends 30 players to the Tour Championship finale.—Reuters

Scholes 'scared' about United's future



Soccer player Paul Scholes attends the world premiere of the film "The Class of 92" in London on 1 Dec, 2013. REUTERS

LONDON, 21 Aug — Manchester United great Paul Scholes has said he is scared about the club's future and believes they could spiral into decline in the same way rivals Liverpool did in the 1990s.

Scholes, who played for United throughout his whole career and won 11 Premier League titles, says the club need to sign five top players to arrest their current slump that saw them fail to qualify for the Champions League last season.

United finished seventh in the Premier League in May, having won the trophy the previous year, and began the latest campaign under new manager Louis van Gaal with a

disappointing 2-1 home defeat to Swansea City on Saturday. "I am scared for United. Genuinely scared they could go into the wilderness in the same way Liverpool did in the 1990s," Scholes said in the *Independent* newspaper on Thursday.

"What do they need? Five players. Five proper players who can hit the ground running and turn round a situation that looks desperate. Let me be clear: I am sick of having to criticise the club to which I gave my life as a footballer. But United need to arrest their decline."

The defeat by Swansea shredded the close-season optimism that had been circulating since former

Netherlands boss Van Gaal was chosen as the permanent replacement for David Moyes, who was sacked after just 10 months in the role.

With many pundits claiming United's squad needs a root-and-branch overhaul, the club have so far struggled to make a major splash in the transfer market this window.

While some of the world's best players have been linked with United, only left back Luke Shaw, midfielder Ander Herrera and defender Marcos Rojo have been recruited to date.

United will get the chance to get points on the board when they play Sunderland away on Sunday.

Reuters

Real Madrid await tests on Ronaldo

MADRID, 21 Aug — Real Madrid will await the result of checks on Cristiano Ronaldo's back injury before deciding whether he is fit to play in the second leg of the Spanish Super Cup against city rivals Atletico on Friday.

He was substituted at halftime in Tuesday's first leg at the Bernabeu Stadium, which finished in a 1-1 draw. Ronaldo's replacement, the new signing from Monaco James Rodriguez, put the European champions ahead with his first

goal for the club but Raul Garcia equalised.

"Cristiano felt something and was uncomfortable," Real's manager Carlo Ancelotti told reporters. "We'll evaluate it. He'll undergo all the checks and we'll see. It doesn't seem to be anything too serious."

Ancelotti's team, who have already won the European Super Cup by beating La Liga rivals Sevilla,



Cristiano Ronaldo

continue a busy start to the season by playing their first league match against Cordoba on Monday.—Reuters



He Yun of China dives into the water during the Women's 4x100m Freestyle Relay of swimming event at the Nanjing 2014 Youth Olympic Games in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 21 Aug, 2014. The Team of China advanced. — XINHUA