

Newly opened bridge in Kyauktan cuts travel time to downtown Yangon



Newly-inaugurated Hmawwun Bridge linking Wegyi and Panchaung villages in Kyauktan Township.—MNA

YANGON, 12 July—President U Thein Sein on Sunday opened a new bridge in Kyauktan Township, Yangon region, shortening the travel distance between the rural area and Yangon city and the amount of time it takes

people to between the two places.

The Hmawwun Bridge, spanning 900 feet (274.32 metres), links Wegyi and Panchaung villages and helps people take a 15-mile-motorway without passing through neighbour-

ing Thongwa Township anymore to go to Yangon as the old route is more than 37 mile long to avoid Hmawwun creek.

The new route has reduced from 4 to 2 hours travel time between these villages and

downtown Yangon.

Local dignities said Kyauktan Township was divided into northern and southern parts due to separation of Hmawwun creek, causing transportation difficulties and lagging behind other neighbouring areas in

health, education, business, agriculture, livestock and social development sectors.

They also wished President U Thein Sein's to continue rural development programmes in the following years. Chief Minister of Yan-

gon region U Myint Swe explained poverty reduction and rural development programmes in the region.

President U Thein Sein said Kyauktan Township is one of the major agricultural areas that is supplying
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Garment industry bosses urged to adopt proposed minimum wage on trial basis

By Ko Moe, Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 12 July—The government has suggested that both employers and employees agree to the adoption of a proposed minimum wage on a trial basis in an attempt to break the deadlock between both sides over the issue.

Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Aye Myint told reporters on Sunday that the proposed minimum wage of K 3,600 per day set by a national-level body is a

suitable rate given the current situation of the country, saying the law allows both sides to amend the wage in the future if it does not work well. Myanmar garment factory owners on 2 July unanimously voted against the minimum wage of K3,600 for an eight-hour day and pledged to send their objections to the National Minimum Wage Committee within two weeks.

The vote was participated in by more than 200 busi-

nessmen from 145 garment factories attending a meeting at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, at which they discussed the challenges they face in meeting the proposed minimum wage, which was announced by the government on 29 June.

About 30 factories with foreign investment even expressed their intent to shut down in September if the proposed minimum wage takes effect on 1 September.
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Gov't to open more insurance categories to private insurance firms

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 12 July—Myanma Insurance, the state-owned insurance company that is part of the Ministry of Finance, is considering opening up more insurance categories to private insurance companies, Dr Maung Maung Thein, deputy minister for finance and chairman of the Insurance Business Supervisory Board, said Saturday.

“As far as they gain

more experience in the insurance business, we will grant more insurance products like mercantile marine insurance to them so that they can reach a position to keep abreast with international insurance firms within one or two years,” he said.

The Myanmar government allows different categories of insurance such as credit guarantees and health insurance, but limits life and general insurance.
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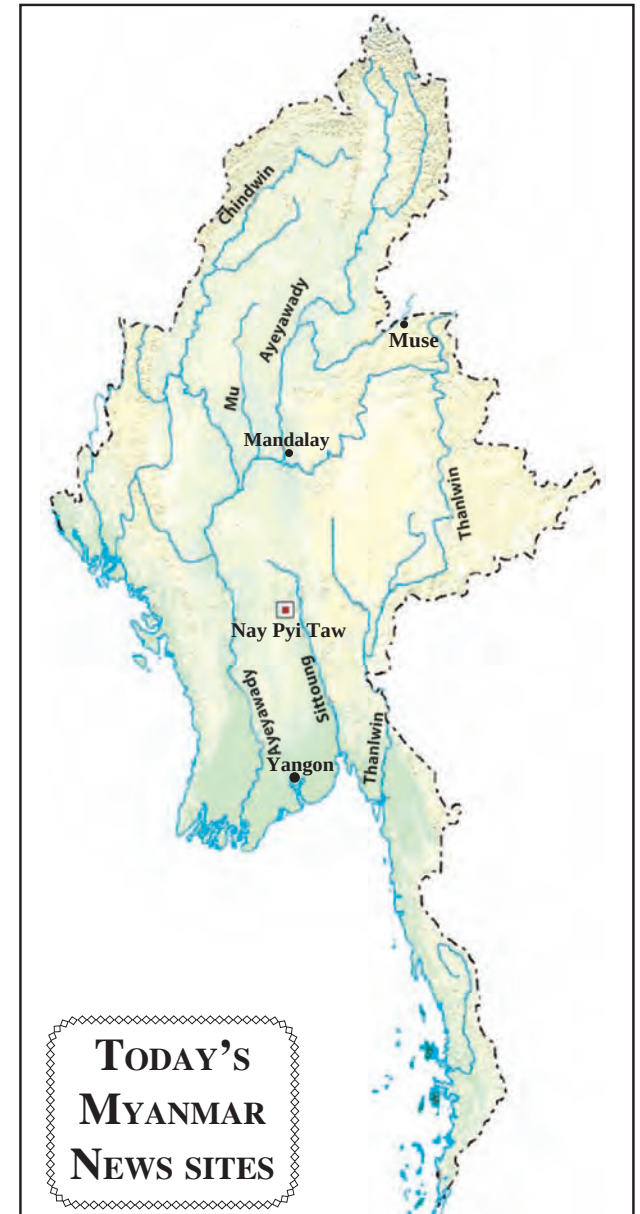
MANDALAY, 12 July — Hydrotek Supreme Mandalay Co Ltd of Thailand signed an agreement with Mandalay City Development Committee to jointly conduct construction of central water treatment plant and collecting system, at the city hall, here, on 10 July.

Joint Secretary of MCDC U Thet Naing Tun and Managing Director Mr Slib Soongswang of Thai company signed the contract.

The water treatment plant will be built on a 5-acre plot near North and South Lakes during a



2-year period. Upon completion, the plant will treat sewerage water drained out from factories in Mandalay Industrial Zone.
Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Japanese Karatedo Champion shares techniques with Myanmar trainers, trainees



MANDALAY, 12 July — Takura Taniyama Sensei (7th Dan) of Japan who has won Kata and Kumite Grand Champion of Japan Karate Association three times gave

training on Karatedo techniques to 150 trainees from Mandalay and Sagaing Regions at Sports and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay), Shotokan Combat Karate Club and JKA Mandalay TT Karatedo Club in Mandalay recently. He examined the Myanmar Karate players for upgrading their Dan levels.

According to the schedules, the Japanese Karatedo champion will conduct the Dan texts for trainers and trainees in Loikaw of Kayah State and Yangon while providing Karatedo techniques to them.

During his visit to Myanmar, Nagata Co Ltd of Japan assisted the champion's training courses.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Basic education students join school environment day



NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — The School Environment Day 2015-16 academic year is being implemented at basic education schools across the nation.

Basic Education High School in Kyitaungkan village, Pobbathiri Town-

ship, marked the school environment day on Sunday morning, with the activities of students in sanitation inside and outside school.

More than 1,500 students from the 6th to 10th grades led by Head-

mistress Daw Than Htay together with teachers participated in the sanitation activities. They cleared bushes and planted cocoanut, banana, mango and flowery plants.

Similarly ceremonies took place at basic educa-

tion schools in Pobbathiri Township the same day. Ottara District Education Officer U Ba Tun and Township Education Officer Daw Khin Phyu Win inspected sanitation activities at the schools.

Shwe Ye Yint

Mobile team seizes pieces of jade and mineral stones

MUSE, 12 July — Various sizes of jade and mineral stones were seized on board the Toyota with number plate YNG 3G/8511 on the detour near Asia World Toll Gate in 105-Mile trade zone, Muse District, northern Shan State, recently.

A mobile team comprising departmental officials of Muse township seized these pieces. According to the officials,

pieces of jade stones were worth more than K63 million and pieces of mineral stones, K12 million in addition to the ownerless vehicle, K14 million.

Officials of the mobile team handed over the seized jade stones to Myanma Gems Brokerage, mineral stones to Ministry of Mines and the vehicle to the Customs Department.

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foods for seven million residents in Yangon city, and the new bridge could help promote socio-economy, education and health services of 80,000 population in 45 villages of southern Kyauktan Township.

U Thein Sein also pledged his government will construct an embankment that can also be used as motorway along the Gulf of Muttama in southern part of the town, and will build a coal-fired power plant that can adhere environmental norms with little impacts.

Kyauktan area has potentials to develop small and medium scaled industries by linking with Thilawa special economic zone of Yangon region, and with

Mon state by crossing Sit-toung River.

President U Thein Sein, along with all-round outstanding youth Maung Thiha Zaw, Ma Thin Thin Hlaing from Myanmar Girl Guides Association and Ma May Yadanar Oo who won five flying colours in 2014-2015 matriculation exam, opened the new bridge.

The Hmawwun Bridge was constructed with the 2014-2015 budget of Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.—MNA

Local residents in Kyauktan Township welcome President U Thein Sein at the opening of Hmawwun Bridge.—MNA



Three garment factories win best occupational safety awards

By Ko Moe

YANGON, 12 July—Three garment factories were awarded for their best practices of safety and health at work, according to an official at the Factories and Labour Laws Inspection Department.

Myanmar Ha Hae, won first prize, with Famoso and Musung securing second and third places respectively.

Union Minister U Aye Myint presents certificate of occupational safety award to an official of prize winning garment factory.

TUN AUNG KYAW

The award ceremony, the first of its kind in Myanmar, took place at the Myanmar Engineering Society in

Yangon on Sunday.

Small and medium enterprises are still short of expertise, technology



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Garment industry bosses had offered a wage of K2,500 during the 22-23 June negotiation between the employers and employees, but the two sides could not reach an agreement during the talks sponsored by the government.

Meanwhile, the Con-

federation of Trade Unions of Myanmar representing the garment workers has urged employers to take economic opportunities over the next two to three years into account in determining the wage.

The government's minimum wage body issued a notification on the minimum wage proposal on 29 June and has invited objections and suggestions

from organizations and individuals with respect to the proposed minimum wage within two weeks.

The committee has so far received objections from 162 factory owners and 11 workers in Yangon and from three factory owners and three workers in Mandalay, an official of the committee told reporters on Sunday.

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Currently, Myanmar has 11 private insurance companies, and the premium income of the insurance sector reached more than K 72 billion in 2014.

Myanmar has insurance penetration of 0.1 percent of

GDP, an increase of about 4.5 times compared to a decade ago, the deputy minister said. However, total premium income is small relative to the country's economy. Life insurance is expected to take off in Myanmar when the Yangon Stock Exchange comes into operation in late November or early Decem-

ber, Dr Maung Maung Thein said.

The government as yet has no plans to give insurance licences to more private firms, according to IBSB.

The government has already allowed three foreign insurance firms to operate in the country's special economic zones.—GNLM

and investment, with big firms just able to cope with the situation, said U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security. Myanmar has emphasized measures to ensure safety and health in the workplace since 2000. The ASEAN Occupational Safety and Health Network (ASEAN-OSHNET) is reported to offer Excellence Award and Best Practice Award to factories in Myanmar as of 2016.—GNLM

University of Cooperative (Thanlyin) gets library

YANGON, 12 July — Patron of Myanmar Libraries Foundation Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Myanmar Writers Association U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinthar Saw Chit) and Rector of University of Cooperative (Thanlyin) Dr Thein Tun formally opened the library of the universi-

ty in Thanlyin Sunday and visited it.

The union minister delivered a speech at the prize presentation to raise reading skills at the gymnasium of the university. He gave prizes and certificates of honour to winners in the extempore talk, reading skill, debate and commemorative contests.—MNA

President's assistance to Rakhine flood-victims delivered

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — Relief assistance for flood victims in Rakhine State purchased with the special reserve funds of the president was transported from Yangon to Sittway by military aircraft on Sunday afternoon.

The ceremony to present the relief assistance was held at the hall of the airport, with attendance by Chief Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, senior military officers, state ministers, officials and the permanent secretary of the

Ministry of Border Affairs presented the assistance including 4,000 blankets, 4,000 mosquito nets, 16 barrels of edible oil, 2,000 bags of rice, 120 bags of pulses and beans, 700 solar lamps and 700 family kits to officials.—Myawady



A cargo plane carrying President's assistance for flood victims in Rakhine State arrives at Sittway Airport.—MYAWADY

After slavery, trafficked fishermen face lonely road to recovery

PHNOM PENH, 12 July — When hundreds of fishermen were rescued from a life of slavery on Thai fishing boats off the coast of Indonesia earlier this year, the world took notice.

Trafficked and sold to work on the boats, the men — mostly from Myanmar and Cambodia — had endured beatings, abuse and torture.

After they were freed, however, they had little support to help them recover from the horrors they had experienced.

“Everyone is shocked when they hear about the conditions on these fishing boats — but then what? No money is available to help them after they’ve been rescued,” said Lisa Rende Taylor, director of Project Issara, a public-private alliance to tackle trafficking in Southeast Asia’s supply chains.

Donor countries in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development allocate about \$120 million each year to combat modern slavery — a sum dwarfed by the \$150 billion in estimated profits

each year from the human trafficking industry.

Governments and donors mostly fund support for women and girls trafficked for sex, but there is little money for male trafficking survivors, many of whom have suffered and witnessed extreme violence.

Trafficked fishermen are forced to work up to 20 hours a day, endure beatings and sexual assault, and have seen injured colleagues thrown overboard and left to drown, researchers have found.

Deprived of pay, those able to return home are penniless, making them feel worthless.

“Male survivors tend to feel a crushing sense of shame that they, as breadwinners, come back with nothing,” said Nicola Pocock, a researcher at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

“A lot of them return to poor rural areas and find limited job opportunities, which is why they migrated in the first place,” said Pocock, who co-authored the largest ever study into



Migrant fishermen from Myanmar work on a boat after returning from the ocean to Ban Nam Khem, on 14 Dec, 2014.—REUTERS

the health of trafficking victims in Southeast Asia, published earlier this year.

The study found that 57 percent of men trafficked for work on fishing boats and other forms of forced labour showed symptoms of depression, while 46 percent suffered from anxiety and 41 percent were affected by post-traumatic stress disorder.

After many years away, some trafficked men find their wives have remarried and their families have long assumed they had died because no money was ever sent home.

The welcome home may be mixed, said Mike Nowlin, of Hagar Cambodia, a charity that helps rescued Cambodian fishermen find work, deal with their trauma and reunite with their families.

“Often families don’t understand the horrific environment that the survivors were in, and are only aware that their family members were not sending money home as promised,” Nowlin said.

“They (the men) may be asked why they were away for three, five or 10 years and bring home nothing to support the family.”

Some choose not to go home at all for fear of rejection or because they may have been unable to contact their relatives.

Daren Coulston, a New Zealand-based anti-slavery campaigner who has provided assistance for trafficked Indonesian fishermen, said many were reluctant to discuss their trauma.

“I learned that many of them had been cheated of their wages, subjected to beatings and in some cases, sexually assaulted by the ships’ officers,” Coulston said.

“It’s hard to talk about these experiences for men. Most of them rather pretend it never happened,” said Coulston, a former deep-sea fisherman. “But for their mental health, they need all the help and support they can get.”

Rende Taylor said a lack of assistance for male trafficking survivors made them highly vulnerable to fall prey to traffickers again.

The dearth of funds for support prompted Project

Issara to seek direct online donations from the public through a crowdfunding website.

One young man, who asked not to be named, was trafficked to Thailand from Cambodia by a relative at the age of eight, and says without counselling and specialized support, he would not have been able to survive.

For years, he was forced to beg on the streets, beaten and starved. He was 12 when he was referred to Hagar, received counselling and art therapy, and was sent to a school for trauma survivors.

Now 25, he is studying psychology in Phnom Penh and wants to open a charity for trafficked children.

“I was in a bad way when I first came here, always angry and breaking things,” he said at Hagar’s Phnom Penh office.

“The counselling and the chance to reflect in a safe environment really helped me to deal with what I had lived through. It’s really important to have that kind of help.”

Reuters

Thailand returns ancient artifacts to Cambodia

BANGKOK, 12 July — The Thai government on Saturday held a ceremony for returning 16 ancient artifacts to Cambodia in compliance with an anti-smuggling agreement, Thai Foreign Minister Tanasak Patimapragorn

said.

According to the Thai Department of Fine Arts, the 16 pieces were made sometime between the 15th and 17th centuries and had been illegally smuggled into Thailand.

Thailand and Cambo-

dia recently celebrated the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations, and the return of the artifacts would help to strengthen the relationship between the two neighbours, Tanasak said.

Cambodian Foreign Minister Hor Namhong,

currently on a three-day official visit to Thailand, witnessed the ceremony at the Thai Foreign Ministry.

“The relationship between Thailand and Cambodia is at its best now,” Tanasak stated.

Kyodo News

Sri Lanka’s ruling party signs key deal with coalition partners for polls

COLOMBO, 12 July — Sri Lanka’s ruling party, the United National Party (UNP), on Sunday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with its partners in a newly formed political alliance to contest Parliament elections scheduled for next month.

The United National Party signed the MOU with its new partners, formally creating the United National Front (UNF) for Good Governance.

UNP leader and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe, UNP Chairman Malik Samarawickreme and UNP General Secretary Kabir Hasheem signed the MOU on behalf of the UNP.

General Secretary of the National Heritage Party, also known as the Jathika Hela Urumaya, Patali Champika Ranawaka and Chairman of the party, the venerable Athureliya Rathana thero signed the MOU on behalf of the National Heritage Party.

Members of the opposition Sri Lanka Freedom Part breakaway faction and civil society members also

signed the MOU with the UNP.

The United National Party had on Saturday proposed and later agreed to register the United National Front after the 17 August Parliament election.

The UNP, at a special convention, agreed on the proposal to also contest the Parliament election next month as the United National Front for Good Governance under the elephant symbol by including members from other political parties who have extended support to the UNP.

The proposal was made by UNP General Secretary Kabir Hashim and a vote was later taken by UNP leader Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Wickremesinghe announced that the proposal had been adopted following a majority vote at the UNP special convention.

The United National Front will look to campaign for good governance at the 17 August Parliament election with Ranil Wickremesinghe as the Prime Ministerial candidate.

Xinhua



Mongolian President Tsakhia Elbegdorj attends an archery performance during the opening ceremony of the annual Nadam Fair in Ulan Bator, capital of Mongolia, on 11 July, 2015. The Nadam Fair, a traditional Mongolian pageant for entertainment and games, usually includes events of archery, wrestling, horse racing, dancing and acrobatics, which represent the traditional Mongolian culture.—XINHUA

China police find clues of illegal stock trading

BEIJING, 12 July — An investigation team led by China’s Vice Minister of Public Security Meng Qingfeng has found clues that certain trade firms have suspectedly manipulated futures trading in the stock market.

The team is currently

carrying out further probes. It did not give other details.

The investigation team visited the head office of the China Securities Regulatory Commission on Thursday morning to investigate what it called “malicious short-selling of stocks and stock indices”,

an example of the dodgy practices many believe were part of the recent stock over the past few weeks.

The team arrived in Shanghai on Friday to search for further clues on such illegal practices.—Xinhua

France says “decision time” has come in Iran nuclear talks

VIENNA, 12 July — France’s foreign minister appeared to put pressure on the United States and Iran on Saturday to speed up nuclear talks, saying all issues were now on the table and that the time had come to make a decision.

Western and Iranian diplomats close to the talks said they expected to work well into the night in hopes of a breakthrough, perhaps as early as on Sunday, on a deal to bring sanctions relief for Teheran in exchange for curbs on its atomic programme.

Iran and the six powers involved in the talks — Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States — have given themselves until Monday to reach a deal, their third extension in two weeks, as the Iranian delegation accused the West of throwing up new stumbling blocks to an accord.

“Now that everything is on the table, the moment has come to decide,” French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius said in a statement sent to *Reuters* after speaking to US Secretary of State John Kerry, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and British Foreign Secretary Philip Hammond.

Among the biggest sticking points this week has been Iran’s insistence



French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius talks to German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier (L) during a meeting with foreign ministers and representatives of United States, China, Britain, Russia and the European Union during nuclear talks at a hotel in Vienna, Austria on 10 July, 2015. — REUTERS

that a United Nations Security Council arms embargo and ban on its ballistic missile programme dating from 2006 be lifted immediately if an agreement is reached.

Russia, which sells weapons to Iran, has publicly supported Teheran on the issue.

However, a senior Western diplomat said earlier in the week the six powers remained united, despite Moscow’s and Beijing’s well-known dislike of the embargos.

Western powers have long suspected Iran of

aiming to build nuclear bombs and using its civilian atomic energy programme to cloak its intention — an accusation Iran strongly denies.

Other problematic issues in the talks are access for inspectors to military sites in Iran, answers from Teheran over past activity and the overall speed of sanctions relief.

“Still have difficult issues to resolve,” Kerry tweeted on Saturday after meeting Zarif.

The two men have met nearly every day since Kerry arrived in Vienna

more than two weeks ago for what was intended to be the final phase in a negotiation process lasting more than year and a half aimed at securing a long-term deal with Iran.

An agreement would be the biggest step towards rapprochement between Iran and the West since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, although both sides are likely to remain wary of each other even if a deal is concluded.

In separate comments, Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani suggested the talks could go either way

while Iranian Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said Teheran would continue its fight against “global arrogance” — referring to the United States.

According to his website, Khamenei was asked by a student what would happen to the “fight against global arrogance” after the completion of the nuclear talks and the supreme leader replied that fight must go on.

“Fighting global arrogance is the core of our revolution and we cannot put it on hold. Get ready to continue your fight against the global arrogance,” Khamenei was quoted as saying. “The US is the true embodiment of the global arrogance.”

Rouhani, who was elected president in 2013 on a platform of improving Iran’s relations with the world as well as its sickly oil-based economy, was quoted by Iran’s Nasim news agency as suggesting talks could succeed or fail.

“Even if the nuclear talks fail, our diplomacy showed the world that we are logical. We never left the negotiation table and always provided the best answer,” Nasim quoted Rouhani as saying during a meeting with Iranian artists.

“Twenty-two months of negotiation means we

have managed to charm the world, and it’s an art,” he was quoted as saying.

Kerry told reporters late on Friday the atmosphere in the talks was constructive.

“A couple of differences have been decided ... It’s safe to say we have made progress,” he said, without giving any details.

Fabius and Hammond returned to Vienna on Saturday and a US official said that Kerry had spoken by telephone with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who was not in Vienna.

In the last few days the talks have become bogged down, with diplomats speaking of a shouting match between Kerry and Zarif.

The White House said on Friday that the United States and its partners “have never been closer” to agreement with Iran but that the US delegation would not wait indefinitely.

A senior Iranian official speaking on condition of anonymity said on Thursday the United States and other Western powers were shifting their positions and backtracking on 2 April interim accord that was meant to lay the foundations for a final deal.

Reuters

Minister defends Okinawa reclamation approval for base as “flawless”

TOKYO, 12 July — Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga on Sunday defended the approval given by former Okinawa Gov Hirokazu Nakaima for land reclamation to build a US military base, saying the procedures for giving the green light was “flawless.”

The central government “obtained the approval after applying for it based on legitimate procedures and Mr Nakaima thoroughly examined” the

application, the top government spokesman said during a recording of a television programme.

Nakaima’s successor Takeshi Onaga, who took office last December, is expected to cancel the land reclamation approval granted in December 2013 after his advisory panel releases a report later this month concluding the procedure for giving approval was flawed, according to sources close to the matter. Onaga

has vowed to take every possible measure to block the central government’s plan to build a replacement facility on reclaimed land in Nago’s Henoko area to transfer functions of the US Marine Corps Futenma Air Station, which is located in a crowded residential area in Ginowan in the prefecture.

Suga declined to comment on how the central government would respond if Onaga cancels the ap-

proval, saying he “cannot answer a hypothetical question.” Suga concurrently serves as minister in charge of alleviating the burden on Okinawa of hosting US bases.

Onaga and many others in the southern island prefecture have been calling for moving the Futenma base outside Okinawa, which already hosts the bulk of US military facilities in Japan.

Kyodo News

Firecracker storage explodes in north China

SHIJIAZHUANG, 12 July — A firecracker warehouse exploded in north China’s Hebei Province on Sunday, killing at least three people, local government said.

The explosion injured more than a dozen of others. The accident occurred about 9:10 am in Ningjin County, the government said.

The explosion shattered nearly all the glass windows at a residential building close to the factory. A flour factory located about one kilometre away from the warehouse also had its windows broken. Investigators are looking into the cause of the explosion, Ningjin government said.

Xinhua

5.2-magnitude quake hits 143 km N of Tobelo, Indonesia

HONG KONG, 12 July — An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted 143 km N of Tobelo, Indonesia at 04:37:30 GMT on Sunday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 109.74 km, was initially determined to be at 3.0122 degrees north latitude and 128.204 degrees east longitude.—*Xinhua*

Five Japanese students win awards at Physics Olympiad

TOKYO, 12 July — All five Japanese students who competed at this year’s International Physics Olympiad in India won awards — a gold medal, two silvers and two bronzes, the education ministry said on Sunday.

The teenagers from Japan took part in the 46th annual physics competition in Mumbai held for eight days from 5 July, according to the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology.

A total of 382 students from 82 countries competed at the Olympiad by solving problems during theoretical and practical sessions.

Among the Japanese, Akihiro Watanabe, 16, from Todaijigakuen Senior High School in Nara Prefecture won the gold medal, while the silver medals went to Hideharu Kashyu, 17, from Nada Senior High School in Hyogo Prefecture and Satoshi Yoshida, 16, from Osaka Seiko Gakuin High

School. The bronze medal winners were Hajime Ueda, 16, from Nada and Hiroto Takahashi, 17, from Tokyo Metropolitan Koishikawa Secondary Education School. The first International Physics Olympiad was held in Poland in 1967.

Kyodo News

Euro zone demands more from Greece, delays decision on aid

BRUSSELS, 12 July — Sceptical euro zone finance ministers demanded on Saturday that Greece go beyond painful austerity measures accepted by Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras if he wants them to open negotiations on a third bailout for his bankrupt country to keep it in the euro.

The ministers postponed until Sunday a decision on whether to recommend starting talks on a new loan for Athens and sought further commitments first on product market liberalization, labour laws, privatization, state reform and more defence cuts, plus a promise to pass key laws next week, officials said.

The Eurogroup session will resume on Sunday, five hours before heads of state and government of the 19-nation currency area are to meet to decide on Greece's fate in the euro zone.

After the nine-hour session adjourned at midnight, Eurogroup chairman Jeroen Dijsselbloem told reporters the talks were very difficult and would resume at 11 am (1000

BST).

"The issue of credibility and trust was discussed and also, of course, the financial issues," he said.

Highlighting the depth of reluctance to grant another rescue to Greece after two bailouts since 2010 worth 240 billion euros, Germany's finance ministry put forward a paper demanding stronger Greek measures or a five-year "time-out" from the euro zone that looked like a disguised expulsion.

Ministers lined up to vent their anger at Tsipras on arrival at their umpteenth emergency meeting on Greece's debt crisis, with Athens staring into an economic abyss unless it wins a pledge of fresh aid before financial markets reopen on Monday.

There were also strains among Greece's partners, with some readier than others to cut a deal. One source close to the talks said Dijsselbloem decided to adjourn when discussions grew heated on what exactly Athens should be asked to do and when.

EU officials forecast a deal would be reached



International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde chat with European Stability Mechanism Managing Director Klaus Regling (R) during a euro zone EU leaders summit on the situation in Greece, in Brussels, Belgium, on 11 July, 2015.—REUTERS

by the end of the week-end to keep Greece afloat, but there was consensus among the other 18 ministers that the leftist government in Athens must take further steps to convince them it would honour any new promises and repay its debts.

Tsipras won parliamentary backing early on Saturday for a tough reform package that largely mirrored measures previ-

ously demanded by international creditors but rejected by Greek voters at his behest in a referendum last Sunday.

Wolfgang Schaeuble, finance minister of top creditor Germany and a stickler for the EU's fiscal rules, said negotiations would be "exceptionally difficult". Emerging optimism about Greece had been "destroyed in an incredible way in the last

few months" since Tsipras won power, he said.

Some ministers were pressing Athens to legislate as early as Monday, notably to raise the value-added tax.

The German paper, which Schaeuble presented in the meeting, demanded that Athens transfer state assets worth 50 billion euros into a trust fund to pay down debt, or take a five-year "time-out"

from the euro zone during which some of its debt would be written off.

The document, seen by Reuters and first reported by the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, said the Greek proposals still lacked "paramount important reform areas" and wrote: "We need a better sustainable solution."

Several officials said no one explicitly raised the possibility of a Greek euro exit in the meeting.

Other ministers spoke of a fundamental lack of trust after years of broken Greek promises and six months of erratic and provocative behaviour by the radical leftist Tsipras government.

Finland's state broadcaster YLE reported that the Finnish government had told parliament's influential Grand Committee on Saturday it did not consider the Greek proposal sufficient to start negotiations on a new loan.

The government declined to comment. Helsinki's stance has hardened since the populist Finns Party joined a right-wing coalition that took office in May.—Reuters

Vucic: I will continue to pursue policy of reconciliation



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

BELGRADE, 12 July — The Serbian government held a special session in Belgrade on Saturday after the brutal attack on Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic and his delegation at the commemoration service for the victims of crime in Srebrenica held in Potocari.

The Prime Minister addressed the press after the session saying that the attack was organized and well-prepared, and added he believes that the families of innocent victims have nothing to do with it.

He pointed out that he will continue to pursue

a policy of reconciliation despite the assassination attempt and told the Bosniaks that his hand of reconciliation remains extended.

Vucic called on the Serbs not to look askance at their neighbours or lay a hand on anyone, adding that Serbia will continue to respect all rights of the Bosniaks.

Prime Minister Vucic and his delegation paid homage to Muslim victims on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of crime in Srebrenica, but were attacked by a crowd throwing stones, shoes and water bottles when delegations were placing lilies on the memorial to the victims.

The prime minister was hit in the face by a stone and his glasses were broken. Some of the attackers also called for his death. The police intervened and clashed with the crowd, but the Serbian prime minister and his delegation were safely evacuated from Potocari.—Tanjug

Cuba's economic potential attracts entrepreneurs from Europe, China

HAVANA, 12 July — The market-oriented reforms in Cuba and its improved ties with the United States have made the Caribbean country an attractive destination for business delegations from Europe and China in the past few weeks.

Spain's Minister for Industry, Energy and Tourism Jose Manuel Soria, and Italian Vice Minister for Economic Development Carlo Calenda visited Cuba this week with business groups, following delegations from France, Britain and the Netherlands. A delegation from China's first and most successful special economic zone Shenzhen City visited the island from 30 June to 1 July.

Soria, who was here to boost his country's trade and investment in Cuba in various sectors, said that the economic reforms launched by Cuban President Raul Castro is "marking the correct path."

Raul Castro introduced measures to reform the national economy soon

after taking office in 2008, in a bid to build Cuba into a "prosperous and sustainable socialist nation."

Cuba's Council of Ministers agreed to "extend the experiment to private sectors" at a meeting in June.

The aim of the Spanish minister's visit, together with 75 business representatives, was to support Spanish companies interested in establishing themselves in Cuba.

"A new era full of opportunities is beginning in Cuba and Spanish companies can contribute their accumulated experiences in various fields such as industry, tourism, energy, telecommunications and infrastructure," said Soria.

In June, the Spanish Company of Financing and Development (COFIDES) decided to provide Spanish companies with 40 million euros (around 44 million US dollars) before 2017 for them to invest in Cuba and more fund will be available in the future, said Jaime Garcia Legaz, Spain's Sec-

retary of State for Trade, who came together with Soria.

Spain is Cuba's third largest trading partner after Venezuela and China and has around 200 enterprises mainly in the island's tourism sector.

Italy, also aspiring to explore business potential in Cuba, sent a delegation of 150 businessmen to Cuba earlier this week, led by the country's Vice Economic Minister Carlo Calenda.

It is the largest group of Italian entrepreneurs to have ever visited Cuba, Cuban news agency Prensa Latina (PL) cited Calenda as saying.

Like Europe, China also holds an optimistic view as to the potential of the Cuban economy.

For China, Cuba is not only a market full of opportunities, but also essential to a greater Latin American market given Cuban's geographical location, said Chinese Ambassador to Cuba Zhang Tuo.

A Shenzhen delega-

tion led by Mayor Xu Qin visited Havana earlier this month to further strengthen cooperation in several key fields, including investment, biotechnology, public transportation and infrastructure.

During the visit, Shenzhen-based battery maker and electric vehicle producer BYD won its biggest order since it entered the Cuban market last year: 719 gasoline-powered cars.

The delegation also met with Carlos Manuel Gutierrez Calzado, president of BioCubaFarma, the biggest biotechnology and pharmaceutical group in Cuba, to discuss the details of further cooperation. Preceding the Shenzhen delegation, Chinese Vice Premier Wang Yang visited the island late June, when he called for strengthened planning in cooperation between the two countries on infrastructure, bio-tech, agriculture and renewable energy, as well as efforts to explore industrial and investment cooperation potentials.—Xinhua

WORLD

Islamist rebel handed over to Uganda from Tanzania: army spokesman

KAMPALA, 12 July — A Ugandan Islamist rebel leader accused of heading a group that has killed hundreds of people has been handed over to Uganda after being extradited from Tanzania, an army spokesman said.

Jamil Mukulu has been described as head of the Allied Democratic Forces (ADF), an organization accused of a string of attacks in western Uganda and the Ugandan capital Kampala that killed 1,000 people between 1998 and 2000.

“He’s waiting to face

justice for his crimes,” Ugandan army military spokesman Paddy Ankunda told *Reuters*, adding that Mukulu had arrived in Uganda on Friday.

Mukulu, a Ugandan national, was arrested in Tanzania in late April and had previously said he would challenge extradition.

He is also wanted in connection with fighting in neighbouring Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda’s government has said his organization is linked to Somalia’s al

Shabaab militants.

Mukulu has been under UN sanctions since 2011, and rights groups say the ADF is responsible for executions, kidnappings, torture and rape and has profited from lucrative cross-border trade in timber and minerals in eastern Congo.

The Congolese army launched a major operation against the ADF last year, saying they had significantly weakened the group, leaving it with as few as 50 fighters.

Reuters



Afghan security personnel inspect the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan, on 11 July, 2015. Two suicide bombers died while one bystander child wounded in an explosion in Kabul on Saturday, police said. — XINHUA

Bombing and heavy fighting break Yemen truce — residents

SANAA / ADEN, 12 July — Saudi-led air strikes and heavy shelling between warring factions shook several cities in Yemen on Saturday, residents said, violating a United Nations humanitarian truce which took effect just before midnight.

The UN-brokered pause in the fighting was meant to last a week to allow aid deliveries to the country’s 21 million people who have endured more than three months of bombing and civil war.

A coalition of Arab states has been bombing the Iranian-allied Houthi rebel movement — Yemen’s dominant force — since late March in a bid to restore to power President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who has fled to Riyadh.

That coalition said on Saturday that the Yemeni government in exile had not asked it to pause, according to a news flash on Saudi-owned Arabiya TV.

Yemeni government officials were not immediately available to comment, but the UN Secretary General’s office said before the truce that President Hadi



Dust rises from the site of a Saudi-led air strike in Yemen’s capital Sanaa on 10 July, 2015. — REUTERS

had “communicated his acceptance of the pause to the coalition to ensure their support.”

Air raids pounded Houthi and Yemeni army units in the capital Sanaa and in the group’s stronghold province of Saada along the border with Saudi Arabia.

Fighting raged in the embattled southern city of Taiz and the eastern prov-

ince of Mareb amid intense artillery exchanges between Houthi fighters and local militiamen backed up by Arab air strikes.

In Aden, one of the country’s most deprived and war-torn areas, witnesses said Houthi forces fired mortars and Katyusha rockets towards opposition fighters based in northern areas and around the city’s international airport.

Bombing by the Arab alliance and fighting have killed more than 3,000 people since 26 March.

The Houthis, who hail from the Shi’ite Muslim sect, and their army allies say their spread throughout the country is part of a revolution against a corrupt government and hardline Sunni Muslim militants which they say are allied to the opposition forces, and they

vowed to keep up the fight despite the truce.

“Our security and armed forces maintain their right to fight and hunt down al-Qaeda and Islamic State elements as part of our just defence of our people,” Colonel Sharaf Luqman, spokesperson for the Houthi-allied army, said in a statement on Saturday.

Supplies of food, fuel and medicine have dwindled dangerously because of the fighting and a near-blockade by the coalition, spreading disease and hunger.

“There have been very heavy air strikes and fighting across the country, seemingly unabated,” UNICEF’s Yemen representative Julien Harneis said.

But while the fighting mostly doesn’t stop humanitarian aid being delivered to affected areas, the tragic thing is that it does impede the civilian population from going the last mile and being able to reach that assistance,” he added.

Local officials in Aden said that Houthi fighters had allowed 25 trucks of med-

ical aid into the besieged city on Saturday, but were holding up 40 other trucks full of food. All parties in Yemen’s conflict had welcomed the announcement of the truce and called for it to be extended.

But the exiled government wants the Houthis to release prisoners and give up land they have seized in battle, while the Houthis say they doubt any calm will last.

Residents in the eastern city of Mukalla said a suspected US drone fired two missiles at cars carrying al-Qaeda militants on Friday night, killing three including a senior leader in the group, Abu Hajar al-Hadrami.

Washington fears turmoil in Yemen will strengthen al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), the deadliest branch of the global militant group.

AQAP’s new leader Qassim al-Raymi, appointed after his predecessor was killed in a US drone strike last month, called for attacks on the United States in a taped speech released on Thursday.—*Reuters*

Tripoli parliament stays away from signing of Libya peace agreement

SKHIRAT, 12 July — Some Libyan warring factions signed an initial United Nations-sponsored agreement on Sunday to form a unity government and end fighting, but a key player from a parliament controlling the capital Tripoli stayed away.

Western officials say the UN talks are the only hope of halting fighting among factions allied to the oil producer’s two governments and parliaments vying for power four years

after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi. An armed alliance known as Libya Dawn took over Tripoli and declared its own government and parliament a year ago, driving out the internationally recognized premier and deepening anarchy in the North African country. The United Nations, wrapping up months of negotiations, had invited the warring factions to the Moroccan coastal town of Skhirat to sign an initial power-sharing agreement.

“This agreement will bring a step, an important step in the road of peace in Libya,” UN Special Envoy Bernardino Leon told the ceremony attended by Arab and Western diplomats.

“Let me enhance one message: The doors will remain open for those who have chosen not to be here,” he added. But while delegates from the elected parliament, the House of Representatives based in the east, signed the deal, the Tripoli-based parlia-

ment, the General National Congress (GNC), refused to attend.

“We are still in the dialogue, but we don’t really understand why they are rushing to sign before all the parties agree,” Mowafaq Hawas, a GNC representative in Morocco, told *Reuters*. Some representatives from municipalities in Tripoli and the western city of Misrata allied to Libya Dawn signed the deal. Under the plan, Libya will get a one-year government of

national accord. A council of ministers headed by a prime minister and two deputies would have executive authority. The House of Representatives would be the legislative body, a plan meeting opposition from the GNC. The factions have yet to agree on details.

Diplomats say both governments face pressure from hardliners who favour a military solution.

Islamic State militants have exploited the pow-

er struggle by increasing their presence in Libya as they did in Syria, Iraq and Egypt. The group has executed dozens of Christians and attacked embassies.

US Special Envoy for Libya, Jonathan Winer, played down the absence of the GNC. “There are only four of the delegates who did not sign,” he told *Reuters*. “There is an opportunity for those who have not yet initialed this agreement to come aboard.”

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 13 July, 2015

Broad-mindedness is a good mirror to explore insight into ourselves

By Aung Khin

All the worldly men cannot find their faults and weak points by themselves. When another body criticized them, they felt upset about criticism as they never tried to review their acts, defending with many reasons whether these are reasonable or not.

Those in political or the administrative sector need more understanding about criticism than

ordinary people. No one in the world cannot be free from criticism or prejudice. A critic may not be well educated, younger or lesser experience compared with another one under criticism. In Buddhism chronicle, a young novice criticized the very senior monk with a wide knowledge in Dhamma after the Buddha about small mistake in dressing style of robe. When the young novice never got angry at the novice's criticism, reviewed himself and found his fault. The senior monk confessed his fault which is against the guidance of the Buddha in dressing.

In the chronology of Myanmar, almost all the successive kings and administrations practiced authoritarianism. The regimes were not familiar with parliamentary system in which any idea, suggestion or proposal can be discussed and debated from the different views. Then a reasonable solution could be found.

As many Myanmar generations passed through

authoritarianism, criticism is responded with aggressive and belligerent manners, with intrinsic nature and belief and without reviewing themselves.

No one can see their images with their bare eyes. Any reflecting objects will be needed to see their images which may be real or virtual. But we should not blame on the reflecting objects around us as they are revealing what we are happening.

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Triumphant Transformation To Democracy

Kyi Mun

- Be ye transformed by the renewal of your mind.

-The Bible

- The future depends on what we do in the present.

-Mahatma Gandhi

- They conquer by strategy.

-Sun Tzu

Transformation means:

- (1) A complete change in somebody or something: e.g. The way in which we work has undergone a complete transformation in the past decade. What a transformation! You look great. The country's transformation from dictatorship to democracy.
- (2) Used in South Africa to describe the process of making institutions and organizations more democratic: A lack of transformation in the private sector.

-Oxford Dictionary

Let us explore the ways how we can best transform Myanmar into a democratic nation as follows:

- ◆ T for Transition Period
- ◆ R for Reforms
- ◆ A for Active People's Participation
- ◆ N for National Unity
- ◆ S for Strategy
- ◆ F for Focus On Democracy
- ◆ O for Objectives
- ◆ R for Rights & Responsibilities
- ◆ M for Morality, Morale and Magnanimity
- ◆ A for Accountability
- ◆ T for Total Democracy Practices
- ◆ I for Integrity
- ◆ O for Onward March To Victory
- ◆ N for National Renewal

TRANSITION PERIOD

Transition means: The process or a period of changing from one state or condition to another. Myanmar is now in a transition from Military Dictatorship to Democracy. During the period of transition to democracy, many obstacles have to be overcome. We all have to be resolute, fear no sacrifice and surmount all difficulties to win victory. The most important thing in this transition period is genuine dedication to

establishing democracy in Myanmar on the part of the entire people including all the political, military, civilian forces, youths and students. All the stakeholders have got to be passionately dedicated to the 3-F strategy of building a democratic nation. 3-F strategy means: The Strategy of Faith, Focus & Fight for Democracy in Myanmar. All the stakeholders must (have):

- Faith in Democracy
- Focus on Establishing Democracy
- Fight for Democracy

with all their minds, with all their hearts, with all their souls and with all their strengths.

REFORMS

In establishing democracy, the following reforms, inter alia, must be speedily carried out:

- Political Reforms
- Economic Reforms
- Financial Reforms
- Legal Reforms
- Educational Reforms
- Socio-cultural Reforms
- Eco-environmental Reforms

All the reforms must be People-centered, Planet-oriented and Profit-focused. That is to say, the whole process of democratic transformation must be value-based and growth-driven for the sustainable development of Peace, Progress and Prosperity in Myanmar.

ACTIVE PEOPLE'S PARTICIPATION

Democracy building and establishing a democratic nation is a historically very important strategic responsibility. For democracy to be broad-based and virtues-laden, the entire people must whole-heartedly participate in shaping and building democracy with all their minds, with all their souls and with all their strengths. The caliber of democracy will ultimately depend upon the caliber of the people, especially people at the vanguard of the democracy movement.

NATIONAL UNITY

National means: Concerning the whole nation.

Unity means: The state of being in agreement and working together; the state of being joined together to form one unit: e.g. *European unity*; *A plea for unity within the party*; *unity of purpose*.

So, in cultivating and nurturing democracy, national unity, especially, the unity of all the national races and ethnic groups/communities is extremely important. The most practically important unity in Myanmar at present is the unity of all the armed groups and the military forces who can make or break the internal peace.

STRATEGY

The goal being establishing democracy in Myanmar, the main objective would be: **Forming a National Unity Government of the People, by the People, for the People.** So, the strategy should be:

The 3-F Strategy of:

- Faith in Democracy
- Focus on Establishing Democracy
- Fight for Democracy

The broad masses of the people have, naturally, longed for the comprehensive and unobstructed prevalence of peace, progress and prosperity.

FOCUS ON DEMOCRACY

In the transition period, all the national policies and strategy must be:

- Democracy - oriented
- Democracy - centered
- Democracy - focused
- Democracy - driven
- Democracy - responsive
- Democracy - attentive
- Democracy - caring

Democracy First policy should be adopted, practiced and consolidated.

OBJECTIVES

In transforming into a democratic statehood, the following objectives should be aimed at:

- Freedom, Sovereignty, Independence
- Liberty, Equality, Fraternity
- Human Rights, Justice & the Rule of Law
- Economic Development & Modernization
- Educational Modernization & All-round Advancement
- Socio-cultural Refinement
- Science & Technological Development & Modernization
- National Defense Capabilities Development & Modernization
- Eco-environment Protection and Rejuvenation

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

RIGHTS

- * Freedom
- * Civil Liberty
- * Equality under the Law
- * Fraternity
- * Human Rights
- * Justice & Fairness
- * The Rule of Law
- * Economic Pursuit

RESPONSIBILITIES

- * Abiding by the Laws
- * National Unity & Peace
- * National Defense
- * Plain Living & Hard Struggle
- * Diligence & Frugality
- * Selflessness & Service
- * Simple Living & High Thinking
- * Peace, Progress & Prosperity
- * Morality & Discipline
- * Economic & Educational Development
- * Socio-cultural Advancement

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NATIONAL

Heineken's return to Myanmar marked with opening of \$60 million brewery in Hmawby

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 12 July — Dutch brewing giant Heineken marked its return to Myanmar after an absence of 20 years with the opening of a new \$60 million brewery in Hmawby near the country's commercial capital Yangon on Sunday.

Heineken, one of the world largest beer companies, will be brewing and selling one brand for the local market as well as Heineken through a joint venture between its subsid-

iary Asia Pacific Breweries Limited and local partner Alliance Brewery Company Limited.

The brewery has a production capacity of 330,000 hectolitres a year and employs more than 200 local people, said Heineken, which has a controlling 57 stake in the venture.

When asked about its sales target and prices, Mr. Jean-Francois van Boxmeer, chairman of the executive board and CEO of Heineken, replied "as much as we can".

The new plant will brew a new local brand,

Regal Seven, priced very close to existing local beers, and also Heineken for the premium market and priced accordingly, said Mr. Lester Tan, managing director of their joint venture, APB Alliance Brewery Company Limited.

Myanmar's beer consumption per capita is low at 3 litres per head on average, compared to the 70 litres of some European countries and 20 litres of some neighbouring countries, so there is a big opportunity for the company to win market share, van Boxmeer said.



Dutch's \$60 million brewery factory operates production in Hmawby.

PHOTO: YE MYINT

Rice, the main ingredient for brewing Regal Sev-

en, is coming from local suppliers, not foreign ones, as local rice meets quality required for brewing it, the managing director told The Global New Light of Myanmar.

"We are working together with NGOs and local farmers who are going to do contract farming for

rice supply to the brewery," he added.

The Dutch firm's kick-off in Myanmar comes two years after receiving the green light from the Myanmar Investment Commission in 2013. It once operated in the country but withdrew in 1995 due to various reasons. — GNLM

Northern command court sentences soldier to 7-year imprisonment for misconduct

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — Military court of northern command of Kachin state last month sentenced its soldier to a seven-year imprisonment on three charges of misconduct

which could lead to suspicion and mistrust between Tatmataw and people, according to the report of Myawady media on Sunday.

The military-run me-

dia said locals accused the soldier from a command in Bhamo township, Kachin state, of trespassing, rape and murder attempt on a 73-year-old woman.

While the military offi-

cials are making investigation into the accusation, the Kachin Baptist Convention (KBC), a local religious humanitarian aid group, took to street against the case.

The investigation panel found that the soldier just visited the woman who has been familiar with him, and no rape case happened in the forensic test.

However, the military court sentenced the soldiers to seven years to be served at civil prison for his misconduct after court hearings attended by local people, his relatives and members of KBC.

The Defence Services has warned it will take legal actions against the offenders who undermine trust between the military and the public. — Myawady



Military court of northern command sentences 7-year imprisonment to soldier. — MYAWADY



Triumphant Transformation To Democracy

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- ✱ **MORALITY, MORALE & MAGNAIMITY**
In transforming into democracy, all the people of Myanmar, especially, those at the vanguard of the national democracy movement, must, by choice, uplift and solidify their mindsets in Morality, Morale and Magnanimity. All of us should cultivate and practice patience, tolerance, understanding, mutual assistance, and peaceful coexistence.
- ✱ **ACCOUNTABILITY**
In democracy, responsibility, transparency and accountability are very important. The principle of "One for all and all for One" must always prevail. They should be no room for self-centeredness, selfishness and self-serving practices.

✱ TOTAL DEMOCRACY PRACTICES

Total Democracy Practices mean:

- Personal democratic practices
- Interpersonal democratic practices
- Managerial democratic practices
- Organizational democratic practices
- National democratic practices

In Total Democracy PRACTICES, **Win-Win or Mutual Benefits principle** should be practiced.

✱ INTEGRITY

In transforming Myanmar into democracy, all of us should remember that honesty is the best policy. If we can adopt and practice:

- Love All
- Serve All
- Hurt Never
- Help Ever

It would be all the better for all of us.

✱ ONWARD MARCH TO VICTORY

In building democracy, it is important for all of us to remember to:

**"Keep on keeping on
No matter how hard the going may be".**

We must :

**"Never give up, never give in;
Stand up to it, and fight it through".**

✱ NATIONAL RENEWAL

**"Be ye transformed by the
Renewal of your mind."**

—The Bible

All of us should be transformed by the renewal of our minds!

✱ CONCLUSION

All Ends Well That Ends Well.
Long Live democracy!

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China on track to eradicate malaria by 2020

GENEVA, 12 July — The Roll Back Malaria (RBM) Partnership recently released its new strategies to guide global efforts toward malaria elimination targets, an ambition aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which are set to be implemented at the end of this year, saying China is on track to eradicate malaria by 2020.

This comes amid promising public health statistics which indicate that there has been a 58 percent reduction of malaria mortality and over 6.2 million deaths averted since 2001.

Complementing the World Health Organization's (WHO) Global Technical Strategy for Malaria 2016-2030, RBM's Action and Investment to Defeat

Malaria 2016-2030 comes at a critical juncture for the global fight against the potentially fatal disease.

"This is the first time that something like this has happened, as we want to show that the malaria community is working closely together to take on the challenges of the unfinished agenda," said WHO Global Malaria Programme Director Pedro Alonso.

China, whose target is to eliminate malaria by 2020, has not only reported a dramatic decline in malaria cases over the last decades, but also played a pivotal role in global disease-control efforts.

"China has made a wonderful contribution to malaria-control by making Artemisia annua, through

which Artemisinin combination therapy has been developed, available to the world," RBM Executive Director Fatoumata Nafou-Traore told *Xinhua*. Artemisinin, also known as Qinghaosu, was first isolated from the Chinese traditional plant *Artemisia* by Chinese scientists, and the drug is currently the most effective at combating malaria, a life-threatening disease caused by parasites that are transmitted to people through the bites of infected mosquitoes.

According to experts, China, along with Cambodia and Vietnam, is set to eliminate malaria by 2020, while other countries of the Greater Mekong region are expected to eradicate the disease by 2025.

China's recent efforts

together with unprecedented global achievements are a good starting point for WHO's ambition to reduce malaria case incidence and deaths by 90 percent while eliminating the disease in at least an additional 35 countries by 2030.

"Never before, not even in the first eradication campaign of the late 1950s, have we seen such breadth and depth in the disease reduction, with a fall of disease incidence of 37 percent, and a reduction of 69 percent of under-five mortality in African children," Alonso highlighted.

Despite these trends, WHO estimates that there will be 214 million cases of malaria infection in 2015, resulting in 472,000 deaths from a disease which is both

preventable and treatable.

"60 million malaria cases still go undiagnosed and untreated, and 50 percent of populations at risk in Africa do not have access to life-saving bed-nets," added Alonso.

According to estimates, more than 100 billion US dollars is needed over the next 15 years to achieve 2030 targets, while an additional 10 billion dollars is required to fund the research and development of new tools such as drugs and insecticides. Nafou-Traore emphasized the importance of prevention through bed-nets, indoor spraying, and integrated vector management approaches, as well as rapid diagnostic tests for all patients with suspected malaria.

"Malaria is not only a health issue, it is an issue for development," she said, adding that for every dollar invested in the fight against malaria, a 40 dollar return is to be expected.

"Investing to achieve the new 2030 malaria goals will avert nearly 3 billion malaria cases and save over 10 million lives," said Nafou-Traore, while highlighting the economic incentives as the world is expected to generate an additional 4 trillion dollars over the 15 year timeframe.

World leaders are to discuss both WHO's and RBM's strategies during the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, starting on 13 July.—*Xinhua*

Gold pares gains as Yellen signals a 2015 rate hike



A melter places an ingot of 92.96 percent pure gold at a procession plant of the Olimpiada gold operation, owned by Polyus Gold International company, in Krasnoyarsk region, Eastern Siberia, Russia, on 30 June, 2015.—REUTERS

NEW YORK / LONDON, 12 July — Gold gave up earlier gains on Friday after US Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen said she expected the central bank to raise interest rates sometime this year but pointed to concerns that US labour markets remain weak.

In a speech that cautioned about the status of workers as well as some international risks, Yellen gave no direct hint about whether she anticipated more than one rate hike over the Fed's four remaining meetings in 2015.

"(It) looks like a probable interest rate hike scheduled for this year, with or without Greece," said George Gero, precious metals strategist for RBC Capital

Markets in New York.

Spot gold XAU= was up 0.1 percent at \$1,160.33 an ounce at 2:33 pm EDT (1833 GMT). Prices remained near a four-month low of \$1,146.75 reached on Wednesday. US gold for August delivery GCcv1 settled down 0.1 percent at \$1,157.90 an ounce. "Yellen's more hawkish-than-expected tone is sparking a modest gold selloff," said Tai Wong, director of base and precious metals trading for BMO Capital Markets in New York. The US dollar .DXY pared its losses against a basket of major currencies, and the euro EUR= gave back some of its gains against the greenback.

"Gold is getting some

support from the stronger euro, but if we get a deal with Greece on Sunday, it should be bearish for gold because it removes any risk," Societe Generale analyst Robin Bhar said.

Physical demand remained tepid this week as prospective investors in China chased bargains in equities after a market selloff, while those in India delayed purchases. The metal in India still sold at a discount to the global benchmark. Chinese stocks rose sharply for the second straight day after Beijing banned shareholders with large stakes in listed companies from selling, moving to stem a rout that pulled down key indexes by about 30 percent from mid-June. Also benefiting gold earlier, the International Monetary Fund trimmed its forecast for global economic growth this year to 3.3 percent from 3.5 percent, citing recent weakness in the United States. Silver XAG= was up 1 percent at \$15.53 an ounce, palladium XPD= rose 1.7 percent to \$648.50 an ounce and platinum XPT= gained 0.5 percent to \$1,025.25 an ounce, slightly rebounding from a 6-1/2 year low near \$1,000 hit on Wednesday.—*Reuters*

China market rout, slowing economy sap demand for luxury cars

BEIJING, 12 July — Prices for German luxury cars in China are tumbling as the country's stock market sell-off and worries about broader economic growth chill demand for auto brands that once commanded price premiums from affluent Chinese consumers.

After a fall-off in customer traffic and orders, a dozen BMW stores run by a dealer group with showrooms across China are being forced to provide increasingly steep discounts to entice customers, according to the head of the chain.

He said business had already been weak, due to China's slowing economic growth and a corruption crackdown that has weighed on sales of flashy cars, and his stores had to offer a 5 percent discount to grease sales last year.

Over the last week or two, as a stock market rout pummelled the net worth of potential buyers, many of those stores were forced to offer steeper discounts on cars such as the BMW X6 crossover SUV, according to the dealer group chief.

"The business has been slow for the last 18 months, but lately we have had to discount even more," the dealer operator said, asking for an-

onymity because he did not want to damage his group's relationship with BMW. "When people walk into a showroom now, with anything less than 15 percent discount they would not even consider opening their wallets."

BMW said in a statement it understood it was "necessary to support the dealers effectively in a volatile market" and had implemented a number of measures, including reducing shipments to help dealers reduce inventory levels and "various" steps to manage their cash flows. The company was also offering its dealers help in developing after-sales services and used cars businesses to enhance profitability, as well as launching new models, it said.

Discounts and price adjustments are being implemented not just among premium cars brands, but appear to have been happening broadly across China's passenger car market. The volume-weighted average "maker suggested retail price" (MSRP) for all passenger cars remains relatively high in China, at around 280,000 yuan (\$45,000), according to research firm JATO Dynamics.

But actual prices customers pay when buying cars have fallen steadily since 2012 to slightly less than 170,000 yuan, chiefly because of heavy discounting by dealers, according to JATO.

At Mercedes-Benz stores operated by a dealer group with nearly 200 multiple brand outlets, customer traffic at showrooms has dwindled markedly since mid-June, when the stock market slide that saw indexes plunge by as much as a third began.

A senior manager at that dealer chain said customer traffic at some of its Mercedes-Benz stores was "down 20 percent to 30 percent" compared with last year's levels over the past month.

Sales were still increasing at some stores, but it was taking a lot more effort and often heavy discounting to move them off the lot, he said. A Beijing-based spokesman for Mercedes-Benz owner Daimler AG referred to its relatively strong sales growth rates for China for the first six months of 2015, during which he said sales grew 21.6 percent. The spokesman did not elaborate.

Reuters

GM recalls 780,000 SUVs for possible lift gate issue

DETROIT, 12 July — General Motors Co said it was recalling nearly 780,000 crossover SUVs, mainly in North America, because their rear power lift gates could suddenly fall

and hit people.

The recall covers the Buick Enclave from model years 2008-2012, the Chevrolet Traverse from 2009-2012, the GMC Acadia from 2007-2012 and Saturn

Outlook from 2007-2010, GM said in documents filed with US safety regulators.

Dirt can get into the gas struts that hold up the gate, causing them to wear and fail, the company said.

SUVs built from March 2012 have struts placed differently and are less susceptible to dirt particles, GM said.

The company has 56 reports of injuries, GM said

in an emailed statement on Friday.

The recall covers about 690,000 vehicles in the United States, 36,000 in Canada and the rest in Mexico.—*Reuters*

Taiwan courts tech start-ups to drive economic growth

TAIPEI, 12 July — Companies such as electric motor scooter firm Gogoro could hold the key to Taiwan's economic growth.

In just three years, the start-up, which counts Japan's Panasonic Corp as a strategic partner and Cher Wang, the founder of local smartphone maker HTC Corp as a key investor, raised \$150 million to develop the smartphone-synched bike, and a charging network for it. The Smartscooters went on sale last month, starting at around \$4,100.

Gogoro's success in creating a home-grown, innovative product is precisely what Taiwan's government wants to foster as it seeks to reduce the export-driven economy's reliance on the island's world-class tech manufacturing sector.

These tech firms, which include HTC, the world's biggest contract chip maker Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing

Co Ltd and iPhone maker Hon Hai Precision Industry Co Ltd, also give Taiwan an advantage over the many other countries seeking to nurture tech start-ups. "We hope our policies can help a start-up at its most difficult stage — the beginning — so it can go the way of Gogoro," said Jan Fang-guan, an official with the government planning agency, the National Development Council (NDC). Tech manufacturing accounts for a third of all Taiwan's industrial output, but two years ago, the NDC recognized growth in this sector was plateauing as firms lose out to cheaper, Chinese rivals.

In June, exports shrank by the most in more than two years — and for the fifth consecutive month — as shipments of tech goods and demand from major trading partner China fell sharply.

In a bid to stabilize trade and make the economy more "creativity inten-



sive", the NDC a year ago set up HeadStart, a project dedicated to creating a local Silicon Valley by relaxing regulations for registering start-ups, matching funds invested into projects and creating tech hubs.

HeadStart has attracted some T\$13.6 billion (\$438 million) in funds so far this year, Jan said.

Cjin Cheng, who manages Taiwan for US-based start-up fund 500 Startups,

said the island's established tech scene and global connections would help entrepreneurs, in contrast to rivals in China, where Internet access is largely restricted.

"You can build out easily if you want to," she said. An educated and young population also work in Taiwan's favour: during a visit in March, Jack Ma, the founder of Chinese e-commerce giant

Alibaba Group Holding, said he wanted to set up a T\$10 billion fund to support Taiwanese entrepreneurs, rankling the authorities as political ties with China remain uneasy.

Taiwan's big tech firms make it fertile ground for tech start-ups, said John Fan, who co-founded PicCollage, the most downloaded app from Taiwan.

He said many entrepreneurs create a start-up,

A mechanic examines a Gogoro Smartscooter which is connected to a tablet, in its shop in Taipei, Taiwan, on 6 July, 2015.

REUTERS

work for a big company for a while when their business is acquired, and then leave to set up on their own again. "They are always thinking about the next thing. That's the default lunchtime conversation," said Fan, who previously worked at Qualcomm.

HTC, once one of the world's biggest smartphone makers, also inadvertently gave the local start-up scene a boost: it hired several entrepreneurs during its heyday, but many have since left to set up on their own as HTC lost its competitive edge.

Gogoro's co-founders Horace Luke and Matt Taylor are former HTC executives. John Wang, who left HTC in 2012 after creating the firm's "Quietly Brilliant" marketing slogan, has also set up his own firm, which is preparing to launch a smartwatch.

"You've got to be able to reinvent the business model," said Wang.

Reuters

New smartphone app aims to keep foreign visitors safe in disasters

TOKYO, 12 July — A new smartphone application produced by a Japanese insurance company will help guide people to safety in three foreign languages during natural disasters in Japan, company officials said on Saturday.

The app by Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co will be available for free download in English, Chinese and Korean late this month, aimed at tourists and exchange students from over-



A smartphone shows a new application produced by Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Co to help guide people during natural disasters in Japan to safety in English, Chinese and Korean. The app will be available for free download in late July 2015, aimed at tourists and exchange students from overseas.

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seas.

The Japanese version of the app has amassed more than 500,000 downloads since its launch in 2012.

The multilingual version will have the same functions as the original, which provides maps marking nearby evacuation centres that can be accessed even when smartphones are cut off from the Internet.

Users can get directions to the centers by point-

ing their smartphones' cameras at buildings around them for the application to recognize.

Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance has reached agreements with seven local authorities across Japan to publicize evacuation centers' locations through the Japanese version of the app. The company now plans to get more regional authorities and universities on board to encourage use of the multilingual version.

Through an agreement with the operator of Narita airport near Tokyo, the company plans to deliver guidance functions through the airport's informational app for foreign visitors, called "Tabimori."

"Through providing assistance to foreigners during disasters, we hope to build cooperative relationships with local authorities and universities," a spokesperson at Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance said.—Kyodo News

Pluto shows first sign of geology to approaching New Horizons

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — As the latest image from the New Horizons spacecraft appeared on Friday, scientists are just starting to see Pluto's geology. Mission scientists received the the newest black and white image in the morning on Friday from Long Range Reconnaissance Imager (LORRI) aboard New Horizons.

At this range, Pluto is beginning to reveal the first signs of discrete geologic features, NASA said in a statement.

From the latest portrait, which was taken on Thursday from 5.4 million kilometers away, with a resolution of 27 kilometres per pixel, scientists are able

to identify distant surface formations, including a polygonal complex band of terrain stretching east-northeast across the planet, approximately 1,000 miles long, and an immense dark band near the south pole that's now being called the "whale".

"We're close enough now that we're just starting to see Pluto's geology," said New Horizons program scientist Curt Niebur, "It's a unique transition region with a lot of dynamic processes interacting, which makes it of particular scientific interest."

There will no doubt be many similar moments to come.

New images and data

are being gathered each day as New Horizons speeds closer to a flyby of Pluto next week, following a journey of 3 billion miles.

Pluto's closest approach is scheduled for next Tuesday, when New Horizons will pass within 10,000 km of the dwarf planet's surface, travelling at a speed of 43,000 km per hour.

After a voyage of nine years, New Horizons is almost 4.8 billion km away, where radio signals, even traveling at light speed, need 4.5 hours to reach Earth. Round trip communication between the spacecraft and its operators requires about nine hours.—Xinhua

Graphene-based microphone mimics bat's ultrasound

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 July — A group of researchers with University of California at Berkeley have developed a microphone and a speaker that can pick up and emit ultrasound like bats and dolphins do with their unique communication system.

In achieving the goal, enabling humans to hear and talk through thick objects and underwater, the US team used a material known as graphene, instead of the more traditional ones like paper and plastic.

Bats and dolphins emit sounds at very high frequency and at much longer range than the human ear can detect and can locate objects and communicate using these pulsating

sounds. Dr Qin Zhou, a postdoctoral student at UC Berkeley's physics department, told Xinhua that the idea had been studied for a long time, but the technology was not available until graphene use was common. Zhou was part of the research team led by the study's senior author Alex Zettl to work on the device. Zhou explained that "speakers and phones use diaphragms, that vibrate and create or detect sounds when we speak or hear sounds."

Two years ago, he built loudspeakers using a sheet of graphene for the diaphragm, and since has been developing the electronic circuitry to build a microphone with a similar

graphene diaphragm. Typically, diaphragms are made of paper or plastic, like those in our phone's speakers, but the team used graphene instead of the traditional materials.

Thanks to graphene's composition, he said, the team was able to make the diaphragm "extremely light and thin," allowing it to vibrate more intensively to receive and detect at much higher fidelity.

The graphene-based membrane picks up the sound by using 99 percent of the device's energy, whereas regular speakers use eight percent. When used for communications, the possibilities are believed to be endless.

Xinhua

Mexican kingpin 'Chapo' Guzman escapes prison for second time

MEXICO CITY, 12 July — Mexico's most notorious drug lord Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman has escaped from a high security prison in central Mexico, officials said on Sunday, the second time he has given his captors the slip in 15 years.

Guzman, who headed Mexico's notorious Sinaloa Cartel and once made it on to Forbes' list of billionaires, was arrested last year. He last escaped from

prison in 2001 after a prior capture in 1993.

Guzman was seen on video entering a shower area at 8.52 pm local time on Saturday, Mexico's national security commission (CNS) said in a statement. After he went out of view for a while, guards entered his cell to find it empty.

The CNS statement gave no details on how Guzman had managed to escape, and a government spokesman could not im-

mediately provide further clarity on the matter.

National Security Commissioner Monte Alejandro Rubido is due to give a statement at 7 am, the interior ministry said.

Flights have been suspended from the city of Toluca's airport, near the Altiplano prison, and security officers have started searching roads near the site in the State of Mexico, about 90 km (60 miles) west of the capital, the CNS said.

Guzman became one of the world's most powerful organized crime bosses, running a cartel that smuggled billions of dollars worth of cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamines into the United States and fought vicious turf wars with other Mexican gangs.

In 2001, the drug lord escaped the Puente Grande prison, near the city of Guadalajara. According to reports at the time, he left hiding in a laundry cart.

Reuters



Joaquin "Shorty" Guzman (C) is escorted by soldiers during a presentation at the Navy's airstrip in Mexico City on 22 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

More than 150 Poles hospitalized after taking drug: police

WARSAW, 12 July — More than 150 people have been hospitalized after taking a drug called "strongman" in southern Poland, police said on Sunday.

Patients, many of them from the town of Katowice

in the industrial Silesia region, started coming in on Thursday, the force added.

Strongman, once considered a legal "designer drug", was added to the country's list of banned narcotics at the

beginning of July.

Three people have been detained on suspicion of dealing and could each face up to 10 years in prison, police officer Adam Jachimczak told Reuters.

Reuters

US airs concern about possible delay in Okinawa base relocation

WASHINGTON, 12 July — The United States voiced concern last month about a possible delay in the relocation of its military base within Okinawa after the prefecture's governor hinted at the possibility of canceling his predecessor's approval for land reclamation to build a new base, according to sources familiar with bilateral relations.

The Japanese government dismissed the concern and gave an assurance that it will continue with preparatory work for the new base construction, the sources said.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga has said a decision by the Okinawa government to revoke the approval will not affect the central government policy of pushing ahead with land

reclamation.

The swift relocation of the main function of the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station located in a crowded residential area in Ginowan to a less densely populated seaside zone in Henoko district in Nago is a long-standing security issue between Tokyo and Washington.

Okinawa Gov Takeshi Onaga and many others in the southern island prefecture have been calling for moving the base outside Okinawa to reduce its heavy base-hosting burdens.

In an interview with Kyodo News and other news outlets in May, Onaga, who took office last December, said he could cancel the approval for land reclamation, which was granted by his prede-

cessor Hirokazu Nakaima to build a relocation facility.

Onaga's remarks prompted the United States to ask Japan in June whether the possible repeal of the permission could cause any delay in the reclamation the Japanese government plans to begin this summer, according to the sources.

In response, Tokyo assured Washington that it will go ahead with land reclamation even if Onaga revokes the approval. If the matter is brought to court, the Japanese government will win as a court is not expected to hand down a ruling that would be disadvantageous to it, the sources said.

A panel of experts set up by Onaga in January has been examining whether the procedure for Nakaima



Tourists walk on a pavement built with glass on the cliff at Baishishan scenic spot in Laiyuan, north China's Hebei Province, on 12 July, 2015. The glass pavement, 95-metre-long, has an altitude of 1,900 metres.—XINHUA

Cambodian opposition lawmakers to boycott parliamentary session on NGO draft bill

PHNOM PENH, 12 July

— The opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) announced on Sunday that its 55 lawmakers will boycott a parliamentary session on Monday, which is scheduled to debate and pass a draft law on Associations and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).

"All CNRP lawmakers will boycott a parliament's plenary session on 13 July, 2015, which is stated for the adoption of the draft law on Associations and NGOs," said a party's statement.

The statement called on the parliament to scrap the government-proposed draft bill, claiming that it would put pressure and impose restrictions on the freedoms of associations and NGOs.

The opposition declared its boycott after the parliament announced on Friday that it would hold a plenary session on 13 July, 2015 to debate and pass the draft bill.

Currently, there are about 5,000 associations and NGOs operating in Cambodia, according to the government's figures. Under the proposed law, associations and NGOs will be required to register their nationalities with the government in order to have legal standing and must file reports on their activities and finances each year to the government.

It also allows the government to delete the name of any association or NGO, which has conducted any action that jeopardizes peace, stability and public order, or

harms national security, unification, culture, traditions and custom. Prime Minister Hun Sen said last month that the law would target to fight against terrorism financing, money laundering and creation of illegal armed forces.

"Associations and NGOs should not worry about this law. It will protect you, support you, and open up to your activities," he said. The parliament comprises 123 lawmakers, including 68 from the Prime Minister Hun Sen's ruling Cambodian People's Party and 55 from the opposition CNRP.

To pass a law, this legislative body needs a 50 percent plus one majority vote, or 63 votes only.

Xinhua



People wearing traditional costumes are pictured as they participate in the Echos of a Nation powwow at the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal, Canada, on 11 July, 2015. The powwow is hosted annually by the local Mohawk tribe.—XINHUA

Eight pensioners killed in fire at Spanish care home

MADRID, 12 July — Eight elderly people died in a fire that ripped through a care home near Zaragoza in northeastern Spain in the early hours of Sunday, a government official said. Twelve other people were injured, two of them seriously, in the blaze in the small town of Cuarte de Huerva, the spokesman for the regional government of Aragon said. The fire broke out at around 1 am (2300 GMT) and police were still trying to find out what started it, he added. One of the injured was a carer.—Reuters

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WEATHER REPORT

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 13th July, 2015: Rain will be widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Mon State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyarwady Regions, Rakhine and Kayin States, scattered in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon - Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Seven killed, 12 injured in central China fire



Photo taken on 12 July, 2015 shows the residential building where a fire took place in Wuhan City, capital of central China's Hubei Province. A fire at a residential building killed seven people and injured 12 others in Wuhan, local government said on Sunday. The fire broke out about 11:30 pm Saturday at the building's electric cable well.—XINHUA

WUHAN, 12 July — A fire at a residential building killed seven people and injured 12 others in central China's Hubei Province, local government said on Sunday.

The fire broke out about 11:30 pm at a building's electric cable well in the city of Wuhan, according to the government. The injured ones are not in critical conditions, Wuhan government said. The police, firefighters and safety regulators are investigating the cause, according to Wuhan government.—Xinhua

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Islamic State says behind bombing at Italian consulate in Cairo

CAIRO, 12 July — Islamic State claimed responsibility for a car bomb attack at the Italian consulate in central Cairo on Saturday, in an escalation of violence that suggests militants are opening a new front against foreigners in Egypt.

"Through God's blessing, Islamic State soldiers were able to detonate a parked car bomb carrying 450 kg of explosive material on the headquarters of the Italian consulate in central Cairo," the group said on a website that carries its statements.

"We recommend that Muslims stay clear of these security dens because they are legitimate targets for the mujahideen's strikes."

Until now, Islamic State supporters in Egypt had not set their sights on Western targets, focusing instead on security forces.

A health ministry spokesman said one Egyptian civilian was killed and 10 wounded. State news agency MENA separately said two policemen were among the wounded.

The blast heavily damaged the consulate, shook other buildings downtown and could be heard in several surrounding neighborhoods.

Italy's Foreign Minister Paolo Gentiloni said there were no Italian victims in the blast. "Italy will not be intimidated," he added on Twitter.

Egyptian Prime Minister Ibrahim Mehleb said the country was at war and urged the world to unite against terrorism after the attack, a state-run newspaper reported.

President Abdel Fattah



Egyptian security officials gesture at the site of a bomb blast at the Italian Consulate in Cairo, Egypt, on 11 July, 2015.—REUTERS

al-Sisi, the former army chief elected mostly on promises he would deliver stability, has said militancy poses an existential threat to Egypt, other Arab states and the West.

One of the toughest security crackdowns in Egypt's history has weakened the mainstream Muslim Brotherhood group, blamed by security officials for small-scale bombings.

The Brotherhood, removed from power by the army in 2013, says it is a peaceful movement.

Meanwhile Islamic State's Egyptian affiliate, based in the Sinai, remains resilient despite steady pressure from military fighter planes, Apache helicopters and ground troops.

Recently renamed Sinai Province, it has been escalating bombing and shooting attacks on soldiers and police since the military deposed President Mohamed Mursi of the Brotherhood in 2013 after mass protests against his

rule. Hundreds have died.

The attack at the Italian consulate raises the stakes in the struggle between militants and the government, which has just started rebuilding an economy battered by four years of turmoil since an uprising toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak in 2011.

It also highlighted Islamic State's reach after it seized large swathes of Iraq and Syria, expanded into Egypt's neighbour Libya and more recently claimed responsibility for high-profile attacks in France, Kuwait and Tunisia.

Egypt has witnessed an increase in attacks against tourism targets recently, including a suicide bombing near the ancient Karnak temple in Luxor last month.

Egypt has been relatively stable in a region engulfed by militancy and sectarian conflict since the Arab Spring uprisings toppled dictators who had largely kept militants under check through widespread

repression.

Militant violence and political turmoil triggered by the 2011 revolt that ousted Mubarak have hurt Egypt's tourism industry, a traditional pillar of the economy.

Two weeks ago, a car bomb killed the country's top public prosecutor and militants affiliated to Islamic State attacked several military checkpoints in North Sinai, in what was the fiercest fighting in the region in years.

The army said 17 soldiers and more than 100 militants were killed in those clashes.

Western countries are hoping ally Sisi can maintain relative stability in the Arab world's most populous country.

Egypt is also worried about spillover from militants who have been thriving in the chaos of neighbouring Libya, where Sisi has already ordered air strikes on Islamic State targets.—Reuters

Singer Kyary Pamyu Pamyu visits Japan Pavilion at Milan expo



Japanese pop singer and fashion model Kyary Pamyu Pamyu (L) visits the Japan Pavilion at the Expo Milano, a food-themed international fair, in Milan, Italy on 10 July, 2015.—KYODO NEWS

MILAN, 12 July — Japanese pop singer and fashion model Kyary Pamyu Pamyu on Friday visited the Japan Pavilion at the Expo Milano, a food-themed international fair, and had a look at high-tech presentations of the country's nature and culinary culture.

After a tour guided by Tatsuya Kato, the Japanese government's commissioner general for the

expo, the singer said, "I'd heard it's amazing, and it was easy to understand and fun."

One of the dozens of "Japan Pavilion Supporters" appointed by the Japanese agriculture and trade ministries, Kyary Pamyu Pamyu is scheduled to give a special live performance as part of the Japan Day event at the expo on Saturday.

Kyodo News

Man jailed for leaking Madonna's album



Adi Lederman, a former contestant of Israel's version of "American Idol", has been jailed for leaking singing sensation Madonna's album online.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Adi Lederman, a former contestant of Israel's version of "American Idol", has been jailed for leaking singing sensation Madonna's album online.

Lederman, 39, has been sentenced to spend 14 months in prison and pay a USD 4000 fine, after he confessed that he did computer trespassing and in-

fringement of privacy and property rights, reported Ace Showbiz.

"The ease with which crimes such as this can be committed by those who have skills in the field, such as the accused, require an appropriate punitive response that has a deterrent and uncompromising message," said a spokesperson for Tel Aviv Court, Israel.

Last year in December, the unfinished tracks of Madonna's album "Rebel Heart" were leaked before the official release.

Lederman was arrested a month later, as police suspected him of selling songs he had stolen through hacking.

"I am profoundly grateful to the FBI, the Israeli Police investigators and an-

yone else who helped lead to the arrest of this hacker. I deeply appreciate my fans who have provided us with pertinent information and continue to do so regarding leaks of my music. Like any citizen, I have the right to privacy," said Madonna, after court's verdict.

"Rebel Heart" was officially released on 6 March, 2015.—PTI

Mila Kunis confirms marriage to Ashton Kutcher

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Actress Mila Kunis has confirmed that she has tied the knot with her fiancé Ashton Kutcher.

The 31-year-old "Jupiter Ascending" actress called the "Two and a Half Men" actor her "husband" during a new interview with *The Telegraph's* *Luxury* magazine, reported Ace Showbiz. "My husband is an incredibly hands-on dad. When my child was born, I was breast-feeding and he said, 'That's your connection. I want to change every diaper.' When we're in public, if it's a pee-pee diaper, you can change her at the table, but if it's a poo-poo diaper, you don't want to affect the people eating. So he's like, 'Err, I guess I'm going to the ladies' room to do it'," Kunis said.

Kutcher indeed has been passionate about father's

rights to have changing tables in men's restrooms. "The source of my ire is solely directed upon the businesses that consciously decide to install changing tables in women's restrooms, but not in the men's restrooms (and have no Family restrooms, either). They're fine with young children visiting their establishments, but if they soil themselves, there better be a woman around to take care of it," he lamented in Facebook earlier this year.

The couple welcomed their first child, a daughter named Wyatt, in October 2014.—PTI



Ashton Kutcher & Mila Kunis

Jennifer Lawrence shows off her singing skills on TV

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Lawrence was forced to show off her vocal chops when she visited "CONAN" for its special Comic-Con episode.

The 24-year-old actress ended up breaking into a rendition of Cher's "Believe" while she and host Conan O'Brien were discussing "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1", reported Ace Showbiz.

"First of all, if I had gone 'Hunger Games', it

would have reached number one," said Lawrence, who appeared on the show with her "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 2" co-stars Josh Hutcherson and Liam Hemsworth.

She went on revealing that singing in front of people was actually her biggest fear. Lawrence said she liked singing Cher's 1998 hit and then channeled the iconic diva as she sang a little bit of the song with the help of Hutcherson.—PTI



Actress Jennifer Lawrence

'Batman v Superman' new trailer arrives online

LOS ANGELES, 12 July — A brand new trailer for "Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice" has landed online shortly after being screened for the fanboys during the Warner Bros panel at San Diego Comic-Con over the weekend.

It shows, from Bruce Wayne's perspective, the massive destruction during the battle between Henry Cavill's Man of Steel and Michael Shannon's General Zod, reported Ace Showbiz.

"Today is a day for truth. The world needs to know what he stands for.

That kind of power is dangerous. Let the record show that this city holds him responsible," says Holly Hunter who plays a senator.

Meanwhile, Ben Affleck's Batman himself says, "Twenty years in Gotham. How many good guys are left? How many stayed that way? He has the power to wipe out the human race, and I must destroy him."

"We've done stuff in Man of Steel to launch this conflict," director Zack Snyder explained during the discussion at the fan-centric convention.

PTI

Tony Award winner and 'Cheers' actor Roger Rees dies aged 71

NEW YORK, 12 July — Roger Rees, the Tony Award-winning British stage actor who had roles in US television hits including "Cheers" and "The West Wing", died on Friday aged 71, his representative said on Saturday. Rees' representative Rick Miramontez did not provide further details.

Rees' performance in title role in the Royal Shakespeare Company's "The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby" won him an Olivier Award and a Tony in the early 1980s. Born in Aberystwyth, Wales in 1944, Rees spent more than 20 years with the Royal Shakespeare Company. He also took on major television and film roles, including the 1993 spoof "Robin Hood: Men in Tights" and "The Scorpion King" in 2002.

In the US television series "Cheers", he played the affluent Brit Robin Colcord and in "The West Wing" he was British ambassador Lord John Marbury.

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Canada gets Pan Am Games off to golden start



(left to right) Michelle Russell, Emilie Fournel, KC Fraser and Hannah Vaughan of Canada celebrate winning in the Women K4 500m Final during the 2015 Pan Am Games at Welland Pan Am Flatwater Centre, Welland, Ontario, CAN on 11 July, 2015.—REUTERS

TORONTO, 12 July — Canada got the Pan American Games off to a golden start topping the medal table after claiming four gold on Saturday and Toronto plenty of reason to come out and join the Pan Am party.

Talk of sluggish ticket sales disappeared under a brilliant Canadian summer sun as large enthusiastic crowds turned out at many venues to cheer on their home country.

But attendance problems appear far from over as large swathes of empty

seats could still be seen some events particularly at football and rugby.

Canadian synchronized swimmers Jacqueline Simoneau and Karine Thomas, Chilean triathlete Barbara Riveros and Mexican divers Rommel Pacheco and Paola Espinosa earned direct qualifying spots into next year's Rio Olympics as a bonus for winning gold in their events.

Riding a wave of hometown support, Canada's women kayakers won the first gold of the Games as Michelle Russell, Emilie

Fournel, KC Fraser and Hannah Vaughan powered home ahead of Cuba in the K-4 500 metres.

"The crowd was cheering so loud I can't even explain it. In words, I can't even explain it," said Fraser.

"When we got to the last 200 metres of our race you just hear the crowd screaming so loud and it just gives you that drive."

Canada's golden success continued in the synchronized swimming pool with Simoneau and Thomas winning the duet competi-

tion and then were back in the water a few hours later to help Canada to the team title.

Troy Nyhaug then won the men's BMX while the hosts also picked up silver in judo and another silver and two bronze from the diving pool to bring their medal total to eight, one ahead of the United States, Mexico and Colombia, who all finished the day on seven medals.

Americans Felicia Stancil took top spot in the women's BMX, Eva Fabian in the women's open water swim while the men won the artistic gymnastics team event.

Mexico continued its domination of the Pan Am diving competition with Pacheco, who competed at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics, taking gold in the men's three-meter springboard and Espinosa, a two-times Olympic medallist, winning the women's 10 metre platform. Colombia took two gold medals from the weightlifting while Brazil, Ecuador, Cuba, Dominican Republic and Chile also won golds on the first day.

Medals in 12 events will be decided while automatic qualifying spots for the Rio Olympics on offer in triathlon, shooting and equestrian.—Reuters

Japan Day event at Milan expo stirs up excitement over Tohoku

MILAN, 12 July — Food-loving visitors from around the world soaked up the atmosphere of traditional festivals from Japan's northeastern Tohoku region Saturday at the Expo Milano, a food-themed international fair.

The main attraction of the Japan Day event was a festive parade incorporating traditions from Tohoku and the region's gratitude for the international support provided for its recovery from the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster.

Calls of "bravo" could be heard from fairgoers as the parade of several hundred wended its way through the expo site, displaying elegant dancing punctuated by hearty cheers.

The festivities drew on six traditional festivals from across the Tohoku region, including the Tanabata Festival in Sendai, Mi-

Participants in Sendai Suzume Dance festival pose for a photo at the Expo Milano, a food-themed international fair in Milan, Italy, on 11 July, 2015.
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yagi Prefecture commemorating star-crossed lovers, and the Waraji (straw sandal) Festival from Fukushima Prefecture, that have come to symbolize hopes for recovery in the years since the disaster.

There was an extra focus on Fukushima with the inclusion of elements from four festivals celebrated in the prefecture.

The official ceremony opening the event drew more than 300 attendees from Japan and Italy, including Akie Abe, the wife of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Agriculture minister Yoshimasa Hayashi, part of the Japanese government contingent, greeted the crowd.

"Through this expo, we want to spread the

word about the wisdom of Japan's agriculture and culinary culture that are in harmony with nature," Hayashi said. Dozens of "Japan Pavilion Supporters" were appointed by Japan's agriculture and trade ministries for the expo, including pop singer and fashion model Kyary Pamyu Pamyu.

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Police say man dies after pepper sprayed during arrest in Alabama

ALABAMA, 12 July — A man in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, died after officers used pepper spray to subdue him when he resisted arrest, police said on Saturday.

Police received a call on Friday night that a man armed with a gun was sitting on a porch at an apartment complex in the city, Tuscaloosa police said in a statement on their Facebook page.

Police later identified the man as Anthony Ware, a 35-year-old African-American, the *Tuscaloosa News* reported on its website.

When officers arrived, the man ran into nearby woods and was chased by officers who used the pepper spray before placing him in handcuffs as he resisted arrest, police said.

He later collapsed as

he was walking out of the woods, police said.

Police conduct in the United States has been under scrutiny over the past year after a series of deaths of black men in confrontations with police that have provoked protests over the treatment of minorities by law enforcement.

The *Tuscaloosa News* reported Ware was pursued by six police officers, including at least three white officers as well as a black officer and an Asian-American officer.

Police plan to release video of the arrest from a vehicle dash cam and body cameras, Tuscaloosa's assistant police chief, Ronnie Dunn, told a news conference on Saturday, according to the *Tuscaloosa News*.

Reuters

Asian Junior Wrestling Championship wraps up



Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win presents prizes to winners in Asian Junior Wrestling Championship.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — The Asian Junior Wrestling Championship continued for the final day at the Wunna Theik-di Gymnasium C, here, Sunday, attended by Vice Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Dep-

uty Minister for Sports U Zaw Win.

The Deputy Minister, officials of World Wrestling Federation, the Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials awarded first, second and third win-

ners in the free style (juniors) women's and men's 48-kilo, 55-kilo and 60-kilo events respectively.

Myanmar hosted the championship from 9 to 12 July with the participation of athletes from 19 countries.—MNA

Casillas leaves Real for new challenge at Porto

MADRID, 12 July — Spain goalkeeper Iker Casillas left Real Madrid on Saturday after 16 seasons as an iconic figure at the Bernabeu to take on a new challenge at former European champions Porto.

Casillas, 34, became a hero for both Real and Spain during a glittering career, where he has won three Champions Leagues with Real and the World Cup and two European Championships with La Roja.

But in recent years he lost some of the sheen that earned him the nickname "Saint Iker" and last term was regularly whistled by disgruntled fans at the Bernabeu as the world's richest club ended the campaign without major silverware.

Real's announcement

of their captain's departure, which ended days of frenzied speculation in the Spanish media, came exactly five years since the Spain captain triumphantly hoisted aloft the nation's first World Cup in South Africa after a 1-0 victory over the Netherlands.

The expected arrival at Real of Manchester United's David De Gea, the 24-year-old former Atletico Madrid man who is being groomed to take over as Spain keeper, will also have contributed to Casillas's decision to move on.

Regular playing time in Portugal for Porto, coached by Spanish ex-keeper Julen Lopetegui, should allow him to extend his international career at least until next year's European Championship in France.

"Thank you Iker, for

everything," Real said on their website (www.real-madrid.com). "Thank you for being a symbol of the best in our history. You are leaving but we will not forget that you belong in Real Madrid's heart forever."

Casillas made his debut for Real in September 1999, aged 18, and as well as three European crowns he has also won five La Liga titles, two King's Cups and one Club World Cup.

He made 725 appearances for Real, second only to former striker Raul, and was named the world's best keeper five times by the International Federation of Football History and Statistics (IFFHS).

"For Real Madrid today is a day, above all, of appreciation and recognition," Real said.

Reuters

Late glitch fails to slam brakes on Serena charge

LONDON, 12 July — Standing a set and 5-1 up in the Wimbledon final against a Spaniard playing only her second match in tennis's most famous arena, a fourth consecutive grand slam singles title looked a formality for Serena Williams on Saturday.

She duly completed the job against Garbine Muguruza 6-4, 6-4 to claim the so-called 'Serena Slam' and will head to the US Open bidding to become only the third woman to win the "calendar year" Grand Slam in the professional era.

But an angst-ridden finale in which Muguruza tenaciously fought back showed that, despite Williams's vast experience and vice-like grip on women's tennis, crossing the finishing line for a 21st grand slam title made her heart pound just as fast as when she made her first breakthrough at the 1999 US Open.

Which, for her rivals hoping that at nearly 34 the American will become blasé about collecting trophies, is bad news.

"I just learned that all the people are nervous, even Serena, in a final, because I saw it," Muguruza, the first Spaniard to contest a Wimbledon women's singles showpiece match since Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in 1996, told reporters.

In securing her sixth Wimbledon title and first since 2012, Williams became the oldest woman to win a grand slam in the



Martina Hingis of Switzerland and Sania Mirza of India pose with their trophies after winning their Women's Doubles Final match against Elena Vesnina and Ekaterina Makarova of Russia at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on 11 July, 2015.

REUTERS

modern era, 16 years after winning her first.

It seems unlikely anyone can stop her march into the history books at Flushing Meadows where she is unbeaten since 2011.

On Saturday, however, it was the feat of holding all four majors concurrently, something she also achieved at the 2003 Australian Open, that was foremost in her thoughts.

"I honestly wouldn't have thought last year after winning the US Open I would win the Serena Slam at all," said the world number one. "It's super exciting."

"I just knew I wanted to win Wimbledon this year. Of all the grand slams, it was the one I

hadn't won in a while."

Muguruza, the clean-hitting 21-year-old born in the Venezuelan capital Caracas, played magnificently in the first set, leading 3-1 and 4-2 before Williams raised her game after a sluggish start to take the opener.

The enormity of the occasion and the sheer presence of Williams then seemed to hit home and the Spaniard crumbled, losing 14 out of 15 points to trail 5-1 as her vastly-experienced American opponent closed in for the kill.

Then, Williams got a bad attack of the jitters before regaining her poise in the nick of time.

"You'd be surprised, I feel vulnerable every time I step out there," she said. "It's just overcoming those feelings."

She was totally dominant until, serving at 5-1, she was broken to love. Muguruza then started swinging as she had in the early stages of the match when she had broken serve in the opening game and led 3-1.

Williams began to miss and the 20th seeded Muguruza, cheered by the Centre Court crowd, held for 3-5. It still seemed only a hiccup for Williams as she stepped up to serve for the match for a second time.

But her anxiety was apparent when she began the game with an eighth double-fault, gesticulating to her players' box where her family and friends, including



Winner Serena Williams of the USA and runner up Garbine Muguruza of Spain show off their trophies after their Women's Final Match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on 11 July, 2015.—REUTERS

rapper Drake, watched on.

Muguruza won the next two points with backhand winners, the second one almost leaving Williams in a heap on the baseline.

Williams replied with an angry ace and screamed, "Where have you been?" to her trusty weapon. Two more booming aces earned her a match point but a tense rally ended with Muguruza punishing a mid-court ball.

At deuce a Williams onslaught was repelled and she snatched a backhand into the net and a point later the set was back on serve when the Spaniard wrong footed the top seed.

Muguruza could not sustain the recovery though and a double-fault and a net-cord calmed Williams' nerves and she converted her second match point when Muguruza hit wide, although silence briefly reigned as both players seemed unsure whether the ball had

clipped a line.

"There was definitely pressure towards the end, Garbine really stepped up to the plate today," Williams added of her young opponent who shed tears when receiving a long ovation as she collected her runners-up trophy.

Swiss veteran Martina Hingis, 18 years after winning the singles, provided a fitting finale to the day when the 34-year-old partnered India's Sania Mirza to the women's doubles title.

The top seeds beat Russia's number two-seeded Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina 5-7, 7-6(4), 7-5, having won the final two games under the Centre Court roof before a noisy crowd.

Earlier, Dutch/Romanian duo Jean-Julien Rojer and Horia Tecau later won the men's doubles beating Andy Murray's brother Jamie and his Australian partner John Peers 7-6(5), 6-4, 6-4.—Reuters