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True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Embraer aircraft manufacturer in Sao Paulo

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, together with Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads, visited Embraer aerospace conglomerate in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 25 June.

Market strategy senior manager Mr Joao Alfredo Paiva explained profile, product range and salient facts of the company. The Vice-President looked round showroom of aircraft manufacturing records and assembling process of the aircrafts.

The Vice-President

then observed the prototypes of the aircrafts and posed for documentary photo together with personnel of the company and his entourages.

The aircraft manufacturer was established on 19 August, 1969 and is now a conglomerate with three firms mainly manufacturing commercial and private airplanes. The conglomerate also manufactures aircrafts

for defence and security purposes. It is also reported to have developed aircraft run solely with bio-fuel.

In the evening, the Vice-President attended the dinner hosted by Myanmar Honorary Consul to Brazil Mr Ricardo Cateb Cury in Sao Paulo. The Vice-President met local businessmen there and clarified prospects for investment in Myanmar.

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham views scale model of aircrafts manufactured by Embraer aerospace conglomerate in Sao Paulo.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Paris and Singapore, arrives back in Myanmar



Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks around the Champs Elysees Road in Paris.
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NAY PYI TAW, 1 July— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Dr Myo Myint and departmental heads, left Rio de Janeiro of Brazil on 26 June evening and arrived at Charles De Gaulle (CDG) International Airport of Paris of France on 27 June morning.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Belgium U Thant Kyaw and staff of Myanmar embassy in France.

The Vice-President and party visited Scare-Coeur Church on Montmartre, the highest land in Paris. The church was built in 1914 and political and cultural landmark of France.

The embassy staff hosted a lunch to the Vice-President at the residence of the Myanmar Ambassador to

France.

The Vice-President visited Arc de Triomphe Pillar, Champs Elysees Road and historic The Concorde Square (Place de la Concorde).

The Vice-President also observed Louvre Museum renowned for its fine handicrafts of famous artists

and built in 1160 and ancient Notre Dame Cathedral.

The Vice-President also visited famous Eiffel Tower, a steel structure on Paris road with the height of 1050 ft built in 1889. He also visited Museum of the Army and Tomb of Napoleon.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (1-7-2012)

Dawei	(7.44) inches
Launglon	(5.55) inches
Cocogyun	(4.97) inches
Lashio	(3.42) inches
Machanbaw	(3.39) inches
Kyaikmaraw	(3.02) inches
Myeik	(2.79) inches

PERSPECTIVES

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Capital market prerequisite for development of market economy

Many sectors of the country are going through far-reaching reforms and economic sector is no exception. These reforms are bound to have widespread social and economic ramifications. Since economic and investment policies and investment laws are under review to be compatible with other countries, foreign direct investment into the country are in the offing.

Recently, a memorandum of understanding on the technical aid has been signed between the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Daiwa Research Institute and Tokyo Stock Exchange of Japan. Myanmar would establish stock exchange by 2015 under the blue print set out by the Capital Market Development Committee. Myanmar has allowed the set-up of public companies in a bid to shape the capital market in development of market economy. Japan will provide technical aid to Myanmar for the development of capital market. Such closer cooperation among the regional countries is instrumental as the country is in a critical period of transition.

The Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration is encouraging the public to invest their saving and capital in each business sector of the public companies. Public company applicants are advised to have at least seven initial holders, to sell unlimited shares to the public, to be an economically sustainable business, to employ skilled labour and to submit the name list to the institutions concerned. Besides, start-up capital, business priorities, share portfolio, membership in first board of directors and qualifications, share transfer and dealing, profit sharing, audit and electing board of directors are to be advertised in dailies and other media.

According to the directorate, the seed capital for public companies is set to be at least 500 million and monetary issues and securities are to be dealt under existing laws.

As the country has devoted too much attention to the substantive democratic changes, most economic sanctions against Myanmar have been lifted, and global nations are seeing closer cooperation with the country in pursuit of business prospects. It is an encouraging sign which reflects a better future of the country and its people.

Union Construction Minister meets officers of ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint addressed a meeting with officers at the ministry on 29 June.

He said that the staff of the ministry must facilitate the government's reform strategy. He also urged the staff to become reliable by the people while calling for abiding by the code of conduct for the service personnel.

He called for ensuring the trucks on the road bear the

designated tons of loads and employing advanced technology in engineering works.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin called for meeting set standards in engineering works, using funds systematically and working cooperatively.

The departmental heads of the ministry explained matters related to the staff.

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Union Science & Technology Minister meets Chinese guests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint received General Manager, Professor Mr. Lu Xiaoshan and party of Shangdong Xingke Intelligent Technology Co of China at his office here on 29 June.

Both sides discussed matters related to promotion of human resource development and bilateral cooperation in science and technological sectors.

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New school buildings of basic education schools put into service in Patheingyi Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—An inauguration of the two-storey school building of the No. 14 Basic Education Primary School took place at its place in Patheingyi Township yesterday morning.

At the opening, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Forest and Mines U Soe Myint, assistant education officer (Admin) of the region U Ye Myint, Patheingyi Township Administrator U Chit Ko Ko, Townselder U Mya Aung and member of the school trustees board U Sai opened the school building.

The school building whose type is RC was built with the contribution of Ayeyawady Region government and townselders of Kunchan No. 1 Ward of Patheingyi.

Afterwards, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung attended the opening of the two-storey building of the No. 5 BEMS in No. 1 Thitnyogon Ward in Patheingyi, which was commissioned into service after it had been renovated by Ayeyawady Region government and Great Father Land Construction & Decoration Co Ltd.

There, the region minister for Forest and Mines, Patheingyi District Deputy Commissioner, officials and Chairman U Kyaw Myint of Great Father Land Construction & Decoration Co Ltd opened the building. The Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister unveiled the inscription.

The stake-driving ceremony of the school was participated by the Chief Minister, the region minister for Forestry and Mines, the region minister for development affairs and the assistant education officer (Admin) and the company chairman.

The Chief Minister, the region minister for Forestry and Mines, the region minister for development affairs, secretary of USDP of the region U Aung Tin Myint and the company chairman sprinkled scented water on the stakes after opening the new school building of the No. 83 Basic Education Post-Primary School, constructed by Ayeyawady Region government and Great Father Land Construction & Decoration Co, was held at its place in Thutawkon Village in Kamni Village-tract.—MNA



CASH DONATED: To mark birthday anniversary, Col Khin Soe (Rtd)—Daw Nan Thein Phyu family of Hantha Yeikmon Housing in Kamayut Township of Yangon Region donated K 300,000 to fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Chairman of Executive Committee Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Rtd) accepts cash doantion.—NLM

Outstanding students in Wakema Tsp awarded

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung paid homage to Sakya Maha Siri Pagoda in Wakema on 29 June where he offered flower, water and lights and donated K 0.1 million for all-round renovation of the pagoda.

The chief minister attended prize presentation ceremony to outstanding students at Shwekhe Thiri Hall of Wakema.

The region education officer and the chairman of Wakema Township Association delivered addresses.

The chief minister and officials presented awards to schools with highest pass rates and distinction winners in matriculation exam.

The amount of chief minister's cash awards to the outstanding students accounted for about 1.4 million. He also inspected upgrading of Patheingyi Myaungmya motor road.

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YCDC Women's Affairs Organization holds rainy season tree planting ceremony

YANGON, 1 July—Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3rd July, rainy season tree growing ceremony of Yangon City Development Committee Women's Affairs Organization was held at Hlawga Park here this morning.

Patron of YCDC Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Aye Nwe grew the Gangaw sapling and members of WAO grew the saplings at the designated places.

A total of 1050 trees were planted at the ceremony.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts outside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.4) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (East of Kohima, India) about (270) miles north-northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (43) min (47) sec MST today, according to Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

President Hu vows to remain committed to "one country, two systems"

HONG KONG, 1 July—Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Sunday the central government will remain committed to the principles of "one country, two systems," "Hong Kong people administering Hong Kong" and a high degree of autonomy.

The central government will unwaveringly give its full support to the chief executive and government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in administering Hong Kong pursuant to law, while working with the local residents to maintain and promote the long-term prosperity and stability of the territory, Hu said at the inaugural ceremony of the fourth-term government of the

HKSAR, led by Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying, at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Hu, on his third visit to Hong Kong, arrived here Friday for the 15th anniversary marking the city's return to China and the swearing-in ceremony.

Over the past 15 years, Hong Kong has achieved remarkable progress despite setbacks from a crippling regional financial crisis, deadly epidemics and a global financial crisis.

Hong Kong residents now enjoy the range of democratic rights and freedoms that they had never done before, Hu said.

All this "proves that the 'one country, two systems' is



Chinese President Hu Jintao (2nd R, front) meets with senior figures of the administrative, legislative and judicial bodies of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) in Hong Kong, south China, on 1 July, 2012. —XINHUA

the best solution to the Hong Kong question left over from history and the best institutional arrangement for the long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong after its return to the motherland," he said.

Hu tagged advancing the cause of "one country, two systems" as the shared mission of the central government and the government of the HKSAR, which he said serves the interests and aspirations of Hong Kong compatriots and the fundamental interests of the country and the people.

Xinhua

Xinhua launches Asia Pacific Daily online

HONG KONG, 1 July—Hong Kong-based Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau of Xinhua News Agency launched its new website *Asia Pacific Daily (APD)* Chinese edition on Sunday. Operated under the domain name asiapacificdaily.com.hk, the website is one of the online platforms under the brand name APD.

Relying on Xinhua's world-wide network, APD delivers real-time news stories, provides in-depth analysis and gathers profound ideas and leading opinion.

With solid technical support, the site eyes on gaining regional information leadership, maintaining high level in timeliness, originality, integration and interactivity. APD aims to become an

independent and important voice of Asia, creating a knowledge sharing and exchanging platform for those who are interested in the Asia-Pacific and want to expand their knowledge of the region's politics, economy and culture.

In addition, APD pursues multimedia storytelling, featuring combination of text, photos, video clips, audio graphics and interactivity.

It delivers quality news and information through interesting and engaging formats through ten columns including "Latest News", "APD Exclusive", "APEC Feed", "World News", "Investment", "Moment", "At the scene", "Opinion & Column" and "Lifestyle".

Xinhua



People watch work crew clear storm damage in the Capitol Hill neighbourhood in Washington, 30 June, 2012. Wind gusts clocked at speeds of up to 79 mph were reported in and around the US capital, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of homes in the Washington area. —REUTERS

Eastern US heat wave continues amid power outages

WASHINGTON, 1 July—A heat wave baking the eastern United States in record temperatures is set to continue on Sunday after deadly storms killed at least 12 people, downed power lines from Indian to Maryland and left more than 3 million customers without power.

Emergencies were declared in Washington DC, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia on Saturday because of damage from overnight storms, which unleashed hurricane-force winds across a 500-mile (800-km) stretch of the mid-Atlantic region.

President Barack Obama authorized the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA, to

coordinate all disaster relief efforts in storm-ravaged Ohio.

The storms' rampage was followed by roasting temperatures that topped 100 Fahrenheit (38 Celsius) in several southern cities, including Atlanta, where the mercury hit 106 degrees (41 Celsius), according to Accuweather.com.

Heat advisories remained in effect into Sunday across the southeast and lower half of the Mississippi valley, with "triple-digit temperatures expected across the southern third of the country," the National Weather Service said.

"It is very unsafe outdoors for those susceptible to these extreme

conditions," it warned in a statement.

Power crews worked to the night to try to restore service to homes and businesses, and officials said in some areas the job could take up to a week. Utilities in Ohio, Virginia and Maryland described damage to their power grids as catastrophic.

Six people were killed in Virginia in storm-related incidents, and more than 1 million customers were left without power in the worst outage not linked to a hurricane in the state's history, said Bob Spieldenner, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

Reuters

Five killed as roadside bomb hits passenger bus in E Afghanistan

GHAZNI, (Afghanistan), 1 July—A total of five civilians were killed and 18 others injured Sunday morning when a roadside bomb blast hit a passenger bus in the eastern Afghan province of Ghazni, an official said. "Five killed and 18 injured have been admitted to provincial capital hospitals this morning," a provincial health official, Baz Mohammad Himat, told Xinhua.

The killed include three men, a child and a woman, he said, adding one girl was among the injured. The blast occurred at around 8 am local time in Asphandi, an area in outskirts of provincial capital of Ghazni city when the bus was passing by the area, a police officer told Xinhua, adding that the bus with around 50 people on board was travelling from capital Kabul to the southern Kandahar Province. Some of the injured said to be in critical conditions, he said blaming Taleban militants for the attack. Militancy has been on constant rise since the Taleban launched its spring offensive on 3 May this year. The Taleban militants use homemade bombs or Improvised Explosive Device (IED) and suicide bombers in their attacks which also inflicted casualties on civilians. The militant group has yet to make comments. A total of 3,021 Afghan civilians were killed in 2011, an 8 percent rise in compare with 2010, according to the United Nations annual report released in Kabul in February.—Xinhua

30 dead, 1 million displaced in floods in northeastern India

NEW DELHI, 1 July—At least 30 people are confirmed dead and over 1 million others displaced in torrential rains and massive floods that have recently hit the northeastern Indian state of Assam, a senior government official said in the national capital Saturday.

"The Brahmaputra river and its tributaries breached their embankments at several places leading to the worst floods the state has witnessed in eight years. Though the state government has enough food grains to help the displaced people, the central government has assured all help to overcome the crisis," the official said, refusing to be named.

The Indian Air Force is carrying out rescue operations in the state along with the National Disaster Response Force comprising 548 personnel, he said, adding that the immediate respite is

that the rains have stopped for the time being.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has announced compensation plan for the families of the deceased.—Xinhua



People move to a safer place by boat with their belongings on the flood water in Kaziranga, around 100 kilometers from Guwahati, capital of Assam Province, India, on 29 June, 2012. Several districts of Assam have been flooded.—XINHUA

Colombia volcano erupts, prompts evacuations

BOGOTA, 1 July—Colombia evacuated people from communities close to the Nevado del Ruiz volcano after an eruption on Saturday that spewed smoke and ash from its crater, bringing back memories of avalanches that in 1985 buried tens of thousands under rocks.

President Juan Manuel

Santos said on his Twitter account that the area around the Nevado del Ruiz, in the central spine of Colombia's Andean mountain range, had been put on red alert and people should leave the area.

Even as volcanic activity began to subside, emergency services urged 4,800 residents in Caldas and

nearby Tolima Province to get to safety, according to Carlos Ivan Marquez, who heads the security effort. The volcano is about 110 miles west of the capital Bogota.

"It's fundamental that communities near to the volcano follow all security recommendations; that means preventative evacuations and that people remain calm," Marquez said.

Communities around the volcano, also known by the indigenous name Kumanday, usually heed government warnings to flee as memories remain fresh of the 1985 tragedy that killed as many as 25,000 and injured 5,000.

Back then, as the 17,400-foot (5,300-metre) volcano erupted, mud, rocks and lava exploded from the mountain and collapsed onto the valley town of Armero as residents slept, killing almost all who lived there.—Reuters



Smoke and ash billow from Nevado del Ruiz volcano, as seen from Manizales city, in this file handout picture taken on 17 June, 2012, and received by Reuters on 30 June, 2012.—REUTERS

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Can a genetic switch spice up supermarket tomato?



This handout photo shows tomatoes on a market table in Vienna, Austria.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 1 July — Using genetics, scientists have been able to dig up the dirt on why homegrown tomatoes taste so much sweeter than the ones in the supermarket.

Researchers found a genetic switch responsible for some of the sugar production within a tomato. A new study in Friday's edition of *Science* found that the common type of tomato bred for firmness

and good shipping also inadvertently turns off the sugar-producing switch. That makes it less sweet and blander than garden varieties.

University of California Davis plant scientist Ann Powell said knowing the genetics behind the sugar-making could lead someday to development of sweeter tomatoes that also travel well.— *Internet*

Scientists develop spray-on battery

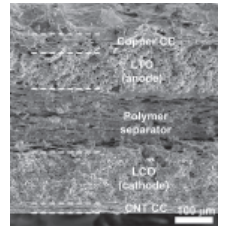
HOUSTON, 1 July — Scientists in the United States have developed a paint that can store and deliver electrical power just like a battery. Traditional lithium-ion batteries power most portable electronics. They are already pretty compact but limited to rectangular or cylindrical blocks.

Researchers at Rice University in Houston, Texas, have come up with a technique to break down each element of the traditional battery and incorporate it into a liquid that can be spray-painted in layers on virtually any surface. "This means traditional packaging for batteries has given way to a much more flexible approach that allows all kinds of new design and integration possibilities for storage devices," said Pulickel Ajayan, who leads the team on the project.

The rechargeable battery is made from spray-painted layers, with each representing the components of a traditional battery: two current collectors, a cathode, an anode and a polymer separator in the middle. The paint layers were airbrushed onto ceramics, glass and stainless steel, and on diverse shapes such as the curved surface of a ceramic mug, to test how well they bond. One limitation of the technology

is in the use of difficult-to-handle liquid electrolytes and the need for a dry and oxygen-free environment when making the new device.

The researchers are looking for components that would allow construction in the open air for a more efficient production process and greater commercial viability. Neelam Singh, who worked on the project, believes the technology could be integrated with solar



An electron microscope image of a spray-painted lithium-ion battery developed at Rice University shows its five-layer structure.—REUTERS



A beer stein served as an able substrate for a paintable battery developed at Rice University.—REUTERS

cells to give any surface a stand-alone energy capture and storage capability. The researchers tested the device using nine bathroom tiles coated with the paint and connected to each other. When they were charged, the batteries powered a set of light-emitting diodes for six hours, providing a steady 2.4 volts. The results of the study were published on Thursday in the journal *Nature Scientific Reports*.— *Reuters*

Wickr gives iPhone messages military-grade protection

SAN FRANCISCO, 1 July — Celebrity scandals fueled by leaked text messages or emailed images inspired a new application to give users of Apple gadgets uncrackable communications that can be made to self-destruct. The Wickr app has been downloaded thousands of times since the software crafted for iPhones, iPads, and iPod touch devices hit the virtual shelves of Apple's online App Store on Wednesday.

The San Francisco-based startup behind the software is working on versions of Wickr for smartphones or tablets powered by Google-backed Android software. "We think communications should be flipped on its head," said startup co-founder Nico Sell, a key behind-the-scenes figure at the infamous DefCon hacker gathering that takes place annually in Las Vegas.

"Now by default, all our personal and business communications are traceable," she explained. "We think that by default your communications should be untraceable."

Wickr was billed as a secure social network where people could send text or voice messages as well as pictures or snippets of video with security

in place to thwart snoops. Wickr encrypts files end-to-end and, unlike typical email services, so no copies are left to linger on computer servers used to route messages.

Wickr messages and their contents are set to self-destruct, with senders getting to decide how long files continue to exist after being opened.— *Internet*



Celebrity scandals fueled by leaked text messages or emailed images inspired a new application to give users of Apple gadgets uncrackable communications that can be made to self-destruct.—INTERNET

RIM prospects dire after launch delay

LONDON, 1 July — Research In Motion Ltd could run out of cash and ultimately fail, even with the launch of its now-delayed BlackBerry 10 device early next year, Wall Street analysts said. At least 10 brokerages cut their price targets on the stock, some by as much as 50 percent, a day after the company reported worse-than-expected quarterly results and said it would delay the launch of its next-generation device to early 2013 from late this year. RIM shares were down 16 percent in pre-market trading on the Nasdaq.

"If RIM continues to be run as it is, we believe that the company will eventually fail," Nomura Equity Research said. "We do not expect RIM to successfully drive a turnaround of its financials, even with the launch of BB10 next year," the brokerage said in a note to clients, adding that its model assumes that RIM disappears by 2020 in a gradual decline. BlackBerry 10, considered to be RIM's make-or-break product, was originally slated to be launched in the first quarter and the delay has already contributed to a 40 percent drop in the company's stock price so far this year.

"Given RIM's cash burn, BB10 can't come soon enough," Barclays said in a note to clients. Analysts at Citi Investment Research and Jefferies slashed their price targets on the stock to \$5.00 for RIM's US-listed shares, a fall of 45 percent from Thursday's close.— *Internet*

A brief history of cell phone design

NEW YORK, 1 July — In 1983, Motorola introduced the first cellular telephone in the United States. Called the DynaTAC, this bulky device bears little resemblance to the mobile phones of today. Between then and now, handsets have undergone a dramatic evolution, changing as much in terms of aesthetics as they have on the inside.

Flipping out

One of the first major design innovations in cellular phones — besides making them smaller — was the concept of flip-open handsets.

Motorola was the innovator in clamshell design, introducing the first hinged "flip phone" in 1996. The StarTAC has become nearly as iconic as its DynaTAC predecessor, or its later Motorola-designed successor the RAZR V3.

Touching the future

Believe it or not, the first touchscreen-based cell phone actually debuted before most other design innovations saw the light of day.

IBM introduced the Simon Personal Communicator in 1994, which featured a pressure-sensitive black & white screen in lieu of physical buttons. It also came with a stylus for taking memos and the phone could actually send faxes.

Despite these similarities to today's smartphones, it wasn't actually considered one. That honour went to the Ericsson R380, released in 2000.

Slide style

A year earlier in 1999, Siemens ushered in another major design innovation with its SL10: the slidephone. This style of handset covered the physical keys with the screen when not in use.

Slide designs were used by other manufacturers for later handsets that hid full QWERTY keyboards beneath the slide-open screen, such as the Danger Hiptop (which later became the T-Mobile Sidekick).

Enter the iPhone

The title of first touchscreen cell phone might be held by the IBM Simon, but the handset that brought the concept into the modern era was Apple's original iPhone, released in 2007.

The iPhone set the design benchmark followed by nearly all subsequent smartphones, namely one that incorporates a large multi-touch screen and very few buttons on the front — the iPhone only has one, and most now only have three or four at most. The iPhone has also led the charge towards thinner handsets.

Behind the glass

Since the launch of the

iPhone, smartphone makers have been focusing on refining the flat, thin aesthetic that emphasizes the screen over anything else.

This has led to the wafer-thin, large-screen likes of Samsung's Galaxy Nexus and flagship Galaxy S III, the latter sporting an nearly 5-inch screen and 0.38-inch thickness.

It's also shifted focus away from major physical design innovations and onto the feature sets of phones. This has led to advancements in camera quality, data download speed, and processing power more than anything else.

Innovation in software, such as Apple's ongoing evolution of its iOS operating system, Google's colorfully named Android iterations, and the rebirth of the Windows Phone platform, have also picked up pace.

Still, it seems like screen size will always be a focal point of designers. Samsung's Galaxy S III is considered at the top end of usability at 4.8 inches and phones like it have reportedly spurred Apple to target a larger display for its next iPhone.

Internet



This 19 June, 2012 photo shows Samsung's new Galaxy S III phone, left, next to an iPhone 4S in New York. The Galaxy S III, which looks and feels like an oversized iPhone, is available next week.—INTERNET

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BMW to hire thousands of permanent staff

FRANKFURT, 1 July — BMW plans to hire thousands of permanent staff after cutting the number of its temporary workers by half, a German magazine reported on Saturday. BMW's management has struck an agreement with the company's works council that will see the number of temporary workers fall to around 6,000 from about 12,000 currently, Wirtschaftswoche magazine reported in an article released ahead of publication on Monday.

At the same time, BMW would offer permanent positions to thousands of workers, many of whom are expected to come from the current pool of temporary staff, the magazine added. The share of temporary workers in BMW's labour force would therefore fall to around 8-10 percent from 17 percent, the magazine said, citing sources involved in the talks.

"The negotiations over a new employment contract have not yet ended but have progressed very far," the magazine quoted a BMW spokesman as saying. "An agreement in the coming weeks is very likely," he added. Car makers and



The logo of German car manufacturer BMW is seen on the bonnet of a vehicle covered with water drops in Kiev on 27 March, 2012.— REUTERS

other manufacturers in Germany have relied heavily on temporary and short-term contract workers in recent years to balance out swings in production and demand.

Reuters

France urges Peugeot to tell plant plans

PARIS, 1 July — French Industry Minister Arnaud Montebourg called on the management of struggling car maker PSA Peugeot Citroën to divulge its intentions for the future of several of its plants quickly, as fears mount over future job cuts. Europe's second-biggest automaker is looking for ways to make more cost savings this year and preparing to shut down one

of its two Paris plants, union officials said on 28 June. "The decisions that you could take would undoubtedly have consequences on the entire car industry and especially outsourcing," Montebourg said in a letter addressed to Peugeot Chief Executive Philippe Varin that was emailed to Reuters on Saturday. "I would like as a result that the PSA's management makes its

intentions known as quickly as possible."

Unemployment has risen for thirteen months in France with the number of jobless people hitting the highest level in April since August 1999, the last month for which figures are available. The new Socialist government has taken an active role in managing the situation as it tries to avoid a wave of factory closures. French President Francois Hollande has handed Montebourg the task of reversing the industrial sector's decline. In his letter, Montebourg called on PSA to begin "social dialogue to create a collective weapon to face its potential difficulties with regard to its employees."

PSA also briefed staff last week on plans to reduce production of the Peugeot 208 small car at Poissy, west of Paris, a move seen as paving the way for the closure of

Peugeot's long-threatened factory in the northern Paris suburb of Aulnay sous Bois. Montebourg said he had appointed a government expert to establish a detailed and rigorous diagnosis on the real situation at PSA and the possible measures the group was planning to take. The minister also said he planned to create an action plan for the future of the French automobile sector.

PSA declined to comment Peugeot's situation has deteriorated since last year, when the core autos division swung to a loss, punished by the company's exposure to France and other European markets badly hit by the region's debt crisis.

The Peugeot and Citroen brands' combined share of European car sales dropped a percentage point to 12 percent in the first five months, as their plunging sales more than doubled the broader market's 7.3 percent contraction.

Reuters

S Korea posts biggest trade surplus in 21 months

SEOUL, 1 July — South Korea reported its biggest trade surplus in 21 months as rising exports to the Middle East and Southeast Asia offset falling demand from the United States and Europe. Exports in June rose 1.3 percent from a year ago to reach \$47.4 billion, after shrinking for three straight months. Imports fell sharply by 5.4 percent to \$42.4 billion, the Knowledge Economy Ministry said in a preliminary tally.

That resulted in a trade surplus of \$4.96 billion in June — the biggest since \$6.34 billion posted in October 2010, the ministry said on Sunday. Economists polled by Dow Jones Newswires had expected exports to grow one percent and a trade surplus of \$3 billion in June. Increased sales of cars, machinery and semiconductors as well as solid demand in emerging economies in Latin America

and Asia helped offset shrinking sales in advanced markets particularly debt-hit Europe, said the ministry.

Asia's fourth-largest economy saw exports to the Middle East expand about 14 percent in June from a year ago while sales to members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations rose by a similar pace. Exports to Europe dropped by 16.6 percent while sales in the US fell 3.5 percent. But worsening trade conditions including Europe's raging debt woes and signs of a slowdown in China would hit Seoul's export-driven economy, said the ministry, cutting its forecast for exports in 2012.

It said exports for this year would rise 3.5 percent from 2011 to reach \$574.5 billion, revising its earlier estimate that exports would grow 7.2 percent to reach \$595 billion.

Internet



Containers are seen stacked up at a terminal in the southeastern port city of Busan. S Korea on Sunday reported its biggest trade surplus in 21 months as rising exports to the Middle East and Southeast Asia offset falling demand from the United States and Europe.

INTERNET



The Logo of French carmaker Peugeot is seen on a car in Paris.— REUTERS

Certain diets may help body burn more calories

BOSTON, 1 July — Dieters have long been told that to lose weight, you simply need to cut calories. But new research suggests that some combinations of foods may burn more calories than others.

When researchers compared a low-fat diet, a very low-carbohydrate diet and a low-glycemic-index diet, they found that people on very low-carb diets used the most calories. But this type of diet also boosts stress hormones and inflammation, they found.

People on the low-glycemic-index diet — a plan designed to prevent spikes in blood sugar after eating — also burned more calories than those on the low-fat diet, but fewer than those on the very low-carb diet.

"From a metabolic perspective, all calories are

not alike," said the study's senior author, Dr David Ludwig, director of the New Balance Foundation Obesity Prevention Centre at Boston Children's Hospital.

"Attempting to severely restrict all fat or all carbohydrates is hard psychologically, and it's also the wrong approach biologically," he said.

"When you try to force so many nutrients through one pathway, it may have downsides on the body." Results of the study are published in the 27 June issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*. Ludwig and his colleagues wanted to see if certain diets might lead to metabolic changes that could make it harder for dieters to maintain weight loss.

For the study, 21

overweight and obese young adults who had lost 10 percent to 15 percent of their body weight were put on one of three diets. The low-fat diet derived 60 percent of its calories from carbohydrates, 20 percent from fat and 20 percent from protein.

The low-glycemic-index diet contained 40 percent carbohydrates, 40 percent fat and 20 percent protein. Low-glycemic foods tend to be less-processed foods, such as vegetables or whole grains.

The low-carbohydrate diet, similar to an Atkins diet, contained 60 percent fat, 30 percent protein and 10 percent carbohydrates. Each study participant completed four weeks on each diet in a randomly assigned order. — Internet

Use caution when exercising in hot weather

NEW YORK, 1 July — During hot weather, people who exercise outdoors need to take steps to avoid heat injury, according to the American Council on Exercise.

Staying hydrated is essential, and can be accomplished by drinking a large amount of fluids (until you're just short of feeling bloated) 30 minutes before exercising, drinking at least six ounces of fluids every 20 minutes during exercise and drinking beyond the point where you are no longer thirsty after exercise, Dr Cedric Bryant, the council's chief science officer, said in a council news release.

Water is generally the

best fluid, unless your exercise session lasts longer than an hour. In that case, a sports drink may be more beneficial.

Another tip from the council is to gradually adapt your body to exercising in hot weather.

This usually takes 10 to 14 days and can greatly reduce your risk for heat injury.

Once your body is acclimatized, you will sweat sooner, produce more sweat and lose fewer electrolytes, Bryant said.

The benefits of acclimatization include a lower body core temperature, a decreased heart rate during exercise and a reduced risk of

dehydration.

Reducing your exercise intensity level during hot weather — especially during the acclimatization period — is another good idea, the council suggests.

Also, don't wear rubberized sweat suits or any other clothing that is impermeable to water.

This type of clothing prevents the evaporation of sweat from the skin, increasing the risk of heat injury, Bryant said.

Respect the conditions. In general, you should consider forgoing exercise when the temperature is above 90 degrees Fahrenheit and the relative humidity is above 60 percent. — Internet

Mobile money firms seek Nigerian riches

LAGOS, 1 July—It would seem to be a sure thing for firms offering mobile money transfers: large population, a growing economy and just about everyone has a mobile phone, but as with many things that seem to be a sure bet, particularly in Nigeria,

there's a catch.

Mobile companies have been thirsting to mimic the success of other African markets and tap into the potential for money transfers by phone in Nigeria, but a number of factors have slowed the service's development.



File picture shows a mobile phone dealer in Lagos.—INTERNET

"Nigeria might be a bit late... and there has not been a lot of good news yet," said Emmanuel Okeogwale of the Mobile Money Africa consultancy group.

"I think the central bank saw mobile money as a bit of a risk," he added.

Nigeria's central bank has been cautious so far, blocking mobile companies from running their own cash transfer services and forcing them to partner with banks.

Telecos like South Africa's MTN, the continental giant, say they should be able to run their own services, given their proven success in other markets, but in Nigeria they are positioned as junior partners.

Four years ago, Nigeria's

banking sector was plunged into crisis due to massive corruption and mismanagement which led to huge amounts of bad loans and forced a \$4 billion bailout. Bank executives were sacked in the process. The central bank's efforts in leading the sector to recovery have been widely lauded, and it has been reluctant to relax control in a country considered one of the world's most graft-ridden.

Some in the mobile industry say that by withholding licenses from phone companies, the central bank is simply seeking to protect a lucrative market for Nigeria's banks. "The network operators said, 'if you are not allowing me to claim the market, why should I help you?'" according to Okeogwale.—INTERNET



Liu Feng, who is the chief commander of the trial dives of the Jiaolong, China's manned submersible, makes comments on a 7,035-metre dive mission of the submersible aboard the Xiangyanghong 09 scientific research vessel, 30 June, 2012. The Jiaolong has successfully completed its programme of deep-sea dives, with a sixth and final dive to 7,000 metres in the Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean on Saturday. It will now enter a trial period of application after having come through its programme of trial dives to depths ranging from 1,000 to 7,000 meters in the deepest part of the world's oceans.—XINHUA

Copenhagen named European Green Capital 2014 for bicycle culture, low-carbon targets

COPENHAGEN, 1 July—The European Commission has declared Copenhagen the European Green Capital 2014 for its efforts in fostering an urban bicycling culture and its plan for being carbon neutral by 2025.

The decision was announced at an award ceremony in the Spanish city of Vitoria-Gasteiz, the current title holder, on Friday evening.

The Commission praised the Danish capital's achievements in eco-innovation and sustainable mobility, and its commitment to act as a role model for the green economy in Europe and rest of the world.

"We have much to learn from the city's efforts to improve the environment and quality of life for citizens, whilst creating new business opportunities," said European Environment Commissioner Janez Potocnik.

"They will have numerous occasions to showcase their expertise and their creative approach to urban planning and to developing a green economy," he added at the ceremony.

Copenhagen, which has some 1.2 million inhabitants, has undergone a green transition in recent years. It has regenerated its former industrial areas, made its

harbour waters clean enough to swim in, and invested in renewable-power infrastructure such as offshore wind turbines and garbage-fired district heating plants.

It wants to be the world's first carbon neutral city by the year 2025, and has already achieved its mid-term goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions to 20 percent of 2005 levels by 2015.

Moreover, one third of Copenhageners currently commute by cycle everyday, and the city wants to boost that number to 50 percent by 2015 in another bid to cut air pollution and improve citizens' health.

Internet

Surge in violence spurs new fears in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 July—A half year after the US military left Iraq, dire predictions seem to be coming true: The country is mired in violence and the government is on the verge of collapsing. With no relief in sight, there's growing talk of

Iraq as a failed state as al-Qaeda's local wing staged near daily attacks that killed at least 234 people in June.

Iraq no longer suffers widespread retaliatory killings between Sunni and Shiite extremists that brought

the country to the brink of civil war. But the spike in violence heightens fears that Iraq could limp along for years as an unstable and dangerous country.

June was the second-deadliest month since US troops withdrew from Iraq in mid-December as insurgents exploited the political struggles between the country's ethnic and sectarian factions. More significant than the numbers was the fact that insurgents appeared able to sustain the level of violence over a longer period than usual. There was a major deadly bombing or shooting rampage almost every three days, many targeting Shiite pilgrims.

Internet



In this 20 June, 2012, file photo, firefighters try to extinguish flames after a car bomb attack in Kirkuk, Iraq.—INTERNET



Smoke rises around Rampart Reservoir from Walden Canyon wildfire in this aerial photograph taken in Colorado Springs, Colorado on 27 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Second death confirmed in Colorado Springs wildfire

COLORADO SPRINGS, 1 July—Authorities have found a second body in the debris of a burned-out home in Colorado Springs, marking the second fatality from a fierce wildfire that ranks as Colorado's most destructive on record after incinerating 347 homes, police said.

Police Chief Peter Carey

released no further details about the victim, who becomes the sixth person killed this year in a Colorado wildfire season described by the governor as the worst in the state's history.

The discovery came on the same day that President Barack Obama visited the affected area.

Reuters

Rare meeting between Afghan government, Taliban

ISLAMABAD, 1 July—A Taliban emissary sat face-to-face this week with a senior Afghan government official responsible for peace talks in a rare high-level gathering between the bitter adversaries, an official said on Saturday.

The encounter at a peace and reconciliation conference in Kyoto, Japan, was a rare and positive sign in faltering attempts to find a peaceful end to the protracted conflict in Afghanistan. It also provided an unusual opportunity for Afghan President Hamid Karzai's government to sit down with its enemies—the Taliban and the Hezb-e-Islami insurgent group.

Siddiq Mansour Ansari, a peace activist who was invited to attend the meeting this week at Kyoto's Doshisha University, said it was the third peace and reconciliation conference organized by the school but the first time the Taliban had sent an emissary.

The Taliban's former

planning minister, Qari Din Mohammed Hanif, took part in the conference "to explain the policies of the Islamic Emirate," Taliban spokesman Zabilullah Mujahed told *The Associated Press* by telephone.

Taliban officials rarely travel abroad for public meetings, and Mujahed didn't say how Hanif, an ethnic Tajik from Afghanistan's northeastern Badakhshan Province, made the trip to Japan. Although a senior member of the Taliban and a member of the movement's political committee, Hanif is not on any wanted list.

The Afghan government was represented by Mohammed Masoon Stanikzai, a senior member of the government's High Peace Council, which is responsible for talks with the insurgency.

Ansari said the conference was not intended to find a peace settlement but to air ideas and differences.

Internet

1st Japan reactor goes online since nuclear crisis

TOKYO, 1 July—Dozens of protesters shouted and danced at the gate of a nuclear power plant set to restart Sunday, the first to go back online since all of Japan's reactors were shut down for safety checks following the Fukushima nuclear disaster.

Ohi nuclear plant's reactor No 3 is returning to operation despite a deep divide in public opinion. Last month, Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda ordered the restarts of reactors No. 3 and nearby No 4, saying people's living standards can't be maintained without nuclear energy. Many citizens are against a return to nuclear power because of safety fears after Fukushima.

Crowds of tens of thousands of people have gathered on Friday evenings around Noda's official residence, chanting, "Saikado hantai," or "No to nuclear restarts." Protests drawing such numbers are extremely rare in this nation, reputed for orderly docility and conformity. A demonstration in Tokyo protesting the restart and demanding Noda resign was being organized in a major park on Sunday.

Although initially ignored by mainstream local media, demonstrations across the country have grown, as word gets out through social media such as Twitter, sometimes drawing Japanese celebrities, including Nobel Prize-winning writer Kenzaburo Oe and Ryuichi Sakamoto, who composed the score for "Last Emperor."

All 50 of Japan's working reactors were gradually turned off in the wake of last year's earthquake and tsunami, which sent Fukushima Dai-ichi plant into multiple meltdowns, setting off the worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl.

But worries about a power crunch over the hot summer months have been growing. Oil imports are soaring. Officials have warned about blackouts in some regions.—INTERNET

One stop service provided to issue licence to motorcycles



MANDALAY, 1 July—The staff members of Directorate of Road Administration, Myanmar Economic Bank, Myanmar Insurance and Customs Department issue licences to the motorcycles without licences at the ground of Police Training Institute from 5 June to 4 October.

The team issues about 500 licences each to the motorcycles during the office days.

Thanks to issuance of licences, the motorcycles manufactured from other countries flow into the market on 56th street in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay. Larger number

of buyers raises the prices of motorcycles. Due to hiking value of Chinese currency, 2012 model 90CC Jarlin motorcycle is worth K 430,000, Follow Me Y2K 100CC, K 290,000, Kenbo (Yoksoe) K 380,000, Louja K 450,000, Cyclone 125CC K 550,000, Thai-made Dream K 1 million, Mino K 1.2 million and Click K 1.4 million.

However, Mandalay-based Chinese and Thai motorcycle companies take registration for their products. That is why the motorcycles with number plate of the company are not put on sales at special prices.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Japan-made generators arrive in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 1 July—Mitsubishi brand three Japan-made 1.1 MVA generators arrived in Mandalay under the arrangements of Ministry of Electric Power No 2 recently so as to supply electricity to Mandalay City not to be shortage of electricity from power grid and not to be cut out power supply.

Among them, two generators will be allotted at Hemazala Sub-power Station in Chanayethazan Township and one at Nanshay 66th Street power station.

A total of 24 500 KVA and 300 KVA generators that arrived there in May have been placed at water pumps

of Mandalay City universities, schools and other important areas. *Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*



TREES PLANTED: Staff of Ahlon Township Forest Department and students of University of Nursing held the rainy season tree growing ceremony in the campus of Yangon Nursing University in Lanmadaw Township on 25 June. Head of Ahlon Township Forest Department U Myint Aung Hsan presents saplings to Pro-Rector and students.—MYANMA ALIN

First-aid course provided to policemen on Expressway

YEDASHE, 1 July—With the aim of helping injured persons in traffic accidents with first-aid facilities along Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, training courses are being provided at police stations along the expressway.

A four-member team led by Deputy Commanding Officer Daw Than Than Myint of Pyu Township Red Cross Society from milepost No 115 on the expressway provided theoretical and practical works of first-aid training to members of police station at Thagara of Yedashe Township on 27 June.

Those police members who realized the first-aid course may help the injured systematically.—*Kyemon*

Passengers worrying about reckless driving

TOUNGOO, 1 July—The bus lines plying Nay Pyi Taw and Toungoo daily are driving along their routes in reckless while passing the towns. Due to reckless driving, consequences of their activities will cause traffic accidents, said a passenger.

“When we returned to Swa from Toungoo, an express bus followed us. So, the bus we took raised high speed. Likewise, the express bus took over us. The two competitively drove along the road to be able to take over each other. All the passengers recited religious verses and frequently shouted “Oh! God”. I would like to give some suggestions to the drivers that it doesn’t matter for only their lives but they should consider all many lives of passengers,” said a passenger.

In fact, if the organizations are formed to be able to take action against the undisciplined

vehicles and drivers in countryside, traffic accidents will decline.

Ko Lwin (Swa)



CASH DONATED: Ngwe Pinle Pharmaceuticals Shop and Shanmalya Purified Drinking Water donated water pump and related equipment worth K 220,000 at fire station in Hsenwi Township of Lashio District on 23 June. Assistant Director U Win Naing of Fire Services Department accepts the donation.—MYANMA ALIN

Citizenship cards issued to eligible people in Chauk

CHAUK, 1 July—According to Moe Pwint-3 Plan, Chauk Township

Immigration and National Registration Department of Magway Region made field trips to Sale on 21 June and issued household registration and citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people at the office of Sale Township.

Their tasks were supervised by Township Administrator U Nyein Maung Maung, Region Hluttaw representative U Win Naing Oo and Sale Town Administrator U Than Htay Aung.

Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Aye reported on works.

After that, the Region Hluttaw representative, the township administrator, the head of Township INRD and wellwishers presented citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible citizens.

Township INRD

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Danubyu

DANUBYU, 1 July—Organized by Danubyu Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank of Ayeyawady Region, the issuance of loans was held at its branch on 27 June

morning. At the ceremony, the bank branch disbursed K 47.85 million to farmers from Nandawgon and Yekyi village-tracts for cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2012.

Region Hluttaw representative U Hla Myint explained the purpose of disbursement from the bank. Next, Township Administrator U Sein Maung Win noted the weather and other matters.

Manager of Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank U Aung Myo Than made clarifications on rules of the bank and reducing bank interests. After that, the officials presented K 47.85 million loans to farmers through village administrators.

The bank branch plans to disburse K 2815 million for over 6400 farmers of 59 village-tract in Danubyu Township. So far, the bank branch has disbursed K 4,031,733,500 to 5208 farmers.—*Myanma Alin*



PRIZES AWARDED: The Myanmar traditional costume contest and Miss Myawady-2012, organized by Myawady District/Township Women’s Affairs Organizations was held at Thaugyin Hall in Myawady of Kayin State recently. An official presents first prize to winner.—MYANMA ALIN

Respects paid to older Thabin performers in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Mawlamyine Township Thabin Asiayon of Mon State held the 34th ceremony to pay respects to older Thabin scholars at its meeting hall on 25 June.

Chairman of the Myanmar Thabin Asiayon (Central) U Ye Dway, Secretary U Aung Tin Win and Chairman of Township Thabin Asiayon U Taing Kyaw made speeches.

Next, a total of 200

members of the Township Thabin Asiayon presented gifts and cash assistance to 25 older Thabin performers.

After that, Executive of the Township Asiayon Shwe Myaing Win Kyi read the financial report of the Asiayon. Executives of the township Asiayon presented cash assistance to 79 workers who are members of the Township Asiayon.

Kyemon

DISTRICT NEWS

Trees planted to conserve environment in Taungup

TAUNGUP, 1 July—As a gesture of hailing Myanmar Women’s Day, the tree growing ceremonies are being held across the nation.

In Taungup, the similar ceremony was jointly organized at the watershed area of Wetkyeik Dam by Township General Administration Department and Township Forest Department on 23 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tint Lwin and departmental personnel, State Hluttaw representative Daw Than Sein, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Than Swe-1 and staff, Chairperson of Township Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Wai Wai Lwin and party, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of social organizations planted shade saplings.

They grew 500 saplings on that day.—*Township Forest*





Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham holds talks with Myanmar Honourary Consul to Brazil Mr Ricardo Cateb Cury in Sao Paulo.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits...

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The Vice-President and party flew back to Rio de Janeiro on 26 June morning to visit Andrade Gutierrez Co.

Chairman of the company Mr Otavio Marques de Azevedo

explained communication, pipeline, road and bridges, hydropower generation and other services of the company.

The Vice-President put questions for his knowledge and clarified investment potentials in hydropower

generation in Myanmar.

The Vice-President and his entourage flew back to Paris from Antonio Carlos Jobim-GIG International Airport in Rio de Janeiro. They were seen off at the airport by charge d' affaires of Myanmar Embassy Daw Aye Aye San and personnel, liaison officer Mr Leonardo and members.

MNA

Union Sports Minister enjoys events of Champion Challenge Cup 2012

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan enjoyed the men/women's marathon events of the third-batch matches of inter-region/state Champion Challenge Cup 2012 this morning.

The Union Minister also enjoyed 500-meter women's traditional boat race and viewed yachting training at Ngalaik Dam.

He then went to the construction site of athletes' village in Zabuthiri Township and inspected progress of the village.

He then visited training camp, gym and fitness centre, judo training hall, wrestling training hall, acrobatics training hall and enjoyed tennis matches. He also went to shooting range and enjoyed chess matches at No.7 lodging station.

MNA

Kachin State plants saplings as rainy season greening activity

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 of Kachin State was held at the place between male hostel and football ground of Myitkyina University yesterday morning.

Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai made a speech. Next, he

together with Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawam Jone and State Minister for Forest and Mines U Aung Naing distributed teak saplings to officials.

After that, the State Chief Minister, the Speaker of the State Hluttaw, the Chief Justice of the State High Court, State ministers, the

advocate-general of the State, the auditor-general of the State, departmental officials, social organizations, students of nursing training school and education college, faculty members and students and local people totalling 750 planted 1000 teak saplings.

Later, the State Chief Minister visited Khakaborazi Hostel and Sumprabumk Hostel of Myitkyina University.—MNA

Experiences in writers conference recounted

YANGON, 1 July—A ceremony to recount experiences in the first conference of Myanmar Writers Association and its election held at University of Nursing (Yangon) was held at the hall of the township Writers Association in Pabedan Township on 27 June. Honorary Patron Maths U Aung Thuang and Vice-Chairman-I Saya Yan Gyi Aung made speeches.

Next, conference representative Wakema Soe Myint Aung (Five Seals) recounted experiences in the conference, duty and functions of Myanmar Writers Association (Central) and future tasks. Chairman of the association conference representative Reporter Than Swe (Pabedan) gave a supplementary clarification.—Myanma Alin



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Paris...

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party left Paris at 11.20 pm local time with Air France and arrived at Changi International Airport of Singapore at 6 pm local time on 28 June.

The Vice-President and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore U Tin Oo Lwin

and embassy staff. The ambassador hosted dinner to the delegation.

Ambassador U Tin Oo Lwin explained development of Singapore and the embassy's measures to help Myanmar citizens in Singapore. The Vice-President called for going online and convenience of Myanmar citizens.

The Vice-President on 29 June morning visited Marina Barrage and inspected storage of river water and prevention against saltwater with nine sluice gates. Singapore Water Agency officials conducted the Vice-President round the Marina Barrage.

He then visited aquarium in Resort of Santosa and left for Myanmar at 2.20 pm local time and arrived in Yangon in the evening.—MNA



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham speaks to the Myanmar Ambassador to Singapore and embassy staff.

MNA

Myanmar Fisheries Federation holds AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe attended 12th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Fisheries Federation at Thiri Annawa Hall in Insein this morning.

It was also attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries Development Committee Chairman U Soe Naing, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, Region Minister U Soe Min,

departmental heads and MFF officials.

The Union ministers said that the meeting, where executive board is elected, is a crucial one for development of Myanmar's livestock sector.

He highlighted the need of foreign aids, grants and loans to develop the sector. He also underscored the importance of harmonious private participation in the sector.

He promised that his ministry would encourage the public-private partnership in line with the

international norms.

Companies donated K 16.5 million through the Union minister, the deputy minister and the MFF president. MFF donated K 0.5 million to Mon State Fisheries Federation.

The Union minister in the second session of the meeting said that the federation should create preferable investment climate.

The deputy minister, CEC members of MFF and officials then participated in discussion.

MNA

GMS high level officials, investment framework leading committee meet

MANDALAY, 1 July—Greater Mekong Subregion High-level Officials and Region Investment Framework Leading

Committee Meeting took place at Sedona Hotel here on 29 June.

The meeting was attended by the country coordinators of GMS Programme, high level officials and officials of Asian Development Bank. Director-General of Investment and Companies Administration Directorate U Aung Naing Oo presided over the meeting, with co-chairman Mr Arjun Goswami, Director of Regional Cooperation and

Coordination Division of Southeast Asian Department of ADB.

The meeting focused on GMS Investment Framework, GMS ministerial meeting to be held in Nanning of China in December, 2012, and preparation for 20th anniversary of GMS Economic Cooperation Programme (GMS Programme) to be held in Manila of the Philippines in September.

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Hluttaw and its committees...

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As the Hluttaw is discharging its duties in new era with new system, it needs to win the trust of the people. Only then it can fulfill the needs of the people and accomplish its duties. The speaker in conclusion invited more assignments to Hluttaw representatives, Hluttaw committees and the Hluttaw.

Next, UMFCCI personnel and businessmen discussed obstacles encountered in economic performance, SWOT analysis on FDI, survival of small-and medium-enterprises and stability and development of agricultural and fish and meat sectors.

U Myint Lwin, member of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee in response said other recommendations would be taken into consideration in promulgating the new laws at the coming Hluttaw session.

Next, the attendees held talks on miscellaneous matters.

The Hluttaw Speaker assessed the reports and, in his concluding remark, said efforts were made to establish a modern, developed nation through multi-party democracy and market economy in the time of the former government as aspired by the people. As elections could be held amidst peace and stability, the State's power could be handed over to the new government.

In comparison with miseries in transition periods of other global countries, the condition in Myanmar is far better, for which the former government deserves our appreciation. It is required for all to join the change.

It is needed to act upon the economic objectives "development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad and the initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national people" as adopted by the former government.

"To allow national races to run businesses, to protect and to help them in their businesses" is the policy and directive of the State and it must be put into practice now. Hluttaw representatives must be aware of this fact.

8th July 2012 (Sunday)

School Environment Day

Participation is for Basic Education Schools.

Ministry of Education

In conclusion, the speaker urged the people's representatives, the government elected by the people's representatives, civil services and the media to join hands in marching toward the peaceful, modern, developed nation as aspired by the nation and its people, by exercising democratic practices correctly monitoring reciprocally.

MNA

Union Commerce Minister addresses MITS annual general meeting

YANGON, 1 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint addressed annual general meeting of Myanmar Inspection and Testing Services at Yangon Region government office this morning.

He said that MITS which had got ISO 9001-2008 Quality Management System Certificate is an important service provider for boosting trade.

He called for providing comprehensive services in line with prescribed law and rules and regulations.



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint delivering a speech at the meeting.—MNA

The chairman of managing director of MITS explained progress of its

works and profits. Entrepreneurs who hired MITS most were then

awarded and directors for 2012-2013 fiscal year were announced.—MNA

11th convocation of ITBMU held

YANGON, 1 July—The 11th convocation for 2011-2012 academic year of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University under the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at the central hall of the university in Mayangon Township here this afternoon, attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung.

At the ceremony, Rector Sayadaw of ITBMU Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Nadamalabhivamsa conferred certificates of degree and insignia on graduates.

Daw Aye Mya, mother of Sayadaw Professor Dr Ardiccavamsa, Dean of Faculty presented a gold medal to Myanmar monk U Yevata who outstandingly passed the B.A (B-Dh) exam.—MNA

Sales of indigenous foods, mode of dress show, style of hairdo show, national race dances opened

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—Hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, sales of indigenous foods, mode of dress show, style of hairdo show and national race dances were opened at the city hall of Magway yesterday morning.

Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and Patron of the Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw San San Myint looked into sales of Myanmar traditional foods and regional products such plum juice, Thanatka, plum, clothes and blankets at the city hall and enjoyed mode of dress show, style of hairdo show and national race dances presented by students of basic education schools in Magway.—MNA



CASH DONATED: To mark birthday anniversary, U Myint Cho and Daw Than Than Aye of Padauk Street of Bayintnaung Brokerage in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region recently donated K 300,000 to medical fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. Joint-Secretary U Maung Maung Gyi accepts the donation.—NLM

Lawless acts occurred in Rakhine State in May, June exposed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A 16-member investigation team was formed under Notification No. 43/2012 of the Ministry of Home Affairs dated 6 June 2012 with Deputy Home Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint as chairman and assigned duties to expose the killing of Ma Thida Htway, daughter of U Hla Tin, of Thabyechnaung Village, Kyauknimaw Village-tract, Yanbye Township by three youths that occurred on 28 May, the killing of ten persons aboard Yomathitsa Bus in Taungup by a mob that occurred on 3 June, the attack of No. 1 Police Station of Sittway by a mob that occurred on 3 June and take action against those involved in the incidents that harmed community peace and prevalence of law and order in accordance with the laws.

The investigation team carried out a thorough probe into the incidents in Sittway, Thandwe, Taungup, Kyaukphu Townships and Kyauknimaw Village in Yanbye Township from 7 to 25 June.

The three involved in

the killing of Ma Thida Htway were arrested on 29 May and one of the three suspects committed suicide on 9 June when they were being detained in Kyaukphu Jail. The remaining two were sentenced to death by Kyaukphu District Court on 18 June.

In the Taungup incident that occurred on 3 June, 30 suspects were arrested and action is being taken against them according to the laws.

In the Sittway incident that occurred on 3 June, 19 of 24 suspects were arrested by Sittway Police Station and further investigation is under way. And efforts are being made for the arrest of the remaining five suspects.

Further action will be taken against the arrested suspects in accordance with the laws to ensure community peace and prevalence of law and order.—MNA

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister meets Norwegian, Denmark Ministers

YANGON, 1 July—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Dr Myo Myint who accompanied Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham on his visit to Federative Republic of Brazil, on 22 July met Minister of International Development of Norway Mr. Heikki Holmes and Denmark Minister of Development Cooperation Mr. Christian Friis Bach in Rio de Janeiro of Brazil separately.

They discussed matters related to prospects of bilateral cooperation among the countries.—MNA

Cash, foodstuff, clothes donated to people of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—As the local people of Rakhine State lost their houses and property due to present situations, wellwishers donate cash, foodstuff and clothes for their relief conditions at the Relief and Resettlement Department (Head Office) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

This afternoon, Assistant Director Daw Nyein Nyein Myint of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and her 2004-colleagues donated K 300,000 and medicines, foodstuff and clothes worth K 415,470. Officials of the Relief and Resettlement Department accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks.

MNA

Myanmar, US to play a basketball friendly

YANGON, 1 July—Under the aegis of the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Basketball Federation will sponsor a basketball friendly between Bision Sports men's basketball

team of the United States of America and the selected youth basketball team of MBF at the gymnasium of Aung San Stadium from 1 to 5 July.—MNA

Recreation hall with rest room under construction on Mandalay Hill



MANDALAY, 1 July—Individuals are visiting Tourists in groups or Mandalay Hill daily.

BGG rainy season golf tournament on 13 July

YANGON, 1 July—BGG called Bayint Naung Golf Group will hold the 4th rainy season gold tournament at Pun Hlaing Golf Course (Hlithaya) at 10.30 am on 13 July.

Members of the group are urged to attend it without fail. Those wishing to take part in the tournament may enlist at U Khin Han, Chairman of the group, Tel: 09-5114700, U Khin Maung Zin, Secretary, 01-705623 and U Nay Lin, Joint Secretary; 09-73017466.—*Kyemon*

School uniforms given to students of vendors

KACHIN, 1 July—Bhamo Township Development Affairs Committee of Kachin State held a ceremony to provide school uniforms to students of vendors for 2012-2013 academic year at the city hall in Bhamo on 5 June morning.

At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Khin Maung Oo of Township Development Affairs Committee explained the purpose of presenting school uniforms to the students. Next, he gave 78 sets of school uniforms worth K 240,000 to 78 students of vendors.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Muse Township hails Myanmar Women's Day

MUSE, 1 July—In commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day, the tree growing ceremony was held at No 1 Basic Education High School in Muse Township of Muse District in Shan State (North) on 17 June morning.

It was attended by Assistant Director U Aye Win of Muse District Forest Department, Muse Township Administrator U Mya Han, Staff Officer of Muse Township General Administration Department U Han Min Naung, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin San Yi and members, teachers and students.

They planted about 320 saplings at the ceremony.

District IPRD



DENGUE PREVENTED: With a view to taking preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Ward 9 of Shwepyitha Township, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo, Ward Administrator U Tun Wai and health staff carried out sanitation tasks and hygienic works at housings and fumigated there.

MYANMA ALIN

Monsoon football tournament commences in Twantay

YANGON, 1 July—The Twantay Township Sports and Physical Education Committee Cup Inter-Department/Club Football Tournament 2012 kicked off at the Myoma Sports Ground in Twantay on 25 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the Township Sports and Physical Education Committee U Than Zaw Han delivered an address.

In the debut, Empire blanked out New Generation 5-0.

Township SPED



Library established in Saryay Village of Sagaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—With K 1 million contribution of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and other

contributions of fans of Zeya Shwemyay FC, a library is under construction in Saryay Village of Sagaing Township.

The library is being built at a cost of K 1 million by Myanmar Libraries Foundation and the remaining cost by local people, fans of Zeya Shwemyay FC, media and marketing in-charge Ko Nay Mann of Zeya Shwemyay FC and Fan Leader Ko Khine Soe (TPH CO Ltd, Yangon).

On 23 June, a ceremony to donate cash assistance by Myanmar Libraries Foundation was held at the office of Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department.

In-charge of District IPRD Myint Thein handed over the cash assistance K 1 million donated by MLF to in-charge of Media and Marketing Ko Nay Mann and Village administrator U Nyunt Htay.

Likewise, midfielder Thet Paing Oo of Zeya Shwemyay FC donated K 60,000 to purchase a chest of drawers. Those wishing to donate books to the library may contact Seikku Cho Cho Literary House and Idea Technology.—*Kyemon*

Paukkhaung Township organizes tree growing ceremony

PAUKKHAUNG, 1 July—In commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day, the tree growing ceremony was held along Paukkhaung-Aunglan Inter-District Road near Sangale Village of Paukkhaung Township in

Pyyat District of Bago Region on 25 June morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Staff Officer U Than Hsint of Township Forest Department and staff, members of

Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, departmental personnel and local people participated in cultivation of saplings.

Township Forest

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers in Labutta Township



LABUTTA, 1 July—A ceremony to present disbursement for cultivation of monsoon paddy and crops to farmers was held at Yway Nadi Hall in Labutta Township of Ayeyawady Region on 25 June.

At the ceremony, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank branch of the township disbursed loans to the farmers.

On the occasion, Assistant Director U Soe Myint of District Agriculture

Department, Assistant Director of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Thein Zaw explained development of agricultural sector.

Manager of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank U Myint Hsan briefed those present on disbursement of loans.

Commander of District Police Force Lt-Col Ye Myint presented K 64.1 million for 1282 acres of farmlands to 143 farmers from Nantaik Village. On behalf of the farmers, Village Administrator U Soe Thein accepted agricultural loans.

Myanma Alin

Surgical operation to be performed at child without anus

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 1 July—A girl without anus was born in Mawlamyinegyun Township last three years ago. Arrangement is being made to provide surgical operations at her. At present, she uses a hole at her body for spitting out.

Ma San Yu Khaing, daughter of U Win Myint-Daw Phyu Phyu is now living in Kyetsha Village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

Wellwishers donate cash for the fund for surgical operation to be performed in Yangon.

On 24 June morning, the cash donation ceremony was held at Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

At the ceremony, Treasurer Daw Htar Htar Lwin of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association donated K 50,000. On behalf of the wellwisher, Secretary of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Than Than Aye handed over the cash donation to Daw Phyu Phyu, mother of daughter.

Myanma Alin

Myanmar divers leave for Singapore

YANGON, 1 July—A Myanmar selected men's diving team left Yangon International Airport on 25 June by air for Singapore to take part in the 3rd Singapore Diving Invitational Championship to be held from 6 to 8 July 2012.

The diver team was led by Manager Daw Than Than Myint and Coach Mr Cui Xiao Feng. The team comprised Zwe Thet Oo and Naung Ja.

Before the championship, the team will take joint training.—*Myanma Alin*



Palestinian leader Abbas postpones Israel meeting

RAMALLAH, 1 July—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has postponed a controversial meeting with Israeli Vice Premier Shaul Mofaz that had been scheduled for Sunday, Palestinian officials said on Saturday.

The officials did not say when a new date might be set for what would be the highest-level meeting between the sides since peace talks broke down in 2010.

“We know that Mofaz will bring nothing new,” said Wasl Abu Yosef, a member of Abbas’ Palestine Liberation Organization, who told reporters of the postponement.

Israeli officials, who had previously never confirmed or denied the meeting would happen, did not comment.

The meeting had been supposed to take place in the West Bank city of Ramallah. Former Palestinian minister Hassan Asfour said the postponement might have been prompted by a protest among Palestinian youths who did not like the idea of Mofaz, a former Israeli defence chief, being a guest at Abbas’ headquarters.



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas attends a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) executive committee meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 30 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Dozens of young Palestinians later clashed with Abbas’ security forces as they tried to march on the headquarters in protest against the meeting, even though it had been put off. Four people were detained.—Reuters

Ruling ups support for Obama healthcare, still unpopular

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Voter support for President Barack Obama’s healthcare overhaul rose after the US Supreme Court upheld it but most people still oppose the law, according to a Reuters/Ipsos poll on Sunday.

The online survey showed increased backing from Republicans and, crucially, the political independents whose support will be essential to winning the 6 November presidential election.

Thirty-eight percent of independents support the healthcare overhaul in the poll conducted after the court ruled Thursday the law was constitutional. That was up from 27 percent from a Reuters/Ipsos poll taken days before the justices’ ruling.

Among all registered voters, support for the law rose to 48 percent, from 43 percent before the court decision.

“This is a win for Obama. This is his bill. There’s not really any doubt in people’s minds, that it belongs to him,” said Julia Clark, vice president at Ipsos Public Affairs.

“It’s his baby. It’s literally been labeled Obamacare ... which maybe it works in his favor now that there’s a little bit of a victory dance going on.”

Republican opposition to the law stayed strong, if somewhat weaker than before the High Court ruled. Eighty-one percent of Republicans opposed it in the most recent survey, down from 86 percent in the poll conducted 19-23 June. Underscoring the intense polarization on the issue, three-quarters of Democrats backed the bill, the same as a week earlier.

In some good news for Republicans, the Supreme Court ruling is energizing opposition to the 2010 healthcare overhaul.

In the new poll, more than half of all registered voters—53 percent—said they were more likely to vote for their member of Congress if he were running on a platform of repealing the law, up from 46 percent before the ruling.

“This is galvanizing both sides,” Clark said.—Reuters

Firefighters make gains in Colorado, evacuees return home

DENVER, 1 July—Crews battling a deadly Colorado wildfire ranked the most destructive in state history have made enough headway to allow most evacuees home, but concerns remain about rogue bears and burglaries in vacant houses, officials said on Saturday.

The so-called Waldo Canyon Fire, stoked earlier this week by strong, erratic winds, is now 45 percent contained, although the damage wrought by the blaze has devastated the communities around Colorado Springs, the state’s second-largest city.

The wildfire has been blamed for two deaths and the destruction of 346 homes, while 35,000 residents were forced to evacuate to escape the threat of flames and heavy smoke.

Colorado Springs Police Chief Pete Carey said all the people unaccounted for in the fire zones have now been located.

The fire has scorched nearly 17,000 acres of timber and brush, much of it in the Pike National Forest west of Colorado Springs, a city of more than 400,000 about 50 miles south of Denver. The cost of battling the blaze stands at \$8.8 million, officials said.

Many of the evacuees are being allowed back to their homes, but officials said residents should be alert for bears displaced by the flames. Also, Carey said his department had received 22 reports of burglaries in homes that had been evacuated.

About 10,000 people remain under mandatory evacuation orders.—Reuters



US President Barack Obama surveys fire damaged homes in the Mountain Shadow neighbourhood while next to first responders in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on 29 June, 2012. Obama declared the areas earlier today as a federal disaster area releasing federal funds to help fight the blazes.—REUTERS

APEC forum supports women’s empowerment in innovation economy

ST PETERSBURG, 1 July—APEC Women and the Economy Forum held here issued a statement on Saturday to outline an onward strategy for cooperatively and inclusively supporting women’s empowerment and decreasing gender barriers in the region’s innovation economy. The statement called on APEC economies to conduct a comprehensive review of women’s economic role and contribution, and explore ways to further women’s economic participation.

This included an analysis of women’s participation in innovation, business and social aspects of the economy, particularly through the collection of gender-disaggregated data, it said. The goal was to help identify the main growth drivers for equitable economic enhancement and methods for progressively balanced development in the region, it added.

On behalf of China, deputy head of the All-China Women’s Federation Song Xiuyan attended the forum.

Xinhua

Merkel seen as big loser in euro zone showdown



German Chancellor Angela Merkel looks on before delivering a government policy statement in the German lower house of parliament, the Bundestag, in Berlin, on 29 June, 2012.

INTERNET

BERLIN, 1 July—Angela Merkel was portrayed across Europe as the big loser of a euro zone showdown in Brussels after the German chancellor was forced to accept the crisis-fighting measures championed by countries struggling with their debts.

Newspapers in Spain, Italy and France on Saturday toasted the triumph of their leaders—Mario Monti, Mariano Rajoy and Francois Hollande—in pushing

Merkel into a U-turn that would long have been unthinkable.

Even German newspapers said Merkel had been made to accept demands for the euro zone rescue fund to be able to inject aid directly into stricken banks from next year and intervene on bond markets to support troubled member states.

“There’s no doubt about it—the chancellor was blindsided at the euro summit,” wrote influential columnist Nikolaus Blome of Bild, a daily with 12 million readers. The summit ended on Friday with agreement on new steps to try to prevent a catastrophic breakup of the single currency.

Popular at home for insisting on austerity measures and tough conditions for those indebted euro zone states getting help, Merkel was quick to put a positive spin on the summit, telling reporters: “We had an interest in finding solutions.”

Reuters

Airbus’ Alabama plant to create 2,500 construction jobs

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Airbus should create about 2,500 construction jobs to build a new \$600 million airliner assembly plant in Mobile, Alabama, and 400 to 500 full-time jobs once production starts in 2017, a source familiar with the plans said on Saturday.

The European planemaker, owned by EADS, is poised to announce plans to build the plant for its single-aisle A320 passenger jet that will begin producing

four planes a month in 2017, according to multiple people familiar with the plans. The announcement may come as early as Monday.

Over the longer term, the facility is also expected to attract a number of key suppliers to the region, including jet engine makers and companies that produce key aircraft components that require on-site quality control, the sources said.

Historically, aerospace manufacturing facilities

result in at least twice the direct employment at the plant.

But the initial job opportunities in Mobile will be focused on the building trades, with some estimates projecting creation of about 2,500 jobs over the next three to four years, said one of the sources. The new plant may result in more jobs for the Mobile region than an earlier Airbus plan to assemble some commercial freighters there.

Reuters



An Airbus A380 aircraft is displayed at the 2008 Farnborough International Air Show, Hampshire, southern England on 13 July, 2008.

REUTERS

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**MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
NO.44, COMPLEX, NAY PYI TAW
MYANMAR**

FAX : 067-411125/411178

INVITATION FOR BIDS

1. BIDS are invited by the MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE, NO.44, COMPLEX, NAY PYI TAW, MYANMAR for the supply of

IFB NO.1 (T) MCY-MOGE/EXP (2012-2013) CAP

Natural Gas Pipe Line Booster Compressor Unit - (2)NAP
2. Bidding documents shall be available commencing from 4th July, 2012 up to 24th July, 2012 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No.44, Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar during office hour by payment to the order of Myanma Foreign Trade Bank attesting remittance of US\$ 100 (US Dollars : One Hundred Only) in favour of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (or) FEC 100 (FEC : One Hundred Only) to the above office for each set of document.

3. Bids shall be accepted only from the bidders who officially purchased the bidding document and for each entry quotation is needed to refer each set of original bidding document.

4. The quotation must be addressed to the Managing Director and to be delivered into the TENDER BOX located at the above address not later than 13:00 hours on 31st July, 2012.

Managing Director
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

Motorcyclists are seen riding on the Chuong Duong bridge over the Red River in Hanoi, on 28 June.

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Union Civil Service Board

Vacancy Announcement

Announcement No. 8 / 2012

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(25 June 2012)

1. The Internal Revenue Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Staff Officer	10	LL.M
	5	M.Com
	5	M.Econ(Economics)
	5	M.Econ(Statistics)
	5	M.A(English)/M.A(EFL)

2. The applicants -

(a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

(b) must not be over 30 years of age (35 years if service personnel) on 23 July 2012.

(c) must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs, must be in good health and capable of serving the duty at any assigned place.

3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 23 July 2012.

4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.

5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 23 July 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.

6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 18 August 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 19 August 2012 (Sunday).

7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 16 August 2012.

8. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue has prescribed specific rules and regulations for successful candidates in discharge of their duties. In this context candidates wishing to obtain further information may contact in person or by phone to Office No.(46) of the Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Nay Pyi Taw (Tel: 067 - 430021).

9. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).

10. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

Vietnam cuts key interest rates: central bank

HANOI, 1 July— Vietnam's central bank said it will trim key interest rates from Sunday, its fifth cut so far this year as inflation cools amid signs of weakening economic growth.

The State Bank of Vietnam said it would lower the refinancing rate — charged on loans to commercial banks — to 10 percent from 11 percent.

Other measures include lowering the discount rate

from nine percent to eight percent, and the overnight inter-bank lending rate to 11 percent from 12 percent, the bank said in a statement posted on its website following the decision on Friday.

This is the fifth time this year the central bank has cut rates, following similar reductions in March, April, May and June.

By repeatedly hiking rates last year, Vietnam

successfully reined in double-digit inflation, which peaked at 23 percent last August but was down to 6.9 percent year-on-year in June, its lowest rate in three years.

Standard & Poor's revised Vietnam's outlook to stable from negative last month, citing the government's successful fiscal tightening measures.

Vietnam's economic growth slowed to 4.38 percent in the first half of 2012, its most sluggish rate for three years, according to figures released Friday. The figure lags a government target of 6 to 6.5 percent growth for the whole of 2012.

Vietnam posted a record 8.4 percent growth in 2005 but economic expansion has edged down since with businesses struggling to combat high inflation and a weak currency.—Internet



Two killed in French nightclub shooting, police say

PARIS, 1 July—Two people were killed and five were injured, including two seriously, in a shooting outside a nightclub in the northern French city of Lille on Sunday, police and fire services said.

A man who had been refused entry into the club returned with a heavy-caliber gun, shooting indiscriminately at around 3am (10.00 pm EDT) before fleeing the scene. Police were searching for the man.

Reuters

Two killed in Mexico plane crash

MEXICO CITY, 1 July— Two people died when their plane in which they were travelling was entangled with electric power lines and fell to the ground in Santa Catarina, north of Mexico.

The victims were businessman Pablo Gonzalez Sada and the captain of the airplane, Jose Martinez Ferrara.

Gonzalez Sada was the CEO of Uniexcel Chemical Solutions and also CEO of Aerservicios Tecnicos Regiomontanos, a private executive airline company. He was also chairman of Cydsa.

The accident happened around 9:30 local time (1430 GMT) Saturday when the small, double engine private plane, identified as XB-CAM, was entangled with electric lines used to power water wells.

The Civil Protection Office from Santa Catarina County, north of Mexico, said that the accident happened just 1,500 metres away from the entrance of an ecological park, and in an area 100 meters wide where fragments of the plane were scattered.

Rescue workers of the Mexican Red Cross were dispatched to the area of the accident, but they couldn't do much to save the victims.

The area was cordoned by the Mexican Army, elements of the Federal Police and workers of Civil Protection of Santa Catarina County.

Xinhua

Wandering Cape Cod bear captured in Boston suburb

A male black bear captured on Cape Cod earlier this month, where it was tranquilized and moved to central Massachusetts, showed up again on Tuesday just six miles from downtown Boston.

State officials said they had captured the bear in a tree in the Chestnut Hill area of Brookline, just west of Boston, and confirmed it was the same bear which roamed the Cape for about two weeks before being captured and relocated on 12 June.

The bear was identified by a tag placed in its ear. It had probably traveled about 100 miles.

"Because this bear was in a highly congested urban area, an interagency Large Animal Response Team was deployed to the area," said the Massachusetts' wildlife agency, known as MassWildlife.

The 180-pound bear was then shot with a tranquilizer dart by the Environmental Police. Later, MassWildlife officials transported the animal to a remote location in western Massachusetts, about 150 miles away.

The *Boston Globe* reported that the bear was spotted in a white pine tree in the backyard of Alan Leventhal, chief executive of Beacon Capital Partners, one of the largest real estate investment trusts in the United States, and on Boston University's Board of Trustees.

The agency said that black bear sightings have been reported in a number of towns west and south of Boston recently but could not confirm that all sightings were the same bear.



A black bear is seen in a tree in Brookline, in this handout photo posted by the Brookline Massachusetts police on 26 June, 2012. A male black bear captured on Cape Cod earlier this month, where it was tranquilized and moved to central Massachusetts, showed up again on Tuesday just six miles from downtown Boston.

Man stole jewellery to make dental grill

An Alaskan man who stole thousands of dollars worth of jewellery to make a dental grill will serve three months in jail for theft, prosecutors said. Prosecutors said Kejuan Bruce Gaddis, 30, of Fairbanks, will serve three months in jail after pleading guilty to the theft charge and one additional month for violating probation from a 2009 domestic violence conviction, the *Fairbanks Daily News Miner* reported. Gaddis, who is scheduled to be formally sentenced 27 July, was accused of stealing \$3,200 worth of jewelry from Jennifer Silva, a friend who was allowing him to store some property in her home. Police said Gaddis took the items to Bishop's Jewellery to have them melted down and turned into a dental grill.

Woman arrested over 'speed trap' sign

A Houston woman said she was wrongfully arrested by police for holding up a "speed trap" sign near where an officer was pulling over motorists.

Natalie Plummer said she wrote "speed trap" on a grocery bag and held it at the roadside on West Dallas on 21 June after she spotted an

officer pulling random cars over while she was riding home on her bicycle, KTRK-TV, Houston, reported.

"I felt like he was just pulling random cars over," Plummer said. Plummer said an officer drove up to her after a few minutes, searched her backpack without consent and placed her under arrest.

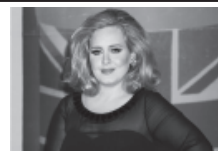
"He was telling me he was taking me to jail for obstructing justice, that was an automatic three to five years," Plummer said. However, she was only cited with a misdemeanor count of walking in the roadway where there is a sidewalk present.

"I for sure did not step into the street," Plummer said. "(I stayed) on the sidewalk the entire time."



Models display a creation by John Galiano during the Spring/Summer 2012/2013 Men collection at the Paris Fashion Week, in Paris, France, on 29 June, 2012. The presentation of the Spring-Summer 2013 menswear collections runs until 1 July.

News Album



In this 21 Feb, 2012 file photo, performer Adele arrives for the Brit Awards 2012 at the O2 Arena in London. The superstar singer's rep confirmed on 29 June, 2012 that the 24-year-old is expecting a child.—INTERNET

found love with Konecki. Internet

Sheen's 'Anger' premiere gets warm ratings welcome



This file publicity image provided by FX shows Charlie Sheen as Charlie Goodson and Selma Blair as Kate Wales in a scene from the new comedy "Anger Management." FX network says Thursday's debut of his sitcom, "Anger Management," was the most-watched series premiere in that network's history, drawing 5.5 million viewers. FX said Friday that the audience for the evening's second episode grew to more than 5.7 million viewers. The audience for the evening's second episode grew to more than 5.7 million viewers, FX said on 29 June, 2012.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 1 July—Charlie Sheen can claim a winning reception back on weekly TV.

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"Anger Management" marks Sheen's return to sitcoms after his tumultuous exit from his long-running CBS hit "Two and a Half Men" last season.—Internet

Grammy winner Adele pregnant with first child

NEW YORK, 1 July—Adele is celebrating another milestone—a pregnancy. The superstar singer's representative confirmed on Friday that the 24-year-old is expecting a child with boyfriend Simon Konecki. The message was posted on her official website, which crashed due to a large amount of traffic after the news was announced. "I'm delighted to announce that Simon and I are expecting our

first child together. I wanted you to hear the news direct from me, obviously we're over the moon and very excited but please respect our privacy at this precious time," she said on the website. It's unclear how far along the British singer is.

Adele won six Grammys earlier this year for her best-selling "21" album. Though that disc was based on heartbreak, she has since

Naomi Campbell, perfume firm settle NYC lawsuits

NEW YORK, 1 July—Naomi Campbell and a perfume company have settled a sour dispute that started over a fragrance line and became part of the backdrop of former Liberian President Charles Taylor's war crimes trial.

Dueling lawsuits between the supermodel and an entity called Moodform Mission were closed Thursday, Manhattan court records show. Moodform Mission's lawyer, Daniel R Bright, said Friday his clients "are happy with the settlement," but he wouldn't disclose details. Campbell's lawyer didn't immediately return a call seeking comment.

The dispute involves Campbell's longtime former modeling agent, Carole White, who joined with a Miami Beach, Fla.-based cosmetics company to form Moodform Mission in the 1990s. Her New York court fight with the model was mentioned at Taylor's 2010 war crimes trial, at which White contradicted the model's testimony about some alleged blood diamonds—gems used to finance wars—she received from the former Liberian president. Taylor was convicted of arming and supporting murderous rebels in Sierra Leone in return for blood diamonds; he was sentenced in May to 50 years in prison. He plans to appeal his conviction.—Internet



In this 13 Feb, 2012 file photo, Naomi Campbell poses in the Press room for the Elle Style Awards at the Savoy hotel in London. Campbell and a perfume company have settled a sour dispute that started over a fragrance line and became part of the backdrop of former Liberian President Charles Taylor's war crimes trial. INTERNET

Arabesques, reality-style: Ballet hits pop culture

NEW YORK, 1 July—"I'm really digging it," says Ronnie Underwood, a buff, tattooed motorcycle enthusiast, auto racer and former football player who also happens to be a ballet dancer.

Oh, and a reality show star. Underwood, 30, is one of the main characters on "Breaking Pointe," the CW series about the lives and loves, trials and tribulations of the dancers at Ballet West, a highly regarded company in Salt Lake City.

The season comes to a finale next week, and suspense is high: Will Ronnie, Rex, Christiana and Allison be ready for their close-up? Or will opening-night jitter, not to mention relationship issues, derail their hard work? But we



This undated image released by The CW shows Beckanne Sisk, center, in the ballet reality series, "Breaking Pointe," airing Thursdays at 8 pm EST on The CW. INTERNET

digress. What Underwood is "digging" is the broader fact that ballet, often relegated to a dusty, forgotten shelf in the general culture, seems to be having its moment in the sun.

Besides "Breaking Pointe," there's the ABC Family show "Bunheads," starring the Tony-winning actress Sutton Foster (the title is dance-speak for ballerinas, a reference to their neatly coiled hairdos.) And hugely popular dance-competition shows like "Dancing with the Stars" have featured guest turns by ballet dancers like Jose Manuel Carreno, recently retired from American Ballet Theatre, and the ballerina Tiler Peck of New York City Ballet.—Internet

Playing at the Olympics? Kylie says brace yourself



Singer Kylie Minogue seen during the Nordoff Robbins O2 Silver Clef Awards at a venue in central London, on 29 June, 2012.—INTERNET

LONDON, 1 July—Kylie Minogue's got some advice for musicians appearing at the London Olympics: Prepare to be amazed. The

Australian sang at the closing ceremony of the Sydney Games in 2000 and also at the opening of the Paralympic Games two weeks later.

The pop singer reckons talent like Coldplay, Snow Patrol, Blur and Duran Duran have a special experience ahead. Minogue says: "I still am thrilled at the memory of performing there because, doing it in your own country there's such a sense of pride that you're hosting the Olympics, and then to be at the center stage of the event is just extraordinary."

Minogue spoke at the Nordoff Robbins Silver Clef Awards in London, where she was honored for her 25 years in show business.—Internet



Michael Phelps reacts after winning the men's 200m butterfly semi-final at the US Olympic swimming trials on 30 June. Phelps held off Ryan Lochte to win the 200m medley, setting up another duel in the London Games pool.

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Phelps holds off Lochte in 200m medley

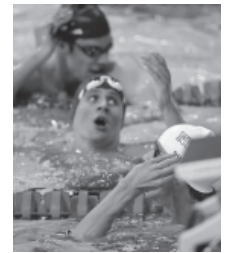
OMAHA, (Nebraska) 1 July — Two-time defending Olympic champion Michael Phelps held off Ryan Lochte to win the 200m medley at the US swimming trials, setting up another duel in the London Games pool. It was another thriller between 14-time Olympic gold medalist Phelps and the man who has emerged as his greatest rival. Phelps, celebrating his 27th birthday, led by a narrow margin at every turn, but the two swam stroke-for-stroke on the final freestyle lap with Phelps gaining the victory in 1min 54.84sec.

"The bigger races are

down the road," Phelps said, already thinking ahead to the Olympics. "I'm sure that's not going to be the end of us going back and forth." "I'm just happy to be able to have a good race like that," added Phelps, who lost the 400m medley to Lochte here but edged him in the 200m freestyle final. Lochte, who holds the world record in the 200m medley, was second in 1:54.93, showing no sign of fatigue about half an hour after he secured a berth to defend the 200m backstroke gold he won in Beijing.

In the backstroke, Lochte shrugged off a sluggish start,

powering off the last turn and overtaking Tyler Clary to win in 1:54.54. Clary was second in 1:54.88. Only Japan's Ryosuke Irie has gone faster than the two Americans this year. Lochte returned one last time, notching the equal sixth-fastest time in the 100m butterfly semi-finals that Phelps led with a time of 51.35. Phelps is the world record-holder and two-time Olympic gold medalist in the 100m fly, but it's unfamiliar territory for Lochte. Both Phelps and Lochte have qualified for four individual events—the 200m and 400m medleys and 200m free for



Ryan Lochte (C) reacts after losing to Michael Phelps (bottom) in the men's 200m individual medley final at the US Olympic Team Trials on 30 June. Lochte was second in 1:54.93.—INTERNET

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International Sports

Felibert stretches lead at NW Arkansas to 4 shots

MEMPHIS, 1 July — Venezuelan rookie Veronica Felibert fired a five-under 66 to stretch her lead to four shots heading into the final round of the LPGA Tour's NW Arkansas Classic. Felibert, who celebrated her 27th birthday on Saturday, continued her surprising run which saw her shoot an opening round 65 to take a one-stroke lead. She got into the tournament as a second alternate after missing the cut in her three previous events. Felibert is in her first year

on the LPGA Tour. She finished two rounds at 11-under-par as she set a tournament 36-hole record with her 131 total. The previous record of 132 was set by Meena Lee and Ji Eun-hee in 2008, then equalled by Michelle Wie in 2010. Japan's Mika Miyazato and South Korea's Park In-bee were tied for second at the Pinnacle Country Club course. Miyazato had a 65, and former US Women's Open winner Park shot a three-under 68.

Felibert, who is ranked 723rd in the world, shot a bogey-free round Saturday, closing her round with a par-saving putt on the final hole. "There are feelings that I cannot express right now, because it is what I have dreamt all my life for," Felibert said. It's pretty cool to see my name up there, but at the same time I have been trying to not think too much about it and just play one shot at a time and enjoy it. "I'm having a lot of fun."

Internet



Veronica Felibert of Venezuela hits a tee shot on the 7th hole during the second round of the LPGA Tour's NW Arkansas Classic on 30 June. She fired a five-under 66 to stretch her lead to four shots heading into the final round.

INTERNET

Gymnast Mikulak walks tightrope over selection

SAN JOSE, 1 July — Sam Mikulak faced an anxious wait overnight to see if he had gained Olympic Games selection after he was able to compete in only one event on the final day of men's competition at the US trials on Saturday. The 19-year-old hurt his left ankle in his last routine on Thursday, the vault. Following a lengthy discussion with his coach Kurt Golder and medical experts, he took part in only the pommel horse on Saturday, earning a score of 14.400.

when he was the most impressive gymnast of the



Sam Mikulak competes on the parallel bars at the US Olympic gymnastics trials in San Jose, California on 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

World parallel bars champion Danell Leyva and John Orozco gained the first two spots on the US team and Mikulak hopes his superb opening day at the trials will help him secure one of the three remaining places, to be announced on Sunday. "That always plays a part," Mikulak, the 2012 US parallel bars silver medalist, told reporters of his effort at the HP Pavilion on Thursday,

day. Being consistent is never a bad thing and over the past few weeks they (the selectors) have been able to see that. I can hit my sets, I am reliable. I just hope they feel happy with all the performances I have been able to put on.

"It's just an ankle sprain. I will be back in no time and hopefully stronger than ever. I will have plenty of time to be fully recovered if I am selected to go to

London." Mikulak totaled a best-of-the-day 91.800 from his six routines on Thursday to close the gap, in third place, on Leyva and US all-around champion Orozco in the overall standings. However, he had to put ice on his left ankle after a painful finish on the vault and by the following day it had become worryingly swollen.

Reuters

Murray beats Baghdatis in race against time

LONDON, 1 July — Andy Murray had one eye on his opponent and one on the clock as his Wimbledon third round clash against Marcos Baghdatis turned into a tension-soaked race against time under Centre Court's roof on Saturday. The scoreboard at the end showed the number four seed had won 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1, but it was the time in the top left corner that had most people transfixed. Murray had to get the encounter wrapped up before the 11pm local time cut-off time for play under the roof lights, a deadline imposed by local authorities, or he would have been forced to come back on Monday to finish off the Cypriot.

A mid-match wobble in which he lost the second set followed by an extended delay as the giant mechanical roof was heaved into place ensured the seconds were ticking away as he eventually stamped his authority on the match in the fourth set when Baghdatis seemed to lose heart. With a double break in the bank, the result was hardly in doubt but all eyes were on the umpire to see if he was going to allow the final game to played as the clocked ticked past the deadline.

Murray did not even sit down when the players changed ends at 4-1, hurrying to the other end while glancing anxiously at the time. As it turned out, Murray wasted precious few seconds, racing through the final two games and firing down an ace to bring up match point. When Baghdatis sent a forehand return long to bring an end to the spectacle the clock had ticked round to 2:30, making it the latest finish in Wimbledon history.

Reuters



Andy Murray of Britain celebrates after defeating Marcos Baghdatis of Cyprus in their men's singles tennis match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 30 June, 2012.—REUTERS

De Jonge grabs one-shot lead at AT&T National

BETHESDA, Md, 1 July — Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge seized a one-stroke lead by posting his second consecutive two-under 69 in the third round of the storm-hit AT&T National.

De Jonge birdied three holes but hardly anyone witnessed it in person at the Congressional Country Club after spectators were told to stay away because of a severe storm that struck the area overnight. De Jonge said playing without spectators seemed odd at the start but then once they got going it was all about managing your golf game.

"At first it was definitely very strange," he said. "Then we kind of got used to it. Just the no buzz. It was hard to get the adrenaline going, kind of felt like you were playing a Tuesday practice round or a qualifier." Tiger Woods carded a four-under 67 to climb into a share of second place at minus-six. He is tied with first-round leader Bo Van Pelt (67) and South Korea's Noh Seung-yul (69).

Woods moved to within one shot of the lead with four birdies on his first 10 holes. "It was amazing we even got it in," Woods said. "So that was good. Today I just tried to make a run and fight back to get myself in the tournament." The storm snapped trees, tore temporary tents from their foundations and scattered debris across the course. Officials delayed the start of

the round for six hours then went off the first and 10th tees in threesomes. Because of safety concerns, fans and volunteers were told to stay away so just players, their family members, security and media were allowed in. The USPGA Tour issued a statement saying winds in the range of 70-80 mph (112-128 km/h) were reported in the area near Washington.

Internet



Zimbabwe's Brendon de Jonge during round three of the AT&T National on 30 June. De Jonge seized a one-stroke lead by posting his second consecutive two-under 69 in the third round of the storm-hit event.—INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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 - * Myanmar Movie "The Concealed Love"

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- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
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 - 7:45 am 3. Nice and Sweet Song
 - 7:55 am 4. Health Programme
 - 8:15 am 5. Cute Little Dancers
 - 8:45 am 6. Song in honour of Myanmar Women's Day
 - 4:10 pm 7. Dance Variety
 - 4:25 pm 8. Musical Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
 - 4:35 pm 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Home Economic)
 - 5:00 pm 10. Musical Programme
 - 5:10 pm 11. Myanmar Language
 - 5:40 pm 12. Documentary
 - 6:20 pm 13. Sing & Enjoy
 - 7:00 pm 14. TV Drama Series
 - 8:00 pm 15. News
 - 16. World's Stars
 - 17. TV Drama Series

18th Year Anniversary of Dr. Maung Maung (Departed on 2nd July 1994)

Where there is hatred -- let me sow love.
 Where there is injury -- pardon.
 Where there is doubt -- faith.
 Where there is despair -- hope.
 Where there is darkness -- light.
 And where there is sadness -- joy.

Daw Khin Myint & Family

Drone kills eight suspected militants in Pakistan

MIRANSHAH, (Pakistan), 1 July—A US drone aircraft killed eight suspected Islamist militants in northwest Pakistan on Sunday, security officials said.

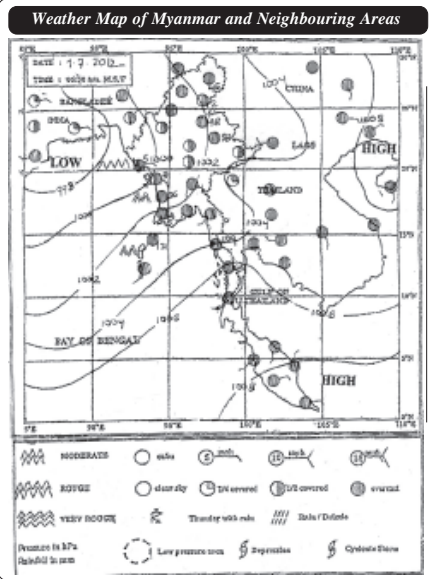
A drone missile struck a house in the Shawal Valley where militants were reported to be hiding in the North Waziristan tribal region near the Afghan border.

"Two missiles were fired on a house. Eight militants were killed," said a local intelligence official.

The drone attacks, which fuel anti-American sentiment in Pakistan because they can kill civilians and are seen as a violation of sovereignty, are one of several factors straining ties between strategic allies Washington and Islamabad.

The CIA, which operates the drones remotely, has stepped up strikes in recent weeks in North Waziristan, described by Western intelligence agencies as a global hub for militants.

The escalated campaign means the United States may have obtained information on high-value targets like members of the Haqqani network, one of the deadliest Afghan insurgent groups fighting US-led NATO forces in Afghanistan.—Reuters



Weather forecast for 2nd July, 2012

S. No.	Temperature (C/F)	Forecast		
		Maximum	Minimum	
1	Kachin	32/20	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
2	Kayah	30/86	20/68	Isolated rain or thundershowers (100%)
3	Kaym	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers (100%)
7	Tamthayt	26/79	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
8	Bago	31/88	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
9	Magway	33/91	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers (100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers (100%)
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
15	Northern Shan	33/91	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
16	Eastern Shan	32/90	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers (100%)
17	Ayeyawady	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers (80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers (80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershowers (80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

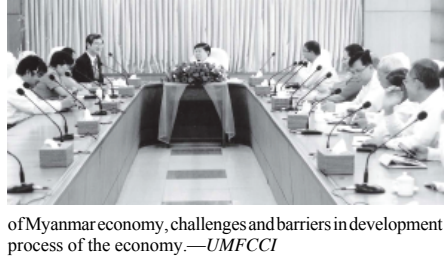
State of the Sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

UMFCCI officials meet WTO representative

YANGON, 1 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung, Vice-President U Thaug Tin, General Secretary Dr Myo Thet, Joint General Secretary U Moe Kyaw, CEC member and executive received Counsellor Mr Masahiro Mayafuji of World Trade Organization of Geneva in Switzerland at its office on 21 June morning.

They discussed trade policies of Myanmar and progress



Head-on crash in Wyoming kills five, injures four

THERMOPOLIS, 1 July—A car returning from a Boy Scout camp veered into an oncoming lane and slammed head-on into a motorhome Saturday, killing five people and injuring four others, the Wyoming Highway Patrol said.

All four people in the car and a 3-year-old passenger in the motorhome were killed in the collision on Highway 120 in northcentral Wyoming, Sgt Stephen Townsend said.

The other four people in the motorhome were injured in the 10 am MDT crash in Hot Springs County, but their conditions were not immediately available.

The person believed to be the driver was flown to a Billings, Mont, hospital, while the other three were rushed to a Thermopolis hospital, about 35 miles south of the crash site, Townsend said in a news release.

The car was one of three vehicles carrying a group of Boy Scouts back to the Colorado Springs area after spending time at a Scout camp

of Myanmar economy, challenges and barriers in development process of the economy.—UMFCCI

in northwest Wyoming, he said. The other two vehicles were not involved in the crash.

No names or other information about the dead and injured were released, and patrol spokesmen couldn't be reached late Saturday night for further details.

The patrol said crash investigators were trying to determine why the car crossed into the oncoming lane. The motorhome had been towing a passenger car.—Internet

Rodriguez lifts US women to 2-1 win over Canada



Canada goalie Erin McLeod (18) is unable to grab the ball as she allows an own goal by teammate Carmelina Moscato in the first half of their friendly match, on 30 June, 2012, in Salt Lake City. Watching the play is USA's forward Abby Wambach, centre, Canada defenders Emily Zurrer, second right, and Rhian Wilkinson, right.

SANDY, 1 July — Amy Rodriguez scored the winning goal in the 85th minute to lift the United States past Canada 2-1 in its final tune-up before the London Olympics.

Rodriguez tapped Megan Rapinoe's cross to Abby Wambach, who overran it just outside the 6-yard box.

Wambach turned away from the net, recovered and then back-heeled the ball toward the goal where it deflected off diving Canadian goalie Erin McLeod.

The rebound popped to Rodriguez just a few feet in front of an empty net.

The US took a 1-0 lead in the 15th minute when Carmelina Moscato attempted to clear a dangerous cross by Rapinoe but instead deflected it past her own goalkeeper and just inside the left post for an own goal.

Canada tied the match at 1-1 on in the 57th minute when Melissa Tancredi, who entered the match at halftime, beat Solo with a shot off the crossbar. Alex Morgan, the American team's leading scorer this year, left with a leg injury in the 50th minute.

The US next plays in its Olympic opener against France on 25 July in Glasgow, two days before the Opening Ceremonies in London.

Internet

Hluttaw and its committees devote to social contract for democracy promotion

YANGON, 1 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and the Hluttaw commission and committees met personnel of organizations, profit-making organizations and businessmen at MICT DC Hall in Hline University Campus here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann, Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission U Nanda Kyaw Swa and members, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Taninthay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Htin Aung Kyaw, chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Soe Naing, U Htay Myint U Hla Myint Oo and Thura U Aung Ko of Hluttaw committees and members, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe, Yangon Region Ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw representatives, the president of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and executive members, businessmen and journalists.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, in his inaugural speech, extended his thanks for all the

respect, trust, and acclamation to the Hluttaw, its committees and commission, and Hluttaw representatives as well.

The speaker noted that Myanmar people always have cherished and valued the motherland, being loyal to the nation and its people with many a number of citizens willing to sacrifice in nation-building endeavours and in defence of the nation if necessary.

The speaker expressed his belief that all the people present have burning desire for national development, with capacity to play a leading role in practical field.

Hluttaw representatives are representatives of the citizens, people. The sovereignty of the State comes from the people and resides across the nation. The Head of the State the President, and the government were elected at the Hluttaw with the power of the people. The government and all the institutions concerned must manage the State in accordance with the wishes and aspirations of the people. It can be said civil servants are acting on behalf of the government in practice.

Burgeoning the good system calls for participation of the people, people's representatives, civil government



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann speaks at the meeting.—MNA

and civil servants upholding righteousness.

The speaker then presented the organizational structure of the Pyithu Hluttaw constituted with people's representatives of different parties, diverse races, different beliefs, and different sexes that 23 Hluttaw committees and one commission constitute the Hluttaw. Hluttaw representatives have the right to submit the questions, proposals and bills if necessary as to the opinions, wishes and

requirements of the people in their constituencies to the Hluttaw. Hluttaw committees are obliged to assist each other in committee issues, to communicate with the entire public and coordinate with the departments concerned in dealing Hluttaw's affairs.

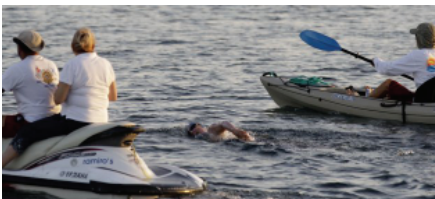
As the Hluttaw committees have gained more and more public trust, people begin to put forward their views and feedbacks by mail or in person. As the committees have attended to the needs of the

people and organizations, devoting more and more, there have been more and more conveniences to our satisfaction. Pyithu Hluttaw focuses on equal rights of the nation and its people without party attachment, dogmatism, regionalism, racism and sectarianism.

This is what Hluttaw, Hluttaw representatives and Hluttaw committees are doing for democratic reforms.

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Palfrey beyond halfway point in Cuba-Florida swim



KEY WEST, 1 July—Endurance swimmer Penny Palfrey approached the three-quarter mark Saturday on her trek from Cuba to the Florida Keys, encountering jellyfish stings but otherwise perfect conditions in her attempt to become the first woman to swim the more than 100-mile route.

The British-born Australian was swimming steady and strong and reported no physical complaints other than the stings, according to her support team.

At about 8:30 p.m. EDT (0030 GMT) roughly 37.5 hours into the swim, the 49-year-old grandmother was 76 miles (122.31 kilometers) from her starting point at a

marina in the Cuban capital, according to her website's GPS tracking report. She was positioned about 30 miles (61.15 kilometers) south, southwest of Key West.

Previously, her personal best was 67 miles (108 kilometers) when she swam between Little Cayman and Grand Cayman islands last year, according to Andrea Woodburn, part of her support team in the Keys.

Palfrey reapplied sunscreen and grease to prevent chafing and said the water conditions had been excellent other than the extreme heat. She even spotted a few hammerhead sharks and dolphin pods. Crew members said she was in full control of the effort,

instructing team members who are accompanying her on kayaks and a catamaran as she kept up a torrid pace.

She is "physically and mentally strong," Woodburn said, adding that the bathwater-warm waters remained calm. "The conditions couldn't be better and she continues to progress to the Florida Keys."

The 20-year veteran of distance swimming is no stranger to jellyfish stings, which forced her to abort two past swims in Hawaii.

Internet

Winners awarded in Sepak Takraw, Sailing Contests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—The prize presentation for 17th Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation President's Cup Sepak Takraw Contest was held at Thuwunna Sepak Takraw Gymnasium in Thingangyun Township yesterday.

Officials of Myanmar Olympic Committee and Myanmar Women's Sports Federation awarded the winners. General Secretary of MOC Director-General of Sports and Physical

Education Department U Thaug Htaik presented prizes to the winners.

The prize presentation of 2012 International Olympic Day commemorative Myanmar Sailing Federation President's Cup third Sailing Contest was held at its office at Inya Lake yesterday evening.

Chairman of Tatmadaw (Navy) Sailing Committee Captain Aung Zaw Hlaing, Staff Officer Grade-III Lt-Cdr Aung Nay Myo and Commander of Naval Training Command Commodore Tin Aung San, Director-General U Thaug Htaik of SPED and officials presented prizes to the winners.—MNA

With two-page supplement attached.

President Hu vows to remain committed to "one country, two systems"



Chinese President Hu Jintao meets with senior figures of the administrative, legislative and judicial bodies of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Hong Kong on 1 July, 2012.

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