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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.

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues third day session Establishment of diplomatic relations discussed, two bills sent back by the President along with remarks submitted, one proposal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Third day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 1 pm today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 618 MPs.

At the session, the establishment of diplomatic relations discussed, two bills sent back by the President along with his remarks explained and one proposal discussed.

U Hla Myint Oo of Pinyinana Constituency, U Win Htein of Meiktila Constituency, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No. 1, U Nyan Lin of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No. 3 discussed the establishment of diplomatic relations presented by the President which was discussed by two representatives yesterday. They discussed that it was observed that the establishment of diplomatic relations with foreign countries contributed to economic, social and defence development of the country. They absolutely believed that the current condition was the best time to march towards a democratic country with the strength of local and foreign countries. The UN Secretary-General said in his address at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, nowadays, the world needed Myanmar's participation so as to face the global challenges. Thus, the establishment of diplomatic relations was much more appropriate usual. So, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should agree it.

With respect to it, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint said that Myanmar had opened embassies in 34 countries, three offices, three Consulates and 37 joint offices. And Myanmar had established diplomatic relations



with 71 countries and appointed the Ambassadors there. It had diplomatic relations with 103 countries. So, the number of countries would reach 111, including eight new countries.

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Representatives seen at third day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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### Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) opens

YANGON, 17 July—Bogyoke Aung San lived his residence on Bo Cho Road (former Tawarlan Road) in Bahan Township, here, from May 1945 to 19<sup>th</sup> July, 1947.

All accessories that he used when he was alive have been kept systematically by the Ministry of Culture. These are shown as a museum of Bogyoke in order that people and observers can study them.

This museum of Bogyoke was opened for only Martyr's Day in the past. Now it is opened for all days except Mondays, Tuesdays and gazetted holidays from 10 am to 4 pm. The admission fees for men is K 300 and monks, nuns, and children K 100. As a special programme, it opens for all Martyrs' Day without paying no charges from 8 am to 4 pm.—MNA

### 65<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day to go out live

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—The 65<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day will be broadcast live through the MRTV, the MRTV-4 and the SkyNet as of 8 am on 19 July.

The annual Arzarni Day or the Martyrs' Day will be held at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Yangon.—MNA

### Friendly basketball match continues

YANGON, 17 July—With the leadership of Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Basketball Federation organized a friendly basketball match between Vision Sports women's basketball team from US and Myanmar youth basketball team of MBF at gymnasium in Aung San Sports complex here yesterday afternoon. At the match, Myanmar youth team beat Vision Sports women team 47-43.

The second day match will continue at 2 pm tomorrow. MNA

### Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker receives American guests



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### Coordination meeting on rehabilitation of the displaced persons in Rakhine State held



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### Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (17-7-2012)

Maungtaw	(4.92) inches
Myitkyina	(4.53) inches
An	(3.47) inches
Kyauktaw	(3.39) inches
MraukU	(2.87) inches
Shwegyin	(2.80) inches
Nyaunglebin	(1.92) inches
Taungup	(1.85) inches
Mudon	(1.85) inches
Hkamti	(1.69) inches

## PERSPECTIVES

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### State-Society relations

Today, the civilian government in office is taking strides to transform the nation into modern, peaceful, discipline-flourishing democratic one. The President has articulated "good governance and clean government" as the doctrine of the incumbent government. So, there needs to make a change in governmental systems and institutions.

The pace of progress depends on social capital—social contract between the government and the people, stressing the crucial role of civil society which is viewed as the bridge between the government and the people. So, there has emerged a need to make a shift towards a societal-centered approach to development, with a focus on centrality of social capital to development.

Governance does not imply strengthening the process and institutions of the government only, but also looking at the governed, making them partners in the process of development, strengthening and empowering them. As the country's governance is democratic one, it requires more inclusive and bottom-up participatory process that listens to preference of the people.

Government institutions must enable the civil society organizations participate in the governance process, bringing about empowerment, accountability and transparency. The government in establishing partnerships with civil society needs to develop, strengthen and sustain collaborative and participative process, fostering institutional development that facilitates resource mobilization, coordination and networking.

The ultimate goal of human development is assumed to be enhancement of human capabilities and creation of a safe and secure environment in which citizens can live with dignity and equality. With this end in view, the task of governance should be focused on sharing of responsibilities, collaborative partnerships and networking with multi-level social organizations.

### A workshop on education (2/2012) held

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—A workshop on education (2/2012) of the Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 was held at the ministry, here this morning, with an attendance of Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min.

The union minister said the staff were sent to foreign countries to obtain Mater degrees through scholarship in order to enhance development of human resources and to become skillful generations in the future.

He also urged them to go abroad and joined short-and-long term courses and attend workshop and seminar which are related to the ministry as well as to attend workshop on technology, other training and management courses, financial and computer courses in locals.

That's why holding the fifth workshop on

education is the turning out of these results. In workshops they can exchange their views that will be beneficial for the staff and department. In today's workshop six scholars read their six papers. Next the union minister urged them to be proficient and reliable persons for the department.

Daw Nu Wah Phyo, Staff Officer (Civil) of Hydropower Administration Department read out paper on Public Relations, U Min Khaing, Director (Civil) of Hydropower Implementation Department on Fourth International Conference on Water Resources and Renewable Energy Development in Asia (Asia 2012), Daw Thwe Thwe, Deputy Director (Account) of Hydropower Administration Department on Financial Statement Analysis, U Nay Myo Win, Director (Civil) of Hydropower Imple-

## Coordination meeting on rehabilitation of the displaced persons in Rakhine State held



Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay attends coordination meeting on rehabilitation of displaced persons in Rakhine State.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, attended a coordination meeting on the rehabilitation of the displaced persons in Rakhine State, at Rakhine State Government Office in Sittway of Rakhine State, this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Ministers U Phone Swe and U Kyaw Kyaw Win, the State Ministers, departmental heads, group leaders of UN agencies and INGOs and representatives from WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR, UNDP, Care Myanmar, MSF, Danish Refugee Council, Save the Children, Malteser International, USAID and CDN, led by resident representative of UNOCHA Coordinator Office Ms Barbara Mazi.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister explained the

aids programme, priority given to the reconstruction of houses and health care, water supply and sanitation tasks. The representatives presented the reports on humanitarian aids to the evacuees, difficulties, their cooperation with the State government, survey of local people's needs and results, international donation and short-and long-term multifaceted development. After the ceremony, the Union Minister, accompanied by the resident representatives and officials, looked round Sittway by cars. In the afternoon, the Union Minister also attended a review meeting on completion of rescue and rehabilitation, construction of new temporary rescue camps, water supply and sanitations. After that, he inspected site for construction of Satrokya creek-crossing bridge and rescue camps.

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### E-Learning Centre handed over in PyinOoLwin Technological University (Yadanarpon Cyber City)

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Under ASEAN-Korea Cyber University Plan, the handing over of e-Learning Centre was held at Technological University (Yadanarpon Cyber City) in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, attended by Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, the Mandalay Region Social Affairs Minister, the Korean Ambassador to Myanmar, the KOICA resident representative, directors, professors, technicians of ROK and



Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint and officials attending handover of e-Learning Centre.—MNA

mentation Department on Proposition; Impacts Mitigation Measures From Development of Low Head Hydropower Scheme Experience Based on 4<sup>th</sup> TSC Meeting, U Min Lwin (Staff Officer-Civil) on Improvement and Maintenance Skills for Photovoltaic and Other Renewable Energy Power Generation System, Dr Win Myint, Deputy Superintending Engineer (Mechanical) of Hydropower Supply Enterprise on Best Management Practice in Energy Power Plant-Malaysia Experience.

Next the staff and visitors asked questions.

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teachers.

The Korean Ambassador clarified matters on the handover of e-Learning Centre.

Next, Union Minister U Aye Myint made a speech on the occasion. He said that the e-Learning centre not only provides opportunities to students who are attending the university but also to those who are unable to attend the university for various reasons, adding that with e-Learning services, collection of information and communication data,

research and the provision of reciprocal assistance among member universities will be possible. Meanwhile, the cooperation among universities will contribute to cutting the education expenses of higher learning institutions and enable students and the people to learn lifelong education with the use of Online through the Internet, he noted.

Next, the Union Minister presented gifts to the Korean Ambassador and technicians.

Afterwards, the Union Minister, the Region Social Affairs Minister, the Korean Ambassador, the director-general, KOICA resident representative and the principal formally opened the e-Learning centre and sprinkled scented water onto it.

After the handover ceremony, the Union Minister and those present viewed the main lecture hall of the Technological University (Yadanarpon Cyber City).

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## Large cache of Crusader gold found off Israeli coast



More than 100 gold coins were found hidden in a partly broken pottery vessel at the Apollonia National Park, where archaeologists say the former Crusader town of Apollonia-Arsuf once thrived.—ISRAELI EMBASSY/YANGON

JERUSALEM, 17 July— One of the largest gold treasures ever to be discovered in Israel was uncovered last week at an archaeological dig near Herzliya. The treasure, more than 100 gold pieces and weighing approximately 400 grams (nearly one pound), is estimated at a value of more than \$100,000.

The coins were found hidden in a partly broken pottery vessel at the Apollonia National Park, where archaeologists say the former Crusader town of

Apollonia-Arsuf once thrived. The dig is being carried out under the joint auspices of Tel Aviv University and the Nature and Parks Authority.

Included among the items found were 108 gold coins, including 93 that weighed four grams each, and 15 that weighed 1 gram each. The gold was not new and clearly was part of someone's family treasure or business investment. The coins were minted in Egypt approximately 250 years prior to their burial under the floor

tiles of the 13th century CE fortress that has been under excavation for more than 30 years. A large cache of arrowheads—hundreds, in fact—and other weaponry, including stones used in catapults, also was found. Archaeologists said the find indicated a fierce battle had taken place at the time the Mameluks seized the area from the Crusaders.

The Crusader fortress had been uncovered at the site some time ago, along with remains of a port city dating back to the time of the Phoenicians. Archaeologists have also found the remains of a Roman villa, a well-preserved market street from the Early Islamic period and a massive gate complex.

Israeli Embassy/Yangon

## Bomb targets third Afghan politician in three days

KABUL, 17 July—A magnetic bomb blew up the car of a district governor in Afghanistan's northerly city of Kunduz on Monday in the third attack on senior government officials in as many days.

The governor of Khan Abad district was not in the car, but the bomb killed a bodyguard and wounded eight civilians, police said.

On Saturday, a suicide bomber killed a top anti-Taleban lawmaker and 22 other people at a wedding reception in Samangan province, also in the north.

And on Sunday, Higher Education Minister Obaidullah Obaid survived a roadside bomb attack on his motorcade in the adjoining province of Baghlan.

Violence in Afghanistan is at its fiercest since US-led NATO troops overthrew the Taleban government in 2001, and as most foreign combat troops look to leave the country by the end of 2014, handing over to Afghan security forces.

Islamist Taleban and other insurgents have spread

their reach from their traditional strongholds in southern and eastern areas of Afghanistan to northern parts of the country once considered relatively safe.

Also on Monday, two

Afghanistan have jumped 10 percent in three months as a severe winter damaged poppy crop harvests and caused fighter-farmers to pick up guns earlier than last year, said German Brigadier-



An Afghan policeman stands guard near the bomb-damaged vehicle of the district chief of Khan Abad in Kunduz Province on 16 July, 2012.—REUTERS

NATO soldiers died in an insurgent attack in southern Afghanistan, while a roadside bomb hit a van in the border town of Spin Boldak, in Kandahar Province, killing five civilians, said Ahmad Faisal, the provincial governor's spokesman.

Insurgent attacks across

General Gunter Katz, spokesman for NATO forces.

More Afghan soldiers and police were also confronting Taleban and other militants in more remote areas outside major cities which had previously been havens for insurgent fighters.—Reuters

## US Navy fires on fishing boat near UAE; one killed

DUBAI/WASHINGTON, 17 July—One person was killed and three others injured on Monday when a US Navy ship fired at an approaching fishing boat off the United Arab Emirates, but officials did not immediately blame terrorism or cite an Iran-link to the still-murky incident. Why the boat approached the US refueling ship, the USNS Rappahannock, was still unclear, US officials said. But the US Navy said the small motor boat

ignored repeated warnings to halt its approach before a security team fired rounds from a .50-caliber machine gun.

Even small boats dwarfed by the size of the US vessel can still pose a threat. Two suicide bombers rammed an explosives-laden boat into the USS Cole in 2000, blowing a massive hole in its side and killing 17 US sailors.

But the incident was also reminder of how quickly a

confrontation can turn deadly in the Gulf, where tensions with Iran have triggered military buildup by the United States and its allies.

Those killed and injured in Monday's incident were not Iranians and it was unclear whether the incident may have been a mere misunderstanding. The UAE state news agency, quoting a government official, identified all of the dead and wounded as Indian nationals.—Reuters

## Anger in India after floods leave 109 dead, 400,000 homeless

PAZARBHANGA, 17 July—India's annual monsoon has claimed 109 lives since rains started in June and left at least 400,000 people homeless in the northeastern state of Assam, in a tragedy experts say was made worse by corruption and poor management of the Brahmaputra River.

A senior member of the Assam Human Rights Commission, a government body, told Reuters it suspects millions of dollars meant for flood control have been siphoned off by state water department officials in the last five years. The commission has demanded a high-level investigation by the government.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, who represents Assam in the upper house of parliament, called the floods the worst in recent times and promised \$1,800 to each victim's family in compensation. Critics say that much of the money will evaporate.

"Corruption is rampant before and after a flood," said Arup Misra, a prominent environmental activist in the state and a professor at Assam Engineering College. "Some officials eagerly wait for floods as they could

make money on repairing of embankments and relief distribution." Over the past 60 years successive governments have built levees along most of the length of the volatile Brahmaputra, which is Assam's main river and is fed by Himalayan snow melt and some of the world's heaviest rainfall. Experts say these embankments are both criminally under-maintained and a discredited form of flood management.—Reuters



A father carries his newly-born baby as he takes his baby home from a maternity hospital, through a flooded street during "World Population Day" in Kolkata on 11 July, 2012.—REUTERS

## Russia plans eight more rocket launches this summer

MOSCOW, 17 July—Russia plans to launch eight space rockets by the end of this summer, Deputy Prime Minister Dmitry Rogozin confirmed on Monday.

"We rather intensively increase the pace of launches from Baikonur and Plesetsk (space centers)," Rogozin told Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev at a cabinet meeting, a day after Russia sent three astronauts to space.

According to Rogozin, who is in charge of the country's military-industrial department, a monitoring satellite for natural resources will be launched atop a Soyuz-FG rocket on Sunday. The satellite will also work as an early warning monitor for natural disasters.

"This is especially important, taking into account the tragic situation in southern Russia," Rogozin said, referring to the recent floods in southern Krasnodar territory that have claimed more than 170 lives.

Launches were also scheduled for 26 July, 1 Aug, 13 Aug, 30 Aug and 19 Sept, as Russia plans to send a set of communication satellites from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan into space. They will be put into orbit by carrier rockets Proton-M, Soyuz U and Soyuz 2-1A, according to Rogozin.

On 28 July, a Rocket missile will be launched from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in northern Russia. On 15 Aug, a commercial sea launch was also scheduled.—Xinhua



The US Navy supply ship USNS Rappahannock maintains station as it prepares a replenishment at sea in this US Navy photo handout photo taken in the South China Sea on 21 March, 2012.—REUTERS

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### Microsoft revamps Office for tablets, Internet

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July — New versions of Microsoft's word processing, spreadsheet and email programs will sport touch-based controls and emphasize Internet storage to reflect an industry-wide shift away from the company's strengths in desktop and laptop computers. The new offerings appear designed to help Microsoft retain an important source of revenue as more people access documents from mobile devices. The new Office suite also reflects the fact that people tend to work from multiple computers — perhaps a desktop in the office, a laptop at home and a tablet computer on a train and a smartphone at the doctor's office. Like an upcoming redesign of Microsoft's Windows operating system, the new Office will respond to touch as well as commands delivered on a computer keyboard or mouse. The addition of touch-based controls will enable Office to extend its franchise into the rapidly growing tablet computer market. Apple dominates that market with the iPad, though Microsoft



Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, Kirk Koenigbauer speaks at a Microsoft event in San Francisco, on 16 July, 2012. Microsoft unveiled a new version of its widely used, lucrative suite of word processing, spreadsheet and email programs on Monday, one designed specifically with tablet computers and Internet-based storage in mind.

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has plans to compete with its own tablet, called Surface. The programs will store documents online through Microsoft's SkyDrive service by default, meaning users will have to change settings to store documents on their own computer. The programs will also remember settings, including where you last left off in a document, as you move locations.

The Internet-based services approach is one Google has been promoting with its own suite of similar

programs, threatening Microsoft's dominance." This is the most ambitious release of Office that we have ever done," CEO Steve Ballmer said on Monday in unveiling the new Office in San Francisco. A preview version of the new Office suite is being made available online at <http://office.com/preview>. Microsoft Corp isn't saying when it will go on sale or what the price will be. Those details will come in the fall. Microsoft will continue selling the package as standalone

software that can be installed on computers, but the company expects the bulk of users will opt for an Internet-based version, which comes with automatic updates for a recurring subscription fee.

Other features in the new Office include:

Inkling, which lets you use a stylus to write on a device's screen. Handwritten notes are converted automatically to text.

Integration with Yammer, a social network for businesses, and with Skype, a video chat service. Microsoft agreed last month to buy Yammer for \$1.2 billion, while Microsoft spent \$8.5 billion to buy Skype last year.

Bing Maps will be part of the new Outlook email program. If there's an address in an email, just tap on it to get directions.

A "reading" mode on Word will make it easier to read word-processing documents on a tablet or e-reader. That mode will make the document look more like a book page. You can also embed video into Word documents, or share a document directly on Facebook.—Internet

### China manned sub may dive in South China Sea 2013

QINGDAO, 17 July — The Jiaolong manned submersible may undertake a deep sea dive mission in the South China Sea in 2013, a commanding officer of Jiaolong said on Monday. The sub, named after a mythological dragon, docked at the port of Qingdao in east China's Shandong Province on Monday after making a record dive of 7,020 meters below sea level in the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench during a 44-day test mission. Liu Feng, field commander in chief, said the team is applying to take part in next year's mission.

"Their proposal is under an official appraisal. Once approved, it will mark Jiaolong's first mission since the dive tests," said Liu, who is also deputy head of the administrative office of the China Ocean Mineral Resources Research and Development Association. He said the deep sea survey plan is aimed at obtaining first-hand data to aid in studies of the formation and evolution of the ocean basin. Jin Jiancai, head of the administrative office of the association, said China is accelerating its deep sea

research by setting up a national deep sea support base in Qingdao and building a new mother vessel for Jiaolong to succeed *Xiangyanghong-9*, which has extended its service for 34 more years.

Both of the projects are expected to be completed by 2015. China plans to eventually build a deep sea station, where submersibles can dock underwater and oceanauts can stay for work, Jiaolong designer Fang Shujia said. Liu said female candidates will be considered for next year's mission. "Women tend to be more scrupulous and patient than men in deep sea missions, which are advantageous due to long hours of work in the sub's small cabin," Liu said. He said psychological and physical qualities are the most important standards to consider when choosing oceanauts. Cui Weicheng, deputy commander of the project and Jiaolong co-designer, said plans are in the works to develop another submersible that is able to dive up to 4,500 meters below sea level in the next stage of deep sea research.

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### Rakuten, Japan's Amazon, steals a march on its nemesis

TOKYO, 17 July — Japanese e-commerce giant Rakuten Inc looks set to steal a march on rival Amazon.com when it launches its Kobo e-reader and e-book service in Japan on Thursday. For CEO Hiroshi Mikitani, it's the first salvo in a wider war that the ebullient Harvard MBA, called Mickey by everyone including his staff, hopes will transform Rakuten into a global player in digital commerce.

Mikitani founded Rakuten in 1997 and has built it into Japan's largest online retailer, employing more than 8,000 people and boasting a market capitalization of about \$13 billion.

The company has a travel business, a securities



A box from Amazon.com is pictured on the porch of a house in Golden, Colorado on 23 July, 2008. — Reuters

company and its own bank and in the past two years has acquired or bought stakes in companies in the United States, France, Indonesia, Brazil, Germany, the UK and Canada. But the launch of an e-reader and e-books in Japan, the world's second-biggest publishing market, is a pivotal move.

Rakuten has reached a saturation point in Japan and needs to find new products to sell. The launch also tips the company further into the fast-moving world of digital content, a global space where Amazon, Apple Inc and Google Inc are fighting it out and where Japanese giants like Sony Corp have largely failed to make their mark.

Merely launching an e-book service in Japan is no mean feat. The past decade is littered with big-name initiatives that have languished or failed. They include devices from Panasonic, Toshiba and Sharp. Amazon on its Japanese website this month added a link for users to sign up for updates about Kindle's local availability, but declined to give details about when the device and service would

be launched. Rakuten's secret? Print publishers, analysts say, may be afraid of losing a lucrative business, but they're even more afraid of Amazon. And, says Mikitani, "although we are an aggressive company by Japanese standards, we are still a Japanese company."

He said he's spent much of the past month persuading publishers to join him and says "about 95 percent" of the Japanese industry has done so. "In the last two months their attitude has completely changed," Mikitani said.

"Before they were skeptical of worried about the negative impact for their business. Now they have changed their mind. This is their opportunity." This marriage was symbolized earlier this month when Mikitani appeared alongside Yoshinobu Noma, CEO of Japanese publishing giant Kodansha Ltd, on a panel at Tokyo's annual e-book fair. He presented his fellow panelist with a t-shirt with the words "Destroy Amazon" in Japanese emblazoned on its camouflage pattern.

Reuters



A Google homepage is displayed on a Motorola Droid phone in Washington on 15 Aug, 2011. Reuters

### Google's hardware makeover to get uneasy welcome on Wall Street

SAN FRANCISCO, 17 July — Wall Street has a long-running love affair with Google the search engine. But will it feel the same way about Google the hardware maker? Google on Thursday will report quarterly results for the first time since closing its \$12.5 billion acquisition of smartphone maker Motorola in May. Google's purchase of Motorola, as well as ongoing uncertainty about the global economy, mean that Google suddenly looks a lot less familiar, and less predictable, to many investors — a fact that will be underscored in the company's second-quarter report. "This is the first quarter that Motorola is going to be consolidated into results, and it's going to be messy," said BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis.

The absence of Chief Executive Larry Page from the public eye, due to an unspecified ailment that has

caused him to have "lost his voice," hasn't helped buoy investor confidence as the company faces a critical juncture. Shares in Google are down roughly 14 percent from their 52-week high of \$670.25. Google is an "an execution story, which is why it's so unnerving that Larry now has an illness that's not defined," said BGC's Gillis. "He set the company down this path and now there's no undoing it... If he becomes sick in the middle of it and can't put as much energy into it as he'd like to, that's a risk."

Page, 39, a co-founder of Google, returned to the CEO role in April 2011 and quickly reset many of the company's priorities, shutting down underperforming products, launching the Google+ social network to challenge Facebook Inc and buying Motorola, the largest acquisition in Google's history.—Reuters

### NASA's Mars rover may be in for blind landing

CAPE CANAVERAL, 17 July — NASA's new Mars rover is heading for a risky do-or-die touchdown next month to assess conditions for life on the planet, but the US space agency may not know for hours whether it arrived safely, managers said on Monday. That's because the satellite that NASA was counting on for real-time coverage of the Mars Science Laboratory's descent into Gale Crater, located near the planet's equator, was sidetracked last month by a maneuvering system glitch.

Managers were able to recover the satellite, but it is now in a different orbit than intended, which may make it unable to view and record the rover's seven-minute descent and landing. Two other spacecraft orbiting Mars will be monitoring the probe's arrival, but one records data for later playback and the other won't be aligned to see the last minute of flight, NASA's Mars exploration programme chief Doug McCuiston told reporters.

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**Ford to slash 15 percent of workforce in Australia**

MELBOURNE, 17 July — Ford Motor Co's (NYSE:F) Australian unit announced plans on Tuesday to cut up to 440 jobs, or about 15 percent of its workforce, and slash production by almost 30 percent to cope with a slide in popularity of its top model, the Falcon. Australian car manufacturers have enjoyed solid sales over the past year despite a subdued economy, although Ford's sales have lagged, according to industry figures.

The Ford Falcon was once Australia's top-selling



*A Ford logo is seen on the car maker's booth during the first media day of the Geneva Auto Show at the Palexpo in Geneva, on 6 March, 2012 — REUTERS*

vehicle but now barely makes it into the top-20, hurt by a trend away from large-engine sedans in favour of small cars and sport utility vehicles, including Ford's locally made 4WD Territory. Ford said it would cut production from 209 vehicles per day to 148 vehicles per day from November 2012 in a response to changing customer preferences, which have driven an industry-wide decline in the sale of large vehicles.

"Implementing this structural change is essential to ensure the longer-term health of the business," Ford Australia President Bob Graziano said in a statement. He said most of the up to 440 job losses would be from the manufacturing operations in Melbourne and nearby Geelong in Victoria state. Last year, Ford cut 240 local jobs. Ford said it would shift production to a more profitable mix, including more Territory vehicles. — Reuters

**IMF cuts global growth forecast as emerging economies slow**



*A man searches for food inside a garbage, in front of a One Euro shop in central Athens in this on 24 June, 2012 file photo. REUTERS*

WASHINGTON, 17 July — The International Monetary Fund on Monday cut its forecast for global economic growth and warned that the outlook could dim further if policymakers in the euro zone do not act with enough force and speed to quell their region's debt crisis. In a mid-year health check of the world economy, the IMF said emerging market nations, long a global bright spot, were being dragged down by the economic turmoil in Europe. It said a drop in exports in these countries would combine with earlier policies meant to prevent overheating and slow growth more sharply than hoped.

The IMF shaved its 2013 forecast for global growth to 3.9 percent from the 4.1 percent it projected in April, trimming projections for most advanced and emerging economies. It left its 2012 forecast unchanged at 3.5 percent. "Downside risks to this weaker global outlook continue to loom large," the IMF said. "The most immediate risk is still that delayed or insufficient policy action will further escalate the euro area crisis." US stocks closed slightly lower on Monday as investors worry about the economy losing steam.

The global lender said advanced economies would

grow only 1.4 percent this year and 1.9 percent in 2013. It also trimmed its forecast for emerging economies, projecting they will expand 5.9 percent in 2013 and 5.6 percent in 2012. Both figures are 0.1 of a percentage point lower than in April. The IMF cut its 2013 growth forecast for the crisis-hit euro zone to 0.7 percent, while maintaining its projection of a 0.3 percent contraction this year. It said it now believes Spain's economy will shrink both this year and next.

The IMF sharply revised down its growth projections for the United Kingdom to 0.2 percent this year and to 1.4 percent in 2013. In April, the fund said the UK economy would expand 0.8 percent in 2012 and 2.0 percent next year. Central banks in China, the euro zone and Britain have all eased monetary policy in recent weeks to support growth. The US Federal Reserve has said it is poised to do more if needed. — Reuters

**Health Tip: Protect your feet**

Your feet can take a beating during the summer, notably from the high heat and sun exposure.

The American Podiatric Medical Association suggests how to protect your tootsies during the hotter months:

- \* Always wear shoes or sandals, even at the beach or pool. Avoid going barefoot.
- \* Spread sunscreen over the tops of your feet, your heels and your toes. Reapply after getting out of the water.
- \* To help reduce swelling in the feet, drink plenty of water throughout the day.
- \* Frequently stretch, wiggle and flex your legs, toes and feet to help promote circulation.

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**US approves first-ever pill for HIV prevention**

NEW YORK, 17 July — The first-ever daily pill to help prevent HIV infection was approved on Monday by US regulators for use by healthy adults who are at risk for getting the virus that causes AIDS. Truvada, made by Gilead Sciences in California, has been on the market since 2004 and was approved by the Food and Drug Administration for a new use as a tool to help ward off HIV, in combination with safe sex and regular testing. The pill as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) has been hailed by some AIDS experts as a potent new tool against human immunodeficiency virus, while other health care providers are concerned it could encourage risky sex behavior.

In addition, the regimen is estimated to cost around \$14,000 per year, making it out of reach of many. "Truvada alone should not be used to prevent HIV infection," said Debra Birnkrant, director of the division of antiviral products at the FDA. "Truvada as PrEP represents another effective, evidence-based approach that can be added to other prevention methods to help reduce the spread of HIV." The FDA said Truvada should be used as "part of a comprehensive HIV prevention strategy that includes other prevention methods, such as safe sex practices, risk reduction

counseling, and regular HIV testing."

Truvada was previously approved as a treatment for people infected with HIV to be used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs. The decision by the FDA followed the advice of an independent panel in May that supported Truvada for prevention in uninfected people, after clinical trials showed it could lower the risk of HIV in gay men and heterosexual couples. One study of men who were sexually active with other men but were not infected with the virus that causes AIDS found 44 percent fewer infections in those taking Truvada versus a placebo. Those in the study who took the drug regularly had almost 73 percent fewer infections.

A second study on



*Bottles of antiretroviral drug Truvada are displayed in 2010 in San Anselmo, California. The first-ever daily pill to help prevent HIV infection was approved on day by US regulators for use by healthy adults who are at risk for getting the virus that causes AIDS. — INTERNET*

heterosexual couples in which one partner was infected with HIV and the other was not showed that Truvada reduced the risk of becoming infected by 75 percent compared with a placebo. Common side effects were the same as experienced by people with HIV who were taking Truvada, and included diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, headache, and weight loss. However, the adherence rate — meaning how often people in the study actually took the drug daily — was low in the study of men who have sex with men, at just 30 percent, Birnkrant said. In the study of heterosexual partners, adherence was much higher, at between 80 and 90 percent.

Therefore, the drug label must include special instructions for health care

providers on how to counsel potential users of the drug. The drugmaker must also include a warning that Truvada for PrEP "must only be used by individuals who are confirmed to be HIV-negative prior to prescribing the drug and at least every three months during use." As to concerns about whether the pill might boost risky sex practices and lead people to abandon condoms as a first line of protection, Birnkrant said the studies have not shown that so far.

"We don't really have any strong evidence to show that condoms were not used or that there was a decrease in condom use when Truvada was used," she told reporters. The goal of the approval is to eventually cut back on the rate of new infections in the United States, which have stayed steady in recent years at about 50,000 annually, she said. A key goal of the US strategy against HIV/AIDS, set forth in 2010, is to decrease the number of new infections by 25 percent by 2015.

"The hope is that over time it will decrease the rate of new infections or incidence in the United States," Birnkrant said. The FDA approval drew the support of amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research. We know that Truvada, when taken as directed, works.

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*In this 30 Oct, 2006 file photo, a Kentucky Fried Chicken employee uses tongs to hold up a sample of the company's trans fat-free Extra Crispy fried chicken in New York. — INTERNET*

**Trans fat ban made fast food a bit healthier in NY**

WASHINGTON, 17 July — It's possible to make a fast-food lunch a bit healthier even without skipping the fries. New York City now has hard evidence that its ban on trans fat in restaurant food made a meaningful dent in people's consumption of the artery clogger and wasn't just replaced with another bad fat. The findings being published on Tuesday have implications beyond heart health, suggesting another strategy to curb the nation's obesity epidemic fueled by a high-calorie, super-sized environment.

Consider: Americans get more than a third of their daily calories from foods prepared outside the home. By year's end, the Food and Drug Administration hopes to finalize long-awaited rules that would make many restaurant chains post the calorie counts of their products right on the menu. Maybe the guilt would make you forego the french fries for a salad. Maybe not. Now contrast New York's trans-fat ban — later copied by more than a dozen other state and local governments — which didn't put all the onus on the consumer to do the right thing.

"By making the default option the healthier choice," everyone benefits regardless of their nutrition awareness or willpower, Alice Lichtenstein, a nutrition specialist at Tufts University, wrote in a commentary on the research. "The regulation may serve as a model for future successful public health initiatives." There are good fats and bad fats. Trans fat is widely considered the worst kind for your heart, gram-for-gram more harmful than its better known cousin, saturated fat. Small amounts occur naturally in some meat and dairy products.

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# Underwater Archaeology of Myanmar

Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

[Our recent initiative for the salvaging of one of Myanmar's cultural heritage objects, the Dhammazedi Bell from the water has aroused academic interest in the underwater archaeology of Myanmar. The following is a brief account of how this new discipline was introduced to the university teaching curricula.]

The introduction of a new discipline "Underwater Archaeology" to the Ph.D preliminary class in the academic year 2007-2008 was a measure taken by the Board of Studies of the Departments of Archaeology of all universities and colleges, with the approval of the Universities Senate. In fact, Ph.D courses in these departments were introduced in that year. Underwater archaeology is a branch of Archaeology though not as old and developed as land archaeology as far as Myanmar is concerned. But even the university teaching of land archaeology in Myanmar is still in infancy as it was introduced two and a half decades ago, though the digging department of archaeology in Myanmar had developed from the Epigraphic Office over a century ago.

Underwater Archaeology is a discipline of studying the past from finds underwater and interpreting the finds to reconstruct both physical environment, human settlement and finally human cultural life style. Underwater Archaeology is not necessarily archaeology under bodies of water. It also includes archaeology of dried up river beds, sand banks, sand bars, lakes, streams and shallow seas.

Though underwater archaeology is often generalized as the same as Maritime Archaeology, technically it is not so. Maritime Archaeology studies finds from the sea, usually shipwrecks, plane wrecks, dwellings, seaports etc, that had been submerged. Along coastlines world wide many thousands of ships had perished. They are lying in the depth as links to the past. For example, in the Baltic sea in northern Europe there is a unique collection of well preserved wrecks from times past. Most of them have not been located yet.

Underwater Archaeology is the study of human life, behaviour and culture using the physical remains found in fresh water, salt water or buried beneath water logged sediment. Underwater archaeological sites have wrecks [both ship wrecks and aircraft wrecks] remains of structures created in water such as crannogs, bridges or harbours and places where people once lived on land that had been subsequently covered by water due to rising of sea levels or other natural phenomena— earthquake, volcanic eruption, storms, Tsunami waves, etc.

Underwater archaeology originates in maritime research. The interest in maritime finds was awakened by the find of the Nemi ships in the 15th century A.D. But there was a long break in progress, until the invention of helmet diving in the early 19th century. Around 1830, the wreck of Royal George which was sunk in 1782, was successfully salvaged by using helmet divers. The salvage was made not for archaeological reasons. The wreck was simply an obstacle in shipping lane and it had to be removed.

It was only in 1836 that archaeological salvage was made. The Dean Brothers discovered the wreck of Many Rose. The salvaged a few objects from it for study. So that was the first case of underwater investigations made out of historical interest. Similarly in 1856, the human settlement submerged in the Zurich was investigated by divers and historians.

During the period of seven decades following 1856, underwater treasure hunters used divers to pillage many historic ships not for investigation but only for commercial reasons. The valuable objects salvaged were sold to collectors. One museum acquired the rusty cannon and minor objects such as Roman lead anchors. There was no archaeological investigation. Perhaps the recovery of the Nemi Ships in 1929-32 was the first systematic archaeological underwater investigation. Artifacts or rather its wares were towed ashore and investigated on land.

The first case of diving underwater archaeology took place in the years 1933-39 when the Swedish warship "Elefant" sunk in 1564 was investigated by helmet divers together with historians. The breakthrough came after World War II thanks to the scuba diving equipment devel-

oped by Emile Gagnan and Jacques Yves Cousteau, the underwater world was flung open, instantly accessible. Many new ancient wrecks were found at a rapid pace. Though Cousteau was not an archaeologist, he contributed immensely by promoting public interest for underwater mysteries.

By virtue of the nature of Myanmar's geology, geography, anthropology, history and cultural heritage Myanmar is a virgin field for the study of archaeology on land as well as under water. The fact that the teaching and learning of land archaeology in Myanmar Universities is very recent does not rule out the need to study its underwater counterpart. Myanmar is the second largest country in size in the context of the ASEAN TEN and rich in land masses and water bodies. Within the long land borders with India, Bangladesh, China, Laos and Thailand and a long coastline of nearly 1500 miles on the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea, Myanmar possesses land masses in the form of mountains, hill ranges, valleys, plains, deltas, islands and archipelagoes and aquatic bodies in the form of lakes both natural and man made, rivers, streams, springs, falls and shallow seas.

Remains of the flora and fauna including homo-sapiens and their habitats and settlements have been well presence in the earth and under water since the age of Pondaung primate or probably even before. By means of land archaeology we have established without doubt that the country we now call Myanmar had passed through all stages of pre-history, such as Paleolithic Age (Old stone Age), Mesolithic Age (Middle stone Age) and Neolithic Age (New stone Age), Bronze Age and Iron Age, based upon concrete evidences found by chance and discovery by excavation. Those evidences by chance include artifacts washed ashore by sea, river or lake waves, those fished out from shallow and deep waters, and those salvaged by builders or repairers of water crafts. Artifacts dug up from dried up beds of water bodies such as stream, river, lake and shallow sea may also be classified as underwater archaeological evidences, since they have been lying underwater till water bodies are dried up.

Reports and papers illustrated with slides and photos on the Samon River Valley archaeological remains of a wide variety by two foreign scholars [Dr Bob Hudson and a French lady archaeologist] and two Myanmar archaeologists [Maung Sein Win and Tampawaddy Win Maung] at the South-east Asian Historians' Conference of 2004 in commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of Myanmar Historical Commission at the Diamond Jubilee of Yangon University are indeed objects of antiquity that lay buried in the bed and valley of the Samon River in upper Myanmar.

The first discovery of same stone implements of Old stone Age which Dr Morvius and Dr de Terra on the banks of the Ayeyawady River in Yenanchaung, Magway and Minbu were those that were washed ashore, not dug up from the earth. They named them "Anyathian Cultural Objects". These finds also belong to the underwater archaeology category. Later, T.O. Morris found similar stone tools in Taninthayi Region, which in all probability must have been cast ashore by sea waves.

The legends of ancient religious monuments located on the cape, on island in the sea, and natural inland lakes contain direct or indirect reference to religious relics or objects lost in the water, submerged under water due to natural or human causes or salvaged from water in different historic periods. The three *yey-lai* [mid water] Pagodas namely (1) *Kyaik Khame yey-lai* Pagoda in Mon State, (2) *Kyaik Tan yey-lai* Pagoda near Thanlyin in Yangon Region and (3) *Maw Tin Zun yey-lai* Pagoda in Nga Pu Taw Township in Ayeyawady Region have maritime archaeological background histories. The same is the case with regard to the legends of three *yey-lai* Pagodas in upper Myanmar namely (1) Shwe Myitzu Pagoda on the island in the middle of Indaw Gyi Lake of 100 square miles in Kachin State which has a long story of underwater happenings which await divers to salvage sunken objects from the bottom of the Lake. (2) Inlay Lake in Southern Shan State in which layers and layers of human settlements and their ar-

tifacts were deposited in the silt of the lake. (3) Historically renown Anya Thihataw Pagoda on the island at the third defile of the Ayeyawady River, opposite to the town Thabeik Kyin in Mandalay Region. Stories of ship wrecks, capsized boats, dangerous whirlpools and unexpected storms were told in connection with this *yey-lai* pagodas are virgin fields for underwater archaeology. What about other lakes like "Re" in northern Chin State, Mangton lake in Kengtung in eastern Shan State, Indaw lake in Katha District, Twin Taung lake near Monywa town, Taung Tha Man In, Tet They In, Zaung Kalau In near Amarapura and Mandalay, man made lake such as Aung Pin Lai, Mya Nanda, Meikhtila in central Myanmar, let alone Kandaw Gyi, Inya lake in Yangon, and many big water reservoirs Thadu Kan, Hpu Gyi Kan, Joe Hpyu and Nga Moe Yeik and moats of Myanmar old capitals.

In the quizzes regarding the inventory of pagodas and monuments at Bagan, there are riddles of which one riddle records the number of temples and pagodas that had been washed down by the Ayeyawady River that changes its course and floods in high monsoon. This riddle runs thus "Shwe la thar wah wah win = In the golden moon's bright light

*Phaya twey yey cho hsin* = 444 Pagodas went down to bathe at night

This riddle informs us that 444 monuments of Bagan had been taken away by the waves of the Ayeyawady River and that many relics and votive objects enshrined in them and artistic decorations that adorned them lay buried in the watery graves of the river. Reports of antiquities and archaeological remains either fished out by boats men or unearthed by farmers who cultivate crops and vegetables on the sandbars which annually emerge in the river in summer prove that river beds and river sand bars in the vicinities of old capitals and monuments are unexplored fields of underwater archaeology.

Besides Bagan, Inwa founded on the site of four drained and landfilled natural lakes namely (1) Nga Gyi In (2) Kyaik Hmaw In (3) Ohn Hne In and (4) In Pu In and which is situated at the confluence of five rivers (1) the Ayeyawady (2) the Samon (3) the Dottawady (4) the Zawgyi and (5) the Panlaung and other old capitals on the river or stream banks such as Beikthano on the Yangpe Chaung, Shwebo, Sagaing, Amarapura and Mandalay on the Ayeyawady River have rich stores of underwater archaeological treasures. Similarly the seaport of Thanlyin which King Anauketun of Ava laid siege to the Portuguese stronghold of Philip de Brito and the combined naval attacks on them by land and water forces of Inwa and Rakhine had left behind vast research field for underwater archaeology.

Myanmar seaports and coastal capitals were well-known for their overseas trade and naval battles. MraukU or Mro-haung in Rakhine State, Patheingyi [Cosmin], Dalla and Thanlyin in the Ayeyawady Region and Yangon Region, Thaton and Mottama in Mon State and Dawei and Myeik in the Taninthayi Region were seaports or coastal capitals with maritime historical background. They had played no small role in maritime trade and communication as well as naval battles with the Portuguese, the French and the British since the mid 15th century to the late 19th century.

The stories of rescue and salvage of Kyaik Paw Law stone Buddha statue now housed in a temple at Kyaik Hto originally sent afloat in the sea from Lankadipa (Sri Lanka), the salvage of five Buddha images from the depth of Inlay lake, which were dropped in to the lake from the barge that was capsized, the successful salvage of Singu Min's Bell by means of Myanmar traditional techniques of underwater archaeology at the end of the First Anglo-Myanmar war of 1824-26, and the still internment of King Dhammazedi's big Bell at the bottom of the Dawbon River in spite of the efforts underwater archaeologists and maritime engineers to locate it for salvage are proofs of underwater archaeological activities that were carried out in the past, though the teaching of underwater archaeology was unknown or even unheard in Myanmar in those days.

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## Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker receives American guests

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa met a delegation led by Director Mr Kenneth Scott Hubli of Washington-based National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Director Mr Myer of USAID from the United States of America at meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee No. 1 of Hluttaw Building at 4.30 pm today.

They discussed matters related to the role of Hluttaw, programmes to promote the skills of Hluttaw representatives, research measures

and cordially exchanged views on responsibilities of Hluttaw and experiences.

Together with the deputy Pyithu Hluttaw speaker were Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Bill Committee U Te Khun Myat, Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Thurein Zaw, secretaries of Hluttaw committee, committee and commission members and officials from Hluttaw office.

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Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meeting with Director Mr Kenneth Scott Hubli of Washington-based National Democratic Institute (NDI) and Director Mr Myer of USAID from the United States of America and party.—MNA

## Modern bees keeping course opened

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—A ceremony to open the modern bees keeping course jointly conducted by the Bees Keeping Division of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and TAG International Development Organization of Israel took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries here this morning with an address by Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Ohn Myint said that bees keeping which can be conducted in the integrated farming contributes much to poverty alleviation and help earn foreign exchanges for the nation. The Union Minister expressed his thanks to Israel for its assistance to the Myanmar's bees keeping that was launched since 1979 and called on trainees to try their utmost so that they can impart knowledge on bee keeping gained from the course to

farmers as the training course is T.O.T (Training of Trainees).

Next, Israeli Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yaron Mayer made a speech.

Afterwards, Country Director of International Development Organization Mrs Michal Strahilevitz spoke, pledging that they will provide technology as to developing of bees and bee products and they are to make the products marketable. She stressed the need for cooperative communities to extensively engage in the tasks to achieve more success.

The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye and heads of department, those from TAG International Development Organization, service personnel and trainees.

The eight-day course is being attended by 16 trainees.—MNA

## Union construction minister meets with staff from Yangon Region

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint met engineers and staff from four districts and 45 townships of Yangon Region at the meeting hall of Yangon Region Superintending Engineer' office here yesterday noon.

In meeting with the staff, the Union

Minister said that the state has been implementing reform processes and the ministry needs to implement reform processes for people-centered development. The Union Minister discussed that the staff must put into operation the assigned duties in line with norm.—MNA

## Myanmar delegation leaves for Israel to attend agriculture course

YANGON, 17 July—According to Agriculture practical cooperation programme of Myanmar Rice Industry Association and Rama Negiv Institute from Tel Aviv of Israel, a nine-member delegation left here by air yesterday evening for Israel to attend 11<sup>th</sup> month long-term agriculture course from 2012 July to 2013 June.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Vice-President of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Sein Win Hlaing, executive U Soe Win and officials of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

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## Dy construction minister inspects road, bridges in Ayeyawady Region

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin on 14 July morning inspected road conditions of Danubyu-Kyonypyaw through Sakkawt-Danubyu-Zalun-Hinthada Road and Akyaw bridge construction site between mile post Nos. 4/7 and 5/0 being implemented by Road Construction Special Group 1. Then the deputy minister looked into completion

of bridges at No. 3/9 Kyontanaw bridge between mile post 8/7 and 9/0 and No. 3/14 Kyontanee bridge construction site near mile post 14/0.

The deputy minister viewed scaffolding measures to install Plate Girder between A2 and P1 of Kyontanee Bridge and called for safety site installing of Steel Plate Girder and timely completion of road and bridge.—MNA



## Underwater Archaeology of...

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In the British colonial period, one British writer of Myanmar history named Maurice Collis should be credited for urging the need to introduce maritime archaeology to Myanmar. Among many books he wrote about Myanmar, three of his historical fictions or fictionalized histories namely "Siamese White", "Sandamarlar" and "The Land of the Great Image" give references to Myanmar maritime archaeology. For example, Mr Maurice Collis gives the account of the presentation to him some old Chinese porcelain, plates and an old lamp from a wrecked galleon of King James II's time by a fisherman at Myanmar seaport town Myeik in Taninthayi Region. It was because of these artifacts of Myanmar maritime archaeology that he began research. He discovered a tombstone of one Samuel White under a Banyan tree in Myeik. Based upon the epitaph on it, he browsed the archives of British Navy in England and Myanmar coastline trade of that time. He presented his research papers at the gathering of porcelain collectors in London for which he was admitted as member of the prestigious Royal Society of Arts. These events caused him change of his career from high ranking administrator to later well-known writer. In Sandamarlar, Mr Collis even ex-

panded the extent of maritime archaeology to weird mystery, encounter with the ghosts from the shipwreck off Myeik seaport of King James II's time. In the third book, *The Land of the Great Image*, the author gave his experiences and research in Rakhine State with reference to Rakhine Kings, the naval power, their armada, their naval battle in the Bay of Bengal, quoting the memoirs of a Roman Catholic missionary priest Father Manrique who was personally involved in the politics of Rakhine kings. We can glean clue and data from these historical fictions for our study of maritime archaeology of Myanmar coastlines.

The last but not least was the interesting story of a wicker lacquered Buddha Image at Saley Town in upper Myanmar. That hollow wicker lacquered Buddha Image, in a sitting posture, the largest of its kind was a chance find, rescued and salvaged from billows of waves of the Ayeyawady river in one stormy monsoon. From where it was washed down to the river is still unknown. But how it was taken ashore in the stormy weather from the grip of billows of angry waves and safely sheltered in a temple was a miracle which Indiana Jones would have liked to make a hit movie. Today this wicker-lacquered Buddha has been fully gilt, so it looks like a metal Image. But a peep hole was left at its back through which you can see the inside of it so that you are assured it is a hollow wicker lacquered work. After

seeing it and reading the story of its chance find you are taken away by the waves and how much archaeological evidences are embedded at the bottom.

Talking with some old servicemen of the Ayeyawady Flotilla Company of British colonial time and U Charlie Than, the rector of Maritime University, I was informed that there were inventories of watercrafts used for Myanmar inland water transport and the list of shipwrecks. What wonderful archives for Myanmar underwater archaeological research!

In the last two decades there cropped up chance finds of Myanmar underwater archaeology. In May and June 2008, five Buddha Images of Sagyin marble were discovered and salvaged by local divers during their hunt for shipwrecks, from the depth of the Ayeyawady at Chaw Seik jetty, Mandalay. Later a second world war army tank was brought up by chance from the Bago river. Many reports of such chance finds appear in the journals occasionally.

Today, as our country is on the take off to the goal of modern nation with peace, progress and prosperity, archaeology, both land and underwater offers ample opportunities to upcoming generations to specialize for their careers, as well as for the presentation of cultural heritage which Myanmar abounds in so much.

## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continues...

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According to the report of a Hluttaw representative, there were 193 UN member countries. Continued efforts would be made to establish the diplomatic relations with the remaining countries. Thanks to the establishment of diplomatic relations, there would see more progress in multi-sector cooperation not only between two countries but also in international arena.

Hluttaw agreed the President's submission on the establishment of diplomatic ties with Bosnia, Herzegovina, Malawi, Bhutan, UAE, Luxemburg, Latvia,

Estonia and Dominican Republics, and Hluttaw's decision will be submitted to the President.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained **Important Goods and Services Bill and Foreign Currency Management Bill** sent along with the President's comments. After that, Joint Committee members U Ngun Maung and U Myint Tun submitted the Joint Bill Committee's findings and comments related to the President's comments on the Bill.

The representatives who want to discuss the President's comments are to register their names by 4 pm on 20 July after disclosing para, sub-para and contents along with their signatures.

### Important Goods and Services Bill

power consumption charges at the rate of K 25 for one unit every three months. The ministry has sought an additional budget from the Ministry of Finance and Revenue to be able to add K 10 for per unit to the charges in accordance with the new rate of K 35 per unit.

For the fuel consumption of police stations, they pay by cheque to the filling stations of the Ministry of Energy for monthly share of fuel consumption for their vehicles and the Ministry of Home Affairs give allowance for the fuel consumption every three month. For general expenditure of police stations, region/state police office, Myanmar Police Force (HQ) and the Union Minister's Office have scrutinized the expenditure and permit the monthly allowance of general costs.

U Khin Maung Nyo of Pauk Constituency asked **if there is a plan to take measures for binding of the Ward or Village-tract Administration Law** and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint answered that the Ward or Village-tract Administration Law was promulgated on 6 July and sent to the Hluttaw Office on that day to distribute it to the representatives. To implement the provisions related to cash

that has been approved by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has been sent the President on 27 April in order that it can be announced as a law after the President put his signature on it. On 3 May, the President sent it along with his comments to Hluttaw. On 4 May, **Foreign Currency Bill** was sent to the President, and the President sent it back to Hluttaw together with his comments on 17 May.

Regarding the proposal of U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency on **"to expose the confiscation of farmlands and to solve farmers' grievances in a fair way"**, U Thein Tun of Amarapura Constituency, U Kyi Maung of Myittha Constituency, U Khin Maung Nyunt of Thabeikyin Constituency and U Win Myint of Pyay Constituency discussed that the new government formed

Applied Farm land Allocation Scrutinizing Committee. Coordination between the departments was to be made to take rapid actions against the farmer's issues. As to the other businesses, taxes should be imposed on trading, and collecting data and registration of ownership lists needed to be accurate. It was assumed that success would be achieved if farmers' grievances were treated in a fair way. And the proposal was seconded.

The discussions on the proposals by the representatives will continue at fourth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. A total of 45 representatives submitted their names to discuss it. The meeting came to an end at 3.20 pm, and the fourth day session will go on at 1 pm on 23 July.—MNA

## Pyithu Hluttaw meeting...

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The ministry has been taking measures with care as preparations and trainings for sports cost a huge amount of money. Meanwhile, the ministry is working in cooperation with international countries as much as possible for hosting the games.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint replied the questions related to administration sector raised by two representatives.

U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency asked **allowance for phone calls, electricity, fuel, beautifying works for police stations and other general costs for township police stations.**

The deputy minister replied that the ministry has increased the monthly allowance for police stations from K16,250 of monthly allowance for phone calls in the 2011-2012 fiscal year to K20,000 in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The ministry sends an inspection group to police stations monthly to read the power consumption them, allowing each police station to pay for

assistance and general expenditure for offices of the law, budget has been sought in accordance with the rules and regulations. Therefore, in accordance with the law and its rules, township administration officers in regions and states have received trainings to be able to select administration officers for villages and village-tracts in accordance with the rules and regulations. When budget for implementing provisions related to cash assistance and generation expenditure for offices are approved, administration officers for villages and village-tract would be selected.

**In the report to the Hluttaw session,** the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw informed the Hluttaw that Amyotha Hluttaw has sent back the **Import and Export Bill** with amendments which was approved by Pyithu Hluttaw and the date when the bill will be brought back to Pyithu Hluttaw again. The Speaker also invited those representatives who want to discuss the amendments of Amyotha Hluttaw and to enlist their names not later than 1 pm on 23, July.

During the **proposal submitting session,** U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency submitted a **proposal to discuss the law amending the Emergency**

### Provisions Act (Act No. 17/50) and the law revoking for the 1908 Unlawful Associations Act (India Act-14).

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint seconded the first proposal to discuss at the Hluttaw and objected the second proposal as some associations are set up without registration and they are also in conformity with the provisions of the law today.

Regarding the second proposal, Daw Nan Wah Nu of Kunheing Constituency suggested that the Unlawful Associations Act should be discussed at large to give protection or to be amended that the law is suggested to be revoked.

U Thein Nyung proposed to obey the decision of the Hluttaw, saying that his proposal would support the political change in the country.

Pyithu Hluttaw decided to discuss the **1908 Unlawful Associations Act (India Act-14)** to be able to amend and revoke it.

The proposals would be passed to the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee.

The meeting ended at 11.20 am and the 11th-day meeting will continue at 10 am tomorrow.

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## Lt-Gen Hla Min meets departmental officials in Kyaukpyu, Yanbye and MraukU Tsps

NAV PYI TAW, 17 July—Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office, together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Kyaw Kyaw Win and officials, met with departmental heads and townsenders at Kyaukpyu Air Port Hall in Rakhine State on 15 July.

They met with departmental heads and townsenders at Yanbye Township General Administration Department. Lt-Gen Hla Min and the Chief Minister coordinated the essentials, and the Chief Minister and officials presented aids. At Basic Education High School of Kyauknimaw Village of Yanbye Township, they met with townsenders and teachers and provided assistances. In the evening, Lt-Gen Hla Min and the Chief Minister heard the report by Township Administrator and coordinated the essentials.

Yesterday, Lt-Gen Hla Min together with Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing met with Tatmadawmen from MraukU Station at MraukU local battalion. Lt-Gen Hla Min made a speech and presented four sets of TV receivers and cash assistance through responsible persons. After the ceremony, he cordially greeted those present.—MNA



Lt-Gen Hla Min of Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office meets townsenders and teachers at BEHS in Kyauknimaw Village, Yanbye Township.

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## Natural Disasters reduction workshop for Education Management held

NAV PYI TAW, 17 July—An opening ceremony of Natural disasters reduction workshop for those responsible for Education Management, was held at Ministry of Education, here, this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Dr Myo Myint.

In his speech, the Deputy Minister said that during the post-Nargis period, the Ministry of Education had formed Natural Disaster Preparedness and Response Educative Work Group in cooperation with UN agencies, INGOs and social organizations and carried out natural disaster preparedness.

The Ministry also laid down Myanmar Education Recovery Programme (MERP) in cooperation with UNESCO in accord with Hydro Framework for Action (HFA). The Ministry carried out natural disasters prevention and awareness rising at basic education schools and conducted the multiplier courses to educate peoples through BESs.

He continued to say that officials would discuss the alleviation of imminent natural disasters, designation and exposing imminent natural disasters, safety, emergency response, rehabilitation and educative programme with the use of books and publications. All were urged to actively participate in prevention, emergency response and rehabilitations for respective natural disasters. The workshop will go on till tomorrow.—MNA



## Amyotha Hluttaw session...

(from page 16)

As regards the delay in issuing the rules, the Union level organization had to revise the draft again and again in constant consultations with legal professionals since it is invested the power to do so in accord with Section (97), Sub-section (a) of the constitution which goes, "When the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw enacts a law, it may authorize to issue rules, regulations and by-laws concerning that law to any Union level organization formed under the Constitution".

As the President Office directed the ministry to request budget for remuneration in Chapter (12) and office allowances in Chapter (13) of Ward or Village Administration Law on 30 June, 2012, the budget was requested at the cabinet meeting No (26/2012) on 12 July, 2012.

Considering every aspect, the drafting of Peaceful Assembling and Peaceful Procession Law was delayed. As Chairman of Diversity and Peace Party U Nay Myo Wai submitted request for peaceful assembling and procession on 15 and 16 July, the commander of Mingaladon Township Police Force has given the green light. Applications in other townships are under scrutiny.

The ministry is providing trainings to region, state and township administrators to be able to elect ward or village administrators in accordance with rules and regulations. When the budget for remuneration and office costs was confirmed, the new ward or village administrators will be elected.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe asked "whether

there is a plan to take action against filling stations for wide price gaps between local oil price and international price" and "whether there is a plan to publicize profits from each domestic and foreign investment in specific periods in energy sectors". Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay said:

The sale of fuel has been privatized and the filling stations are allowed to distribute imported oil on which tax is levied at float prices.

The government is supervising private entrepreneurs to manage the price. If the retail price goes extreme high, the Internal Revenue Department and local authorities will take measures to contain the situation. It has been made clear at Third regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.

The ministry is monitoring retail prices of oil at filling stations daily. The ministry warned against oil importers who sold the fuel at abnormal prices on 1-3-2011, 1-7-2011 and 6-4-2012.

The prices at filling stations in Yangon depend on the prices of Mean of Platt's Singapore (MOPS). If the prices between April, 2011, and June, 2012, are compared, the connection can be seen clearly. If compared with prices of neighbouring countries, the fuel in Myanmar is cheaper. The filling stations did not make changes to the price set when the oil was imported.

Though, the price is still above the normal level compared with MOPS daily prices. The people have been warned of the case since November, 2011, for public awareness.

Regarding the oil distributed monthly to region and state entrepreneurs by the

ministry, the ministry compiled detailed sale records of their filling stations to manage the price through taxation and sent them to the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, Region and State governments and Myanmar Fuel Oil Import Association every month.

The ministry has requested the association to sell oil at least possible price. The association is trying to convince private entrepreneurs.

The ministry has signed Production Sharing Contract (PSC), Improved Petroleum Recovery (IPR), Performance Compensation Contract (PCC), Modified Performance Compensation Contract (MPCC) with foreign investors for inland oil and natural gas exploration. The ministry is in PSC deals with foreign investors for offshore blocks.

Myanmar has earned US\$ 1246.443 million out from income of Yadana project of US\$ 1628.990 million since 2011-2012 fiscal year. The country also earned US\$ 1311.883 million from income of Yedagun Project US\$ 1982.150 million. The incomes have been handed over to the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, taking off the cost of operation for Yedagun project US\$ 72.228 million and Yadana project US\$ 46.073 million. Abundant natural gas of the country is sold to foreign countries. Petroleum and other products have to be bought with the earnings of gas. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue is informing Hluttaws of the budget.

U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency (5) asked "whether there is a plan to cut down rubber plants owned by the Ministry of Industry to develop

Phaungsein Village in Thanbyuzayat Township to an urban ward". Deputy Industry Minister U Myo Aung said rubber plants in rubber plantation No (3) in Thanbyuzayat with 295 acres owned by the ministry have enter into 23 or 25 years, with the highest production capacity.

A total of 7200 rubber plants are grown on the 40-acre land, with the current price of K 308 million. These rubber plants could produce 10000 tons of rubber yearly, earning K 12 million for the country.

Urbanizing Phaungsein Village is concern of the Union government and respective state government.

U Aye of Mandalay Region Constituency No (97) asked "whether there is a plan to upgrade Basic Education High School (Branch) of Singu village-tract in NyaungU Township in NyaungU District of Mandalay to BEHS" and "whether there is a plan to upgrade Myingaba Village BEMS (Branch) to BEMS". Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe said the ministry is upgrading schools and opening new schools from 2012-2013 academic year to 2015-2016 academic year in four-year plan.

As there are 341 high school students in BEHS (Branch) of Singu village-tract, it will be upgraded to BEHS.

As there are 340 middle school students in BEMS (Branch) in Myingaba Village, it will be upgraded to BEMS.

The meeting concluded at 11.5 am. The eleventh day session is held on 18 July.

At today's session, the Hluttaw agreed on sending messages of condolences to flood-hit Russia and India and six questions were answered.—MNA

## Sagaing Region Chief Minister inspects development tasks in Shwebo District

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye on 15 July met farmers at Pintal Village in Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District. He provided exercise books, sports gears, journals, publications, women's affairs and mother and children's

clothes to them in the village. He inspected completion tasks of new delivery Word at People's Hospital (Kyunhla) and comforted the patients. He then looked into operation theatre and medical storage room.

Next the region chief minister made inspection on

completion tasks of Government Technical Institute of Kanbalu Township, paving earthen road of Natpay-Htangan, Linpin Creek Bridge, M o n y w a - A y a d a w - Ywathargyi road, overflow Bridge between mile post Nos (38/0) and (38/1).—MNA

## Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs of US Department of State



**Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin meets Mr Joseph Y Yun of Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs of US Department of State.**

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— Mr Joseph Y Yun, Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs of US Department of State, paid a courtesy call on U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs

of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at 11 am today at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

The two sides discussed and exchanged views on bilateral relations between two countries.

MNA

## Locals of Rakhine State provided with cash and kind

YANGON, 17 July— The ceremony to donate cash and kind for locals of Rakhine State who lost their homes and possessions due to various reasons occurred in Rakhine State was held at Maykhaler Hall of Fire

Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this morning.

On the occasion, Hteiktan Myanmar garment (1/2) families donated clothes worth K 3,690,400, Chatrium Hotel and Royal Lake

Yangon K 600,000 and 18 bales of clothes, 16 bales of blanket, four bales of decoration clothes, Health Care Group K 421,000 and two bales of clothes, 22 coffee mix packages, well-wishers from Kayin State 15 bales of clothes, U Thant Win-Daw Hla Hla Nwe, daughter Ma Hay Mar Win and family from Mawlamyine K 150,000, U Myint Thein-Daw Tin Tin Aye and family one bale of clothes, fire brigade members from Myingyan Township K 50,000, UKyaw Kyaw Moe-Daw Hla Hla Phone and family K 20,000 and six bales of clothes, Special One border family nine dozens of Tun Shwe Wah balm and one bag, U Win Maung-Daw Tin Yi and family K 10,000, Ma Lwin

Lwin Myo one bale of clothes, U Tun Oo-Daw Than Than Nwe and family two bales of clothes, Daw Tin Tin Aye and family five bales of clothes, Daw Khin Aye Myint and family one bale of clothes, U Soe Moe Win-Daw Ohnma Khaing and family three bales of clothes. Director-General U Tin Moe and officials from Fire Services Department accepted the donation and spoke words of thank.

Up to date, a total of donation amounted to K 292,571,523.—MNA



**Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuff for locals of Rakhine State through officials.—MNA**

## Enough water for Mandalay dwellers

MANDALAY, 17 July—To make sure that water is enough for the generations to come, Water and Sanitation Department of Mandalay City Development Committee is sinking artesian wells and building water pumping stations. Engineers of the department are putting all their energies into building silt tank, water storage tank and laying of pipe at water purification plant and No.8 Water Pumping

Station. The facility which can supply 10 million gallons of water per day is located between Mandalay

Circular Strand Road and old Embankment in Aungmyethazan Township.—*Kyemon*



### DISTRICT NEWS

## Taebinkan village in Yinmabin Township gets new school building

YINMABIN, 17 July—A ceremony to open new school building at Taebinkan village in Yinmabin Township was held on 9 July. Social Affairs Minister of Region Government Dr Myint Thein, Donor U Kyaw Myint of Myanmar Royal Tun Gem

Company and Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Myint Thein cut the ribbon to open the building. Deputy Speaker of Region Hluttaw pressed the button to open the inscriptions of the school. Donor U Kyaw Myint explained the purpose the donation

and handed over documents related to the school to the education department. With the length of 150 feet, width of 30 feet and height of 12 feet, the school was built at a cost of K 108 million by Donor U Kyaw Myint.

*Myanma Alin*

## Show of love for Myanmar traditions

YANGON, 17 July—Organized by Yangon North District Women's Affairs Organization, talks on Myanmar traditions was given at Ayeawady Hall of Insein No.1 Basic Educa-

tion High School on 13 July. On the occasion, Chairperson Daw Seinn Seinn Soe of Yangon North District WAO made an opening speech followed by talks on Women to participate in conserving

Myanmar Culture and Traditions by Director Phone Wai of Township Writers Association. Ma Yadanar Tun Naing of Insein Township who won the first prize for modeling with the tune of the song *Tint Hla Bae Han* (Gorgeous Lady) accepted the award given away by Daw Seinn Seinn Soe. The Chairperson also presented second and third prize to the winners. Insein Township WAO Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Oo and the township education officer presented awards to those who passed the examinations for 2010-2011 academic year with flying colours.

*Myanma Alin*



## Bikers in Pyay get licences

PYAY, 17 July—Under the plan to register unlicensed motorbikes in Pyay, a One Stop Service Team comprising Internal Revenue Department, Road Transport Administration Department, Customs Department, Myanma Economic Bank and Township General Administration Department with the cooperation of Pyay District RTAD staff issued licences to 2634 bikes between 5 June to 11 July in the compound of Pyay Township RTAD in Bago Region (West). The registration of unlicensed bikes will be made up to 5 October and



when the date is expired the unlicensed ones will be confiscated, said an official of RTAD.—*Kyemon*

## School Environment Day marked in Kawkareik, Kayin State

KAWKAREIK, 17 July—Headmistress Daw Mi Tin Thein led teachers and her pupils to grow trees in the compound of the Basic Education High School (Branch) in Kawkareik on 8 July. The teachers and students grew teak, ironwood, mahogany, mango, jackfruit, tamarind and flowers.

*Myanma Alin*



## Surprise check made to cash collection services in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 17 July—Surprise check intended to ascertain whether the businesses winning the auction for the 2012-2013 fiscal year from Revenue Department of Mandalay City Development follow the rules of the auction agreement or not was made by officials. They found 10 businesses breaching the contract. Mann Thiri market bi-

cycle and motorcycle parking business, Yadanarbon Super Centre parking business, Great Wall Centre parking business, Mingalar Market parking business, Manawraman Garden parking business and Mannmyo Market parking business which were found guilty of breaching the contract for the first time were given warning. Business at Restricted Parking Areas between 26th Street and 30th Street on 83rd Road, 78th Street Shopping Centre Parking, vendor tax collection businesses in Chanayethazan Township and Pyigyitagun Township were found guilty of breaching the contract twice and thus they were fined 200,000 Kyat each. Forced collection of parking fees in Chanayethazan Township and the rude behaviour of money collectors occasionally lead to brawl with the residents in the ward.

*Kyemon*

## ACCIDENT ON THE ROAD

### Upside down

YANGON, 17 July—Under the rain in the morning of 15 July, a car accident occurred on Pyay Road between Kyaungkwe bus stop and Maykha road traffic light. Driver U Than Swe was at the wheel when the accident occurred. He lost control when driving from south to north along Pyay Road and hit the traffic island. There was minor injury in the accident but guard rail on the road was damaged and windshield of the car crashed. Action has been taken against the driver by Traffic Police Inspection Team.—*Kyemon*



## Car and bike collision leaves three dead

PYINOOLOWIN, 17 July—At mile post No. 38/7 on Mandalay-Lashio Road in Ward 9, PyinOoLwin, a head-on collision with car and motorbike occurred on 12 July. When the accident occurred Kyaw Nyunt residing at Anisakhan Market Roll in Ward 17 was at the wheel of Super Custom and Cyclist Nay Zar Tun of Taungkyauktaing village in Wetlet, Sagaing Division and U Kyaw Myaing were on the bike. The accident left two on the bike dead on the spot and driver Kyaw Nyunt was rushed to the hospital, but he was not saved.

*Myanma Alin*

## CRIMES

### Motorbike thief arrested

MYAWADY, 17 July—Surveillance Team leader Sub-inspector Hsan Win and party together with members of No.4 Ward Administrator's Office, on their tour of duty, found a suspicious-looking guy on a bike. They stopped and investigated him and found out that the guy on the bike was Win Tun (a) Gadon (a) Angelay who stole the bike. The team could expose the old cases involved by Win Tun. Further investigation led to the arrest of Soe Win (a) Tayoke, Zaw Win Tun (a) Zawbyan together with 13 stolen motorcycles. Action has been taken against them in connection with the case.—*Myanma Alin*

### Gold in pawn, cash burgled

PATHEIN, 17 July—It was a surprise for U Soe Maung, 62, and his family, residing on Strand Road, No.3 Ward, Pyinsalu, Labutta Township, when they woke up and saw that back door of their house was opened at 5:40 am on 14 July. Together with his wife Daw Khin Than, he checked their belongings in the house. Unfortunately they found out that six kinds of gold jewelry which were kept as a collateral and K 1,241,000 in cash with the total value of K 8,132,000 were missing. U Soe Maung made a complaint on the case to Pyinsalu Police Station who are now searching for a clue for that case.—*Kyemon*

## US-Canada bridge reopens after bomb threat

ONTARIO, 17 July—The Ambassador Bridge, a busy international border crossing linking Windsor, Ontario, with Detroit, was closed for five hours on Monday following a bomb threat.

But investigators using bomb-sniffing dogs found nothing suspicious and the span reopened to traffic early on Tuesday morning, authorities on both sides of the border said.

"No bomb or device was detected on the bridge," Detroit's emergency management agency said in a statement. It called the incident "closed."

Police on the Canadian

side began removing barriers and allowing vehicles back onto the 7,500-foot (2,286-metre) bridge shortly after 1 am EDT, a dispatcher with the Windsor Police Department said.

The shutdown of the busy crossing came less than a week after the Detroit Windsor Tunnel, a nearby cross-border route, was closed by a bomb hoax.

In a statement, the Detroit International Bridge Company said Detroit police received the threat shortly before 8 pm EDT.

The company said the threat was "similar" to the one that closed the tunnel

last week—but provided no additional details.

While authorities investigated the threat, traffic was diverted to the Detroit Windsor Tunnel as well as the Blue Water Bridge, said Scott Vetter, a supervisor with the Windsor Police.

The Ambassador Bridge, which opened in 1929, is the busiest commercial border crossing in North America and is a particularly important route for commercial traffic.

More than 25,000 vehicles, many of them trucks, use it every day to pass over the Detroit River.

The bridge is owned by



Transport trucks move slowly across the Ambassador Bridge into Detroit, Michigan from Windsor, Ontario, Canada in this file photo.

REUTERS

Detroit billionaire Manuel "Matty" Moroun.—Reuters

## Singapore's June export growth higher, supported by non-electronics

SINGAPORE, 17 July—The non-oil domestic exports (NODX) of Singapore in June expanded by 6.8 percent year on year, which is faster than the growth of 3.2 percent in May, official statistics released on Tuesday showed.

The International Enterprise (IE) Singapore, the trade promotion agency, said the acceleration in export growth was largely due to the non-electronic exports expanding by 9.4 percent in June, up from the increase of 2.8 percent in the previous month. The expansion was led by higher exports of printed matter, specialized machinery and pharmaceuticals.

Electronic exports rose by 1.6 percent in June, which is lower than the growth rate of 3.9 percent in May.

The increase in electronic domestic exports was largely due to higher exports of personal computers, disk drives and integrated chips. On a seasonally-adjusted basis, the level of NODX reached 16 billion Singapore dollars (1.28 billion US dollars) in June.

Total trade in June grew by 2.8 percent year on year to 83 billion Singapore dollars.—Xinhua



Fire fighters rescue a trapped baby with a bason in Xieqiao Village of Bijiang District in Tongren, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 16 July, 2012. A rain-triggered flood hit the village on Monday, and rescuers have transferred all the six trapped persons.

XINHUA

## Subaru to recall 7,412 cars in China

BEIJING, 17 July—Japanese automaker Subaru will recall several types of vehicles exported to China, after defects in the engines' water pump came to light, China's quality watchdog said on Monday.

The recall will affect 7,412 vehicles in China that were produced in 2008,

including Impreza models made between 23 May and 8 Oct that year, Forester models made between 22 May and 13 Nov and Legacy models made between 4 June and 18 Oct, according to a statement issued by the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine.

The narrow bearing gaps in the water pumps may disrupt the normal functioning of the pumps and cause engines to shut down, the statement explained.

Subaru said it will begin the recall from 27 July and change the water pumps for free.

Xinhua

## Needles found in sandwiches on four US-bound Delta flights

NEW YORK, 17 July—Delta Air Lines Inc said it was working with federal authorities after what appeared to be sewing needles were found in food on four US-bound flights that left Sunday from Amsterdam, injuring one passenger.

The needles were found in sandwiches made by the airline's Amsterdam caterer, Gate Gourmet, Delta spokeswoman Chris Kelly said in an email on Monday. The FBI and Netherlands officials are investigating, Delta said. "Delta is taking this matter extremely seriously and is cooperating with local and federal authorities who are investigating the incident," the airline said in a statement.

"Delta has taken immediate action with our in-flight caterer at Amsterdam to ensure the safety and quality of the food we provide onboard our aircraft," the

statement said.

One person on a flight to Minneapolis was injured but declined medical treatment.

A suspected sewing needle was also found in a sandwich by a passenger on an Atlanta-bound flight. A US air marshal found another while flying on another Atlanta-bound flight.

Another apparent needle was found aboard a Seattle-bound flight in a sandwich that had not been served. Gate Gourmet is a subsidiary of Swiss-based gate group Holding AG, one of the largest independent global providers of airline passenger products and services.

Christina Ulosevich, a gate group spokeswoman, said the caterer was cooperating fully with investigators. She declined to comment further, saying "details of this matter must remain confidential."

Reuters

## Drought worsens crop damage, raising world food, fuel worry

CHICAGO, 17 July—Corn and soybeans in the US Midwest baked in an unrelenting heat wave on Monday with fears rising of big crop losses that will boost food and fuel prices and cut exports and aid from the world's top shipper of the key crops.

The condition of the nation's corn and soybeans as of Sunday deteriorated even more than grain traders had feared, and the US Agriculture Department cuts its weekly corn crop condition rating by the biggest amount in nearly a decade.

After weeks of growing drought some lucky farms have been doused by scattered thunderstorms in the past few days. But weather forecasters warned the heat and dryness would only intensify through the end of July and possibly beyond.

"We're moving from a crisis to a horror story," said

Purdue University agronomist Tony Vyn. "I see an increasing number of fields that will produce zero grain."

The drought scorching the US Midwest is the worst since 1956, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said in a report posted on its website on Monday. Drought is affecting 55 percent of the land mass in the lower 48 states.

The corn crop is in the greatest danger. Plants are trying to pollinate to let ears fill with kernels, a period when adequate moisture is vital for final yields. The United States ships more than half of all world exports of corn, which is made into dozens of products, from starch and ethanol to livestock feed.

The USDA on Monday rated the corn crop—which had once been estimated to total a record 14 billion bushels this year—at only 31 percent good-to-excellent, down 9



A man mows grass in front of a drought stricken corn field in Welton, Iowa on 12 July, 2012.—REUTERS

percentage points on last week.

The soybean crop rating was cut to 34 percent good-to-excellent, down 6 percentage points from the previous week.

Chicago Board of Trade corn for December delivery has soared 54 percent since mid-June, reaching a contract high of \$7.78 on Monday and approaching its record price near \$8.

Soybeans for November delivery soared to a new contract high of \$15.97 before slipping back a few cents.

Crop watchers were alarmed that corn rated poor-to-very poor jumped to 38 percent, versus 30 percent last week and 11 percent a year ago.

"They're moving corn from good-and-excellent condition to poor-to-very poor in one week, which skips fair condition. What they're saying is it's a lot worse than they thought," said farmer Larry Winger, who farms along the Illinois-Indiana border 30 miles south of Purdue, commenting on the USDA report.—Reuters

Residents watch the wreckage of the car at the side of a car bomb in Mogadishu, Somalia, on 16 July, 2012. A Somali lawmaker was killed and eight civilians were wounded on Monday after a bomb explosion ripped through the official's vehicle in the Somali capital Mogadishu, police confirmed.

XINHUA



## Cross-border criminals make \$870 billion a year - UN

VIENNA, 17 July—Turnover of cross-border organized crime is about \$870 billion a year, more than six times the total of official development aid, and stopping this "threat to peace" is one of the greatest global challenges, a UN agency said on Monday.

The most lucrative businesses for criminals are drug trafficking and counterfeiting, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said, launching an awareness-raising campaign about the size and cost of cross-border criminal networks. "Millions of victims are affected each year as a result of the activities of organized crime groups with human trafficking victims alone numbering 2.4 million at any one time," UNODC said in a statement.

The total estimated figure of \$870 billion is equivalent to 1.5 percent of the world's gross domestic product, it said, warning that crime groups can destabilize entire regions.

"Stopping this transnational threat represents one of the international community's greatest global challenges," UNODC Executive Director Yury Fedotov said. A spokesman said it was the first time the agency had compiled an estimate for transnational organized crime, using internal UNODC and external sources, so there were no comparative figures to show any trend.—Reuters

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV PHILIP VOY NO (027)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHILIP VOY NO (027) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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*Ford Motor Company's Mark Fields, Ford's presidents of the Americas, addresses plant employees, guest and members of the media during a news conference to celebrate the start of production of Ford's new 2013 Ford Escape at the company's transformed Louisville Assembly Plant in Louisville, Kentucky, on 13 June, 2012. —REUTERS*



LOUISVILLE, 17 July—Ford Motor Co is recalling some of its recently launched 2013 Escape compact sport-utility vehicles because a carpeting flaw may cause drivers to apply the brakes improperly, increasing stopping distances and the

**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs**

**Invitation for Tender to Consultant companies/Organizations which have international experience to implement preparation for tender, bidding tender, scrutinizing and selection at international tender bidding in order to provide postal services by joint venture among Myanma Posts and Telecommunications, and domestic/foreign companies which are providing postal service.**

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Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs

**Ford recalls new Escape crossover over  
braking issue**

centre console trim panel may cause a driver's foot to contact the side of the brake pedal when it moves from the accelerator to the brake. The automaker said that on affected vehicles it will remove the carpet padding and left-side console trim panel and replace it with a new panel. The recall begins on 23 July.

One of Ford's highest-profile launches in recent years, the Escape was the company's second-best selling vehicle. It was the sixth best-selling vehicle overall in the United States in June, with sales of 28,500. The top seller was Ford's F-Series truck.

Reuters

**Lightening strike kills two in US**

HOUSTON, 17 July—Two people were killed and one injured by a lightning strike during a soccer game in the US state of Texas on Sunday, local media reported.

The tragedy happened at a soccer club in north Houston, Texas, just after

noon, local TV channel ABC13 reported, adding that one man died at the scene and the other died after being taken to a hospital.

Police said there were at least a couple hundred people at La Escondida Soccer Club, either watching or

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**MV ALAW VOYNO (EAL05)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ALAW VOY NO (EAL05) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(7) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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**MV KOTA TABAH VOYNO (499)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TABAH VOY NO (499) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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*Xiangyanghong-9 ship which carries China's manned submersible Jiaolong arrives in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 16 July, 2012. China's manned submersible 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 30 June. —XINHUA*

**Slovenia suffers from drought,  
hailstorms**

LJUBLJANA, 16 July—Slovenia has suffered from disasters of drought and hailstorms that have affected nearly 100,000 hectares of farmland and caused million euros worth of damage this summer.

Two weeks of hot dry weather with temperatures

between 30 and 37 degrees centigrade left an irreparable damage on maize crop, vegetables and apple orchards in many parts of the country, local mass media quoted a statement of the Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry as reporting on Sunday.

Apart from hot waves, devastating hailstorms also caused extensive damages to crops and properties in northwestern and central parts of Slovenia in the past few days.

Thick layers of walnut-sized hail had to be removed with machinery in Bovec, about 14 kilometres northwest of Ljubljana, local TV reported on Thursday.—Xinhua

participating in games, when the lightning strike happened.

The three victims were under a tree that was hit by the lightning, according to the report.

The third victim, who was hospitalized with burns, was in stable condition.

Xinhua

## Escaped cow offered new home

A cow that escaped from a French slaughter house has been offered a new home by Brigitte Bardot's animal welfare foundation.

The cow escaped while being herded into an Alpine slaughter house on 2 July, *The Local.fr* reported.

Police unsuccessfully searched the area surrounding the



slaughterhouse.

Now, many people have rallied online, calling for the cow's life to be spared, the daily *Le Parisien* reports.

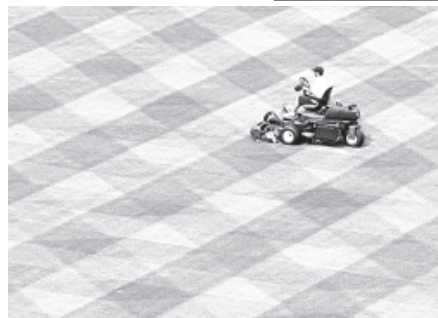
"I think this cow is a

symbol. She shows that animals have emotions, a conscience. She fled because she knew she was going to die. Today we should fight for her, to save her," a Web-user named Stephanie wrote.

"There would be no point in killing her anyway. Her meat can no longer be sold because she has escaped the traditional farming processes," added Sebastien, another online user.

The Brigitte Bardot Foundation, which fights for animal rights, has responded to the calls of the online activists, saying its facility in Normandy will welcome the cow if it is found.

## News Album



## Men rescued from 50-foot manhole

Emergency responders in Britain said they rescued two men who climbed into a manhole and were unable to get back out on their own.

Firefighters and a mountain rescue team in Oldham, England, said the two men, who are in their 20s, used a thin piece of garden twine to climb 50 feet down in the manhole, soon discovered they were trapped and called the emergency 999 number, the *Manchester Daily News*

reported.

"It was a crazy thing to do. They could have killed themselves," said Dave Bowler of Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service. "They had gone down a length of pressure hose they had tied to a scaffolding pole with a piece of blue garden twine. The hole was made of concrete and would have been very unforgiving if they had fallen. The reason why they went down there was a

## Man paints lawn to keep it green

An Indiana man said his lawn has stayed lush and green during the current dry weather due to his secret weapon: paint.

Timothy Birdwell of Indianapolis, an employee of Imperial Painting, said he and a friend came up with the idea to paint the grass when they were confronted with dry weather and a watering ban, *WISH-TV*, Indianapolis, reported.

Birdwell said the paint, which is specially designed for grass, will last two to three months. "If it rains, the grass just grows," Birdwell said. "At that point, you can go out there and touch it up if need be. You can have that kind of yard all year round with no water bill from watering your yard."

"I think they had been on the beers and decided it was a good idea to monkey swing down there. It took us about an hour to get them out. One of the men had fallen about 10 feet but neither of them was hurt seriously," he said.



## Afro-Japanese fusion music puzzles traditionalists

TOKYO, 17 July—One of Africa's most traditional instruments, the thumb piano, may look a little out of place in the hands of Sakaki Mango, a Japanese musician who has adopted it as his own.

Over the last decade, Mango has become known in his native Japan for mixing the sound of the traditional hand-held metal and wood instrument with songs he composes and sings in Japanese. The result is a rare and quirky fusion, often frenetic, sometime touching, that intrigues — and at times puzzles — traditional players of the thumb piano, also

known as a lamellophone.

"It's a very special instrument," said Mango, and one that has won him "world music" awards in Japan for his three albums released in 2005, 2008 and 2011 — a modest success in a country that otherwise idolises popstars but one that allows him to "make a decent living", said his manager Nicolas Ribalet. The musician's fascination with Africa started as a teenager when he came face to face with an African for the first time, having previously seen black faces only on television.

He decided to study



Handout photo taken in April 2011 shows Japanese thumb piano player Sakaki Mango posing with his instrument, the thumb piano.

INTERNET

Swahili in Osaka before setting off, rucksack on back, for the Tanzanian bush where he discovered the pianos in local villages.—*Internet*

## Mumbai murals recall old Bollywood as centenary nears

MUMBAI, 17 July—Frustrated by the lack of old Bollywood glamour on the streets of Mumbai, two film buffs are trying to brighten up India's movie capital with mural tributes ahead of the industry's 100th birthday.

The iconic image of a reclining, cigarette-smoking young Amitabh Bachchan, the biggest star of Hindi cinema, has been lovingly recreated on a roadside wall, replicating the dying style of hand-painted poster art.

Bachchan's character Vijay joined the underworld of the city's mean streets in the 1975 hit "Deewaar" (The Wall), but the film's antithero now has pride of place on a lane in the hip Bandra suburb, home to many film stars.

Despite the abundance of slick new posters plastered around Mumbai, artist Ranjit Dahiya says he was struck at how the city's rich film heritage was being forgotten in recent years. "I couldn't see any Bollywood in

Bombay, yet this is the city of Bollywood," Dahiya told *AFP*, using the city's old name. "So I thought I should paint the walls on the street."—*Internet*



Indian artist Ranjit Dahiya (R) works on a mural of Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan from his classic film 'Deewaar' in Mumbai.—*INTERNET*



This file photo shows a visitor looking at the model of the original Titanic, displayed at an exhibition in Bangkok, in June.—*INTERNET*

## Titanic II to have 'safety deck': Australian tycoon

CANBERRA, 17 July—Australian billionaire Clive Palmer on Tuesday said his modern-day version of the Titanic will retain the first, second and third-class divisions of the original and include a new "safety" deck.

Releasing the preliminary plans and drawings for the Titanic II, which is to be built in China, mining tycoon Palmer said the massive vessel would have the original nine decks plus an additional safety deck.

"This is to ensure the

vessel is fully compliant with the current regulations which require passenger ships to, as much as possible and practicable, keep the distance from the lifeboat launching area to the waterline as low as possible," Palmer said in a statement to *AFP*.

"It will also increase the passenger amenity area of the vessel."

The new safety deck will feature proper lifeboats, safety chutes or slides as well as new common public rooms.

*Internet*

## Mumford & Sons to release new album "Babel" in September

LOS ANGELES, 17 July—British folk band Mumford & Sons on Sunday said they will release their second album, "Babel," on 25 September, calling the eagerly anticipated follow-up to "Sigh No More" a "natural progression" written on the road.

"We love playing live, obviously, but it had also become an important part of our creative process. We had

been writing and rehearsing in soundchecks, and sort of 'road-testing' new songs on our very gracious audiences. But then we fell in love with recording again," the group said in a statement.

"As a band, we've never been closer or more collaborative, all working to our strengths. And so we feel that this record is a natural progression that we're proud of, and we cannot wait to take



Marcus Mumford of British folk rock band Mumford and Sons performs at the Optimus Alive Festival in Alges, on the outskirts of Lisbon on 14 July, 2012.—*REUTERS*

it out on the road," the band said.

"Sigh No More" propelled the London-based quartet to international stardom, led by singles "Little Lion Man" and "The Cave." Mumford & Sons consists of lead singer Marcus Mumford, keyboardist/accordion player Ben Lovett, banjo player Country Winston Marshall and bassist/drummer Ted Dwane.—*Reuters*

## Kitty Wells, country music star, dies at 92

NASHVILLE, 17 July—Kitty Wells, the "Queen of Country Music," died this morning at her home in Nashville surrounded by family members, of complications from a stroke. She was 92.

Among those mourning her today was Loretta Lynn, whose own rise to popularity came after Wells opened the doors for strong female voices in country music. "Kitty Wells will always be the greatest female country singer of all times," said Lynn in a statement released on her web site.

"She was my hero. If I had never heard of Kitty Wells, I don't think I would have been a singer myself. I wanted to sound just like her, but as far as I am concerned, no one will ever be as great as Kitty Wells. "She truly is the Queen of Country Music."

Wells, born as Ellen Muriel Deason Wright, actually began performing on local radio in Nashville, but her ascent to stage stardom began in 1937 with husband Johnnie, half of the duo Johnnie & Jack.

He died in 2011.—*Reuters*



Kitty Wells is inducted into CMA's Country Music Hall of Fame in 1976 on the CMA Awards.

*REUTERS*



Seventeen-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer

## Federer sets new record for most weeks on ATP No 1

LONDON, 17 July — Seventeen-time Grand Slam champion Roger Federer set a new record for the most weeks at No 1 position in the ATP rankings, surpassing Pete Sampras' 286 weeks mark.

After winning Wimbledon a week ago, Federer returned to the top for the first time since June 2010 and his 287th week at No 1. The Swiss said that he's "extremely proud and honoured to have beaten Pete's record as he was my childhood hero and I have always looked up to him."

"Great effort. The hardest thing to do in sports is the ability to stay on top. Roger has been able to do so by great play and durability," Sampras told www.atpworldtour.com. Federer, 31, is guaranteed to keep the No 1 spot through the London Olympics, extending the mark still further.—Xinhua

## International Sports

## Rummenigge: Neither Bayern nor Barcelona will meet Javi Martinez buy-out clause

MUNICH, 17 July — Bayern Munich CEO Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has admitted that he is "not optimistic" about the club's chances of signing versatile Athletic Bilbao midfielder Javi Martinez. The Basques are refusing to allow the Spain international to leave San Mames unless somebody activates the player's buy-out clause of 40 million euros. And Rummenigge freely admits that the Bavarians are not in a position to meet such an asking price and claims that their rival for Martinez's signature, Barcelona, has no intention of doing so either.

"I'm not optimistic, to be honest," he told TZ when asked about the deal. "[Athletic's] president [Josu Urrutia] has always emphasised that he doesn't want to sell the player for a price under the clause." That's an amount of money that hasn't existed in Germany before. There is no club in Europe that is willing to pay

that price. I have a good relationship with Barcelona, and Barcelona aren't prepared to do so. "You have to see the whole transfer business very rationally. There are some players who are worth it, but not many in this world." Consequently, Rummenigge is remaining coy on whether Bayern will dip back into the transfer market this summer, explaining that decision lies with sporting director Matthias Sammer and coach Jupp Heynckes.

"I spoke with [Sammer] on Friday," the former West Germany international



Athletic Bilbao midfielder Javi Martinez

explained. "Matthias is making an analysis of the current situation, and then we will all agree: if there is a need for improvement, we will deal with it." It is often the last two or three percent which decides whether you become German champions, win the Champions League, or whether you unfortunately don't. "And Matthias has a very good relationship with Jupp Heynckes. Jupp is very happy that he has Matthias at his side." If the need is there, and there are interesting people on the market, we will do something.

I can now predict, however, nothing serious. But the board is giving the green light [for further activity]. Bayern finished second to Borussia Dortmund in the Bundesliga last season, was routed 5-2 by the same opposition in the DFB-Pokal final, and lost out to Chelsea in the Champions League decider on penalties.—Internet

## Woods gets Rose, Garcia for 2 rounds of British

LYTHAM ST. ANNES, (England), 17 July — Tiger Woods gets a familiar face for the first two rounds of the British Open.

Woods is in the same group with Justin Rose and Sergio Garcia. It will be the



Tiger Woods

fourth time in the last nine Opens for Woods that he plays alongside Rose. They also were in the same group at Muirfield in 2002, Carnoustie in 2007 and St Andrews in 2010.

Luke Donald, the world No 1 in search of his first major, is with Phil Mickelson and Geoff Ogilvy. Lee Westwood is with Masters champion Bubba Watson and Toshinori Fujimoto. The field is 157 players, one over the limit. Two players would have to withdraw for the first alternate, Ben Crane, to get into the championship.

Internet

## Russian wrestles for gold after poison trauma

KRASNOYARSK, 17 July — Ahead of the 2008 Olympics in Beijing, life seemed golden for Russia's freestyle wrestling star Bilyal Makhov. A 1.94 metre tall man-mountain from the Caucasus, conquering all before him in the 125 kg weight division, Makhov was



Russian Bilyal Makhov (R) celebrates his gold victory over Uzbek Artur Taymazov during the 120 kg freestyle final at the World Wrestling Championships in Moscow in 2010.—INTERNET

reigning Russian and world champion. But then disaster struck. At one of the Olympic warm-up tournaments in the Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk, Makhov suddenly felt unwell and was unable to compete.

He was rushed to the local hospital where the medics gave an extraordinary diagnosis — mercury poisoning. This was later confirmed after testing in a Moscow clinic. The doctors said that Makhov received a dose of mercury vapour which could have killed an ordinary man. But Makhov managed to battle back and stay alive.

The Dagestan-based Makhov, now 24, staged a full recovery and is now one of Russia's best chances for gold at the London Games. But the origin of the poisoning remains a mystery. He refuses

to suspect any of his rivals who were in contention for a place in the country's Olympic squad at the time and says he has now put the terrifying incident behind him.

"How can I suspect any of my comrades as we lived under the same roof, practiced together day by day and ate the same food?" he said. "I don't want to be disappointed in my friends. I just want to forget the incident as soon as possible." After rehabilitation, Makhov continued his attempts to qualify for the Beijing Games but his bad luck continued as he injured his elbow and then his knee. These setbacks resulted in defeat at the Russian championships, dashing his hopes of competing at Beijing.

Internet



Brad Guzan moved to Aston Villa from Major League Soccer in 2008. INTERNET

## Guzan signs new deal at Villa

LONDON, 17 July — Aston Villa goalkeeper Brad Guzan has agreed a new three-year deal with the club. The contract will keep the 27-year-old USA international at the club until the end of the 2014/15 season. New Villa boss Paul Lambert told the club's website that he expected Guzan to challenge first-choice keeper Shay Given.

"I've watched Brad and some of his games when he was in the team last year and he was excellent," said Lambert.

"I know he's always had that stigma of being the number two behind some really good goalkeepers here." But when you come

back at the start of the season nobody knows what's going to happen and it depends on whoever does well. Brad played very well the time he was in and maybe he found himself a bit unlucky to be back out.

"The club needs two or three good goalkeepers, so when Shay comes back from the Euros it will be a big bonus and we'll see what happens."

Guzan, who joined Villa in 2008 from Major League Soccer side Chivas USA, made his Premier League debut as a substitute against Liverpool at Anfield in February 2009. He played in eight consecutive games last term following an injury to Given.—Internet

## Red-hot Serena Williams shifts focus to Olympics

STANFORD, 17 July — While Stanford camp Serena Williams shifts her focus to the London Olympics, runner-up Coco Vandeweghe is poised to continue her breakthrough season at this week's WTA Carlsbad event. Williams, who earlier this month won her fifth Wimbledon crown, beat the 20-year-old Vandeweghe 7-5, 6-3 on Sunday for her second straight WTA Tour title at the Stanford tournament.

The world number four is not in competition this week after winning Stanford and will soon head to Britain for the Summer Games, which open a week from Friday. "A gold medal would mean a lot to me, but I can't put all my hopes and dreams on just that," said the 30-year-old



Coco Vandeweghe (L) and Serena Williams pose for photographers after their match during the final of the Bank of the West Classic at Stanford University Taube Family Tennis Stadium on 15 July, in Stanford, California.—INTERNET

Williams, who has twice lifted Olympic doubles gold with her elder sister Venus. "But it would mean a lot and I'd like to try to get one," said the winner of 28 of her last 29 matches and holder of four 2012 titles.

Vandeweghe, who

rebounded from a lucky loser start at Stanford to make the first title bid of her career, opens this week in the first round at the La Costa resort in Carlsbad against South African sixth seed Chanelle Scheepers. The blonde right-handed Californian rose from a ranking of 120th to 69th as a result of her hardcourt run. She credits a serve improved under the tutelage of former ATP player Jan-Michael Gambill with lifting her game.

"It has been coming in clutch," she said of her new, improved delivery. "I've worked hard on my serve, it's a big weapon for me. I've been making a lot of first serves and I can put pressure on an opponent by serving consistently well. I'm hitting my spots and doing very well."—Internet

## Casillas unsure who to back for Ballon d'Or

MADRID, 17 July — Spain and Real Madrid captain Iker Casillas has admitted that he has no idea who he is going to back for this year's Ballon d'Or. The 31-year-old goalkeeper has been touted as a major contender for the award himself, having led La Roja to glory at Euro 2012, just six weeks after lifting the Liga title with Los Blancos.

However, his club-mate Cristiano Ronaldo is also in the running, not to mention current titleholder Lionel Messi, and Casillas knows that he has a difficult decision

ahead of him. "I have to analyze it well," the 31-year-old told reporters during a visit to Caracas. "It's a tough vote because there are many very good players. "But I have plenty of time to think about it as I don't have to vote until December."

Casillas refused to be drawn on his own prospects of landing the most prestigious individual honor in the game today but he did admit that he is happy to carry the flag for shot-stoppers everywhere. "So many people also enjoy a good save with a



Spain and Real Madrid captain Iker Casillas

great dive from a goalkeeper," he added, alluding to the fact that the podium places are usually occupied by attacking midfielders and forwards.—Internet

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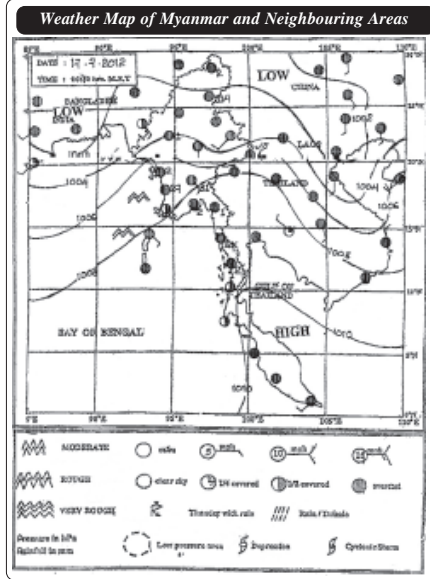
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1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
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2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am  
3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:05 am  
4. Cultural Dances
- 8:15 am  
5. Musical Programme
- 8:35 am  
6. International News
- 4:05 pm  
7. Musical Programme
- 4:35 pm  
8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Economics)
- 4:55 pm  
9. Classical Song
- 5:00 pm  
10. International Science News
- 5:05 pm  
11. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:45 pm  
12. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 6:20 pm  
13. Traditional Boxing
- 7:05 pm  
14. Documentary
- 8:00 pm  
15. News
16. Korea NG Award
17. TV Drama Series



**Weather forecast for 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2012**

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

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Tamthayi Regions, Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mangtaw (4.92) inches, Myitkyina (4.53) inches, An (3.47) inches, Kyaikto (3.39) inches, MraukU (2.87) inches, Shwegun (2.80) inches, Nyangun (1.92) inches, Taunggyi and Madaya (1.85) inches each and Hlami (1.69) inches.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is slight to moderate in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Coastal areas.

**Eight killed, dozens injured as bus falls into ravine in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, 17 July—At least eight people were killed and dozens injured when a bus with some 70 passengers on board fell into a ravine near Pakistan's capital Islamabad on Tuesday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel ARY.

Though dozens of injured people have been

rescued, there are still many people trapped inside the bus, rescue workers were quoted as saying.

The accident took place at about 8:15 am local time when an overloaded bus fell into a ravine near Kahuta, a town lying some 40 km southeast of the country's capital Islamabad, while

making a sharp turn on its way to Kahuta from a nearby village.

About 30 injured people rescued have been shifted to the headquarter hospital in Kahuta, which is about 15 km away from the accident site.

Local media quoted hospital sources as saying

that at least 15 injured people were in critical condition.

A lot of villagers living nearby have joined the rescue work which is still underway, said local media.

Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister of Punjab Province, has expressed sorrow over the accident and directed hospital administrations to provide best possible medical treatment to the injured people.

Xinhua

**Three injured after double-decker coach turns over at central China expressway**

CHANGSHA, 17 July—Rescuers have sent three injured people to hospital after the double-decker coach they took turned over at an expressway section in central China's Hunan Province Tuesday morning.

Firefighters sent by the Xiangtan Municipal Fire Department to the site said the coach with 59 people on

board overturned at 11:34 a.m. on the Xiangtan Section of the Shanghai-Kunming Expressway.

Sixteen of the passengers, all students and teachers from the No 2 Middle School in Loudi City, Hunan, had managed to get out of the vehicles when rescuers arrived.

Among the injured, a

teacher suffered severe injuries, and the other two students only sustained minor injuries.

The coach was rented by the school to take the students and teachers to a summer-camp site. It ran into the rear of a car at the Xiangtan Section of the expressway.

Four fire engines were sent to the rescue.—Xinhua

**Brazil to play three strikers at Olympics**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 17 July—Brazil coach Mano Menezes has confirmed plans for a three-pronged attack at the Olympic Games football tournament. Menezes said forwards Neymar, Hulk and Leandro Damiao would all start in Brazil's Olympic warm-up friendly against Britain in Middlesbrough on Friday.

The trio featured for Brazil's first team in a practice match against the squad's reserves on the final day of a pre-Games training camp in Rio on Sunday. The first-choice formation also included Chelsea target Oscar in the role of playmaker in place of Santos starlet Paulo Henrique Ganso.

"The team that will begin the friendly is the same that started in the practice match on Sunday," Menezes said before the team's departure for London. Brazil's squad received a visit at its hotel from Botafogo star Clarence Seedorf, who wished his former AC Milan teammates Alexandre Pato and Thiago Silva luck before their departure.—Xinhua



**Youth show their generosity**

MANDALAY, 17 July—Gathering once in every six months, youth of Seitta Thukha Parahita made 7th year donation at Youth Development Centre of Social Welfare Department in YeU, Monywa District in Sagaing Region. The contribution was made in the first week of July by 20 youth of Seitta Thukha Parahita. The donation included clothes, stationery and sports gear worth K 1.5 million plus 600,000 kyat for repairing the damaged hostel.—Kyemon.

**Police discovers bomb factory in northern Nigeria**

KADUNA, 17 July—Nigeria's police in central north Kaduna State on Monday said they raided a bomb factory where it impounded different cans of explosives and bomb-making powder.

State commissioner of police Mohammed Abubakar Jingiri made this known to reporters in Kaduna, the state capital, saying one person was killed during the attack which was repelled by the youth of the area. He said a confessed terrorist led the police to the hideout where other items were equally recovered, including two bags of chemicals, a Jerry can of acid, two masks, an AK47 magazine with 27 rounds of live ammunition and eight car alarm systems.—Xinhua

**Manchester United 'is world's most valuable sport club'**

MANCHESTER, 17 July—Manchester United is the most valuable club in sport, according to Forbes magazine, which values the Premier League club at \$2.23bn (£1.43bn).

United is rated top thanks to lucrative global sponsorship deals, including with AIG, Turkish Airlines, and DHL. Second is Real Madrid at \$1.88bn, with baseball team the New York Yankees and American Football club the Dallas Cowboys joint third on \$1.85bn.

Fifth placed is American Football team the Washington Redskins at \$1.56bn.

Earlier this month Manchester United applied

to list on the US stock market in a share sale aimed at raising a minimum \$100m (£64m).

In documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Premier League giant said it was listing on the New York Stock Exchange. The club had earlier explored the possibility of a \$1bn flotation on the

Singapore stock market.

United, among the best-supported clubs in the world, said it would use money from the listing to repay debt. The club has been controlled since 2005 by the Glazer family, the billionaire US sports investors who also own the Tampa Bay Buccaneers American football franchise.—Internet



## Pyithu Hluttaw meeting continues for tenth day

Four questions raised, receipt of one bill reported to Hluttaw, two new proposals submitted

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July— The meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 10th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 412 representatives.

During the meeting, four questions were raised, receipt of one bill was reported to Hluttaw and two new proposals were submitted. **In the question and answer session, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Pulaw constituency asked if there is a plan to give compensation to local farmers who lost their rubber trees and areca palms as they were cut to construct Pulaw-Thayetchaung road section of Dawei-Myeik railroad project in Taninthayi Region.**

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauang Lwin replied that 0.59 acres of farmland, 34.81 acres of rubber plantations, 2.24 acres of areca palm trees and two houses with palm leaves roof were cleared as they lied on the axis for a railroad of the project and the project has been suspended in the 2012-2013 fiscal year. A plan has been made to send a group comprising local authorities and responsible personnel from Myanma Railways there to collect datas and to give compensation to the farmers.

U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency asked **arrangements of the Ministry of Sports and Sports Federation for bringing dignity to Myanmar in the upcoming 27th SEA Games in 2013.**

Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu replied



*Pyithu Hluttaw representatives on arrival at Hluttaw.—MNA*

that in accordance with the plan of the Union Minister for Sports, the ministry has conducted competition from basic five fields and has given training to those athletes who have potential to beat rival athletes from ASEAN countries. The ministry also spends K 3000 per athlete who are being camped in Nay Pyi Taw and from K 4000 to K 5000 per athlete

in Yangon. But, uniforms and accommodation for Myanmar athletes are different from those of other ASEAN countries. The ministry has provided preparations, purchase of sports gears and construction of sports grounds for athletes this year than previous year and spent more than the previous year.

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## Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for tenth day

Sending messages of condolence to flood-hit Russia and India agreed, six questions answered



*Amyotha Hluttaw representatives attend 10th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 17 July—Tenth day Amyotha Hluttaw regular session took place at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. It was attended by Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and 206

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives.

As the Hluttaw agreed on proposal of U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No (6) sending messages of condolences to Russia and India hit by flash

floods, messages will be sent to the disaster-hit countries.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region Constituency No (4) asked **“why it takes so long to issue rules of already enacted Ward or Village Administration Law and Peaceful Assembling and Peaceful Procession Law, when they will be issued and when new ward and village administrators will be elected”**. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint explained that the President enacted Ward or Village Administration Law (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No (1), 2012) on 24 February, 2012, Law Amending Ward or Village Administration Law (Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No (7), 2012) on 28 March, 2012. The Union government agreed on Ward or Village Administration Rule at cabinet meeting No (24/2012) in accord with Section (36) (a) and (b) of the law, the Union Minister for Home Affairs signed and issued the rule on 6 July, 2012, in accord with Section 97 (a) (i).

The Home Affairs Ministry drafted the Peaceful Assembling and Peaceful Gathering Law and submitted it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No (15), 2012, was enacted on 2 December, 2011. The rule was issued on 14 June, 2012. The rules have been sent to the Hluttaw Office on 6 July to distribute them to the Hluttaw representatives at the most immediate Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw sessions in accord with Section (137), Sub-section (a) and Section (157), Sub-section (a) of the constitution.

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YANGON, 17 July—The Hlawga Park will be kept open from 8 am to 6 pm on 19 July (Martyrs’ Day) for public recreation instead of its daily opening hours from 8 am to 5 pm.

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