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True patriotism

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

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

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham lays wreath, pays tribute, shares merits at Martyrs' Mausoleum

YANGON, 19 July—A ceremony to mark the 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day was held at the martyrs mausoleum, here, at 8 am today.

At the ceremony, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham laid a wreath, paid tribute and shared merits for Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day 2012 Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Yangon Region ministers, members of the leading committee and work committee, departmental heads, members of the Guard of Honour, senior officers of the Myanmar Police Force and Fire Brigade.

At 8 am, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham took the position at the mausoleum. Then, he laid a wreath at the mausoleum of Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs and paid tribute to them.

Meantime, the State Flag was flown at half mast; the Guard of Honour took salute; the bugle troupe paid tribute to fallen

troops; merits were shared for Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs and those present observed two minutes silence.

Next, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham left the martyrs mausoleum at 8.10 am.

After that, family members of the martyrs laid wreaths at the mausoleum and paid tributes. At first, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of Bogyoke Aung San, laid a wreath at the mausoleum of Bogyoke Aung San, and U Hla Pe, on behalf of elder son U Aung San Oo, laid a wreath at the mausoleum. They paid tribute and shared merits.

Families of the martyrs also laid wreaths at the respective tombs and paid tributes. Later, they shared merits for the martyrs.

Afterwards, Mayor U Hla Myint, Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Sein Tin Win and Yangon-based political parties laid wreaths at the tombs.

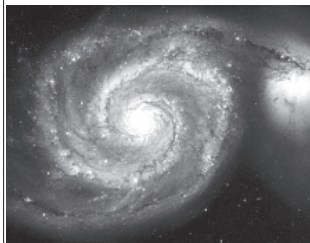
Representatives of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Headquarters, Myanmar Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Writers Association, Myanmar Publishers and Distributors Association, Myanmar Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture

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Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham lays a wreath at the mausoleum of Bogyoke Aung San and martyrs.—MNA

First spiral galaxy in early Universe stuns astronomers



WASHINGTON, 19 July—Astronomers have spotted the earliest known spiral galaxy, dating to just three billion years after the Big Bang.

Theories of galaxy formation held that the Universe was still too chaotic a place to allow such a perfectly formed or "grand-design" spiral to form.

It should take far longer for gravity to bring matter into thin, neat discs.

But a team reporting in *Nature* says the galaxy BX442 got the gravitational "kick" it needed to

form a spiral from a smaller "dwarf galaxy" orbiting it.

They first spotted BX442 as the one and only spiral-looking object in a survey of 300 galaxies carried out by the Hubble space telescope, when they were shocked to see what looked to be a spiral galaxy. "What we've learned when we look at galaxies at that epoch is that they're very dynamically hot," explained lead author of the study David Law from the University of Toronto's Dunlap Institute for Astronomy and Astrophysics.

Internet

Nyi Hlaing Soe of Myanmar wins men's open ASEAN university/college chess tourney

YANGON, 19 July—Nyi Hlaing Soe of first year student of Technological University (Sagaing) of Myanmar emerged champion in men's open event of ASEAN University/College Chess Tournament held in Jakarta of Indonesia from 7 to 13 July.

A total of 150 athletes from 40 university/college teams from Indonesia, Vietnam and Myanmar participated in the game.

The all-round Gunadarma University of Indonesia clinched the championship shield.

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Warning for water level of Homalin

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is 2854 cm according to the 12.30 pm MST observation today. It may reach its danger level 2900 cm during next 48 hours commencing this noon.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Association and democracy

Since the incumbent government took office, a growing number of associations are mushrooming across the country. Strength of the associations can accelerate the democracy stream as well as contributing to economic development of the country. The associations promote the sense of cooperation which is a need for the success of democratic system. It can also promote mutual trust each other.

Trust plays a pivotal role in building up a country. It is a bit difficult to build up a country in the low-trust society. Due to the lack of trust, there wouldn't be progress in political, economic and social sectors. Cooperation is a best tool for trust building. The associations that encourage the trust-building can create cooperation opportunities and cultivate the sense of tolerances.

According to the researches, there is a linkage between associational life and economic development. For the economic development, a country needs financial capital, human capital and social capital. The country that has human capital, financial capital and social capital would overtake a country lacking of social capital. Social capital is the source of associations.

So, we need more associations in the democratic country. But activities, unity and efficiency of members are a must for the success of the associations.

Talks, presenting outstanding awards ceremonies hailing 65th Martyrs' Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—A talk to mark the 65th Martyrs' Day was held in conjunction with a ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students at No.1 Basic Education High School (Pathein) yesterday morning, attended by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung.

At the ceremony, Lecturer Dr Kyaw Min of History Department (Pathein University) gave the facts about Martyrs' Day. The region chief minister presented prizes to winners who participated in the contest of poem and essay (university level) hailing the 65th Martyrs' Day, likewise, the region ministers (Basic Education High and Middle School Levels).

Next, the poem prize winners read their poems.

The region chief minister and party viewed the displays of poster, art, photo, prize winning poem and essays hailing the 65th Martyrs' Day.—MNA

Union Sports Minister inspects training of sports

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan viewed training of selected Myanmar golfers at Golf Range of City Development Affairs Committee this morning.

Next, he inspected cyclic training, preparing of tennis, boxing and fusal courts, VIP stand of archery court, meeting hall and dreign.

The Union Minister also inspected construction of Zabuthiri Stadium.

On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Training Camp (Lewe), he looked into football field, sport halls, training of shooting and Champion Challenge Cup badminton contest (single).

Next, the Union Minister left necessary instructions on in-charges of sport training camps.—MNA

Union Minister promotes modern farming system

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing has called for stepping up efforts for practicing modern paddy farming system in Nay Pyi Taw.

During his visit to farmland in Koywa Thabyaygon, Tegyigon and Aungchantha villages in Nay Pyi Taw Zabuthiri Township, Mezaligon Village in Pyinmana Township today, the Union Minister urged officials concerned to disseminate knowledge on practicing the modern farming system which encourages thriving and high yield for rice.

At the 440-acre modern agro-farmland at the Village of Mezaligon, the Union Minister heard reports on arrangements for practicing the modern farming system and presented gifts to agricultural experts.

During the visit to the 288-acre farmland in Aungchantha Village in Zabuthiri Township, the Union Minister urged officials to establish model farmland to educated the farmers on the modern farming method.

The modern farming system for rice would create job

U Myo Myint Than presents credentials to Bangladeshi President

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—U Myo Myint Than, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Zillur Rahman, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 12 July 2012 in Dhaka.—MNA

opportunities for farmers in rural areas and help them enjoy high socio-economic life.

The Union Minister stressed the need for growing crops and vegetables in vacant land as the new farming practice decreases the cost at a kitchen and increases income of farmers and growing the crops in commercial scale would help stability of commodity price.

He also urged the Agriculture Mechanization Department to assist farmers in practicing mechanized farming.—MNA

Union SWRR Minister views fire engines to be allotted to States, Regions

YANGON, 19 July—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi inspected fire fighting skills of 29 Japan-made fire engines at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

These fire engines will be allotted to Myitkyina and Sumprabum townships of Kachin State, Loikaw and Shadaw townships of Kayah State, Haka and Thantlang townships of Chin State, Katha and Nanyun townships of Sagaing Region, Thayet Township of Magway Region, Taunggyi, Lashio and Kengtung townships of Shan State, Hpa-an Township of Kayin State, Dawei Township of Taninthayi Region, Mawlamyine and Thaton townships of Mon State and Sittaw, Kyaukpuyu,



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Thandwe and An townships of Rakhine State.

The Union Minister inspected seven fire engines of 10 TE-31 3600-gallon-capacity fire engines manufactured by No. 1 Heavy Industries under the Ministry of Industry for the

first time for the Fire Services Department.

Among TE-31 3600-gallon-capacity fire engines, one each fire engine will be allotted to North Okkalapa, South Okkalapa, Thanlyin and Hlinethaya townships of

Yangon Region, Magway and Pakokku townships of Magway Region, Monywa Township of Sagaing Region, Bago and Pyay townships of Bago Region and Pathein Township of Ayeyawady Region. MNA

Public Works under Construction Ministry holds work-coordinating meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint delivered an address

at the work-coordinating meeting of five special project groups, five special project branches, eight

building special groups, eight airport special groups, 16 road special groups, 16 bridge special groups of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction, held at the meeting hall of the ministry here on 18 July morning.

The Union Minister said, in his speech, that those groups were systematically formed to carry out road tasks and keep maintenance of buildings, roads, bridges and airports, under the supervision of engineers, who always bring saving in use of machinery, tar and

fuel.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Soe Tint urged those present to continue maintaining roads, constructing of roads to meet set ASEAN standard, and assisting in measures against overloading of vehicles.

Then, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lwin left necessary instructions on carrying out systematic maintenance and repairing tasks for roads/bridges that are very helpful facilities for public including bridges constructed in salt water regions.—MNA

Myitkyina Journalists Association formed

MYITKYINA, 19 July — Kachin State Journalists Association has been organized in Myitkyina yesterday.

The meeting on establishing the association held at a house, No. 320, Myaymyint Ward in Myitkyina, was attended by township correspondents working for the Myanma Alin, the Kyemon, the New Light of Myanmar, the Yadanapon, the Myawady, the Mandalay Daily and weekly journals.

During the meeting, 10 executives for the association were elected and 10 delegates were selected to attend the conference of Myanmar Journalists Association to be held in August.—NLM 001

Britain to set further Afghan troop drawdown at end 2012

CAMP BASTION, 19 July— Britain will decide at the end of this year how many of its troops will leave Afghanistan in 2013, Prime Minister David Cameron said on Wednesday after arriving in Afghanistan on an unannounced visit.

Britain is due to withdraw 500 soldiers by the end of this year, but Cameron would not say how many would be repatriated next year, adding only that he was confident the shift of security duties from British to Afghan forces was going well.

"I don't want to get into numbers now, I don't want to raise false hopes. There's a modest reduction this year, there will be further reductions next year to be announced at the end of the year, all based on the conditions on the ground and how transition is going," Cameron told reporters.

"What I'm getting is,

transition is working," he said, referring to the message he had received after speaking to British military chiefs in southern Afghanistan.

Britain has some 9,500 troops in Afghanistan, the second largest foreign force in the country after the United States, and plans to withdraw the bulk of its soldiers by the end of 2014.

More than 400 British troops have been killed in Afghanistan since the US-led invasion in 2001, a statistic that along with Britain's strained finances has added to pressure to end its military involvement in Afghanistan.

Cameron, whose government is overseeing a substantial cut in Britain's military post-2014 in response to economic pressures, has said in the past that he did not want a "cliff edge" in two years when all remaining troops must leave Afghanistan at once.

A senior British military source dampened prospects of a large troop withdrawal soon, saying Britain planned a "glide path" down in force strength.

"If the prime minister's aims don't change, and that is to maintain a viable state with an ANSF (Afghan National Security Force) that can protect its borders and counter terrorism, then we need to maintain a strong presence," the source said.

Afghanistan's prospects after foreign forces leave are uncertain, with corruption widespread and the country currently experiencing some of the worst violence since the Taliban government was toppled more than a decade ago.

Adding to worries are presidential elections due in 2014—the same year as the NATO-led coalition phase-down—at which President Hamid Karzai must step down.

In its latest progress report on Afghanistan, Britain said violence in June was higher than in the same period last year due to an early end to the poppy harvest, used in the manufacture of heroin, allowing insurgents to fight earlier.

British troops have mainly been based in Helmand Province in Afghanistan's southwest, which has seen some of the bloodiest fighting in the Afghan conflict, but British military sources say there is now a degree of stability.

But combating the corruption that hinders economic development and Afghan military supply lines will be key to maintaining stability once foreign forces depart, they said. Major donors pledged this month to give Afghanistan \$16 billion in development aid through 2015, but demanded reforms to fight corruption.—*Internet*



Chinese President Hu Jintao addresses the opening ceremony of the Fifth Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 July, 2012.

XINHUA

Indonesian airlines firm buys 20 planes from domestic producer

JAKARTA, 19 July—A senior official at Indonesian airline firm, Merpati Nusantara Airlines (MNA), said on Thursday that the firm procured 20 N-212 turbo propeller planes produced by PT Dirgantara Indonesia to serve flights in remote areas.

The planes are expected to commence services later this year with initial destinations set in Kalimantan and Papua, MNA President Director Rudy Setyopurnomo said.

"In the initial operation, there will be four to five planes of this type serving later this year," Rudy said.

The plane, that accommodates 28 passengers, has long wings and is incorporated by new type of engines, enabling it to take off and land in short airstrips that commonly provided in remote areas, he said, adding that its tag price is 66.03 billion rupiah (about 7 million US dollars) each.

Xinhua

Israel blames Iran for Bulgaria bus bomb that kills six

BURGAS, (Bulgaria), 19 July—Six people were killed in a bomb attack on a bus carrying Israeli tourists at a Bulgarian airport on Wednesday and Israel accused Teheran of carrying out the attack, promising a strong response to "Iranian terror".

Body parts were strewn across the ground and mangled metal hung from the bus's torn-back roof. Its windows were blown out and surrounded by scorch marks, as clouds of dense black smoke billowed above the airport. "We heard a very strong blast. The bus was full with people and children. Flesh and blood everywhere," a Bulgarian witness told TV7 television. "I saw another bus catching fire from the one that exploded. It was complete chaos."

The tourists had arrived on a charter flight from Israel and were on the bus in the car

park outside Burgas airport when the blast tripped through the double-decker. By late evening, the airport was still sealed off and closed as authorities tried to pin down exactly what had happened.

"We sat down and within a few seconds we heard a huge boom and we ran away. We managed to escape through a hole on the bus," Aviva Malka told Israeli Army Radio from the scene.

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Nikolai Mladenov told Reuters by telephone after visiting the airport. "The explosion was caused by a bomb in the bus."

The Interior Ministry declined to comment on whether it might have been a suicide attack, as some witnesses had speculated, and said it was questioning people who had been close to the blast. The blast comes on the 18th anniversary of a 1994 bomb attack on the



Smoke is seen after a blast at Bulgaria's Burgas airport on 18 July, 2012. —REUTERS

headquarters of Argentina's main Jewish organization by an Iranian-backed Hezbollah suicide bomber, which killed 85 people.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu blamed Iran and said Israel would respond.

"All the signs lead to Iran. Only in the past few months we have seen Iranian attempts to attack Israelis in Thailand, India, Georgia,

Kenya, Cyprus and other places," Netanyahu said in a statement.

"Eighteen years exactly after the blast at the Jewish community centre in Argentina, murderous Iranian terror continues to hit innocent people. This is an Iranian terror attack that is spreading throughout the entire world. Israel will react powerfully against Iranian terror," he said.—*Reuters*

Taliban take blame for Afghan attacks



An Afghan soldier takes position near a Taliban-occupied building in Afghanistan in 2011.—INTERNET

KABUL, 19 July—The Taliban in Afghanistan announced on Wednesday it was behind a series of attacks on international and national security forces.

The Taliban took responsibility for attacks on a military base belonging to

Afghan forces in the Washir district of Helmand Province on Wednesday. The statement said 10 "minions" were killed and one was captured. Six members of the so-called mujahedin were "slightly injured" during the attacks. In Herat province,

the Taliban said more than 100 members of the local police surrendered. The police force, Taliban statements claim, turned over more than 100 machine guns, five rocket-propelled grenade launchers and "a huge amount of ammunition."

The attacks are part of the Taliban's spring offensive, dubbed al-Farooq. NATO forces were also targeted.

A veteran commander of the Taliban, speaking to British news magazine the New Statesman on condition of anonymity,

said the conservative Islamic movement had fallen out of favor with al-Qaeda and can't win against international forces.

In response, the Taliban, in a statement, said the interview was "nothing more than a shameful propaganda ploy of the deceitful flailing enemy." International forces are winding down their mission in Afghanistan as national forces take control over security operations.

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Three Canadian elephants are flying to California

LOS ANGELES, 19 July — For elephants to fly, you have to do more than load trunks on a plane. Pat Derby, co-founder of the Performing Animal Welfare Society, has been working for two years to get three 10,000-pound elephants in the air. The elephants are scheduled to take off on 2 August in what could be a million-dollar move. The African elephants, Iringa, 42, Toka, 41, and Thika, 31, are being retired from the Toronto Zoo and moved to PAWS' 2,300-acre sanctuary in San Andreas. To get the elephants ready to fly, the animals had to undergo crate and noise training. A Russian cargo jet and two fleets of trucks had to be rented; pilots, drivers and crews hired; crates built and fitted for each elephant; hydraulic gates reinstalled at the sanctuary; and barn space cleared.



In this image taken on 14 November, 2011 provided by PAWS, an African elephant, Mara, 28, originally from San Jose's Happy Hollow Zoo, wanders in a field at PAWS ARK 2000 sanctuary in San Andreas, Calif. She will soon meet three other African elephants retiring from the Toronto Zoo who arrive at the preserve on 2 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

The amount of red tape rivaled only the green involved, but former game show host and animal activist Bob Barker is paying the bill, expected to be between \$750,000 and \$1 million. Zookeepers have been teaching the animals to walk in and out of their travel crates, finished in January. "We rattle the crates and make all kinds of sounds so they are used to noise," Derby said, because "there are no test flights." Iringa and Toka do have past plane experience—they were flown to Toronto from Mozambique 37 years ago. Would an elephant forget?

"It would be the way we remembersome gut feelings," Joyce Poole, an elephant behaviorist and co-founder of ElephantVoices, said in a phone interview from Norway. "They are used to going in and out of cages and being in small confined spaces. Otherwise, getting back into a truck could bring back some scary feelings. Obviously, they were captured and taken from their families and had some pretty terrifying experiences, but they've been captive for a long time. I think they'll be fine with it."

The elephants fit snugly in their crates and will be tethered so they don't get hurt if they hit ruts in the road or turbulence in the air, Derby said. The Russian cargo plane is bigger than a C-17 so will fit all three elephants easily, along with keepers from Toronto and crews from PAWS.—*Internet*

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Philippines rescues sea turtles from poachers' net

MANILA, 19 July — Philippine authorities rescued 14 protected sea turtles that were caught in a net laid down by Chinese poachers, a navy commander said recently. However one sea turtle was already dead when a joint team from the navy and the environment department arrived on Friday in the remote area off the western island of Palawan, said Major Ferdinand Atos. Atos, commander of naval forces in the area, said informants had told them that Chinese poachers planted the net a week ago in the coastal district of Balabac.

"They enter the waters of Balabac, riding in a speedboat and they plant their nets, using their contacts among the locals," he told AFP. The 200-metre (660-foot) net left by the poachers was removed and the 14 surviving sea turtles were set free, Atos said. He said informants had told them that Chinese fishermen used their contacts to enter the area frequently and would bring their catch to Half-Moon

Shoal, an outcrop in the Spratly islands claimed by both the Philippines and China.

The shoal has come under closer scrutiny after China announced that one of its naval frigates had run



aground there. Sea turtles are protected under Philippine law and catching them is punishable by at least 12 years in jail. Chinese fishermen poaching in Philippine waters have become an issue in recent months. In April, Philippine authorities tried to arrest Chinese fishermen

A woman holds a baby sea turtle before releasing into the sea in the western Philippines province of Bataan. Philippine authorities rescued 14 protected sea turtles that were caught in a net laid down by Chinese poachers, a navy commander said on last Saturday.—INTERNET

taking sea turtles and other protected species from Scarborough Shoal in the South China Sea.

They were blocked by Chinese government ships, triggering a continuing standoff over the area which is claimed by both countries.—Internet

AT&T to introduce shared-data plans

NEW YORK, 19 July — Following in Verizon's footsteps, AT&T Inc. said Wednesday that it will introduce wireless plans that let subscribers connect up to 10 phones or other devices. Connected phones get unlimited calling and texting, and all devices get wireless data access. The devices tap into a limited pool of data usage, which gets renewed each month. Verizon introduced its "Share Everything" plans on 28 June, replacing nearly all of its traditional phone plans. AT&T says its "Mobile Share" plans will debut in late August, but it is keeping its current individual and family plans.

AT&T's prices will track closely with those of Verizon. One smartphone with 1 gigabyte of data will cost \$85 per month with AT&T, compared with \$90 with Verizon. Two smartphones and a tablet computer with 6 gigabytes of shared data will cost \$170 on either carrier. AT&T is the country's second-largest cellphone company, behind Verizon. AT&T, which is based in Dallas, has 76.8 million direct



This 6 May, 2012, file photo, shows an AT&T sign at a store in New York. Following in Verizon's footsteps, AT&T said on 18 July, 2012.—INTERNET

wireless customers, and millions more through wholesale arrangements.

AT&T's and Verizon's shared-data plans are intended to stimulate the adoption of non-phone devices such as tablet computers and USB modems for laptops by making monthly service cheaper. Analysts believe Verizon's plan will reduce its service revenue in the short term but pay off in the long term as families add more devices. AT&T said earlier this year, before Verizon announced its plans, that it was looking at introducing shared data plans soon. It hadn't offered details then. Under the "Mobile Share" plans, AT&T subscribers will pay a monthly

fee for one smartphone and choose a bucket of data usage on top of that. Total costs will range from \$85 for 1 gigabyte per month to \$230 for 20 gigabytes. After that, subscribers can add other devices to share that bucket of data, paying an extra monthly fee for each one. A basic, non-smartphone will cost \$30 per month and a tablet, such as an iPad, will cost \$10. Additional smartphones cost \$30 to \$45 each, depending on the size of the data plan. AT&T faces a problem in that subscribers can move SIM cards, or subscriber identity modules, between devices. The SIM card identifies the devices to the network, and in the case of phones, contains the phone number.—Internet

Space shuttle Enterprise set to open to public

NEW YORK, 19 July — The last time some New Yorkers saw the space shuttle Enterprise, it was zipping around the city, riding piggyback on top of a modified jumbo jet past the Statue of Liberty and other local landmarks. Others got to lay eyes on it as it sailed up the Hudson River on a barge. Today, following its April and June sojourns, the piece of NASA history is on the move no more. The Enterprise, a 150,000-pound mammoth of a flying machine, goes on public display on Thursday at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum's new Space Shuttle Pavilion. Encased in the center of an accommodating inflatable dome, the shuttle will be available for visitors to admire up close from just feet away.



The Space Shuttle Enterprise sits on display at the Sea, Air and Space Museum's Space Shuttle Pavilion on 18 July, 2012, in New York.

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feet long — with a 78 foot wingspan to boot — the Enterprise is an imposing figure with quite a presence in its new home.

The space shuttle, which was completed in 1976, was NASA's first. Though it never actually flew a mission into outer space, it performed critical tests around the Earth's atmosphere and is widely credited with paving the way for five future shuttles. Of the six shuttles NASA built, only four remain. The other two experienced disasters during their missions, killing their crews: The Challenger exploded in 1986 and the Columbia disintegrated in 2003.

President Richard Nixon first announced NASA's intention to construct the Enterprise in 1972 amid heightened tensions during the Cold War. With US officials fearing the Soviet Union would dominate the novel realm of space travel, the Enterprise was designed to be a reusable spacecraft that could also land safely — allowing NASA to conduct launches more frequently and with greater efficiency. Previous space crafts could neither land nor be reused for future missions.

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US military agency uses sound to put out fires

LONDON, 19 July — The US Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency (Darpa) is investigating ways to put out fires using sound. Fires in enclosed spaces such as warships, ground vehicles and cockpits, are a big problem for the military.

Rather than use the age-old theory that water puts out fire, Darpa came to the problem with a fresh perspective — physics. Despite successful laboratory tests, the team admitted they were unsure how it could be applied in the real world. Darpa launched the Instant Fire Suppression (IFS) programme to look at radical new approaches to firefighting back in 2008.

Last year, researchers began experimenting. "From

a physics perspective, flames are cold plasmas. Darpa theorised that by using physics techniques rather than combustion chemistry, it might be possible to manipulate and extinguish flames," the agency explained on its information page. Two approaches were selected —



The US's Defence Advanced Research Project Agency explores ways of putting out fire using sound.—INTERNET

using electromagnetics and acoustics to suppress a flame.

One of the technologies explored was a hand-held electrode to suppress small methane gas and liquid fuel fires. In another experiment the team of researchers used speakers to blast sound at specific frequencies that

extinguish the flame. "The acoustic field increases the air velocity. As the velocity goes up, the flame boundary layer, where combustion occurs, thins, making it easier to disrupt the flame," the website explained.

Although researchers succeeded in putting out small flames using both electric and acoustic techniques in the laboratory, it was not clear how to adapt these approaches to real-world applications. Matthew Goodman, Darpa programme manager, said: "We have shown that the physics of combustion still has surprises in store for us. Perhaps these results will spur new ideas and applications in combustion research."

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Microsoft: Windows 8 will go on sale on 26 October

NEW YORK, 19 July — Microsoft says Windows 8 will go on sale 26 October. The upgrade to its operating system is designed to work better with touch screens and on tablet computers. Microsoft announced the date in a blog post and at its annual sales meeting on Wednesday. The software company had said earlier that Windows 8 would go on sale in October. Microsoft is releasing the software as a downloadable upgrade that day for PC owners, and letting PC makers start selling computers with Windows 8 the same day.

As an upgrade for users of Windows XP, Vista or 7, Windows will cost \$40. That's much less than Microsoft Corp. has charged for previous operating system upgrades. People who bought a Windows 7 computer on 2 June or later can upgrade for \$15.—Internet



Microsoft: Windows 8 launches on 26th October.

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Gene scans show colon, rectal tumours are same

WASHINGTON, 19 July — The biggest genetic analysis of colon and rectal tumours show that these cancer types are almost indistinguishable, a finding that could improve treatment options, a study said on Wednesday.

A US-funded consortium of scientists compared the genetic codes of cancer cells



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found in 224 samples of colorectal tumours. "This finding of the true genetic nature of colon and rectal cancers is an important achievement in our quest to understand the foundations of this disease," the head of the US National Institutes of Health (NIH), Francis Collins, said in a statement. "The data and knowledge gained here have the potential to change the way we diagnose and treat certain cancers."

The sweep threw up 24 genes where telltale mutations point to a role in either initiating or accelerated colorectal cancer. They include the genes ERBB2 and IGF2, which are involved in cell proliferation. In 2008, colorectal cancer claimed 608,000 lives globally, making it the fourth deadliest form of cancer, according to the latest figures posted by the UN's World Health Organization (WHO). The study, authored by The Cancer Genome Atlas project, appears in the British science journal *Nature*.—Internet

When T-Mobile closed its call centres, it shipped US jobs overseas

NEW YORK, 19 July — T-Mobile (DTE) in March revealed plans to lay off 5% of its workforce and close seven call-centres in an attempt to restructure the company and reduce costs. The US Labour Department recently found that the troubled wireless provider moved jobs overseas after it closed local call-centers and laid off thousands of US employees, Bloomberg reports.

"The workers' firm has acquired from a foreign country services like or directly competitive with services supplied by the workers which contributed importantly to

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worker group separations at T-Mobile USA," the Department said in a decision posted on its website, concluding that the laid off workers were entitled to apply for government assistance.

David Henderson, a spokesman for T-Mobile USA, said the company was

"surprised" by the Labour Department's decision "because the facts provided did not support that the work done by these employees was sent offshore," adding that the company "has long had and does utilize service partners both within the US and in other countries."—Internet

Drinking alcohol, even in moderation, 'a dementia risk'

LONDON, 19 July — Drinking even "moderate" amounts of alcohol increases dementia risk, US research suggests. The findings, presented at an international conference, challenge the notion that some alcohol could be good for ageing brains. People who stick to recommended alcohol limits are still at risk, as well as bingers and heavy drinkers, according to the work. The study tracked the health over 20 years of 1,300 women in their mid-60s.

The risk, ranging from mild cognitive impairment to full blown dementia, was higher among those who reported drinking more alcohol. Women who switched from abstinence to drinking over the course of the study also increased their risk. Those who drank alcohol "in moderation", meaning seven to 14 alcoholic drinks a week, were also more likely to develop problems with memory and brain functioning that can be a warning sign of future dementia.

The lower end of this range falls within the UK's recommended limit for women, but since alcohol measures in the US are larger than in the UK, 14 drinks a week would exceed this UK weekly cut off. And since the study only looked at women, it is not possible to say if the same link will apply in elderly men. Researcher Tina Hoang, of the Veterans Health Research Institute in San Francisco, said: "In this group of older women, moderate alcohol consumption was not protective".

"Clinicians should carefully assess their older patients for both how much they drink and any changes in patterns of alcohol use." She told the Alzheimer's Association



Glass sizes and alcohol percentage determines how many units a drink contains.—INTERNET

International Conference that it might be that brains become more vulnerable to the effects of alcohol as we age. Some UK experts have recommended alcohol limits should be even tighter for older people for this reason. Alternatively, the researchers say the link could be caused by factors that drive people to drink — stress or bereavement, for example.

At the same meeting, another group of US researchers presented more work showing the potential harms of binge drinking. Among the 5,075 men and women they studied, those who reported heavy bouts of drinking — at least one episode per month — were more likely to experience dementia-like problems. Fortnightly binges doubled the risk. Drinking alcohol can cause your blood pressure and blood cholesterol to rise which, in turn, can damage the blood vessels supplying the brain, causing problems like vascular dementia.

Men are advised to drink no more than three to four units of alcohol a day, and women no more than two to three units a day.—Internet

Breast cancer surgery women 'risk more operations'

LONDON, 19 July — One in five women with breast cancer who has part of the breast removed, rather than the whole breast, ends up having another operation, a BMJ study suggests. The reoperation rate increases to one in three for women whose early-stage cancer is difficult to detect. In England, 58% of women with breast cancer have breast-conserving surgery. Women should be told of the risk of further operations when choosing surgery, researchers say.

The study, led by researchers from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and published in the *British Medical Journal*, looked at data collected on 55,297 women with breast cancer in England. They all underwent

mastectomy, particularly for patients with an obvious, invasive tumour.

However, because some pre-invasive cancers called 'carcinoma in situ' are difficult to detect, because they don't form a lump, breast conserving-surgery may not remove the cancer completely. This could result in another operation. The study says that additional operations put women's lives on hold while they wait for more surgery. It can delay their return to work, cause emotional distress and result in the need for reconstructive surgery to the breast.

Out of the 55,297 women who underwent breast-conserving surgery, 45,793 (82%) were suffering from isolated invasive cancer, 6,622 (12%) had isolated carcinoma



Surgery to conserve the breast can cause scarring.—INTERNET

breast-conserving surgery, rather than a mastectomy, on the NHS between 2005 and 2008. All the women were aged 16 or over. They then looked at procedures carried out in the three months following the first breast operation.

The researchers took tumour type, age, socio-economic deprivation and other health problems into account. When combined with radiotherapy, the study says that breast-conserving surgery is as effective as

in situ (pre-cancerous disease), and 2,882 (6%) had both types of cancer. Another operation was more likely among women with pre-cancerous disease (29.5%) compared with those with isolated invasive disease (18%). Around 40% of women who had a reoperation underwent a mastectomy. Further results suggest that a repeat operation is less likely in older women and women from more deprived areas.

Internet

Co-op to buy 632 Lloyds bank branches

LONDON, 19 July — The Co-operative Group has agreed terms with Lloyds Banking Group to buy 632 Lloyds TSB and Cheltenham and Gloucester branches. The Co-op will pay £350m upfront and up to an additional £400m based on the performance of the combined business. The sale was demanded by European regulators after Lloyds bought HBOS during the

financial crisis. The Co-op said the move would create "a real challenger bank on the High Street with almost 1,000 branches".

The deal, which is still subject to approval by the Financial Services Authority, is expected to be completed by the end of November 2013. The Chancellor, George Osborne, welcomed the deal. "This is another step towards creating

a new banking system for Britain that gives real choice to customers and supports the economy," he said. "The sale of hundreds of Lloyds branches to the Co-operative creates a new challenger bank and promotes mutuals. This follows the sale of Northern Rock to Virgin Money in January and represents another important step towards a more competitive banking sector."

The bank branches being sold represent 6% of the UK market place, and have about 4.8 million customers. The takeover will lead to the Co-op increasing its share of the retail banking sector from 1% to 7%. "In agreeing to move ahead with the Co-operative we provide greater certainty for our customers and for our

shareholders," said Lloyds group chief executive Antonio Horta-Osorio "In addition to an upfront consideration, we will also get to share in the future financial performance of the combined banking business which will be an effective challenger with a strong customer focus."

Co-op chief executive Peter Marks told the BBC the deal was good news for the industry. "What the banking industry needs is to bring back trust. We've seen over the last few years, and particularly over the last few weeks, trust has deteriorated in big banks," he said. "This represents a major change to the face of retail banking in the UK." He added that the Co-op, which is owned by its members, was a very different bank to the main High Street banks.—Internet



Lloyds is 40%-owned by the government.—INTERNET

Two newspapers guilty of contempt of court

LONDON, 19 July—Two British tabloids, the *Daily Mail* and *Daily Mirror*, were found guilty on Wednesday of contempt of court for stories about a young girl's killer.

The High Court found the newspapers' coverage last year—after Levi Bellfield was convicted of the 2002 murder of 12-year-old schoolgirl Milly Dowler—was "prejudicial" because jurors were still considering a separate charge that Bellfield tried to abduct another girl, *The Daily Telegraph* reported. Jurors were dismissed without reaching a verdict.

Associated Newspapers, publisher of the *Mail*, and MGN, which publishes the *Mirror*, argued the coverage in their papers about Bellfield

would not have influenced the jury.

Attorney Dominic Grieve, who brought the case, said newspapers must obey the Contempt of Court Act.

"It is unfortunate that the deluge of media coverage following the Milly Dowler verdict, not only by these papers but also other media outlets, led to the judge discharging the jury before they had completed their deliberations on a charge of attempted kidnap, ultimately depriving Rachel Cowles of a verdict in her case," he said.

Cowles, now 21, said last year she was "hurt and angry" that there was no resolution of the charge that Bellfield tried to kidnap her when she was 11. The Milly Dowler case is

at the center of the phonehacking scandal, which exploded last year after *The Guardian* reported that a detective working for Rupert Murdoch's now defunct Sunday tabloid, *News of the World*, had hacked into her cellphone messages while she was missing.

A spokesman for Associated Newspapers said jurors had heard far more prejudicial information in the courtroom and had already convicted Bellfield of murder: "In the course of the trial, the jury were told that Bellfield had been convicted of the murders of two young women, Marsha McDonnell and Amelie Delagrance, and the attempted murder of another, Kate Sheedy."—*Internet*



Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney speaks at the NAACP convention in Houston on 11 July, 2012. REUTERS

Romney ad questions Obama's economic stimulus measures

WASHINGTON, 19 July—US Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, trying to deflect criticism of his lucrative past career as a private equity executive, counter attacked President Barack Obama with a new television ad. "Where Did All the Obama Stimulus Money Go?" asks the TV spot paid for by Romney's campaign. It accuses Democrat Obama's administration of helping "friends, donors, campaign, supporters, special interest groups."

The ad, which the Romney campaign planned to release on Wednesday, aggregates

widely reported stories questioning government stimulus payouts and federal credit assistance programmes.

It takes special aim at the Energy Department loan programme, skewered by Republicans in Congress, that supported bankrupt solar panel maker Solyndra with more than \$500 million in taxpayer assistance.

The ad also raised questions about a second Energy Department loan recipient, politically connected Fisker Automotive, which has failed to meet expectations for electric-car production and job creation despite a loan commitment of \$529 million.

Obama administration officials have rejected assertions that politics played any role in federal support for Solyndra or other loan recipients.

Romney has sought to batter Obama over the stubbornly high US unemployment rate and the weak economy, but instead has been forced in recent days to defend his business past, particularly his career as a private equity executive with Bain Capital.

Obama has characterized the former Massachusetts governor and presumptive Republican White House nominee as a wealthy investor who is tied to Wall Street and corporate interests and is out of touch with ordinary Americans.—*Reuters*



Laser pointer.—INTERNET

FBI investigating laser pointed at plane

after the beam lit up the cockpit of the plane on its way to New York's JFK Airport on Sunday, the *New York Post* reported.

The *Embraer E190* jet landed safely, and the injured pilot — identified by sources as First Officer Robert Pemberton, 52 — was taken to Jamaica Hospital.

The plane had 84 people on board at the time. Authorities say they believe the beam came from the West Islip, Babylon or Lindenhurst areas of Long Island.

The flight had taken off from Syracuse about 8:15 pm after a delay because of weather and was on its final approach to JFK when two

beams of bright green light entered the cabin.

The *Post* said the captain, who was not identified, took over the controls from Pemberton, who was temporarily blinded.

"We just got lased up here — two green flashes into the cockpit," the captain radioed controllers. "It caught the first officer's eye — two green flashes, and it caught the first officer in the eye," the captain said, the Web site LiveATC.net reported.

Sources said Pemberton's eyesight wasn't permanently damaged, the *Post* reported.

The FBI asks that anyone with information call 212-384-1000.—*Internet*

NEW YORK, 19 July—The FBI and police on Long Island were trying to determine who pointed a powerful laser beam at an airliner flying into New York, injuring a JetBlue pilot.

The first officer on JetBlue Flight 657 from Syracuse was treated for injuries to both eyes

Texas conducts its first one-drug execution

AUSTIN, 19 July—Texas on Wednesday carried out its first execution since the state switched this month to a one-drug protocol for lethal injections because a supply of another drug is no longer available.

Yokam Hearn, 33, who had a long criminal history, was executed for the 1998 abduction and fatal shooting of 23-year-old stockbroker Frank Meziere in Dallas.

"The execution was carried out without incident," said Jason Clark, a spokesman for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Texas, which executes more people than any other US state, had been using a three-drug cocktail to carry out executions but will now use only pentobarbital, a sedative sometimes used to euthanize animals. The state made the switch because its available supply of another drug in the cocktail, pancuronium bromide, expired and was no longer usable.

"The one-drug protocol has been adopted by several states, and has been upheld as constitutional by the courts," Clark said in an email.

On Tuesday, Georgia postponed an execution that also had been scheduled for

Wednesday as it prepared to use pentobarbital alone instead of three drugs in its lethal injections.

On 25 March, 1998, Hearn and three others kidnapped Meziere at a self-service car wash. Hearn shot him at close range and then drove off in Meziere's Mustang, according to the Texas Attorney General's Office.

Meziere's body was found the next morning in a field with gunshot wounds to the head and face. Witnesses testified at Hearn's trial that he bragged about the killing, waving a newspaper story about the crime, according to Dallas Morning News reports from 1998. The 5th US Circuit Court of Appeals granted Hearn a reprieve on the day he was scheduled to be executed in 2004 after he indicated he wanted to raise a claim that he had mental disabilities.

Hearn was the sixth inmate put to death in Texas this year and the 24th in the United States, according to the Death Penalty Information Center.

Clark said Hearn's final statement was: "Yes, I would like to tell my family that I love y'all and I wish y'all well. I'm ready."—*Reuters*

Indian fishermen say US boat fired without warning



Muthu Muniraj speaks on the phone to his family in India as his friends visit him at a hospital in Dubai, on 17 July, 2012.—REUTERS

DUBAI, 19 July—Indian fishermen who survived a hail of gunfire from a US Navy boat off the coast of the United Arab Emirates disputed US claims that their boat drew fire after ignoring warnings to steer clear of the American

vessel. One Indian was killed and three others injured on Monday when the *USNS Rappahannock*, a refuelling ship, fired on the fishing vessel, which the US Navy's Fifth Fleet said approached at high speed and ignored

repeated warnings.

The incident highlighted the potential for a rapid escalation of tensions in Gulf waters, where US forces are expanding their presence as Washington ramps up pressure on Iran over its nuclear programme.

The fishermen, hospitalised with gunshot wounds after the incident near Dubai's Jebel Ali port, said on Tuesday that they received no warning before the US craft opened fire, and that their craft had attempted to avoid any contact with it.

"We had no warning at all from the ship, we were speeding up to try and go around them and then suddenly we got fired at," 28-year-old Muthu Muniraj told Reuters from hospital, his legs

punctured by the rounds of the US craft's .50-caliber gun.

"We know warning signs and sounds and there were none; it was very sudden. My friend was killed, he's gone. I don't understand what happened." A Fifth Fleet spokesman, Lt Greg Raelson, asked whether the identification of the craft as a fishing boat made the threat cited by the Navy less likely, said an internal inquiry into the incident had not finished.

"Non-lethal measures were taken while attempting to signal the vessel," he said, adding that the fishing craft did not respond. "That was when the security team fired rounds from the .50-caliber.... Our ships have an inherent right to self-defence against lethal threats."—*Reuters*

Murder suspect kills self after stealing plane in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY, 19 July—A pilot suspected of murdering his girlfriend stole a passenger plane at an airport in Utah on Tuesday, taxied it into a parking lot, then shot himself dead on board, police and officials said.

Brian Hedglin, a 40-year-old pilot for SkyWest Airlines, scaled a security fence at St George Municipal Airport on early Tuesday morning using a rug and some gloves, said Marc Mortensen,

a spokesman for the city of St. George. Hedglin entered a SkyWest aircraft, started it up and taxied through an airport fence into the parking lot. He then shot himself, police said. The aircraft's engines were still running when officers boarded it and found Hedglin dead, they said.

SkyWest said Hedglin, a resident of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was put on administrative leave by the airline after police began

searching for him in connection with the 13 July murder of 39-year-old woman.

Christina Cornejo, who local media said was Hedglin's former girlfriend, was found dead in her home in Colorado Springs. She had been stabbed multiple times.

Both she and Hedglin were members of the Colorado Army National Guard. Hedglin served as a food service specialist but had never deployed. Police had

been searching for Hedglin since Friday and detectives had enlisted the assistance of SkyWest, asking the airline to deactivate Hedglin's access cards to its facilities, Colorado Springs police said.

Hedglin had been in court on 12 July, the day before Cornejo was killed, to face separate charges of criminal mischief, harassment and theft, according to Colorado Springs defense attorney Steven Rodemer, who was representing him in that case.—*Reuters*

Heavy rain fears as typhoon menaces Japan

TOKYO, 19 July—A typhoon menacing already sodden southwestern Japan could dump weeks' worth of rain on the area, forecasters warned on Wednesday, as communities struggle to recover from huge floods.

Typhoon Khanun was sitting just west of the main southern island of Kyushu, packing winds of up to 126 kilometres (78 miles) per hour, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

Although a direct hit looked unlikely, up to 15 centimetres (about six inches) of rain were forecast in 24 hours for Oita and Kumamoto prefectures, where floods and landslides have left 32 dead

or missing over the last week.

"In some places recent heavy rainfall has left the ground very loose, so we are warning local residents to be vigilant against mudslides," the weather agency said.

More than 90 centimetres of water has fallen in the area around Mount Aso, an active volcano, so far this month, the agency said, far outstripping what would normally be expected.

Around 15 people in the small city of Ukiha were cut off when roads were damaged and bridges washed away after rivers burst their banks.

"I have never experienced such floods in my life," 57-year-old farmer

Shigeru Kawauchi told AFP.

"It is the first time I have seen the river flowing so violently that it was sweeping houses away," he said.

Khanun is expected to near South Korea's Jeju island by Wednesday night.

Meanwhile the main Japanese island of Honshu was wilting under soaring temperatures, with authorities issuing hot weather alerts in central parts of the country.

A 55-year-old man died in Toyama prefecture apparently from heat stroke on Tuesday, while 688 people were taken to hospital due to heat exhaustion, public broadcaster NHK said.

One person died and



A collapsed house lies on the bank of the Kumanoue River in Ukiha, Fukuoka prefecture on 18 July, 2012.

INTERNET

nearly 700 others were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of heat on Monday.

Japan is asking people to limit the use of electricity-sapping air conditioners as

the country battles a possible power shortfall, with the vast bulk of nuclear generators offline in the aftermath of the Fukushima disaster.

Internet

Indonesia to send four Sukhoi jet fighters to air combat exercise in Australia

JAKARTA, 19 July— Indonesian Air Force aims to send four front-line Sukhoi jet fighters to participate in the largest air combat exercise in Australia later this month, Azman Yunus, spokesman of the air force said on Wednesday.

The four of the jet fighters would be sent to the Northern Territory of Australia to join Exercise Pitch Black 2012 from 17 July to 17 August. "We are invited to take part in the exercise and we plan to send four Sukhoi plane to the exercise in Australia," the Yunus told Xinhua over phone from Yogyakarta.

Exercise Pitch Black is a biennial military exercise hosted by the Royal Australian Air Force.

The aim of the exercise is to practice Offensive Counter Air and Defensive Counter Air combat, in a simulated war environment. It traditionally consists of a 'red team' and a 'blue team' based at separate locations, with one attacking the other.

Indonesia's air force has already operated 10 Sukhoi-27s and four Sukhoi-30MK2 jets, and ordered for six Sukhoi-30MK2 fighters.—Xinhua



Singaporean rescuers gather outside the Downtown Line (DTL) Bugis Station subway construction site in Singapore on 18 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Two missing, 8 injured in Singapore construction site

SINGAPORE, 19 July—At least two workers were missing and eight others injured in Singapore when the scaffolding at a subway construction site collapsed on Wednesday, civil defence officials said. It was the latest incident to hit Singapore's metro train system, which has been under pressure to improve its services and system after two major breakdowns in December last year.

Civil defence crews, trucks, ambulances and sniffer dogs were on site to carry out search and rescue operations, an AFP reporter at the scene said. A civil defence spokesman at the site said two workers were missing while eight others who suffered minor injuries were treated at a nearby hospital.

A panel commissioned to investigate last year's breakdowns criticised train operator SMRT for prioritising

resumption of revenue service over addressing underlying problems which caused the two breakdowns.

It also concluded that SMRT's metro system had been plagued by outdated equipment and poor maintenance for years, and that the company did not have enough engineers capable of overseeing maintenance. The Land Transport Authority this month also imposed the maximum fine of Sg\$2 million (\$1.59 million) on SMRT for the breakdowns, which stranded thousands of workers.

The site of Wednesday's accident is a new station for the latest metro line, portions of which are still under construction in a bid to meet the transport needs of a growing population. Singapore now has a population of over five million people, including citizens, permanent residents and foreign workers.—Internet

China rescues fishermen held by Somali pirates for 18 months

BEIJING, 19 July—China has rescued a group of 26 fishermen, mainly Chinese and Vietnamese, who were taken from a trawler and had been held by Somali pirates for the last 18 months, the Chinese government has said.

The fishermen, who worked on the trawler "FV Shuih Fu No 1", were seized in December 2010, the Chinese foreign ministry said in a statement on its website (www.mfa.gov.cn) late on Tuesday.

It gave no details about how the rescue was accomplished.

The crew consisted of 13 mainland Chinese, 12 Vietnamese and one

Taiwanese, it said.

"After the hard work of many sides, the whole crew of 26 people was safely rescued on the evening of 17 July, Beijing time," the brief statement said.

Taipei's foreign ministry said it had assisted in ransom talks between the boat's owner and the pirates, although it did not say directly whether a ransom had been paid. It also thanked China for its assistance in the rescue.

Chinese naval forces operating on anti-piracy patrols in the Gulf of Aden and waters off Somalia were looking after the fishermen and were taking them to Tanzania, after which they

would be sent home, the Chinese statement said.

Chinese ships have undertaken anti-piracy operations off Somalia since late 2008.

In early 2010, Beijing agreed to join a multi-nation effort to protect shipping in the Gulf of Aden and nearby stretches of the Indian Ocean.

Somali pirate gangs can stay out at sea for long periods using captured merchant vessels as mother ships and have been using Yemen's remote island of Socotra as a refuelling hub.

The Somali piracy crisis is costing world trade billions of dollars a year.

Reuters

Vienna summer heats up over free tap water debate

VIENNA, 19 July—In Vienna's legendary coffee-house tradition, a free glass of tap water with your coffee has been a cherished part of everyday life.

Now many Viennese are up in arms over a movement by restaurateurs to start charging for tap.

It amounts to cultural sacrilege in a city where delicious tap water — fed by Alpine springs — is seen as a birthright, and part of the whole experience of lounging in centuries-old

cafes or savoring young wine at one of the Austrian capital's many leafy outdoor eateries.

For now, payment is voluntary, with 11 restaurants participating in a charity campaign meant to collect funds for clean water-starved Sierra Leone. But the establishments pocket half the water fee and prominent restaurateurs are starting to lobby for an obligatory tap water charge, unrelated to aid for Africa, just as the charity programme has begun.

Many Viennese suspect that the Sierra Leone campaign and industry calls to charge for water cannot be pure coincidence. Some see a cynical ploy to take advantage of charitable feeling for extra profit.

And many are determined to resist. To charge for water would "be absolutely outrageous as far as I'm concerned," says Marinko Medic.

Doris Roitner calls the idea "unacceptable." Caroline Wehner, herself a waitress, says a free glass of water with an order should routinely be "part of good service in Vienna."

Admittedly, the water dispute takes a back burner even in smug Vienna to the debt crisis threatening Spain, Greece, Ireland, Portugal and other countries in the 17-nation zone using the euro.

But for now, prosperous Austria's involvement in the crisis is restricted to people fretting that their tax euros may be spent frivolously in helping bankroll risky bailouts, and there is a feeling

of disconnect with Europe's less privileged. At 3.9 percent, Austria's unemployment rate is the lowest in the EU and its economy continues to expand at a time of standstill or contraction in much of the rest of the continent.

All the more reason for interest in an issue close to the hearts and wallets of the Viennese. Much of the city lives from the hospitality industry, earning over 16 billion euros (nearly \$20 billion) from tourists in 2010.

Its coffee-house culture — including tuxedo-clad waiters and that free glass of water — was born in the 17th century after the Turks introduced coffee to the Austrian capital. Almost as long-established is the free pitcher of water served with each carafe of young wine brought to wash down delicious al fresco tavern fare.

Few drinking and dining establishments in other EU countries with drinkable tap water put a price on it, and Vienna takes pride both in its water quality and its restaurant service.

Internet

Bomb kills 11 in Pakistan tribal belt

PESHAWAR, 19 July—A bomb tore through a vehicle in Pakistan's northwestern tribal belt on Wednesday, killing 11 members of an extended family, including two children, officials said. The bomb exploded in Sepoy village in Orakzai district, said senior administration official Zakir Hussain. "It was a remote-controlled bomb planted on the road. The bomb exploded near a pick-up van carrying passengers," Hussain told AFP.

The blast killed eight people, including two women, an 11-year-old boy and a three-year-old girl on the spot, he said, adding that four people were wounded. Three others later succumbed to their injuries in the hospital, and all the victims were close relatives, he added. "It was a militant attack, the aim was to create panic in the area by killing ordinary people," Hussain said.



Pakistani Taleban militants patrol on a humvee in Orakzai agency in 2008.—INTERNET

Orakzai is one of seven districts in Pakistan's tribal belt on the Afghan border that is home to Taleban and al-Qaeda strongholds. Washington has dubbed the area the most dangerous region on Earth.—Internet

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham lays wreath, pays tribute, shares...

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Organization, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon laid wreaths at the respective tombs.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi lays wreath at Bogyoke Aung San Tomb at 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day (2012).

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The 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day ceremony in progress.

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Next, ambassadors of foreign embassies and European Union, Charges d' Affaires ai and officials laid wreaths at respective graveyards.

Later, the people paid tributes to the graveyards of martyrs mausoleum.

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Mongpun Sawbwa Gyi Sao San Tun's family lays wreath at tomb of Mongpun Sawbwa Gyi Sao San Tun at the ceremony of 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day (2012).

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At 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day (2012), U Razak's family pays floral tribute at the tomb of U Razak.

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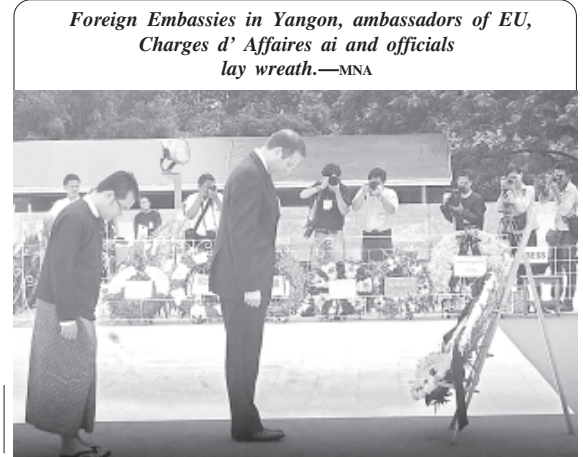
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Foreign Embassies, ambassadors of EU, charges d' Affaires ai and officials laying wreaths.—MNA



People paying respects at Martyrs' Mausoleum in Yangon on 65th Anniversary Martyrs' Day (2012).—MNA



Foreign Embassies in Yangon, ambassadors of EU, Charges d' Affaires ai and officials lay wreath.—MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister inspects rehabilitation tasks in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Accompanied by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, deputy ministers U Phone Swe and U Kyaw Kyaw Win, departmental heads and representatives from NGOs, Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay this morning left Sittway for Maungtau by helicopter.

At Maungtau District deputy commissioner' office, administrators reported on conditions of damages in Maungtau Township, measures being taken for relief tasks, conditions of victims at relief camps, progress of reconstruction tasks carried out by the State with the assistance of the United Nations and NGOs in addition to the Union government, the state government and the entire people.

In his address, the Union Minister explained international organizations would provide the humanitarian aids to the people of the latter's wishes year by year, it is necessary to draw long-term plans on respective sectors. He said that the State and international organizations would help to establish livelihoods of locals as much as they could. Thus, he expressed his belief that the conditions of locals would turn into normalcy.

On arrival at the relief camp at BEHS-1 in Maungtau, the Union Minister said that tents will be constructed within one month period for the victims near respective villages. Construction of houses will create the job opportunity for the locals. Thus, they would seek their respective livelihoods as



quickly as possible. The government will take responsibility for security of life and property of the people and for development of their socio-economic life. The Union Minister presented cash and kind to locals after hearing reports presented by townselders.

The Union Minister went to Aungmye Bawdi monastery relief camp and explained scale models of tents and houses to be constructed in respective villages. He spoke words of encouragement to the locals and provided cash and kind.

The Union Minister inspected progress in construction of nine houses which were burnt in Waithali Village. At



Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay inspects building of houses in Maungtau Township.—MNA

Shweyinaye Village, he viewed the site for construction of tents and looked into completion of twenty-one houses of 67 and contributed cash and kind to locals.

In Mawyaawady Village, the Union Minister looked into new houses replaced in the burnt houses and gave words of encouragement to the villagers. Then the Union Minister met with locals at Alethankyaw relief camp and explained the programme for construction of 109 houses. Later, he donated cash and supplies to locals and left for Sittway.

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Costume Show, Physical Cultural Contest mark Myanmar Women's Day

MUSE, 19 July—The Traditional Costume Show and Physical Cultural Contest, in commemoration of the Myanmar Women's Day, was held at the city hall in Muse of Muse District in Shan State (North) on 12 July

evening. Altogether 33 participants and 15 pageants took part in the show and contest.

Chairperson of Muse District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nwe Oo

Mon presented first, second and third prizes to the winners in the Traditional Costume Show and Chairperson of Muse Township WAO Daw Khin San Yi, the winners in the Physical Culture Contest.

Myanma Alin

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Salin

SALIN, 19 July—Salin Township General Administration Department of Minbu District in Magway Region and Township Forest Department jointly organized the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony in the compound of Seinpan Monastery in

Salin on 7 July morning. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tun Thein, Head of Township Forest

Department U Myo Myint Tun and staff together with local people participated in the tree growing ceremony.

Myanma Alin



CASH DONATED: To honour outstanding students in matriculation examination with flying colour, U Kyaw Win-Daw Myint Myint Than and son U Aung Naing Oo (Township Administrator of Pakokku), daughter Daw Zin Mar Win (Chairperson of Township WAO) donated K 1.1 million at Pyinnya Yadana Hall of Pakokku Basic Education High School No. 1 on 17 July. Township Education Officer Daw Khin Nyo Myint accepts cash donation.—MYANMA ALIN

DISTRICT NEWS

Danger of fire talked in Pyawbwe

PYAWBWE, 19 July—Pyawbwe Township Fire Station and Myat Myittamon fuel station No. 002 jointly organized the fire drill and talks on danger of fire at the fuel station on 16 July afternoon.

At first, Head of Township Fire Services Department U Zaw Min Tun

and Manager of the fuel station U Than Tun gave talks on dangers of fire.

After that, the head of Township Fire Services Department and party inspected fuel tanks and demonstrated fire drill with participation of staff of the station.

Myanma Alin



MUTATION OF TREES: A photo shows a branch of Eugenia-like leaves from a eucalyptus tree in compound of Basic Education Primary School No 9 in Thinbawgyin Ward of Dawbon Township recently.—KYEMON

Clothes, medicines, cash donated to labour room

YANGON, 19 July— Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Central) President Dr Mon Mon Aung and members donated clothes, medicines and K 50,000 to labour room of MCWA in Ward 14, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District recently. The donation were accepted by Chairpersons Daw Seinn Seinn Soe and Daw Khin Soe Moe of District and Township MCWAs and midwives of the delivery room.—*Myanma Alin*



Overtaking claims life of motorbiker's mom

YESAGYO, 19 July— Head-on collision of two motorcycles, when one of them tried to overtake a car, left one dead and three injured on 14 July. Than Myint Aung of No.1 Thukhawady Ward in Yesagyo drove ANB-125 bike carrying his mother Daw Khine. When they arrived mile post No.24 on Pakokku-Yesagyo Road near Panyin village, the cyclist tried to overtake a car and collided with a bike coming from the opposite side driven by Aung Kyaw Htay of Kinma village, Pauk Township, carrying Jimbo Maung. All the injured were rushed to Yesagyo hospital and Daw Khine was transferred to Mandalay General Hospital but on 15 July she was announced dead. One of the reasons for the dead and injured was that all of them did not wear the motorcycle helmets.—*Myanma Alin*

Two great poets honoured in Insein Township

YANGON, 19 July—A ceremony to honour great poets Tin Moe and Maung Khaing Mar, organized by Insein Township Writers Association, was held at Phawgan WahU Pariyatti Monastery in Insein Township on 15 July.

Writer Maung Kyi Naing read the paper on his poems and aesthetic prose of Poet Tin Moe and writer Soe Myint Latt on the person who overcame mysterious days and Shinma and his husband. Later, gifts were presented to resource persons.—*Kyemon*

Taxation talked in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 19 July—At Pinyinna Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region, the talks on taxation was held on 7 July morning.

Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Khin Maung Swe gave talks on taxation to Headmistress Daw San San Mya and departmental personnel, teachers and students.

Later, the head of Township IRD donated stationery for students to the school.—*Township IRD*



CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: Chairman of Dagon Myothit (South) Township War Veterans Organization presented cash assistance to offspring of members of the organization on 17 July.—*KYEMON*

Heroin, stimulant tablets seized in Lashio

LASHIO, 19 July— Acting on a tip off, members of Lashio Anti-Drug Squad searched the house of Kun Naung, 39, in Ward-3, Lashio on 11 July. They seized 16.5 grams of opium oil from the house. At 10.30 am on the same day, suspicious-looking Aik Si, 25, was arrested together with 0.3 gram of heroin. Also on the same morning, Khun Zaw Latt, 25, of Yaypu village in Hsenwi Township was arrested with 0.2 gram of heroin which was kept in his underpants.

Ma Sandar Myint, 40, of Sangyaung Township, Yangon Region, was also arrested on the same day in front of the ManHsu bus terminal as she was found together with 186 stimulant tablets. Sai Soe Nyunt, 34, of Kyaukme was arrested for possessing 595 stimulant

tablets, 0.28 gram of heroin and 45 grams of opium.

—*Myanma Alin*

Indonesian Ambassador, embassy families donate blood

YANGON, 19 July—The Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and wife together with families of the embassy donated blood at the National Blood Centre, here, yesterday.

As a gesture of honouring the 67th

Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August, the Indonesian Ambassador and families of the embassy donated blood collectively.

“We donated blood for bilateral ties as annual donation. In the time of previous ambassadors, they

had donated blood. Likewise, the present Ambassador in his four years period organized donation of blood annually,” an official of the Indonesian Embassy to Myanmar.

The Indonesian Ambassador and embassy families annually donate blood hailing the period of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival, honouring the Independence Day of the Indonesia in July and the Armed Forces of Indonesia in December, three times a year.—*Kyemon*

Suggestion given to fish breeders to generate more income

YANGON, 19 July— Myanmar Fish Breeding Association urged fish breeder farmers not to exceed 1000 fingerlings of carps on one acre of pond, according to the regular meeting of the meat and fish entrepreneurs held on 17 July.

Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Fish Breeding Entrepreneurs Association gave suggestions to enable the farmers to know mating of fish in the starting of fish breeding season, said an official of the association.

The carp breeders faced loss due to lack of high demand from abroad.

In last three years, carp and river catfish did not have high demand from the foreign market. Thus, suggestion was given to the breeders not to exceed breeding of 1000 carps per acre.

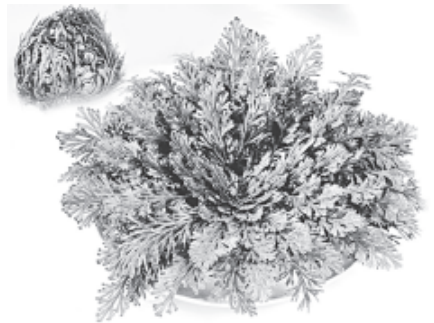
The fish breeders should not expect the decline and increase of prices for fish.

They should focus on breeding of fresh water lobsters, giant sea perch, banded snakehead, climbing perch and tilapia to be managed at the small ponds. As such, they can prevent depletion of natural fish species and earn deserved incomes.

—*Kyemon*

Chinese traders eye purchasing Rose of Jericho from Myanmar

MAGWAY, 19 July— One of the favourite items exported to China through Muse Border Trade Camp is Rose of Jericho. Traders settled K 250,000 per ton for the item. It is the new item and up to writing this news 22.3 tons of Rose of Jericho have entered into the neighbouring country. The item is the product of PyinOoLwin, Magway, Mandalay and Yamethin. Chinese people put it in the green tea and the price in Ruili stands at 2500 yuan per ton.—*Kyemon*



Aged in Yamethin get treatment

YAMETHIN, 19 July— Central Executive Committee member Daw Thet Thet Swe of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Incharge Physician Daw San

San Hlaing and chairpersons of Yamethin District and Township MCWAs donated cash, medicine, glasses and nutritious snacks to Shwe Thinn Home for the Aged on 14 July.

Donors also presented one oxygen cylinder to the home through Chairman of the home U Shwe and Treasurer U San Tin.

—*Myanma Alin*

Outstanding students, teachers honoured in Gyobingauk

GYOBINGAUK, 19 July— A ceremony to honour students who passed matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours and outstanding teachers were held at Shwe Nyilar Hall of Basic Education High School of Gyobingauk in Thayawady District in Bago Region on 9 July morning.

At first, Township Administrator U Thein Tun made a speech. Township Education Officer U Aung Win explained academic matters.

After that, the township administrator presented K 1,596,000 to 83 students and 27 outstanding teachers.—*Myanma Alin*



SUPERISE CHECK UNDERTAKEN: Under the supervision of Chairman of Myawady District Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Myo Swe, In-charge of Traffic Police Force SIP Win Tin Tun and party checked undisciplined vehicles and motorcycles on Bayintnaung Road in Myawady Township on 18 July. KYEMON

Fertilizing oceans with iron dust helps sink carbon

OSLO, 19 July—Dumping iron in the seas can help transfer carbon from the atmosphere and bury it on the ocean floor for centuries, helping to fight climate change, according to a study released on Wednesday.

The report, by an international team of experts, provided a boost for the disputed use of such ocean fertilisation for combating global warming.

But it failed to answer questions over possible damage to marine life.

When dumped into the ocean, the iron can spur growth of tiny plants that carry heat-trapping carbon to the ocean floor when they die, the study said.

Scientists dumped seven tonnes of iron sulphate, a vital nutrient for marine plants, into the Southern Ocean in 2004.

At least half of the heat-trapping carbon in the resulting bloom of diatoms, a type of algae, sank below 1,000 metres (3,300 ft).

"Iron-fertilized diatom blooms may sequester carbon for timescales of centuries in ocean bottom water and for longer in the sediments," the team from more than a dozen nations wrote in the journal *Nature*.

Burying carbon in the oceans would help the fight against climate change, caused by a build-up of carbon dioxide in the

atmosphere that scientists say is raising temperatures and causing more floods, mudslides, droughts and higher sea levels.

The study was the first convincing evidence that carbon, absorbed by algae, can sink to the ocean bed.

One doubt about ocean fertilization has been whether the carbon stays in the upper ocean layers, where it can mix back into the air.

A dozen previous studies have shown that iron dust can help provoke blooms of algae but were inconclusive about whether it sank.

Large-scale experiments with ocean fertilisation using iron are currently banned by the international London Convention on dumping at sea because of fears about side-effects.

Reuters



A forest fire is seen on a hill as a fire engine speeds past in the Vilaflor municipality, on the southern part of Spanish Canary Islands of Tenerife, 18 July, 2012.

INTERNET

Wildfire threatens Greek villages

KATO KASTRITI, 19 July—Officials in western Greece began evacuating villages threatened by an advancing wildfire that began early Wednesday, authorities said.

Fire officials said the village of Kato Kastriti was evacuated and the blaze was moving toward Platani, threatening other commu-

unities, ekathimer-ini.com reported.

Smoke from the fire also was causing problems at a nearby hospital, officials said.

More than 70 firefighters and five water-carrying airplanes were battling the blaze.

Internet



People cool off in the Atlantic Ocean at Coney Island in the Brooklyn borough of New York on 21 July, 2011.—REUTERS

Cameron: Austerity may be rule until 2020

LONDON, 19 July—Britain's economic difficulties will probably last through the end of the decade, with austerity budgets the rule, Prime Minister David Cameron said on Wednesday.

In an interview with *The Daily Telegraph* on the last day before Parliament's summer break, Cameron said the crisis has proved far deeper than he believed when he took office in 2010.

He said the difficulties in the eurozone are a drag on

Britain and are likely to continue for years.

When the Conservative-Liberal Democratic coalition took over the government, leaders predicted austerity measures would be needed for five years.

"I think the impairment to our economy in the bad years, the damage done to the banks, the indebtedness of our households, the extent of government debt, the extent of the whole growth model was unbalanced," he

said.

"You know, that impairment has been greater, it's been tougher to recover."

Cameron's government has to make difficult choices, he said. For example, any tax cuts would mean even deeper spending cuts.

"You can do exciting and radical and Conservative things at the same time as having difficult overall spending choices," he said.

Internet

Drought spans 61 percent of US land mass

ST LOUIS, 19 July—The US agriculture secretary on Wednesday designated 39 counties in eight states as disaster areas due to the drought that now spans 61 percent of the country.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said the drought — which affects 1,297 counties in 29 states — is the

companies are getting hit two ways by the drought — lower corn yields mean less to haul, and lower river levels mean smaller loads.

The US Army Corps of Engineers reported the river gauge in St. Louis was at 3 feet on Tuesday, down from the normal 15 feet at this time of year, and is expected to fall

our ability to allow for the level of traffic we're used to having," said Mark Mestemacher, owner of Ceres Barge Line in Fairmont City, Ill. "More importantly, the drought is affecting corn crops and unfortunately affecting what we will end up with. We're seeing lower and lower yields."

This is likely to add up to higher food prices, with products directly based on corn going up first. Dairy products may soon become more expensive as farmers cut the size of their herds.

Bill Tentinger, president of the Iowa Pork Producers Association, told the *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel* meat prices could drop at first because hard-pressed farmers will send animals to the slaughterhouse to save on high-priced feed. But that will mean less supply next year, with higher meat prices as a result.

"This is your last chance to get cheap beef," Walter Breiting, a commodities futures trader in Valparaiso, Ind, told the newspaper.

Internet



Mississippi River barge companies are getting hit two ways by the US drought: Lower corn yields means less to haul and lower river levels mean smaller loads. The US Army Corps of Engineers reported the river gauge in St. Louis was at 3 feet on Tuesday, 2005 file photo.—INTERNET

"most serious situation we've had probably in 25 years."

Vilsack said 78 percent of the country's corn crop is in designated drought areas and noted a 38-percent increase in corn prices since 1 June.

Mississippi River barge

another couple of feet during the summer, the *Belleville (Ill.) News-Democrat* reported. The gauge measures the river level, with zero being an average point established in the 1860s.

"The water is getting low. That is definitely affecting

Ferry capsizes off Zanzibar, at least 31 dead

STONE TOWN, (Zanzibar), 19 July—A ferry with more than 250 people on board, including some foreigners, capsized and sank between the east African coast and the Zanzibar archipelago on Wednesday, killing at least 31 people, police said.

Police Commissioner Mussa Ali Mussa said 145 people had been rescued and that the rescue mission was suspended until morning.

The ferry, MV Skagit/Kalama, set sail from mainland Tanzania at around midday for Zanzibar, Tanzania's semi-

autonomous archipelago and a popular tourist destination.

"The latest count that we have is 31 people dead and 145 were rescued. We have suspended the rescue operation for the night, but we will resume it at first light in the morning," Mussa told Reuters by telephone.

"The passenger boat had between 250 and 300 people on board when it capsized in rough seas."

Government spokesman Yusuf Chunda said a foreigner was among those killed, but it was not clear how many others had been

on board the vessel.

"One foreigner, a woman, is among the dead. Thirteen other foreigners were rescued and are in hospital," Chunda said.

Earlier, police said the vessel was carrying 250 adult passengers and 31 children when it capsized near Chumbe island, west of Zanzibar.

Zanzibar police spokesman Mohammed Mhina said by telephone that many passengers were missing but added "we don't know how many of them sank with the boat".

"Almost the entire boat has been submerged in water ... only a small part of the boat is now visible."

The ferry is owned by a company named Seagull, which also runs a number of other ferries. Previous reports had indicated the vessel was called MV Salama.

More than 200 people were killed when a crowded ferry sank in September off the coast of east Africa in the worst maritime disaster in the history of Zanzibar.—Reuters



Residents carry the bodies of victims who died in a ferry tragedy in the Indian Ocean waters, at the port of Zanzibar on 18 July, 2012.—REUTERS

About 3,000 people ordered to evacuate again in Japan's Kyushu

OSAKA, 19 July—About 3,000 people in a city of southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu were forced to evacuate their homes again on Thursday due to threats of landslide and flood caused by heavy rain, local Press reported.

According to Japan's public broadcaster NHK, the residents in Aso City where landslides hit houses last

week were ordered to evacuate their houses on Thursday morning as heavy rain continued to fall on the area covered with volcanic ash soil which is very fragile.

In Aso City and its surrounding region of Kumamoto Prefecture, at least 23 people were found dead and two went missing after landslides hit houses last week in more than 60 places.

Heavy rain caused by Tropical Storm Khanun poured in several areas of northern Kyushu which saw hourly rainfall between 40 and 50 mm in the morning hours.

The Japan Meteorological agency warned as the tropical storm moves north, heavy rainfall may trigger further floods and landslides in Kyushu till Friday.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV TURTLE BAY VOY NO (102)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TURTLE BAY VOY NO (102) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2012 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING
LINES**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ESM CREMONA VOY NO (052)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ESM CREMONA VOY NO (052) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 19.7.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1230)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HANNA MARIE VOY NO (1230) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2012 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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Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation (MAPCO)

Announcement of International Bidding

Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation (MAPCO) hereby announces its firm intention to invest and set up (15) Nos of Integrated Rice-based Processing Complexes, at major production and commercial areas of Myanmar. The Scope of Project for the Bidding will comprise "Design, Supply of Equipment & Machinery, Installation, Supervision, Commissioning, Test-run, Operation Technology Transfer & Training, After-sale Services and Other Requirements as Prescribed by MAPCO".

Interested Internationally renowned parties are invited to submit the Commercial and Technical Proposal, not later than **30th August, 2012**. Pre-bidding meeting will be held on **27th July, 2012**. During the Pre-bidding meeting, the detailed requirement and expectations from the Project shall be explained to prospective bidders that register for Bidding and clarifications, if required, shall be made. Registrations can be made at MAPCO Office, at starting from 20th July with registration fees of 100,000 Ks.

Room No (0303), SAKURA Tower,

No (339), Bogyoke Aung San Road,

Kyauktada Township, Yangon,

Myanmar.

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People lead a bull into the bullfight arena during the Torch Festival in Butuo County of Liangshan Yi Autonomous Prefecture in southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 18 July, 2012. People of Yi ethnic group here celebrated the annual Torch Festival, during which one of the highlights is the bullfight.—XINHUA

No charges against US military troops in Colombia prostitution scandal

WASHINGTON, 19 July— The US military said on Wednesday it would not pursue criminal charges against 10 service members implicated in the Secret Service prostitution scandal in Colombia, opting for lesser punishments and, in one case, a simple letter of reprimand.

US military troops and Secret Service agents were helping provide security arrangements for President Barack Obama before his April visit to a summit in the seaside city of Cartagena.

Secret Service employees were accused of bringing women, some of them prostitutes, back to their hotel rooms in Colombia. The agency said later that nine personnel were found to have been involved in serious misconduct. The incident overshadowed Obama's visit and embarrassed the services involved.

The US military's Southern Command did not disclose the nature of the

accusations against the service members, including whether they were directly involved in prostitution.

But three of the soldiers accused have requested a trial by court-martial, meaning the details in their cases would likely be made public when proceedings begin in the coming weeks.

The military recommended that seven soldiers and two Marines receive "non-judicial punishments," a broad category that one US official speaking on background said could range from reduction in rank to a monetary fine.

A member of the Air Force was also given a letter of reprimand after the military concluded he had not broken military law. None of the 10 service members was an officer. Southern Command said two cases remained under legal review.

While prostitution is legal in Colombia, it is illegal for service members under US military law.—Reuters

71-year-old prevents robbery

OCALA, 19 July— Two teenagers armed with a handgun and a baseball bat were shot and injured by a 71-year-old man during the attempted robbery of an Internet cafe in Ocala, Fla.

Davis Dawkins, 19, and Duwayne Henderson, 19, were arrested on charges of attempted armed robbery with a firearm and felony criminal mischief for attempting to rob an Internet cafe on last Friday, ABC News reported. Samuel Williams thwarted the robbery, pulling out a .380-caliber handgun and shooting at Dawkins and Henderson, forcing them to flee.

Dawkins and Henderson were arrested hours after the incident. Dawkins posted an \$11,000 bond and was released from jail. Henderson remains in Marion County Jail on a \$31,000 bond.

Authorities said Williams will most likely not be charged with a crime because the shooting was justified.—Internet

Colombia: Drug kingpin busted in Honduras

BOGOTA, 19 July — The alleged No 2 in a Colombian drug-trafficking organization has been arrested in Honduras, officials say. Colombian authorities said the operation that led to the arrest of Alexander Montoya Usuga, nicknamed "El Flaco," was run jointly with Honduras, Colombia Reports said.

Montoya, 33, was allegedly traveling in an airplane stolen from El Dorado Airport in Bogota some months ago and had just flown into Honduras from a third country. Montoya faces charges of murder and drug trafficking, authorities said.

Officials describe Montoya as the second-in-command in the Urabenos, a paramilitary group involved in the drug business. His family, the "Usuga clan," is in charge of the drug operation, officials say, and he succeeded to the No 2 spot when his cousin, Juan de Dios Usuga, or "Giovanni," was killed by Colombian security forces 1 Jan.—Internet



Photo taken on 19 July, 2012 shows an enamel on an exhibition in Dalian Modern Museum in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province. The three-month exhibition kicked off on Wednesday, displaying 83 enamels in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).—XINHUA

Indonesian soldiers of the special operations forces of Indonesian marine, also known as the Jala Mengkara Detachment, attend an anti-terrorism drill in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 18 July, 2012. Xinhua



Batman could fly, but he'd crash and die

Holy crash landing Batman! The crime-fighting caped crusader could fly but if he did, he would smash into the ground and probably die, a group of British physics students have calculated.

Dashing the dreams of comic fans across the world, four students from the University of Leicester said that while Batman could glide using his cape as he does in the 2005 film "Batman

Begins", his landing would almost certainly prove fatal.

The superhero is back in cinemas later this month in "The Dark Knight Rises" and they suggested Batman should go shopping before trying a similar attempt to become airborne over Gotham City.

"If Batman wanted to survive the flight, he would definitely need a bigger cape," said David Marshall, 22, one of the students in the final

year of their four-year Master of Physics degree.

"Or if he preferred to keep his style intact he could opt for using active propulsion, such as jets to keep himself aloft." In a paper titled "Trajectory of a falling Batman", the group argued that if he jumped from a 150-metre (492-foot) high building, the 4.7 meter (15-foot) wingspan of Batman's cape would allow him to glide 350 meters (1148 feet).



Christian Bale in a scene from "The Dark Knight Rises".

However, he would reach a speed of 68 miles per hour (109 km per hour) before hitting the ground at a life-threatening speed of 50 mph.

Bat interrupts zoning board meeting

Members of a Massachusetts zoning board said their meeting was interrupted twice by a bat that had flown into the building. The Sudbury zoning board was meeting on 11 July when the flying mammal entered the room, causing some members to hide under their desks, *The Boston Globe* reported on Wednesday.

"It was a little weird to be having a bat flying around our meeting," board member Jonathan Gossels said.

Gossels said the bat flew into the hallway, but made a second appearance just as the meeting was being

adjourned. "Somehow it came back and we're not sure how that happened," Gossels said.

Gossels said the bat is believed to have eventually exited the building through the front door.



A screenshot from a youtube video submitted by SudburyTV shows the bat interrupting the zoning board meeting while attendees duck for cover.



Authorities in Washington state said a suspicious powder found spread around an intersection turned out to be flour spread

Suspicious powder revealed as flour

by a pair of crows.

Firefighters said a hazardous materials team was called to the Edmonds intersection on Tuesday and traffic was diverted for more than an hour while the team worked to identify the

substance, *The (Everett) Daily Herald* reported on Wednesday.

"It turns out the white powdery substance is, in fact, flour," Snohomish County Fire District 1 spokeswoman Leslie Hynes said. A woman

who had been jogging in the area earlier said she saw a pair of crows dragging a bag of flour. "She took it away from them, put it in a garbage can and kept running," Hynes said. "Two crows and a two-alarm hazmat incident."

Hudson, King perform at Smith Center opening

LAS VEGAS, 19 July—Jennifer Hudson, Willie Nelson and Carole King were among those who sang at the opening of the Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas.

Neil Patrick Harris served as host of "From Dust to Dreams: Opening Night at the Smith Center for the Performing Arts," a musical special taped in March that will air 21 Sept on PBS.

The programme includes appearances by Merle Haggard, Emmylou Harris, Martina McBride, Arturo Sandoval, Joshua Bell, John Fogerty, Mavis Staples, Pat Monahan, Marcello Gomes and Luciana Paris. Brian Stokes Mitchell, Laura Osnes, Cheyenne Jackson, Sherie Rene Scott, Montego Glover and Benjamin Walker participated in the event, as well.

"We set out to celebrate the best of the American creative spirit whether it was classical, Broadway, rock, dance or soul on the occasion of the opening of a world-class performing arts center," said the show's director and producer Michael Stevens.

"It's not every day that you get the chance to see such a range of artists all at the peak of their respective talents."

"I am so honored to have been a part of the Smith Center's opening night," McBride said in a statement. "I am excited for viewers at home to see how magical the night was performing with some of the most iconic names in music."—*Internet*

Jennifer Hudson performs at the Revlon Concert for the Rainforest Fund at Carnegie Hall in New York City on 3 April, 2012.—*INTERNET*



Paris Jackson listens on as grandmother Katherine Jackson speaks during a ceremony honouring Michael Jackson at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 26 Jan, 2012. INTERNET

Janet Jackson objects to Paris acting

LOS ANGELES, 19 July—US pop star Janet Jackson is not supportive of her 14-year-old niece Paris' decision to act professionally while still a child, sources told *UsMagazine.com*. Paris is one of the three children of Janet's singer brother, Michael, who died in 2009.

The teen has spoken publicly about her plans to act in the movie "Landon's Bridge and the Three Keys," which is due for release in 2014. But Janet is afraid doing so goes against her late sibling's wishes that his children not

work until they are at least 18, *UsMagazine.com* said.

"She feels it goes against Michael's wishes to keep his kids out of the limelight until age 18," an insider told the magazine. "Janet thinks Paris should enjoy being a kid and possibly go to college. ... It's a huge dispute!"

Paris and her brothers, Prince Michael and Blanket, are being raised by Janet and Michael's mother, Katherine. Janet and Michael, as well as their siblings, grew up performing professionally.



Roger Daltry of The Who speaks to the Media at a press conference at the Media Center in Ft. Lauderdale on 4 Feb, 2010. Super Bowl XLIV will feature The Who in concert at halftime on 7 February. INTERNET

The Who plans N American concert tour

LONDON, 19 July—British rock band The Who announced on Wednesday plans for a North American concert tour during which they'll perform "Quadrophenia" in its entirety.

In addition to playing the iconic 1973 rock opera, the group will perform a selection of Who classics during the concert series, which will kick off its initial six-week run 1 Nov in Sunrise, Fla. The Who will return to the United States in late January with more dates, commencing on 28 Jan in Anaheim, Calif.

Founding Who members Roger Daltry and Pete Townshend will be joined by Zak Starkey on drums, Pino Palladino on bass, Simon Townshend on guitar/backing vocals, Chris Stainton on keyboards and Loren Gold and Frank Simes on keyboards/backing vocals.

The AEG-promoted 36-date tour is the band's first North American series of shows in four years.

Kennedy pleads not guilty to DWAI

NEW YORK, 19 July—Human-rights activist and author Kerry Kennedy has pleaded not guilty in New York's North Castle Town Court to driving while ability impaired.

The plea stemmed from her 13 July car crash after which police said she failed multiple sobriety tests and slurred her speech.

TMZ quoted her as saying in court on Tuesday she hadn't been on drugs when she drove her car into a tractor-trailer, but rather suffered a seizure as a result of an old head injury.

She also admitted in court she may have told police after the accident she had taken an

Ambien sleeping pill before the collision, but now believes she was mistaken and tests showed "no alcohol, recreational drugs or



Kerry Kennedy in New York on 17 Nov, 2010. INTERNET

prescription medication in my system," TMZ reported.

Kennedy said she underwent an MRI after the crash and the test revealed "an area of hyper density" in her brain, which she said is related to an old head injury.

"This accident was caused not by a sleeping aid but by a complex partial seizure," Kennedy said.

She is due back in court next month. Kennedy, 52, is the daughter of the late US Sen. Robert F Kennedy and Ethel Skakel Kennedy. She also is the ex-wife of New York Gov Andrew Cuomo and mother of his three children.

De Niro, Pfeiffer to star in Besson's mob comedy

BEVERLY HILLS, 19 July—Robert De Niro, Michelle Pfeiffer and Tommy Lee Jones have signed on for roles in French filmmaker Luc Besson's "Malavita," the action comedy's producers said. EuropaCorp and Relativity Media said Dianna Agron and John D'Leo have joined the cast of the film, which is set to go into production this summer.

Adapted by Besson from the book "Badfellas" by author Tonino Benacquista, "Malavita" tells the story of the Manzonis, a notorious organized crime family who gets relocated to Normandy,



Actress Michelle Pfeiffer, a cast member in the motion picture drama "People Like Us", attends the premiere of the film as part of the LA Film Festival, at Regal Cinemas L.A. Live in Los Angeles on 15 June, 2012.—*INTERNET*

France, under the witness protection program. The film is set for a 2013 release.

Bollywood's Rajesh Khanna dead at 69

MUMBAI, 19 July —Rajesh Khanna, who starred in more than 160 Bollywood movies, died at his home in Mumbai on Wednesday, his family said. He was 69.

The BBC said he had been in poor health in recent weeks, but the cause of his death has not been disclosed.

"He has gone to a very

nice and heavenly place. We are very happy that he had gone there," his actor son-in-law, Akshay Kumar, told reporters, the BBC said. "I hope everybody there, whoever is watching him, can just say a little prayer for him." Among his hit movies were "Kati Patang," "Aaradhana," "Anand" and "Amar Prem."—*Interent*



Late actor Rajesh Khanna



Tommy Haas

HAMBURG, (Germany), 19 July — Veteran Tommy Haas rallied to upset defending

Haas beats Simon to advance in Hamburg

champion Gilles Simon 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 Wednesday for a place in the quarterfinals of the German Tennis Championships.

Haas beat Roger Federer for the title in Halle, Germany, in June and is looking to become the first home player to win the tournament since Michael Stich in 1993.

Haas will next meet another German, Florian Mayer, who routed Robin Haase 6-2, 6-1. Fourth-seeded



Gilles Simon

Marin Cilic stayed on course for a second title in two weeks by dismissing Federico Delbonis 6-3, 6-2. Albert Ramos beat Lukas Roso 17-6 (8), 4-6, 6-3. — *Internet*

Mathieu ousts 3rd-seeded Wawrinka at Swiss Open

GSTAAD, (Switzerland), 19 July — Paul-Henri Mathieu of France beat Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland 7-6 (3), 7-6 (8) at the Swiss



Paul-Henri Mathieu of France

Open on Wednesday to reach his first quarterfinal this season. Mathieu, who was injured throughout 2011, earned the key points with the third-seeded Wawrinka converting just two of nine break chances in the second-round match.

A former top-20 player, Mathieu is ranked No 172 after dropping into the high 700s. Thomaz Bellucci of Brazil downed fourth-seeded Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, and fifth-seeded Feliciano Lopez of Spain rallied to beat Czech Jan Hajek, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 6-4.

Latvia's Ernests Gulbis saved 15 of 17 break points to edge Benoit Paire of France



Stanislas Wawrinka of Switzerland

5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4. In the first round, seventh-seeded Colombian Santiago Giraldo beat Swiss wild card Henri Laaksonen 6-2, 6-2.

— *Internet*

Tour de France: Evans loses Tour crown in the Pyrenees

BAGNERES DE LUCHON, France, 19 July — Defending champion Cadel Evans bowed to the heat and the four Pyrenean climbs on the 16th stage of the Tour de France to surrender his crown on Wednesday. "It's over for the Tour victory," admitted his BMC team manager Jim Ochowicz at the end of the 197-km ride from Pau, won by Frenchman Thomas Voeckler.

Evans, the first Australian to win the world's leading cycling race a year ago, lost ground on the final Aspin and Peyresourde climbs to finish nearly 12 minutes behind the day's



BMC Racing Team rider Cadel Evans of Australia is cheered by spectators as he cycles during the 16th stage of the 99th Tour de France cycling race between Pau and Bagnères-de-Luchon, on 18 July, 2012. — *REUTERS*

winner and nearly five behind Tour leader Bradley Wiggins.

Overall, he now lies seventh, 8:06 behind the Briton, far too wide a gap to bridge before the finish in Paris on Sunday. Evans started struggling in the first-category Aspin pass, 50 kms from the finish, and was helped by French team mate Amael Moinard while his team director John Lelangue gave American Tejay Van Garderen the go-ahead to tend to his best young climber's white jersey.

The Peyresourde pass, overlooking the spa town of Bagnères de Luchon, was even more painful for the Australian, a shadow of last year's winner in the scorching heat. "I don't think it's possible to be on the podium anymore. But there are still two of us in the top 10 and the white jersey to defend," said Van Garderen, who now sits a spot above his leader in sixth place. — *Reuters*

International Sports

Lemaitre hoping to be the Olympics' sprint master

LONDON, 19 July — Frenchman Christophe Lemaitre is hoping he can gatecrash the expected Jamaican and American hold over the sprints at the Olympics — so long as he doesn't go to sleep in the blocks! The 22-year-old two-time European 100 metres champion and 2010 200m victor has yet to decide whether he will compete in both sprint distances or focus solely on the 200m. However, he gave a pretty clear hint after running the third fastest time of the year in the event of 19.91 in the 200m at last weekend's London Diamond League meet.

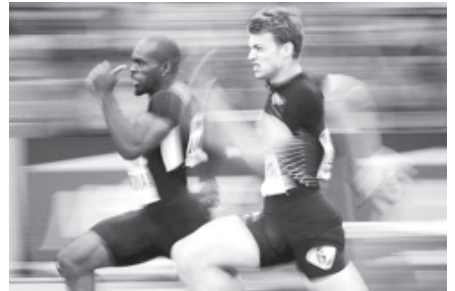
"Normally I will run the 200m, yes," said Lemaitre. I will probably give the 100m a miss. Unless there is a change of plan, where Pierrot (Carraz his coach) is eager to put me into the mix (for the 100m). "May be at the next Games (Rio-2016) I will do both." However, Lemaitre, who became the first white sprinter to break the symbolic 10sec barrier in 2010 and whose fastest time is 9.92sec, will go to London without the pressure of being

the man to beat in either sprint but even if he was he says he showed in Helsinki that he can handle it.

"This race (the European 100m final) proves that despite the pressure of being favourite, despite the pressure triggered by the false starts, I remained focussed, I managed

industrial computer science, will certainly not be losing any sleep over the challenges ahead as he usually sleeps for 10 hours a night.

"I can fall asleep anywhere," he says. "I've even fallen asleep on the grass at the Aix-les-Bains racecourse." Indeed he was awoken from



France's Christophe Lemaitre (R) races alongside Netherlands' Churandy Martina in the men's 200m final on the second day of the 2012 Diamond League athletics meet at Crystal Palace in London, on 14 July. Lemaitre won with Martina placing second. — *INTERNET*

to remain myself." Lemaitre, who has carried on studying at the University of Savoie where he is undertaking a technological degree in electrical engineering and

his siesta the day after his 100-metre European title in Barcelona in 2010, by a congratulatory phone call from then French President Nicolas Sarkozy. — *Internet*

United start world tour with narrow victory

DURBAN, 19 July — Manchester United started a six-game pre-season world tour with a 1-0 win over AmaZulu before a capacity 50,000 crowd at Moses Mabhida Stadium on Wednesday. Federico Macheda scored the winner midway through the first half for the Red Devils, who came closest to increasing their lead just before time when another Italian, substitute Davide Petrucci, rattled the crossbar. It was a closer match than anticipated, with many South Africans believing mid-table Premiership side AmaZulu would be swept aside by the former European champions even though they lacked many first choices like Wayne Rooney.

United left new signing Shinji Kagawa from Japan on the bench as they started with a mix of experienced stars like captain Rio Ferdinand and youngsters Robbie Brady, Frederic Veseli, Wootton and Lingard. The Red Devils were

quick into their stride on a clear mid-winter evening in the Indian Ocean city and could have taken the lead inside two minutes had Javier Hernandez been sharper. Goalkeeper Tapuwā Kapini failed to grasp a close-range Macheda shot and the ball fell invitingly for the Mexican in front of goal, but he failed to connect and the South Africans hastily

cleared. United were dominant in the early stages against nervous opponents and the 2012 English Premier League runners-up to Manchester City would not have been flattered by a three-goal lead after 10 minutes. Machedo broke the deadlock on 20 minutes by finishing off good work from Paul Scholes and



South Africa's Tswu Mokoro (L), AmaZulu midfielder, and England's Scott Wootton, Manchester United defender, fight for the ball during their MTN Football Invitational match at the Moses-Mabhida Stadium in Durban. Manchester United started a six-game pre-season world tour with a 1-0 win over AmaZulu before a capacity 50,000 crowd at Moses Mabhida Stadium on Wednesday. — *Internet*

Neymar begs Santos teammate Ganso: Don't abandon me!

SAO PAULO, 19 July — Neymar is desperately hoping that Ganso decides to remain at Santos, joking that he has been begging his teammate not to "abandon" him. The pair are currently preparing for Brazil's assault on the 2012 Olympic Games but that has not quelled speculation surrounding their respective

futures at club level. While Neymar reiterated that there is no chance of him leaving the Vila Belmiro before the next World Cup, he admitted that he has no idea if Ganso will depart in the interim. "I have had to repeat for three years that I will stay at Santos," the 20-year-old forward is quoted as saying

by Lancenet. "Everyone knows that I will stay at Santos until 2014. I may or may not sign a new deal [after that]; I will only know that when the time comes."

"But [Ganso] has not told me yet if he is going to leave. If I had to talk not about the friend, but the player, I would say that everyone wants to



have someone like him on the team. I do not know much about what is happening. — *Internet*

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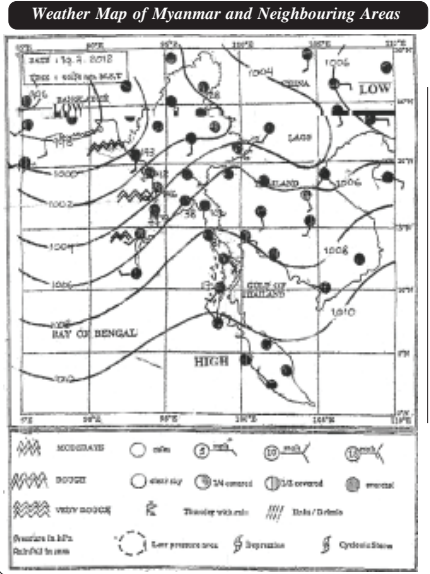
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(20-7-2012) (Friday)

- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta by Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:20 am
 4. Documentary
- 4:05 pm
 5. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:15 pm
 6. Songs of Yester Years
- 4:40 pm
 7. University of Distance Education (TV Lecture) - Third Years (Maths)
- 4:55 pm
 8. Song for Upholding National Sprit
- 5:00 pm
 9. Myanmar Language
- 5:45 pm
 10. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
 11. Internet Garden
- 7:00 pm
 12. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm
 13. News
 14. Just for Laughs
 15. TV Drama Series
 16. Song Lover



Weather forecast for 20th July, 2012

No.	Location	Temperature (°C)		Forecast		Percent
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent	
1	Kachin	30.86	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
2	Kayah	26.79	20.68	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
3	Kayah	26.82	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
4	Chin	21.70	16.61	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
5	Upper Sagaing	32.90	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
6	Lower Sagaing	37.99	27.81	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
7	Tanintharyi	26.79	21.70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
8	Bago	29.84	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
9	Magway	32.90	26.79	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
10	Mandalay	34.93	27.81	Isolated to Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
11	Mon	26.79	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
12	Yangon	29.84	21.70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
13	Rakhine	27.81	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
14	Southern Shan	21.70	17.63	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
15	Northern Shan	26.79	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
16	Kanayaw	26.79	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
17	Ayeyarwady	28.82	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (RH)	(100%)	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	27.81	22.72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	29.84	21.70	Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times	(80%)	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34.93	27.81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been fairly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Tanintharyi Region, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Ayeyarwady Region and Chin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thabeik (8.50) inches, Ye (7.40) inches, Mrauk U (7.13) inches, Sitway (7.09) inches, Langlun (5.00) inches and Kyaukse (4.92) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon.



Photo illustration shows Afghan security personnel in Faryab province, Afghanistan. Eight Afghan civilians were killed in a Taliban bombing in northern Afghanistan on Thursday and two NATO soldiers were killed in similar bombs elsewhere in the troubled country, officials said.—INTERNET

Olympian Lepchenko advances at Carlsbad

CARLSBAD, 19 July—US Olympian Varvara Lepchenko upset South African eighth seed Chanelle Scheepers 6-4, 6-2 to reach her third quarter-final of the season at the WTA hardcourt event.

The 44th-ranked Lepchenko, who will join Venus and Serena Williams plus fellow Carlsbad competitor Christina McHale on the flight to London next week for the 28 July start of the Olympic tennis event, never faced a break point in a victory that took less than 90 minutes.

Lepchenko reached quarter-finals this season indoors in Memphis in February and on the blue clay of May's Madrid Masters, where she lost to Agnieszka Radwanska.

The American broke Scheepers three times and advanced as the South African sailed a return long. Lepchenko next plays either fourth seed Nadia Petrova of Russia or American Alexa Glatch.

Taiwanese qualifier Chan Yung-Jan beat Britain's Heather Watson 6-3, 7-6 (7/2). Chan, ranked 161st, will face a Friday test against either fourth seed Jelena Jankovic, the former world number one, or Hungarian Melinda Czink.

Chan won the opening set in 40 minutes, breaking Watson in the final game as the British player, who failed to convert on any of her seven break points, served to stay in it. In the second, six service breaks came thick and fast as the set went to a tiebreaker. Chan took a 5-2 lead and put away a crosscourt volley to earn the victory.

"Today was a difficult match because both of us are pretty solid," Chan said. "The weather was pretty warm today, so it was difficult physically." French top seed Marion Bartoli was opening her campaign after a first-round bye as she faced American Vania King in the second round.—INTERNET



TREES GROWN: Tree growing ceremony was held at Basic Education High School and its environs, organized by Gangaw Township Forest Department and Township Education Officer, in Kyawtaik Ward of Gangaw Township on 11 July. The students and departmental personnel participate in cultivation of saplings at inside and outside school compound. MYANMA ALIN

Plan emphasized on marine ecosystem conservation

YANGON, 19 July—The Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Myanmar Fisheries Federation, Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) and England-based Fauna and Flora International (FFI) will jointly carry out conservation of ecosystem in Kyunso Township.

"Fauna & Flora International (FFI) leads implementation of the plan. The combined team chose Kyunso Township as a project area to implement the one year plan from 2012 to 2013. They will conserve ecosystem, coral reefs, sea grasses, and endangered animal species such as dugongs, dolphins and sharks and so on. They will make study tours around the sites. They will disseminate knowledge to the local people. After that, they will designate a marine protected area as a model," Vice-President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Han Tun explained.

FFI in cooperation with the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Myanmar Fisheries Federation held a workshop on Opportunities for Marine Conservation for the second time at Myanmar Fisheries Federation on 16 July with the aim of conserving the ecosystem in Kyunso Township.

The workshop focused on study on ecosystem at coral reefs, seeking the points of harming ecosystem, observation on domestic fishing industry and social affairs, coordination for designation of marine protected area to enable the local people to realize the prospects of impacts on domestic fishing works and construction of a scale model for marine resources conservation management.

The workshop was attended by officials of the Fisheries Department, Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Biodiversity and Nature Conservation Association (BANCA) and NGOs.—Ye Naing (Kyemon)



Varvara Lepchenko during the Mercury Insurance Open match against South Africa's Chanelle Scheepers in Carlsbad on 18 July. Lepchenko won 6-4 6-2 to reach her third quarter-final of the season at the WTA hardcourt event.—INTERNET

Asleep in Jesus Allan Charles Chit Tha Age (58) Years CDC 21693 UNITEAM SHIPPING CO.

Allan Charles Chit Tha of Building (24), Room (4), U Wisara Housing Estate, Dagon Township, Yangon, grandson of [Lt-Col W.C.J. Boudville (Rtd) and Daw Saw Yin], son of [Major Charles Chit Tha (Rtd), and Daw Cissie], husband of Daw Kyi Hlaing @ Daw Win Yee (Myanma Port Authority (Rtd)), brother of Daw Carole Ann Chit Tha (Professor/Director (Rtd)), SEAMEO CHAT-U Michael Khin Maung Latt (Ex R/O, New Asia Shipping Co.), Daw Susan Ann Chit Tha @ Daw Su Su Swe-Dr U Myint Swe (State Health Officer (Rtd)), (U Vincent Charles Chit Tha)-Daw Khin San Htay, Daw Elizabeth Ann Chit Tha, Uncle of (11) nieces and nephews, Grandfather of (3) grandchildren, passed away peacefully at 5.40 p.m. on Thursday the 19th July 2012. Funeral service will be held at 13:00 hours on Saturday the 21st July 2012 at St. John Cantonment Catholic Church and cortege will proceed to Yayway Christian Cemetery N. Okkalapa for burial. Buses will leave the above address at 12.30 hours for funeral service.

Merit-sharing ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw on Martyrs' Day



Union Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt and congregation receiving Five Precepts from Sayadaw at merit-sharing ceremony for martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country.

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NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—A merit-sharing ceremony for martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country was held at Mingala Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area here on the 65th Martyrs' Day this morning. Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt attended the ceremony.

Members of Sangha led by State Ovadaçariya Abbot of Mahavisutarama Segon Monastery Bhaddanta Kavisara

of Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinana, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Hluttaw representatives, members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, members of social organizations, members of Nay Pyi Taw Women's Affairs Federation, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross First Aid Brigade, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, representatives from War Veterans' Organizations, departmental heads and guests attended the ceremony.

The congregation received Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavisara and the members of Sangha recited Parittas. The congregation then donated offertories to the members of Sangha.

The congregation led by the Union minister received sermons from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavisara and shared merits to the martyrs.

The a-day meal was offered to the members of Sangha.—MNA

A-day meal offered to members of the Sangha in commemoration of Martyrs' Day

YANGON, 19 July—Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rahta Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa, members of Sangha, the speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw, members of region level organizations, the joint secretary, members and heads of departments of Yangon City Development Committee, guests and officials attended the merit-sharing ceremony in commemoration of the 65th Martyrs' Day at City Hall here this morning.

The congregation received Five Precepts from the Bhamo Sayadaw and the members of Sangha recited Parittas.

Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Chief Justice of Region High Court U Win Swe, Region ministers and officials donated offertories to the members of Sangha.

The congregation received sermons from the SSMNC chairman and shared merits gained.

The a-day meal was then offered to the members of the Sangha.

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Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and congregation receive Five Precepts from Sayadaw at offering day meal ceremony in commemoration of Martyrs' Day.—MNA

Bogyoke Aung San Museum packed with visitors



Members of religious orders, students, political parties, social organizations and foreigners seen at Bogyoke Aung San Museum on Bogyoke Museum Street in Bahan Township, Yangon.—MNA

YANGON, 19 July—Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Bogyoke Museum Street in Bahan Township here was opened to the public free of charge from 8 am to 4 pm on the 65th Martyrs' Day.

It received 16,197 visitors including members of the religious orders, students, political party members, social organization members and foreigners on the public holiday.

Officials sought convenience of the visitors, and doctors and nurses of Health Department in Bahan Township got ready themselves for necessary healthcare.

The museum is kept open on the days except Mondays, Tuesdays and

public holidays from 10 am to 4 pm. The fee for an adult is K 300 and for members of religious orders and children is K 100.

The 90 years old

museum is under repair by Archaeological Research, National Museum and Library Department under the Ministry of Culture.

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Philippines rescues sea turtles from poachers' net