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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 receives FAO representative

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received FAO Representative for Myanmar Ms Bui Thi Lan at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Foreign

Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and departmental heads.

They frankly discussed matters related to agriculture and livestock breeding sectors, rural development and poverty alleviation scheme, and promotion of environmental conservation works.—MNA



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Duties on projects assigned for 2012-2013 in Myeik District

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— A ceremony to assign duties on projects to Myeik District for 2012-2013 took place at Kyun Yadana Hall of the General Administration Department in Myeik District this morning, with an address by Myeik District Deputy Commissioner U Lwin Ko Oo of the department.

Purposes of the projects for 2012-2013 were clarified by Deputy Director U Min

Naung of Planning Department of Myeik District.

Afterwards, assignments of the duties on projects for the year were made by the the Deputy Commissioner to Township Administrators, and departmental staff through manager U Myint Sein of the agricultural supervisory committee of Myeik District.—MNA

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Langkho District

LANGKHO, 21 July— Staff of Mongnai Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Langkho District on 16 July morning issued citizenship scrutiny cards and household certificates at Basic Education High School in Nakhon Village of Nakhon Village-tract in Mongnai Township of Shan State (South).

Issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards and household certificates of Head of Township INRD U

Sai Aung Naing and staff were supervised by Head of Langkho District Immigration and National Registration Department U Tun Nyein and Township Administrator U Myat Kyaw.

Myamma Alin

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (21-7-2012)

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| Pyapon | (4.29) inches |
| Myaungmya | (4.21) inches |
| Taungup | (4.17) inches |
| Putao | (3.39) inches |
| Myitkyina | (3.15) inches |
| Theinzayat | (3.11) inches |

Football Tournament kicks off in Ottarathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— The Ottarathiri Township Administrator's Cup Football Tournament kicked off at Taungnyo sports

ground in Taungnyo village-tract in Ottarathiri Township this afternoon.

After giving a speech, Township Administrator

U Ye Myat Tint opened the tournament. Altogether 10 football teams from wards and village-tracts are taking part the tournament.—MNA

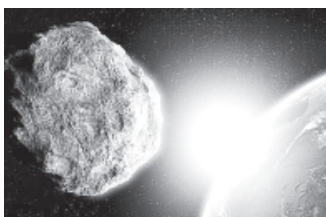
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Watch a 3,000-foot-wide asteroid hurtle near Earth online



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Liverpool owner hails 'inspirational' Rodgers



Brendan Rodgers was appointed Liverpool manager earlier on in the summer.

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Snedeker builds 1-shot lead, with Tiger lurking



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PERSPECTIVES

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Let's work together to promote reproductive health services

Abortion is illegal and complications of abortion are one of the leading causes of maternal death and disability in Myanmar.

Nearly 5 per cent of all pregnancies end up in abortions. About 16 million of women in Myanmar which has a population of around 60 million are reproductive age.

Myanmar started the birth spacing program in the public health sector in 1991 funded by Family Planning International Assistance and formulation of the 5-year Strategic Plan for Reproductive Health (2009-2013) in collaboration with all stakeholders launched by the Ministry of Health and maternal mortality has downed from 520 in 1990 to 200 per 100,000 live births in 2010.

However, every year, about 2000 women die in pregnancy or childbirth from complications that are highly preventable or treatable in the country. Contraception is important – but nearly one fourth of Myanmar married women of reproductive age would like to practice contraception, but they do not have the means to do so.

There are a number of issues to address – lack of access to appropriate health care and lack of knowledge about contraceptives.

The correct message for the Family Planning or birth-spacing, is about saving lives, and protecting mothers and children from death, ill health, disability and underdevelopment. As a key component of reproductive health, access to birth-spacing information, commodities and services is a fundamental right for every woman and community if they are to develop to their full potentials.

The media plays an important role in sending correct message and promoting demand and address socio-cultural barriers to utilization of reproductive health services.

Efforts of the Government and development partners to ensure the availability of contraceptives are also critical to preventing unsafe abortion in the country.

Jivatadana Sangha Hospital to collectively donate blood

YANGON, 21 July—Jivatadana Sangha Hospital of Bahan Township will hold the collective blood donation for the 11th time at its hall on 4 August morning.

Members of the Sangha, nuns and laypersons will donate blood for saving life of the patients. The in-charge of National Blood Centre of Yangon General Hospital and party will accept the blood.

Those wishing to donate blood may enlist at out-patient Sangha ward, out-patient nun ward and layperson ward of the Jivatadana Sangha Hospital, the medical superintendent office and relations section.

Moreover, any person may dial 09-73006446 of the out-patient Sangha ward, 01-542706 of out-patient nun ward, 01-552542 of out-patient layperson ward, 01-558434 of medical superintendent and 01-541793 of relations section, not later than at 4 pm on 1 August.

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Ambassador U Soe Nwe presents credentials to German President

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—U Soe Nwe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, presented his credentials to Mr Joachim Gauck, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, on 11 July, 2012 in Berlin.—MNA

Ambassador U Thant Kyaw appointed as permanent representative to UN

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thant Kyaw, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Belgium, as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations, New York.—MNA

Wellwishers from Thailand donate alms bowls, 1500 sets of robes to SSMNC Chairman and member Sayadaws



Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and congregation receives the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa.—MNA

YANGON, 21 July—Under the leadership of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and supervision of Myanmar Border and Hilly Region Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association, Traisikkhabhavana Academy, Thailand donated 1500 sets of robes and alms bowls at the ancient prayer hall on the platform of Shwedagon Pagoda, here, at 7 am today.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Mandalay Bhamo Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumarabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung and officials, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Myanmar Border and Hilly Regions Theravada Buddhist Sasana Nuggaha Association Dr Khin Shwe and party, wellwishers from Thailand and guests.

Secretary of the SSMNC Chauktetgyi Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma

Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Khemindasami administered the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

A representative of the wellwishers and Chairman of the association Dr Khin Shwe supplied on the purpose of donation.

Wellwisher Nun Mrs Thiraporn donated a sash made of 19 ticals of gold, 60 rati of diamond and 17 pieces of ruby and other jewellery to Union Minister Thura U Myint Maung.

After that, the Union Minister, officials and wellwishers presented alms bowls and 1500 sets of robes to the Chairman Sayadaw and members of the Sangha from State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon).

A representatives of Thai wellwishers donated cash to the fund for all-round renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda to the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

After that, the Chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. Later, they offered meals to members of the Sangha.

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CASH DONATED TO HINZIGON HOME FOR THE AGED: U Khin Htoo and wife Daw Yamin Phyu donated K 500,000 in memory of late U Sein Tun (a) Archun of East wing of Bogyoke Aung San Market in Pabedan Township in Yangon to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through joint secretary of executive board of the Home for the Aged U Maung Maung Gyi recently.—NLM

Literary talks and marionette show organized in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Literary talks and marionette show were organized at No (21) Basic Education High School (Branch) in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay on 17 July.

The talks and show, organized by Information and Public Relations Department of Mandalay District, were aimed at promoting reading habits of schoolchildren and helping them make the most of school library.

The event was attended by Region Finance and Revenue Minister U Phone

Zaw Han, the District Staff Officer of Information and Public Relations Department, township staff officers, staff, headmistress, teachers and students.

District Staff Officer Daw Than Than Wai said the purpose of the event was to cultivate reading habits in basic education schools. She then donated publications to the school library.

Writers U Thaik Tun Thet and Hsu Hnget gave talks on reading habits, followed by performance of Ma Naing Mandalay Marionette troupe.—MNA

Donate blood

Attack on Turkey-Iraq pipeline knocks out oil flows

ISTANBUL, 21 July—Turkish authorities are blaming sabotage for a fire on a pipeline carrying petroleum from Iraq to Turkey's Mediterranean coast that cut oil flows late on Friday, NTV television said.

The fire on the Kirkuk-Ceyhan pipeline erupted near the town of Midyat in southeastern Turkey, it said, citing the provincial governor. No one was immediately available at the governor's office or at the state pipeline operator Botas to confirm the report.

The Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), a Kurdish separatist group, has claimed responsibility for attacks on the 960-kilometre link, which carries about a quarter of Iraqi oil exports, in the past.—Reuters

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



LONDON, 21 July—New York police believe Iranian Revolutionary Guards or their proxies have been involved so far this year in nine plots against Israeli or



Camera crews and reporters set up in front of the home of Arlene Holmes, mother of the James Holmes, in Rancho Penasquitos, California on 20 July, 2012. REUTERS

New York police link nine 2012 plots to Iran, proxies

Jewish targets around the world, according to restricted police documents obtained by Reuters.

Reports prepared this week by intelligence analysts for the New York Police Department (NYPD) say three plots were foiled in January, three in February and another three since late June. Iran has repeatedly denied supporting militant attacks abroad.

The documents, labeled "Law Enforcement Sensitive," said that this week's suicide bomb attack in Bulgaria was the second

Each plot was attributed to Iran or its Lebanese Hezbollah militant allies, said the reports, which were produced following the bombing in Burgas, Bulgaria of a bus carrying Israeli tourists.

Iran on Thursday dismissed "unfounded statements" by Israel linking Teheran to the Burgas blast, saying they were politically motivated accusations which underscored the weakness of the accusers.

Wednesday's bombing in the Black Sea city is listed in a document headed "Suspected Iranian and/or Hezbollah-linked Plots Against Israeli or Jewish Targets: 2012 Chronology", the latest of the nine 2012 plots linked to the Islamic Republic or its proxies.

US officials say they increasingly concur with Israeli assessments that Iran and its proxies organized the killing of seven Israeli tourists in Burgas by a suicide bomber after they boarded an airport bus.

One US official said Hezbollah, the Iranian-backed Shi'ite Muslim militia, had in the past carried out suicide bombings.

Reuters

Would-be Pentagon model-plane bomber enters guilty plea

BOSTON, 21 July—The Massachusetts man charged with plotting to attack the Pentagon and the US Capitol with remote-controlled model airplanes packed with explosives entered a guilty plea in a Boston federal court on Friday.

Rezwan Ferdaus told a packed courtroom, including his distraught family members, that he would accept the plea deal for a 17-year prison sentence that was hammered out by his attorneys and prosecutors earlier this month.

The charges against Ferdaus carried a potential combined sentence of 35 years in prison. Sentencing will take place on 1 November.

Ferdaus, of Ashland, Massachusetts, is charged with attempting to destroy and damage a federal building, and attempting

to provide material support to terrorists.

He earlier pleaded not guilty to a total of six charges after his arrest in September 2011. Authorities dropped some of the charges in exchange for the guilty plea.

A Muslim-American born and raised in Massachusetts to parents of Bangladeshi descent, Ferdaus was arrested after an FBI investigation during which he requested and took delivery of explosives, grenades and assault rifles from undercover FBI agents that he believed were members of al Qaeda.

At the time of his arrest, the physics graduate from Northeastern University had obtained one remote-controlled aircraft, a scale model of a US Navy F-86 Sabre fighter jet about the size of a picnic table, which he kept in a storage locker in suburban Boston rented under a false name.—Reuters

Police to detonate devices in Colorado shooting suspect's home

AURORA, 21 July—The apartment of the man suspected of killing 12 people in a shooting rampage at a Denver-area movie theater on Friday has been so extensively booby-trapped that police have determined they cannot safely defuse the devices, a police source said on Friday. Police now plan to detonate the devices using a robot but said that would not take place until Saturday. In addition to those who died, another 58 people were wounded in the shooting and ensuing chaos.

Before performing any detonation, which they believe would likely be small in size, police plan to close down traffic on nearby streets, the source familiar with the matter told Reuters. Police have already evacuated the apartment building as well as several nearby buildings. James Holmes, who was arrested after allegedly opening fire on people watching a midnight screening of "The Dark

Knight Rises," apparently also set some audio equipment at his apartment on a timer, a second law enforcement source close to the investigation said.

The timer set off some loud music later in the night. "It was to turn the music on ... it was on a timer. It came on loudly obviously to create a call for noise disturbance. People would make entry and potentially (trigger) those explosive devices," the second source said.

Police have been at the apartment, on the third floor of a red brick building located about four miles (six kilometres) from the Aurora movie theater where the shooting took place, since before dawn on Friday. By late Friday evening, police and fire officials were seeking respite from the heat, several of them stretching out in the shade of the front porch of a nearby Mexican restaurant.

Reuters

A H-2B rocket carrying the unmanned cargo transporter Kounotori, blasts off from the launching pad at Tanegashima Space Center on the Japanese southwestern island of Tanegashima, about 1,000km (621 miles) southwest of Tokyo, in this photo taken by Kyodo on 21 July, 2012. INTERNET



H2B rocket successfully launched

TOKYO, 21 July—Japan's space agency has successfully launched an H2B rocket on Saturday. Onboard is a cargo carrier, the Kounotori 3, which will deliver goods to the International Space Station.

The rocket blasted off from the Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan at 11:06 AM local time. 15 minutes later, the Kounotori 3 separated from the rocket at an altitude of about 288 kilometers.

The Kounotori is an unmanned cargo carrier developed in Japan to deliver supplies to the space station, which is orbiting 400 kilometers above Earth.

This was the third launch of the spacecraft following one in January last year. The Kounotori 3 is carrying 4.6 tons of supplies, including experiment hardware to be used by Japanese astronaut Akihiko Hoshide on the space station. It is also carrying micro-satellites developed by Japanese universities and companies. Hoshide will use a robotic arm to remotely release the satellites from the space station.—NHK

Russia to cut defence spending in 2013 to 2015

MOSCOW, 21 July—Russia was likely to cut its defence spending in the next three years by about 20 percent, Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said on Friday.

"In the near future, we (the Financial Ministry and the Defence Ministry) will agree about the cutting of the

direct funding for the state armament programmes for 2013-2015," Siluanov told reporters here.

He said a decision on the cuts, representing about 200 billion rubles (6.25 billion US dollars), was "likely" to be made soon. Siluanov said his ministry had been trying to persuade the Defence

Ministry to postpone the funding for some rearmament programmes.

Russia's rearmament programme, which was launched in 2008, envisaged spending 20 trillion rubles (about 680 billion dollars) until 2020.

The 2012 defence budget is more than 880 billion rubles (about 28 billion dollars) and was 750 billion rubles (about 23 billion dollars) in 2011.

Internet



A scale model of a US Navy F-4 Phantom fighter plane is seen in a handout photo released by the US Justice Department after the photo was submitted to US District Court in Massachusetts as part of a criminal complaint and affidavit filed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Boston, in this 28 Sept, 2011 file photo.—INTERNET

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Vast aquifer found in Namibia could last for centuries

LONDON, 21 July — A newly discovered water source in Namibia could have a major impact on development in the driest

consumption. Scientists say the water is up to 10,000 years old but is cleaner to drink than many modern sources. However, there are

have too much of or too little. The 800,000 people who live in the area depend for their drinking water on a 40-year-old canal that brings the scarce resource across the border from Angola. Over the past decade the Namibian government have been trying to tackle the lack of a sustainable supply in partnership with researchers from Germany and other EU countries. They have now identified a new aquifer called Ohangwena II, which flows under the boundary between Angola and Namibia. On the Namibian side of the border it covers an area roughly 70 km by 40 km (43 miles by 25 miles).

institute for geoscience and natural resources (BGR), it's a substantial body of water. "The amount of stored water would equal the current supply of this area in northern Namibia for 400 years, which has about 40 percent of the nation's population." "What we are aiming at is a sustainable water supply so we only extract the amount of water that is being recharged." "What we can say is that the huge amount of stored water is will always be enough for a back up for an area that is currently supplied only by surface water."

This region is dependent on two rivers for its water supply. But this has restricted agricultural development to areas close to these water sources. Mr Quinger says that



Test drilling on the new aquifer.— INTERNET



Pressure from the aquifer means the water is cheap to extract.—INTERNET

country in sub-Saharan Africa. Estimates suggest the aquifer could supply the north of the country for 400 years at current rates of

concerns that unauthorised drilling could threaten the new supply. For the people of northern Namibia water is something that they either

According to project manager Martin Quinger, from the German federal

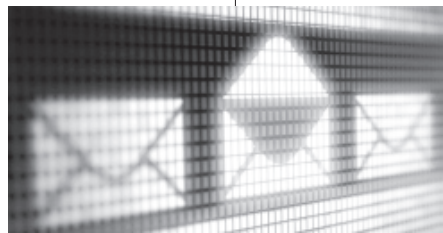
the new aquifer has great potential to change the nature of farming in the area. "For the rural water supply the water will be well suited for irrigation and stock watering, the possibilities that we open with this alternative resource are quite massive," he explains. As well as providing a new source for agriculture in a region the aquifer will augment existing

potable supplies. Martin Quinger says the discovery may be up to 10,000 years old but it is still good to drink. "If the water [has spent] 10,000 years underground, it means it was recharged at a time when environmental pollution was not yet an issue, so on average it can be a lot better than water that infiltrates in cycles of months or years." — Internet

Possible source of half of all web spam meets its end

WASHINGTON, 21 July— Spam affects all of our daily web activities, whether we choose to ignore it or not. Junk mail, fake chat messages, and malicious websites are just a few of the potholes that dot the information superhighway. Insidious internet software is primarily spread through the use of botnets — large collections of public computers that have been infected without the knowledge of their owners. One such botnet, named "Grum," has just suffered a very serious setback thanks to the work of internet security experts from around the world.

Grum's servers — the machines that control the network and manipulate users' PCs without their



Spam giant gets put down, but will it help? INTERNET

knowledge — were based in the Netherlands and Panama, making them difficult to locate. Once they were shut down on Wednesday, Grum's architects quickly revived the spam networking using new machines in both Russia and the Ukraine. But almost as quickly as those new servers sprung to life, they were again shut down by authorities.

Experts estimate that Grum's spam production may

have accounted for as much as 50% of the web's total. So, will you notice an immediate difference in the amount of junk mail or scam-ridden chat messages? Perhaps, but with botnets such as this, as soon as one is taken down there are typically several more lined up to take its place. Still, lowering the hammer on Grum is definitely a big step towards a safer internet.

Internet

Watch a 3,000-foot-wide asteroid hurtle near Earth online

WASHINGTON, 21 July— An asteroid the length of roughly eight-and-a-half football fields will hurtle past Earth — or so we hope — on Sunday, 22 July. But even though the 3,000-foot-wide asteroid is huge, you won't be able to see it with the naked eye. The good news is that you don't need to have fancy telescopes to see it fly by—you can watch the event online.

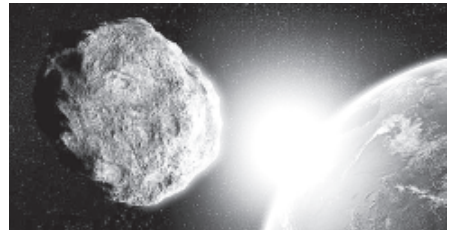
Slooh Space Camera will track the asteroid from the Canary Islands in Africa as it makes its way through the sky, and will live stream it on the Internet starting at 4:30 pm Pacific on 22 July. But if you miss the first live stream because you're out partying or are otherwise intensely analyzing our

weekly bad stock photo gallery, don't worry—there's another live stream you can catch, starting up at 8 pm Pacific, as another telescope in Arizona tracks the asteroid as it passes by.

This huge asteroid known as AM31 was

discovered in 2002, and will come within 3.2 million miles from Earth. That's almost the same distance another 1,000-foot asteroid reached last June, which also led to a flyby live stream event by the Slooh Space Camera team.

Internet



Get a glimpse of the humongous asteroid as it flies by on 22 July.— INTERNET

Samsung set to take the first step toward flexible smartphones this year

SEOUL, 21 July — According to a report from Korean language news site DDaily, Samsung will begin producing flexible AMOLED displays this quarter. The panels are said to be less than half as thick as current-generation panels, measuring just 0.6 millimeters compared to 1.8 millimeters.

The publication notes, however, that the initial displays will be protected by inflexible glass rather than a flexible plastic layer needed for use in a flexible device. Samsung is reportedly planning to release a device with an ultra-thin flexible AMOLED display by the end of the year, and is looking to begin mass production of truly flexible displays by 2014.— Internet



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Staying dry in rain: run or walk?



The short answer, in most cases, is to run for it. INTERNET

LONDON, 21 July — A physicist has put forth new ideas in the long-running question of how best to keep dry when moving in the rain. If you run, you are out in the rain for less time, yet you run into more drops—so what is the optimal speed? Franco

Bocci, reporting in the *European Journal of Physics*, now asserts that both wind direction and a person's stature figure into the answer. In most cases, the general answer is to run as fast as possible; but the answer changes in a tailwind, or for the thin. Prof Bocci is by no means the first person to address the problem, which is far more mathematically complex than it seems on the surface.

In the 1970s, a number of papers came out in mathematics magazines debating the question, each more fully exploring the issues at hand. The battleground for this bit of hobby mathematics now seems to be the UK's Institute

of Physics publication the *European Journal of Physics*. In 1987, another Italian researcher asserted in the journal that changing strategies did not make a substantial difference. In 2011, a textile expert and a physicist used the same publication to suggest that an optimal speed existed, depending on the wind direction. "For the most part in the previous work, there was a simple answer, but I found that the problem is much more complicated," Prof Bocci told BBC News.

What complicates the question is the human shape; for simplicity, previous attempts to crack the thorny problem assumed people to be thin sheets or upright,

rectangular boxes. When Prof Bocci considered a more general case—likely to be the case you would face in the rain—he found that the answer may depend on an individual's height-to-breadth ratio as well as wind direction and raindrop size. Luckily there are a few generalisations in the analysis, to spare you having to calculate the cosine of the angle between your path and the wind direction.

"Let's say that in general, the best thing is to run, as fast as you can—not always, but in general," said Prof Bocci. "If you're really thin, it's more probable that there will be an optimal speed. Otherwise, it's better to run fast."

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How to protect kids from whooping cough outbreaks

ATLANTA, 21 July — Whooping cough was once a terrible menace to US children, with hundreds of thousands of cases reported annually. Then a vaccine drove cases down, and the illness became thought of as rare and even antiquated. But it never totally disappeared, and now there's been a spike in cases.

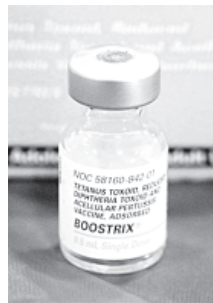
With nearly 18,000 cases so far this year, health officials say this is shaping up to be the worst national epidemic in more than 50 years for the highly contagious disease. Worrisome numbers have been reported in more than a dozen states. What's a parent to do?

Some advice: **FIRSTSTEP:** Make sure your child is up-to-date on vaccination against whooping cough, or

pertussis. There are five doses, with the first shot at age 2 months and the last between 4 and 6 years. A booster shot is recommended around 11 or 12. It's part of routine childhood shots that also protect against diphtheria and tetanus.

PROTECTYOURSELF: Adults who are around kids should get a whooping cough booster shot so that they don't spread it to young children, who are the most vulnerable to whooping cough. Nine young children have died so far this year. The booster for teens and adults, approved in 2005, was combined with the tetanus booster that adults are supposed to get every 10 years or so.

VACCINE NOT PERFECT: No vaccine is 100 percent effective, and its ability to fend off infections



This 19 Sept, 2011 file photo shows an empty bottle of Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis, (whooping cough) vaccine at Inderkum High School in Sacramento, Calif. Health officials say the US is on track to have the worst year for whooping cough in more than five decades. Nearly 18,000 cases have been reported so far - more than twice the number seen at this point last year, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on 19 July, 2012. — INTERNET

wanes as years pass. But even diminished vaccine protection is better than nothing, and usually people who are vaccinated have milder cases. In this current epidemic, experts are investigating whether the childhood shots and the booster offer less lasting protection than previously thought.

WATCH FOR SYMPTOMS: The illness typically starts with cold-like symptoms that can include a runny nose, congestion, low-grade fever and a mild cough. Infants may have a pause in breathing, called apnea. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises parents to see a doctor if they or their children develop prolonged or severe coughing fits, vomiting and exhaustion.

The name comes from the sound children make as they gasp for breath. Here's what it sounds like: <http://tinyurl.com/btskus>. The disease is spread through coughing or sneezing. Whooping cough is treated with antibiotics, the earlier the better. — Internet

PC sales weaken on economic woes and mobile devices



AMD said demand for PC sales may not recover to previous levels. INTERNET

NEW YORK, 21 July — AMD (Advanced Micro Devices) has become the latest firm to warn of weaker-than-expected PC sales. The US computer chip maker highlighted China as an area of particular concern. The news follows a report by research firm IDC which suggested PC shipments to Asia Pacific had begun to shrink between April and June. Economic uncertainty, the rise of mobile devices, the dollar's strength and the upcoming release of Windows 8 have all been linked to the trend.

AMD discussed the problem in a conference call after it posted \$37m (£23.6m) of net income for its second quarter representing a 39% drop on the previous year. The company's shares closed down 13% following the news. "It is clear that global economic activity is slowing, and this is impacting the PC market," chief executive Rory Read said, according to a transcript published by financial site Seeking Alpha.

"For the first time since 2001, client PC shipments have declined sequentially for three consecutive quarters and have been below historical averages for the last seven quarters. "We expect macro headwinds will continue for the third quarter. We also believe the PC industry may be resetting to a new baseline and that full year industry growth estimates will be reduced." He added that weak sales of chips designed for desktop computers had first become evident in China before "spreading across the globe".

The comments align with an IDC study which suggested that 30.7 million PCs were shipped to Asia Pacific, excluding Japan, between April and June. That marks a 1% fall on the same period last year.

HP desktop IDC indicated that HP had seen the biggest drop in demand in Asia. "Ongoing turbulence in western economies has finally caught up with markets in this part of the world as well, with distractions from competing product categories like smartphones and tablets not helping matters either," said the firm's market analyst for the region, Avinash Sundaram.

His figures suggested that US PC-makers had been worst-affected, with Hewlett Packard seeing a 19% drop in demand, and Dell an 18% drop. IDC's figures suggest that PC sales did grow in Europe, the Middle East and Africa over the same period, but only in light of poor figures the previous year. — Internet

Bounty mutiny descendants have low rates of myopia

CANBERRA, 21 July — Descendants of a British mutiny who have lived for generations in the Pacific have among the lowest rates of myopia in the world, according to an Australian study. The study examined eye problems among the descendants of the Bounty sailors and their Polynesian wives who settled on Pitcairn Island after the mutiny in 1789 and who then moved to Norfolk Island off Australia's east coast. "One component of the study has found the prevalence of myopia (near-sightedness) on Norfolk Island is lower than on mainland Australia," said University of Western Australia academic David Mackey.

"But there was a two-fold higher prevalence of myopia in people without Pitcairn ancestry. We found the rate of Pitcairn group myopia is approximately one-half that of the Australian population and as a result would be ranked among one of the lowest rates in the world." Pitcairn was settled in 1789 by mutineers from the British naval ship the Bounty, who famously set their captain William Bligh adrift in the South Pacific. Many of the families of the mutineers moved from Pitcairn, a five-square-kilometre island midway between New Zealand and Chile, to the larger Norfolk Island in 1856.

Mackey, who is managing director of the Lions Eye Institute which carried out the study, said Norfolk Island was unique because almost half the islanders could trace their ancestry back to the original Pitcairn population of just nine British mutineers, 12 Tahitian women and six Tahitian men. He said nearly 800 of the island's 1,200 inhabitants took part in the study.

The researchers were unable to conclude why the levels of myopia were different but said further research may allow



A girl has her eyes checked at a local optician's shop in Singapore in 2000. Descendants of a British mutiny who have lived for generations in the Pacific have among the lowest rates of myopia in the world, according to an Australian study. — INTERNET

the identification of genes that differ between Bounty descendants and other islanders, given they had similar exposure to sunlight. A lack of sunlight is thought to be related to myopia, with exposure to the sun's rays believed to stimulate production of the chemical dopamine, which in turn stops the eyeball from growing elongated and distorting the focus of light entering the eye.

Internet

Peugeot chairman warns of 'dangerous' criticism

PARIS, 21 July — The head of PSA Peugeot Citroen has warned that French government criticism of the its plans for 8,000 job cuts is creating a "dangerous" situation. Chairman Thierry Peugeot told French daily *Le Figaro* that the criticism was undermining investor confidence. President Francois Hollande has denounced the plan as "unacceptable" and the government has criticised PSA's corporate strategy.

Ministers have questioned how the company is still able to pay dividends. Peugeot family members control Europe's second largest carmaker through a 25.2% stake commanding 37.9% voting rights. Mr Peugeot said: "We are ready to accept criticism, but there are limits... The attacks the company is currently facing have an immediate effect on (investor) perception. This is a dangerous situation." He continued: "We

are well aware of the seriousness of the plan to cut 8,000 jobs. These measures are painful. I understand they can cause shock within the company, the government and the whole of the country." But he added that the carmaker was "forced to adapt" to falling European sales and "cannot stand by and do nothing".

Peugeot's share price has fallen almost 20% since it announced restructuring plans earlier this month. The

carmaker's intention to cut jobs and close a factory has caused dismay in Paris because the new socialist government came to power on a promise to reverse industrial decline. French media have reported that the government is working on an aid package for the car industry that is likely to include help for environmentally friendly vehicles but no new car scrappage incentives. Details of the package could be announced as early as next week. — Internet



Peugeot has announced 8,000 job cuts and the closure of a factory. — INTERNET

Obama's top security advisor to visit China, Japan

WASHINGTON, 21 July—US President Barack Obama's top security advisor Thomas Donilon will visit China and Japan to strengthen security cooperation and promote ties with the two nations, the White House announced on Friday.

During the China trip, Donilon "will discuss the current and future state of US-China relations and

cooperation on regional and global challenges of mutual concern, including nonproliferation, regional security in Asia and the Middle East, and global economic growth," the White House said in a statement.

Earlier, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said that Donilon will visit China from 23 July to 25 July, and both sides will exchange views on

bilateral relations and major issues of common concern.

The White House also said that during his subsequent visit to Tokyo, Donilon will hold consultations with senior Japanese officials on US-Japan security cooperation and other bilateral issues, as well as a range of regional and global challenges.

Xinhua



Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang (R, Front) meets with Equatorial Guinean President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 July, 2012. XINHUA



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, centre, and fellow members of parliament cast their vote on a rescue package for Spain's ailing banks during special session of the German Parliament Bundestag in Berlin, Germany, on 19 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Indonesian parliament prepares bill for humanitarian mission

JAKARTA, 21 July—The Indonesian House of Representatives (DPR) will soon endorse the country's Red Cross bill that will provide a legal basis for humanitarian activities in this disaster-prone area, local Press reported on Saturday. The plan came as Indonesia has frequently weathered catastrophes and remains vulnerable to natural disasters. "The House will soon endorse the Red Cross bill to protect humanitarian missions," lawmaker Anna Mu'awanah was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

She said the bill prepared by lawmakers consisted of 10 chapters and 56 articles. Of the 10 chapters, two specified details relating to the Indonesian Red Cross (PMI).

Indonesia, an archipelago country with 17,500 islands, has 129 active volcanoes.—Xinhua

US spy agency chiefto meet with hackers at 'Defcon'

WASHINGTON, 21 July—Computer geeks attending the world's largest annual hacking party in Las Vegas next week will have a rare chance to rub shoulders with the head of the US National Security Agency.

General Keith Alexander, director of the spy agency, will speak at the Defcon conference, marking the highest-level visit to date by a US government official to the colorful gathering. Organizers expect some 15,000 hackers this year as they celebrate the 20th anniversary of the first US hacking event that was open to the public.

The Pentagon disclosed the visit on Friday.

"We're going to show him the conference. He wants to wander around," said Jeff Moss, a hacker who organized the first Defcon conference while working as a messenger

for a Seattle law firm. He now sits on an advisory committee to the Department of Homeland Security.

Alexander may choose to talk shop with the techies. He holds four master's degrees, including ones in electronic warfare and physics.

Still, Moss said he expects there could be some controversy over Alexander's presence among the diverse hacker crowd that attends the conference.

The NSA plays both offence and defence in the cyber wars. It conducts electronic eavesdropping on adversaries, in addition to protecting US computer networks.

"I expect some people will say 'You are a sellout for having someone from the NSA speak,'" said Moss, who is known as the Dark Tangent in

Saudi Prince Bandar: a flamboyant, hawkish spy chief

LONDON, 21 July—Saudi Arabia's "peasant prince" with the twinkling eye, hawkish views and fondness for the Dallas Cowboys football team is back, now heading the kingdom's intelligence agency.

On Thursday night Prince Bandar bin Sultan was appointed Saudi Arabia's new spy chief at a moment when the world's top oil exporter is engaged in a bitter rivalry with Shi'ite Muslim power Iran played out in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Bahrain.

The sociable Bandar, 63, who vanished from public view when he was recalled from Washington by King Abdullah in 2005 after notching up 22 years as the

kingdom's ambassador there, will immediately be thrust into a game-changing Middle East crisis.

"He's just the right person for the right time in Saudi. They have a more hawkish foreign policy and he's the leading hawk of the House of Saud," said David Ottaway, Bandar's biographer and a senior scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Centre in Washington.

The United States' closest Arab ally is a firm supporter of the Syrian rebels now battling in Damascus to oust President Bashar al-Assad and is mending fences with Washington after a disagreement over last year's Arab uprisings.



attacking mobile phones and Google TV, more technical discussions on programming and discussions about government surveillance.

Defcon offers a side conference for children, Defcon Kids, which Alexander will likely visit. It also trains hackers to pick locks and has an annual contest to measure who is best at persuading corporate workers to release sensitive data over the phone.

Moss said he invited federal agents to the first Defcon conference, but that they politely declined. They showed up anyway, incognito. They kept coming, in bigger numbers, sometimes in uniform. "We created an environment where the feds felt they could come and it wasn't hostile," Moss said. "We could ask them questions and they wanted to ask the hackers about new techniques."—Internet

"Bandar is quite aggressive, not at all like a typical cautious Saudi diplomat. If the aim is to bring Bashar down quick and fast, he will have a free hand to do what he thinks necessary. He likes to receive an order and implement it as he sees fit," said Jamal Khashoggi, an influential Saudi commentator.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal has described arming the rebels as "a very good idea". Saudi Arabia and Qatar are believed to be funding and sending weapons to the Syrian insurgents, Arab officials say.

As Syria's crisis enters a potentially decisive stage in the aftermath of Thursday's assassination of top security chiefs in a bomb blast, Riyadh's princely rulers are concerned about blowback from Assad's allies in Iran.

With Syria in flames, Iraq still weak and Egypt navigating an uncertain transition towards democracy, Saudi Arabia now stands alone as the Arab world's most stable major nation.

Ottaway said Bandar had previously negotiated with both Syria and Iran, as well as with Russia, a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council that has vetoed resolutions against the Assad government written by Riyadh.

"He wants to see Saudi Arabia flex its muscles, particularly if the Americans are there with him," he added.

Reuters

Japan to join minesweeping drill in Persian Gulf

TOKYO, 21 July—Japan will dispatch Maritime Self-Defence Force vessels to the Persian Gulf for a multinational minesweeping exercise to be held in September.

Defence Minister Satoshi Morimoto said on Friday that the drill around the Strait of Hormuz will contribute to the stability of oceans, which Japan believes is important, as well as international security.

About 90 percent of Japan's crude oil imports pass through the strait.

Over 20 countries, including the United States, plan to hold the exercise from mid-September.

The drill is apparently aimed at checking Iran. The country has threatened to scatter mines to block the Strait of Hormuz, a key Middle East oil shipping route.

The Maritime Self-Defence Force will send a minesweeper and a tender, with a total of 180 personnel on board.

This will be the 2nd time that Japan will take part in the exercise, following the one held last October.

NHK

China to deploy military garrison in South China Sea

GUANGZHOU, 21 July—China's central military authority has approved to form and deploy a military garrison in the newly established city of Sansha.

Sources with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Guangzhou Military Command said on Friday that the Central Military Commission (CMC) had authorized it to form a garrison command in the city.

The garrison command will be a division-level command under the PLA's Hainan provincial sub-command, responsible for managing the city's national defense mobilization, military reserves and carrying out military operations.

The PLA's Sansha Garrison Command will be under the dual leadership of the Hainan provincial sub-command and the city's civilian leaders.—Xinhua

GATHERING OF THE BRAVES

AM Soe



U Chandasiddhi with peace of mind.

The patriotism was floating in the air at an annual ceremony to provide cash assistance to war veterans and to their children in Tatkon Township on 21 July. War veterans from different faiths and from all walks of life in the township gathered at the ceremony



Smiling U Maung Maung Tin.

organized by Tatkon Township War Veterans Organization and accepted cash assistance while their offspring received cash for their education.

Tatkon Township WVO organized the ceremony at the Buddha Sasana Beikman Building to honour those who put their lives at risk for the country, bringing together local war veterans community to make their lives easier and brighter.



Brave man U Kham Khan Mang.

There are four to five war veterans in nearly every village in the township.

It was great to see over and 70 aged old veterans at the ceremony. U Chandasiddhi, an ex-private,

aged 78, who has entered Buddhist order after retiring from the Tatmadaw said he



A school girl accepts cash assistance from Lt-Col Thant Zaw Htoo.

was happy to meet with his long-lost comrades during the ceremony.

Relaxing and chatting outside the hall were U Aung Myint, 85, from Shwemyo Village, and U Phoe Saw, 73, from Kanhla Village, talking about the hard times they went through when they fought the enemy.

U Maung Maung Tin, an ex-sergeant, who had retired from the Tatmadaw in 1989 also attended the ceremony to receive cash assistance.

It was wonderful for U Kham Khan Mang, a Chin national, who lost both legs



Strong and healthy U Shwe Oh.

in a combat, to be able to come to the ceremony.

On behalf of the township WVO, Col Myint Aung Than, Nay Pyi Taw



Council Member, U Myint Shwe, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member and Lt-Col Thant Zaw Htoo, Station Commander, presented cash assistance to 75-year-and-above old 62 war veterans, 45 disabled war veterans and 594 members of the township WVO.

Besides, the township WVO provided assistance in cash on education to 154 students who are offspring of the members of the township WVO.



U Phoe Saw (L) chats with U Aung Myint.

The cash presented to veterans and their children at the ceremony amounted to over 7.3 million kyats.

An annual ceremony is held across the country and

it is largely intended to thank living veterans for their dedicated and loyal service to the country.

They came from different beliefs and different walks of life. But, they are under the same flag of the War Veterans Organization today and living in unison. Though some vets lost their limbs, they seem happy, active, and show never-down spirit.

The annual ceremony

is organized to ensure veterans know that we deeply appreciate the sacrifices they have made in their lives to keep our country free and stable.

Librarian multiplier course concludes in Mingala Taungnyunt Township

YANGON, 21 July—Organized by Mingala Taungnyunt Township General Administration Department of Yangon East District, the librarian multiplier course concluded at Myat Mingala Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 1 July morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Zeya Ohn presented the first prize to Daw Hnin Phyu Wai of Sanpya Pha Hsa Pa La Ward, the second to Daw Mi Mi Lwin of BEHS No 1 and the third to Daw Mar Yi of BEHS No 4.

He then gave completion certificates to the trainees.—Kyemon



By-products recycled to finished goods in Pakokku

MAGWAY, 21 July—The foundry in Pakokku Industrial Zone of Magway Region buys damaged iron and steel wares, personal goods made of iron and other raw materials at K 400-K 500 per viss and produces finished goods.

A total of 500 viss of finished goods can be produced from 600 viss of

raw materials, said an official of the foundry. The factory manufactures three feet long iron block weighing 10 viss. Moreover, the factory produces various sizes of iron pins as import-substitute products. The factory also makes wheels of bullock-carts and construction materials. Its products are transported to

Surplus money from post-paid to be transferred to mobile phones

MANDALAY, 21 July—In line with the wishes of the people, GSM and CDMA mobile phones are being changed into post-paid system by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

As the cashier counters of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at the office of Mandalay Region, those wishing to apply post-paid system are to pay bills to the MPT through Myanma Economic Bank and Asia Greening Development Bank as of August 2012. If the users pay money in the post-paid system, bills of calls will be paid from the post-paid amount. If it is surplus

money, the amount will be carried to the post-paid system and transferred to mobile phones. If it exceeds K 100,000, the cash will be refunded with the use of cheque.

Therefore, the users are to submit their proposals to the accounts section of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications with ownership evidences.

Kyemon

Talks about health knowledge given in Myaungmya

MYAUNGMYA, 21 July—Under the arrangement of Myaungmya Township Red Cross Society and Township Public-Based Health and First-Aid Work Committee, the health knowledge talk was held at Ngayabo Village of Ngayabo Village-tract in Myaungmya Township on 7 July.

At first, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Latt made a speech, and Chairman of Township Public-based

Health and First-Aid Work Committee Head of District Health Department Dr Aung Ngwe San gave talks on preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever.

Next, officials demonstrated combating of larvae to the local people.

Similar, measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever were taken in four villages of the township at the same time.

Myanma Alin

Cash assistance provided to offspring of WVO

KYONPYAW, 21 July—A ceremony to donate cash assistance for students of members of Kyonpyaw Township War Veterans Organization was held at its office in Kyonpyaw on 15 July morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Than Sein and Chairman of Township War Veterans Organization Captain Khin Myint (Rtd) made speeches. Next, they presented K

20000 each to 22 high school students, K 15000 each to 27 middle school students and K 10000 each to 25 primary school students.

Myanma Alin



in Pakokku and recycles it as sole of the slipper. The sole sheets are sold to the slipper production industries in Pakokku.

Kyemon





Patron of Myanmar Libraries Foundation Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses the cash and publications donation ceremony to MLF libraries.—MNA

Cash, periodicals worth K 130,022,500...

(from page 16)
Daw July Moe, U Tin Tun (a) Zorro, U Win Maung and wife Dr Daw Yi Yi Myint, U Han Min Oo, U Lu Maw, Daw Thanda Kyaw, U Myint Thein (Region Judge), Fashion Image

Magazine, U Win Maw (Htalun Min Hla Ngwe), U Kyin Khaing, Sai Than Oo Thein (Waso Ko Oo), U Win Cho (Duwun Publishing House), U Maung (Chit Oo Maung), U Nay Myo Thura and wife Daw Hla Myat Mo (Lamin Mo Mo) (Tagaung Publishing House), Daw Nwe Yi, U Aung Kyaw Nyunt and wife Daw Mya Mya Oo, Myanmar Tourism Services Co Ltd, Sedana Hlaing (Yesagyo), U Hla Toe and wife Daw Cherry Aung, Tekkatho Ma Kyee Tan family, Daw Khaing Thuzar Lin (Khin Le Le Chit), Kaung Thant Publishing House) donated cash and publications through Foundation Chairman U Maung Maung, Vice-Chairman U Nyunt Swe, and CEC members U Chit Naing (Chit Naing-Psychology), Dr Chit San (Chit San Win), U Maung Maung Oo (Hein Latt), Academy Khant Sithu, U Win Aung and Daw Hla Myat Mo (Lamin Mo Mo).

Chairman of MLF U Maung Maung spoke words of thanks that brought the ceremony to an end.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan then cordially greeted those present at the ceremony.

A total of 236 donors donated K 28, 723,500 and 164585 publications worth K 101,299,000. The amount of donations in total touched K 130,022,500.—MNA

Myanmar-Vietnam cooperation in commerce to be discussed on 27 July

YANGON, 21 July— Vietnamese entrepreneurs led by Deputy Director General Mr. Chau Minh Nguyen of the Department of Industry and Trade in Dong Nai Province, Vietnam, has arranged to hold a meeting on Myanmar-Vietnam cooperation in commerce with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at 10 am on 27 July.

The meeting will focus on bilateral cooperation in mining, construction,

chemicals, transports, agricultural products, cashew nuts and rubber producing, bikes and its accessories, pressure, children's shoes industry, medicines and medical appliances, detergents, plastics, foodstuffs, agriculture and breeding, as well as ceramics.

Those interested persons may contact the international relations department of the federation not later than 24 July, and dial 214344 to 214349 (EX:120 or 122).

MNA

ASEAN ICT Award Contest on 15 August

YANGON, 21 July—According to the programme to promote cooperation among governments, businesses, people and other organizations in the ASEAN ICT Masterplan 2012, a plan is under way to organize the ASEAN ICT Award Contest.

Any interested person from ASEAN member countries may take part in the contest.

The contest is classified as public sector,

private sector, corporate social responsibility, digital content and start up company. Projects are to be submitted to the organizing committee through online, not later than 15 August.

Winners will be awarded at the 12th TELMIN meeting to be held in the Philippines in 2012. For detail information, one may visit www.aseanictaward.com.—MNA

Outstanding students honoured in Mawlamyine

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—A ceremony to honour the students of staff from Mawlamyine Township Forest Department who passed the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year was held in conjunction with the ceremony to present cash assistance and school uniforms to basic education students at the hall of the department in Mawlamyine on 17 July.

Mon State Minister for Forestry and Mines U Win Maw Oo gave a speech and presented prizes to five-distinction winner Ma Zin Mon Soe and two-distinction winner Maung Phyto Thiha of Mawlamyine BEHS No 6.

Departmental officials also presented cash assistance to 28 students of staff.

Assistant Director U Aye Cho of Mawlamyine and Thaton District Forest Department gave prizes to 40 outstanding staff and cash assistance and uniforms worth K 1,181,000 to offspring of staff.—MNA



Cash assistance provided to basic education students in Dawei



NAY PYI TAW, 21 July— The family who runs Thiha Min, Kyelsinhein and Minhthein passenger express and cargo transport services held the ceremony to present cash assistance to offspring students of bus drivers, bus conductors and

gate staff and honour distinction winners in the matriculation examination at Mya Sein Hall in Dawei on 14 July morning.

Taninthayi Region Minister for Transport Dr Kyaw Hsan made a speech and presented cash

assistance to 99 students including distinction winning students in the matriculation examination for 2011-2012 academic year.

Region Minister for Social Affairs U Win Swe also gave cash assistance for basic education schools.

Transport service proprietor Daw Nyunt Tin (retired headmistress) presented cash awards to outstanding bus workers.

After that, wellwishers donated cash assistance for enabling the students to conveniently pursue education through responsible persons.

The cash assistance provided for the second time amounted to K 8.8 million.

MNA

People in Rakhine State provided cash and foodstuff

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Wellwishers donate cash, foodstuffs and clothes at Relief and Resettlement Department (Head Office) under the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry for locals of Rakhine State who had lost houses and property in

recent unrest.

On 18 July, U Naing Aung, U Kyaw Swa Lin and (195) friends donated K 1 million for the locals of Rakhine State at the head office of Relief and Resettlement Department.—MNA

Saplings planted as monsoon activity in Labutta Township

LABUTTA, 21 July—Labutta Township General Administration Department of Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region and Township Forest Department organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony beside the lake in Ward 7 of Labutta on 7 July morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Commissioner of Labutta District General Administration Department U Kan Win, Township Administrator U Bo Bo Min Thaik, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Hla Myint, district and township level departmental personnel and local people participated in the growing of over 800 saplings.

Myanma Alin



Heavy rains, strong winds destroy 15 houses in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINGYUN, 21 July—Heavy rains and strong winds hit Mawlamyinegyun Township from 10.30 am on 20 July. At 11 am, some houses collapsed and roofs of some houses were blown in three villages of the township.

The strong winds also destroyed 14 houses in Myinkachaung Village of Chaukchaung Village-tract and one house in Ngwesinyaw Village and blew roofs of two houses in Ketkho Village.

Although the strong winds crossed the urban area, there was no casualty there. However, the heavy rains flooded some roads in the urban areas.

Having known about the disaster, Township Administrator U Htay Maung and party and members of social organizations provided necessary assistance to the flood and strong winds victims.—Myanma Alin

Traditional costume contest held in Kunlong



KUNLONG, 21 July—The Traditional Costume Contest marked the Myanmar Women's Day at ThanwinU Hall in Kunlong Township of Kunlong District on 3 July. It was attended by the chairpersons of District and Township Women's Affairs Organizations and party, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, departmental women staff, members of national race cultural troupes, teaches and students. Chairperson of the District WAO Daw San Htar Phyu and party presented prizes to the winners in the contest.

Kyemon

Agricultural loans disbursed in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 21 July—The manager and staff of Myitkyina Township Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank branch disbursed loans to farmers for cultivation of crops in 2012 rainy season. The bank plans to disburse K 892 million as agricultural loans to 4117 farmers from 500 farmer groups through 33 rural bank branches.—*Kyemon*

Village BEPS gets new school building



SALINGYI, 21 July—A ceremony to open Myinsuthaka new school building was held at Basic Education Primary School in Wegyi Village of Letpadaung Village-tract in Salingyi Township of Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 8 July. Officials of Sagaing Region and Township Education Officer Daw Myint Myint Kyi formally opened

the new school building. Headmistress Daw Mar Aye of Wegyi Village BEPS explained the construction of new building. After that, she handed over documents related to the building to the Township Education Officer. The school building with the measurement of 80 feet long, 30 feet wide and 12 feet high, was built at a cost of K 16 million funded by the State and K 1.2 million by the local people.—*Myanma Alin*

Information for trafficking in person

The government is carrying out undertakings of prevention against trafficking in person with momentum. In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in the tasks of anti-human trafficking. These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw,

09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

DISTRICT NEWS

MADB in Shwedaung Township disburses agricultural loans

PYAY, 21 July—Under the supervision of the local authorities at different level, Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Shwedaung Township in Bago Region (West) disbursed loans to the local farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops in 2012 as of 6 July. Manager of the bank U Khin Maung Win and staff presented loans to the farmers. Shwedaung Township is constituted with 51 village-tracts. Of them, farmers from 48 village-tracts borrowed agricultural loans from the bank. The bank has disbursed K 1466 million for 2932 acres of farmlands of 519 farmers from Hseggyigon, Yundan, Thayettaw, Gyogon, Kanthonhsint, Tegyigon and Mindekyun villages. The bank disburses K 50,000 per acre of monsoon paddy and will present K 2353.4 million for 47068 acres of farmlands to the farmers by the end of August.

Kyemon

New foreign exchange counters to be opened in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 21 July—Foreign exchange counters are kept open at Kanbawza Bank branch, CP Bank Nos. 1, 2 and 3, Myawady Bank branch, Myanma Industrial Development Bank branch, Ayeyawady Bank branch, United Amara Bank branch, Myanmar Oriental Bank branch, Inwa Bank branch, First Private Bank branch and Mandalay International Airport for enabling the Myanmar citizens and tourists exchange their money freely. Plan is under way to open new foreign exchange counters. So, those wishing to exchange foreign currencies are to exchange their money at the designated places.—*Myanma Alin*

MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broaden the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Saplings planted in Loilem Township



LOILEM, 21 July—Township Administrator U Aung Kyi of Loilem Township General Administration Department and party on 13 July inspected cultivation of saplings in the township. So far, Loilem Township and Panglong Sub-

Township Administrator U Aung Kyi and party inspecting progress of growing saplings.

Township of Shan State (South) have planted 54000 saplings of various species. *Kyemon*

Agricultural loans increased to K 50000 per acre in Lashio

LASHIO, 21 July—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank Branch-2 of Shan State in Lashio will disburse K 50000 per acres to local farmers for fulfilling the requirements of local farmers in cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2012 rainy season. Bank branches in Hsipaw and Kyaukme townships of Myanma Agricultural Development Bank in Shan State (North) disburse loans at K 50000 per acres to the local farmers. Moreover, the bank branches add K 10,000 each per acre to those who have borrowed K 40000 per acre from the bank.

Kyemon



TRAINING COURSE OPENED: Under the supervision of Latha Township General Administration Department of Yangon West District, Township Information and Public Relations Department opened the librarian multiplier course No. 1/2012 at the hall of Township GAD on 17 July.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Cash and kind donated for aged special out-patient ward

YANGON, 21 July—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of the aged special out-patient department was held at Insein General Hospital in Yangon North District of Yangon Region on 16 July. Medical Superintendent Dr Aung San explained matters related to the hospital. After that, Chairperson of Yangon Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Thaug Mya donated K 1 million and well-wishers cash and hospital equipment. Medical Superintendent Dr Aung San and Prof Dr U Myint Han of the hospital accepted the donations. Later, the medical superintendent spoke words of thanks.

Myanma Alin

Duties of project assigned to departments, local authorities

MOGAUNG, 21 July—The duty assigning of annual projects for 2012-2013 fiscal year were held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Mogaung Township of Kachin State on 14 July. Staff Officer Daw Ei Ei Shwe of Planning Department explained assignment of duties. Next, the Township Administrator assigned letters of duty assignment to Staff Officer U Win Aung of Township Settlement and Land Records Department on behalf of the departmental officials and Natgyigon Ward Administrator U Kyaw Than on behalf of ward and village-tract administrators.

Myanma Alin



IMF chief welcomes Eurogroup's financial assistance decision on Spain

WASHINGTON, 21 July—Christine Lagarde, Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), on Friday welcomed the Eurogroup's decision to provide up to 100 billion euros (about 122 billion US dollars) in financial assistance to Spain to strengthen its financial institutions.

"We welcome the decision made today by the Eurogroup to grant financial assistance from the European Financial Stability Fund

(EFSF) to Spain to recapitalize its banking sector," she said in a statement.

The recapitalization of weak banks and the other reforms attached to the agreement were consistent with the IMF's recent policy recommendations, she noted.

"The implementation of these measures will contribute to significantly strengthen Spain's financial system, an essential step in restoring growth and

prosperity in the country," she added.

Finance ministers from the 17-nation eurozone have given final approval to a Spanish banking sector bailout program specifying the conditions under which Spain can be lent money for the recapitalization of its banks.

Spain announced on 9 June to ask eurozone partners for financial help to support its ailing banking sector.

Xinhua



People visit Italian artist Omar Galliani's "Nocturno" exhibition in Santiago, capital of Chile, on 19 July, 2012. —XINHUA



A handcraft is displayed in the African Heritage House in Nairobi, capital of Kenya, on 20 July, 2012. Located on the outskirts of Nairobi, the African Heritage house with its garden courtyard and nine rooms, presents a stunning array of African crafts collected by Alan Donovan from different parts of the continent over the last 30 years. Thousands of pieces of arts and crafts attract visitors on a tour of human history in Africa. —XINHUA

12 killed in Brunei helicopter crash

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 July—Twelve military personnel including six cadets were killed in a Brunei air force helicopter crash while flying home after jungle training, according to a spokesman.

The crash occurred on Friday in Kuala Belait in the oil-rich sultanate on the island of Borneo.

"We have 12 fatalities in the helicopter crash. Two military cadets survived the crash," Brunei air force spokesman Norudin Salleh told AFP.

Internet

US planes riling Japanese

TOKYO, 21 July—A growing record of accidents involving Osprey airplanes has led to increasing opposition to their use by the US Marines in Japan.

The National Governors' Association passed a resolution on Thursday saying it "cannot accept" the proposed deployment of the planes because of lack of information about their safety record, *Asahi Shimbun* reported.

Twelve of the aircraft are to arrive at a base in Yamaguchi prefecture in Honshu on 23 July. The 12 planes are to be deployed to the US Marine Corps Air Station Futenma on Okinawa in September.

US military documents indicate the Osprey was involved in 58 "mishaps" from 2006-11, *Asahi Shimbun* said. The *MV-22 Ospreys*, the type to be sent to Okinawa, were involved in 30.

At least two of those were

"Class A mishaps," defined as those including fatalities, permanently disabling injuries or damage of at least \$2 million. One was a fire on board a plane during flight and in the other incident a member of the crew fell from a plane.

Another six were Class B, involving permanent partial disability or damage of \$500,000-\$2 million. The remaining 22 were Class C,

causing injury or damage of \$50,000-\$500,000. The Osprey was designed to be capable of vertical takeoffs and landings and short takeoffs and landings. Local officials say the Futenma base is in a heavily populated area with the possibility that what might otherwise be a minor accident could cause serious injury or death to local residents.

Internet



Aviation Boatswain's Mate 3rd Class Eddie Berryhill directs a V-22 Osprey on its final approach aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp in the Atlantic Ocean. —INTERNET

Bomb threats made on Detroit landmarks

DETROIT, 21 July—Detroit police are investigating four hoax bomb threats made within a week on Comerica Park, the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel and the Ambassador Bridge.

Police officials said on Thursday a hoax bomb threat for the Ambassador Bridge on Wednesday was the fourth of its kind within the

week, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

Hoax threats were made for Comerica Park on Tuesday, the Ambassador Bridge again on Monday and the Detroit-Windsor Tunnel on 12 July.

The 12 July and Monday threats forced police to shut down the tunnel and bridge for several

hours each day and bring in bomb-sniffing dogs and bomb squads.

The threat on Comerica Park was made an hour into a Detroit Tigers game, but fans and media were not made aware of the threat until the game ended.

Traffic was not disrupted in the investigation of the most recent Ambassador

Bridge threat. Police did not say whether one person or copycats made the hoax threats.

"This is an on-going investigation and there's a lot I can't share with you — we don't want to get in a cat-and-mouse game with the perpetrators because they read newspapers, too," Detroit police Inspector Donald E Johnson said.

Internet

United sells tickets for four reward miles

CHICAGO, 21 July—A programming error in the United Airlines online ticket sales system allowed customers to purchase flights to Hong Kong for four reward miles.

Patrons of United Airlines who purchased tickets to, from, or through Hong Kong were charged four reward miles plus taxes and fees, totaling about \$35, because of programming error in the airlines' online system, the *Chicago Tribune*

reported. A round-trip flight from Los Angeles to Hong Kong usually costs about \$1,800 or 60,000 reward miles.

United released a statement saying it has fixed the program and canceled the unused tickets purchased for four reward miles. United did not report how many tickets were purchased.

The US Department of Transportation announced it is investigating whether United violated a federal rule



A United Airlines flight lands at Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia on 6 June, 2011.

INTERNET

stating airlines cannot increase the price of tickets after they have been booked. United officials believe the

airline has not violated the rule because it did not advertise the sale of tickets for four reward miles. —Internet

English couple get prison for terror plan

MANCHESTER, 21 July—An English couple received prison sentences on Friday for a plan to blow up a Jewish community centre in Manchester.

Mohammed Sajid Khan, 33, who pleaded guilty, was given an indeterminate sentence but must spend at least seven years and six months behind bars, the

Manchester Evening News reported. His wife, Shasta, who was convicted on Thursday after a trial, got eight years.

Prosecutors said the couple's plan was thwarted when police were called to their home because the Khans were having a fight.

Investigators said the couple bought the material for a homemade bomb at local

stores. "You had become, under the influence of your husband, a devoted jihadist motivated by extremist Islamist beliefs," the judge told Shasta Khan.

"Underlying your conversion was a desire to support your husband right or wrong and to keep your third marriage together."

Internet

Calif parks director sat on hidden cash

SACRAMENTO, 21 July—The head of California's state parks system resigned on Friday and her deputy was canned amid reports they concealed a cash stash of \$54 million.

John Laird, the state's natural resources secretary, said there will be a complete audit of the state parks system and an investigation into

Ruth Coleman's actions, the *San Jose Mercury News* reported. Coleman had been director of state parks since 2003.

Laird said Coleman did not report to the Department of Finance that there was \$20.4 million in an account used for park entrance fees and fees paid by park concessions and another

\$33.5 million in a fund for vehicle parks.

California is struggling with a massive budget deficit. In the past year, Gov Jerry Brown has called for the closing of about one quarter of the state parks to save money. The parks were saved from closing by contributions from private groups and local governments. —Internet

Heavy rain to hit north China

BEIJING, 21 July—Heavy rains will sweep China's northern regions and some southern areas over the next three days, the country's weather authority forecast on Saturday.

Most parts of north China, the Sichuan Basin and the central and southern part of south China will see heavy rains or rainstorms from Saturday to Monday, the National Meteorological Center (NMC) said.

Heavy rainstorms are expected in the north of Hebei, the west and north of Beijing and the southwest of the Sichuan Basin, the NMC said.

The NMC calls for precautions to be taken against potential disasters caused by heavy rainfalls, including mudslides, mountain torrents and urban waterlogging.

Xinhua

Volvo to recall imported truck models in China

BEIJING, 21 July—Volvo (China) Investment Co. Ltd will recall a total of 279 imported FM and FH trucks and chassis due to defects with heat shields, the nation's top consumer quality watchdog said on Friday.

The heat shields could crack and lead to short circuits in starter motors if they hit the motors, a

statement on the website of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said.

The models to be recalled were produced between 14 Nov, 2011 and 27 May, 2012, according to the statement. The company will offer free checks and repairs to the recalled vehicles, the statement said.—Xinhua

Experimental musicians use body as instrument

BERLIN, 21 July—Peter Kirn makes music with an unusual instrument—his own body. The Kentucky native pinches two electrically charged pennies connected to a laptop via two short green wires.

The rudimentary contraption is held together by bits of solder and hot glue which allow him to measure the electrical currents of his body and synthesize them into melodic sound. Kirn, 34, a writer of creative technology, is one of several artists performing in Berlin who are exploring new ways of composing music with the human body.

"As your mood changes,

the skin responds because it is part of the same system as your brain, which controls the pores of your skin," Kirn told Reuters.

Fluctuating sweat levels affect the skin's ability to transmit electricity, a characteristic Kirn calls "galvanic skin response".

But Kirn's technique is just one way to tap into the human body's musical potential. Marco Donnarumma, a 27-year-old teacher from Italy with a passion for live music, tunes into the sounds muscles make when they move. Listeners can literally hear the friction of tissue as it expands and contracts.

Using a sensitive microphone to amplify the low frequency sound waves a muscle emits when it is flexed, Donnarumma has learned how to produce actual rhythms by simply moving his body. "In the beginning, for instance, I was just standing with my legs still and waving my arms," Donnarumma said. "Now I completely involve the whole body in the performance." His song "Hypo Chrysos", for example, sees Donnarumma tie two concrete blocks to his arms—an idea inspired by Dante's classic poem "Inferno" in which the poet encounters sinners in hell wearing cloaks filled with lead. The extra stress gives off a dry, crackly sound.

The technical term for listening in on the body's internal functions and converting them into melodies is "musical biofeedback", according to Claudia Robles Angel, an audiovisual artist from Colombia who played a concert at Berlin's Leapknecht sound lab alongside Kirn and Donnarumma earlier this month.—Reuters



Peter Kirn holds two coins between his fingers to create sounds with a synthesizer in Berlin, on 19 July, 2012. Kirn makes music with an unusual instrument—his own body.—REUTERS

Severe flu increases risk of Parkinson's

VANCOUVER, 21 July—Severe flu could double a person's odds to develop Parkinson's disease later in life, a new research shows.

The study, conducted by researchers from Canada's University of British Columbia, was published in the latest online version of Movement Disorders.

Based on interviews with 403 Parkinson's patients and 405 healthy people in British Columbia, the researchers also

found people who contracted red measles as children were 35 percent less likely to develop Parkinson's.

"There are no cures or prevention programmes for Parkinson's, in part because we still don't understand what triggers it in some people and not others," said lead author Anne Harris.

"This kind of painstaking epidemiological detective work is crucial in identifying the mechanisms that might

be at work, allowing the development of effective prevention strategies," Harris added, referring to the study.

Parkinson's disease is a nervous system disorder marked by slowness of movement, shaking, stiffness, and in the later stages, loss of balance.

Although some cases are genetic in origin, the cause for most cases of the disease is still unknown. Possible explanations include repeated head trauma, or exposure to viruses or chemical compounds.

Xinhua

WHO endorses use of HIV medicines for prevention

NEW YORK, 21 July—The World Health Organization has endorsed using HIV medicines among people who do not have the infection but are at high risk of getting it, and suggested that poor and wealthy countries alike set up pilot projects to better understand the benefits.

The United Nations agency made its suggestion on Friday, four days after US regulators approved use of Gilead Sciences Inc's Truvada for people who are not infected but may engage in sexual activity with HIV-positive partners. The concept is known as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).

Truvada, which combines the anti-HIV drugs tenofovir and emtricitabine in one pill, is widely used to treat people already infected with the virus that causes AIDS. The medicine, which costs almost \$14,000 a year in the United States, is the first treatment also approved for prevention. "WHO is

encouraging countries wishing to introduce PrEP to first establish small projects to help public health workers to better understand and realize its potential benefits," the agency said in a statement. It said appropriate HIV medicines should be given to those at high risk of infection.

"These could include men or transgender women who have sex with men," the group said. WHO spokeswoman Sarah Russell said the agency could not recommend specific drugs for prevention, but she said, "It needs to be a drug like Truvada that has been developed for prevention purposes."

Russell said WHO expects Gilead to make Truvada available at a deeply discounted price in some poor countries. "We believe Gilead will bring the price down to about \$100 per year per person" in those countries, she said in an interview.

Internet



Members of a Thai bomb squad unit inspect the site of a car bomb attack in Thailand's restive southern Narathiwat Province, on 20 July, 2012.—INTERNET

Sri Lanka to receive 415 mln USD loan from IMF

COLOMBO, 21 July—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved a loan of 415 million US dollars to Sri Lanka as part of an agreement reached in 2009, the Sri Lankan Central Bank announced on Saturday. The bank said that under the agreement, a total of approximately 2.49 billion US dollars had been disbursed to Sri Lanka in stages since 2009.

The decision to release the final tranche was made by the IMF Executive Board on Friday and the funds were accordingly transferred to the Central Bank in Sri Lanka. "The completion of the agreement marks the longest engagement Sri Lanka has had with the IMF and the single largest facility Sri Lanka has ever obtained from a multilateral institution. The program is to rebuild the external reserves, strengthen the fiscal position, maintain monetary stability and fortify the domestic financial system," the Central Bank said.

The bank said that the Sri Lankan authorities now look forward to the continued close engagement with the

IMF and intend to discuss the possibility of financial support for its economic development agenda under an Extended Fund Facility (EFF).

On Friday, IMF Deputy Managing Director and Acting Chair Naoyuki Shinohara said that following robust growth in the first quarter of 2012 in Sri Lanka, activity has started moderating in response to policy tightening and weakening global demand. "The current monetary policy stance is appropriate, and monetary conditions should remain firm in the near term given high headline inflation and possible second-round effects.—Internet

Chinese solar company taps Australian market

SHIJIAZHUANG, 21 July—A solar energy company based in north China's Hebei Province has recently registered a subsidiary in Australia, aiming to tap the fledgling market there, sources with the company said on Saturday. Headquartered in Sydney, the subsidiary of Yingli Green Energy Holding Co. Ltd will provide solar modules, as well as after-sale services, in the Australian market, according to the company.

The company will also sell solar modules to New Zealand and other South Pacific countries, it said. Established in 1987, Yingli Green Energy and its subsidiaries are mainly engaged in the design, development, manufacturing and marketing of photovoltaic products in both China and overseas markets. The company went public on the New York Stock Exchange in June 2007.

Xinhua

British sailor Sir Robin Knox-Johnston (C) runs around the restored Cutty Sark ship with the London 2012 Olympic Torch, in South London.

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP VOYNO (649) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.7.2012 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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**5.2-magnitude quake hits
Kodiak Island region, Alaska**

HONG KONG, 21 July—An earthquake measuring 5.2 on the Richter scale jolted Kodiak Island region, Alaska at 18:54:11 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 27.20 km, was initially determined to be at 56.4528 degrees north latitude and 153.3804 degrees west longitude.

Xinhua

**Haqqani leader killed in
airstrike**

YAKUBI, 21 July—A Haqqani leader and another insurgent were killed in an airstrike by an Afghan and coalition security force in eastern Afghanistan, military officials said.

The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force said Abdul Wali, a leader of the Taliban-linked Haqqani network, was killed and another insurgent injured on Thursday in the Sabari district in Khost Province, *Khaama Press* reported.

Abdul Wali led a Haqqani cell that specialized in the production of improvised-explosive devices used in attacks against Afghan and coalition forces throughout the region, *Khaama Press* said. He also reportedly coordinated the shipment and distribution of explosive materials to insurgents in the district.

The airstrike didn't injure civilians or damage civilian property, *Khaama Press* said.

The ISAF also said an Afghan-led security force, supported by coalition troops, had detained several suspected insurgents in Shah Wali Kot district in Kandahar Province.

Internet



Fishing vessels sail into the lagoon of Meiji Reef of south China Sea on 20 July, 2012. The fleet of 30 boats, including a 3,000-tonne lead boat carrying fresh water, fuel and other supplies, sailed into the lagoon of Meiji Reef to take shelter from storm at about 6 pm Friday. The fleet has sailed past Sanya and Yongshu, Zhubi and Meiji reefs.—XINHUA

**5.8-magnitude quake hits off
east coast of North Island of
New Zealand**

WELLINGTON, 21 July—An earthquake measuring 5.8 on the Richter scale jolted off the east coast of the North Island of New Zealand at 0454 GMT on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 20.00 km, was initially determined to be at 37.7549 degrees south latitude and 179.6765 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua



Citizens stay outdoors after a quake in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 20 July 2012. A 4.9-magnitude earthquake hit Yangzhou City at 8:11 pm on Friday, said the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC).—XINHUA

Torture video posted, 6 police arrested

BUENOS AIRES, 21 July—Six Argentine police officers have been arrested on suspicion of torturing two young men in a video posted on YouTube.

The video shows the two men, wearing only underwear, as water is poured over them, CNN reported. One has a plastic bag placed over his head until he begins suffocating.

Telam, Argentina's state

news agency, reported that Eduardo Sylvester, the security minister in the province of Salta, asked for arrest warrants. Five officers were arrested on Thursday and a sixth on Friday, a police source told CNN.

The source said the video was made last year and one of the officers involved. He said the two young men had been arrested on minor

charges and were released soon after.

"We, the government of Salta Province, are strongly convinced that these police officers are not representative of who we truly are and we are not going to tolerate under any circumstances that officers commit this kind of crime," Sylvester told Canal 13, a CNN affiliate.

Internet

**5.1-magnitude quake hits Kepulauan
Sangihe, Indonesia**

HONG KONG, 21 July—An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted Kepulauan Sangihe, Indonesia at 20:24:19 GMT on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 90.60 km, was initially determined to be at 3.3828 degrees north latitude and 125.8351 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua



An injured man receives medical treatment at a hospital in northwest Pakistan's Peshawar, on 20 July, 2012. At least four people were injured when some unidentified militants fired at shops near paramilitary forces' headquarters in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar on Friday morning, local media reported.

XINHUA

**At least 24
killed, 26
injured in road
accident in
western Mexico**

MEXICO CITY, 21 July—At least 24 people were killed and 26 others injured on Friday after a bus carrying them went off the road and fell into a ravine in the western Mexican state of Nayarit, local authorities announced.

The accident occurred at about 4 am local time (0900 GMT) in the Tequepexpan Chapalilla Bridge when the bus veered off the road and fell into a ravine, the state civil protection service said.

The road where the accident happened is a junction with two-way traffic that connects Guadalajara-Tepic highway which leads to Puerto Vallarta.

The source explained that all the tourists on the bus were from northern state of Chihuahua on their way to Rincon de Guayabitos, about 700 km northwest of Mexico City.

Nayarit's Civil Protection Director Martin Tapia Miranda said that fatigue and speeding were the main causes of this accident.

Rescue workers, paramedics and firefighters were dispatched to the scene to help the victims while traffic has been suspended along the roadway to facilitate rescue efforts and tow away the wreckage.

He said that the wounded were taken to three hospitals in Tepic, the capital of Nayarit state, while the bodies were taken to the public prosecutor for identification and later will be transferred to their home.

Xinhua

Torch carrier now carries a spelling error

AUS woman celebrated her role in the London Olympic Torch relay with a tattoo, only to discover her arm now reads "Olympic Torch Bearer 2012," she said.

Jerri Peterson, 54, of Atlanta, Ga, carried the torch through Derby, England, on 30 June after she was one of 70 people nominated for the

honour by her employer, a hotel chain, for her years of charity work, the BBC reported on Thursday.

Returning to America she decided to commemorate the honour with her first tattoo, but the artist misspelled a crucial word.

"I looked at it was so disappointed. I called my



Jerri Peterson's new tattoo. (Image via Peterson's Twitter page)

husband and he giggled a little bit.

Then I started laughing about it and I've been laughing ever since," she said of the discovery.

Peterson said the artist "felt so bad when he found out. He wanted to fix it but I decided to keep it. It's the Olympics. It's a unique as I am."

Bottled message found after 35 years

A Vermont man who threw a message in a bottle into the water 35 years ago said he was delighted when the bottle surfaced more than 75 miles downriver.

Sean Keown of Rochester said he and a friend each stuffed handwritten notes into the bottle in 1977 before sending it into the White River, and he recently received a letter from Justin Shepard, 14, who found the bottle more than 75 miles downriver in Bellows Falls, WCAX-TV, Burlington, reported on Thursday.

about it in years I had no idea that I would get it back," Keown said.

Shepard said the letter had Keown's name and phone number, but the number was out of service.

He said he was able to track Keown down using Google and sent him a copy of his note from the bottle.

Keown said he plans to make good on his message's promise of a reward for the finder.

"Before I received this letter, I hadn't thought

"I was thinking maybe a candy bar or a soda, at the time I was in elementary school. Yeah, it's going to be a cash reward now," he said.

News Album

British police affix cameras to dogs



Police in Staffordshire, England, said they will strap cameras to the heads of police dogs to help gather evidence

during busts.

Staffordshire police said 20 police canines with their dog support unit will be outfitted with FidoCam technology during the next 12 months to give officers a dog's-eye-view in situations including drug busts and foot chases, The Daily

Telegraph reported Thursday.

"This bit of kit is fantastic—it attaches to the dog's head and we can get a live view of what they are seeing," Inspector Chris Dawson said. "There are many situations when this technology will be beneficial

to our officers.

If we are searching for a dangerous person we can send the dog into a building with the camera to search for them and then when they indicate a find by barking, we will be able to see exactly what or who they have found.

Katie Holmes heading back to Broadway

NEW YORK, 20 July—Katie Holmes is to star in Theresa Rebeck's new play, "Dead Accounts," on Broadway this fall, the five-

character comedy's producers said on Thursday.

Directed by three-time Tony Award winner Jack O'Brien, the play will open at the Music Box Theatre.



Katie Holmes, a cast member in the motion picture comedy "Jack and Jill" attends the premiere of the film at the Regency Village Theatre in the Westwood section of Los Angeles on 6 Nov, 2011. INTERNET

"Jack's unexpected return throws his family into a frenzy, and his sister Lorna needs answers. Is he coming home or running away? Where is his wife everyone hates? And how did he get all that money? Theresa Rebeck's new comedy tackles the timely issues of corporate greed, small town values, and whether or not your family will always welcome you back... with no questions asked," a synopsis said.

Holmes will play the role of Lorna. This will be her first Broadway role since appearing in the acclaimed 2008 production of "All My Sons."

Additional casting for the four additional roles, designers, production dates and ticket information will be announced shortly, the producers said.—Internet



A production photo from "Matilda the Musical." INTERNET

NEW YORK, 20 July—The Royal Shakespeare Company's production of "Matilda the Musical" is to open on Broadway next spring, producers announced

on Thursday.

The stage adaptation of Roald Dahl's classic children's book will begin previews at the Shubert Theatre on 24 March and

'Matilda' to open on Broadway in April

open on 11 April.

Created by the RSC in 2010, "Matilda" earned seven 2012 Olivier Awards including Best Musical.

It is the story of "an extraordinary little girl who decides that despite a bad beginning filled with rotten parents, a terrifying school and a vicious headmistress,

her story is going to be an astonishing one," a synopsis said. "With the help of her teacher, her friends and a little bit of imagination, Matilda proves that even if you're little, you can do big things."

Casting will be announced soon, the producers said.

Internet

'Reunion' tops DVD sales, rental charts

LOS ANGELES, 21 July—The raunchy comedy "American Reunion" is the top-selling DVD and Blu-ray, and No 1 rental in the United States, Rentrak reported on Thursday.

"Safe House" is No 5, "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" is No 6, "Wanderlust" is No 7, "Ghost Rider: Spirit of Vengeance" is No 8, "The Flowers of War" is No 9 and "A Thousand Words" is No 10.—Internet

Coming in at No 2 for the week ending 15 July is "21 Jump Street," followed by "Wrath of the Titans" at No 3, "Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" at No 4 and "Mirror Mirror" at No 5.



Actor Jason Biggs, a cast member in the motion picture romantic comedy "American Reunion," attends the premiere of the film at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles on 19 March, 2012.—INTERNET

Rounding out the top tier are "Project X" at No 6, "Act of Valor" at No 7, "Journey 2: The Mysterious Island" at No 8, "Safe House" at No 9 and "John Carter" at No 10.

The No 2 DVD rental for the week ended 14 July is "21 Jump Street."

"Wrath of the Titans" is No 3, "Mirror Mirror" is No 4,

Kate Moss' coffee table book to be out soon

LONDON, 20 July—Kate Moss has become the subject of a coffee table tome, which is edited by her former partner Jefferson Hack, dedicated to her incredible body of work over the last 20 years.



Kate Moss

Set to be published by Rizzoli in November "Kate: The Kate Moss Book" has been edited by her former flame and close friend and casting director Jess Hallett, the Telegraph reported.

Moss has had a hand in the creation of the volume too, personally selecting the images she wanted to be included in order to create a publication that "spans the entirety of her unparalleled career, from model to fashion designer, and muse to icon."

Including photographs by the likes of Hedi Slimane, Juergen Teller, Terry

Richardson, Mario Testino and Karl Lagerfeld, the book follows Moss from her first published photographs taken by Corinne Day for The Face in 1990 and her iconic campaign for Calvin Klein, to the fashion behemoth she is today.

The book will be available from 6 November for 50 pounds.—Internet

Bon Jovi won't judge 'American Idol'

LOS ANGELES, 21 July—Singer Jon Bon Jovi won't judge the next season of singing reality show "American Idol" as he is working on his next album, a source said. Singer Jennifer Lopez had earlier expressed her desire to see him or Mick Jagger in her place as a judge.



Singer Jon Bon Jovi

"Jon wouldn't commit to anything unless he can give 100 percent. With planning for the next album already underway, he's focused on the band," TMZ.com quoted a source as saying.

"With all systems go for a new album and a mega-tour on the horizon, Jon wouldn't be able to give those aspiring singers the guidance they deserve," the source added.

Internet

'Maybe' still No 1 on US record chart

LOS ANGELES, 21 July—Carly Rae Jepsen's "Call Me Maybe" is No 1 on the US record chart for a sixth week, Billboard.com reported on Thursday.

Wiz Khalifa, followed by Katy Perry's "Wide Awake" at No 3, Gotye's "Somebody That I Used to Know" featuring Kimbra at No 4 and Ellie Goulding's "Lights" at No 5.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 is Maroon 5's "Payphone" featuring

"Whistle" at No 7, David Guetta's "Titanium" at No 8, P!nk's "Blow Me (One Last Kiss)" at No 9 and Usher's "Scream" at No 10.



Singer Carly Rae Jepsen



No 3 seed Jelena Jankovic

CARLSBAD, 21 July — No 3 seed Jelena Jankovic overcame problems with her serve to claim a 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 win over Melinda Czik in the second round of the Mercury Insurance Open on Thursday night. Jankovic had a first-round bye and the former No 1 player struggled throughout the match with her serve before closing it out in the third set. "I was in trouble," said Jankovic, who was successful on only 55 percent of her first serves. "It wasn't easy. I was pushed. I had to change something."

After the players traded service breaks, Jankovic broke the Hungarian's serve right back for a 4-3 lead and stayed

Jankovic overcomes serving woes, Czink at Carlsbad

ahead for good. "It was one of those days when you don't play well and you don't really feel your shots, but I found a way to win," she said. "Those are the days when you have to grind it out and get through it." Jankovic reached the quarterfinals for the first time in six appearances here. The Serbian will play qualifier Yung-Jan Chan of Taiwan in the quarterfinals.

US Olympian Christina McHale held off Misaki Doi of Japan 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 to



Melinda Czik

advance to the quarterfinals against No 1 seed Marion Bartoli of France. McHale, the No 5 seed, needed three match points in the last game before she closed out the second-round match when Doi hit a backhand into the net. McHale faced 19 break points, but Doi only converted three. In other second-round matches, Ursula Radwanska of Poland cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 win over lucky loser Melanie Oudin, and No 2 seed Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia was a 6-2, 6-4 winner against New Zealand's Marina Erakovic.

Radwanska, the younger sister of world No 2 ranked Agnieszka Radwanska, served well and took advantage of the American's subpar serve to control the



Ursula Radwanska

match. Radwanska, who won 88 percent (23 of 26) of her first serves, reached the quarterfinals for the second straight week. She lost last week at Stanford to eventual runner-up CoCo Vandeweghe. US Olympian Christina McHale held off Misaki Doi of Japan 4-6, 6-4, 6-4 at the Mercury Insurance Open on Thursday, advancing to a quarterfinal against No 1 seed Marion Bartoli of France. — INTERNET

Spurs boss Villas-Boas plays down interest in 'special' Hulk

LONDON, 21 July — Tottenham Hotspur boss Andre Villas-Boas has moved to play down speculation linking the club with a move for Hulk, while at the same admitting that he enjoys a "good relationship" with the in-demand Porto forward.

The Portuguese coach paid his former charge a visit at Brazil's Olympic Games base in St Albans ahead of their friendly with Team GB, immediately sparking speculation that he was sounding out the 25-year-old attacker about a move to White Hart Lane. Villas-Boas insists that he was doing nothing of the sort, but he did express his admiration for the Selecao star.

"Hulk is a very special player for me," the former

Chelsea coach told Terra. "We had a very good year together in Porto and we have a good relationship—that I do not deny. "But we have just been talking, nothing more." Villas-Boas, who replaced Harry Redknapp as Spurs boss earlier in the summer, led Porto to a treble during his one season at the Dragao, in 2010-11. — INTERNET



Tottenham Hotspur boss Andre Villas-Boas

International Sports

Liverpool owner hails 'inspirational' Rodgers

LIVERPOOL, 21 July — Liverpool's principal owner John W Henry has described the club's new manager Brendan Rodgers as "inspirational". Former Swansea boss Rodgers replaced Kenny Dalglish in the Anfield hotseat during the summer and has set about a rebuilding of the Liverpool squad. Henry met up with Rodgers on Liverpool's pre-season tour of north America, with their first friendly match taking place against FC Toronto in Canada on Saturday.

"Brendan has a very structured approach and he plays the kind of football that we think Liverpool fans will love to see," Henry told the club's official website. "You

can see why he was appointed. He's an inspirational figure. He's very charismatic, he's smart, he knows what he wants to accomplish and he's determined to accomplish it. "Everything I have heard so far in the way of feedback about him has been very positive."

Liverpool finished eighth in the Barclays Premier League last season, 37 points behind champions Manchester City and 17 behind Tottenham Hotspur in fourth.

But Henry says the Reds do not want to put Rodgers under the immediate pressure of having to qualify for the UEFA Champions League in his first season in charge. "We don't want to put any pressure on Brendan by saying you have got to make the Champions League this year,"

added Henry. "Of course he wants to make the Champions League, we all do and so does every team in the Premier League. "At this point we're just trying to get things stabilised—that should be one of our goals."

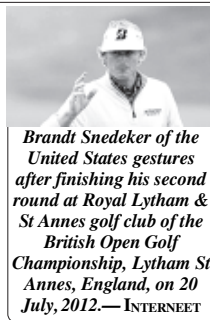
After Liverpool play FC Toronto they then face Italian side Roma at Fenway Park, the home of the Boston Red Sox, who are also owned by Henry and Fenway Sports Group. "It's heartening to have Liverpool here," said Henry. "I know Liverpool fans worry about the Red Sox and I know Red Sox fans worry about Liverpool but these are two very important clubs. We need to be in the US and we know this area well. (Chairman) Tom Werner is a Harvard grad and we knew this would be a great place for the team to train."

"Liverpool is such a global club. Last year we were in Asia, this year we're in North America. We have to try to get out and see the fans. This year what we're really concentrating on is to make sure we're ready for the first League game. That's our number one goal. We have a lot of work to do to instil a new system."

INTERNET



Brendan Rodgers was appointed Liverpool manager earlier on in the summer. INTERNET



Brandt Snedeker of the United States gestures after finishing his second round at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England, on 20 July, 2012. — INTERNET

LYTHAM ST ANNES, 21 July — Brandt Snedeker plays fast and talks even faster, and he was on a roll Friday in the British Open. He raced up the leaderboard with five birdies in a seven-hole stretch, tied the 36-hole record for a major championship and looked like he was bent on running away from the field at Royal Lytham & St Annes. Not so fast. Along came Adam Scott, playing cautiously and picking his spots for three birdies on the back nine to pull within one shot. Not far behind was Tiger Woods, sticking to a conservative game plan and delivering a dramatic finish by holing out from the bunker to set off a wild cheer from 6,000 spectators crammed into the bleachers.

As the second round

Snedeker builds 1-shot lead, with Tiger lurking

ended, this Open was just getting started. On another benign day when the only concern was pools forming in the bottom of pot bunkers from overnight rain, Snedeker became the latest player to match the course record at Royal Lytham with a 6-under 64 that gave him a one-shot lead. He has yet to make a bogey over 36 holes, the first player to go bogey-free in the opening two rounds of a major since Woods won at St. Andrews in 2000. Snedeker's 10-under 130 tied the 36-hole record set by Nick Faldo in 1992 when he won the Open at Muirfield, and it broke by four shots the 36-hole record at Lytham.

Even more amazing? Snedeker hasn't hit into any of the 206 bunkers in two days. "No bogeys around here is getting some good breaks and playing some pretty good golf," Snedeker said. "My mantra all week has been to get the ball on the greens as fast as possible. Once I'm on there, I have a pretty good hand for the speed of the greens. Just going to try and keep doing that over the

weekend."

Snedeker has never made the cut in three previous trips to the British Open, though this brand of golf is nothing new. As a rookie on the PGA Tour in 2007, he was 10 under through 10 holes on the North Course at Torrey Pines before having to settle for a 61. He picked up his third win there this year by rallying from a seven-shot deficit on the last day. — INTERNET



Tiger Woods of the United States reacts after a birdie on the 18th hole at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club during the second round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England, on 20 July, 2012. — INTERNET

Saints snap up goalkeeper Gazzaniga

LONDON, 21 July — Southampton have completed the signing of young goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga from League Two side Gillingham. The Barclays Premier League new boys have swooped to sign the 20-year-old Argentine on a four-year contract at St Mary's. He has joined for an undisclosed fee and has immediately joined up with his team-mates at Southampton's pre-season training camp in

France.

"I am very happy because signing for a Premier League team is a dream," Gazzaniga told the club's official website. "It's mad because I only played a few matches last season—it's a crazy situation. "The club has a lot of ambition, so I was eager to sign. I can't wait to get started." Gazzaniga becomes Saints' fourth signing of the summer following Burnley striker Jay Rodriguez, Rangers mid-fielder Steven Davis and

Crystal Palace defender Nathaniel Clyne. Manager Nigel Adkins added: "We have been looking for a young, hungry goalkeeper and Paulo fitted that mould."

"We are delighted that we have secured his services and that he has come out to Evian to join up with the group. "He will be in an environment that we think will help him improve under the guidance of our goalkeeping coach, Jim Stannard, and Kelvin Davis,



Saints boss Nigel Adkins with goalkeeper Paulo Gazzaniga. — INTERNET

who has a lot of experience and I know that he will take him under his wing. "He is very ambitious, he is young and hungry and wants to do well for Southampton Football Club." — INTERNET

Fish withdraws during Atlanta 2nd round

ATLANTA, 21 July — After withdrawing from the Atlanta Open, Mardy Fish was just thankful he wasn't hurt more seriously. Fish stumbled to his left while trying to return a drop in the second set and his left ankle appeared to buckle as he got near the steel net post. "I did everything I could just to bring my head back," he said. "That brought my right leg out, sort of sliding and jarring it back and (turned) the inside of the right ankle. It was going to be either my knee, my ankle or my head. Thankfully it was my ankle."

Fish, the No 2 seed, was leading Gilles Muller of Luxembourg 6-4, 3-2 in the second round when he pulled out of the match. He said the injury had not yet been diagnosed and planned to have an MRI either Thursday night or Friday.

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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(22-7-12 09:30 am ~ 23-7-12 09:30 am) MST

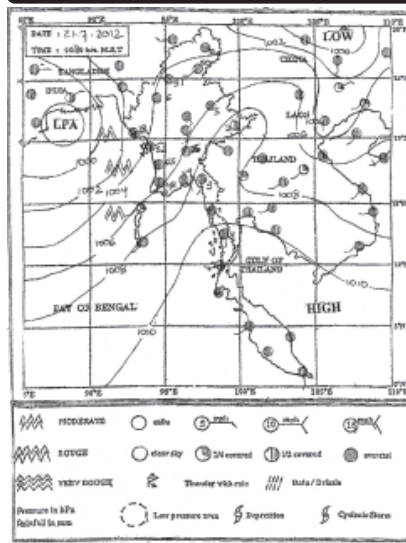
- * News
- * Let's all listen together with open hearts forever
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- * Music Programme
- * Road to 27th SEA GAMES "Billiard and Snooker"
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- * Miss Farmer Contest
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- * Kid's Talent
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- * MI People's Celebrities "Mon's Wish"
- * News
- * A Glimpse to Japan's Industrial & Technological Success
- * News
- * Beautiful Choreographic of Maid of Honour Dance and Female Spirit Dance
- * News
- * Workshop On Laparoscopic Upper GI and Bariatric Surgery
- * Myanmar Movie (Venus Flytrap)

MYANMAR TV

(22-7-2012)(Sunday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
- 4. (38) Phyar Mingalars
- 8:25 am
- 5. Documentary
- 11:00 am
- 6. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
- 7. Musical Programme
- 12:35 pm
- 8. How It's Works
- 12:55 pm
- 9. Myanmar Movie
- 4:35 pm
- 10. Dance Of National Races
- 5:00 pm
- 11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
- 12. Teleplay
- 5:25 pm
- 13. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:00 pm
- 14. TV Drama Series
- 6:40 pm
- 15. Tamyethnar Takwetsar
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. Cartoon Series
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. New Melody

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 22nd July, 2012

| No. | Name | Temperature (°C/F) | | Forecast | Percent |
|-----|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|---|---------|
| | | Maximum | Minimum | | |
| 1 | Kachin | 30.86 | 24.75 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 2 | Kayah | 27.81 | 19.66 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 3 | Kayin | 28.82 | 21.70 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 4 | Chin | 20.68 | 16.61 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 5 | Upper Sagaing | 31.88 | 24.75 | widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 6 | Lower Sagaing | 37.99 | 25.77 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 7 | Tamthays | 30.86 | 24.75 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 8 | Bago | 29.84 | 22.72 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 9 | Magway | 32.90 | 24.75 | Scattered rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 10 | Mandalay | 37.99 | 26.79 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 11 | Mon | 31.88 | 24.75 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 12 | Yangon | 29.84 | 21.70 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 13 | Rakhine | 28.82 | 21.70 | widespread rain or thundershowers (H) | (100%) |
| 14 | Southern Shan | 23.73 | 16.61 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 15 | Northern Shan | 30.86 | 22.72 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 16 | Eastern Shan | 29.84 | 21.70 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 17 | Ayeyawady | 26.79 | 21.70 | Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 18 | Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw | 32.90 | 23.73 | Isolated rain or thundershowers | (80%) |
| 19 | Neighbouring Yangon | 29.84 | 21.70 | One or two rain or thundershowers | (100%) |
| 20 | Neighbouring Mandalay | 37.99 | 26.79 | Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers | (60%) |

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (09:30 hrs MST) today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

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

Answers for Yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



U BA YI (SWAN BATTERY)

Age (60) years
Pagoda, Ordination Hall, Monastery Donor and Material Supporter of Monks

U Ba Yi (Swan Battery), age (60) years, son of (U Pe + Daw Hla Sein), of Aingtaung Village, Kani Township, Sagaing Region, son-in-law of (U Pho Hmee + Daw Ohn) of Lahayet Village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region, husband of Daw Thein Myint, living at No.3/4/106, Nawaday Street, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region; father of Ye Myint + Nwe Nwe Aung, Maung Aung Myat Thu and Maung Ye Myat Thu; younger brother of U Chit Khin + Daw Kyin Mya, U Myint Shwe + Daw San Myint, U Ba Win + Daw Khin Thauung, U Win Swe + Daw Myint Myint Aye; elder brother of U Tin Po + Daw Khin Than Sint, expired on (20.7.2012), 2nd Waxing of Second Waso, 1374 ME, at (01:00) pm (Friday) and funeral procession to Htaibin Cemetery will be made and the remains will be cremated on (24.7.2012) at (03:00) pm (Tuesday).

Bereaved family
Motorcade shall leave the residence at (02:00) pm on the said date.



Basic tailoring course concludes in Dalla

DALLA, 21 July—Dalla Township Women's Affairs Organization of Yangon South District and Maternal and Child Welfare Association jointly held the concluding ceremony of the basic tailoring course at the training hall in Nyaungngokto Village of Dalla Township on 13 July.

Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Ohnma Nay Tun presented K 50000 to Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Aye Thanda Kyaw. They then viewed practical works of trainees.—*Myanma Alin*

Militant attacks kill 15 in Pakistan

PARACHINAR, 21 July—A bomb exploded at a compound in northwest Pakistan on Saturday, killing nine people and wounding 20, local government and intelligence officials said.

The bombing in the compound, used by a local militia and containing residential units and an office, occurred near the village of Spin Tal in the Orakzai tribal region. The Pakistan military has been conducting operations against militant groups in the area for months.

"We are not sure if a suicide bomber hit the compound or if some militants were assembling a bomb and it accidentally went off," a local government official said, requesting anonymity.

Reuters



Ryan Giggs

under manager Stuart Pearce. And with just under a week to go before Pearce's squad kicks off its Olympic 2012 campaign against Senegal, Giggs believes the team will be ready in time and can only get better from here on in. "It was great preparation for us," the midfielder said. "We knew it was going to be tough."

Internet

NLM-ner Joke You will forget it

An 80 years old couple were having problems remembering things, so they decided to go to their doctor to get checked out to make sure nothing was wrong with them. When they arrived at the doctor's, they explained to the doctor about the problems they were having with their memory.

After checking the couple out, the doctor tells them that they were physically okay but might want to start writing things down and make notes to help them remember things. The couple thanked the doctor and left.

Later that night while watching TV, the old man got up from his chair and his wife asks, "Where are you going?" He replies, "To the kitchen."

She asks, "Will you get me a bowl of ice cream?" He replies, "Sure."

She then asks him, "Don't you think you should write it down so you can remember it?"

He says, "No, I can remember that."

Shethensays, "Well, I also would like some strawberries on top. You had better write that down cause I know you'll forget that."

He says, "I can remember that, you want a bowl of ice cream with strawberries." He then fumes into the kitchen. After about 20 minutes he returns from the kitchen and hands her a plate of bacon and eggs.

She stares at the plate for a moment and says, "You forgot my toast."

Cash, periodicals worth K 130,022,500 donated to Myanmar Libraries Foundation

YANGON, 21 July—U Kyaw Hsan, Union Minister for Information and for Culture and Patron of Myanmar Libraries Foundation, accepted cash and periodicals at the ceremony to donate cash and periodicals to libraries held at the Central Printing House of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise here this afternoon.

It was attended by Yangon Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, the charge d' affaires ai of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China and embassy staff, officials from the Ministry of Information, the chairman, deputy chairman and members of the executive committees of Myanmar Libraries Foundation and invited guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan said that Myanmar Libraries Foundation has been working to promote reading habits among the rural people and to upgrade the libraries which do not meet the five characteristics of a library.

The foundation was established on 15 May, 2010, with the aim of promoting sustainable development of libraries, and the policy of the foundation is to serve the national interests of the people, he added.

The foundation has been registered in accordance with rules and regulations and the chairman, vice-chairman and members of the executive committee of the foundation have worked for the foundation on a voluntary basis. The foundation set up its funds with K730 million and it has spent the interests from the funds on running its works.

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is envisaged becoming a progressive one.

When it completed its works for sustainable development of libraries to a certain extent, the foundation would provide education and health care services to the people in rural areas, he said.

The Union minister also called on the people to participate in the works for sustainable development of the foundation.

Afterwards, Mr Lu Zhi, Charge d' Affaires ai of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, expressed his delight for contributing cash collected in the performance of Chinese acrobatic performing troupe to the foundation.

Cultural Counsellor Mr. Gao Hua of Chinese Embassy, on behalf of Chinese acrobatic team, donated K 11,386,000, Cho Zaw Construction Company, Myitta Thingaha Film stars and musicians, U Nyo Min (Min Zarni Co Ltd), U Ko Thet and wife Daw Khin Mya Sandi Win (Shwe Minthamee Production and Shwe Mann Cinema), Dr Tin Tun Oo (Swesone Media Group), Two Cats Publishing House, Seikku Cho Cho Publishing House, and Daw Thin Thin Naing donated cash and publications through Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan who returned certificates of honour.

Ayeyawady Journal, Tun Foundation Bank, U Ye Htet Oo of Tharapa Library, MCM Group, Thakhin Soe Win (Monywa), Ever Win Media Group, Yangon Media Group, Wisdom House, Shwe Mintha Publishing House, Opportunity Journal and Shwe Minthamee Publishing House, Shwe Naing Ngan Media, CEO Publishing House, Mandalay Icon, First Weekly, Kyal Pwint Publishing House, Lin Lun Khin Publishing House, Perfect Magazine, Myanmar



Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan accepts K 11,386,000 donated by Mr Gao Hua, Cultural Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Herald Journal, Songster Pho Thar, 7Days Journal, Byu Publishing House, Emperor Journal, U Khin Maung Tun (My Way Media Group), U Myint Soe, Inforithum Maze Co Ltd, Synergy Publication, U Moe Myint Maung (Top English), U Zaw Thein (assistant head of department), Daw May Myat Kyaw, U San Tun Phyu (Lin Wadi Kyaw), (See page 8)

Capello will be unveiled as Russia coach on Wednesday



Moscow, 21 July—Former England manager Fabio Capello will be

officially unveiled as Russia's coach on Wednesday, acting president of the Russian Football Union (RFU) Nikita Simonyan said on Saturday.

Capello was attending Saturday's Russian Premier League match between CSKA Moscow and Rostov after arriving in Moscow on Friday.

"After watching today's match he will go to St Petersburg to see (Russian

champions) Zenit in action. Then, he'll return to Italy before coming back to Moscow," Simonyan was quoted as saying by local media. "On Wednesday he will sign a contract and will be presented to the media."

The 66-year-old Italian, who quit as England boss in February, replaces Dutchman Dick Advocaat, whose tenure ended with Russia's group stage exit from Euro 2012.

Capello, who becomes Russia's third successive foreign coach, will be tasked with bleeding new players into an ageing team, something his predecessor failed to do in his two years at the helm.

Russian media reported he would earn up to 10 million euros a year after signing a contract through to the 2014 World Cup, with the possibility of extending it for another two years.—*Internet*

Ferguson confirms Manchester Utd's bid for van Persie

LONDON, 21 July — Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed on Friday that Manchester United have made a bid for unsettled Arsenal striker Robin van Persie.



Ferguson made his move for van Persie after the

Netherlands international, whose current contract expires at the end of the forthcoming campaign, announced earlier this month that he would refuse to sign a new deal with the Gunners.

Premier League champions Manchester City and Italian giants Juventus have also expressed interest in van Persie, but Ferguson tried to steal a march on his rivals with a firm offer.

It is believed Arsenal rejected United's bid because they want at least 20 million pounds (\$31.2 million) for the 28-year-old, who scored 37 goals in all competitions last season and won both the Players' and Football Writers' Player of the Year awards.

"Obviously Arsenal have given out the fact that we've made a bid for him," Ferguson told MUTV.

"We try to keep business as close as possible to us until the moment we conclude a deal. There's no point talking about something that might not happen.

"There are other clubs interested in the player. We've shown an interest and that's where we're at at the moment."

Van Persie stunned Arsenal coach Arsene Wenger when he declared immediately after Euro 2012 that he wanted to leave the north London team because he felt the club's ambitions did not match his own.

That shock announcement prompted City and Juventus to start the chase for one of Europe's top strikers and United are now firmly in the hunt as well.

Arsenal were expected to announce on Friday whether van Persie would join them on their pre-season tour to Asia but later delayed the decision until Saturday, when they are due to leave the country.—*Internet*

Knowledge about traffic rules disseminated

MOMAUK, 21 July—A talk on traffic rules and prevention against trafficking in person was given at Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Momauk of Bhamo District in Kachin State on 16 July.

Before the talks, Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing made a speech. Commander of the Township Police Station IP Han Hmway gave talks on traffic rules.

After that, Bhamo Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad and Township Anti-Human Trafficking Committee erected the signboards bearing telephone numbers for calling anti-human trafficking near the monument of Bhamo-Myitkyina-Lwejel Junction.—*Myanma Alin*

Reading habit raised in Kyaikto Township

KYAIKTO, 21 July—Kyaikto Township Information and Public Relations Department held the tale telling, poem recitation and extempore talk contests at Basic Education Primary School in Kyaung Village of the township on 8 July for ensuring development of libraries and raising reading habit.

At the ceremony, Staff Officer of Thaton District IPRD Daw Khin Saw Lin made a speech. Head of Township Fire Services Department U Tin Htwe explained the disciplines of the contests.

After the competitions, officials presented prizes to winners.—*Myanma Alin*



Chinese Vice Premier Li Keqiang (R, Front) meets with Equatorial Guinean President Teodoro Obiang Nguema Mbasogo in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 July, 2012.

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Ryan Giggs

Giggs reveals pride at captaining Team GB in loss to Brazil

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