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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 addresses coordination meeting of the committee for ensuring success in XXVII SEA Games



Patron of Leading Committee for Preparation of the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects progress of apartments and hostels for Myanmar athletes at sports village.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— Patron of the Leading Committee for Preparation of the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk

Kham visited sports grounds and stadiums around here to view training of athletes this morning and addressed the

coordination meeting of the committee for ensuring success in XXVII SEA Games.

The Vice-President first

visited Nay Pyi Taw sports training camp in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area where he, accompanied by Union

Minister at the President Office U Thein Nyunt, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan, deputy ministers, personnel of the Ministry of Sports, presidents, vice-presidents and secretaries

of respective sports federations, viewed athletes of such sports as billiard, Sepak Takraw, judo, Pencak Silat, badminton, acrobatics, table tennis, karatedo, Taekwondo, weight-lifting, Wushu, shooting and track & field undergoing training for the XXVII SEA Games and spoke words of encouragement to them.

The Vice-President and party then visited construction site of Zabuthiri Stadium in Zabuthiri Township where the opening and closing of the XXVII SEA Games would be held. The Vice-President inspected the progress of the stadium and stressed the needs.

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Sand sculptor Matthew Sloboda sprays his sand castle with water during the annual Coney Island Sand Sculpting Contest in New York on 21 July, 2012.



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Ernie Els wins stunning Open when Scott collapses

Ernie Els of South Africa reacts after putting on the 18 green at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England on 22 July, 2012.

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Olympic Stadium nominated for top UK architecture prize



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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Deputy Chairman Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia of Planning Commission of Government of India



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Deputy Chairman Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia of Planning Commission of India and party. MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received an Indian delegation led by Deputy Chairman Mr. Montek Singh Ahluwalia of Planning Commission of the Government of India at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 3 pm today.

At the call, they exchanged views on experiences gained in undertaking economic reforms in India and potentials to

drive a move towards economic development of Myanmar.

Also present at the call together with the Vice-President were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw and departmental heads. The Indian guests were accompanied by Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr. VS Seshadri and officials from the India Embassy.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Disaster prevention

Natural disasters can occur in every part of the world, whether in a mountainous region or on the plains or at a coastal district or in a crowded area. Their destructive power depends on their magnitude and the scale of tragedy varies in consistent with the situation of the area they hit. Nothing happens to human beings if a natural disaster breaks out in an uninhabited area, but if it punches a densely populated area there will be more tragedies, resulting from loss of lives and property. Anyhow, no part of this planet is totally free from natural calamity.

Even in the last ten years, the world saw a lot of natural disasters such as floods, tsunami, tornadoes, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, heat waves, cold spells or landslides, and some causing a great deal of human sufferings and economic losses. Now rains are bringing havoc in many parts of the globe.

As there is a saying which goes "Misfortune never comes alone", in many cases these natural disasters brings other catastrophes, such as diseases, water contamination, food and medicine shortages as they can cut off transport links, environmental pollution and destruction.

The bad part is that it's impossible to avoid a natural disaster and the good part is that sophisticated techniques and equipment plus monitoring and early warning systems help us possible to predict its occurrence or its direction in advance and mitigate its impact.

Here, preventive measures may be the best means to lessen the degree of death and destruction. The primary factor is the finding and remedying the areas that may increase the degree of destruction. For example, we must ensure that city drainage system always works well; power plants, any factory deemed hazardous and large-scale dams must be away from high-risk areas; and effective strategies towards integrating the development on disaster prevention and mitigation mechanism among government bodies, local authorities, and other relevant private and social sectors must be in force.



BOOKS DONATED: U Aung Tun of corner of West Stairway Road and Strand Road in Hsawdashin Ward in Pyay donated 700 copies of books and publications worth K 360,000 to Linyangchi Library at Kyeethe Layhtet Monastery in Shwedaung Township recently. Treasurer U Shwe Win of Township Writers Association accepts donations.—MYANMA ALIN

Union Commerce Minister meets Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint met with merchants, entrepreneurs and farmers at the hall of Brokers, Merchants, Millers Maha Kahteindaw Association in Mandalay on 21 July morning.

At the event, he delivered a speech quoting that they are needed to serve not only for themselves but for the public bringing equality in advantages, keeping on stabling prices of exports and imports to control the market, and emphasized that it needs to emerge modern rice mills for proper milling of rice.

Afterwards, the Union Minister heard reports on their undertakings and current prices of goods and requirements presented by Chairman of Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Chairman of Brokers, Merchants, Millers Maha Kahteindaw Association and the entrepreneurs.

Then, the Union Minister held a meeting with officials of Myanmar Rice Entrepreneurs Association (Mandalay Region) where matters related to conditions of rice selling and purchasing.—MNA

Workshop on Capacity Enhancement of Myanmar Civil Service-2012 launched today

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Workshop on Capacity Enhancement of Myanmar Civil Service-2012, organized by the Union Civil Services Board (UCSB) in collaboration with the Sasakawa Peace Foundation of Japan (SPF) was opened at Yadana Theingha Hotel this morning.

Chairman of the UCSB U Kyaw Thu delivered a welcoming address and President of the SPF Mr. Yuji Takagi presented the opening remarks.

The opening ceremony was attended by members of the UCSB U Khin Maung Aye, Dr. Myint Aung, Dr. Kyaw Kyaw Htay and U Soe



Chairman of Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu makes extended greeting on workshop on capacity enhancement of Myanmar Civil Service-2012.—MNA

Oo, Director General, Resource Persons and participants.

A total of 60 participants from various Ministries and Governmental Organiza-

tions including the 14 States and Regions Governments are currently attending the workshop where three main themes focusing on Organizational Manage-

ment, Leadership and Performance Management will be discussed. It is learnt that the duration of the workshop will be five days up to 27 July.—MNA

English debate skill contest concludes

YANGON, 23 July—The English debate skill contest and prize presentation were held at Bago University this morning with an address by Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win.

Rector Dr Kyi Soe of the university reported on purpose of organizing the English debate skill contest. And then, the contestants participated in the contest

entitled "Disadvantage more than advantage in watching TV".

The Region Chief Minister presented awards to best proposer Ma July May and best rejoinder Maung Kyaw Bo Bo Naing. Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Kyaw Oo awarded first proposer group and second rejoinder group.—MNA

Blood donation association holds meeting

TOUNGGOO, 23 July—Myitta and Cetana Blood Donation Association of Toungoo held the coordination meeting at its office in Toungoo on 18 July afternoon.

Secretary of the association U Myint Thu (Nanthuza-Roasted Lablab) acted as master of ceremonies. Patron of the association U Kyaw Hla (Thamadi) and U Ko Gyi (Station Superintendent-Rtd) made speeches.

Members of the management committee U Ye Myint (Brokerage), U Thein Lwin (Lamin Rice Brokerage) and Chairman of the association U Yin Htay (Miba Myitta Rice Brokerage) explained availability of blood, donation, and donation of oxygen cylinders and tasks of the association.

Those present participated in the discussions.

Kyemon

YCDC grants stipends to offspring of staff

YANGON, 22 July—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students, who are offspring of staff from Yangon City Development Committee, in matriculation examination with flying colours in 2011-2012 academic year and stipends to staff's offspring pursuing education at University of Medicine was held at City Hall here this morning.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Hla Myint gave a speech and awarded the outstanding students. Daw

Khin Aye Nwe, wife of the mayor and officials presented prizes to outstanding students.

After that, patrons of YCDC Maternal and Child Welfare Association Branch presented stipends to 22 medical university students for 2011-2012 academic year.

Today's ceremony, YCDC awarded 93 outstanding students of staff.

Later, Dr Daw Latt Latt Win gave talks about diarrhea and dysentery diseases.—MNA

Myanmar athletes leave for London to participate in 30th London Olympic Games

YANGON, 23 July—The first group of Myanmar athletes, led by Deputy Director-General U Naw Taung of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports, Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee U Khin Maung Lwin, Deputy Director of the Sports and Physical

Education Department U Kyaw Zin Moe and Archer Ne Myo Aung, yesterday left here for London to participate in the 30th London Olympic Games to be held from 27 July to 10 August in London.

They were seen off by officials concerned from the ministry at Yangon International Airport.

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Don't Smoke



Residents gather at the site of a car bomb attack in Mahmudiya, 30 km (20 miles) south of Baghdad on 23 July, 2012.—REUTERS

BAGHDAD, 23 July—At least 107 people were killed in bomb and gun attacks in Iraq on Monday, a day after 20 died in explosions, in a coordinated surge of violence against mostly Shi'ite Muslim targets.

The bloodshed, which coincided with an intensifying of the conflict in neighboring Syria, pointed up the deficiencies of the Iraqi security forces, which failed to prevent insurgents

Spate of attacks kills 107 across Iraq

from striking in multiple locations across the country.

As well as the scores of deaths, at least 268 people were wounded by bombings and shootings in Shi'ite areas of Baghdad, the Shi'ite town of Taji to the north, the northern cities of Kirkuk and Mosul and many other places, hospital and police sources said, making it one of Iraq's bloodiest days in weeks.

No group has claimed responsibility for the wave of assaults but a senior Iraqi security official blamed the local wing of al-Qaeda, made up of Sunni Muslim militants bitterly hostile to the Shi'ite-led government, which is friendly with Iran.

"Recent attacks are a clear message that al-Qaeda in Iraq is determined to spark a bloody sectarian war," the official said, asking not to be named.

"With what's going on in Syria, these attacks should be taken seriously as a potential threat to our country. Al-Qaeda is trying to push Iraq to the verge of Shi'ite-Sunni war," he said. "They want things to be as bad as in Syria."

The last two days of attacks shattered a two-week lull in



A policeman stands guard at the site of a bomb attack in Kirkuk, 250km (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 23 July, 2012.—REUTERS

violence in the run-up to the Muslim holy fasting month of Ramadan, which started in Iraq on Saturday.

Sectarian slaughter peaked in 2006-2007 but deadly attacks have persisted while political tensions among Iraq's main Shi'ite, Sunni and Kurdish factions have increased since US troops completed their withdrawal in December.

MNA/Reuters

International AIDS conference begins in US

WASHINGTON, 23 July—The International AIDS Conference is being held in the United States for the first time since 1990.

The biennial conference had not been held in the US in recent years due to a ban on people with HIV entering the country. President Barack Obama lifted the ban in 2010.

Over 20,000 people are participating in the 6-day conference in Washington. They include health care professionals, government officials and people living with HIV.

At the opening ceremony, International AIDS Society President Elly Katabira thanked the US president for lifting the ban.

His organization plans to urge more than 40 other nations to follow Obama's example.

On the agenda are earlier detection of HIV infection and increased support for African nations afflicted by the disease.

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World Bank President Jim Yong Kim speaks during the opening ceremony of the 19th International AIDS Conference in Washington, the United States, on 22 July, 2012. Under the theme "Turning the Tide Together", more than 21,000 delegates from more than 190 countries and regions attended the event.

XINHUA

Eight killed in deadly 24 hours for NATO in Afghanistan

HERAT, 23 July—A gunman wearing an Afghan uniform turned his weapon against foreign trainers working for NATO in the western province of Herat on Sunday, killing three, in a grim 24 hours for the coalition which also saw five NATO soldiers killed. The latest rogue shooting by an Afghan in a police or army uniform happened at a regional training center in the relatively peaceful western province near Afghanistan's border with Iran, which is normally patrolled by Italian forces.

"An individual wearing an Afghan National Security Force uniform turned his weapon against ISAF contracted civilian employees in western Afghanistan today, killing three," a spokesman for the NATO-led coalition said, adding that an unknown number of other people had been wounded.

"Also, one insurgent was killed in the engagement and we are still looking for one more shooter," he said.

Early Afghan media reports, which could not immediately be confirmed by

Reuters, said the three dead contractors were all American citizens. Some reports put the death toll at four.

Four foreign soldiers were killed earlier on Sunday by improvised bombs in two incidents in the east and south, while another was killed in an insurgent attack in the volatile east late on Saturday.

So-called green on blue shootings, in which Afghan police or soldiers turn their guns on their Western mentors, have seriously eroded trust between the allies as NATO combat soldiers prepare to handover to Afghan forces by 2014, after which most foreign forces will leave the country.—Reuters

Yemen defuses bomb at Aden intelligence building

ADEN, 23 July—Yemeni security forces have defused a bomb planted at the entrance of an intelligence services building in the southern port city of Aden, the defence ministry said.

The bomb was to have been detonated by remote control, the ministry's website quoted a security official as saying late on Sunday.

Yemeni troops regained control last month of several towns in the southern province of Abyan which Islamist militants had seized last year during political upheaval that toppled President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

But a string of attacks

and assassination attempts against security officials showed the militants are still capable of carrying out attacks and highlighted the tenuous grip of Yemen's central authorities on the restive south.

The uprising against Saleh split Yemen's military and raised fears in the United States and top oil exporter Saudi Arabia that political chaos would embolden Islamists in Yemen.

Washington and Riyadh have both been the targets of abortive attacks by Yemen's al-Qaeda wing and backed a power transfer deal that replaced Saleh with his deputy in February.

Abd-Rabbu Mansour

Hadi, Saleh's successor, took office promising to reunify the military and to fight al-Qaeda. In May, he launched an offensive with US backing that drove Islamist fighters out of a host of towns in the south. Since Hadi came to power, Washington has increased "counter-terrorism" activity in Yemen, targeting al-Qaeda figures in drone and missile strikes.

Militant group Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law) threatened to spread the fight across Yemen after it was forced out of Abyan. The Interior Ministry said it had beefed up security in response and warned there could be more attacks on security targets.—Reuters

Iran military downplays threat to close Hormuz Strait

DUBAI, 23 July—Iran would not close the Strait of Hormuz as long as it is able to use the vital shipping line itself, a military commander was quoted as saying on Monday, moderating threats by politicians to block the waterway as retaliation for sanctions.

"The enemies constantly state that the Islamic Republic of Iran intends to close the

Strait of Hormuz but we say that common sense does not dictate that Iran would close the Strait of Hormuz as long as it makes use of it," said Alireza Tangsiri, deputy naval commander in Iran's Revolutionary Guards, state news agency IRNA reported.

Iranian politicians and officials have often said Iran could block the strait - the neck of the Gulf through which

40 percent of the world's seaborne oil exports passes - in response to sanctions or military action.

Such a move would risk a military response from the United States and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi told Reuters earlier this month Iran was unlikely to follow through on the threat unless its own vessels were denied use of the strait.

Explosions occur at 3 more ATMs in Australia's Perth

SYDNEY, 23 July—There have been three more blasts at automatic teller machines (ATMs) in Western Australia's capital, Perth, local media reported on Monday.

The most powerful blast occurred at 3:30 am (local time) on Monday at a Westpac ATM in the northern suburb of Whitfords and damaged the walls around the ATM, the Australian Associated Press (AAP) reported.

Earlier explosion occurred at National Australia Bank ATM at Cockburn Shopping Center in the southern suburb of



The Bankwest ATM at Canningvale.—INTERNET

Success at 1:40 am (local time) and 20 minutes later, police received another report of attack on a BankWest ATM in the suburb of Canning Vale. Bomb squad police are

investigating the three attacks on ATMs in Perth.

In the past ten days, six attacks on ATMs occurred in the capital city of Western Australia.

Xinhua

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Sweat glands grown from newly identified stem cells

WASHINGTON, 23 July—To date, few fundamentals have been known about the most common gland in the body, the sweat glands that are essential to controlling body temperature, allowing humans to live in the world's diverse climates. Now, in a tour de force, researchers at The Rockefeller University and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute have identified, in mice, the stem cell from which sweat glands initially develop as well as stem cells that regenerate adult sweat glands. In their study, published in *Cell*, the scientists devised a strategy to purify and molecularly characterize the different kinds of stem cell populations that make up the complex sweat duct and glands of the skin. With this information in hand, they studied how these different populations of stem cells respond to normal tissue homeostasis and to different types of skin injuries, and how the sweat glands differ from their close cousins, the mammary glands.

No sweat. Researchers in Elaine Fuchs's lab identified four different types of paw-skin progenitor cells that are responsible for homeostasis and wound

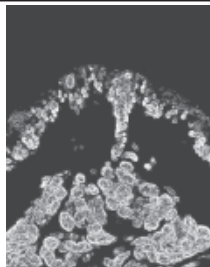
repair. This image shows that the sweat ductal and epidermal progenitors (in red) proliferate and repair an epidermal scratch wound; the sweat gland progenitors (in blue and green) show no signs of proliferation to this type of wound, but instead respond to deep glandular wounds.

"Mammary gland stem cells respond to hormonal induction by greatly expanding glandular tissue to increase milk production," explains Elaine Fuchs, Rebecca C Lancefield Professor at Rockefeller and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. "In contrast, during a marathon race, sweat gland stem cells remain largely dormant, and glandular output rather than tissue expansion accounts for the 3 liters of sweat our body needs. These fascinating differences in stem cell activity and tissue production are likely at the root why breast cancers are so frequent, while sweat gland cancers are rare." Their findings might also help in the future to improve treatments for burn patients and to develop topical treatments for people who sweat too much, or too little.

"For now, the study represents a baby step towards these clinical goals,

but a giant leap forward in our understanding of sweat glands," says the study's lead author, Catherine P Lu, a postdoctoral researcher in Fuchs's Laboratory of Mammalian Cell Biology and Development. Each human has millions of sweat glands but they have rarely been extensively studied possibly due to the difficulty of gathering enough of the tiny organs to research in a lab, says Lu. The mouse is traditionally used as a model for human sweat gland studies, so in this project, Lu and colleagues laboriously extracted sweat glands from the tiny paw pads of mice? the only place they are found in these and most other mammals.

The research team sought to discover whether the different cells that make up the sweat gland and duct contained stem (progenitor) cells, which can help repair damaged adult glands. "We didn't know if sweat stem cells exist at all, and if they do, where they are and how they behave," she says. The last major studies on proliferative potential within sweat glands and sweat ducts were conducted in the early 1950s before modern biomedical techniques were used to



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understand fundamental bioescience.

Fuchs' team determined that just before birth, the nascent sweat duct forms as a downgrowth from progenitor cells in the epidermis, the same master cells that at different body sites give rise to mammary glands, hair follicles and many other epithelial appendages. As each duct grows deeper into the skin, a sweat gland emerges from its base. Lu then led the effort to look for stem cells in the adult sweat gland. The gland is made up of two layers — an inner layer of luminal cells that produce the sweat and an outer layer of myoepithelial cells that squeeze the duct to discharge the sweat.—Internet

Researchers produce first complete computer model of an organism

STANFORD, 23 July—In a breakthrough effort for computational biology, the world's first complete computer model of an organism has been completed, Stanford researchers reported last week in the journal *Cell*.

A team led by Markus Covert, assistant professor of bioengineering, used data from more than 900 scientific papers to account for every molecular interaction that takes place in the life cycle of *Mycoplasma genitalium*, the world's smallest free-living bacterium.

By encompassing the entirety of an organism in silico, the paper fulfills a longstanding goal for the field. Not only does the model allow researchers to address questions that aren't practical to examine otherwise, it represents a stepping-stone

toward the use of computer-aided design in bioengineering and medicine.

"This achievement demonstrates a transforming approach to answering questions about fundamental biological processes," said James M Anderson, director of the National Institutes of Health Division of Program Coordination, Planning and Strategic Initiatives. "Comprehensive computer models of entire cells have the potential to advance our understanding of cellular function and, ultimately, to inform new approaches for the diagnosis and treatment of disease."

The research was partially funded by an NIH Director's Pioneer Award from the National Institutes of Health Common Fund.

Internet



The Covert Lab incorporated more than 1,900 experimentally observed parameters into their model of the tiny parasite *Mycoplasma genitalium*. INTERNET

ZTE leads in 4G wireless networks

BEIJING, 23 July — ZTE Corp revealed on Friday that it has gained an upper hand over rivals in the construction of fourth generation TD-LTE wireless networks globally, after it grabbed more than 70 percent of the world's contracts of this kind by May. Time Division-Long Term Evolution, or TD-LTE, is a Chinese homegrown 4G wireless standard. It is also called LTE TDD, which together with LTE Frequency Division Duplex, or LTE FDD, have become the two major international LTE standards. ZTE, the world's fifth-largest telecom equipment manufacturer by sales, said it had worked with 33 telecom operators, in 19 countries, on deploying TD-

LTE commercial networks or conducting trials by May. The company has participated in eight out of the nine TD-LTE commercial network projects worldwide, said ZTE Vice-President Liu Peng.

According to statistics from the Global Mobile Suppliers Association, telecom operators worldwide had deployed 89 commercial LTE networks in 45 countries by June. The figure included nine commercial TD-LTE networks in Australia, Brazil, India, Japan, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Sweden and the United Kingdom. "We had absolute advantages... since the number of ZTE's TD-LTE projects accounted for more than 70 percent of the world's total," said Liu. ZTE

announced on Thursday that it had been selected as one of two telecom equipment suppliers by China Mobile Hong Kong Ltd, a subsidiary of the world's largest mobile operator China Mobile Ltd, to build a seamless converged LTE TDD and LTE FDD network in Hong Kong.

The other selected supplier was Sweden-based Telefon AB LM Ericsson. China Mobile Hong Kong launched 4G services riding on the LTE FDD network in April this year. TD-LTE technology will be added to the existing LTE FDD network to build a dual mode network by the end of this year. The Hong Kong converged 4G network is the first dual-mode LTE network in the Asia-Pacific region, following the world's first dual-LTE network launched in Sweden in December. It is also the first commercial TD-LTE network set up and operated by China Mobile, and because of that, it will play a critical role in China Mobile's overall plan to promote TD-LTE technology both at home and abroad, analysts said.

Internet



ZTE leads in 4G wireless networks.—XINHUA

'Lucky' to launch pinterest-like aggregator for style content

NEW YORK, 23 July—Every day, thousands of stylish women upload pictures of their outfits, their hair, their nails—essentially, expressions of their style—to personal blogs. Those images are viewed, collected and spread across aggregation sites like Pinterest, Tumblr and Lookbook.nu—and soon, on the website of Lucky magazine. The Conde Nast title is planning to launch a vertical powered by user-generated content in mid-August. The vertical, dubbed "Community," will pull from a pool of bloggers who have applied to have their content featured on. Lucky's web editors, using an app called , will then be able to sort through contributions to find the ones that are most likely to perform well—ie, have high-resolution images, are written in English, and already have a decent amount of pageviews and comments on their own sites.

Like , which is also powered by Tidal, certain sections will appear in a vertical, blog-like format while others — like nail art, and

verticals for popular brands — will appear in a Pinterest-like grid. Lucky editor-in-chief Brandon Holley describes Community as the "third tier" of its content pyramid. The first is occupied by Lucky editors and the second by , a hand-selected network of 140 style bloggers who cross-post their content to luckymag.com in exchange for a portion of ad revenue and exposure. The third will open the field to more recreational bloggers — those who post four to five times per month and perhaps write only occasionally about fashion, rather than once or twice per day — as well as those who develop more niche types of content than Lucky covers:

say, for example, the woman who blogs about vintage finds in Atlanta, says Holley.

Unlike Style Collective bloggers, contributors to Community will receive no monetary compensation for their content. They will, however, enjoyed the SEO benefits of being linked (rather obscurely) from luckymag.com. Holley says she is hoping to double luckymag.com's traffic over the next six to nine months, and double it again after that. Traffic currently hovers between 1 million and 1.5 million uniques per month, a Lucky spokesperson said. Including Style Collective, monthly traffic is around 2.3 million.

Internet



Lucky nail art. Lucky' to launch pinterest-like aggregator for style content. INTERNET

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**Beware of the potato salad:
Preventing foodborne illness
in summer**

WASHINGTON, 23 July — Ever eye a bowl of potato salad or plate of chicken that's been sitting in the sun for hours and wonder if it's still OK to eat?

Warm weather means that bacteria in food can multiply faster and potentially pose a health threat, the US Food and Drug Administration warns.

The FDA offers the following safety advice to help prevent foodborne illnesses during barbecue and picnic season:

- * Wash your hands well and often with soap and water for 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom and before cooking or eating. If there are no water taps available, use a water jug, some soap and paper towels or moist disposable towelettes.
- * Keep raw food separate from cooked food. Do not place cooked food on a plate that previously held raw meat, poultry, seafood or anything else and hasn't been cleaned in hot, soapy water.
- * Marinate food in the refrigerator, not on the counter. Don't reuse marinade that contained raw meat.
- * Cook food thoroughly in order to kill any harmful bacteria that may be present. Use a food thermometer to make sure food has reached the recommended minimum temperature, which is 160 degrees F for hamburger and 165 degrees F for chicken. If you use the microwave, stove or oven to partially cook food to reduce grilling time, do so immediately before you place the food on the barbecue.
- * Try to refrigerate or freeze leftovers immediately. Never leave food out for more than an hour when the temperature is above 90 degrees F.
- * Keep hot foods at or above 140 degrees F and keep cold foods at or below 40 degrees F.— *Internet*



A logo of Canon Inc is pictured at the 3D and Virtual Reality Expo in Tokyo on 20 June, 2012. — REUTERS

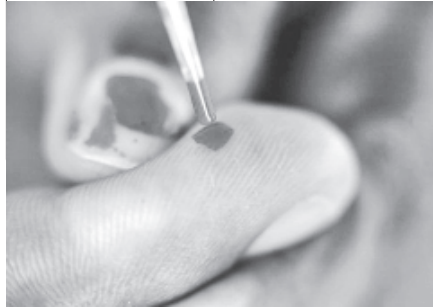
Canon to enter mirrorless camera market from September

TOKYO, 23 July — Canon Inc said on Monday it would sell its first mirrorless camera from mid-September in a bid to tap a growing market for small, interchangeable-lens cameras that rival Nikon Corp entered last year. Canon will manufacture 100,000 of the cameras a month, the company said in a statement.

Mirrorless models have large sensors, providing good picture quality, but no optical viewfinders. That enables manufacturers to keep the camera body smaller and lighter. In Japan, where consumers tend to value easily portable products, mirrorless cameras account for around a third of all interchangeable lens models. In the United States, their market share is closer to a tenth.

Canon's move will ratchet up competition with Nikon, its main rival for hefty single-lens reflex cameras used by professional photographers and enthusiasts. Shares of Canon were down 3 percent and Nikon was 2.6 percent lower on Monday afternoon, underperforming Tokyo's broad Topix index, which lost 0.9 percent.— *Reuters*

File photo shows a person undergoing a blood test at a roadside AIDS testing stand in Langa, Cape Town, during International AIDS Day in 2010.— *INTERNET*



WASHINGTON, 23 July — The world's largest meeting on HIV/AIDS opens on Sunday in the US capital with calls to speed up the global response to the three-decade-long epidemic that killed 1.5 million people last year. The

US hosts AIDS conference amid calls for action

19th International AIDS Conference is expected to draw 25,000 people, including politicians, scientists and

Timothy Brown, who is scheduled to appeal for a fresh push toward a cure during the six-day conference that runs through 27 July.

Other high-profile appearances include Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former president Bill Clinton, former first lady Laura Bush, singer Elton John, philanthropist Bill Gates and actress Whoopi Goldberg. President Barack Obama has faced some criticism for his decision not to attend in person. He is sending a video message and will invite some attendees to the White House for talks on Thursday, a top health official said. Held every two years, the conference — whose theme this year is "Turning the Tide" — is returning to the United States for the first time since 1990, after being kept away by laws that barred people with HIV

from traveling to the country.

The US ban was formally lifted in 2009, and researchers have described fresh optimism in the fight against AIDS on several fronts. Deaths and infections are down in the parts of the world most ravaged by the disease, while the number of people on treatment has risen 20 percent from 2010 to 2011, reaching eight million people in needy countries. However, this is only about half the people who should be on treatment worldwide, signaling that much more remains to be done. More than 34 million people worldwide are living with HIV, a higher number than ever before, and around 30 million have died from AIDS-related causes since the disease first emerged in the 1980s, according to UNAIDS.

Internet

ECB's Draghi says euro not in danger

PARIS, 23 July — The euro zone is not in danger of breaking up despite some analysts' worse case scenarios, European Central Bank President Mario Draghi said, judging that the bloc was inevitably marching towards closer union among its members. Asked in an interview with French newspaper *Le Monde* if the euro were in danger, Draghi said: "No, absolutely not. We see analysts imagining the scenario of a euro zone blow-up."

"They don't recognize the political capital that our leaders have invested in this union and Europeans' support. The euro is irreversible," he added. In the long term, the euro would need to rest on a foundation of greater integration among euro zone countries, Draghi said. "All movement towards financial, budgetary and political union is for me inevitable and will lead to the creation of new supranational bodies," he said.

European leaders took a step towards greater integration last month at a Brussels summit where they agreed to put the



Mario Draghi, President of the European Central Bank (ECB), addresses the media during his monthly news conference at the ECB headquarters in Frankfurt, on 5 July, 2012.— *REUTERS*

ECB in charge of supervising banks and gave the ESM rescue fund the power to recapitalize troubled banks. However, the summit provided only brief relief to investors. Concerns about Spain have returned to the fore, driving the country's 10-year bond yields above the 7-percent danger level on Friday.

European and US stocks also fell and the euro hit record lows against the Australian, Canadian and New Zealand currencies in the face of increasing investor fears that the Spanish government may seek a full-blown bailout.

Reuters

India's AIDS conference to challenge similar US summit

KOLKATA, 23 July — The Freedom Festival of Sex Workers with 900 participants from 27 countries in five continents, which will open here starting today in eastern India's state of West Bengal, will pose a challenge to the XIX International AIDS Conference being organized in Washington DC also starting this week, according to Smarajit Jana, chief advisor of the festival and mentor of Durbar Mahila Samanoy Committee (DMSC).

The meet is officially dubbed XIX International AIDS Conference (Hub 2012), Kolkata, and is being hosted by DMSC along with the Global Network of Sex Workers Project (NSWP), in partnership with Asia Pacific Network of Sex Workers (APNSW) and the All India Network of Sex Workers (AINSW). Jana told *Xinhua*

that the Kolkata conference will be a protest platform and will have direct satellite link with the summit in Washington DC. "We will expose the hypocrisy of the US administration in refusing entry to the United States of people who 'sold sex' or those who used drugs although restrictions against HIV

positive persons were lifted by the country in 2009," Jana said.

The week-long conference in this city of book fairs and film festivals will discuss various issues related to rights of sex workers, transgenders, HIV positive and AIDS victims. It will also stage some plays and screen

films from participating countries that depict the plight of sex workers. From South East Asia there will be 28 participants including six from mainland China. Jana pointed out that because of its ambivalent policy, very few sex workers — who run the greatest risk of contracting the deadly disease — would be able to attend the conference in Washington DC. In fact, Jana said, the Washington summit could likely turn into a meeting of policy makers that will have little practical use. According to Jana, prostitution is legal in eight countries in the state of Nevada. "So, what right does the United States have in judging others?" Jana asked.

The conference in Kolkata will try to make the voice of sex workers heard in Washington. Its main objective is to assert the rights of sex workers not only in India but also in neighbouring countries as well.

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A red ribbon is displayed in El Salvador del Mundo monument during the commemoration of the World AIDS Day in San Salvador, capital of El Salvador, on 1 Dec, 2011.— *XINHUA*

Hlinetet Model Village illuminated through self-reliant efforts



THAZI, 23 July—A ceremony to launch supply of self-reliant electricity was held at the sub-power station in Hlinetet Model Village of Thazi Township of Meiktila District on 14 July.

First and foremost, Township Administrator U Pauk Kyaw, Chairman of

Village Electricity Supply Committee U Myint Swe and wellwisher U Soe Win Aung, on behalf of all wellwishers, cut the ribbon to launch the supply of electricity. Next, Township Electrical Engineer U Kyi Khaing switched on the electricity.

The sub-power station was installed with a 315 KVA transformer. It can supply electricity to the whole village through 400 volts. The construction of the power station cost K 71.5 million.

Myanma Alin

Workshop on rural development staged in Putao District

PUTAO, 23 July—A workshop on rural development was held in Upper Shagaung Village of Mansay Village-tract in Putao Township in Putao District of Kachin State on 13 July morning.

The workshop was held at the hall of Basic Education Middle School Branch in Upper Shagaung Village. Deputy Commissioner U Hlaing Tun of District General Administration Department made a speech.

At the workshop, Head of District Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Soe, Head of District Agriculture Department Dr Win Maw, Township Administrator U Soe Myint Thein, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Myint Moe, Senior Nurse Grade-I Daw Myint Myint Than of Health Department,

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Township Education Officer U Aye Thaug and Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Zon Zee Dee participated in discussions.

After that, officials issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people in accord with the Moe Pwint-3 Plan.—*Myanma Alin*

Stationery donated to students of monastic education school

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 23 July—A ceremony to donate exercise books and stationery to students of Shwepiaye monastic education school was held at the hall of the school in Mawlamyinegyun of Ayeyawady Region on 17 July.

The donation ceremony was organized by Paramishin Blood Donors Association of Mawlamyinegyun Township.

At the ceremony, Abbot of Shwepiaye Monastic Education School Bhaddanta Javana and responsible persons of the association presented exercise books and stationery worth K 200,000 to 126 students of the monastic education school individually.

After that, the students were served with refreshments.

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.



EDUCATIVE TALKS HELD: The talks on crime reduction, drug abuse and free from danger of traffic accidents was held at No. 7 Basic Education Primary School in Sethsan Ward of Kyimyindine Township on 14 July. Township Administrator U Kyaw Ye Thway explains matters related to talks.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Singu Township plants saplings in monsoon

SINGU, 23 July—The collective growing of trees in monsoon was held in the compound of Station Hospital in Kyitaukpauk Village in Singu Township of Mandalay Region on 8 July.

At first, Township Administrator U Hla Win and in-charge of Forest Department Forester U Win

Maung presented saplings to departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Later, they planted 525 teak saplings, 165 eucalyptus saplings, 500 neem saplings and 10 Mezali saplings at the designated places.

Myanma Alin



Librarian multiplier course conducted in Hmawby

YANGON, 23 July—Jointly organized by Hmawby Township Information and Public Relations Department of Yangon Region and Township Library Supervisory Committee, the librarian multiplier course No. 1/2012 was opened at the hall of the library of Township Information and Public Relations Department in Hmawby on 16 July with the aim of broadening the horizon

of the people and turning out qualified librarians.

Staff Officer of District IPRD Daw Thida Oo explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

Librarians from 43 village-tracts and wards of Hmawby Township are attending the course. The Staff Officer of the District IPRD and heads of township IPRDs gave lectures to them.

Myanma Alin

Trees planted as communal activity in Yekyi

YEKYI, 23 July—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held from Chingon Village to Linthatkwin Village in Yekyi Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 8 July afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Kyaw Oo and Staff Officer of

Township Forest Department U Soe Yi, township level departmental officials and personnel, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women's Affairs Organization, students and local people participated in cultivation of 950 saplings.

Myanma Alin

Pyigy Mingala Highway Truck Terminal in 90 per cent completion

MANDALAY, 23 July—Pyigy Mingala Highway Truck Terminal being built in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region has completed by 90 per cent.

The terminal located northeast to Mandalay Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda is being constructed by 11 companies of national entrepreneurs under the supervision of Mandalay City Development Committee as of last September.

The highway truck terminal is under construction on 60 acres of land at Natyaygan Village, 62nd and 66th Streets in the east, A Street and B Street in the south and north, and C Street in the East and West Streets.

The structure will have 40 four-storey housing buildings, one three-storey shopping store, 25 car parks, five two-storey six-apartment warehouses and motels.

Myanma Alin



Winners awarded in contests, occasions to mark International Cooperatives Year

MAGWAY, 23 July—As a movement to mark the International Cooperatives Year 2012, Magway Region Cooperative Department organized the essay, extempore talk, short stories, poem, cartoon and article contests.

On 14 July morning, the

prize presentation ceremony for the winners in the contests was held in conjunction with the ceremony to honour those who formed the organizations, invest the largest amount of shares into the CB Bank and present prizes to outstanding

students in matriculation examination with flying colours at the cooperative training school in Magway.

On the occasion, Deputy Director U Kyaw Moe Tint of Magway Region Cooperative Department and departmental officials presented prizes to winners in the contests and outstanding students.

Myanma Alin

Music Asiayon reconstituted in Einme Township

EINME, 23 July—A ceremony to reconstitute Einme Township Music Asiayon of Ayeyawady Region was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department on 14 July.

On the occasion,

Township Administrator U Yazar Win made a speech.

Leader of the organizing committee member of the Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Music Asiayon Pynmana U Myint Hlaing explained the purpose of township music asiayon.

After that, CEC member U Tin Oo Lay read the list of executives for Einme Township Music Asiayon assigned by Myanmar Music Asiayon.

At the ceremony, Einme Township Music Asiayon was formed with U San Yu as Chairman, U Aung Kyaw Soe as Secretary and nine executives.

Myanma Alin

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Australian Senator Mr. Scott Ludlam

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received Australian Senator Mr. Scott Ludlam and party at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw of the Hluttaw Building here at 4:25 pm today.

Present at the call together with the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairmen of Amyotha Hluttaw Committees and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

At the call, both sides discussed matters related to further cementing relationships between the two parliaments



and bilateral cooperation focusing on making more investments in Myanmar.

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Australian Senator Mr. Scott Ludlam.—MNA

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Union I&P Minister looks into issuance of visa on arrival



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi views issuance of visa on arrival to foreigners at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi on 21 July inspected issuance of visa on arrival to foreigners by staff of Immigration and National Registration Department at the arrival lounge of Yangon International Airport.

The Union minister viewed functions at immigration counter of arrival lounge, work difficulties of staff, extension of inspection counters and requirements of machinery.

In meeting with staff of Immigration and National Registration Department, the Union minister said the Moe Pwint Plans

achieve success to some extent in fulfilling the requirements of the people in line with the policies of the government. Likewise, he said that remarkable success has been achieved in issuance of visa on arrival at Yangon International Airport as of 1 June. Similar tasks will be undertaken at Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw Airports step by step. Efforts are being made for applying modern technology and machinery for arrival and departure of foreigners. Staff are to uplift their proficiency and language skills and they must keep themselves away from bribery.

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Member of Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint poses for documentary photo at Central Officials Training Institute (COTI) in the Republic of Korea.—MNA

Monastic Education (Central) Supervisory Committee meets

YANGON, 23 July—The Monastic Education (Central) Supervisory Committee of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana under the Ministry of Religious Affairs held the 19th meeting at the Convocation of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning, with an Ovadakatha by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhaddanta Dhammananda.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs. Director-General U Khaing

Aung of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana supplicated on progress of works.

Members of the Central Supervisory Committee Sayadaws of Regions and States participated in the discussions. The Union minister and officials gave supplementary applications.

The meeting ended with concluding Ovadakatha by the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw. The Union minister and officials offered alms to members of the Sangha.

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EP-1 Deputy Minister inspects progress of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No.1 U Myint Zaw on 21 July viewed progress of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower project on Paunglaung River, 21 miles east of Pynmana. It had been implemented by No.1 Construction of Hydropower Implementation Department.

He inspected installation of mechanical and electrical equipment No.1 and No.2 of Hydropower Plant, civil works in the plant, progress of retaining walls, completion of RCC Stage 5A and Stage 5B-1 at the main embarkment, and installation of penstock

steel pipelines at the embarkment and at the entrance of the plant, and samples for concrete mixer.

At briefing hall, the deputy minister gave necessary instructions on use of quality products meeting the set standards, completion of works in time and worksite safety.

Main embarkment of Upper Paunglaung Hydropower Project is of RCC concrete type. On completion, the plant installed with 140-megawatt generating capacity can generate 454 million kilowatt hours yearly.—MNA

Myanmar delegation attends Public Management Seminar in ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—A Myanmar delegation led by member of the Union Civil Services Board Dr Win Myint, after participating in the seminar on Public Sector Management at Central Officials Training Institute (COTI) in the Republic of Korea, from 5 to 21 July, arrived back here yesterday evening.

During the seminar programme, the Myanmar delegation exchanged views on matters of Korea's public service system and strategies to foster public officials' capacity building, sustainable development through good governance, the functions and the role of local and central

government, Information and Technology revolution, and e-government in the Republic of Korea, reformation in the public sector and effective leadership of senior officials and Korea's economic development.

The Myanmar delegation also paid a visit to N Seoul Tower, Gyeongbok Palace, the Korea Development Institute (KDI), Gangnam Resources Recovery Center, Ministry of Public Administration and Security (MOPAS), National Museum, KIA Motors Co, Sejong Multifunctional Administrative City Construction Site, Samsung

Heavy Industries Co, Posco Iron & Steel Co, Expo 2012 Yeosu, cultural and historical sites during their stay in the Republic of Korea.

The Myanmar delegation consisted of 19 governmental officials from the President Office, the Office of the Union Government, the Supreme Court of the Union, the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of Labour, the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, and the Union Civil Services Board.

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Patron of the Leading Committee for Preparation of the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham encourages Myanmar athletes at Nay Pyi Taw training camp (Lewe).—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham addresses ...

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The Vice-President then visited Nay Pyi Taw archery range in Zabuthiri Township and viewed the training of selected archers.

The Vice-President at the sports village inspected completed apartments and hostels for Myanmar athletes. He then proceeded to Ngalaik Dam to view training of yachtsmen and rowers at Nay Pyi Taw rowing sports centre.

The Vice-President later went to Nay Pyi Taw cycling ground near Mount Pleasant Hotel. He spoke words of encouragement to them and inspected BMX, Cross Country and Down Hill.

The Vice-President then attended the coordination meeting for preparation for ensuring success in XXVII SEA Games at the Mount Pleasant Hotel.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Preparation of the XXVII SEA Games Union Minister U Tint Hsan reported on preparation for achievements in XXVII SEA Games.

Next, President of Myanmar Para Sports Federation Maj-Gen Nay Lin reported propositions to host the seventh ASEAN ParaGames after the XXVII SEA Games and preparation for achievements in the games.

The Vice-President, in his speech, said the XXVII SEA Games is drawing near, 16 months away from now. What to

be focused and prepared was instructed at the latest meeting in last February. Respective sports federations are undergoing intensive training, but there still may be ones that have just begun training. The results would depend on the extent of the comprehensiveness of the training. During the election campaigns on TV, candidates argued that men make their own history. If so, sportsmen and sports federations need to write their own history.

It is everyone's aspiration to possess glorious days somehow. Self-determination, diligence and never-say-die attitude is what is needed to write the history at the very

moment. It is the State's desire to have it significant landmark in the course of sports standard development.

The State would assist in whatever it can and the federations are also to strive for whatever possible results. The training of sportsmen can be categorized into two parts, physical and mental trainings, both of which need considerable support. In addition to intensive training at home, international experience is instrumental.

Myanmar achieved 16 gold medals in the XXVI SEA Games held in Indonesia, forwarding from eighth to seventh in the medal standing. But, still it is much below the level from 35 gold medals in 1961 and 59 gold medals in 1969. As the country would act as the host, it needs to grasp the first place, at least the third, only then records would remain remarkable.

The State takes pride in success of U-22 football team which sailed through the qualifier. The State also took pride in success of such sports as rowing, archery, sepak takraw, judo, wushu and so forth in the previous SEA Games. It is said the most exciting time or the time when emotions run highest is when the flag is flown after the competition. It is said that nothing matches the mixed feelings one feels when his own national flag is flown atop the mast. Some even shed tear either out of joy or out of sadness, at the highest of their emotions.

So, all are obliged to do their bit fly high the State Flag. Assistance must be provided for successful holding of seventh ASEAN Para Games. All responsible persons including the sports federations are to make collaborative efforts for successful holding of and ensuring victories in XXVII SEA Games, urged the Vice-President.

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Patron of the Leading Committee for Preparation of the XXVII SEA Games Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham encourages Myanmar athletes at Nay Pyi Taw training camp (Lewe).—MNA

Six special civil appeal cases heard

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The Special Appeal Court comprising of Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo and Judges U Myint Aung and U Myint Han of Supreme Court of the Union heard six special civil appeal cases at Room No. 1 of the Supreme Court of the Union at 10:30 am today.—MNA

Cash, clothes donated for locals in Rakhine State

YANGON, 23 July—Recent situations that occurred in Rakhine State lead to loss of locals' of Rakhine State houses and property. A ceremony to provide cash and clothes to relieve their worries was held at Maykhaler Hall of Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon

Township, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Major Aung Kyi (Retd)+Daw Nilar Tun and family of Yankin Township donated K 500,000 and one bale of blanket and mosquito-net, Mr Michael McDonald of Singapore one bale of children's clothes, Sayadaw Nanavansa Vansa

and monks K 250,000 and two sets of robe, Daw Mya May San and younger brother U Maug Maung Hla K 50,000 and one bale of clothes, Daw Than Myint and family three bales of clothes, Ma Zin Nwe Wai of Hline Township, Daw Khin Thaug Myint and family, U Htay Lwin, Daw Myint Thaug and family, U Win Kyaing+Daw May Yi Khaing and family two bales of clothes each and Daw Than Nwe of Tamway Township one bale of clothes. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department and officials accepted the donations.

Up to now, the donations amounted to K 302,941,073.—MNA

Moderate earthquake jolts north of Mohnyin

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.1 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 20 miles north of Mohnyin) about 210 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 08 hrs 45 min 30 sec M.S.T. said Department of Meteorology and Hydrology yesterday morning.

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PMCT Couple Counselling Baseline Survey and Report on VCCT activity undertaken



PMCT Couple Counselling Baseline Survey and Report on VCCT activity in progress at selected townships.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Concerning with the Township Centered Mother to Child HIV Prevention, Presentation on PMCT Couple Counselling Baseline Survey and Report on VCCT activity in selected townships was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association on Thukhuma Road in Dekkhnathiri Township here this morning.

Chairperson of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Mon Mon Aung delivered an address at the presentation organized by MMCWA, HIV combating project and UNICEF.

Afterwards, Manager of HIV combating project Dr Khin Ohnmar San participated in the presentation on PMCT Couple Counselling Baseline Survey and Report on VCCT activity in selected townships, and Dr Pe Thet Tun and Dr Aye Myat Lwin on survey of couple counseling and now-doing tasks. The movement was packed with a total of 70 observers—Chairmen of delivery supervisory committee of ten selected townships, township staff officers of the health departments, HIV/STD Control Group leaders and promoters.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues...

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It benefits neither the government nor the farmers if the projects come into vain. So, if the projects fail to progress, it should be given back to original owners or distributed among farmers.

There are ten wetland projects in Pantanaw Township, covering an area of 36665 acres inclusive of 123 lakes. Farmers anticipated companies to turn the lakes into farms but the lake in the end turned into fish farms instead. Only a few acres of farmland could be reclaimed by selling the lakes included in wetland area. The farmlands which were registered under the ownership of the private companies were rented to original farmers and the companies took out the agricultural financial assistance and inputs provided by the State. So, the wetland project is not in position for effective utilization. So, those farmlands should be given back to farmers and

compensation should also be given to them.

If the partner companies of the project could not actually accomplish their missions, and if they would like to return the farmlands to farmers, they should also compensate the farmers who suffer losses. Regarding the auction for fishing permit in lake, those who won in the bidding resell the permit seeking profits. So, the price was unreasonably much higher than the original one when the permit goes into the hands of actual breeders. In addition, there is a lot of disputes between fishing lakes and farmlands over irrigation water supply.

There is law related to fresh water lake promulgated in 1991. According to the law, when there occurs flood in the lake, the lake owner owns all the places where the water reaches if it is connected with lake water, so one does not even own water and fish under his house. Violators are subject to legal actions. So, Freshwater Fishery Law



U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon Constituency making discussion.
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according to Appendix 2 of the Section 181 of the 1991 Constitution should be amended. Lake border, operation hours should be set and lake rules should be enforced and common fishing waters should be created. Either Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or Pyithu Hluttaw or Region Hluttaw or both Pyithu Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw or Amyotha Hluttaw or Farmers Affairs Committee of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should investigate the case nationwide and report to the Hluttaw as early as possible.

Five MPs continued to discuss that Department for Human Settlement and

Housing Development gave compensation of K 10000 per acre to farmers for over 2000 acres of Mingaladon Garden City around 1997. The company has coordinated with farmers for several times and gave compensation of K 300,000 per acre for over 800 acres which would be established as Industrial Zone No (4). The farmers then abandoned the farmlands and the company started building infrastructure. Only when the infrastructural construction had completed by around 80 per cent, farmers claimed back the right to run those farmlands through local and foreign journals at the instigation of someone or some groups. As the farmlands were changed for industrial purpose, it is impossible to turn them back into farmland to return to farmers. The establishment of the Industrial Zone No (4) was permitted at different administrative levels by the State Peace and Development Council, Ministry of Construction, Yangon Region Government and Human Settlement and Housing Development Department. It is the wrong accusation that companies

are confiscating farmland establishing industrial zones and implementing housing projects which are spread through the media.

Likewise, it is unreasonable of excessive demands for compensation. So, the State should form a team to investigate the cases to find out the suitable amount of compensations relevant to the periods when farmlands were confiscated. However, it should not be burden to the budget of the State.

In addition, companies are required to join hands with the government for higher social status of farmers. It is needed to continue popularizing agricultural methods contributing to livelihood of farmers. If only farmers have sustainable livelihood and achieve better standard of living, can the nation enjoy economic prosperity. As the amount of set compensations is poorly low due to the weak points of 1964 Farmland Act, some sufferers were paid more on social grounds under the law while some never compensated. So, actions must be taken to make sure that farmers suffer no losses.



U Aung Thant of Patheingyi Constituency making discussion.—MNA

Thus, the legislation needs to adopt laws and by laws to guarantee the interests of the farmers and to protect them under the law.

The session came to an end at 3.50 pm and the fifth day session continues 1 pm tomorrow.

The assessment report No. 1/2012 of the joint Public Accounts Committee on additional budget allocation was submitted to the Hluttaw and the proposal for investigation into farmland confiscation and fair resolution in the interests of farmers discussed at today's session.

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Fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw ...

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first question, one 25-bed township hospital, two 16-bed Nyaungyan and Yinnabin station hospitals, seven rural health centres and 28 rural health branches are facilitated to Thazi Township for providing health care services to the local people.

If the name of remote and hilly village in Thazi Township with poor transport to open new rural health centre or rural health branch is submitted exactly with endorsement of respective township and region Health Department, submission will be allowed for opening the new facility in line with the work procedures.

With regard to the second question, the coordination is being made with University Entrance Scrutiny Board of the Ministry of Education to admit 1200 students in equal ratio to medical universities of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health of 2012-2013 academic year.

In the discussion of proposal sector, U Aung

Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency submitted a proposal to sufficiently produce and distribute necessary anti-snake venoms from State-owned pharmaceutical factory for curing snake-bite farmers. U Than Soe of Thazi Constituency, Dr May Win Myint of Mayangon Constituency, U Myint Shwe of Waw Constituency, U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura Constituency and Dr Aung Than of Shwebo Constituency participated in discussions on import of



Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency asking questions.—MNA

qualified horses to produce quality anti-snake venom, fulfillment of modern machinery, arrangements to be made for enabling technicians to pursue modern technique abroad to be able to apply the modern machinery, availability of anti-snake venoms through spending more budget or seeking helps from donor countries, dissemination of knowledge about danger of snakes to rural people with concerted efforts of health staff, members of social organizations and farmer organizations, production of quality rubber gloves and stockings for prevention against danger of snake and sharing of knowledge to the rural people to use the gloves and stockings.

Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung replied that at present, anti-venom of cobra can be produced to meeting the demand. However, anti-venom of viper can be manufactured as over 20000 vials per year only. Although necessary anti-viper venom is imported from Thailand and India, such anti-snake venom is lesser potency than that of No. 1 Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon). It is because the imported anti-snake venoms are not



Deputy Minister for Industry U Thein Aung replies to questions.
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produced from domestic snakes, according to the information from the Ministry of Health. No. 1 Pharmaceutical Factory (Yangon) plans to boost production of anti-snake venoms at Hmawby station through current good manufacturing practices.

Moreover, the factory is making arrangements to increase production of the anti-snake venoms yearly.

The Hluttaw urged the Ministry of Health to make preparations for the proposal.

In submission of proposal sector, Daw Tin

Nwe Oo of Dagon Myothit (North) Constituency submitted a proposal urging reconstitution of State-owned factories and workshops and privatizing them so as to clearly emerge market oriented economic system for benefiting development of State economy. U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai Constituency seconded the proposal.

The Hluttaw decided to discuss the proposal. The representatives wishing to take part in the discussions are to enlist their names, not later than 1 pm on 24 July.

At today's session of the Hluttaw, three questions were replied, one proposal discussed and one new proposal submitted.

The Hluttaw session came to an end at 12.10 pm. The 13th day session will be held at 10 am tomorrow.

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DHF preventive measures taken in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 23 July—As weekly health activities so as to decline dengue hemorrhagic fever, sanitation for combating larvae and proper flow of water at drains are carried out in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District on

21 July mornig.

In Ward 11, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo and health staff, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin

Soe Moe and members, ward administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Soe, members of social organizations and local people participated in the sanitation tasks, checked water tanks and pots where there is larvae or not and cleaned the drains for proper flow of water.

Myanma Alin

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues...

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In building a democratic nation, media, the Fourth Estate need to monitor the three estates such as legislative, administrative and judicial affairs so that democratic practices can be exercised rightly. The statements of media, the Fourth Estate are to monitor the remaining three estates to ensure that the estates are not swayed. The



Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency-5 asking questions.—MNA

Ministry of Information formed a six-member monitoring group led by a director to explain matters concerning the State and the ministry in case such matters occurred and take action over the matters. This was done even in the past in all seriousness.

Apart from the monitoring, the minister himself at the EC meeting laid down a policy to respond daily incidents in real time. The deputy minister, managing directors and directors-general also informed the monitoring group in case matters to be dealt were found so that they can be addressed. All officials of the ministry are extensively engaged in the supervision of matters concerning their ministry or departments whenever necessary and seek advice from the higher levels.

At present also, newspapers are in the process of dealing with the statements, advices and criticism of press media after reviewing and scrutinizing them. As regards to letters to editors of the State-owned newspapers, the officials concerned from the relevant departments have taken prompt actions and the sector of letters to editor

used to make explanations over the case after prompt actions have been taken. Similarly, a sector like public information was opened at the newspapers and matters related to public affairs are being addressed.

According to democratic practices, the three pillars such as legislative, executive and judicial affairs are to respond the monitoring of the Fourth Estate in all seriousness without urge from anyone. To be able to do so, the monitoring groups of the respective sectors were formed and systematic measures are being taken.

The press media, the Fourth Estate itself is to try its utmost to become a well-qualified, genuine Fourth Estate so that it can monitor the remaining three estates. To become a genuine Fourth Estate, journalists need to be fully equipped with the five norms: to avoid bias, to write a subject from different views rather than one view, to write it on the basis of freedom and accountability or freedom and rationality, to focus on unity in democracy although they may have differences in the writing and to put in the fore the national interest in doing so.

Any statements and expressions complete with the five norms are to be scrutinized and dealt in line with the democratic practices, he said.

As to question of U Sai San Min of Shan State Constituency-3 that **do retired service personnel of Nanmatu Mines who settled in Lashio have the right to draw monthly pensions at Myanmar Economic Bank in Lashio and can they enjoy pensions like the Tatmadawmen as they had to discharge State duties at the risk of their lives like the Tatmadawmen**, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein replied that pensions of service personnel of departments are born out of public funds while pensions of those from enterprises are born out of expenses of the respective enterprises.

In that regard, pensions of those from departments and defence are born out of pension and bonus expense funds of the State budget. Therefore, the money order of pensioners can be drawn from Myanmar Economic

Bank after opening a bank account.

But pensions of those from enterprises are born out of expenses of the relevant enterprises. Therefore, pensions of enterprises can be drawn through the head offices of the respective enterprises and enterprise branches after going through the required check and scrutiny.

Being an enterprise of the State, pensioners of No. 1 Mining Enterprise who settled in Lashio could not draw their pensions from Myanmar Economic Bank in Lashio as pensions cannot be drawn at MEB.

As the question is concerned with the Ministry of Mines, decision was made for the ministry to deal with the question as only the ministry can effectively address the case.

As regards the question of U Myint Tun of Bago Region Constituency-10 that **if any plan to prevent farmlands of west Letpadan Township from flood, the question of U Naing Tun Ohn of Mon State Constituency-5 that if any scrutiny over the use of quality rubber or not by rubber growers as the number of rubber growers is on the increase in Mon State and the question of U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency-9 that if any plan to handle land disputes with the formation of the Union level scrutiny committee and if any plan to enact the law on compensating for the confiscated land for various reasons.**

Regarding the first question, the deputy minister replied that the Irrigation Department is responsible for the works of 16 drains, and one sluice gate out of the 18 works for prevention of flood in west part of Letpadan Township. The Development Affairs Committee is responsible for one 30-ft long bridge, which would be assisted by the Irrigation Department.

The length of the drains to be constructed by the Irrigation Department would be 44 miles in length needing over 0.2 million hundred cubic feet of earth.

Permission and fund allocation would be asked from the Union government to start those works in 2013-2014 fiscal year. If the Union government grants permission, proposal would be submitted for further actions.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that Perennial Plants Education and Technical Development Division of Industrial Crops Development Department under the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry is helping rubber growers to be able to grow high yield purely-bred rubber strains suitable to the climate of their own regions, establishing quality rubber plantations, distributing pure rubber saplings, annually conducting courses on rubber cultivation and production process to rubber growers. Rubber research farm and six nurseries covering 186 acres of rubber plantation distribute 150,000 quality saplings yearly.

In addition to educative works on rubber production, Perennial Plants Utilization Department (Hpa- auk) in Mawlamyine Township of Mon State organizes theoretical and practical courses for those interested in rubber cultivation once or twice a year to ensure that the strains are suitable for the region where rubber is grown most.

So, Perennial Plants Education and Technical Assistance Division would make amendment to rules and regulations relating to permit for plantation with a view to increase in quality rubber strains and would enforce it starting 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Regarding the third question, **Farmland Act and Vacant, Fellow and Virgin Land Management Law** passed by the third regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was approved by the President dated 30-3-2012.

The Section 22 of Chapter (8) Settlement of Disputes over Farmland Right and Appeal of the Farmland Act prescribes that the ward or village-tract farmland management team is to investigate, hear and judge the disputes over farmland right, and the section 23, 24 and 25 state that the final decision is subject to appeal courts at different levels.

The Section 26 of Chapter (9) Recompense and Compensation states that "the central farmland management committee shall coordinate as necessary enabling the State give compensation or recompense the original farmland owner in other ways to make sure that the



Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than responds to questions.—MNA

original owner suffers no losses from his farmland confiscated for national or public interests and all the matters including improving the farmland with buildings carried out by the owner"

Section 3 of Chapter (2) states that Vacant, Fellow and Virgin Land Management Committee is to be formed for effective management of vacant, fellow and virgin land for commercial cultivation, breeding, mineral mining for national economic development and other legal business permitted by the State.

According to Sections 19 and 20, the central committee is obliged to departments and organizations concerned to make sure that the original farmland owner is compensated appropriately within set period under the agreement of the Union government.

A 16-member work committee led by the deputy agriculture and irrigation minister for drafting by-laws was formed with letter 112(1)/8/President Office dated 2-5-2012 of the President Office to formulate bylaws for enforcing Farmland Act and Vacant, Fellow and Virgin Land management Law.

In addition, a 21-member **Land Utilization Scrutiny Committee** led by the Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry was formed with order No. 41/2012 dated 18-6-2012 of

the President Office to effectively implement land distribution policies in urban development and investment projects.

Land Utilization Committee is responsible for review the existing land and tax laws, by-laws, land confiscation act and by-laws, taxation law and related procedures and to formulate appropriate ones in coordination with government agencies and the committee has launched its first step.

So, organizations concerned and region and state governments would be able to deal with the conditions on the ground under the Farmland Act, Vacant, Fellow and Virgin land management Law and by-laws promulgated in accordance with the Constitution of the State.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein submitted a **bill revoking Myanma Five Star Shipping Line Corporation Law** for discussion at the Hluttaw, which was seconded by U Khin Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency (6).

The Hluttaw approved to discuss the bill and announced that MPs wishing to discuss the bill are to register by 26 July.

The session came to an end at 11.30 am and the 13th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.

Five questions were answered and one bill was discussed at today's session. **MNA**

Talks on taxation given at basic education school in Taungdwingyi

TAUNGDWINGYI, 23 July—Taungdwingyi Township Internal Revenue Department of Magway Region held a talk on taxation at Basic Education High School in Taungdwingyi on 21 July morning.

It was attended by

middle school level students and teachers.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Htut gave an opening speech. Head of Township Internal Revenue Department U Zaw Win explained facts about taxation.—*Kyemon*

Western fast food tied to heart risks in Asia

ARIZONA, 23 July—Even relatively clean-living Singaporeans who regularly eat burgers, fries and other staples of US-style fast food are at a raised risk of diabetes and more likely than their peers to die of heart disease, according to an international study.

But Asian fast foods, such as noodles or dumplings, did not bear the same risk, the study published in the journal *Circulation* said.

With globalization, US-style fast food has become commonplace in East and Southeast Asia. The study looked at more than 60,000 Singaporeans of Chinese

descent. “Many cultures welcome (Western fast food) because it’s a sign they’re developing their economies,” said Andrew Odegaard, from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, who led the study.

“But while it may be desirable from a cultural standpoint, from a health perspective there may be a cost,” he told *Reuters Health*.

The study participants were interviewed in the 1990s, then followed for about a decade. Participants were between 45 and 74 years old at the outset. During the study period, 1,397 died of cardiac

causes and 2,252 developed type 2 diabetes.

Those who ate fast food two or more times a week had 27 percent greater odds of diabetes and 56 percent higher risk of cardiac death than those who ate little or no fast food, the researchers found. Among 811 subjects who ate Western-style fast food four or more times a week, the risk of cardiac death rose by 80 percent.

The findings held even after the researchers adjusted for other factors that could influence health, including age, sex, weight, smoking status and education level.

Internet



The quadruple bypass cheese burger is displayed at Heart Attack Grill in Chandler, Arizona.

REUTERS

Bacteria outbreak in N Europe due to ocean warming

LONDON, 23 July—Manmade climate change is the main driver behind the unexpected emergence of a group of bacteria in northern Europe which can cause gastroenteritis, new research by a group of international experts shows.

The paper, published in the journal *Nature Climate Change* on Sunday, provided some of the first firm evidence that the warming patterns of the Baltic Sea have coincided with the emergence of *Vibrio* infections in northern Europe.

Vibrios is a group of bacteria which usually grow in warm and tropical marine environments. The bacteria can cause various infections in humans, ranging from cholera to gastroenteritis-like symptoms from eating raw or undercooked shellfish or from exposure to seawater.

A team of scientists from institutions in Britain, Finland, Spain and the United States examined sea surface temperature records and satellite data, as well as statistics on *Vibrio* cases in the Baltic.

They found the number and distribution of cases in the Baltic Sea area was strongly linked to peaks in sea surface temperatures. Each year the temperature rose one degree, the number of *vibrio* cases rose almost 200 percent.

“The big apparent increases that we’ve seen in cases during heatwave years (...) tend to indicate that climate change is indeed driving infections,” Craig Baker-Austin at the UK-based Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science, one of the authors of the study, told *Reuters*.

Reuters



Sand sculptor Matthew Sloboda sprays his sand castle with water during the annual Coney Island Sand Sculpting Contest in New York on 21 July, 2012.

INTERNET

Heaviest rains in 60 years kill 37 in Beijing

The storm, which started on Saturday afternoon and continued late into the night, flooded major roads and sent torrents of water tumbling

by lightning.

More than 500 flights were canceled at Beijing’s Capital International Airport, the Beijing News added.

The subway system was largely unaffected by the floods but was swamped with people desperate to get home and unable to use cars, buses or taxis.

The city received about 170 mm (6.7 inches) of rain on average, but one township in Fangshan District to Beijing’s west was hit by 460 mm (18.1 inches), *Xinhua* news agency said. The Beijing city government said on its website (www.beijing.gov.cn) it was working to get the metropolis back on its feet, and warned people to prepare for further bad weather.

“The weather forecasters say that from late July to early September this city is prone

to flooding, and there could be further large-scale storms or extreme weather,” it said.

Many residents took to China’s popular microblogging site Sina Weibo to post dramatic pictures of the storm. Some complained the city should have been prepared, especially as the government had issued a severe storm warning the day before.

“It was forecast early on that Beijing would get torrential rain, so why were pumps and other facilities not prepared in time?” complained one user.

The clouds had at least one silver lining.

The official pollution index, which had showed an unhealthy rating before the storm hit, registered “excellent” on Sunday, with the air noticeably free of its normal acrid smell.—*Reuters*

A resident walks past debris and a taxi damaged by a flood after heavy rainfalls hit Mentougou District in Beijing on 22 July, 2012.

REUTERS



BEIJING, 23 July—The Chinese capital’s heaviest rainstorm in six decades killed at least 37 people, flooded streets and stranded 80,000 people at the main airport, state media and the government said on Sunday.

down steps into underpasses.

The Beijing city government said on its official microblog at least 37 people had died, including 25 drowned, six crushed in collapsing homes, five electrocuted and one struck

Blast-triggered oil leak contaminates rivers in E Colombia

BOGOTA, 23 July—Blast-triggered oil leakage in eastern Colombia had contaminated rivers, leaving more than 120,000 residents vulnerable to water shortage, authorities said on Sunday. An unidentified group sabotaged on late Saturday a 780-km long pipeline at the Cano Limon Covenas oil well near Boyaca Province’s Cubara, leaving the

small city Saravena most affected, said Mining and Energy Minister Mauricio Cardenas.

Saravena is a thriving urban center thanks to foreign investment in the regional mining and oil industries in recent years. The spill seeped into both Royota and Arauca rivers, affecting the water supply to Saravena and its

surroundings. At least 120,000 inhabitants were to face water shortage, estimated local authorities. Cardenas condemned the attack and said authorities did not yet know how much oil had spilled into the waterways.

“First, we must categorically reject and condemn this new act of terrorism ... against the population, the natural

resources and a resource as fundamental and essential as water,” Cardenas told local RCN radio. He added that water supply would be restored soon, as workers were trying to stem the spill and clean up the polluted rivers. The river of Arauca lies along the border with neighboring Venezuela. Asked whether the spill could have affected communities in Venezuela, Cardenas said “it may have happened, but we have no official information.”

Xinhua

Former US president Clinton calls for support to Greek economy

ATHENS, 23 July—Former US President Bill Clinton, who paid a short visit to Athens on Sunday to address an event organized by Greek-American entrepreneurs, called for support to the ailing Greek economy.

“I believe that together, we can do something to help you,” Clinton told Prime Minister Antonis Samaras during a meeting, according to a Press release issued by the premier’s office.

Both stressed the need for structural reforms along fiscal consolidation in the debt-laden country to reverse deep recession fuelled by harsh austerity over the past two years and tackle the Greek debt crisis.

Samaras welcomed Clinton as “a good friend of Greece” and thanked him for his participation in an initiative launched by members of the Greek-American community.

Xinhua



Firefighters walk on collapsed rooftop of Hitachi Air Conditioning manufacturing factory in Kadi, north of the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 19 July, 2012. There have been no reports of casualties so far and the reason of fire is yet to be ascertained, a fire official said. More than 90 percent of the plant and its stock of fresh and raw material was lost in the fire, the official added.

XINHUA

10 insurgents killed, 7 detained in eastern Afghanistan

KABUL, 23 July—Afghan forces and NATO-led coalition or International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) troops have killed 10 insurgents and detained seven others in eastern Afghan region within 24 hours ending on Sunday, the ISAF forces on Monday.

“Afghan National Security Forces and coalition forces killed 10 insurgents during a small arms engagement in Alah Say District, in eastern Kpaisa province,” the ISAF’s Regional Command East (RC-E) said in a statement.

The joint forces also located two weapons caches besides finding and defusing six Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) over the same period of the time.

They detained six insurgents in Andar District of Ghazni Province. The detained suspects were transferred to a base for questioning.

Afghan National Army soldiers and coalition forces detained an insurgent during an engagement in Sabari District of Khost Province, according to the statement.

Operations in RC-East are still ongoing, the statement added.

However, the Taliban insurgent group, which announced the launching of an annual spring offensive from 3 May against Afghan and NATO forces, has not made comments yet. Afghan forces and some 130,000 NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against Taliban and other militants throughout the country recently but the insurgents in retaliation responded by carrying out suicide attacks and roadside bombings especially in southern and eastern parts of the country.

Taliban killed five civilians working in an ISAF military camp as daily wagers in eastern Wardak Province on Sunday.

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Ross Bradford loads his black powder, smooth bore flintlock during the 40th Annual Buffalo Shoot in Chilliwack, British Columbia on 21 July, 2012. Dressed in period clothing participants take part in festivities from rifle and pistol shooting to axe and knife throwing during the event.—REUTERS

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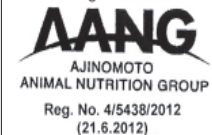
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At least 11 dead in Texas crash

BERCLAIR, 23 July— A pickup truck loaded with 23 people crashed in southern Texas on Sunday night, killing at least 11 of them, authorities said.

The Ford F-250 super-duty pickup left US 59 near Berclair in Goliad County about 7 pm and hit "two very large trees," Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Gerald Bryant said. The 12 survivors, including a man who said he was the driver, were injured, the *San Antonio Express-News* reported. A 12th fatality had not been confirmed, the newspaper said.

The dead included six passengers inside the truck's cab and five who were riding outside, the newspaper said. Bryant said the victims, including some children, had not been identified. The truck was registered to a person in Houston. The cause of the crash was under investigation.

Internet



Candidate Romney heading overseas

BOSTON, 23 July — Presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney will travel to England this week before heading to Israel and Poland, his campaign staff said on Sunday.

In England on Thursday, he will meet with Prime Minister David Cameron, Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg, former Prime Minister Tony Blair, Labour Party Leader Ed Miliband, Foreign Secretary William Hague and Chancellor of the

Exchequer George Osborne, the Romney campaign said. On Friday, Romney will meet with Irish Taoiseach Enda Kenny and US Olympic athletes, as well as take in the Olympic opening ceremonies.

On 29 July, the former Massachusetts governor, who is expected to face Democratic President Barack Obama in the November general election, will be in Israel where he will meet with US Ambassador Dan Shapiro, Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, Israeli President Shimon Peres, the leader of the opposition party and Palestinian Authority Prime Minister Salam Fayyad.—*Internet*

People walk on Millennium Bridge as it is lit up to celebrate the Olympics in London on 21 July, 2012. St Paul Cathedral is seen in the background.—REUTERS

Hundreds dance the wobble for scholarships

About 200 people came together in Detroit in a flash mob dance to promote the United Negro College Fund's 5K Walk for Education.

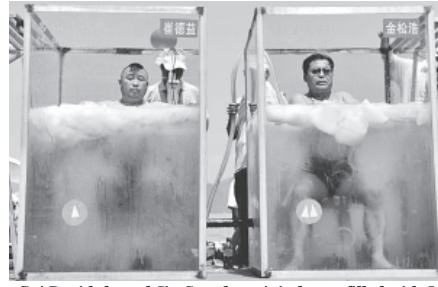
The participants danced the wobble on Saturday at the band shell on Belle Isle, the *Detroit Free Press* reported.

"I think it was good," Mike Simon, 54, who participated in the dance.

UNCF development director Angela Bingham said she was pleased with how the event turned out, even though

she had hoped for more participants, and that the dance's creator, rapper VIC, would make an appearance. Bingham said VIC was asked to come, but he could not make it due to scheduling conflicts.

Bingham said the flash mob event prompted 20 people to help out at the 24th annual walk and some people to donate money. Organizers of the August walk are hoping to raise \$450,000 for scholarships.



Cui Deyi, left, and Jin Songhao sit in boxes filled with 5°C ice water to decide who is the No 1 iceman in East China's Huangshan city, on 21 July, 2012.

Bear spotted in Pittsburgh mall

A Pittsburgh-area mall was evacuated after a bear was spotted roaming through a Sears store, officials said.

The small female brown bear entered the Pittsburgh Mills mall in Frazer about 9 pm on Saturday, the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* reported.

Wildlife conservation officers were able to lure the bear toward the entrance doors, where she was trapped

between the double doors and shot twice with a tranquilizer gun, officials said.

No one was hurt during the incident and the bear was taken away from the mall, the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* reported.

"It was probably more frightened than anything," said Dan Puhala, a wildlife conservation officer. "For the most part that bear wanted to get away from everybody."

News Album

Singer pulls out of opera over Nazi tattoo

Russian singer Evgeny Nikitin has pulled out of an opera festival in Germany because of controversy over his swastika tattoo, festival organizers said.

Nikitin got the Nazi tattoo as a youth when he was part of a heavy metal band, Gunther Philipowski, a

spokesman for the Bayreuth Festival in Germany, told CNN.

"That is a problem in Bayreuth," Philipowski said. "Bayreuth has a bad history with the Nazis. It's clear that Bayreuth has to be careful about this terrible part of history and has to take a

position against it."

Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler regularly attended the Bayreuth Festival — dedicated to Richard Wagner — the Holocaust Encyclopedia said, and considered Wagner to be his favorite composer.

Nikitin, 38, had covered

his tattoo with makeup so that it would not be visible during his role in "The Flying Dutchman," but canceled his performance after discussions with Bayreuth organizers, CNN reported.

"I had the tattoos made when I was young. It was a big mistake in my life and I wish I had never done it," Nikitin said in a statement.

Cuban bar creates world's biggest daiquiri

Mixologists at the El Floridita bar in Havana say they made a record-breaking 71-gallon daiquiri as part of the celebrations of the bar's 195th anniversary.

It took two waiters about half an hour to fill a 6.5-foot-tall cocktail glass with the rum, lemon and sugar concoction, World Records Academy, Miami, reported.

El Floridita, which is located in an older part of Havana, claims to be the birthplace of the drink. The bar was also frequented by author Ernest Hemingway.

During the record-breaking event at the bar, a crowd sang Cuba's version of "Happy Birthday" for the writer, whose 113th birthday was on Saturday.

Cameron Diaz's mystery man



Actress Cameron Diaz

LOS ANGELES, 23 July— It seems actress Cameron Diaz is back in the dating game as

she was seen dining with a mysterious man.

The 39-year-old was seen with a handsome man at Rao's, on Monday.

"Diaz's mystery man was handsome and athletic and looked like 'Family Guy' creator Seth MacFarlane. It looked like a date," nypost.com quoted a source as saying.

The waiter at the restaurant said "I guess it's her boyfriend."

Diaz split with baseball player Alex Rodriguez in 2011, after being together for almost an year.—*Internet*

Idol' winner DeWyze marries

CAMARILLO, 23 July—"American Idol" winner Lee DeWyze has announced his marriage to actress Jonna Walsh in a ceremony in Camarillo, Calif.

The couple exchanged vows on Saturday before about 100 guests in what the pair described as a vintage event, *People* magazine reported on Sunday.

"It was really our style of wedding," DeWyze, 26, told *People*. "Outdoors with chandeliers."

Tables at the reception were decorated with vintage Coca-Cola crates.

"We also had vintage movie reels since I'm an actress," Walsh said, "and sheets of music that were rolled up and put in jars."

The couple met in October 2010 while shooting a video for DeWyze's "Sweet Serendipity," and later went on their first date to a Los Angeles Lakers and Chicago

Bulls game.

"When he took me home that night I called my mom and told her that I was going to marry him," Walsh said. "I could feel it in my heart."

DeWyze and Walsh plan to honeymoon in Bali, *People* reported.

"Lee went on his Asian tour, but I've never been there," Walsh said. "We are excited to go see some monkeys!"—*Internet*



American Idol reigning champion Lee DeWyze performs during halftime at of the NFC Championship game between the Chicago Bears and Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field in Chicago on 23 January, 2011.—INTERNET

MJ's mother missing?

LOS ANGELES, 23 July— Late king of pop Michael Jackson's mother Katherine Jackson is reportedly missing since the past one week, according to law enforcement sources.

A nephew of Katherine filed a missing person's report with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department on Saturday, claiming he had



Michael Jackson's mother Katherine Jackson

been unable to reach his aunt for over a week, reports TMZ.com.

Jermaine Jackson had tweeted earlier this week that Katherine was resting in Arizona, on doctor's orders, though Paris Jackson has since confirmed, "yes, my grandmother is missing. I haven't spoken with her in a week. I want her home now".

Katherine's lawyer Sandra Ribera reveals she has never gone more than 24 hours without speaking to her grandchildren. She further said that Katherine had left her home in Calabasas, California, on 15 July to fly to Albuquerque,

New Mexico, to attend a Jackson brothers concert scheduled for two days later.

The Jackson family including Randy, Jermaine, Tito, Rebbie and Janet have been feuding over the past couple of weeks, seeking to have the executors of Michael's estate resign from their position.

A leaked letter written by the Jacksons claimed that John Branca and John MCClain had "taken advantage of the family... and have stressed out Katherine Jackson so much, that she recently suffered a mini-stroke".—*Internet*



American actress Anne Hathaway attends the European premiere of "The Dark Knight Rises".

Batman ads pulled from TV

HOLLYWOOD, 23 July— Television networks have pulled ads for Batman because they felt it was inappropriate to run them alongside news reports of the Colorado theater shootings.

NBC network and the NBC station group pulled all advertising for "Batman: The Dark Knight Rises" on Friday morning, shortly after the shooting in Aurora that killed 12 people and injured 58, *The Hollywood Reporter* reported on Friday.

Not long after, the network received calls from the advertising agency representing Warner Bros., also asking for the ads to be removed, a source, whose name was not reported, told *THR*.

Batman ads were also pulled from the air by ABC, CBS and ESPN, the *Los Angeles Times* reported.

TMZ reported Warner Bros gave orders to edit all Batman trailers to remove images and references to guns out of sensitivity to Friday's shooting.—*Internet*

Leonardo DiCaprio wants Bar Refaeli back

LONDON, 23 July— Actor Leonardo DiCaprio wants to get back with ex-girlfriend Bar Refaeli. Sources say DiCaprio is using current love Erin Heatherton, because he's desperate to rekindle his romance with the Israeli supermodel. "Leo using Erin. She's nice and all, but she will never win his heart. He hasn't gotten over Bar, and in many ways he never will. She'll always be the one who got away," showbizspy.com quoted a source as saying.

"Erin's playing the perfect low-maintenance girlfriend, but Leo's going to get bored with that fast.

"He loved Bar's feistiness and her ability to



Actor Leonardo DiCaprio

stand up to him. She was the only girl who was able to drag him home to play dutiful boyfriend. He wanted to marry her and even considered converting to Judaism for her," said the source.

Refaeli finally called it quits with Leo in May 2011, and DiCaprio didn't quite realize it was for good because they had split so many times. When he heard she had started seeing other men, he reacted by going on a womanising rampage.—*Internet*

Rachel Weisz tried to change her name

LONDON, 23 July— Actress Rachel Weisz says she tried to change her name because that "sounds like a porn star".

"The Constant Gardener" star grew so tired of teachers botching the pronunciation of her surname, she altered the "weird" spelling in a bid to avoid confusion while

breaking into the entertainment industry, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

"I did try and change it. In England there's this catalogue called Spotlight, where the actors send in their pictures, and I changed the spelling one time to... 'Vice,'" said the 42-year-old.

Internet



Actress Rachel Weisz



Ernie Els of South Africa reacts after putting on the 18 green at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England on 22 July, 2012.— INTERNET

LYTHAM ST ANNES, England, 23 July —Ernie Els plucked the ball from the hole after one last birdie and heaved it into the grandstand. At the time, it looked like nothing more than a classy gesture by a former British Open champion — not the

Ernie Els wins stunning Open when Scott collapses

next one. The name on the claret jug was supposed to be Adam Scott, who had a four-shot lead with four holes to play. But in a shocking turnaround on Sunday, Els returned to the 18th green less than an hour later to claim the oldest trophy in golf. Scott joined a list of players who threw away a major. That was not lost on Els, whose heart sank when he looked over at the 32-year-old Australian. "Sorry," Els told him. "You're a great player, a great friend of mine. I feel very fortunate. You're going to win many of these."

Scott might not get another chance like this. After hitting a 3-wood into a pot bunker on the final hole, Scott had one last chance when he stood over a 7-foot par putt to force a playoff. It stayed left of the cup, and Scott dropped

into a crouch. Standing off to the side, his chin quivered as the magnitude of the meltdown hit him. Instead, he mouthed one word: "Wow." Wow, indeed. Even though Els had gone more than two years without winning, and had thrown away two tournaments in recent months with shaky putting, the Big Easy felt all along that something special was going to happen at this British Open.

And it did — all because of a collapse by Scott that no one saw coming. "I know I let a really great chance slip through my fingers today," Scott said. On a wind-swept afternoon at Royal Lytham & St. Annes that blew away the hopes of Tiger Woods and a handful of others, Scott looked steady as ever by going eight straight holes without making

bogey. And that's when it came undone. "I had it in my hands with four to go," Scott said.— *Internet*



Ernie Els of South Africa reacts after putting on the 18 green at Royal Lytham & St Annes golf club during the final round of the British Open Golf Championship, Lytham St Annes, England on 22 July, 2012.— INTERNET

Rousing welcome for Terry at Yankee Stadium

NEW YORK, 23 July — Former England captain John Terry received a rousing reception at his first match since his acquittal on racism charges as European champions Chelsea played to a 1-1 draw with Paris Saint-Germain. The friendly match between two of the world's richest clubs was played at new Yankee Stadium, the \$1.5

billion ballpark that opened in 2009 as the new home of the storied Major League Baseball Club the New York Yankees. Both clubs received goals from Brazilians, Chelsea forward Lucas Piazon converting a cross by another Brazilian, Ramires, for the equaliser in the 82nd minute.

Nene had scored a goal off a rebound in the box after 30 minutes to give the lead to a PSG side that dominated the first half. Terry, captain of Premier League giants Chelsea, was given a standing ovation by overwhelmingly pro-Chelsea crowd of 38,000 when he entered the match in the 63rd minute. Terry was found not guilty of racially abusing rival player Anton Ferdinand at the end of a five-day trial at Westminster Magistrates Court in London on 13 July.

In another sub-plot, Carlo Ancelotti, who took over as manager of French club PSG in January, was facing the club that sacked him in May of 2011.

PSG delivered an energetic first half with a line up that included four pure attackers: Ezequiel Lavezzi, Nene, Kevin Gameiro and Javier Pastore. In the third minute, a long pass from the right flank found Lavezzi wide open in the box.

Chelsea keeper Petr Cech was forced to come off his line to thwart the Argentinian's effort. Nene combined with



Paris Saint-Germain's Nene (R) and Chelsea's Gael Kakuta (C) and John Mikel Obi during a football friendly at Yankee Stadium on 22 July. European champions Chelsea played to a 1-1 draw with Paris Saint-Germain.— INTERNET

Lavezzi for a high shot in the 19th and with his captain, right back Christophe Jallet, who mis-fired eight minutes later. Nene's outstanding work was rewarded with his goal in the 30th minute. Pastore brought the ball down the left side, eluding three players before firing a shot that bounced off the post and to Nene, who fired into the back of the net from close range.

However, PSG lost their momentum after making eight substitutions to start the second half. Wholesale second-half substitutions helped Chelsea, however, paying off with the 82nd minute goal from Piazon, who collected a cross from Ramires and slotted the ball inside the left post.

Chelsea continue their North American tour in Philadelphia on Wednesday when they take on the Major League Soccer All-Stars in the US league's annual All Star Game exhibition.

Internet



Former England captain John Terry (C) leaves Westminster Magistrates court in London on 13 July. Terry received a rousing reception at his first match since his acquittal on racism charges as European champions Chelsea played to a 1-1 draw with Paris Saint-Germain.— INTERNET

Wenger still wants to keep Van Persie

LUALA LUMPUR, 23 July — Manager Arsene Wenger repeated his determination on Sunday to keep Arsenal's want-away striker Robin van Persie at the English Premier League club, describing the Dutchman as "world class". Wenger spoke in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur, where Arsenal arrived for the first leg of a three-match Asian pre-season tour minus the 28-year-old who rejected a new contract offer from the Gunners earlier this month. "Robin van Persie is a world class striker," Wenger said, adding: "You

know I am a big supporter of him."

The Arsenal manager said the striker, who won both the Players' and Football Writers' Player of the Year awards last season, was "in demand" but added: "Our desire is to keep Van Persie." Wenger hinted, however, that the Dutch international may be allowed to leave for the right price. "At the end of the day, we will do what is in the best interests of the club," he said. Van Persie, who scored 37 goals in all competitions last season, stunned Wenger when he declared after Euro

2012 that he wanted to leave because he felt the north London club's ambitions did not match his own.

The striker has a year left on his current deal and Arsenal will be considering whether to cash in on their prize asset, rather than see him leave for nothing on a free transfer at the end of next season. Van Persie's shock announcement that he would not be extending his contract beyond the end of the forthcoming campaign prompted a number of clubs, including Manchester United and Juventus to express interest in the star. United



Robin van Persie sits down after missing a chance for Arsenal against Norwich City at The Emirates Stadium in May.— INTERNET

manager Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed a bid for Van Persie had been made but it is believed Arsenal rejected it because they want at least £20 million (\$31.2 million) for the player.— *Internet*

Fergie defends under-fire Glazers

LONDON, 23 July — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson said on Sunday he was happy with his club's under-fire owners the Glazer family and their transfer policy. United fans have mounted protests against the Glazers from the moment the Americans bought the Premier League club in 2005 and the discontent has increased significantly over the last 12 months.

The Glazers have amassed debts of over 700 million pounds (837 million euros) in the last five years, with United manager Ferguson receiving less money to spend in the transfer market under their ownership. But speaking to a number of national newspapers during his side's pre-season tour of South Africa, Ferguson has stuck up for the American family. "I am comfortable with the Glazer situation. They have been great," he said.

"They have always backed me whenever I have asked them. I have never faced any opposition. They have always been as sensible as

they can be in terms of financing the club. They have to invest in the team to maintain the value of their asset." "I think there are a whole lot of factions at United that think they own the club. They will always be contentious about whoever owns the club, and that's the way it's always been." When the Glazers took over here there was dissatisfaction, so there have always been pockets of supporters who have their views. But I think the majority of real fans will look at it realistically and say it's not affecting the team. We've won four championships since they've been there, one European Cup."

The Scot also stood by the club's refusal to compete with the likes of Manchester City in the transfer market, believing that his policy of bleeding young players is preferable. "We can play 18-year-olds because it's part of our history," he added. "No other clubs can do that. City won't do it. They definitely won't play any young players who have come up through their system."— *Internet*



Manchest United supports standing behind Alex Ferguson at Old Trafford hold up posters calling for the Glazer family to go. Ferguson says he is happy with his club's under-fire owners and their transfer policy.— INTERNET

Hercog wins 2nd consecutive Swedish Open title

BASTAD, (Sweden), 23 July — Polona Hercog won her second consecutive Swedish Open title Sunday after recovering from a shaky start to beat Mathilde Johansson of France 0-6, 6-4, 7-5.

The Slovenian racked up unforced errors in the first set and appeared to be headed for defeat but sharpened her focus in the second. She controlled the match to go up 5-1 in the third but then lost her concentration once again, allowing Johansson to fight back to 5-5.

Hercog recovered by

breaking Johansson in the next game and then serving out the match. "Sometimes nerves kick in too much," Hercog said. "But I'm really glad that I managed to calm myself down in the last two games." Hercog beat Sweden's Johanna Larsson in the final last year.— *Internet*



Polona Hercog

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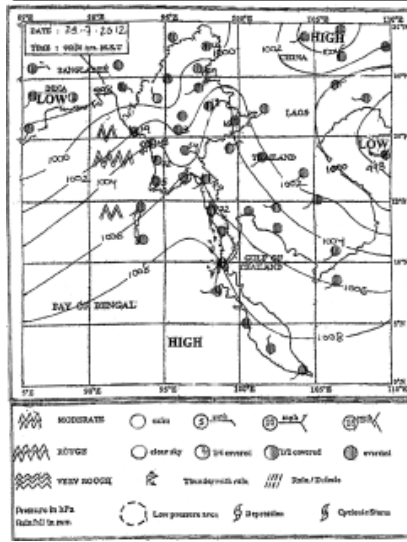
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 1. Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
 2. To be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am
 4. Song Of Yester Years
- 8:25 am
 5. Dance of National Races
- 4:00 pm
 6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
 7. Musical Programme
- 4:35 pm
 8. One Village & One Product
- 4:55 pm
 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:00 pm
 10. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 5:10 pm
 11. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 5:30 pm
 12. Sweet Melody
- 6:20 pm
 13. Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
- 6:35 pm
 14. Sing A Song
- 7:10 pm
 15. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. Bakery World
 17. TV Drama Series
 18. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 24th July, 2012

Sr. No.	Temperature (°C/F)	For Tomorrow			
		Forecast	Percent		
1	Kachin	25/77	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
2	Kayah	24/75	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	26/79	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
4	Chin	20/68	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	26/79	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	33/91	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	26/79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	30/86	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	28/82	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	25/77	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	21/70	17/63	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	24/75	20/68	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	27/81	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	27/81	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	25/77	23/73	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	28/82	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today
 During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Tanintharyi Region, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Chin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaungkaw (3.63) inches, Shweygin (2.56) inches, An (2.05) inches, Nyaunglebin (1.97) inches, Taungup and Kawkaek (1.69) inches each.

Bay Inference:
 Monsoon is moderate to 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 Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.

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

Inter-village gravel road put into service in Lewe Township

LEWE, 23 July—A ceremony to commission Kuthabeik-Naungbo inter-village gravel road into service was held at the archway of the road in Naungbo Village of Lewe Township on 21 July morning.

On the occasion, Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myint Swe, Road Construction Committee member U Thaung Shwe and Townselder U Zaw Aung formally opened the gravel road. Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Swe and Lewe Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Htay Win sprinkled scented water on the stone inscription.

The ceremony to mark the opening ceremony of the inter-village road was held at Basic Education Primary School Kuthabeik Village.



The road was built at a cost of K 6.4 million by the local people and the township.—Myanma Alin



Andy Roddick poses for photographers after his win over Gilles Muller of Luxembourg during the finals of the BB&T Atlanta Open at Atlanta Station in Atlanta, Georgia. INTERNET

Roddick beats Muller for Atlanta title

ATLANTA, 23 July — Fourth-seeded American Andy Roddick shrugged off a slow start to surge to a three-set victory over Gilles Muller on Sunday in the final of the ATP Atlanta Open.

Roddick defeated the left-hander from Luxembourg 1-6, 7-6 (7/2), 6-2, claiming his second title of 2012 after his victory last month in the Wimbledon warm-up event at Eastbourne in England.

Muller, seeking a first career ATP crown, broke Roddick twice in the opening set, after which the 29-year-old American called for a trainer and had treatment on his right shoulder.

It seemed to help, and Roddick didn't face a break point in the second set. He finished with 18 aces, just shy of Muller's 20. "I know by now the score of a set is irrelevant," Roddick said of his ability to stay positive even after the lopsided first frame.

"Whether it's 7-6 or 6-1, it still counts the same. Muller, trailing 5-6 in the second and serving to force a tiebreaker, delivered two of his 10 double faults as he fell into a 0-

40 hole. He saved four set points in the game to knot the set at 6-6, but quickly fell behind in the ensuing tiebreaker as Roddick forced a third set.

From that point on, Roddick was rolling. He broke Muller twice in the third to take a 5-2 lead and sealed the victory with a love game. "I was able to pull out the second set and I think he might have gotten a little tired in the third," Roddick said.

He denied Muller's bid to become the first first-time winner on the ATP Tour this season. Muller, who was playing in his first ATP final since 2005, now has three runner-up finishes on his resume.

"I played very well in the first two sets," Muller said. "At the end of the second set, I got very tight." "I felt like I was in a position to win that match. I was too nervous to close it and then Andy started to play better. He started to return my serves and put a lot of balls in the court. And I started to miss a lot. Maybe I lost the belief in myself to win that match too quickly."

Internet

Olympic Stadium nominated for top UK architecture prize

LONDON, 23 July — London's Olympic Stadium has been nominated for the 2012 Stirling Prize, Britain's top architecture award, the Royal Institute of British Architects announced on Sunday. The 80,000-seater stadium in Stratford, east London, which will host the opening ceremony of the Games on Friday, was among six buildings shortlisted for the annual award. The showpiece venue, costing £486 million (\$760 million, 625 million euros), has a simple design, drawn up with

a view to scaling it down after the Games.

The steel and concrete upper tier can be dismantled, leaving a 25,000-seater sunken bowl. Construction was completed under budget in March 2011. Bids have been sought for a 99-year lease. It is the first time that architects Populous have been shortlisted for the prize. The stadium's fellow nominees are the Hepworth Wakefield gallery in Wakefield, northern England; the Lyric Theatre, Belfast; Maggie's Centre, a

cancer support centre in Glasgow; New Court, a Rothschild Bank building in London; and the Sainsbury Laboratory at Cambridge University, eastern England.

The Olympic Stadium is a "world class venue seating 80,000 spectators for the main track and field events and ceremonies, which is then capable of being transformed into a smaller scale venue", RIBA said. "The design clearly expresses the main elements of the stadium, distinguishing between the white main structural elements, the black secondary structures and the precast concrete of the seating tiers and plinth to create a striking and legible ensemble."

The demountable nature of the structures is expressed through the simple and elegant detailing of its many connections and components."

"The organisation focuses very much around the ease of movement of the large numbers of people who will use the stadium during the Games.—Internet



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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw session continues for fourth day

Assessment report of Joint Public Accounts Committee submitted, proposal for investigation into farmland confiscation discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The fourth regular session of the First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for the fourth day at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex, here, today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 607 MPs.

Secretary of joint Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe submitted a proposal to discuss the assessment report No. 1/2012 of the joint Public Accounts Committee on additional budget allocation at the Hluttaw.

MPs wishing to discuss the report are to enlist by 24 July, announced the Hluttaw.

Five MPs discussed the proposal of U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency urging authorities concerned to probe into

farmland confiscation cases and to reconsider before the law to guarantee no losses to farmers. The MPs argued that some companies took advantage of the letter of law and confiscated the farmlands. Some farmers were not compensated and some compensation did not match the market prices, forcing both farmers and their families into desperation. Some farmers who have been working on inherited farmland even lost the right to run own farmland. So, systematic measures are needed if the State is to confiscate the farmland for infrastructural development purpose. (See page 9)

Fourth day of fourth regular session of first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA



Fourth regular session of Pyithu Hluttaw continues for 12th day

Three questions replied, one proposal discussed, one new proposal submitted



Twelfth day of fourth regular session of first Pyithu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The fourth regular session of the Pyithu Hluttaw continued for the 12th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.45 am today, attended by Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 405 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

In the questions and answer session, U Htay Lwin of Namhsan Constituency asked whether there is a plan to upgrade Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road and Mongnai-Mongton-Monghsat Road with better facilities. Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint replied that the road section from mile post 187/0 to 189/0 on Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Road is being upgraded by Nay Min Young Construction Co Ltd through BOT system. In the 2013-2014 fiscal year, the road section will be facilitated with pavement on both

sides. Public Works will undertake upgrading of the road section from mile post 189 to 190 by spending the capital fund in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Mile post No. 0/0 to 2/0 section on Namhsan-Mongnai-Mongton-Monghsat Road will be maintained with the use of the maintenance fund of the Union government in 2012-2013 fiscal year. The fund will be asked in 2013-2014 fiscal year to widen the road into 18 feet wide facility.

U Than Soe of Thazi Constituency asked whether there is a plan to provide health care services to hilly villages and Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa Constituency asked whether there is a plan to review entrance for numbers of students to four medical universities. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin replied that for the (See page 9)

Amyotha Hluttaw session continues for 12th day

Five questions answered, one bill discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—The 12th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex here at 10.30 am today, attended by 201 Hluttaw representatives including Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

As regards to question of U San Tun of Kachin State Constituency-11 that statements on daily life of the people through the media contribute to bringing about good governance and if there are any organizations formed in a systematic manner to monitor and take action against over the news, Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win replied that editorials, news and articles in TV, radio, newspapers, publications and journals are the perspectives of reporters, editors, journalists, and people

voice, letters to editors are also their outlooks over the daily life of people.

The Sub-section (a) of Section 354 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar states that every citizen shall enjoy freedom of expression over their belief and assumption if it is not contrary to security of the State, prevalence of law, community peace or law enacted for the sake of morality of the people. In other words, all citizens including journalists and media persons shall have the right to enjoy freedom of expression. (See page 10)

Representatives attend twelfth day of fourth regular session of first Amyotha Hluttaw.

MNA

