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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.

Pagodas, stupas and religious edifices across nation thronged with people who perform meritorious deeds

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Jointly organized by Nay Pyi Taw Council and Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees, the fourth Waso robe offering ceremony was held in conjunction with the successful concluding of Maha Pathana recitation at the pagoda, here, on the fullmoon day of Waso today.

It was attended by State Ovadaçariya Sayadaw Ovadaçariya of the pagoda board of trustees Presiding Nayaka of Pinyinmana Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara and Presiding Nayaka of Paukmyaing Monastery of Lewe Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Janinda and members of the Sangha.

At first, Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura

U Myint Maung, Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Than Htay and officials offered Waso robes, alms and water to Buddha images at the pagoda.

The Presiding Nayaka of Paukmyaing Monastery administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. The Union ministers and congregation offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

In the evening, religious affairs organizations offered 9000 oil lamps at Uppatasanti Pagoda to dedicate to the

Lord Buddha.

On the Fullmoon Day of Waso, pagodas, stupas and religious edifices were packed with devotees, pilgrims and local people for performing meritorious deeds. Likewise, local people offered meals, oil lamps, flowers and water to Buddha images and took Sabbaths and practised meditation at Datuzaya Datpaungsu Pagoda and Maha Muni Buddha Image, Lawkamarazein, Phayakoezu, Koekhangyi pogodas in Pinyinmana.

At Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, the Waso robe offering ceremony in 1374 ME was held in conjunction with the ceremony to mark Dhammaçakka Day on the platform of the pagoda this morning.

Members of the pagoda board of trustees and members of association offered Waso robes to Buddha images on the (See page 8)

Uppatasanti Pagoda packed with devotees from four corners of the country on Fullmoon Day of Waso.
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Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Waso.—MNA



Slight earthquake hits 90 miles northwest of Myitkyina

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.7 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 90 miles northwest of Myitkyina), about 290 miles north of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 4 hrs 28 min 16 sec M.S.T today, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

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Flood victims provided with relief aids in Zeyathiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug— With the arrangement of Myanmar Red Cross Society, a ceremony to provide relief aids for flood victims from Sipingyi and Chaungkangyi Villages in Nay Pyi Taw Zeyathiri Township was held at the library office in Sipingyi Village here yesterday noon. It was attended by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe, Treasurer of Myanmar Red Cross Society U Kyi and members, Medical Superintendent Dr Hla Hla Kyi and staff of 200-bed Hospital, Township Administrator U Myat Thein Tun and members of social organizations.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Paing Soe and Treasurer U Kyi of Myanmar Red Cross Society provided relief aids to flood victims.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Centres of excellence

ASEAN is a regional body of ten Southeast Asian countries whose integration will reach its heights in 2015 when the association becomes a single community with a single destiny. So, there are many opportunities as well as challenges, especially in the knowledge sector at present and in the future for all the member states of the association including our country Myanmar.

Our country on her part has been striving for the flourishing of a constant learning society capable of overcoming the multiple challenges of today's rapidly advancing world in which the role of knowledge is becoming superior with the passing of time.

Moreover, the democratization process of our country is also calling for deeper and broader reforms in every field and every organization encouraging government bodies adopt structural changes till they are adaptable to a democratic society. So, the country is in the process of enlarging her cream of the crop force involving academics of various professions for the emergence of a middle class competent, strong and influential enough to steer the motherland towards golden age through democratic system and help her participate well in the ASEAN integration programs.

In this regard, the relevant ministries now have action plans covering the task of significantly raising the country's knowledge level especially among the youths. For instance, the Ministry of Science and Technology has adopted action plans for pushing forward engineering science of the country till reaching international level. As the first step, it will upgrade Yangon University of Technology and Mandalay University of Technology into centres of excellence in the coming academic year.

In fact we need centres of excellence or in other words competency centres or capability centres in other fields also as they serve as a shared facility or an entity that provides leadership, best practices, research, support and/or training for a focus area.



To mark 50th birthday, U Khin Zaw at Shwekeinnari Residence on Nanattaw Street of Kamayut Township, Yangon donated K 350,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint-Secretary U Chit Myaing of EC of the Home recently.—NLM

Happy?

by Nathan

The sun hasn't awoken from a deep sleep of a showery night. Behind the curtain of snowy cloud are greenish Shan Yoma mountain ranges well soaked with occasional showers in these days. A large crowd of government staff at the staff quarters in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw are awake earlier in the morning of the full moon day of second Waso. Their sleepless eyes are not as liquid as the mountains' green, but their burning enthusiasm is far livelier than the lazily lying mountains.

Since the clock struck four in the cool morning which is seemed to be more luxurious to be under a warm blanket in bed, they are sweating over the special meal to offer to monks who will enter the three-month rains retreat period on their alms round in early morning on this noble day for Buddhists.

"We haven't slept yet?" Ko Than Tin Aung and Ma Khin Hnin Yu, newly-wed couples, says. But their wide smiles do not approve of their tiredness. Meanwhile, London Olympics on television which was brought into their visiting room on hire purchase is heating up as well. The

installation plans are introduced to the public services by a number of companies and are said to be "helpful" for the staff. "Some items they sell is a bit cheap and some extremely expensive," Yu argues, referring to a double-priced table mistakenly bought by her neighbour. Government employees are still traditional preys of profiteers.

In the wait for the monks, an early bird Ko Nay Win Tun reserves a place for his colleague Aung. "Let's play football this evening," Tun pushes his friend for the game in whisper. Most government offices are alike close-knit families. In a private company, a misfit is fired very easily only with three months' salaries as compensation. The procedure is not such smooth in a public office. Once a person is recruited, his employment is

guaranteed if he commits no misdemeanor. Like family members, they work together, laugh together and they shrug twists and turns of the life together.

These are also like a real family even in the manner of favouritism. The persons who come from on high remain untouchable even while the country is witnessing sweeping reforms in various aspects.

It comes as no surprise that the world is taken aback by Myanmar's rapid reform. Even many civil services were amazed as well, with most starting to settle into the regenerated mechanism. A new piece of legislation on civil services that the newspapers run about a month ago will also be under debate in the parliamentary sessions soon. The active members of civil services should consider whether it is the same old story or not.

The new law should build around creation of favourable working conditions. The public offices still lack favourable working environment, with no effective career development schemes. Some staff could do nothing on their own initiative, prompting a director of a government department call for "least command" at a staff meeting.

The workplace should be for all the workers a playground where every duty is a game to play happily. The job should no more be a source of earnings, but a labour of love.

Speaking of improving public services, a Japanese guest said, "I don't agree it is improving." He, though, had no doubt about the improvement of customer satisfaction.

"But how about employee satisfaction?"



In wait for a new dawn.

Union Minister attends launching of showrooms at Zabuthiri Specialist Hospital



Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt attends opening of showrooms.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug— The opening ceremony of showrooms in the compound of Zabuthiri Specialist Hospital took place at designated places here yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt.

Present at the opening ceremony were Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Than Aung, U Kan Chun and U Myo Nyunt, Members of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Myo Aung, U Min Min Zaw and U Aung Kyaw Nyein, Medical Superintendent Dr Thaug Tin Tun and doctors, nurses and invited guests.

The opening ceremonies of Golden Sky

Store, La Pyae Wun Medical Store and Unison Café and Restaurant were held at designated places respectively.

Zabuthiri Specialist Hospital is situated near Zizawa Roundabout along Pyinmana-Taungnyo Road in Zabuthiri Township. The purpose of opening of the hospital is to assist healthcare services of the State as a private specialist hospital at a reasonable price.

The opening of showrooms were aimed at purchasing of necessary personal goods, medicines and food for patients who were receiving medical treatment at hospital and those showrooms will be opened round the clock.

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Health care services inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug— Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin attended the ceremony to upgrade Traditional Medicine Teaching Hospital to 100-bedded Teaching Hospital, here, on 28 July morning.

The deputy minister toured hospitals and training schools in Mon State and met health staff and trainees on 29 and 30 July.

At Mudon Township Hospital, she donated medicines. Next, she met staff at Thanbyuzayat Township People's Hospital.

Yesterday, she visited Theinseik Traditional Medicine Clinic and Kyaikto people's Hospital.

On her tour of townships in Mon State, the deputy minister instructed officials and staff to strive for development of rural regions and improve rural health standard.

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Typhoons shut down most of Chinese Taipei on alert

TAIPEI, 2 Aug — Torrential rain and strong winds triggered landslides and flooding, forcing financial markets to shut and disrupting transport, after Typhoon Saola made landfall in eastern Chinese Taipei on Thursday, authorities said. At least one person was killed in a landslide and eight injured in the storm. While some major companies remained open, Taiwanese authorities ordered other businesses and schools to close. Financial markets were also shut, with normal operations expected to resume on Friday.

Most domestic flights were cancelled, along with some international services. Train services were also stopped as the typhoon made its way up Taiwan's less

populated and mountainous east coast. Taiwan's National Fire Agency said one person had been killed in a landslide in the central region of Chiayi.



A man walks with his umbrella against strong winds as Typhoon Saola approaches in Taipei on 1 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

Eight people were injured, most in falls from motorcycles. The agency also said a policeman had died of a heart

attack.

Three of Taiwan's top technology exporters, chipmakers TSMC and Nanya Tech and LCD panel maker

AU Optronics, said none of their facilities were affected and were running as normal. A category 1 within 12 hours as

it passed Taiwan and headed for southeast China, meteorologists said. A separate system, Typhoon Damrey, has not affected Taiwan and is expected to pass north of China's financial hub of Shanghai on Friday but will weaken to a tropical storm.

China's meteorological agency issued typhoon warnings on Thursday for the southern and eastern provinces of Fujian and Jiangsu. On Tuesday, China's Premier Wen Jiabao told authorities to be on the highest alert. Wen, who usually leaves more junior leaders to oversee arrangements before storms, told authorities to step up preparations and "put people's lives first", the official Xinhua news agency said. — Reuters

San Antonio airport terminals reopened after bomb threat

SAN ANTONIO, 2 Aug — The San Antonio International Airport was evacuated for about 90 minutes on Wednesday after a caller said three bombs were planted in a parking garage, but police did not find anything dangerous.

"We have cleared all sections of the parking garage," San Antonio Police spokesman Sergeant Javier Salazar said. Police were on the scene investigating. The terminals were reopened around 4 pm local time. But airport officials said they believed it would take several hours for the flights to resume as scheduled because evacuated passengers have to go back through security.

"A caller reported three vehicles in a lower level of the parking garage contained bombs," San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said. Bomb-sniffing dogs were sent to check the vehicles. While the two terminals were evacuated, air conditioned city buses were brought in to keep waiting passengers cool. Temperatures at the airport reached 100 F (38 C) on Tuesday. — Reuters



The San Antonio airport was evacuated after a bomb threat. — REUTERS

Congress approves new Iran sanctions on oil, shipping sectors

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — The Congress overwhelmingly passed a new package of sanctions against Iran on Wednesday that aims to punish banks, insurance companies and shippers that help Teheran sell its oil. The legislation, agreed to by senior lawmakers of both parties, "seeks to tighten the chokehold on the regime beyond anything that has been done before," said Republican Representative Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The bill now heads to the White House for

President Barack Obama's signature. It builds on oil trade sanctions signed into law by Obama in December that have prompted Japan, South Korea, India and others to slash their purchases of Iranian oil.

The United States, European Union, and other Western nations are trying to stop Iran's suspected pursuit of nuclear weapons. Iran says its nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes. "We are taking another significant step to block the remaining avenues for the Iranians to fund their illicit behaviour

and evade sanctions," said Democratic Senator Tim Johnson, chairman of the Senate Banking Committee. The Senate passed the sanctions bill unanimously and the House passed it on a vote of 421-6. Lawmakers from both parties said they are prepared to take additional steps. "There is more we can do, more that we will do if Iran doesn't end its nuclear weapons programme verifiably and completely," said Representative Howard Berman, the top Democrat on the foreign affairs panel.

The bill was endorsed by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, a powerful pro-Israel lobby group, which said the measure when coupled with existing US sanctions "represents the strongest set of sanctions to isolate any country in the world during peacetime."

Obama announced US sanctions on Tuesday against foreign banks that help Iran sell its oil, specifically citing China's Bank of Kunlun and an Iraqi bank. — Reuters



Workers load goods onto ships at the port in Deira on 27 Feb, 2012. — REUTERS

Cuba rejects US accusation of sponsoring terrorism

HAVANA, 2 Aug — Cuba rejected the accusations of US State Department that the Caribbean nation sponsors terrorism, the official daily Granma reported. Cuba "emphatically rejects the use of such a sensitive issue as terrorism for political purposes and demands the end of these accusations offending the Cuban people," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement, in response to continued inclusion of the island nation in a US black list of "sponsoring terrorism".

The US State Department has included Cuba on its "black list of supporters of international terrorism" since 1982, along with Iran, Sudan and Syria. Washington is aware that Cuban "authorities have tried to keep their distance from members of ETA, Spain's armed Basque separatist group, living in the country," said the ministry. "The accusation discredits the fight against terrorism." Cuba's "banking system lacks the measures needed to fight money laundering and financial transactions linked to terrorism," it added. The statement slammed the United States for using the list to "try to justify the economic, financial and trade blockade imposed by Washington against Havana half a century ago." The accusation also seeks to justify "the adoption of new punitive measures to smother the island's economy and impose a regime that answers to US interests," the ministry said. — Xinhua



Photo taken on 2 Aug, 2012 shows buildings shrouded by dense fog in Yantai, east China's Shandong Province.

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Afghan forces thwart insurgent attack on Kabul

KABUL, 2 Aug — Afghan security forces killed at least eight insurgents during an early morning raid in Kabul on Thursday, with authorities saying they had thwarted a Taliban mass attack on the capital after a seven-hour gun battle. Soldiers from Afghanistan's intelligence agency, the National Directorate of Security (NDS), launched the raid in darkness, entering a building about an hour after midnight in Kabul's Pul-e Charkhi district which the insurgents were using as a base.

"We have already killed eight insurgents and also seized explosives. They aimed to enter a building in

Kabul and launch a combined attack on security forces, government offices or offices belonging to foreigners," an NDS spokesman told Reuters. The Taliban issued a statement denying that Thursday's operation was against their fighters, although the insurgents often play down their defeats and inflate successes. Taliban militants launched a big attack in central Kabul on 15 April, occupying a high-rise construction site and pounding the city's diplomatic and business centre with rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire until they were killed.

Reuters

Workers clean up garbage in floodwater brought by storm Saola in Manila, the Philippines, on 1 Aug, 2012.

Death toll from tropical storm Saola (local name Gener) rose to eight in the Philippines as the typhoon continues to bring heavy rains and flooding in various parts of the country, the government said on Tuesday.

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Russia launches Progress M-16M freighter to ISS. XINHUA

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Moscow, 2 Aug.— A Russian Soyuz-U rocket carrying a Progress M-16M cargo ship blasted off to the International Space Station (ISS) on Wednesday, according to Russia's federal space agency Roscosmos. Roscosmos' live webcast showed the Soyuz-U rocket was launched at 11:35 pm Moscow time (1935 GMT) from the Baikonur space centre in Kazakhstan.

The unmanned Progress M-16M is scheduled to dock with the ISS at 5:24 am Moscow time (0124 GMT) on Thursday, using the shortest time ever. According to Roscosmos, thanks to a new docking technology, the cargo ship will dock with the

ISS at the fourth circle around Earth in less than six hours after the launch. Usually the docking takes two days.

The Progress M-16M will deliver to the ISS some 2,600 tons of supplies, including scientific equipment, medicine, food and water. The Progress M-15M freighter undocked from the ISS early Tuesday morning. It is now on a three-week autonomous flight to conduct a series of experiments before being sunk in the Pacific Ocean. Progress freighters have been the backbone of the Russian space cargo fleet for decades. Russia lost a Progress cargo ship in 2011 for the first time in 30 years.—Xinhua

Mangrove conservation is 'economic' CO2 fix

LONDON, 2 Aug — Protecting mangroves to lock carbon away in trees may be an economic way to curb climate change, research suggests. Carbon credit schemes already exist for rainforests; the new work suggests mangroves could be included too. But other researchers say the economics depend on the global carbon price. Presenting their results in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), the US-based team emphasises that protecting mangroves has important benefits for wildlife as well. Mangrove habitats comprise less than 1% of all forest areas across the world. But for the biodiversity they support, and the benefits they

bring to communities in the form of fishing habitats and storm protection barriers, they are extremely important. They are also being lost at a greater rate than tropical rainforests. Similar to rainforests, they store carbon within their "biomass", which is released when the habitat is destroyed.

Their ability to capture carbon may be on average five times that of tropical rainforests, so they have become of interest to carbon-focused conservation strategists. Now, Dr Juha Siikamaki of the think tank Resources for the Future and his US colleagues have shown that protecting mangroves and thereby reducing the amount of CO2 released may be an affordable

way for countries to mitigate their carbon emissions. "We make the surprising finding that in most places, preserving mangroves is justified solely based on the avoided emissions, without any regard for the many other ecological and economic benefits mangroves are particularly well known for," Dr Siikamaki told BBC News.

The research, which used new high resolution surveys of global mangrove biomass, suggests that protecting these habitats could be a viable means for reducing emissions in comparison to other "carbon offset" methods. "The bonus is that in doing so, we can preserve important habitats critical to coastal fisheries, rich in biodiversity, and home to hundreds of species of plants and animals, many of them endangered," co-author Professor James Sanchirico, from the University of California, Davis, said in a Press statement. But Freya Roberts, a researcher at fact-checking service The Carbon Brief, told BBC News that the price of carbon quoted - on which this research is based - might be out-dated.

"Since [the research was conducted], carbon prices



Mangroves are being re-planted in some places, for shore protection and nature.—INTERNET

have dropped due to an over-supply of permits," she said. "With too many permits available, and poor economic conditions meaning big businesses are emitting less carbon dioxide, competition isn't forcing the carbon price up." Other incentive programs are available, such as the EU's Emission Trading Scheme (ETS). The authors report that the preservation of mangroves is cheaper than these other schemes; but Ms Roberts remained cautious. "Carbon permits now cost roughly \$8-10, which is at the lower end of the price range where the majority of emissions from mangroves could be avoided." —Internet



Conserving mangroves could be an economic way of mitigating greenhouse gases.—INTERNET

Windows XP still the top OS, Windows 7 closing in

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Microsoft's (MSFT) 10-year old operating system, Windows XP, is still the most popular platform in the world but Windows 7 isn't far behind. According to data from Web analytics firm Net Applications, Windows XP

captured a 42.86% share of the market in the month of July, compared to Windows 7's 42.21%.

Microsoft's latest operating system has seen tremendous growth over the past year, though; in July 2011, Windows 7 held a mere 29.6%

share of traffic while Windows XP had more than 52%. Windows XP was launched in 2001 and has had far more success with many businesses and consumers than any of other operating systems.

Microsoft is planning to cut off support for XP by April 2014, however, forcing users to upgrade or be left in the dark. As a whole, Windows accounted for 92% of all traffic on Net Applications's network in July, while Apple's (AAPL) Mac OS X captured 7%, an increase from less than 6% in July 2011. —Internet



Windows XP still the top OS, Windows 7 closing in. INTERNET

Hotmail to be replaced by Outlook.com in Microsoft switch

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — Microsoft is overhauling its free webmail service, dropping the Hotmail brand it has used since acquiring the product in 1998, and adopting the name Outlook.com. The revamped service will help sort messages as they arrive and allow users to make internet calls on Skype. It said the move would help tackle the problem of "cluttered" inboxes. The action may also be designed to win over users of Google's rival Gmail service.

Microsoft said that in many cases email had become a "chore" because its users accounts had become "overloaded" with material. Its solution is to automatically sort messages into different areas to distinguish between emails from contacts, newsletters, package delivery notices, social network posts and other identifiers determined by the account holder. In addition it is taking steps to link the Outlook account with other services the user might have subscribed to.

"We are giving you the first email service that is connected to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Google, and

soon, Skype, to bring relevant context and communications to your email," the firm's Chris Jones said on its blog. "In the Outlook.com inbox, your personal email comes alive with photos of your friends, recent status updates and tweets that your friend has shared with you, the ability to chat and video call—all powered by an always up-to-date contact list that is connected to your social networks." In what may be perceived as a dig at Google, Mr Jones added that the firm would not scan email content or attachments in order to sell the information to advertisers or others.

Mr Jones said the firm had built a "brand new service from the ground up".

But Matt Cain, an analyst at the tech consultants Gartner, played down the suggestion of a major leap forwards. "Outlook.com represents reverse-consumerisation — taking a

ubiquitous business tool and recrafting it for the consumer market," he told BBC. "There really is no new technology here—the filtering tools have been around for some time as well as the social network integration.

"What is new is the cleaned up user interface, and the marketing spin, and the tight integration with office web apps and Skydrive, and the forthcoming integration with Skype." Microsoft is offering the service in a "preview" mode for the time being and has not announced an official release date. While it advises users to upgrade, Hotmail subscribers can stick with the old system if they wish—at least for now. Those who do make the change keep their @hotmail, @msn or @live.com email address ending, but can also add an @outlook.com address to their account if they wish.

Internet



The new webmail service integrates the firm's Skype video chat functions. INTERNET

Nokia links up with Groupon to promote deals on phone maps

CHICAGO, 2 Aug — Nokia is promoting Groupon Inc offers on the maps on its Lumia smartphones as it tries to stand out in a crowded field vying for the attention of US cellphone owners. The partnership with Groupon, announced on Wednesday, shows Groupon Now! offers on Nokia maps with a green "G" icon. US users can buy offers from their phones and get directions to the locations to redeem the offers using Nokia's navigation system. Nokia is not sharing financial details of the partnership with Groupon. No

other such deals have been announced yet, but in the future Nokia could look for different ways of monetizing its maps, such as giving phone owners easier ways to make reservations or bookings, Michael Halbherr, Nokia's executive vice president of location and commerce, told Reuters.

Nokia, the Finnish cellphone maker, has been trying to reverse its decline in the smartphone market by adopting Microsoft software, but has had little success against rivals Apple and Samsung. Microsoft

announced Windows Phone 8 in June and said phones running the new software would hit the market this autumn. "The primary intent right now is to make Windows Phone a competitive ecosystem versus either Android or iOS," said Halbherr, referring to Google's Android operating system and the Apple system used to run its popular iPhones. Nokia vaulted into the navigation business in 2008 with its \$8.1 billion purchase of Navteq. It claims that nine out of 10 car navigation systems use its maps.—Reuters

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A fall in prices in the services and communications sectors brought down inflation — INTERNET

South Korea inflation at 1.5% moderating to 12-year low

SEOUL, 2 Aug — Inflation in South Korea has moderated to a 12-year low, paving the way for authorities to boost growth as exports and manufacturing data disappoints. Consumer prices rose 1.5% from a year earlier, Statistics Korea said, the slowest since May 2000. In June prices rose 2.2%. Low inflation gives the central bank room to reduce the cost of borrowing, to encourage businesses to expand. Korea's economy has begun showing signs of losing momentum in recent months.

Inflation was driven down by falling prices in the services and communications sectors, which include mobile phones and e-commerce internet business.

"Policymakers are likely to become more aggressive in trying to boost the economy, with several interest rate cuts and a slew of policies to support domestic demand," said Jun Min-kyoo from Korea Investment & Securities.

It comes at a time when the authorities in South Korea have warned of a slowdown.

Last month, the central bank unexpectedly cut its key interest rate for the first time in more than three years in an effort to spur lending.

It also revised its forecasts for economic growth for this year, down from 3.5% to 3%.

A slew of data released on Tuesday and Wednesday

underlined those concerns, as exports slowed to their lowest in three years. Overseas shipments were down 8.8% in July, compared to the previous year. Data also shows manufacturing activity suffered its worst decline in seven months, as demand cooled in Europe and elsewhere.

The HSBC purchasing managers index fell to 47.2 in July. A reading below 50 indicates manufacturing activity contracted. In common with some other countries in Asia, South Korea's economy is driven mainly by exports.—Internet

People take part in a free weekly yoga class on the front lawn of Parliament Hill in Ottawa on 25 July, 2012.—REUTERS



NEW YORK, 2 Aug — People with heart disease who are also depressed may get as much relief from their depression symptoms with regular exercise as with

'Battleship' dud hits Comcast earnings in 2Q

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — "Battleship" failed to sink Comcast's second-quarter earnings as strong results from cable operations overcame weak returns from the box-office flop. The Philadelphia-based cable company, the country's largest, on Wednesday reported net income of \$1.35 billion, or 50 cents per share, for the April-to-June period. That was up 32 percent from \$1.02 billion, or 37 cents per share, a year ago. Analysts polled by FactSet had been expecting earnings of 48 cents per share for the latest quarter. Revenue rose 6 percent to \$15.2 billion from \$14.3 billion a year ago and matched analyst expectations. Some of the increase was due to Comcast buying out another investor in the Universal Orlando theme parks last July. Excluding that effect, revenue rose 3.5 percent.

Comcast shares rose \$1, or 3 percent, to close at \$33.55 on Wednesday. The day's high of \$34 was the highest level for the stock since the Internet and telecom boom of 1999. In cable, average monthly fees were up 8 percent from last year to \$148.57, helped by customers upgrading to faster broadband speeds and getting more premium channels. Overall, cable revenue grew 6 percent, demonstrating that Comcast continues to do better than smaller cable companies. The company still lost 176,000 video subscribers in the quarter, the continuation of a long-running trend, as subscribers move over to satellite and phone-company services. But the rate of decline has slowed at Comcast, and executives suggested six months ago that they might actually add subscribers at some point this year.

That was unlikely to happen in the second quarter, when college students cancel service for the summer. Comcast has 22.1 million pay-TV subscribers, meaning it connects about one in five US households. It's also the largest provider of home Internet service, with 18.7 million customers. At NBCUniversal, profits fell at the cable networks, which include Bravo, MSNBC and CNBC, and Universal Studios lost money on its would-be summer blockbuster, the expensive and critically skewered "Battleship." Comcast bought a controlling stake in NBCUniversal a year and a half ago. NBC is airing the Olympics in the US, but the event started after the end of the second quarter.

NBCUniversal CEO Steve Burke said the network is set to "break even" on the Olympics, contrary to previous expectations of a \$200 million loss. The network had said that ad sales have topped \$1 billion, a record for the Olympics.—Internet



This 11 Feb, 2011 file photo shows the logo on a Comcast truck in Pittsburgh. Comcast reported on 1 Aug, 2012 strong second-quarter earnings from cable operations which overcame returns of the box-office flop "Battleship."

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Exercise, meds both help depressed heart patients

medication, according to a US study. Researchers

week and those who started taking Zoloft both improved significantly compared to participants assigned to drug-free placebo pills.

Pharmaceutical firm Pfizer supplied the Zoloft, known generically as sertraline, and placebos for the study, but researchers said the company was not involved with any other part of it. Alan Rozanski, who wrote an editorial accompanying the study, said exercise can be thought of as another "potent tool on the shelf" to fight depression in heart patients. "The attractiveness of exercise is that it has so many other

physical benefits and it ought to be something very highly considered," said Rozanski, of St Luke's and Roosevelt Hospitals in New York.

According to the study authors, up to 40 percent of heart patients have symptoms of depression, and depression itself has been linked to a higher risk of further heart trouble. Past studies have produced mixed results on whether or not antidepressants or other established treatments may ease depression in heart patients, but there is a growing body of research that suggests exercise may help.

Reuters

Mild mental illness 'raises risk of premature death'

LONDON, 2 Aug — People with mild mental illnesses such as anxiety or depression are more likely to die early, say researchers. They looked at the premature deaths from conditions such as heart disease and cancer of 68,000 people in England.

The research suggested low level distress raised the risk by 16%, once lifestyle factors such as drinking and smoking were taken into account.

More serious problems

increased it by 67%, the University College London and Edinburgh University team said.

The risk among those with severe mental health problems is already well documented.

But researchers said the finding among those with milder cases — thought to be one in every four people — was concerning, as many would be undiagnosed.

The Wellcome Trust-funded study, published in

the *British Medical Journal*, looked at data over 10 years and matched it to information on death certificates.

This is the largest study so far to show an association between psychological distress and death, according to scientists. Lead author Dr Tom Russ said: "The fact that an increased risk of mortality was evident, even at low levels of psychological distress, should prompt research into whether treatment of these very common, minor

symptoms can modify this increased risk of death."

John Williams, head of neuroscience and mental health at the Wellcome Trust, said: "This study highlights the need to ensure they have access to appropriate health care and advice so that they can take steps to improve the outcome of their illness." Paul Jenkins, chief executive of the charity Rethink, said: "Sadly, these findings do not come as a surprise."

Internet



A man is reflected on Sharp's logo on its fridge at an electronic shop in Tokyo on 29 Oct, 2009.

REUTERS

Sharp considering cutting 5,000 jobs worldwide: source

TOKYO, 2 Aug — Japan's Sharp Corp is considering cutting 5,000 jobs globally, or just under 10 percent of its consolidated workforce, a source close to the matter said on Thursday.

The job cuts will be sought through early retirement and will also include reductions resulting from a plan to hive off ownership of its underused Sakai LCD factory in western Japan to Taiwan's Hon Hai Precision Industry, the source said.

The maker of Aquos TVs posted a record net loss in the year ended March 31 on a plunge in demand for its TVs that left it saddled with a glut of LCD panels.

Demand for its TVs and solar panels remains weak, and a \$198 million settlement in a US LCD cartel case will further weigh on its April-June earnings results due at 3 pm (0600 GMT).

Reuters



The group said the NHS was guilty of injustice in its treatment of people with mental illness.—INTERNET

Philippine floods persist, toll rises to 23

MANILA, 2 Aug — Rescuers deployed rubber boats while doctors fanned across cramped evacuation centres in the Philippines as the death toll from five days of flooding reached 23 on Thursday, officials said. Large farming towns north of the capital Manila as well as heavily populated coastal areas remained under waist deep floods, with television footage showing residents wading in muddy waters as they tried to seek safer shelters. Health officials meanwhile raised the alarm over a possible outbreak of leptospirosis, a bacterial disease spread by infected rat urine in flood waters, saying this could lead to a further spike in the death toll. “We are appealing for help from the national government. Our town hall

itself is submerged in waist deep water,” said mayor Orencio Gabriel of Obando town on government radio as intermittent rains continued to pound many areas. “We are all under water here,” he said. Obando is a farming town of about 60,000 people 16 kilometres (10 miles) north of Manila where a major river system drains into Manila Bay. But high sea tides on Thursday morning worsened the flooding by slowing down the flow of water into the bay, even as Typhoon Saola had already begun bringing its fury northward to Taiwan. “People are living in dire situations in evacuation centres and disease outbreaks are what could push the toll even higher,” warned Carmencita Banatin, head of the department of health’s emergency management



Residents wade through a flooded street filled with rubbish in the town of Navotas, in suburban Manila on 1 August, 2012. —INTERNET

unit. “We have rushed medicines and doctors to evacuation centres to begin immunising and stave off any explosion of diseases,” she told AFP. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council in Manila said nine more people were killed due to drowning and other accidents related to Typhoon Saola, raising the toll to 23 overnight. Saola had caused tidal surges that swept over seawalls and flooded

huge parts of Manila Wednesday, forcing schools to call off classes and flights to be grounded. Close to 180,000 people had been evacuated from 90 towns and 22 cities, many of them crowding each other in school gyms converted into temporary shelters. Banatin said health workers were expecting an outbreak of leptospirosis which has an incubation of about a week.

Internet

Australia rules out US nuclear aircraft carrier base

SYDNEY, 2 Aug — Australian Defence Minister Stephen Smith has rejected a proposal to base a US nuclear aircraft carrier and other warships in the country, a move that would rankle key trade partner China. The idea of using the Australian navy’s western base, HMAS Stirling near Perth, to host an American carrier group and other fighter jets was reportedly raised in a study of US military posture in the Asia-Pacific. Media in Australia said the Washington-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) report, commissioned by the US Defence Department, had been submitted to Congress. Smith said after a speech late Wednesday that while increased US access to HMAS Stirling was possible long-term, American aircraft carriers would not be based

in Australia. “The report is an independent report to the United States government. It’s not a United States government document,” he said. “We don’t have United States military bases in Australia and we are not proposing to. What we have talked about in terms of either increased aerial access or naval access is precisely that — greater access to our facilities.” The strategic rationale for that is the growing importance of India and the growing importance of the Indian Ocean rim, particularly in a naval and maritime sense. “In June, Pentagon chief Leon Panetta announced in Singapore that the United States would shift the bulk of its naval fleet to the Pacific by 2020 as part of a new strategic focus on Asia.

Internet



File photo of the aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan in the Pacific, off the coast of Japan. — INTERNET

Three jets avoid midair collision near DC

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — US Airways said late Wednesday that it is working with federal officials to investigate a newspaper report that three commuter jets narrowly averted a midair collision near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport outside the nation’s capital. The Washington Post is reporting (<http://wapo.st/M4SGOO>) that three US Airways jets carrying 192 passengers and crew members came within seconds of a midair collision on Tuesday afternoon. The newspaper cites federal officials with direct knowledge of the incident. The newspaper reported that air traffic controllers cleared two outbound flights to head in the direction of an incoming plane. Controllers were reversing the path of planes coming into the airport in response to an approaching storm, but the paper reports that the information wasn’t fully relayed. The planes all reached their destinations safely. The Post reports that the FAA issued a statement saying it is investigating the matter and would address the communication lapse. An FAA representative couldn’t immediately be reached for comment late Wednesday night by The Associated Press. USAirways spokesman Todd Lehmacher said in an email that the airline is “currently investigating and working with the FAA to determine what occurred. The safety of our customers and employees is always our top priority.” He had no other details. — Internet

Peruvian police seizes \$2.3m in fake bills

LIMA, 2 Aug — Police in Peru say they have seized \$2.3m (£1.5m) in counterfeit notes. They say the notorious Quispe Rodriguez family clan is behind the production of fake currency. Peruvian police chief, Raul Salazar, said the gang was planning to smuggle the counterfeit \$50 bills into the

United States, hidden inside Peruvian souvenirs. The US says Peru is the largest foreign producer of counterfeit dollars. This year alone, Peruvian police say they have seized \$17m (£11m) in forged currency. Mr Salazar said a man accused of belonging to the Quispe Rodriguez family clan, Luis Alfredo Obando

Paredes, was also arrested. The money and material for the production of fake bills, such as special paint and paper, were seized at a house in the capital, Lima. Other relatives were arrested two weeks ago with millions of fake dollars, euros and a smaller amount of soles, the Peruvian currency. The authorities say the family gang is led by Joel Rodriguez Quispe, known as Nique, who is in jail and is being prosecuted. The BBC’s Mattia Cabitza in Lima says the techniques used to send the fake money abroad, hiding the notes in unusual places to avoid detection, are similar to those employed by drug traffickers. — Internet



The US estimates 17% of fake bills produced abroad come from Peru. —INTERNET

Afghan militants have mafia-like financing

ISLAMABAD, 2 Aug — One of the deadliest militant groups in Afghanistan, the Haqqani network, has developed a sophisticated, “mafia”-style financing operation that relies on extortion, kidnapping, smuggling and ties to legitimate businesses, according to a new report by a US-based think tank. The report by the Combating Terrorism Centre in West Point, NY, suggests the system has become so lucrative that maintaining it could be as much of a goal for the group as driving foreign forces out of Afghanistan. That could complicate US efforts to negotiate an end to the war since much of the network’s cash flow is dependent on instability and lawlessness bred by the conflict.

“Life at war has become lucrative — even if highly risky — while an end to the fighting would almost certainly produce a decline in wealth and power,” said the report, which was released on Tuesday and was based on archival records, documents captured in

Afghanistan and interviews with Western, Afghan and Pakistani officials, as well as locals in areas where the Haqqani network operates. The US has identified the Haqqani network, allied with al-Qaida and the Taliban, as one of its most potent enemies in Afghanistan, partly because of its record of carrying out high-profile attacks on the capital Kabul. The leaders of the group are based in Pakistan’s North Waziristan tribal area, having fled there from their homeland in eastern Afghanistan following the US-led invasion in 2001.

The US has repeatedly demanded that Pakistan prevent Haqqani fighters from using North Waziristan as a base to attack troops in Afghanistan, but Islamabad has refused, saying it is stretched too thin fighting domestic militants. Most analysts believe Pakistan is reluctant to target a group with which it has strong historical ties and could be a useful ally in Afghanistan after foreign forces withdraw. The diplomat nominated

to be Washington’s next ambassador to Pakistan, Richard Olson, said during a Senate confirmation hearing on Tuesday that getting Islamabad to crack down on the Haqqani network would be his “most urgent” responsibility. The group’s founder, Jalaluddin Haqqani, began developing his financial support network in earnest decades ago following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979. During the decade-long war, he was largely reliant on money, weapons and supplies provided by Pakistani intelligence, which received billions of dollars from the US and Saudi Arabia. Foreign assistance dropped sharply after the Soviets withdrew in 1989, prompting Haqqani to search for new sources of funding, including Arab donors in the Gulf and proceeds from protecting drug traffickers and extorting businessmen in eastern Afghanistan and areas across the border in Pakistan, said the think tank report. — Internet

Cambodia fights malaria with insecticide-treated mosquito net distribution

PHNOM PENH, 2 Aug — Cambodia’s Ministry of Health on Thursday began to give out insecticide-treated mosquito nets to vulnerable groups of people living along border, forest and mountainous provinces in order to prevent malaria diseases. Some 1.14 million nets will be distributed until the end of this year, said Dr Char

Meng Chuor, director of the National Centre for Parasitology, Entomology and Malaria Control. The nets cost about 7.2 million US dollars donated by the Global Fund, he said. Malaria-carrying mosquitoes typically bite between dusk and dawn, he said, adding that the net treated with insecticide can provide

greater protection by repelling mosquitoes and killing those that land on it. Cambodia had reported some 35,710 malaria cases in the first six months of this year, killing at least 28 people. The country sets its goal to completely eradicate the disease by 2025. To achieve this, it needs 20 million US dollars a year. Xinhua

An Introduction To Insurance

Win Myint Han

Insurance as one of the principal pillars of national economy together with Banking, and Shipping is a very complex subject as being transacted nowadays elsewhere in the world especially in the very developed countries. But however complex it may be then and there, its basic function is as simple as ever despite its complicated ramification. Insurance everywhere is a risk transfer mechanism by spreading risks assumed by insurers.

Long, long ago there had been instances where principle of insurance was practised. In ancient China when 4, 5 merchants together transported their goods to distant markets by boat, they unconsciously used the very fundamental principle of insurance. That is—spread of risk. Each merchant loaded in his boat only one quarter of his goods (say paddy) together with 3 one-quarter loads of 3 other kinds (say corn, sesame and peanut) owned by 3 other merchants. (If there were only 4 merchants.) In this way each boat contained 4 one-quarter loads of 4 kinds of goods. If any one boat sank in the treacherous waters of rivers and waterways, each merchant would lose only one quarter of his goods, thereby preventing the total loss of all the goods owned by the unlucky merchant whose boat sank. Also ancient Arab traders did likewise whenever carrying their wares by means of camel caravans through deserts.

When one buys insurance to protect one's house, car or something from loss or damage occasioned by perils such as fire, theft, storm etc, one pays some consideration to another who sells insurance, promising to pay some amount of money as compensation to the former, if one's house, car or something is lost or damaged.

By paying some money called *Premium*, the insurance buyer called the *Insured* (Assured in life insurance) transfers his risk of loss of or damage to his house, car or something to the one who sells insurance called the *Insurer* (Insurance company). The Premium amounts to as little as a fraction of the Sum insured, the maximum amount promised by the Insurer to pay in the event of the loss of or damage to the house, car or something insured, known as the *subject-matter of insurance*. Accordingly most insured have no much difficulties financially in buying insurances which in due course have become essential requirements for most people. It is said that in highly developed and super-rich societies people would feel uncomfortable and unsafe until and unless necessary essential insurances have been effected. The initial good enjoyed by an insured after purchasing the necessary insurance is the *peace of mind*, as he no longer harbours any anxiety about the safety of the subject-matter insured. He is fully satisfied and sure of recovering at least the original value of the subject-matter of insurance, when lost or damaged as the insurer will pay him the cost of the loss or damage or make good the same in consequence of a small amount of premium paid.

As the premium received by an insurer for a risk assumed by him is so small compared to its sum insured, if he writes a small number of risks only, he would suffer a heavy financial loss in the event of a claim arising therefrom. For example if an insurer can write only 20 risks : (say) 20 houses insured against fire with an average sum insured of K 10 million per house, he can receive as premium about K 2 million only. Supposing that one house was totally gutted by fire, he would lose K 8 million at that time even without considering the expense of management. That is why new insurance companies usually suffer losses in their first 3, 4 years because they cannot canvass sufficient number of risks as the new comers to the market on the one hand and the initial cost of establishing a new insurance company is very high on the other.

If so, nobody would be willing enough to become an insurer or form an insurance company. But there are many, many insurers worldwide. Why? What an insurer needs to remain in that type of business and can earn a small profit in due course is plenty of homogeneous risks which he is offered for acceptance or he can canvass. Whenever a claim arises, it is paid out of the fund built up with the premium collected from all the insured. As an insurer spreads the losses of a few unfortunate insured over the fortunate many, the more risks he can write the wider he can spread the losses and the more premium he can earn. If a fire insurer can write about 500 homogeneous risks during a year, with an average

sum insured of K 25 million per risk, generating K 125 million as premium, then he could expect some profit net of all claims and expense of management. Here law of large numbers would be employed together with the historical experience of fire incidence in that particular division, state, country etc. If the average rate of fire loss is (say) 2 per every 1000 houses annually, he can squeeze some profit out as calculated below:—

Out of 500 houses there could be one loss but to be on the safe side make it 2.	
(kyats in millions)	
total premium collected	125
less 40% reserve for unearned premium	50
	75
2 losses (25x2)	50
expense of management	20
	70
profit	5

(All those figures are imaginary and assumed. At the end of an underwriting year there remain many unexpired risks for which usually 40% of the total premium is reserved as unearned premium. For simplicity sake reinsurance is ignored.)

Although 2 houses per 1000 annually might have been the fire loss rate for the past many years in that particular location, in a very unlucky year a conflagration may unexpectedly occur and many houses be burnt down including 10, 15 insured houses. In such a worst-case scenario the insurer will suffer a very heavy financial loss and may need additional capitalization even to remain in the market. Some insurers are so burdened with the catastrophic losses caused by earthquakes, floods and storms like Katrina in the US and Nargis in Myanmar that they no longer can remain in business. In order to remain resilient and unperturbed by such losses insurers purchase reinsurance to protect some portion of the business transacted by them. Some resort to co-insurance with fellow insurers as well in addition to buying reinsurance.

There is another source of income for an insurer in addition to premium. As an insurer keeps writing insurances for a long time, procuring the sufficient reinsurance protection simultaneously, a large sum of gross premium income would accumulate over time as the business grows. The bulk of the gross premium thus earned less some amount large enough to meet daily expense of management and possible claims etc is invested where the highest returns can be obtained. As the amount of invested premium fund grows with the passage of time, in some lean years the underwriting losses are offset by the investment income thereby retaining the annual good result. Even Munich Reinsurance Corporation, the biggest reinsurer in the world had had such experience in some years.

To an insurer occurrence of claims is inevitable. The more risks are accepted, the more claims would naturally arise. In order to be able to settle them as they arise, the insurer must be highly-skilled and very careful in underwriting the risks presented, basing on probable maximum loss (PML) and maximum possible loss (MPL) thereof. That is- he must be able to charge such correct rates of premium as the risks warrant. Whenever sub-standard risks are accepted deductibles and/or warranties or both should be imposed. Once an underwriting policy is adopted, it should be followed throughout without any deviation. If an insurer underwrites the risks very well as shown above, he can collect a fairly large amount of premium on the one hand and the claim ratio could also be within manageable proportion on the other. The more premium is collected, the more it can be invested and the more interest will accrue. Moreover, what every insurer should never fail to do is to have sufficient reinsurance protection, because an insurer cannot survive for a long time without being supplemented by reinsurance. What has been presented is the practice of insurance much followed by insurers.

Now the Principles. There are 4 cardinal principles of insurance.

Insurable Interest

Only the interest in the subject-matter of insurance can be insured. Therefore one cannot effect insurance on something in which one has no **Insurable Interest**. For

example A cannot buy insurance for B's car as its insured, because A has no insurable interest in B's car. That is- loss of or damage to B's car does not affect A in any way possible. He loses nothing as the result of the loss of or damage to B's car.

Utmost Good Faith

The next important principle is **Utmost Good Faith** on which the workings of insurance are wholly based. In ordinary commercial transactions between a seller and a buyer, as long as the former answers correctly and no more or no less the questions raised by the latter as regards the goods, without misleading the latter, the former is innocent under the Sale of Goods Act. That is- he has done in accordance with the motto "Let the buyer beware" (caveat emptor) ie the seller need not answer the crucial questions voluntarily unless raised by the buyer.

But not in insurance business. The proposer of insurance is required to disclose all the material facts about the risk to be insured to the best of his knowledge and belief whether the insurer raises them or not. If the insured knowingly omits one single material fact which would influence the insurer in his decision to accept or reject the proposal, that omission when known can easily render the insurance contract null and void because he has infringed the principle of utmost good faith. In contrast to a popular belief that the proposer alone has to observe the utmost good faith the insurer is also required to do so as well. For instance he must not write a risk which he knows has already expired.

Proximate Cause

The third principle **Proximate Cause** determines whether the loss of or damage to the subject-matter of insurance is covered by the insurance effected. Only when the proximate cause of the loss or damage is covered by the insurance effected, the claim therefor is payable. Some examples are shown below:—

(a) Lightning damaged the building one wall of which was weakened.

(b) Some time later driven by storms that wall collapsed.

It was held that the damage was caused by the lightning. (Roth v South Easthope Farmer's Mutual Insurance Co, 1918)

(a) A wall was damaged and weakened by fire.

(b) Many days later driven by storms that wall collapsed.

It was held that the proximate cause of the collapse of the wall was not fire. (Gaskarth v Law Union Insurance Co, 1876)

Indemnity

The last and most controversial principle is **Indemnity**. Many attempts had been made to have a definition thereof acceptable to all. Although there may be some who disagree to it the following definition is universally accepted.

Indemnity is a sum of money paid to an insured in order to restore him as much as possible into the original financial position he was in immediately before the happening of the loss or damage for which he is so indemnified. It also includes reinstatement, repair, or replacement if cash payment is not elected. But the insured shall not earn profit of any kind out of the indemnity received.

There are 2 corollaries under indemnity. They are Subrogation and Contribution.

Subrogation

Subrogation is a right exercisable by an insurer against a third party, out of settling the claim to an insured for injury or loss of or damage to property sustained by him who is entitled to damages from the said third party liable therefor. When exercising the subrogation right either to demand the amount of the claim paid from the third party or sue him, the insurer can do so in the name of the insured who also is required to cooperate with the insurer for enforcing such right against the third party.

Contribution

Contribution is a right that can be exercised by an insurer to demand and require other insurer (s) who are as liable as the former for the same loss, damage or liability in the event of a claim arising therefor, to contribute ratable proportions thereto. The other insurer (s) are bound and obligated to contribute ratably as afore-mentioned under this corollary provided that they incur liability therefor in the same way as the former does.

Pagodas, stupas and

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terraces of the pagoda and its stairways. In the afternoon, religious affairs recited Dhammaçakka Sutta in commemoration of the Dhammaçakka Day at the hall of Abhidhamma Association.

Venerable monks administered Desana at the prayer hall of Botahtaung Pagoda in Botahtaung Township today. The Dhammaçakka Day and Waso robe offering ceremonies were observed at Kaba Aye Pagoda and Sacred Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) in Mayangon Township.

Similar ceremonies were held at Shwephonepint, Kyaikkasan, Kyaikwaing, Kyaikkalah and Kyaikkale, Ngahtetgyi, Chaukhtetgyi,



Donation of Waso robes to monks and Pathana recitation held at the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda.—MNA

Koethtetgyi, Mogaung, Okkalapa, Melamu, Zinamanaung, Kyaikhmawun, Kyaikkhauk, Shwehsandaw, Thunphayagyi and other pagodas in Yangon Region.

Some bus lines and some taxis gave free transport services to the members of the Sangha and nuns in Yangon. In Mandalay, the Buddhist devotees and pilgrims observed

Dhammaçakka Day and Waso robe offering ceremonies at ancient pagodas. Members of the Sangha administered Desana to the congregations at Aungdawmu, Mandalay Hill

Pagoda, Hsutaungpyae, Hsutaungya, Shwekyeemyin, Chantahya, Sacred Tooth Relic and other ancient pagodas and religious buildings in Mandalay.

Likewise, the pagodas, stupas and religious edifices across the nation were thronged with those who practised meditation, took Sabbaths and performed meritorious deeds.—MNA

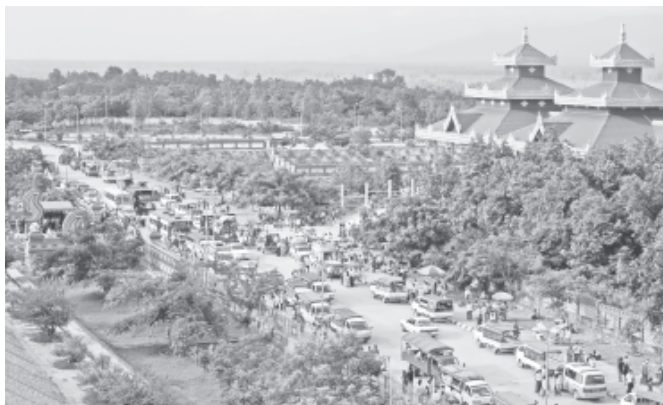


Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image packed with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Waso.—MNA



Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Waso.

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Pilgrims from four corners of the country visit Uppatasanti Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Waso.—MNA



Sacred Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda crowded with pilgrims on Fullmoon of Waso.—MNA

Six injured in Chauk factory fire

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Hydrogen Peroxide Factory under Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries of the Ministry of Industry exploded thrice this afternoon. Leakage of working solution from oxidation tower of main unit which had given prior warning with strange buzzes contributed to fire

outbreak.

Fire engines from Chauk, Nyaung U and Kyaukpadaung rushed to the scene, put the fire under control at about 4.30 pm and put out the fire at one and a half hours later.

Despite no major damage to other buildings in the factory yard, windowpanes were

shattered by the explosions. Five factory workers and one fire brigade member sustained injuries with one chemically intoxicated staff was admitted to Chauk People's Hospital.

The ministry officials visited the factory and rendered necessary assistance.

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Kayin State Chief Minister provides flood victims with foodstuff, relieving their suffering

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Swollen Thanlwin River near Hpa-an forced locals at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 wards to flee to safely place to manage themselves escape from floods. Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min looked into conditions of displaced families at relief camps and transport, food and health being arranged for them. He then gave sweet encouragement to them.

The region chief

minister, Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Tin Maung Win, Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Aung Kyaw Min, state Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mahn Hla Myaing, departmental personnel and social affairs on 31 July also gave encouragement to displaced persons at the precinct of Shweyinmyaw Pyitawaye Pagoda.

They provided them with foodstuff donated by

Kayin State Government, South-East Command, regiments and units of Hpa-an and entrepreneurs. They viewed the medics given treatment to flood victims.

The state chief minister and party presented foodstuff to the flood-hit victims at temporary relief camps. Till 31 July, 3801 people from 715 families have displaced at seven relief camps.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Australia-based delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Bill Committee U Mya Nyein received a delegation led by Mr Tan Sri Hasmv, Agan of Australia-based Asia Pacific Forum of Human Rights Institutions at Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Hall of Hluttaw Building here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw International Relations Committee Col Maung Maung

Htoo and responsible personnel from Hluttaw office.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on drafting of bills and on human rights issues.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Bill Committee U Mya Nyein meets Mr Tan Sri Hasmv, Agan.—MNA



International partners ...

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constructed and a business sphere will need to be created here in the future. He called for assistances of UN and international organizations.

On arrival at Shwezedi relief camp, the Union minister comforted 715 local people and the diplomatic observers asked their experiences. The local people recounted the unrests and explained accessibility of aids and necessities.

The Union minister exchanged views with diplomats on site of Kaladan River Development Project, progress of hotel zone and fishery, potentials for construction of dockyards at the jetty, upgrading of roads and bridges along the strand road, urbanization, economic prospects and future development and treated them with coconut juice at viewpoint of Sittway.

The Union minister, diplomats, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana, the Rakhine state chief minister, and the region ministers attended the review session of the diplomatic corps' field trip to Rakhine State at the region government office.

The Union minister in his opening speech called for reviewing and commenting on reality of the state witnessed in two-day trip.

Indonesian, Cambodian, Brazilian, Kuwaiti, Laotian, Saudi Arabian, Pakistani, Egyptian and Indian ambassadors said in their reviews that there were wide differences between undisclosed facts and information from foreign broadcasters and various media they had heard ahead of the trip and detailed information at the press conference that made clear the issue of Rakhine State on 30 July and the reality they had witnessed in the trip.

UN Special Rapporteur visits five detainees in Buthidaung Prison

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana visited five detainees arrested in Maungtown Township unrest and their attorneys at Buthidaung Prison in Rakhine State yesterday morning.

He was accompanied by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htein Lin, Rakhine State Advocate-General U Hla Thein and officials.

Mr Quintana and officer in charge of United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr Nadir Minbashiyev met with each of five detained local staff of UN agencies in connection with unrest in Maungtown Township in a special room and also held meeting with their attorneys.

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UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Situation in Myanmar Mr Tomas Ojea Quintana at Buthidaung prison.
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Management Law soon.

Arrangements are under way to allow local private banks to establish joint-venture banks with foreign banks that have opened their branches in Myanmar.

Capital market development committee and subcommittees have been formed for development of capital market development and plans are underway to promulgate securities dealing bill soon. It is expected to launch stock exchange in 2015 according to

incident measures on 11 June. It was publicized to the whole Bangladesh and closed border gates even amid criticisms from world powers and UN agencies. If the border gates were kept open, the violence could escalate. If there was an escape route, it could be clearly seen that the terrorists could grow daring. The rioters were strictly denied entrance. That neighbourly response was based on the assumption of the incident as the issue between the two ethnic groups in the country which was not alike case of other countries. He wished that such incident might not repeat and peace stored rapidly and returned to normalcy. He said he was optimistic.

The Turkish ambassador did not assume that the current issue would be settled easily. He requested bigger tents for the victims, assuring the international organizations are ready to lend a helping hand. He promised to provide aids through the Red Crescent Organization for creating job opportunities and bringing about development of the country in the long run.

The minister counsellor of Sri Lanka Embassy said the Sri Lanka had come across 30 years' bitter ethnic strife. He supported the response of the Myanmar government and guaranteed necessary assistances.

The diplomatic corps led by the Union minister and Mr Quintana then left Sittway for Yangon.—MNA

the capital market development road map. People will be able to enjoy many other benefits through the capital market if it makes success.

Efforts are being made for accomplishment of ASEAN Economic Community 2015, participating in committees and subcommittees concerned for regional productivity and market competitiveness promotion work plan (draft).

The State has been undertaking inclusive reforms step by step toward a modern, developed, democratic nation and the second wave reform strategy has been in initial operation. The ministry would adopt reform plans in financial, monetary and taxation sectors and move with the time.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe invited recommendations of the private businessmen for achievement of the AEC goal in 2015 and becoming the single production base of the AEC.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein explained progress of banking and monetary services, the vice governor work plans for more freely flow of capitals under the AEC Blue Print, Director-General of Customs Department U Tun Thein decrease in taxation under the AEC Blue Print and Director-General of Internal Revenue Department U Myat Maw Double Tariff Avoidance agreement. Next, private businessmen raised queries to officials of the ministry.

The Union minister then attended the opening of the joint office of World Bank, International Monetary Corporation and Asian Development Bank at Inya Lake Hotel. Director of the World Bank Ms Annette Dixon extended greetings. The Union minister, in his speech, called for a focus on public financial management, inviting international monetary organizations to maintain regular monetary relations with Myanmar as the country is practising open door policy for fostering ties with foreign countries. As the county has taken initiatives for cooperation with the World Bank, it would work closely with it for further development of monetary and financial sectors.

Vice-President of the World Bank's South East Asia and Pacific Regional Branch Ms Pamela Cox expressed her delight for opening of the joint office. It was the first office opened in 50 years and the organization would contribute a great deal to relation and cooperation efforts of Myanmar.

Vice-President of IMC Asia-Pacific Regional Branch Ms Karin Finkelston said that the corporation would make investment in the country avoiding social and environmental impacts, promising to help for SME development of the country.

Director-General Mr Kunio Senga of ADB South East Asia branch confirmed that the ADB was planning to make sector-wise investment in the country.—MNA



PRIZE AWARDED: The ceremony to honour contributors to costume show was held at Mingala Hall of Yangon Region Government on Ahlon Road in Dagon Township on 18 July. Patron of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay presents certificate of honour to a contributor.

MYANMA ALIN

Bago Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association to be constituted on 5 Aug

YANGON, 2 Aug—Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association will constitute Bago Region Computer Entrepreneurs Association in Bago on 5 August with the aim of developing IT in Bago Region.

The IT and computer entrepreneurs and members wishing to be candidate may enlist at the organizing committee, not later than 1 August.—Myanma Alin

School uniforms, stationery, cash assistance provided to students

KAWTHOUNG, 2 Aug—Kawthoung District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee donated school uniforms, exercise books and stationery and cash assistance at Hanthawady Hall of Township General Administration Department in Kawthoung on 18 July morning.

At the ceremony, Chairperson of the District MCWSC Daw Cho Cho Thein made a speech. The deputy commissioner, the township administrator and

responsible persons of MCWSC presented certificates of honour to wellwishers.

They gave 225 sets of school uniforms, 135 dozens of exercise books, stationery

and cash assistance to students from 18 schools in Kawthoung and schools in township and sub-townships for 2012-2013 academic year.

Myanma Alin



Cash for school furniture donated to BEHS

HINTHADA, 2 Aug—A ceremony to donate school furniture to Basic Education High School was held in Duya Village of Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 9 July.

Deputy Director of Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Department U Cho Tun made a speech.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Region Cooperative Union U Saw Andrew Pan donated K 1 million for purchase of furniture for the school to Headmistress Daw Khin Lay Yi.—Kyemon

Production of quality fertilizer discussed

MYINGYAN, 2 Aug—Central Fertilizer Inspection Team of Agriculture Department, the official of Mandalay Region Land Utilization, the District Staff Officer and Township Staff Officer met domestic fertilizer producers and fertilizer sellers from Myingyan, Taungtha, Natogyi, Kyaukpadaung and Ngazun townships of Myingyan District in Mandalay Region at the hall of Myingyan District Agriculture Department on 14 July.

The officials explained fertilizer law and its regulations, standard

production, production and distribution of fertilizer meeting set standards

without harming the benefits of the farmers.

Myanma Alin



SAPLINGS PLANTED: Collective tree growing ceremony was held at golf course in Zalun on 3 July. Zalun Township Administrator U Tun San Win, departmental officials, members of social organizations and staff of Forest Department plant teak and eucalyptus saplings.—MYANMA ALIN

Menace of narcotic drugs talked

YANGON, 2 Aug—The talks on danger of drug abuse was held at Thiri Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School No. 3 in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region at 10 am on 25 July.

Commander of Thakayta Township Police Force Police Captain Tint Naing explained abuse of narcotic drug under laws.

SIP Kyaw Moe Lwin of

Yangon East District Police Force gave talks on use of narcotic drugs, heroin, opium and stimulant tablets, penalties, Township Education Officer Daw Khin Myint Yi on disadvantages of students in use of narcotic drugs and Assistant Surgeon of Township Health Department Dr Naing Latt Kyaw on abuse of narcotic drugs.—Myanma Alin

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued in Launglon Township

LAUNGLON, 2 Aug—Launglon Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Taninthayri Region held a ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards at Basic Education Middle School in Kyetyettwin

Village in Launglon Township on 12 July morning. Head of Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Mya Than and staff presented the cards to Headmistress Daw Lay Tin.—Myanma Alin

District News

Farmers urged to apply GAP system in cultivation of paddy

MINGIN, 2 Aug—The demonstration on nurturing of Palethwe hybrid paddy was presented at the farmland of farmer U Htay Lwin in Mingin Township on 18 July.

At first, Head of District Agriculture Department U Thaik Soe gave talks on use of quality strain of monsoon

paddy, and Head of Township Agriculture Department U Hla Moe Kyaw 14-point good agriculture patters for cultivation of monsoon paddy.

Later, farmers and staff participated in sowing of paddy seeds.

Myanma Alin



CHILD RIGHTS TALKED: The Meeting on Rights of the Children in Ayeyawady Region was held at the hall of Region Social Welfare Department on 24 July. Ayeyawady Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung speaks on the occasion.—MYANMA ALIN

Cooperative Ltd holds AGM in Wakema

WAKEMA, 2 Aug—The annual general meeting of Su Pyae Phyo Market Cooperative Ltd was held for 2011-2012 fiscal year at the hall of Township Cooperative Department in Wakema Township of Ayeyawady Region on 17 July afternoon.

The Chairman of the Cooperative Ltd and Staff Officer Daw Khin Win of Township Cooperative Department gave addresses.

Next, members of the Board of Directors read the report of BOD for 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Later, savings were refunded to the members of the cooperative Ltd.

Myanma Alin

Truck hits brick wall of BEHS, leaving 17 teachers and students injured

MAWLAMYINE, 2 Aug—A six-wheeled Hino truck hit the wall of the school from the approach road of Thanlwin Bridge on 24 July due to out of brake control.

At 10 am on 24 July, a six-wheeled Hino truck driven by Kyaw Lwin of Mottama of Paung Township carrying slabs passed Thanlwin Bridge on Mawlamyine Bank and then rounded the Alms Bowl Roundabout.

At that time, the truck hit the wall of the 10th standard classroom of Basic Education High School No. 10 due to out of brake control.

In the accident, two female teachers and 15

students, totaling 17 were injured. The injured were rushed to Mawlamyine General Hospital and they are now receiving medical treatment as in-patients.

IP Thet Naing of Mawlamyine Traffic Police Platoon investigated the

Accident on the road

incident. Action was taken against driver Kyaw Lwin (a) Kyaw Myo Naing, 39 at Myoma Police Station for loss of desks, chairs and brick walls worth K25 million and for reckless driving under the law.

Kyemon



Romney tax plan helps rich, hurts middle class



US Republican Presidential candidate Mitt Romney delivers foreign policy remarks at the University of Warsaw Library, on 31 July, 2012. — REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — Republican US presidential challenger Mitt Romney's proposal to slash income taxes by 20 percent across the board would boost income for the wealthiest taxpayers while reducing it for the middle class, according to a nonpartisan analysis released on Wednesday.

The report by the centrist Tax Policy Centre found that Romney's tax cuts would boost after-tax income by an average of 4.1 percent for those earning more than \$1 million a year, while reducing by an average of 1.2 percent the after-tax income of individuals earning less than \$200,000.

Tax policy and how to tame the US government's budget deficit, topping \$1 trillion in recent years, is a major point of contrast in the presidential race, in which Romney will face President Barack Obama on 6 November.

The Romney campaign blasted the study, calling it biased and noting that one of its authors, Adam Looney, was formerly an official in Obama's Treasury Department." President Obama continues to tout liberal studies calling for more tax hikes and more government spending," Romney campaign spokesman Ryan Williams said.

The Tax Policy Centre, a joint venture between the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute, is led by Donald Marron, a former economic official in the administration of Republican President George W Bush.

We add up how much people get from the tax cuts and then add up how much can potentially be raised," from ending tax breaks, said Looney, an economist and study co-author. — Reuters

Another of the study's authors, William Gale, was an economic adviser to Republican President George HW Bush.

Romney, former governor of Massachusetts and a multi-millionaire who made a fortune at private equity firm Bain Capital, has not spelled out how he would lower tax rates.

He has said broadly he would cut some tax benefits for the wealthy.

Because the value of the 20-percent tax cut for richer Americans would exceed the gains they get from popular tax breaks that Romney might chop, they would see the greatest income gain from Romney's possible changes, the study said."

At a time when we need to make tough choices to reduce the deficit, we can't afford another massive tax break for the wealthiest two percent of Americans," he added. The House on Thursday will vote on a Republican proposal to speed up reform of the entire tax code in 2013, a notion supported by both parties. This is the last week when Congress is in session before the August recess. — Xinhua

US House passes tax cuts extension plan in symbolic vote

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug—The Republican-led US House of Representatives on Wednesday passed a plan to extend all expiring individual income tax cuts, but the vote was largely symbolic as the proposal has slim chance of surviving in the Democrat-controlled Senate.

The Republican plan, passed largely along party lines, would extend all current lower tax rates. It came in contrast to a rival Democratic measure passed by the Senate last week, which would extend the Bush-era tax cuts for a year for families with income less than 250,000 dollars while allowing tax cuts for top earners to expire.

The two votes highlighted the partisan rift over the expiring tax cuts, which are a key part of the "fiscal cliff" that is expected at the year end when massive tax cuts expiration comes along with more than 100 billion dollars in automatic spending cuts if Congress fails to act. White House Spokesman Jay Carney issued a statement, saying extending tax cuts for the wealthiest few will inevitably be paid for by gutting investments in critical programmes needed to create jobs and strengthen the economy.

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US raises pressure for euro zone crisis action

FRANKFURT/BERLIN, 2 Aug — The United States raised the pressure on euro zone leaders to take decisive action on solving the region's debt crisis, notably by lowering troubled members' borrowing costs, on the eve of a crucial European Central Bank meeting. President Barack Obama said he welcomed recent declarations by European leaders and the ECB on the need to do whatever is necessary to preserve the euro.

US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner had a blunter message for the euro zone, saying it must take steps including "bringing down interest rates in the countries that are reforming and making sure those banking systems can provide the credit those economies need".

Obama, in a telephone call with French President Francois Hollande on Wednesday, "encouraged their efforts to take decisive action", the White House said. Hollande reassured Obama that European Union member states aimed to enact soon the decisions taken at a summit in late June, according to the French leader's office.

Germany, whose voters are deeply hostile to funding bailouts of the euro zone's weakest members, agreed in principle at the summit that the bloc's rescue funds could buy bonds of countries that are struggling to borrow on international markets. Geithner made his more forthright comments in an interview with Bloomberg Television recorded on Tuesday, a day after he flew to Germany to meet Finance Minister Wolfgang Schauble and ECB President Mario Draghi.

Italy and Spain, the euro zone's third and fourth largest economies, are struggling to fund their budget deficits and debt obligations at affordable levels as bond market investors take fright. Draghi's promise last week to do whatever it takes to preserve the euro, within the ECB's mandate, stirred speculation that its Governing Council might take more radical steps at a monthly policy meeting on Thursday. — Reuters



A woman in a wheelchair passes the shop window of a clothing store in Pontevedra, northern Spain, on 29 June. — REUTERS



A police officer examines the blast site in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 1 August, 2012. At least 23 people were injured when two blasts hit a fruit market in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore on Wednesday night, reported local media. — XINHUA

23 injured as blasts hit Pakistan's eastern city Lahore

ISLAMABAD, 2 Aug — At least 23 people were injured when two blasts hit a fruit market in Pakistan's eastern city of Lahore on Wednesday night, reported local media. Local Urdu TV channel Geo quoted police as saying that the blasts took place at about 10:00 pm at a fruit market in the Badami Bagh area of Lahore, the largest city in eastern Pakistan, which is close to Indian border.

According to local media reports, one bomb was planted under a fruit cart inside the market while another was planted inside a car nearby the entrance of the market. Both bombs were detonated simultaneously through a remote controlled device, said police. Police and rescue team rushed to the site shortly after the blasts were reported.

All the injured people have been shifted to Meo Hospital in the city and hospital sources said that at least five out of the injured were in critical condition. High alert has been declared in the nearby places following the twin blast. So far no group has claimed responsibility for the attack yet. — Xinhua

US to mull more bombers, submarines for Pacific

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — Pentagon planners will consider adding bombers and attack submarines as part of a growing US focus on security challenges in the Asia-Pacific, a senior Defence Department official said on Wednesday.

"We will take another look" at sending more such muscle to the strategic hub of Guam in the western Pacific, now that this has been recommended by an independent review of US regional military plans, Robert Scher, deputy assistant secretary of defence for plans, told lawmakers.

US strategy calls for shifting military, diplomatic and economic resources toward the region after a decade of land wars in Iraq and Afghanistan sparked by the 11 September, 2001, attacks on New York and the

Pentagon. The Defence Department, however, must weigh the issue from a broad global perspective and take into account competing requirements, Scher testified before the US House of Representatives' Armed Services subcommittee on readiness.

Guam, a US territory about three-quarters of the way from Hawaii to the Philippines, played an active role during the Vietnam War as a way station for US bombers. The Air Force operates from the island's Andersen Air Force Base, which hosts a rotational unit of B-52 bombers. The major US Navy presence includes a squadron of three attack submarines. — Reuters



A Los Angeles-class, fast attack submarine USS Hampton moors alongside the submarine tender USS Frank Cable in Hong Kong waters on 17 May, 2011. — REUTERS

China to blacklist producers and users of phony certificates

BEIJING, 2 Aug — The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) vowed on Wednesday to "blacklist" producers and users of counterfeit certificates and official documents as part of a campaign targeting the illegal production of such documents.

Dealers and users of falsified papers and official seals will have their criminal records forwarded to and shared by relevant authorities, the MPS said in a statement.

Chinese police launched a campaign earlier this year to eliminate the forgery of certificates and official documents, cracking more than 3,600 cases and confiscating 1.5 million falsified documents thus far. In one case, police detained three people in northeast China's city of Shenyang who allegedly falsified more than 110,000 documents over the last two years.

The forgery and use of official papers, seals and documents has seriously undermined social stability, according to the MPS.

A ministry spokesman blamed increasing demand for fake certificates and diplomas and the difficulty of tracking down underground manufacturers for the rampant forgery.

The spokesman said the ministry will continue to crack down on the forgery of official documents. — Xinhua



Dancers perform a dancing opera at the opening ceremony of Silk Road Tourism Festival in Jiayuguan City, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 1 Aug, 2012. The festival will last from 1 August to 31 December.
XINHUA

21 killed in Xinjiang mudslide

XINYUAN, 2 Aug — The bodies of three additional victims have been pulled from an iron ore mine that was buried by a mudslide in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region on Tuesday, bringing the death toll to 21 thus far, local authorities said on Wednesday.

Seven people remain missing in the mine, according

to Xue Weichang, deputy secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) committee of Xinyuan county.

The fatal mudslide, which occurred at 12:30 am on Tuesday in the township of Araltobe, Xinyuan county in the Kazak autonomous prefecture of Ili, trapping 28 workers in the mine.

More than 500 rescuers

are working to carry out search and rescue operations.

A survey conducted by the local land resource authorities found that the disaster was a result of downpours that hit Xinyuan on Sunday.

The local meteorological department said heavy rains will continue to pound the region from 2 to 4 August.

Xinhua

Hamas militant killed in mystery Gaza blast

GAZA CITY, 2 Aug — A militant with the armed wing of Gaza's ruling Hamas movement died in Gaza City on Wednesday after the car he was travelling in exploded, Palestinian medical sources said. There was no accusation against Israel, prompting suspicions it was a "work accident," a euphemism for the accidental detonation of explosives held by militants.

Medics named the victim as Ayman al-Shufra, a member of the Ezzedine al-Qassam Brigades, and said two other Palestinians who had also been in the car with him were wounded. The blast, which took place before dawn, hit an SUV in the Tel

al-Hawa neighbourhood of western Gaza City, critically wounding Shufra, who died several hours later.

The Israeli military said it was not involved in the incident, with a spokeswoman saying it was "not related to any IDF (Israel Defence Forces) activity." In a separate incident later on Wednesday, a Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine militant was seriously wounded in an explosion. According to medics and eye witnesses, the explosion took place at the PFLP training site in the southern Gaza Strip city Rafah. A spokeswoman said the Israeli army also had had nothing to do with that explosion. — Internet



The Mediterranean coastline of Gaza City, seen in 2011. A militant with the armed wing of Gaza's ruling Hamas movement died in Gaza City on Wednesday after the car he was travelling in exploded, Palestinian medical sources said.

INTERNET

Toyota recalls 760,000 RAV4s

DETROIT, 2 Aug — Toyota Motor Corp said on Wednesday it is recalling about 760,000 Toyota RAV4 utility vehicles and 18,000 Lexus HS 250h hybrid vehicles in the United States to correct a defect in rear suspension.

The RAV4 cars were made from model years 2006 through 2011, while only 2010 models of the HS 250h were affected. Toyota said it had not yet developed a fix for the problem, which it said involves rust formation that

could lead to wear and eventual separation of the rear suspension arms. Toyota said it will notify owners when a solution is available.

The US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in a defect investigation opened on 4 June into a similar problem with 2006-2008 Toyota RAV4s, said the rear suspension arm assembly "may fail due to corrosion, potentially causing a loss of vehicle control." The federal agency said at the time it was

probing about 460,000 RAV4s. NHTSA said it had received seven complaints alleging corrosion-related failure of suspension arms on the RAV4. — Reuters



A Toyota RAV4 is displayed at Boch Toyota in Norwood, Massachusetts on 27 Jan, 2010. — REUTERS

West Nile virus kills 4 in US

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Wednesday that 241 cases of West Nile virus disease, including four deaths, have been reported in 42 states so far this year.

This is the highest number of cases reported

through the end of July since 2004. Almost 80 percent of the cases have been reported from three states — Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

"It is not clear why we are seeing more activity than in recent years," said Marc Fischer, epidemiologist with CDC's Arboviral Diseases Branch. "Regardless of the reasons for the increase, people should be aware of the West Nile virus activity in their area and take action to protect themselves and their family."

West Nile virus is transmitted to people by infected mosquitoes. In the United States, most people are infected from June through September, and the number of these infections usually peaks in mid-August.

Approximately one in five people who are infected with West Nile virus will develop

symptoms such as fever, headache, body aches, joint pains, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash. Less than 1 percent will develop a serious neurologic illness such as encephalitis or meningitis (inflammation of the brain or surrounding tissues).

About 10 percent of people who develop neurologic infection due to West Nile virus will die.

There are no medications to treat, or vaccines to prevent, West Nile virus infection.

According to the CDC, the best way to prevent West Nile virus disease is to avoid mosquito bites: use insect repellents when you go outdoors; wear long sleeves and pants during dawn and dusk; install or repair screens on windows and doors; use air conditioning.

Xinhua



A boy helps prepare a giant sandwich during the "Torta Fair", in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 1 Aug, 2012. The fair inaugurated on Wednesday will last for 5 days and offer over 200 types of "tortas", a Mexican traditional sandwich. — XINHUA

Red Cross helps N Korea flood victims as toll rises

PARIS, 2 Aug — The Red Cross said on Thursday it had allocated almost \$308,000 for victims of North Korea's floods and storms, after state media reported 119 deaths and major crop damage in the food-scarce nation. The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies will spend 300,969 Swiss francs to cover the cost of immediate help for some 2,500 families, said IFRC regional spokesman Francis Markus. The North's official news agency late Wednesday reported 31 killed by landslides and lightning during storms on Sunday and Monday and 16 missing, in addition to 88 earlier reported dead in floods last month.

More than 21,000 people were left homeless by the latest storms, bringing the total made homeless by recent bad weather to around 84,000, it said. A total of 45,370 hectares (122,500 acres) of farmland had been submerged or washed away. Coal mines

in the Kaechon and Tokchon areas were also hit by "devastating" floods and tens of thousands of tonnes of coal and equipment was washed away, the news agency said. IFRC and UN officials have toured devastated areas to assess aid needs. "In one community, about half of the houses were either destroyed or damaged," Markus said on Wednesday, adding victims

badly need drinking water, food and medical assistance.

The flooding represents a challenge for Kim Jong-Un, new leader of the nation which has grappled with severe food shortages since a famine in the 1990s killed hundreds of thousands. UN agencies estimated last autumn that three million people would need food aid this year even before the deluge.

Internet



Flooded houses in Anju city in South Phongan Province. The Red Cross said on Thursday it had allocated almost \$308,000 for victims of North Korea's floods and storms, after state media reported 119 deaths and major crop damage in the food-scarce nation. — INTERNET



Moslemuddin Sarkar was given an emotional welcome by relatives on his arrival in Dhaka.

INTERNET

Bangladeshi man missing for 23 years returns home

DHAKA, 2 Aug — A Bangladeshi man who went missing for 23 years has been reunited with his family, who had given him up for dead. Moslemuddin Sarkar, 52, arrived back in Dhaka on Tuesday, a day after being freed from a Pakistani jail with the help of the Red Cross.

His family lost contact after Mr Sarkar left for India in search of work in 1989. Years later, he ended up in Pakistan, where he was arrested. He says he was beaten and tortured in his subsequent 15 years in prison. — Internet

22-year-old Mindy Meyer running for NY senate

A 22-year-old New York woman running for the state Senate said the film "Legally Blonde" taught her to "take pink and make it sophisticated."

Mindy Meyer, who is running as a Republican and Conservative against Democratic incumbent Kevin Parker, said Rudy Giuliani is her political idol and Reese Witherspoon's character in "Legally Blonde" is her style idol for showing "you can take pink and make it sophisticated," the *New York Post* reported on 24 July.

Her Web site, MindyMeyer4Senate.com, features pictures of the

candidate superimposed over the US Capitol, instead of the state Capitol in Albany, and dressed as Katniss from "The Hunger Games" with a caption reading, "No more 'Hunger Games' in our district!"

The Web site reads "I'm a Senator and I know it" while an instrumental version of the LMFAO hit "Sexy and I Know It" plays in the background.

Meyer, who obtained a political science degree from Touro College, said she "fell asleep" looking at other political Web sites.

Parkertold Web site City & State he is taking Meyer's campaign seriously.

New York Conservative

Mindy Meyer dressed up as Katniss from "The Hunger Games."



Party Chairman Jerry Kassar said he is glad to have Meyer on the ticket.

"She's a law-school student, she's extremely intelligent, she is very focused on this race, and I'm excited to have a candidate who's getting all this attention!" he said.

Proposal-towing plane goes down

The US Coast Guard credited an 8-year-old boy and a boater with the rescue of a pilot who crashed in Rhode Island while towing a marriage proposal banner.

James Warcup, an aeronautics inspector at Rhode Island Airport Corp, said the *Piper Pawnee* plane, which is registered to the owner of a banner towing company and was pulling a banner reading, "Will you marry me," took off from Westerly Airport around 3 pm, headed for Block Island, The (New London, Conn.)

Day reported on Tuesday.

"Within 10 minutes the pilot reported a loss of power," Warcup said. "He elected to ditch the plane in the Block Island Sound. When he did, the landing gear broke."

Lt Bryan Swintek, a Coast Guard spokesman at the Southeastern New England Sector at Woods Hole, Mass, said officials received a report around 3:21 pm of a radio transmission between a pilot and a young child, later identified as the pilot's 8-year-old son.

The Coast Guard got in touch with the boy, who told rescuers his father had gone down shortly after takeoff.

"He was incredibly calm," Swintek said. "He played a key role in helping his dad."

The pilot was picked up by a civilian boater before being turned over to the Coast Guard. The rescuers took him to Point Judith, where doctors determined he was not seriously injured.

Swintek said the Coast Guard is now trying to locate and recover the plane.

Aerosmith's Tyler: 'American Idol' job 'not my cup of tea'

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—Rock singer Steven Tyler said he "loved and hated" his two-year stint as a judge on "American Idol" but admitted the TV singing contest was "not my cup of tea."

Tyler, who announced in July he was quitting America's most-watched entertainment show after two years as a judge, told *Rolling Stone* magazine that he took the job partly to wait out an internal feud in his band, Aerosmith.

"It was something to do while the storm blew by, to be honest," he said in an

interview in the upcoming 2 August issue.

"I loved it and hated it. It was a great job, I sat next to J Lo and I made a ton of money. It was a moment in life and it became larger than life," he added.

Tyler and singer Jennifer Lopez, who is also leaving the show, were brought onto "American Idol" two years ago after the exit of acerbic British judge Simon Cowell.

The Aerosmith rocker said he had come under pressure from producers to fill the nasty-judge role vacated by Cowell.

"The show's about kids and what you do to nurture their talent. They wanted me to take the piss out of the kids and I don't have that in me. That's not what I'm about. That's more about that other guy. Not me," he said.

Aerosmith — made up of frontman Tyler, Tom Hamilton, Joey Kramer, Joe Perry and Brad Whitford — have since patched up years of internal strife and have been working for months on their first album of new material since 2001's "Just Push Play."

The new album, "Music from Another Dimension!"



Judges Steven Tyler (L), Jennifer Lopez, and Randy Jackson

will be released in November.

Fox television and "American Idol" producers announced last week that pop singer Mariah Carey would take one of the vacant seats for the new season starting in January. They expect to announce a second new judge in a few weeks' time.

Reuters

HBO documentary will celebrate 50 years of The Rolling Stones

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—US cable channel HBO will air a new documentary about The Rolling Stones this fall to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the British rock band.

HBO programming president Michael Lombardo told journalists on Wednesday that the documentary, which has no title yet, was being directed by Brett Morgan.

"This is all done as part of the band's 50th anniversary. This documen-

tary has the full involvement of the four current band members, Mick, Keith, Charlie and Ron, as well as the former band members Bill Wyman and Mick Taylor.

"We'll follow the band from their early club days through their arrival as the greatest band in the world,"



HBO Logo

Lombardo said.

The Rolling Stones were formed in London in 1962 and are one of the longest-performing rock bands in the world and have sold an estimated 200 million records worldwide.

The documentary will be broadcast later this year, HBO said.—Reuters

Laura Innes to guest star on 'Warehouse'



US actress Laura Innes

installment of "Warehouse." She will play Emma Jinks, the mother of Agent Steve Jinks, played by Aaron Ashmore, from whom she has been estranged for two years.

"Steve is forced to seek out his mother during an artifact-related crisis, but in order to get to the bottom of his case, he and Emma must first make peace," a synopsis said.

"The wonderfully talented Innes gives a heartrending performance as a woman who is desperately trying to mend her relationship with the only child she has left, after her family was torn apart by tragedy," "Warehouse 13" executive producer Jack Kenny said in a statement on Tuesday.

"Warehouse 13" follows a team of government agents who work at a massive, top-secret storage South Dakota facility, which houses strange artifacts, mysterious relics, fantastical objects and preternatural souvenirs collected by the US government.

Internet

Bieber spotlights his grown-up side in flashy new video

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—Canadian pop star Justin Bieber has pulled out the Hollywood stops in his latest video for the single "As Long As You Love Me," making a sort of mini-film showing his grown-up side.

Bieber, 18, recruited gritty actor Michael Madsen, best known for his roles in "Pulp Fiction" and "Reservoir Dogs," to play the disapproving father of Bieber's love interest in the slick music video, which runs nearly six minutes.

In the video, which debuted online on Wednesday, Bieber plays a star-crossed lover.

It features car chases, fights, raunchy dancers and steamy romance set against the Los Angeles skyline, all part of a plan to transition



Singer Justin Bieber

the singer from teeny bopper to adult artist.

Bieber fans, known as 'Beliebers,' praised him on social media websites for showing his darker side and fighting for love. Kaylie @StrongForJustin tweeted, "The whole ALAYLM video was amazing. It shows how if you really love someone, you would fight for them. There's a lot of meaning."

Bieber rose to fame as a baby-faced pop star on YouTube, singing innocent love songs such as "Baby" and "One Less Lonely Girl." In the past year, he has grown under the watchful eye of the public and is dating Disney actress and singer Selena Gomez.

The new electro-pop "As Long As You Love Me," not to be confused with the Backstreet Boys song with the same title, features rapper Big Sean and is the second single from his latest album "Believe."

Bieber unveiled his new image in the video for the first single from the album,

"Boyfriend," which saw him cavorting with dancers and driving fast cars. The video earned a nomination for best male video, and the winner will be announced at the MTV Video Music awards in September.—Reuters

'Uncaged' tops US album chart



Zac Brown Band

LOS ANGELES, 2 Aug—Zac Brown Band's "Uncaged" is No 1 on the US album chart, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday. Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Nas' "Life Is Good," followed by Gaslight Anthem's "Handwritten" at No 3, Passion Pit's "Gossamer" at No 4 and the "Kidz Bop 22" at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Justin Bieber's "Believe" at No 6, One Direction's "Up All Night" at No 7, Frank Ocean's "Channel Orange" at No 8, Adele's "21" at No 9 and Maroon 5's "Overexposed" at No 10.—Internet



Diego Milito (L) of Italy's Inter Milan fights for the ball with Indonesia Selection FC's Putra during their international friendly soccer match in Jakarta on 24 May, 2012.— REUTERS

Chinese investors to buy minority stake in Inter Milan

MILAN, 2 Aug — Inter Milan said a group of Chinese investors would buy a minority stake in the top Italian football club, becoming its second biggest shareholder.

In a statement posted on Inter's website late on Wednesday, the club said the Moratti family would keep control of the company. The statement did not

disclose the financial details of the deal nor the size of the stake.

Inter said it had also reached a deal with China Railway Construction Corporation to build a new stadium to be completed by 2017. "FC Internazionale welcomes the new shareholders," the statement said.

Reuters

Gymnastics: SuperMura banishes demon to win gold



Kohei Uchimura of Japan gestures after competing in the vault during the men's individual all-around gymnastics final in the North Greenwich Arena during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

LONDON, 2 Aug — Kohei Uchimura got a demon off his back when he was crowned the best all-around gymnast at the Olympics on Wednesday, four years after seeing his golden hopes fade to silver because of two falls from the pommel horse. To the observer, the apparatus is a 35-cm wide wooden horse with two handles on top on which the gymnasts perform a whole routine supporting themselves on their hands. To the man known as "Super-Mura", it is more of a stumbling block than anything else. It came between him and the gold medal at the Beijing Games, then put paid to Japan's chances of team gold when Uchimura fell off it yet again.

On Wednesday, Uchimura tamed the horse, and indeed all five other apparatus, to end Japan's 28-year wait for an Olympic all-

around title and stake a claim to being the greatest gymnast ever after also winning an unprecedented three successive world championship crowns. "He's in a different world," German coach Andreas Hirsch said about the man who won the title with a total of 92.690. Not that Germany were complaining, after Marcel Nguyen surpassed expectations by taking silver — the country's first men's all-around medal since the 1936 Berlin Olympics.

In a day of comebacks, American Danell Leyva produced the standout horizontal bar routine of the evening, on his final rotation, to snatch the bronze and raise the roof at the North Greenwich Arena.

Internet

Venezuelan fencer Limardo wins gold, thanks Chavez

CARACAS, 2 Aug — Fencer Ruben Limardo thanked Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez after breaking the country's 44-year gold medal drought by winning the men's epee fencing competition at the 2012 Olympics on Wednesday, saying the socialist leader helped him achieve his dream. Venezuelans rejoiced in their nation's first fencing medal, and their first of the 2012 Olympics, after Limardo beat Seth Kelsey of the United States and Norway's Bartosz Piasecki.

Chavez, who is campaigning for another six-year term ahead of the 7 October election, echoed the public's jubilation during a lengthy televised news conference, smiling broadly when a telephone call from Limardo was patched through

to the hall. "I'm very happy, brother, son of this fatherland," Chavez told him.

"There are the results! With the work of our golden generation of athletes. What pride, what patriotic emotion!" Overcrackling line, a clearly moved Limardo thanked the president: "Thanks to you, I've truly accomplished my dream... now we continue increasing our efforts for more Olympic medals."

His surprise win created a brief moment of unity in a nation that is deeply polarized ahead of the election. Both sides accuse the other of foul play during a bitter campaign, and many Venezuelans were happy to focus on some good news from abroad. Social media websites were swamped with pictures from his victory, and local TV stations

repeatedly broadcast footage of his bouts and the medal ceremony, which included the playing of Venezuela's national anthem. Chavez, who joked that his vice president had hardly been born when Venezuela last won a gold

medal, said huge credit was due to the entire fencing team, its trainers, "and this whole invisible army that allowed Ruben Limardo to arrive in London, to win all his battles, and to bring us the honour."

Reuters



Venezuela's Ruben Limardo Gascon runs with his national flag as he celebrates winning against Norway's Bartosz Piasecki after their men's epee individual gold medal fencing match at the ExCel venue at the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 Aug, 2012.— REUTERS

Haas advances to ATP/WTA Washington quarters



Tommy Haas of Germany returns a shot to Leonardo Mayer of Argentina during the Citi Open at William H.G. FitzGerald Tennis Center, on 1 August, in Washington, DC. INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 2 Aug — Tommy Haas continued the run of form which has taken him from outside the top 200 to world No 36 as he beat Argentina's Leonardo Mayer 6-4, 7-5 at the ATP/WTA event in Washington. The 34-year-old German fourth seed is playing some of the best tennis of his career after finally regaining full potential following a hip operation last year.

He is playing for keeps this week in the US capital as he tries to bury the disappointment of missing the London Olympics. The German federation refused to nominate him for wild card tournament consideration.

Haas on Wednesday lined up a quarter-final clash with compatriot Tobias Kamke, who earned a revenge win over Marinko Matosevic, 6-4, 6-3. The Australian had beaten Kamke last week in Los Angeles.

Haas, who defeated Roger Federer to win at Halle in June, improved his 2012 record to 21-9 as he bids for a 14th career trophy. He advanced over Mayer in just over 90 minutes, hammering eight aces including two in the 11th game of the second set. The veteran, who came to Washington for the first time 15 years ago, then broke a game later to clinch the win.

Internet

Big hitters go for broke at PGA Reno-Tahoe Open

RENO-TAHOE, 2 Aug — The top players in the world are at the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational this week so the Reno-Tahoe Open will give some of the PGA Tour's big hitters a chance to shine. Former winner John Rollins, Billy Horschel, JB Holmes and John Daly will be teeing it up at the \$3 million event this



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Under the stableford system, points are awarded for your score on hole. Eight points are given for a double eagle, five for an eagle, two for a birdie and zero points for par. A player will lose a point for a bogey and three for double bogey or worse. Defending champ Scott Piercy is not playing after having won the Canadian Open last week, which qualified him for the Bridgestone.

But the tournament got a boost when three-time major champ Pdraig Harrington joined the field. Harrington said he needs the extra work to get ready for next week's PGA Championship. Harrington will play in a threesome with Stewart Cink and Brian Gay. Daly and Holmes will be joined by Craig Barlow. Rocco Mediate, Camilo Villegas and Justin Leonard make up another strong trio.— Internet

International Sports



Russia's Magomed Omarov (R) shakes hands with Dominic Breazeale of the US after Omarov won their Men's Super Heavy (+91kg) Round of 16 boxing match during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 1 August. REUTERS

Boxing: Ex-footballer to keep throwing punches, not touchdowns

LONDON, 2 Aug — Former American footballer Dominic Breazeale, who nearly made it to the NFL in 2009, believes the pressure of throwing a touchdown pass is nothing compared to the grit needed to be an Olympic boxer.

At 201 centimeters (6-foot-7), he cut a commanding figure as a quarterback with the University of Northern Colorado and after graduating and failing to get drafted, he had brief trials with the New

York Giants and Carolina Panthers. An NFL career was not to be and Breazeale was headhunted by US boxing's governing body and taught to fight from scratch, a steep learning curve that continued on Wednesday when he lost in the first round of the super heavyweight class to Russia's Magomed Omarov.

"It's like night and day man," the Californian told reporters after his comprehensive 19-8 defeat. With football you get

an off season, in boxing you don't. In football you can play it, in boxing you've got to live it. When you're in the ring there's no blaming anyone else ... for bigger athletes playing football it's a lot easier for them to do it. In the boxing ring it's hard for a big guy to move around." Breazeale said he found it hard to turn his dreams of throwing a winning Super Bowl pass into ones of chasing Olympic gold.

Reuters

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

(3-8-12 09:30 am ~ 4-8-12 09:30 am) MST

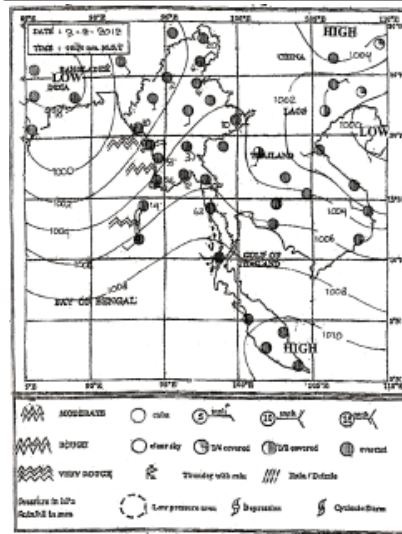
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MYANMAR TV

(3-8-2012) (Friday)

- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Saydaw - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:40 am
 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:10 am
 4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am
 5. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 4:00 pm
 6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
 7. Musical Programme
- 4:40 pm
 8. Song of National Races
- 5:00 pm
 9. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:05 pm
 10. Songs Of Yester Years
- 5:15 pm
 11. Myanmar Language
- 5:30 pm
 12. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:50 pm
 13. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
 14. Internet Garden
- 7:40 pm
 15. Towards (27th) Sea Games
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. Just For Laughs
 18. TV Drama Series
 19. Song Lover

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 3rd August, 2012

Sr. No.	Location	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	26/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayah	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
4	Chin	22/72	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	28/100	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tainthaya	27/81	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
8	Bago	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	32/90	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	34/93	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HH)	(100%)
12	Yangon	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	21/70	(HH)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	21/70	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	28/82	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	30/86	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	22/72	One or two rain or thundershowers	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	31/88	22/72	Some rain or thundershowers	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	34/93	25/77	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 Mandalay and Magway Regions, Kayah State, Scattered in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Tainthaya Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Chin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Falam (4.73) inches, Yangon (4.33) inches, Launglon (3.88) inches, Dawei (3.42) inches, Mawlaikya (3.35) inches, Thabeik (3.03) inches and Mawlaikya (2.99) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph.

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

Mobile medical team provides free health care services

MONGHSAT, 30 July—With the aim of ensuring rural development and poverty alleviation in Monghsat Township of Shan State, a mobile medical team led by Major Thet Naing Win of local military hospital and staff of Township Health Department made field trips to the Mehsat Village on 12 June morning.

The combined medical team provided free health care services to the local people at Basic Education Primary School of the village.

Local people of Kyati and Weinwaing villages of Mehsat Village-tract received medical treatments free of charge provided by the mobile medical team under supervision of Col Aung Thu Oo of local station, Deputy Commissioner U Thaug Tin Htwe of District General Administration Department and Township Administrator U Naing Aye.

Myanma Alin



CASH DONATED: Pakokku Bus Lines Association donated K 100,000 to the fund of Yedashe Township Home for the Aged in Bago Region on 3 July. Secretary of the Home U Khin Maung Htwe accepts donation.

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Qin Kai (back)/Luo Yutong of China compete during men's synchronised 3m springboard event at the London 2012 Olympic Games in London, Britain, on 1 Aug, 2012.

XINHUA

Chinese Luo/Qin win men's synchronised 3m springboard Olympic gold

LONDON, 2 Aug—China's world champion Qin Kai and Luo Yutong asserted dominance in men's 3m springboard synchro final at London Olympics on Wednesday, adding the fourth diving gold to powerhouse China. Qin and Luo, winners of the 2011 FINA World Championships, led all the way in the final and compiled 477.00 points to take the gold. Russian duo Llya Zakharov and Evgeny Kuznetsov, world silver medalists and winners of the Moscow leg of the 2012 World Series, settled for silver in 459.63. The bronze medal went to American duo Kristian Ipsen and Troy Dumais who collected 446.70 points. Qin and Luo, also champions of the World Cup in the same pool earlier this year, led the field from their first dive and expanded the gap step by step. They sealed victory after their fourth dive - an inward three-and-a-half somersault in tuck position, moving 27 points clear off closest chasers.

Their fifth dive, a most difficult forward four-and-a-half somersault in tuck position (109C) with a rating of 3.8, picked the highest score of 104.88 points in the final. "The 109C (fifth dive) was the biggest challenge to us. If succeeded, we win, otherwise, we lose," said Qin. "I told Luo (his partner) and myself we don't need to load too much pressure for flawless executions. Instead, we just need to give normal performance just as we did in routine training," said Qin, double Olympic champion in springboard individual and synchro events at Beijing Games. "Then we did it," said the excited Qin. "Only when we finished the 109C and watched the scoreboard, I was relaxed and at ease. I told Luo (his partner) and myself, the gold is already in hand," he added. Luo, in his Olympic debut, said his back injury held him off, who made an Olympic title even harder and sweeter to him.—Xinhua

Holyfield drops in to watch "future of boxing"

LONDON, 2 Aug. — Heavyweight great Evander Holyfield dropped by London's boxing arena on Wednesday to cast an eye over the next generation of fighters looking to take a leaf out of his book by preparing for the professional ranks with an Olympic medal. Holyfield joined a list of great US fighters, such as Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard and Muhammad Ali, who brought home an Olympic medal and then dominated the sport after he claimed a light heavyweight bronze at the 1984 Los Angeles Games. The former heavyweight

and cruiserweight world champion, remembered for famous battles with Riddick Bowe, Mike Tyson and Lennox Lewis, said he planned to stick around for much of the Games to see what talent was out there.

"I want to see what the future of boxing is about," Holyfield told reporters on his way out of the arena after signing scores of autographs and posing for photographs. "The professional game can only be as good as the amateur game. If you support the amateur game, then boxing gets better and better," he added. "It's all about the people

who get into boxing at a young age and have goals and they make it to the Olympics. If you look at boxing, all the Olympic stars always become the best boxers so it's driven by the Olympics Games."

Holyfield said sitting at the arena on Wednesday brought back memories of his own Olympic experience nearly 30 years ago, something an NBC TV crew overlooked earlier this week when they interviewed him on the streets of London, thinking he was a US tourist. Holyfield, who turns 50 later this year, met another Olympic medal winner-turned professional champion and former foe Lewis at the arena and advised fighters at the Games to take their time when deciding whether to follow them into the pro game. "You have to do what you have to do, some people can stay a little longer. It all depends on how you look at boxing. I had to make some money so I had to leave at 21." — Reuters



US boxer Evander Holyfield attends the WBO super flyweight title bout between Colombian William Urina and Argentine Omar Andres Narvaez at the Luna Park arena in Buenos Aires on 11 June, 2011.—REUTERS

Union Election Commission offers robes, alms to members of the Sangha

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—The Union Election Commission held the Waso robe offering ceremony at its office, here, at 11 am today.

Present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Presiding Nayaka of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery of Pynmana Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara

and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Commission members U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi and U Nyunt Tin and Secretary U Win Ko and their wives, officials and staff of the Commission Office.

Chairman of UEC U Tin Aye and party took the Five Precepts from the Presiding

Nayaka Sayadaw of Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery.

The UEC Chairman, Commission members and their wives offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

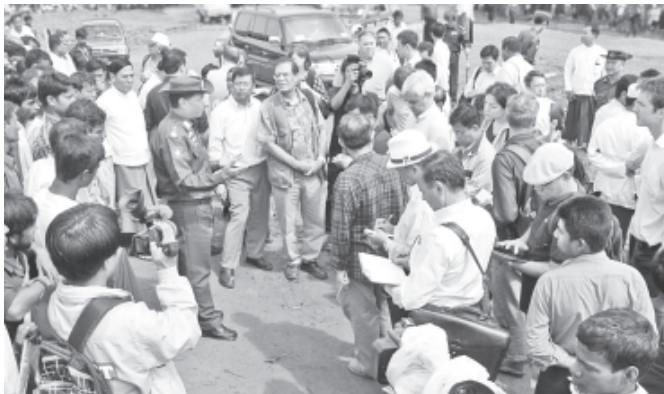
The Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.—MNA

Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye offers Waso robes and offertories to a Sayadaw.

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International partners should stand behind Myanmar government to address Rakhine State's complex issue: Ambassadors



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay explains reality in Rakhine State to diplomatic corps at Bawdupha relief camp in Sittway Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, U Phone Swe and

U Kyaw Kyaw Win, ambassadors and diplomats of foreign missions in Myanmar, heads and officials of UN agencies, officials of Myanmar Islam Organization, religious leaders, and departmental heads visited Sittway and its environs to witness actual situations in the town of Rakhine State

yesterday morning.

They met in-charges of relief camps in Bawdupha village in Sittway Township and briefed them on measures for restoration of peace and stability being taken by the government, relief and resettlement tasks, and humanitarian aids of UN agencies and NGOs.

The Rakhine State chief minister and the deputy minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement explained supply of rations at relief camps, healthcare, construction of temporary shelters and distribution of local and foreign aids.

The Union minister explained to the diplomats that the relief camp in Bawdupha village accommodates 1439 displaced households from downtownwards of Sittway—Setyon, Magyeemyaing, Shwebya, Tayathee and Myothugyi wards—with the population of 7575. There are 13 relief camps in total in Sittway—eight for displaced families and five national relief camps. A total of 1519 tents have been constructed to accommodate them and 114 (45 ft x 30 ft x 9 ft) tents in which 10 households could dwell have also been erected, with 80 tents under construction and more under planning. Food, education and healthcare are being provided to displaced victims. The diplomats then asked

them of the actual facts.

The Union minister and diplomats then visited to the burnt-out Setyon ward where the Union minister said the displaced persons, had lived here. The living standards in

this area with dense population were extremely low far beyond urban characteristics. Roads and markets, urbanization features, will need to be here. (See page 9)

London 2012 Olympics medal tally

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	China	17	9	4	30
2	United States	14	8	9	31
3	South Korea	7	2	4	13
4	France	5	3	6	14
5	Great Britain & N. Ireland	4	6	4	14
6	North Korea	4	0	1	5
7	Germany	3	8	4	15
8	Italy	3	5	2	10
9	Russian Federation	3	4	6	13
10	Kazakhstan	3	0	0	3
10	South Africa	3	0	0	3
12	Japan	2	4	11	17
13	Hungary	2	1	1	4
14	Ukraine	2	0	4	6
15	Australia	1	6	2	9
16	Romania	1	3	2	6
17	Netherlands	1	1	3	5
18	Brazil	1	1	2	4
19	New Zealand	1	0	2	3
20	Slovenia	1	0	1	2
21	Georgia	1	0	0	1
21	Lithuania	1	0	0	1
21	Venezuela	1	0	0	1
24	Mexico	0	3	1	4
25	Canada	0	2	5	7
26	Colombia	0	2	1	3
26	Cuba	0	2	1	3
28	Sweden	0	2	0	2
29	Norway	0	1	1	2
29	Indonesia	0	1	1	2
29	Mongolia	0	1	1	2
29	Denmark	0	1	1	2
33	Egypt	0	1	0	1
33	Spain	0	1	0	1
33	Czech Republic	0	1	0	1
33	Thailand	0	1	0	1
33	Chinese Taipei	0	1	0	1
33	Poland	0	1	0	1
39	Slovakia	0	0	3	3
40	Greece	0	0	1	1
40	Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
40	Belgium	0	0	1	1
40	Belarus	0	0	1	1
40	Qatar	0	0	1	1
40	Serbia	0	0	1	1
40	Singapore	0	0	1	1
40	Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1
40	Moldova	0	0	1	1
40	India	0	0	1	1

AEC by 2015

implementing the master plan for monetary development plan of the country with the assistance of the World Bank and it has been arranged to enact Foreign Exchange

(See page 9)

Union F & R Minister calls for meeting goal of AEC by 2015

YANGON, 2 Aug—Industry, officials of departments and enterprises of the Ministry of Finance to discuss matters related to promotion of productivity and market competitiveness in ASEAN work plan, at the Central Bank of Myanmar

(Yanong branch) yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that the ministry is



Meeting of Taxation Committee and Work Committee for More Freely Flow of Capitals in progress.—MNA