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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

State alone cannot cope with challenges for socio-economic development of citizens, but it calls for participation of the people

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by the Union Ministers, deputy ministers and departmental officials, spoke words of encouragement at Thekkebyin relief camp and donated relief aids to the victims.

At Sittway General Hospital (200-bed), Medical Superintendent Dr Thein Tun Aung conducted the Vice-President round the hospital. At the meeting hall, U Kyauk Taung of Nay La Thitsa Construction Co donated K 5 million, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint three boxes of medicines and U Zaw Moe Khaing of AA Medical Products Ltd Aquatech water purifier tablets and disposal syringes worth K 2 million to



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects construction of Sittway University.
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Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo gave a supplementary report on arrangements for fulfilling the requirements.

U Hla Myo of Aung Myin Thu Group of Companies donated K 10 million to the acting

6000-ton vessels to dock at Sittway Port, building a jetty for 20000-ton vessels, building six 300-ton river ships, constructing two jetties in Sittway and Paletwa for 300-ton river ships, installing navigation signs

development, provision of local people with more job opportunities and creation of the opportunity for maritime-based tourism industry.

Next, they viewed round Strand Road and Point

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (5-8-2012)

Sittway	(5.67) inches
MraukU	(5.43) inches
Kyaikmaraw	(3.93) inches
Kyaukpyu	(3.63) inches
Kyauktaw	(3.15) inches



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham providing relief aids for families sheltering at Thekkebyin relief camp in Sittway Township.
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the medical superintendent. The Vice-President cordially greeted doctors and nurses of the hospital.

On arrival at University of Computer Studies (Sittway), the Vice-President heard reports presented by Acting Principal Dr Moe Ma Ma Tin on matters related to the need of lecture halls and requirements of high capacity computers. Deputy Minister for Science and

principal. At Kaladan River Multipurpose Transport Project near Phaungdawgyi Jetty in Sittway, the Vice-President heard reports on implementation of the project presented by Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein and then inspected progress of Sittway Port.

The project is aimed at dredging the sand for ensuring adequate depth of

along Kaladan River from Sittway to Paletwa and constructing the highway from Paletwa to Myanmar-India border. The project will bring about trade opportunity between Myanmar and India, direct trading not only with India but also with other countries, contribution to development of transport in Rakhine and Chin states in addition to regional

Beach.

After looking into health care services at Hsutaungpyae relief camp in North Model Village, he donated K 500,000 to the fund of the monastery and Waso robes to the abbot.

The Vice-President donated relief aids to a local. Next, Aung Myin Thu Group of Companies, AA Medical Products Ltd and United

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Swedish sailors Star with gold

LONDON, 5 Aug—The Star class Sailing gold medal has gone to Sweden after the final race of the London 2012 competition.

British hearts were broken on the water as Fredrik Loof and Max Salminen triumphed ahead of the Team GB pair, who got silver.

The defending Olympic champions Iain Percy and Andrew Simpson sailed exceptionally throughout the week and came into today's medal race with an eight-point lead over Brazil's sailors.

But bronze pair Robert Scheidt and Bruno Prada did not prove their main challenge as the Swedes triumphed.

Great Britain needed fourth place or better in the medal race to guarantee them gold. They needed to finish sixth or higher should third-place Sweden win the medal race, which they did.

Britain entered the final leg of the race in sixth but slipped away in the last 100m to finish eighth, handing Loof and Salminen gold on the Nothe Course.

London 2012



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No backward paddling please!

As elected by the people, the government in office has been implementing in tandem three categories of reforms for actual changes in accord with public wish.

The first reform is the ending of half-a-century-old centralized system and gradual strengthening of democracy. In fact, the task of establishing a democratic nation is a major challenge for us as democratic practice has been absent from our country for many years. So the government is making essential reforms in executive, legislative and judiciary sectors. At the same time it has been in the process of amending, annulling or enacting laws as necessary in the service of new system.

As for national reconciliation, the government has granted large-scale amnesties while relaxing regulations in various sectors for building a more open society. Moreover, the country now has laws that protect the fundamental rights of citizens involving freedom of assembly and freedom of speech and formation of labor organizations.

The second reform is the re-establishment of eternal peace in the whole country. In the previous year, the government adopted a more pragmatic approach and through fruitful dialogues it has signed ceasefire agreements with ten ethnic armed groups. It has also made necessary engagement with the KIO/KIA group as well for a lasting peace in the war-torn region.

The third reform is the opening of market-oriented economy while leaving the centralized system behind. The government's introduction of micro-economy covers the rural areas development and poverty alleviation. Besides, the government is seeking required cooperation from intelligentsia and experts inside and outside the country for sustainable micro-economic policy. And for the first time in her history, the country has adopted float exchange rate system for the benefit of national economy.

As the government has already committed itself to implementing the said three reforms in parallel till the people's aspirations are realized, there shouldn't be any one paddling the boat backwards as such an act only brings delays and dilemmas for our democratization.



U Nay Hla-Daw Hla Nyunt and family of Mawlamyine donate K 3.8 million through treasurer U Khin Maung Win for construction of new lift at Kyaikthanlan Pagoda in Mawlamyine of Mon State recently.

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Chief Minister of Sagaing Region releases fingerlings into Chindwin River

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug— Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing on 1 August attended the ceremony to release fingerlings into Chindwin River at Kyaukhsaung Jetty in Monywa.

Head of Region Fisheries Department U Sai Kyaw Myint reported on releasing of fingerlings.

Next, the Chief Minister and wife, region ministers and officials released fingerlings into the river.

They totally released about 205,000 fingerlings into Chindwin River.



Chief Minister U Tha Aye of Sagaing Region and wife, region ministers and officials releasing fingerlings into Chindwin River.
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The Chief Minister then visited the library of Monywa University. In the

afternoon, he viewed sowing of Paletwe hybrid paddy seeds at Pyawt

Village of Myinmu Township.

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Kachin State government meets local people in Myitkyina



Chief Minister of Kachin State U La John Ngan Hsai making a speech in meeting with people from Myitkyina.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug— Kachin State government met with the local people in Myitkyina at the Town Hall in Myitkyina yesterday.

During the meeting, U La John Ngan Hsai, Chief Minister of Kachin State, clarified the work carried out by the state government

since it took office, comprising efforts for building the good governance and clean government, flourishing democratic practices, the rule of law and community peace, balancing between socio economic development and

environmental conservation, efforts in the state-level and the Union level for making peace with KIA/KIO as from June 9, 2011, tasks for elimination of narcotic drug in Kachin State, aids for the livelihood of the internally displaced people, preparedness for natural disasters, measures taken for sufficient power supply, development, communication, agriculture, education, health,

sports and rural area development and poverty reduction in Kachin State and cooperation between Kachin State government and UN agencies.

Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawan Jone, Kachin State Social Affairs Minister Daw Bauk Ja, Secretary of Kachin State Government U Min Chit Oo and departmental officials replied questions raised by personnel from political parties, from national races literature and cultural organizations, from Kachin State Journalists Association, from religious organizations and townsenders.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister called for cooperation of the people to bring peace to the state so that the government can carry out development tasks in all villages in the state while the state government is making all out efforts to make peace with KIA/KIO.

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Coord meeting of District/Township/Sub-township GADs in Shan State (South) held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug— A work coordination meeting of District/Township/Sub-township General Administrative Departments in Shan State (South) took place at the meeting hall of the state government's office on 1 August morning, with an opening speech by Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat.

At the meeting, state ministers for security and border affairs, for finance and revenue, for agriculture and breeding, for forest and mines and for transport presented reports on their respective sectors, and chief justice of the state, advocate-general of the state and auditor-general of the state gave supplementary reports.

The Chief Minister was reported by State Commissioner U Ye Naing Aung on now-doing tasks of the general administrative departments in the state. And Taunggyi, Loilem and Langkho District Deputy Commissioners presented reports on their undertakings to the Chief Minister. Regional development tasks were pointed out by Deputy Director of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and Deputy Director of Danu Self-Administered Zone.—MNA

Thiri Yadana Myoma market cooperative society meets

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug—The cooperative society of Thiri Yadana Myoma market in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township held annual general meeting at the hall of the market yesterday.

Chairman of the cooperative society U Kyaw Win, the director of Cooperative Department, staff officers of Township Cooperative Department and Township Development Affairs Committee, and the chairman of the market committee delivered addresses at the meeting.

The managing director of the society read out the annual report and auditor U Myint Soe, 2011-2012 financial statement. Approval was sought from members.

They presented outstanding offspring of the members who passed 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination.—MNA

Iran tests short-range missile with new guidance system



Iranian Defence Minister General Ahmad Vahidi (R) walks in parliament in Teheran on 1 Nov, 2011.

REUTERS

DUBAI, 5 Aug — Iran has test-fired a new, more accurate short-range missile capable of striking land and sea targets, it said on Saturday, a show of strength that underscored its ability to hit shipping in the Strait of Hormuz if attacked. Israel has said it is considering military strikes on Iran's nuclear sites if the Islamic Republic does not resolve Western fears it is developing atomic weapons technology, something Teheran denies. Iran says it could hit Israel and US bases in the region if it comes under attack. It has also threatened to block the Strait of Hormuz, the neck of

the Gulf through which 40 percent of the world's sea-borne oil exports pass.

"With the fourth generation of the Fateh 110, the armed forces of our country are able to target and destroy land and sea targets, enemy headquarters... missile seats, ammunition sites, radars and other points," Defence Minister Ahmad Vahidi said in quotes carried by the official IRNA news agency. The missile has a range of around 300km (180 miles), meaning it could strike Iran's immediate neighbours and might also be able to hit Hormuz shipping, as well as energy facilities in Saudi Arabia and the US fifth

fleet in Bahrain. Such moves would risk a military response from the United States.

"Using new guidance methods, target-striking systems were installed on the missiles and during the flight test ... its ability to hit the target without deviation was proven," Vahidi said, according to IRNA. "In future programmes, all future missiles built by the Defence Ministry will be equipped with this capability," he added. Iran has made "robust strides" in developing its ballistic missile capabilities, the London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies wrote in a 2010 assessment which also said that Iran's arsenal suffered from poor accuracy.

All of Teheran's ballistic missiles would be capable of carrying a nuclear payload, the IISS said. Last month, Iran said it had successfully test-fired medium-range missiles capable of hitting Israel, and tested dozens of missiles aimed at simulated air bases. It conducted what it called the "Great Prophet 7" missile exercises at the start of July as a European Union embargo on Iranian crude oil took full effect. — Reuters

Xinhua holds exhibition to mark Sino-Thai ties, Thai Queen's birthday

BANGKOK, 5 Aug — "Xinhua Gallery: Mother of the Land," a photo exhibition recording the Her Majesty Thai Queen Sirikit's China tour 12 years ago, was officially launched here on Saturday, marking the Queen's upcoming 80th birthday and the enduring Sino-Thai friendship. On display is a special collection of nearly 100 photographs of the Queen and her daughter, Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn taken during their royal visit to China on behalf of His Majesty the King from 16 to 31 October, 2000.

The photos recorded the royal visits to major Chinese cities including Beijing, Xi'an, Shanghai, Suzhou, Guilin and Provinces such as Henan Province where they were

warmly welcomed by Chinese leaders and people. The royal visitors also witnessed China's great success in economic and social development. Among the exhibits are photos of HM the Queen and HRH Princess Sirindhorn at the Summer Palace in Beijing, HM the Queen playing piano at a grand banquet in Beijing, welcomed by former Chinese President Jiang Zemin.

HRH Princess Sirindhorn presided over the opening ceremony of the exhibition at Lifestyle Hall, on the 2nd floor of Siam Paragon Shopping Centre.

The event, co-hosted by Xinhua News Agency Bangkok Bureau and the shopping centre, also celebrates 37 years of

diplomatic relations between China and Thailand. Nearly 500 guests, including Charge d' Affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Thailand Zhang Yiming and Siam Paragon board members attended the ceremony.

"HM Queen Sirikit's royal visit to China 12 years ago deepened the friendship and cooperation between China and Thailand and promoted their cultural exchanges," said Zhang in his opening speech. "We hope that all the guests here could review this memorable event in the history of Sino-Thai relations and encourage the two peoples, especially our young generation, to carry on the cause of promoting Sino-Thai friendship," he added.

Xinhua

A burnt NATO supply container is seen in southwest Pakistan's Dasht on 3 Aug, 2012. Unknown gunmen in southwest Pakistan attacked and torched at least three NATO supply containers moving from Karachi to Chaman in Dasht area some 40 kilometers from Quetta on late Friday. — XINHUA



Rescuers transfer a trapped person by helicopter in Liaoyang, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 4 Aug, 2012. Two helicopters of Beihai Rescue Flying Squad has rescued 24 people trapped by the rain-triggered flood in Liaoyang till 6 pm on Saturday.

XINHUA

Traffic in flood-hit Liaoning back in order gradually

SHENYANG, 5 Aug — Although Typhoon Damrey has stopped affecting northeast China's Liaoning Province, it will take some time to get disrupted traffic back in order, local authorities said. The typhoon-triggered flooding has left traffic services on 236 highways and three major railways suspended as of Sunday morning, according to the Liaoning Provincial Meteorological Bureau.

According to statistics from the provincial transportation department, traffic services on 24 major trunk highways, 36 county-level highways and 176 rural roads have been interrupted as of 6 am on Sunday. The provincial highway department has dispatched nearly 4,500 workers and 740 mechanical equipment to help with the rescue and repair work.

Passenger transport services are expected to resume gradually on Sunday, but vehicles heading for the port city of Dalian would be affected by flooding waters. The services of three major railways through Liaoning, including the Beijing-Harbin, the Harbin-Dalian, and the Shenyang-Dandong railways, have also been disrupted as some sections of the railways were inundated by flood water. — Xinhua

Iraq sees wave of attacks on security forces

BAGHDAD, 5 Aug — A wave of brazen attacks killed dozens of Iraqi soldiers, police and anti-Qaeda militiamen in recent days, but security forces say it pales in comparison with the worst years of violence in the country. At least 50 security forces personnel have been killed and 39 wounded in at least 19 separate shootings and bombings since 31 July, and some security forces positions in Baghdad remain strikingly exposed to attack. Most of the violence targeted police or army patrols and checkpoints, though some attacks were against more heavily guarded facilities.

Gunmen attempted to use bombs to breach a prison gate in Taji, north of Baghdad, on 1 August, and employed similar tactics on the anti-terrorism directorate in the capital the day before, which the interior ministry said was an attempt to free inmates. While security forces were killed, the attackers apparently failed to free any of the detainees. Though there has been a heavy toll from the attacks, members of the security forces in Baghdad said they have been through worse.

Death tolls for some months in 2006, 2007 and 2008 reached more than 1,000

people killed, according to official figures, which by comparison put the July 2012 toll at 325.

"There is not any fear, because we lived through the hardest days in 2004 and 2005 and 2006, which was when we had the most violence, and attacks were 80 percent more than what is happening now," said a 28-year-old who has been in the federal police for seven years.

"The security situation now is much better than in past years, when we were never able to go out wearing military uniforms," said the

policeman, who spoke on condition of anonymity and was dressed in shorts but no shirt despite being at a guard post in central Baghdad. "The security situation now is much better compared to 2007 or before," a 33-year-old federal policeman at a nearby store said, also asking that he not be identified by name. "The terrorists are trying to cause gaps in the security forces," said the policeman, who joined the force eight years ago, adding that "we do not have any fear or concern, and we are stronger than them."

Internet



Iraqi police forces stand guard at a checkpoint in central Baghdad. A wave of brazen attacks killed dozens of Iraqi soldiers, police and anti-Qaeda militiamen in recent days, but security forces say it pales in comparison with the worst years of violence in the country.

INTERNET

Dollar gains as central banks stay put



NEW YORK, 5 Aug — The US dollar rose against major currencies in late New York trading this week, while central banks' decisions to keep monetary policy unchanged disappointed investors who had expected them to do more. The Federal Reserve on Wednesday said it would maintain the interest rate exceptionally low through at least late 2014, but did not take further monetary easing policies. The central bank also acknowledged that the US economy is losing momentum and pledged to take further steps to stimulate the economy if the weakness in job market continued. Following the Fed's statement, the European Central Bank (ECB) on Thursday decided to leave the key interest rate unchanged at 0.75 percent after its monetary policy meeting on Thursday.

ECB President Mario Draghi said the central bank would help to support the struggling European countries' bonds market, only if the governments asked for help from the European Financial Stability Facility. — Internet

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Beidou navigation system test network set for 2015

BEIJING, 5 Aug — China will build a testing and certification network for its Beidou satellite navigation system over the next three years to sharpen the system's global competitiveness, according to a Friday statement from the Certification and Accreditation Administration.

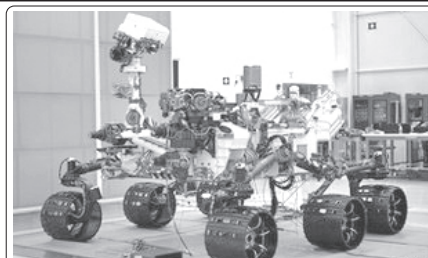
and certification system with uniform standards and legal support will secure the Beidou system's safe operation and accelerate its industrialization, said the statement.

By 2015, a national testing centre will be set up in Beijing, while another seven local sub-centres will be established across the nation,

it said. The centres will test the safety and accuracy of products designed for use with the system and qualify them for civilian use.

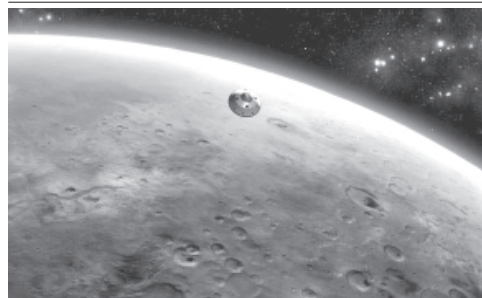
China began to construct the Beidou system in 2000 with a goal of breaking its dependence on the US Global Positioning System by 2020. Authorities plan to launch a total of 30

satellites to complete the system, with the 12th and 13th satellites being launched at the end of April. The system is scheduled to provide comprehensive services, including navigation, positioning, mapping and time services, to clients in the Asia-Pacific region at the end of this year. The Beidou system has been used by 120,000 civilian and military users to date, according to the statement.— *Xinhua*



Curiosity — Mars Science Laboratory

- * Mission goal is to determine whether Mars has ever had the conditions to support life
- * Project costed at \$2.5bn; will see initial surface operations lasting two Earth years
- * Onboard plutonium generators will deliver heat and electricity for at least 14 years
- * 75kg science payload more than 10 times as massive as those of earlier US Mars rovers
- * Equipped with tools to brush and drill into rocks, to scoop up, sort and sieve samples
- * Variety of analytical techniques to discern chemistry in rocks, soil and atmosphere
- * Will try to make first definitive identification of organic (carbon-rich) compounds
- * Even carries a laser to zap rocks; beam will identify atomic elements in rocks—*Internet*



An artist's concept of NASA's Mars Science Laboratory spacecraft approaching Mars. The Curiosity rover is safely tucked inside the spacecraft's aeroshell. The mission's approach phase begins 45 minutes before the spacecraft enters the Martian atmosphere. It lasts until the spacecraft enters the atmosphere. For navigation purposes, the atmospheric entry point is 2,188 miles (3,522 kilometres) above the centre of the planet. This illustration depicts a scene after the spacecraft's cruise stage has been jettisoned, which will occur 10 minutes before atmospheric entry. The landing is set for late evening 5 August, 2012.— REUTERS

Scientists kick off research on China's largest freshwater lake

NANCHANG, 5 Aug — Chinese scientists started on Friday a research programme on the country's largest freshwater lake to bolster economic development in the region. The programme, the second in three decades, will bring scientists together from 30 institutes around the country to conduct research on the ecological, environmental and hydrological systems of Poyang Lake in east China's Jiangxi Province, said Hu Zhenpeng, director of the programme.

The three-year programme at a cost of 10 million yuan

(1.59 million US dollars) will also look into the social economy of the lake region, Hu said.

"We hope to establish a comprehensive, systematic and authoritative database, which is also long-term based and dynamic, to solve the natural and social problems facing Poyang Lake, and to realize sustainable development in the region," Hu said. The database will provide scientific and technical support for the establishment of the Poyang Lake ecological and economic zone, Hu added.

Poyang Lake is a key

water supply source for about 1 million people and a natural habitat for numerous migratory birds and aquatic species. Over the past years, reduced rainfall, rampant sand dredging and the building of dams at the upstream of the Yangtze have caused the size of Poyang Lake to shrink from 4,000 sq kms at its peak to about 200 sq kms in January this year. Environmentalists estimate that about 70 percent of Poyang's fishery resources have vanished over the last three decades. China conducted its first scientific research on Poyang Lake from 1983 to 1988.— *Xinhua*

HP Touchpad still marginally useful with Android 4.1 Jelly Bean port



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WASHINGTON, 4 Aug — Don't toss the HP (HPQ) Touchpad into the ashcan of history just yet... SlashGear reports that it's one of the few tablets out there so far that can deliver a barely functional version of Android

4.1 Jelly Bean. The Touchpad's Jelly Bean port comes courtesy of the CyanogenMod 10 that has already been tested out successfully on several smartphones, including the Samsung Galaxy Note, the

Samsung Galaxy SIII and the HTC One X.

But the Touchpad port marks the first time the mod has been used to port Jelly Bean into a device that doesn't natively run Android, and SlashGear reports that it has unsurprisingly wrecked some of the Touchpad's key features such as audio, graphics acceleration, the front-facing camera and the microphone. To put it mildly, users should port Jelly Bean over to their Touchpads at their own risk.— *Internet*

UK tech start-up scene boosted by new investments



Japanese social gaming network Gree is adding a games development studio to its other UK operations.— INTERNET

LONDON, 5 Aug — The UK tech start-up scene has been boosted by a flurry of deals in London, Belfast, Milton Keynes and Sheffield. The announcements include investments by Vodafone and Barclays designed to support start-ups; and the opening of a video games studio by one of Japan's richest businessmen. The news was timed to coincide with the Olympics to maximise publicity. It follows recent announcements from Google, Facebook, Amazon, Intel and Skype about new projects in London.

Tech City—a hub of digital and creative businesses located in East London—accounts for the bulk of the latest news, including:

*Vodafone technology lab—a research and development centre that aims to identify promising start-ups, provide them with office space and bring in its own experts to co-develop, trial and market their products in

return for a stake in the businesses.

*Gree studio—the Tokyo-based app maker will develop titles for its social gaming platform out of the city. The firm's chief executive is a self-made billionaire and is rated Japan's fifth richest man by *Forbes* magazine.

*Morning Boost—a new "accelerator" offering start-ups mentorship, a small amount of money and an introduction to potential investors in return for a minor stake in their business. It is backed by a group of Italians and should create about 50 jobs.

* Central Working club—a centre offering meeting rooms, storage, stationary and networking opportunities in return for a monthly fee. It will be the firm's third UK club and has been backed by Barclays bank.

Elsewhere, Sophia Search—a University of Ulster spin-out which provides software tools to help firms catalogue and



Vodafone's incubator centre is modelled on an operation it already runs in the US's Silicon Valley.— INTERNET



analyse their data—has secured \$3.7m (£2.4m) of investment allowing it to hire new staff in both the UK and US. Airwatch—a US company that helps companies manage what apps and content are installed on their employees' smartphones and tablets—has announced plans to hire 75 new staff, doubling the size of its European headquarters in Milton Keynes.

And Tribal—a British software service provider to the training industry—is creating 40 new posts in Sheffield after winning more than £32m worth of contracts from Australia and New Zealand. Further details will be announced at a London event organized by the government's UK Trade and Investment department to take advantage of the fact the Olympics have attracted many foreign officials and business leaders to the city. The government is determined to make Britain the technology centre of Europe, with London's Tech City at its heart," said Chancellor George Osborne ahead of the event. London's tech ambitions face competition from elsewhere in Europe. Berlin, Tallinn, Barcelona and Paris are among other cities with rising start-up scenes, while slightly further afield Israel's "Silicon Wadi"—based in and around Tel Aviv—has also benefited from its links to the Israeli military.—*Internet*

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BA and Iberia parent group reports losses



IAG says it will announce job cuts and a restructuring plan for Iberia by the end of September.— INTERNET

LONDON, 5 Aug — The parent group of British Airways and Iberia has reported a 390m euro (\$476m; £306m) loss for the six months to the end of June and warned it: "will not be able to avoid job losses". That compares with a 39m euro pre-tax profit in the same period

7.8bn euros in the same period last year. Passenger numbers rose and IAG made more money for each passenger.

But that increased revenue was more than offset by the 25% rise in fuel costs and charges from the process of restructuring its business. Despite those higher fuel charges, UK airline British Airways turned a small operating profit of 13m euros at the start of the year.

The group's main problems reside with its Spanish carrier Iberia. In a statement, chief executive Willie Walsh warned: "Iberia's problems are deep and structural and the economic environment reinforces the

need for permanent structural change. We are currently working on a restructuring plan for Iberia which we anticipate will be finalised by the end of September."

"Inevitably, we will not be able to avoid job losses as part of this process," he added. As well as the cost of future redundancy payouts Iberia faces particular problems due to the worsening economic conditions in its home market of Spain.

Originally, IAG had forecast it would break even this year. "However, in the light of the Spanish macro headwind, we now expect to make a small operating loss in 2012," said Mr Walsh. IAG shares ended on Friday 5.2% lower at 151p.— *Internet*

Weapons maker Lockheed builds submarine for oil rigs

PALM BEACH, 5 Aug — Lockheed Martin Corp (LMT) is already the Pentagon's biggest supplier and the largest information technology provider for the US federal government, but now it is turning its sights on

engineers have developed a 10-foot unmanned submarine named Marlin that uses sonar and other technologies developed for the US military to inspect off-shore oil rigs in far less time and at lower cost than current systems.

owned by Chevron (CVX), generating detailed three-dimensional data that have piqued a great deal of interest in the industry. A Lockheed crew is back in the area off Louisiana this week, where Marlin is surveying a number of offshore platforms owned by a big oil firm, generating the first commercial revenues for this small arm of Lockheed.

Lockheed did not name the oil firm. The project, first initiated in mid-2009, reflects growing efforts by big weapons makers like Lockheed to find revenues in adjacent markets as they brace for weaker defense spending in the United States and Europe after a decade of strong growth.

Rich Holmberg, vice president of Lockheed's mission and unmanned systems unit in Florida, sees bright prospects for the Marlin vehicle, given the huge and

growing number of offshore oil and gas platforms in the Gulf and elsewhere; growing calls for increase regulation after the 2010 BP oil spill; and increased investment in offshore wind energy.

"We're kind of bullish," Holmberg told *Reuters* in a glass-walled conference room overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway and several of the company's smaller research and support ships. Holmberg, who previously headed Lockheed's naval helicopter programs, declined to estimate future possible sales or the per unit price, but said Lockheed believed it was the only company with the full set of capabilities offered by the Marlin vehicle at the moment.

The mission and unmanned systems unit has historically been more of a research house, like Lockheed's famous Skunk Works aeronautics development shop, which has earned it the nickname "Squid Works," but it is ramping up for a higher profile.

Reuters



Developed by Lockheed Martin, a 10-foot unmanned submarine named Marlin using sonar and other technologies, is seen in this handout photo taken in the Gulf of Mexico, on 19 July, 2012.— REUTERS

a \$1 billion niche market in the oil and gas industry. At a small waterfront facility just outside Palm Beach, Florida,

The bright yellow unmanned undersea vehicle was tested last summer in the Gulf of Mexico at a facility

Caffeine may serve as treatment option for Parkinson's: study

VANCOUVER, 5 Aug — A new study has found that caffeine may help control movement in people suffering from Parkinson's disease, opening the door to new treatment options for the disease, local media reported on Thursday. The study, conducted at the Research Institute of the McGill University Health Centre, was recently published in *Neurology*, the official journal of the American Academy of Neurology.

The researchers followed a group of 61 people with Parkinson's. While the control group received a placebo pill, the other group received a dose of caffeine that was the equivalent of between two and four cups of coffee per day for six weeks. People who received caffeine supplements experienced an improvement in their motor symptoms over those who received the placebo, which was due to improvement in speed of movement and a reduction in stiffness, according to author of the study Dr Ronald Postuma. Although larger-scale studies need to be carried out over a longer period to clarify these caffeine-related improvements, Dr Postuma said that caffeine should be explored as a treatment option for Parkinson's disease.— *Xinhua*

Nissan unveils sleeker Pathfinder SUV

FARMINGTON HILLS, 5 Aug — Nissan Motor Co unveiled a new 2013 model of its Pathfinder on Friday that it hopes will improve the current version's lagging performance among large sports utility vehicles in the US market. The new Pathfinder

will be 300 to 500 pounds lighter than the 2012 versions, depending on which options consumers take, said Carla Bailo, senior vice president of research and development for Nissan Americas. The Pathfinder was unveiled at Nissan's North American



Nissan Motor Corp's logo is pictured as a Nissan vehicle is reflected on glass at the Nissan Gallery in Yokohama, south of Tokyo on 26 July, 2012.— REUTERS

Health Tip: Protect your child in extreme heat

Extreme heat can make people sick, especially children. That's why parents should be prepared to get overheated kids out of the hot sun and into an air-conditioned building.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers this advice:

- * If your home isn't air conditioned, visit a public building such as a library.
- * Encourage your child to drink plenty of fluids all day long. Offer a drink before your child asks for one.
- * Allow more naps and rest time than usual, as heat can make children feel tired.
- * Have your child take a cool bath.
- * Don't ever leave your child inside a hot car.

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The total number of unemployed people was 12.8 million last month, unchanged from June. Private sector firms hired an extra 172,000 staff, which more than offset the 9,000 fall in government payrolls.

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decades ago in the US market, they were built on truck chassis. Since then, most mass market SUVs have switched to the unibody construction, which allow for better aerodynamics and lighter weight.

The Pathfinder is the second of five new vehicles that the Japanese automaker Nissan is introducing in a 15-month period, covering the heart of its North American lineup. The first was its mid-size sedan Altima, which just completed its first full month of sales. "We are going to take our portfolio from one of the older in the industry to one of the most fresh in the industry," said Tom Smith, Nissan North America marketing chief for SUVs and trucks.— *Reuters*

The new Pathfinder will also move to a unibody chassis, the last among full-size SUVs to shift from a body-on-frame chassis. When SUVs were introduced about two

Spain unveils new savings plan in struggle to meet EU standard

MADRID, 5 Aug — As its latest move to rebalance strained public finances and a step toward meeting European Union's (EU) limit on deficit-to-GDP ratio, the Spanish government Friday announced a new belt-tightening plan that could save the country 102 billion euros by 2014.

The new package includes 65 billion euros of tax hikes and spending cuts contained in a July austerity package, with 35 billion euros to come from a hike in sales taxes while the public sector, health and education will all be affected.

Along with the release of the savings plan, the country,

which recently has become a primary source of concern amid the escalating eurozone debt crisis, also set the deficit target for 2013 and 2014, 4.5 percent and 2.8 percent respectively. The EU has long-standing rules that members' deficit should be no larger than 3 percent of its GDP.

However, the various stimulus measures and large-scale tax cuts taken by many EU countries in recent years, usually joined with lax spending before the onset of the global financial crisis, have landed them in bulging budget deficits.

In July, Brussels said Spain must bring down the public deficit to 6.3 percent of

its GDP this year from 8.9 percent in 2011, when it badly missed its 6.0 percent target, and it should meet the EU deficit standard in 2014, a year later than previously requested. Speaking at a Friday press conference after a cabinet meeting, Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy said the measures to cut spending and increase national revenue are "neither nice nor popular," but something necessary to meet the EU target.

We do not promise miracles. It is a huge task but not an impossible task," he said. The spending cuts will not likely affect pensioners as Rajoy confirmed that the government intends not to

lower pensions next year based on current data.

As for an unemployment benefit program due to expire later this month, the prime minister said the government had not yet decided whether to extend the monthly payment of around 400 euros to those without a job for a long time. According to figures by the Spanish National Statistics Institute, the country's unemployment reached 24.63 percent in June, the highest level in Europe. The Spanish prime minister also said he had not yet made any decision regarding additional measures being planned by the European Central Bank to ease market concerns that have driven borrowing costs for Spain and Italy to unsustainable high levels. — *Xinhua*

'Plain Jane Bandit' believed caught after eight heists

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug — The "Plain Jane Bandit," who is believed to be responsible for eight bank heists or attempted bank robberies in Southern California, has been arrested, officials said. Sylvia Helen Garcia, 38, was captured near her home in Downey, Calif. late Thursday, according to ABC News' Los Angeles affiliate KABC. Here are some other memorable nicknames given to thieves in recent years. The FBI reportedly received multiple tips about Garcia.

The Plain Jane Bandit has been linked to six bank robberies and two attempted bank robberies in three counties around Southern California since 12 July. The most recent attempt by the Plain Jane Bandit was on Tuesday, but she left before getting any money. In all eight instances, she used both written and verbal demands and told the bank teller that an accomplice was waiting outside, the FBI said. Authorities did not say how much money was stolen, but witnesses described the robber as a Hispanic woman in her mid-30s, between 5-foot-3 and 5-foot-5 and weighing 150 to 170 pounds. She did not wear a disguise.

The nickname came from a witness' description of the robber as a "plain Jane." The robber was linked to a silver four-door vehicle, though the alleged accomplice had not been seen. Authorities said an officer responded to one tip that described the robber's silver car. That officer went to the location of the car and took a woman fitting the robber's description into custody. US Bank, which had five branches robbed, had offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the robber's arrest and conviction. — *Internet*



'Plain Jane Bandit' believed caught after eight heists. INTERNET



Prime Minister David Cameron leaves Downing Street in London on 2 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

LONDON, 5 Aug — The junior party in Britain's coalition government said on Friday the two-year-old alliance was entering "uncharted territory" after reports that Prime Minister David Cameron planned to drop promised parliamentary

British coalition faces rift over political reform

reforms. Newspapers said Cameron was set to abandon reforms to parliament's unelected upper chamber, the House of Lords, that have been championed by his Liberal Democrat partners after he failed to overcome opposition within his own Conservatives. Cameron's office said talks on the Lords were still in progress and that an announcement would be made in due course.

But the reports were greeted with fury by the left-leaning Liberal Democrats, who have seen their opinion poll ratings slump after joining

the centre-right Conservatives in government in 2010. The Lib Dems have staked much political capital on replacing the Lords with a largely elected chamber and now face the risk of accusations from grassroots members that they have gained little from their support for the Conservative-led government. Lib Dem legislators have reluctantly backed many Conservative measures, including an unpopular rise in university fees, as part of a coalition deal struck between the two parties.

But the Conservatives' failure to keep their side of the bargain by supporting reform of the Lords threatens to chill already the lukewarm relations between the two sides and provoke the Lib Dems into tit-for-tat retaliation. "Lords reform was in the coalition agreement and we expect it to be delivered as such," a senior Liberal Democrat source told Reuters on Friday. "A deal is a deal — if that deal is not honored it takes the coalition government into uncharted territory," said the source.

Reuters



This file illustration photo shows two parrots flying during an exotic bird show. Nine birds, including an endangered swift parrot, had their heads smashed in or ripped off and more than 60 animals were missing on Saturday after vandals went on the rampage at an Australian zoo. — INTERNET

Birds' heads torn off in Australian zoo rampage

MELBOURNE, 5 Aug — Nine birds, including an endangered swift parrot, had their heads smashed in or ripped off and more than 60 animals were missing on Saturday after vandals went on the rampage at an Australian zoo. Tasmania Zoo owner Dick Warren said he found the mutilated animals when he opened up on Friday morning, finding "door, after door, after door open and all the locks had been cut, with birds missing and birds dead".

"Either they have just caught them and banded their heads or pulled their heads off, it's a pretty sick thing to see," Warren told ABC Television. "It's heartbreaking to see them. How could people do this sort of thing? It hits you so hard." Police said "a number

of animals escaped their enclosures, with most being recaptured", adding that two chainsaws were also stolen from the zoo complex.

Two rare swift parrots, a yellow-tailed black cockatoo and five quolls — a carnivorous native cat — were among the animals still on the loose in what was described as a devastating blow for the zoo's breeding programme. "We're trying to increase numbers of threatened species and we've lost a good part of that programme," said keeper Courtney McMahon.

The zoo is also part of a national breeding programme for the endangered Tasmanian devil, which is almost extinct in the wild due to a contagious facial tumour, and McMahon said it was a huge relief no devils had been

freed. "The way that the birds were released, if these devils were released like that it would be a death sentence to them," she said. "There's a good chance that they would, in the wild, contract the facial tumour disease." *Internet*

Six killed in Mexico coal mine explosion

MEXICO CITY, 5 Aug — Six miners were killed in a coal mine collapse in the northern Mexican state of Coahuila on Friday, an emergency rescue team source on the site told Reuters. One miner was rescued earlier, according to a separate report from the mine operator.

The explosion was triggered when a large amount of methane gas ignited, causing the collapse of 100 tonnes of coal, mine owner Altos Hornos de Mexico (AHMSA) said in a statement. Nearly 300 miners evacuated the mine without incident, the company said. The explosion marks the second disaster at a small coal

mine in northern Mexico in the past 10 days.

A 25 July explosion killed seven miners, highlighting lax safety conditions in small mines that are often poorly regulated. Men have mined the largely

unregulated, small "pozito" mines that dot Coahuila for more than a century. A 2006 methane explosion at the much larger Piedras Negras mine, owned by Grupo Mexico, killed 65 miners. *Reuters*



A family member of a miner reacts while standing with others outside the premises of a mining company in Coahuila on 3 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

Reuters says blogging platform hacked

LONDON, 5 Aug — The Reuters news agency said on Friday that one of its websites had been hacked and used to disseminate fake stories about Syria's rebel movement, the latest cyberattack to strike a media organization covering the country's civil war. Thomson Reuters Corp said in a statement that the agency's blogging platform had been compromised and that "fabricated blog posts

were falsely attributed to several Reuters journalists." The site has since been taken down, although cached versions of bogus posts are still available online.

One of the stories claimed that rebels had acquired chemical weapons from Libya and were preparing to smuggle them into Syria, while another claimed rebels were preparing to retreat to Turkey after suffering mass casualties

at the hands of Syrian government forces. Both stories appeared aimed at scoring propaganda points against the rebels, who've recently made several important advances in their campaign against President Bashar Assad's regime.

There was no immediate indication of who was behind Friday's cyberattack. Both opponents and supporters of Syria's government have

routinely engaged in acts of electronic sabotage, and media organizations seen by Assad loyalists as sympathetic to the rebel cause have suffered repeated attacks. Among them was Al-Jazeera, one of whose English-language Twitter feeds was recently broken into by a pro-Assad group known as the Syrian Electronic Army. The group has recently promised a wave of attacks against what it describes as "fake revolution" websites. *Internet*

The Examination Water Tank in Old Bagan

Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

In the monastic complex near a big Temple "Sulamani" in the outer vicinity of ancient Bagan, there is a rectangular water tank build of old bricks and sand stones. It is filled with rain water and the flood of the River Ayeyawady through channels in the peak of monsoon. Residing monks of this complex put up a board with letters in Myanmar "Aham Kan" and "Sarme Kan". The writer as the Director-General of the then Department of Archaeology had put up at that tank a billboard with the explanation in Myanmar and English of the meaning and the history of that water tank exactly 22 years ago today. Now his trained tourist guides often ring him up to know about this tank in detail. The following is a brief account of the story of a monk who attained higher learning in his old age. It was because of his learning achievement in old age that this water tank in a remote corner became wellknown as "Aham Kan".

The time was the reign of King Kya Swa, reganal titled "Dhamma Yaza" who was ascended the throne in 1234 A.D and ruled for 16 years for he abdicated to become monk. Due to peace, prosperity and progress his kingdom enjoyed, Buddha Sasana flourished and relations with Buddhist countries far and near were frequent. King Kya Swa himself was a man of high erudition. He could recite Tipitakas nine times and regularly he discussed with learned monks regarding commentaries and sub-commentaries of the Buddha Dhamma. [Dikas and Athakathas]. He himself compiled two outstanding Treatises namely "Paramathabindu" and "Sadabindu" which are still in use today. His daughter Princess Thanbyin wife of a learned minister Thanbyin was so learned in Tipitakas that she was requested to give lectures to the class of monk students. Kya Swa's court daily held seminars on Buddha Dhamma and literature.

There was an old monk who had already passed beyond 60 in age. One day he suddenly became aware that the pit of 4 cubits depth into which he discarded bamboo tooth brush he used every morning got filled up. He got moral lesson from this awareness. He thought to himself, "I have been idle for the past years without realizing that I have been so indolent. Had I learnt just the amount of each tooth brush a day I would have mastered many a religious treatise." He made up his mind to start learning high literature.

One day while King Kya Swa was sitting in his court

in the morning, the old monk appeared and asked for audience. The King obligingly let the old monk enter his court. Upon asking the purpose of his visit, the old monk said, "Your Majesty, I am going to learn Niruti Treatise. So I need writing materials such as slate and slate pencils. Would Your Majesty donate me some?" observing the old age of the monk the King told him that he was quite advanced in age for higher learning. A pestle was given to the old monk saying that that pestle "may burst forth green shoots" implying that the old monk would not be able to pursue higher learning in his advanced age. However the King donated him writing materials he asked for and the old monk left the court with the pestle the King gave him.

Back to his monastery the old monk was strongly determined to prove he could master higher learning at his old age. All his efforts were relentlessly put into learning day and night. After a few years, he was approved by his teacher monks that he was very learned.

Tying green shoots to the pestle the King gave him and holding it in hand he went to see the King in court when the King saw him and what he held in his hand the King knew immediately what the old monk came for. "Your Majesty, I have come to show you the pestle you gave me some years ago has now burst forth green shoots, please behold it!"

The King understood what the old monk said to him. Immediately the King tested his learnedness by asking many questions on Niruti Treatise, Tipitakas and other religious literatures. Without much ado the old monk gave correct answers satisfactorily. The King was much impressed and apologized for his previous harsh remark about the old monk. The King told the old monk that he would be his supporter for four basic needs of a monk [Satupiyasaya] food, clothing (robes) shelter (monastery) and medicine and requested the learned old monk to compile books.

The old monk became wellknown in the Kingdom as "Shin Dithapamaukha" [Learned Professor, wellknown to all directions]. But he was commonly called U Kyi Pway [Mr Pestle]. One famous book he wrote was Thinpone Kyi Dika [Commentary on Myanmar Primer].

Bagan at that time was the seat of learning. Learned scholars, both clergy and laity at home and abroad vied each

other for their learnedness. There were monks from six monasteries who were highly reputed for their religious knowledge and learning. Even these monks had to seek answer from U Kyi Pway for their difficult queries.

One day, while U Kyi Pway was bathing in a water tank, these monks assembled on the bank of the tank to test his learnedness under awkward circumstances. As U Kyi Pway emerged to the surface of the water after his long dip in the depth, he saw the monks lined up. He knew they came to ask him some questions. The monks began clearing their throats before forming questions there by producing the sounds "Aham""Aham""Aham". U Kyi Pway thinking that he was asked to explain the meaning of the word "Aham" immediately began reciting various meanings of the word "Aham", giving its history, grammar and philosophy in Pali, Sanscript and Myanmar with references. The monks were astounded and spellbound. They knelt down and paid respect to U Kyi Pway, recognising his sharp brain and learnedness.

Since then that water tank came to be known as "Aham Kan" (Aham tank) or Sarme kam [Examination water tank]. The tank is well maintained by the residing monks of the locality and the Bagan Branch of the Archaeology Department.

There were two monks of old Bagan who earned the prestigious title "Shin Dithapamaukha". U Kyi Pway was the first Shin Dithapamaukha of King Kya Swa's time. But monk envoy Shin Dithapamaukha of King Narathihapate's time (1255-87 A.D) who led the peace mission to the Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan in 1285 A.D was the second Shin Dithapamaukha. He set up a stone inscription (Now on display in the museum) recording the account of his peace mission and his dedication to the Triple Gems of Buddhism [the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha] the rewards for his successful assignment King Narathihapate showered upon him such as monsoon, winter and summer farm lands, farm animals and farm workers.

To-day, the globalized world is promoting life long learning. Reports appear in the internet of old age men and women, octogenarian and above obtaining doctorate degrees at the universities of Australia, America, Britain and Europe. In Myanmar tradition, there is an old saying "တညာဆို၊ ခိုညာဆို" [You are never old for learning].

Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival in progress in Yangon

YANGON, 5 Aug—Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival is in progress at Chatrium Hotel on Natmauk Street in Yangon from 15 July to 7 October.

At the Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival programme, Chinese chef Mr Kittichot Boonsub of the hotel made assorted Lamont (moon cake) and other assorted snacks with the use of imported advanced materials and these snacks are put on sales.

Lamont (moon cake) is sold at US\$ 6 per small box, US\$ 24 per four boxes and US\$ 36 per six boxes.



Photo shows delicious Lamont (moon cake) and other snacks at Joyful Lamont (moon cake) Festival at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon.

The buyers for 10 large boxes can get one box and those for 30 large boxes can get door-to-door service.

Hotels in Yangon hold Lamont snack festivals and sell assorted snacks.

Kyemon

Cash, publications donated to library

NGAZUN, 5 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash and books to Shwetha Thiri Library was held in Ywatha Village of Ngazun Township of M'yangyan District on 14 August morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U

Tin Win made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Nilar Soe explained durability of the library.

After that, the Township Administrator donated K 20000 and books, the

Sayadaw of Ywatha Village K 2 million as capital various subjects of books, and Head of Township IPPRD Daw Nilar Soe radio and books.

Librarian Daw Nyo Nyo Hsan and party accepted donations.

Myanma Alin

Cash donated to fund for township association

YANGON, 5 Aug—Taungup Township Association (Yangon) donated cash to the fund for construction of the association office on 15 July.

Chairman of the association U Tun Thein and Vice-Chairman U Aung Tha Tun accepted K 150,000 donated by U Tin Win-Daw

Mya Than Kyi and family of 53 on Pyidawaye Road in Laydauntkan Ward of Thingangyun Township.

Next, wellwishers U Than Tun-Daw Saw Yi family and Daw San San Nu and family donated K 500,000 each, U Myo Swe and family K 400,000, U Tun Yin and family, U Paing

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Myint and family, Professor (Rtd) Daw Khin Thein and family, U Khin Maung Htwe and family, Dr Daw Khin May Than and family K 200,000 each, U San Tin and family, Dr Aung Than Tun and family K 150,000 each and five wellwishers K 150,000 each.

Myanma Alin

MMCWA President comforts patients at delivery room

YANGON, 5 Aug—President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Mon Mon Aung and party, Chairperson of Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Thau Mya and party, Deputy Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr Daw Phyu Phyu Aung viewed health car services at the delivery room at Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Ward 54 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 28 July



afternoon. They presented refreshment and cash assistance to patients at the delivery room. They proceeded to Township

Regional Clinic in Ward 56. President Daw Mon Mon Aung donated K 50000 to the delivery room of Township MCWA.—Myanma Alin

State alone cannot cope with challenges...

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Amara Bank donated K 10 million each, AA Medical Products Ltd Aquatech water purifier tablets worth K 500,000 and Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint medicines to the Chief Minister of Rakhine State and the head of Rakhine State Health Department.

At Sittway University construction project, the Vice-President heard reports on major subjects and number of students from respective townships, progress of construction tasks, arrangements for attending the regular courses, requirements of staff quarters and students ferry. The Vice-President gave a speech.

AA Medical Products

of human resources. Scholars are in desperate need at present time which calls for transformation into industrialization from conventional production. Countries which possess a considerable number of scholars tend to witness development in various aspects including in economy with the help of technological advancement. The country is lagged behind other countries in terms of GDP and standard of living due to lack of technologies. So, instructors need to be educated themselves and to train students to be competent. The country turns out a total of over 0.1 million of graduates yearly. The number seems to be fairly



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham making an address at Technological University (Sittway).—MNA

detailed discussion.

The Vice-President met state government members, departmental personnel, townsenders and representatives of social organizations at the state government office. The state chief minister explained focal points of the region, measures for

the boundary of Myanmar with its spectacular panorama engraved in the heart of visitors, attracting to come again. However, riots, violence and murders that broke out over two months ago have blackened the image of the stunning state both at home and abroad.

conflicts and local people are beginning to enjoy the fruits of peace.

It is common knowledge that such riots and violence could harm all the local people, authorities and socio-economic and political image of the country.

The burnt houses and buildings of one side did not embellish those of other side. Likewise, the causalities of one side did not bring longevity to the other side. Yesterday's observation has proven this view. Both sides suffer losses. It is crystal clear that it has brought nothing good to both sides.

Let bygones be bygones, but lessons must be taken from it to find a solution to make sure there is no occurrence of similar case again. Efforts must be made for peace, stability and development of Rakhine State in long-run and socioeconomic improvement of local people. People can see authorities concerned are taking actions to guarantee peace and stability and the rule of law.

The State alone cannot cope with the challenges for socio-economic develop-

ment of citizens, but it calls for participation of the people. People are thus to do their bit joining hands with the government. The Vice-President said that he was there to solve the difficulties of local people and to attend to social requirements as much as possible.

The Vice-President expressed his special thanks to personnel concerned, Sayadaws, personalities who lent a helping hand, townsenders, and local and international non-governmental organizations and UN agencies on behalf of the government, urging them to keep on working cooperatively with the government. He then cordially greeted those present.

The Vice-President offered flower, water and light to Lawka Nanda Pagoda in Sittway in the evening. He presented K 0.1 million for the pagoda through pagoda board of trustees which returned him certificate of honour.

He then signed the visitors' book and paid homage to Cakya Muni Buddha Image. He donated K 0.1 million for the pagoda.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets with Islams from relief camps at the hall of local battalion.—MNA



Ltd donated K 5 million for the university to Pro-Rector Daw San Aye. Next, the Vice-President cordially greeted the faculty members and inspected the construction of building. Deputy Minister for Education U Ba Shwe gave a report.

At Technological University (Sittway), Acting Principal Dr Soe Naing reported on progress of the university and requirements. The Vice-President gave remarks.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min explained taking of security measures. United Amara Bank donated K 5 million to the university through the Acting Rector.

After cordially greeting the faculty members, the Vice-President heard reports on progress of work by Ayon Oo Construction Co.

Speaking at the universities in Sittway, the Vice-President said that tertiary education is higher education and also a source

large but there are weak points from the point of view of quality. Educational development calls for full access to learning aids apart from the efforts of teachers, parents and students. So, the State is fulfilling this requirement itself, also asking the help of private sector.

If the disqualified quantity outnumbers the quality in production of graduates at a time which demands the educated in great number, it would mean losses to opportunities not only of each citizen but of the State. No incompetent teacher turns out good students. All are to join hands with the government in taking security measures for the universities.

In the afternoon, the Vice-President met Islam communities from relief camps at local battalion and discussed regional issues. Union Minister Lt-Gen Their Htay added some

potable water security, prioritized work plans for economic performance of the state inviting local and foreign investments, education, development affairs, transportation, rail transport, anti-bank erosion measures, inland transportation, presenting proposals for construction of a bridge across Kinchaung Creek, upgrading of Manaung island ring road into gravel one, and requirements for extension of the runway of Sittway Airport.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min reported on measures taken for security and defence of Rakhine State and ongoing actions and Union Minister Lt-Gen Their Htay on progress in implementation of relief and rehabilitation works.

The Vice-President, in his speech, credited Rakhine State as a pleasant and picturesque land whose reputation goes far beyond

The Vice-President expressed his sadness for the violence and declaration of the state of emergency in Rakhine State while other regions and states are making efforts to bring an end to lengthy armed



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets faculty members from Sittway University.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into regional....

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Afterwards, the project company chairman presented a painting to the Vice-President and the Vice-President asked his knowledge about the project which was briefed by Union Minister U Than Htay and officials.

The project company donated cash and kind for education, health, electricity, drinking water, transport purposes and prevention of watershed. Altogether 226 Myanmar companies are engaged in the project and the project will be completed in 2013.

The Vice-President and party left the pipeline project and arrived at Shwe Development Project being undertaken by the Ministry of Energy and Daewoo International on a mutually beneficial basis in Kyaukpyu.

At the meeting hall of the project, those from the company reported on works being carried out for Shwe Development Project, upgrading of oil and gas exploration tasks, measures being taken for socio-economy of local people and job opportunities for local people and Union Minister U Than Htay gave a supplementary report.

Vice-President called on the company to cooperate in



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects progress in laying of Myanmar-China oil and natural gas pipelines project.—MNA

ensuring the improvement of socio-economic status of local people, environmental conservation, creating job opportunities for local people and timely completion of the project.

The Daewoo International donated US\$ 573000 for construction of the new jetty of Kyaukpyu Port and the Kyaukpyu District deputy commissioner accepted the donation.

The Vice-President and party left Kyaukpyu at 3.40 pm by Myanma Airways and arrived back here in the evening. **MNA**



Responsible person of Daewoo International Co presents cash donation for extending jetty of Kyaukpyu Port to Kyaukpyu District Deputy Commissioner in the presence of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham.—MNA

MPA, MASC(S) sign BOT over Myanma Industrial Port Nos 3, 4, 5

YANGON, 5 Aug — Myanma Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport and Myanmar Annawa Swamah Group(S)[MASC(S)] Co Ltd signed an agreement on BOT system over the Myanma industrial port No 3, 4 and 5 and container yard at the Sedona Hotel here yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung said the government has encouraged the investment of private sector in the port services, noting that about 33 per cent of the port services are owned by the State while about 67 per cent are privately owned.

As part of the plan for development of the Yangon Port which handles 85 per cent of the shipment, Ministry of Transport has implemented the Yangon Port development project to turn the port into the one meeting international standards to be able to handle

the increasing commodities flow, he added.

The project would help the development of port infrastructures and transportation by ship. On completion of the port Nos 3, 4 and 5, the Myanma Industrial Port would handle five or six ocean liners at the same time, the Union minister said.

U Cho Than Maung, Managing Director of the Myanma Port Authority, and U Ko Ko Htoo, Managing Director of Myanmar Annawa Swamah Group (S) [MASC(S)] Co Ltd, signed the BOT contract on Myanma Industrial Port Nos 3, 4 and 5 and container yard and the Union Minister presented the permission to U Ko Ko Htoo.

During the questions and answers section, the Union Minister answered that the ministry would not increase the fee of five ferry lines which are relied on by the people. **MNA**

Yangon Region will develop only when rural population enjoy a boost: Chief Minister

YANGON, 5 Aug—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe met township level departmental personnel, townsenders, members of social organizations and village/ward administrators at meeting hall of General Administration Department of Taikkyi Township yesterday noon.

He said the government is implementing rural development and poverty

alleviation tasks, creating jobs. He underlined the need to focus on education, health, accessibility of potable water, road transportation and rural economic development by respective departments. The chief minister urged the departmental officials to make contribution to these efforts.

The townsenders and ward/village administrators reported on requirements in

education, road transportation and rural development. The region ministers made clarifications.

The chief minister then viewed broadcasting of fertilizers at the farm in Tagwa village of Taikkyi Township under Paletwhe paddy.

In meeting with departmental personnel, townsenders, and ward/village administrators at meeting hall of Hmawby Township, the chief minister

said the region will be developed only when the rural people who constitute 30 per cent of the population of the region enjoy better living standards. He called for hard work to accomplish the missions. The chief minister urged them to organize the farmers to make a shift to new paddy strains and good agricultural practice and to contribute to greening of Bago Yoma mountain ranges.—**MNA**

Williams sisters net historic win

LONDON, 5 Aug—Venus and Serena Williams became the first players to win four Olympic Games Tennis titles after being crowned women's Doubles champions at London 2012.

Less than 24 hours after Serena joined older sister Venus as a three-time gold medalist with a victory in the women's Singles - completing the career golden slam in the process - the USA pair saw off Czech Republic duo Andrea Hlavackova and

Lucie Hradecka 6-4 6-4.

Today's match was a repeat of last month's Wimbledon final, which the Williams sisters also won in straight sets on Centre Court.

The Americans broke serve in the very first game under a closed roof this time and although they were forced to save more than one break-back point, they held on to take the opening set.

Hlavackova and Hradecka had chances to

break early in the second set before dropping serve themselves in game five and the Williams sisters never looked back.—**London 2012**



Fightback earns Jin second gold

LONDON, 5 Aug—Jin Jongoh completed an amazing fightback to retain his Olympic 50m Pistol title and bag his second gold medal of London 2012 today. Jin, who won the 10m Air Pistol event earlier this week, began this afternoon's final seven points behind fellow Republic of Korea athlete Choi Young Rae following the qualifying round.

The 32-year-old gradually cut into his team-mate's lead but with one shot remaining Choi was still 1.6 points ahead.

But Choi's nerve deserted him as he scored 8.1 while Jin nailed a 10.2 to claim the title in dramatic fashion. Choi takes home silver, with China's Wang Zhiwei winning bronze.—**London 2012**



Jin Jongoh of Republic of Korea poses with the gold medal after the men's 50m Pistol Shooting final on Day 9 of the London 2012 Olympic Game at the Royal Artillery Barracks.

INTERNET

Cash assistance, stipends provided to older members, students

MYANMA, 5 Aug—A ceremony to present cash assistance to older members above 75 years of Pinyin Township War Veterans Organization and stipends to offspring of members provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Committee was held at the office of Township WVO on 22 July.

Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than presented cash assistance to 16 older



veterans and officials gave stipends and exercise books to 129 students of the members.—Kyemon

Japanese Encephalitis emphasized for children

MANDALAY, 5 Aug—A talk on Japanese Encephalitis due to a species of mosquito and facts about fever was given at Mandalay Sedona Hotel on 21 July and Yangon Sedona Hotel on 22 July.

It was jointly organized by Biogenetech Co of Thailand and Mepha Co of Myanmar.

The Japanese En-

cephalitis can infect most of the children under 10. A total of 30 per cent of infected persons may die and the 40 per cent person can suffer from brain and mental diseases as consequence problems.

Medicine for the disease is yet to be found up to now, and the vaccination is the best protection for all.

The vaccine to be jointly imported by Biogenetech Co of Thailand and Mepha Co of Myanmar can be injected to the children from the start of nine months for the first time. After three or 12 months later, the vaccination may be given to the children for receiving fill coverage of protection against the disease.

Kyemon

District News

Ayeyawady River overflows houses along Strand Road in Kyaiklat



KYAIKLAT, 5 Aug—Due to heavy rains in upper regions of Myanmar and constant heavy rains in Ayeyawady Region, roads and houses along the river in Kyaiklat Township of Pyapon District were overflowed by Ayeyawady River.

On 2 August, the overflow of Ayeyawady River reached the higher

level than that of previous year on the Fullmoon Day of Waso.

The Strand Road in Ward 5 was inundated and the houses were flooded.

It was reported that if heavy rains and strong winds hit the residence, the overflow of Ayeyawady River may flood at the tidal time.

Myanma Alin

Outstanding students honoured in Htantabin Township



HTANTABIN, 5 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours and outstanding teachers who turned out the students was held at the hall of Basic Education High

School in Htantabin Township of Yangon Region on 27 July.

Wellwisher U Aye Thaung and wife (Shwe Oh Gyi family) donated K 1.4 million for the outstanding students, teachers and staff of the school.

Myanma Alin

Sewerage from Distillery Factory kills water creatures at Taungthaman Lake

MANDALAY, 5 Aug—The cities of countries across the world are placing emphasis on environmental conservation as the first priority. In Mandalay City, while accelerating the urbanization process, the population of the city is also increasing year after year. Meanwhile, smokes and sewerage water from factories, workshops and vehicles are causing water and air pollution.

Mandalay City is enlarging its city area to Htonbo-Myitnge shortcut. No 2 Industrial Zone is constituted with 93 factories and workshops namely Distillery Factory, Paper Mill, Textile Factories and Leather Factories. Of them, 72 factories and workshops are in operation.

The sewerage water from the factories and workshops must be purified through suitable ways and means and

drained out at the designated drains systematically. However, they drain out the sewerage water into Panyantaw Creek carelessly. Thus, the sewerage flows into Taungthaman Lake. In consequence, the lake at Tagundaing Bridge at the entrance to Mandalay and the road linking South and North Lakes smells out badly.

Mandalay City Development Committee designated disciplines for the distillery factory to directly drain out its sewerage into the rivers and creeks. It must throw out the sewerage into the tank of purifier and then into the designated places.

Due to misconducts of factories and workshops in draining out the sewerage water, water creatures in Taungthaman Lake are dead in the less environmental conservation.

Kyemon

EDUCATION AID PROVIDED: Wellwishers and members of social organizations present education aids for students at non-formal primary education to an official at Basic Education Middle School in Setkon of Hopin Sub-Township of Mohnyin District on 18 July.—MYANMA ALIN



Local people use boats to go to market and schools as Myoma Ward 1 and 2 were flooded due to rising water level of Sittoung in Madauk of Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region (East) on 1 August.

KYEMON

Macao entrepreneurs call on UMFCFI officials

YANGON, 5 Aug—With regard to discussion on investment law, renting of land and labour matters with the purpose of investing in textile, plastic industry, commodity transport and financial matters, Chairman of Macao Overseas Friendship

Association Mr Jackson Chang and 29 member entrepreneurs delegation called on Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federations of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Tun Aung, Joint General Secretary U Aye Lwin, CEC members and executive and Myanmar entrepreneurs at the Federation office on 25 July morning.

Vice-President U Tun Aung and Chairman of Macao Association Mr Jackson Chang extended greetings. Joint General Secretary U Aye Lwin explained the investment opportunities for Macao entrepreneurs in Myanmar.

Myanma Alin

Accident on the Road

Five cars pile up of traffic accident

YANGON, 5 Aug—Due to out of break control, a 48th mini-bus hit a taxi next to the way and the taxi hit another three cars again near Myeniong Traffic Light in Sangyong Township of Yangon on 2 August morning.

In the accident, two taxis and one saloon were damaged. Some persons of the bus were injured. After

the traffic accident, the driver of mini-bus evaded from the scene.

A similar accident with six cars in series happened near the same traffic light on 8 July. The bus that started in traffic accident because of less maintenance, thus car drivers must take care of their cars for maintenance, said the people.

Kyemon

Crime News

Necklace snatcher arrested in Zabuthiri Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug—The people arrested a person who looted a woman threatening with a knife in Zabuthiri Township on 29 July evening.

At about 7.30 pm, while Ma Mar Mar Myint of Shwekyabin Ward sold her goods in front of the house,

a young person arrived there and bought a cigarette and then spoke through telephone. Suddenly, he threatened Ma Mar Mar Myint with the use of a kitchen knife at her neck and snatched a gold chain weighing about 0.5 tical from her neck. Due to her shouting for help, the people from the

ward arrested the looter near Sonseeya Restaurant.

The crime broker was Ye Lin Aung, 19 of Seinpan Ward in Taunggyi. Ma Mar Mar Myint opened a file of lawsuit against Ye Lin Aung at No 2 Police Station of Zabuthiri Township.

Kyemon



Buildings are inundated in flood water in Nanfen areas of Benxi, northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 4 Aug. 2012. Flooding triggered by torrential rain brought by Typhoon Damrey, the 10th typhoon of the year, disrupted services of three railways in Liaoning Province. Rescue is underway.

XINHUA

Gunmen attack barack in Algeria, two policemen injured

ALGIERS, 5 Aug — At least two police officers were injured after a group of gunmen attacked a barack in the Djelfa Province, 180 km south of Algiers Friday night, a security source told Xinhua.

The attack occurred few moments after the end of a night prayer, as the attackers surprised the officers in their barack and started shooting, leaving at least two officers

injured, it said.

There have been several attacks on Algerian security installations since the beginning of Ramadan on 20 July.

On Thursday night, at least three border guards were killed in an ambush by unknown gunmen the northwestern province of Tlemcen, near the border with Morocco.

Xinhua

Manchester United to get \$559 million in GM shirt sponsor deal

CHICAGO, 5 Aug — Manchester United Ltd's deal with General Motors Co to sponsor the hugely popular football club's shirts will bring in 357 million pounds (\$559 million) over the agreement's seven-year term, the club said in a regulatory filing on Friday. Terms were first reported by Reuters on 30 July. The disclosure of the record-breaking deal, which will put GM's Chevrolet brand name on the football team's famous red jerseys, came as Manchester United supporters called for a boycott of sponsors' products to pressure the club's American owners to shelve a plan to float the club's stock.

Manchester United Supporters Trust, which has 180,000 members, has fought a high-profile campaign against the American Glazer family, which plans to list United on the New York Stock Exchange this month. The agreement with GM starts in the 2014-2015 season, but the club will start to reap some financial benefits as soon as this year, Friday's filing said. GM will pay fees of \$18.6 million in this year's and next year's season, it said, before paying \$70 million in the 2014-2105 season. GM's payments will rise 2.1 percent each season thereafter,



A worker walks behind a logo of General Motors after the announcement of the closing of the Opel assembly plant in Antwerp on 21 Jan, 2010.—REUTERS

through the 2020-2021 season, it said.

US automaker's global marketing chief was ousted in connection with a deal with the popular English football club. GM's payments are more than double the current fee paid by insurance broker Aon. The agreement was announced the day after the Detroit automaker said it was removing its global marketing chief, Joel Ewanick, because he "failed to meet the expectations that the company has for its employees." Sources told Reuters Ewanick didn't properly report financial details about the jersey deal.—Reuters

Latest lawsuit attacks Apple's warranty conditions

BEIJING, 5 Aug — Apple Inc has come under renewed fire in China for not abiding by the country's consumer protection laws, after a local court accepted the first lawsuit filed by users against its after-sales services. The Lixia District People's Court in Jinan, capital of East China's Shandong Province, confirmed it had received a petition from an iPod user claiming the US tech giant violated his consumer rights by refusing to update the warranty after repairing two devices he had bought.

The court will hear the case on 14 September. Liu Ke, the court's public relations officer, told China Daily on Friday. The buyer Bi Jiao said his gadgets malfunctioned last year and he had them fixed by Apple. But the warranty periods for the new devices were both shortened to three months afterwards, violating the regulatory requirement of at least one year. Ma Liwu, Bi's lawyer at the Shandong-based Kang Qiao Law Firm, said Chinese law requires that when companies replace damaged products, they need to update the warranty period accordingly.

"But in this case, Apple failed to renew the warranty, citing the firm's internal rules. That limits the customer's rights and violates Chinese law," Ma said. Apple's franchised maintenance contractor in Shandong, Bybon Electronics Technology Co Ltd, had suggested the dispute be settled in private last month, Ma said, but Bi refused. Ma claimed the latest move marks a major step toward fighting what many think are unfair market practices by the American company in China. Sales of iPhone products in China have rocketed four fold since last year, according to Apple's second-quarter results.—Xinhua

Gunmen kill 2 sailors, kidnap 4 foreigners in Nigeria

LAGOS, 5 Aug — Gunmen attacked a barge belonging to an oil services company off the coast of Nigeria on Saturday, killing two Nigerian sailors and kidnapping four foreigners, navy officials said.

The suspected sea pirates stormed the vessel in the Gulf of Guinea, an area that has seen a sharp spike in the number of reported marine attacks over the last six months.

A spokeswoman for Sea Trucks Group, which provides support vessels to oil companies operating in Nigeria, told AFP that one of the company's ships came under fire and that four of the firm's employees were taken in the raid.

"At this time Sea Trucks Group is making every effort to ascertain the whereabouts of its personnel," the spokeswoman, Corrie van Kessel, told AFP. She said that Sea Trucks Group is heavily involved in the oil

and gas sector in the Niger Delta. Nigeria's navy spokesman Commodore Kabir Aliyu said during the attack "four expatriates are reported to have been kidnapped from the vessel; two sailors were killed." He said those kidnapped were from Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia and Thailand. "We have not made any arrest yet. We are still trying to ascertain the true identities of the attackers and their motive," he told AFP.

"We are still searching. We have deployed a boat and a helicopter to the area where the attack took place," he said, adding: "We have not established any contact with the attackers or the foreigners abducted."

Aliyu said six naval personnel were stationed on board the Sea Trucks Group vessel following a security request from the company.

The attack, which also left two other seamen injured, took place at roughly 0100

on Saturday, 35 nautical miles off Nigeria's oil-rich Niger Delta coastal area, the navy and company said.

The volatile area was for years crippled by armed insurgency, largely made up of militants from the Delta who claimed that the region's people were not benefitting from its vast oil wealth, while crude production devastated the environment. Armed groups in the Delta were notorious for kidnapping oil workers, especially



A Nigerian naval officer assembles his machine gun before starting a patrol of the Niger Delta region in 2004.—INTERNET

foreigners. A 2009 amnesty deal greatly reduced the unrest, but sporadic incidents have continued to occur including robberies and, most prominently, piracy.

The International Maritime Bureau (IMB) said in a report released last month that there had been 32 piracy incidents recorded in the Gulf of Guinea in the first half of 2012, up from the 25 attacks in 2011.

Many of the raids have involved "high levels of violence," kidnappings, and were increasingly occurring further offshore, the report added.—Internet

Death toll from DPRK floods rises to 169, with 400 missing

PYONGYANG, 5 Aug — The death toll from floods the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) had risen to 169, while 400 others remained missing, the Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported on Saturday.

The number of people injured in the floods, caused by torrential rains from late June to 31 July, also had climbed to 144, with the

number of homeless advancing to 212,200, the DPRK's official news agency said. In addition, more than 8,600 dwellings so far had been destroyed, 43,770 houses submerged, at least 65,280 hectares of cropland ruined, and more than 1,400 educational, healthcare and factory buildings inundated.

Officials across the country were visiting flood-

stricken areas to take necessary disaster-relief measures, KCNA said. The heavy rain and flooding has exacerbated the DPRK's already severe food shortage due to a spring drought. The United Nations said on Friday immediate food assistance was required to support the ongoing relief and recovery efforts in many affected areas across the country.—Xinhua

20 killed in al-Qaeda suicide attack in south Yemen

SANAA, 5 Aug — At least 20 people were killed late Saturday when an al-Qaeda suicide bomber targeted a gathering of pro-government tribesmen in the country's southern province of Abyan, a police official told Xinhua. "An al-Qaeda bomber detonated his concealed explosive belt among the crowd at a funeral in Jaar town in Abyan on Saturday night, killing at least 20 people and injuring dozens of others," the official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

He said that "Abdulatif al-Saeed, the leader of the tribal fighters who supported the government troops in the fighting against al-Qaeda over the past months, was killed in the bombing attack." Dozens of people were wounded in the attack, which officials described as the worst assault in Abyan since the Yemeni government troops seized strongholds of the terrorists two months ago. The deadly attack took place in less than

one hour after a Yemeni-US coordinated airstrike killed four al-Qaeda militants in the southeastern province of Hadramout.

Backed by the United States, the Yemeni government waged a month-long intensive offensive in May against the militants of al-Qaeda, known locally as Ansar al-Sharia (Partisans of Islamic Law), forcing them out of strongholds they had controlled for nearly a year. At least 20 cadets were killed and 20 others injured in a suicide bombing at the police academy in Yemen's capital Sanaa on 11 July despite tight security around key local and

foreign installations to prevent terrorist attacks.

Saturday's deadly bombing was the third in the past two months in Yemen, after the deadliest-ever attack on a military parade rehearsal in May, which killed about 100 central security forces in the capital, casting shadows over Yemen's peaceful transition process after more than 18 months of unrest. Combating al-Qaeda militants in the restive south is one of the challenges confronting Yemeni President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who has promised to restore security and uproot the country's branch of al-Qaeda.—Xinhua



The ocean sunfish is the heaviest known bony fish in the world. It has an average adult weight of 1,000 kg.—XINHUA



The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Civil Service Board
Vacancy Announcement
Announcement No. 13 / 2012

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(31 July 2012)

1. The Department of Medical Research(Upper Myanmar)under the Ministry of Health has issued an announcement of vacancies for the following position-

Position	Vacancy	Educational Qualification
Research Officer	1	B.VS
	1	M.Sc(Zoology)/M.Sc(Biochemistry)/ M.Sc(Biotechnology)
	1	B.E(Mechanical)/B.E(Mechatronics)/ B.E(Electronics)
	1	M.Sc(Physics)/M.Sc(Engineering Physics)/ M.Sc(Applied) (Engineering Physics)

2. The applicants -
 (a) must be citizens of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
 (b) must not be over 35 years of age (40 years if service personnel) on 27 August 2012.
 (c) must be in good health, must be physically fit and possess well intact limbs.
3. Applications must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw in person, or by expedited Mail Service, or by registered letter not later than 27 August 2012.
4. With regards to filling in the application form, documents to be attached, mode of payment of Ks.500/ for examination fee, subjects to be studied for written examinations and personal interview, candidates applying for the vacant positions will have to follow the instructions manifested in the Guide Booklet published under Letter No. 1/ Selection (Main)/ 2012, dated 2 January 2012.
5. For service personnel, his or her original application altogether with the recommendation of the ministry concerned and a passport photo of the applicant must be sent to Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw through the Head of Department by 27 August 2012. An extra copy of the application together with photo must also be attached.
6. Written examinations will be held in Nay Pyi Taw. Candidates will be examined in Myanmar and General Knowledge examination papers on 6 October 2012 (Saturday) and English examination paper on 7 October 2012 (Sunday).
7. Identity cards for candidates sitting for the examination will be issued at Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in Nay Pyi Taw commencing 4 October 2012.
8. For more information, applicants may contact Office No. (17) of the Union Civil Service Board in person or by phone (067 - 409052, 067 - 409430).
9. This announcement and the guide booklet for applicants may be browsed on Websites: ucsb.imis.com.mm and www.ucsb.gov.mm.

Scarce rain in India hurts farms, power supply

LUCKNOW, 5 Aug — Sharma has waited weeks for rains to soak his parched rice paddies so he can start planting. He is one of millions of farmers across India who are hoping and praying for elusive monsoon showers. But their hopes are being dashed this season: India's Meteorological Department says it expects the country to get at least 10 percent less rain this year than normal during the June-to-September monsoon. The shortfall also is expected to swell electricity demand in a power-starved nation as farmers turn to

irrigation pumps to keep their fields watered. Earlier this week, three of India's regional electricity grids failed for hours in a blackout that affected a swath of the country with about 620 million people.

In a statement late Thursday, the department said rains between June and 1 Aug have been 19 percent below normal. The remaining August to September monsoon will also be weak because of the impact of warming of the central Pacific Ocean, known as the El Nino, the agency said. Several

Indian states have already declared near-drought conditions and are demanding extra federal funds or announcing large subsidies to help farmers buy diesel fuel to generate electricity to irrigate their fields. Officials in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh — India's most populous — fear that a drought is around the corner.

Sharma, a rice farmer in the state, said if it doesn't rain in the next few days he'll forgo a rice crop this year. "At this time of the year we generally make preparations to tackle floods but paucity of rain has raised an apprehension about drought engulfing the major part of the state," state Agriculture Production Commissioner Alok Ranjan told *The Associated Press* in the state capital Lucknow on Friday. In the western state of Gujarat, Bharat, who goes by one name, has waited a long time for his thirsty fields to be quenched. "We are tired of looking at the sky, but the rain just

doesn't fall," he said.

In the eastern state of Bihar, at least eight out of 38 districts have received rains 70 percent below normal, said Anil Kumar Jha, the deputy director of the state's agriculture department. Jha said the state is spending 6.19 billion rupees (\$112 million) on subsidizing diesel so that farmers could generate electricity to draw up ground water. Several other states — Haryana and Punjab in the north, Maharashtra in the west and the southern state of Karnataka — have all recorded poor rainfall. These states grow a large amount of the country's rice, wheat, oilseeds and cereals.

A poor monsoon sends ripples across the Indian economy because about 60 percent of the population works in agriculture and over half of the farmlands are rain-fed with much of the rest irrigated from rapidly depleting underground aquifers.

Internet



An Indian man ploughs his field near Saputara in the western Indian state of Gujarat, India, on 3 Aug, 2012.— INTERNET

Philippines says mine waste spill contained

MANILA, 5 Aug — A waste spillage at the Philippines' largest gold mine has been contained after the slime threatened to contaminate one of the country's largest rivers, according to the government. The Padcal mine, located near the major northern mountain resort of Baguio, would remain closed until the safety and integrity of its tailings pond was assured, civil defence office administrator Benito Ramos told *AFP* on Saturday.

"The leak was already contained and leak from the tailings pond already sealed and repaired by Philex," Ramos said, referring to the mine operator Philex Mining.

Government scientists were dispatched to check the possible effect of the discharge on aquatic life and the quality of water on the Agno River and a tributary after the 1 August discharge, he said.

However, the team concluded the slime and silt did not reach the Agno and the San Roque dam, one of the country's largest, Ramos added. Both the government and the company gave no estimates on how much mining waste had been discharged, nor when the mine would resume operations.

Philex vice president Mike Toledo insisted the spillage consisted only of water and sediment, which he said was "non-toxic and biodegradable". The



This file photo, taken in 2006, shows Filipino miners riding an elevator to the mine tunnel of Philex Mining Corp. in Padcal, northern Benguet Province.— INTERNET

discharge caused no casualties, he added. The company said heavy rain from successive tropical cyclones, including Typhoon Saola that killed at least 39 people earlier in the week according to an updated government count, had weakened the tailings pond structure.

The company's shares plunged 7.59 percent on Friday after news of the spill and shutdown were made

public. The accident came amid intense public debate about the mining industry in the Philippines, which is believed to have some of the biggest mineral reserves in the world. However the wealth has been largely untapped, partly because of a strong anti-mining movement, while poor infrastructure and security concerns have also kept investors away.

Internet

Spain judge questions 3 terror suspects



In this combo photo released by the Spanish Interior Ministry on 2 Aug, 2012 three al-Qaeda suspects only identified by their initials are seen in this handout photo.— INTERNET

MADRID, 5 Aug — Three Islamist terror suspects who may have been plotting an attack in Spain or elsewhere in Europe were questioned on Friday by a judge who charged one with possession of explosives and ordered the other two detained until Sunday without charges.

Officers totting automatic weapons closed streets around the National Court building as police vans brought in the two Russians and a Turk, who have been identified only by their initials and mug shots distributed to media outlets.

The three were questioned separately in hearings conducted behind closed doors because the case falls under Spain's secrecy laws for terrorism cases.

The interior minister has described the Russians as suspected al-Qaeda members and said the Turk was suspected of being a facilitator for the terror group. The judge charged the Turk,

who was arrested in a Spanish city next to the British colony of Gibraltar with possession of explosives and an unspecified device that could be used for terror, said a court official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of court rules.

Two Russians of Chechen descent were ordered held for 48 more hours while authorities continue evidence their case, the official said. The Turk was arrested on Thursday in the southern city of La Linea. The Russians were picked up on Wednesday as they traveled by bus toward the French border.

Authorities said on Thursday that the La Linea house had enough explosives in it to blow up a bus, but did not reveal how much or what kind.

They also said they found evidence at the house suggesting "use" of ultralight planes and remote-controlled planes but did not provide more details.

Internet

Police investigating boy's tattoo

Police in Washington state said they are trying to determine how a 13-year-old boy was able to get a tattoo without the permission of his parents. The Centralia boy's mother, who asked not to be named, said her son got the 6-inch dragon tattoo while on a trip with a family friend as a reminder of how he survived leukemia, KING-TV, Seattle, reported.

"What he thought was a good thing, is now turning into a really bad thing, and it is not at all how he wanted it to be," the mother said. "It's done. I can't do anything about it." The boy, who has been mum about where he obtained the ink, was reported to police after a friend's parents spotted the tattoo.

"I didn't want him to do that," the mother said. "I wasn't proud at all. It's an embarrassing thing, and it is a personal thing."

Women to attempt breastfeeding record

The New Zealand-based organizers of the Big Latch On event said thousands of women across the world are expected to breast feed simultaneously.

The non-profit Women's Health Action group said women will gather in 590 locations in 23 countries at 10:30 am on 3 Aug and 4 Aug in an attempt to break the world record for

simultaneous breast feeding, which was set by 9,826 women during the October 2010 Big Latch On event, CBS News reported on 3 Aug.

"We are well on target to break this record again this year," said Isis McKay of Women's Health Action.

The event is aimed at raising awareness of the importance of breast milk in the development of infants.



News Album



Police in Ontario said a man is facing a careless driving charge after allegedly trying to solve a newspaper puzzle while behind the wheel.

Investigators said an officer noticed a

Man did puzzle behind wheel

man with a newspaper on the steering wheel of his Ford F-150 around 9:45 am on Wednesday on Highway 401 in Chatham-Kent, *The Winsor (Ontario) Star* reported on Friday.

The man was so engrossed in his newspaper puzzle that it took him more than a minute to realize he was being pulled over, police said.

The driver, Daniel Irons of St Thomas, Ontario, was charged with a count of careless driving.

Man allegedly faked love to rob woman

Authorities in Russia said a man falsely claimed to be in love with a woman so he could steal her money to raise funds for his infant son's medical treatment.

The Voronezh Region Interior Ministry Department said the 25-year-old man persuaded a 24-year-old woman to cancel her wedding to another man and allow him to move into her apartment, *RIA Novosti* reported.

"The woman fully trusted her partner and gave him her apartment and car keys. But when she returned home from work one day, she found out that all her valuables — a laptop, jewelry and money — had disappeared," the department said in a statement.

The department said investigators determined the man was married with an infant son and had faked his relationship with the victim to

obtain money for his infant son's medical treatment.

"The detainee admitted that he committed the crime because of financial troubles," the statement said. "He was recently sacked, and his family has been in trouble. His son is seriously ill and requires expensive medication."

The man is now facing a theft charge and could face 10 years in prison if convicted, the department said.

'Raging Bull II' now called 'Bronx Bull'

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug — MGM says the upcoming film "Raging Bull II" is now called "The Bronx Bull" and is in no way associated with US director Martin Scorsese's "Raging Bull."

The studio and the new boxing film's lead producer, Dahlia Waingort, made the announcement on Wednesday, EW.com said.

MGM sued last month to halt shooting on the biopic about boxing icon Jake LaMotta, who is now 91 and

cooperating with the production.

"The parties have amicably reached a resolution of their pending litigation, pursuant to which production of a film based upon certain events in the life of Jake LaMotta will proceed under the working title 'The Bronx Bull,'" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Inc, and Dahlia Waingort, a producer at Sunset Pictures, said in a statement. "That film is not related in any way to the 1980 motion picture entitled 'Raging Bull,' and MGM is not associated with the film in any respect. Neither party will have any further statements regarding this matter."

Robert De Niro won an Oscar for his portrayal of LaMotta in "Raging Bull."

In "Bronx Bull," William Forsythe plays LaMotta as an older man, while Mo'Nique Arias plays him as a youth, EW.com said.—*Internet*



Director Martin Scorsese

Eccleston may play 'Thor 2' baddie

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug. — British actor Christopher Eccleston is in talks to play the villain in "Thor: The Dark World," the sequel to last year's "Thor," *The Hollywood Reporter* said.

Eccleston is best known for his work on TV's "Doctor Who" and "Heroes."

He would play the ruler of the Dark Elves of Svartalfheim in "The Dark World," which is being directed by Alan Taylor, the entertainment industry trade newspaper said.



Actor Chris Hemsworth

Chris Hemsworth will reprise his role of Thor in the sequel.—*Internet*

Brooks to perform at teachers' benefit



Garth Brooks

LOS ANGELES, 5 Aug — Garth Brooks has joined the lineup of performers for the

upcoming Teachers Rock benefit concert in Los Angeles, organizers said.

Also booked to take the stage at Nokia Theatre on 17 August are Carrie Underwood, Dierks Bentley, Fun and Josh Groban. The concert will air live on CBS.

Teachers Rock will honour America's educators with personal recollections from musicians Dave Grohl, Usher, Adam Levine and James Valentine, as well as film and TV stars Meryl Streep, Viola Davis, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Jennifer Garner, Morgan Freeman, Matthew

Morrison, Pauley Paurrette and Miranda Cosgrove, among others.

The show will feature scenes from Walden Media's upcoming movie "Won't Back Down," starring Davis and Gyllenhaal as two determined mothers — one a teacher — who will stop at nothing to transform their children's failing inner-city school.

Proceeds from Teachers Rock will benefit three non-profit organizations: DonorsChoose.org, Feeding America and Teach for America.—*Internet*



Kim Novak and Jimmy Stewart in Alfred Hitchcock's "Vertigo."

'Vertigo' tops best movie list

NEW YORK, 5 Aug — The best film of all time is Alfred Hitchcock's 1958 thriller "Vertigo," a poll conducted by the British Film Institute's *Sight & Sound* magazine suggested.

Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane" has topped the list, which is compiled every 10 years, since the poll's inception in 1962, CBS said.

It slipped to No 2 on the 2012 survey.

Coming in at No 3 is "Tokyo Story," followed by "The Rules of the Game" at No 4, "Sunrise: A Song of Two Humans" at No 5, "2001: A Space Odyssey" at No 6, "The Searchers" at No 7, "Man with a Movie Camera" at No 8, "The Passion of Joan of Arc" at No 9 and "8 1/2" at No 10.

CBS said 846 critics, programmers, academics, distributors, writers and other cinephiles contributed their top 10 lists, which included a total of 2,045 different films, for the survey.—*Internet*

Paz Vega to play Maria Callas in 'Grace of Monaco'

NEW YORK, 5 Aug — Paz Vega has been cast as the tempestuous opera singer Maria Callas in *Grace of Monaco*, in which Nicole Kidman stars as Grace Kelly, the Hollywood actress who became Princess Grace of Monaco.

Olivier Dahan, who helmed the Edith Piaf biopic *La Vie en Rose*, is directing the project from a script by Arash Amel.

Pierre-Ange Le Pogam of Paris-based Stone Angels is producing along with Uday Chopra of YRF Entertainment, the



Paz Vega

Hollywood-based banner of Yash Raj Films.

The film focuses on a six-month period in 1962 when Monaco was in a dispute with France and Princess Grace worked behind the scenes to prevent a coup.

At the time, Grace came to know Callas, who was carrying on an affair with Greek millionaire Aristotle Onassis.

Vega, repped by WME and Management Production Entertainment, also has a role in Pedro Almodovar's upcoming film, *I'm So Excited*.—*Internet*

'Doctor Who' clip shows dinos in space

LONDON, 5 Aug — A teaser trailer for the new season of the British series "Doctor Who" shows the titular time-traveler confronting dinosaurs and Daleks on a spaceship. "Dinosaurs. On a spaceship!" Doctor Who

portrayer Matt Smith is heard saying in the 90-second-long, Season 7 clip, which also shows him riding a triceratops.

The promotional video debuted on BBC on Thursday and features Arthur Darvill as

Rory, Alex Kingston in a returning role as River Song and Rupert Graves as an adventurer, *The Daily Telegraph* said. The new season is to begin airing in the United Kingdom this fall.

Internet



Actor Matt Smith



Britain's Ryan Giggs kicks the fourth penalty kick in against South Korea in their men's quarter final soccer match at the London 2012 Olympic Games at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff on 4 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

LONDON, 5 Aug — Gold medal favorites Brazil twice came from behind to beat

Soccer: Brazil survive scare, Britain lose on penalties

underdogs Honduras 3-2 and will face South Korea in the semi-finals of the men's Olympic soccer tournament after they beat hosts Britain on penalties.

Mexico will face Japan in the other semi-final after they beat Senegal 4-2 after extra time and Japan beat Egypt 3-0. South Korea will play Brazil at Old Trafford on Tuesday while Japan will play Mexico at Wembley on the same night.

After one of the greatest days in their Olympic history with six gold medals, Britain's soccer players were looking to make history of their own by reaching the Olympic soccer semis for the first time

since 1948. The match against South Korea ended 1-1 after Aaron Ramsey scored one penalty after 36 minutes and had one saved three minutes later after Ji Dong-Won had put Korea ahead in the 29th minute.

There were no further goals in normal or extra time so the game went to a shootout. After both teams converted their first four penalties, Daniel Sturridge's poor effort was saved by Korean keeper Lee Bum-Young and Ki Sung-Yeung converted to give his side a 5-4 shoot-out win.

Brazil, chasing their first ever Olympic soccer gold, fell

behind to Honduras when Mario Martinez scored with a stunning volley after 11 minutes, but Honduras were reduced to 10 men when Wilmer Crisanto was sent off for two swift yellow cards in the first half.

Leandro Damiao equalized eight minutes before the break, but the underdogs unexpectedly went back in front after 48 minutes when Roger Espinoza found the net with a soft, low angled shot. Neymar brought Brazil back into the game with a 50th minute penalty before Leandro Damiao made it 3-2 10 minutes later with a well placed shot.— Reuters



Brazil's Leandro Damiao (L) clashes with Honduras' Maynor Figueroa (R) during a London 2012 Olympic Games men's football match at St James' Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, England.—INTERNET

International Sports



Mexico's Giovanni dos Santos celebrates scoring in overtime over Senegal in their men's quarter final soccer match at the London 2012 Olympic Games at Wembley Stadium in London, on 4 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

Soccer: Mexico win thriller to set up Japan semi-final

LONDON, 5 Aug — Mexico will play Japan in the semi-finals of the men's Olympic soccer after beating Senegal 4-2 after extra time in a thrilling quarter-final that delighted a crowd of almost 82,000 at Wembley on Saturday.

Mexico, 2-0 up midway through the second half, were pegged back to 2-2 by the African debutants before Giovanni Dos Santos put them back in front after 98 minutes when he pounced on an error

by Papa Gueye to fire home for his third goal of the tournament.

Substitute Hector Herrera made it 4-2 after 109 minutes when he headed home following some more loose defending to put Mexico into the last four for the first time since they hosted the Olympics in 1968.

Japan also made it through to the last four for the first time since they beat Mexico in the bronze medal match in 1968 after keeping a

fourth consecutive clean sheet with a 3-0 win over Egypt.

The north African side were reduced to 10 men in the 41st minute at Old Trafford in Manchester, where 70,000 fans turned up for the often maligned men's Olympic soccer tournament.

The Japan-Mexico semi-final will beat Wembley on Tuesday with the other game at Old Trafford on the same night.

Reuters

Furyk holds slim lead at Firestone

AKRON, (Ohio), 5 Aug — American Jim Furyk, seeking his first PGA Tour victory in two years, survived a testing back nine with several ice-cool par saves to cling on to the lead in Saturday's third round of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational. Two shots ahead overnight, Furyk briefly led by five before ending a muggy and increasingly breezy day at the fast-running Firestone Country Club one stroke clear of the chasing pack.

The veteran American



Jim Furyk of the US watches his tee shot on the 14th hole during the third round of the WGC-Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament in Akron, Ohio, on 4 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

carded a level-par 70 on the challenging South Course where several greens were not receptive to approach shots to finish at 11-under 199, one ahead of South African Louis Oosthuizen, who fired a three-birdie 68.

American Keegan Bradley, who will defend his PGA Championship title at Kiawah Island in South Carolina next week, was a further three strokes back at seven under after carding a 67. Tiger Woods, in pursuit of a record eighth Bridgestone Invitational crown, rebounded from two days of putting woes at Firestone to shoot a 68 for a level-par total of 210, a distant 11 shots off the pace.

"The golf course definitely played tougher today," Furyk, 42, told reporters after offsetting an early birdie with a bogey at the par-three 12th.

"We had a little bit more wind going on, the greens

firmed up a little bit and I just felt like it was a lot harder to get iron shots close to the pin. "I didn't have as many opportunities, kind of ground it out today. I'm real happy with the way I stroked the ball and pretty pleased with the way I played today." Furyk, who clinched the most recent of his 16 PGA Tour victories at the 2010 season-ending Tour Championship, made a good start to the third round, a birdie at the par-five second putting him four ahead.

When Oosthuizen bogeyed the par-four eighth, Furyk's lead increased to five but the South African immediately recovered with a birdie at the ninth to reach the turn in even-par 35.

Oosthuizen, the 2010 British Open champion, picked up further shots at the 12th, where he drained a 25-footer, and 16th to close the gap while Furyk bogeyed the 12th after missing the green to the right off the tee.—Reuters

Sailing: Ainslie needs perfect finish for record

WEYMOUTH, (England), 5 Aug — Britain's Ben Ainslie will take to the water with his faithful Finn dinghy "Rita" on Sunday, aiming to become the most successful Olympic sailor ever.

With the winds forecast to favor the relatively light Ainslie—he weighs in at just over 90 kg while several of his rivals are around 100—a home crowd will be willing the 35-year-old Briton on for every second of the medal race. Ainslie has more than his 2008 Olympic crown to defend in the waters immediately off the historic Nothe fort, where spectators will have a bird's eye view. The triple Olympic gold medal winner is also looking to make sailing history.

But standing between

Ainslie and a fourth consecutive Olympic gold is Danish sailor Jonas Høgh-Christensen. Unfancied at the start of the competition, the Dane has made it his mission to defend the record held since 1960 by fellow countryman Paul Elvstrom. Elvstrom, now 84, won four



Britain's Ben Ainslie sails during the tenth race of the Finn sailing class at the London 2012 Olympic Games in Weymouth and Portland, southern England, on 3 Aug, 2012.

REUTERS

golds in his career, three of them in the single-handed Finn dinghy. If Ainslie can tease a fourth gold out of his at times creaking six foot frame, then he will have achieved a five medal tally in five consecutive Games, starting with the silver he won in the Laser class in Atlanta in 1996. Points are doubled in the 10-boat medal race and red-headed Høgh-Christensen, 31, leads Ainslie by a slender margin of two.

He got Elvstrom's backing in the form of a text message to the veteran sailor's son-in-law, who is a member of the Danish support team. Ainslie was riled during the week when Høgh-Christensen and Dutch rival Pieter-Jan Postma demanded he perform a penalty turn for

apparently touching a course mark, and kept a low profile on Saturday's rest day while a relaxed Høgh-Christensen was spotted among the crowd watching the sailing. Ainslie and fellow British sailors Iain Percy and Andrew "Bart" Simpson used the time to check their boats, revise relevant race rules, make last-minute course notes and study the weather forecast for the day.

The boat Ainslie will sail is the same one he steered to gold in 2004 and 2008. Every boat he has owned has been called Rita, and he has been sailing this one since 2003. Percy and Simpson sail immediately before Ainslie in their two-man Star keelboat, hoping to defend the Olympic gold they won in the class in 2008 in the waters of Qingdao, China.— Reuters

Bolt's day of truth after GB's night of glory

LONDON, 5 Aug — Usain Bolt answers the nagging question of whether he is still the fastest man on Earth on Sunday in an Olympic cauldron that almost boiled over when Britain's athletes enjoyed their greatest night on Saturday. The Jamaican claimed a golden treble with three astonishing world records at the last Olympics in Beijing.

But since then he has lost his world title and his aura of invincibility.

Fans hoping the men's 100 meters final on the fast London track will top Beijing's may not have been reassured by the sight of Bolt shorn of his trademark cockiness after stumbling in his heat and qualifying ninth

fastest. The semi-finalists earlier in the day will be led by American Ryan Bailey, who clocked 9.88 seconds in the heats, and Justin Gatlin (9.97). But the semis also include the three fastest men in history after Bolt—Jamaica's Yohan Blake and Asafa Powell and Tyson Gay of the United States.—Reuters



Jamaica's Usain Bolt finishes first in his men's 100m round 1 heats at the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 4 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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(6-8-12 09:30 am - 7-8-12 09:30 am) MST

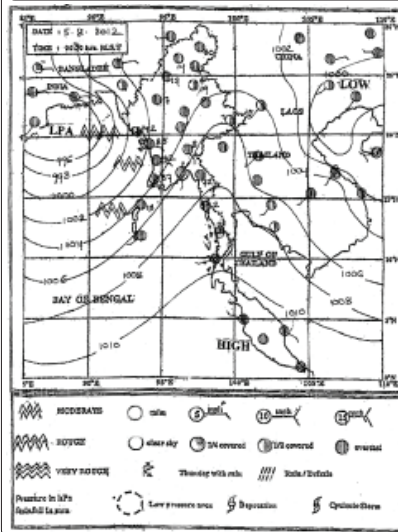
- * News
- * Japanese Goodwill Ambassador visit to Myanmar
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(6-8-2012) (Monday)

- 7:00 am
- 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw - Uppatasanti Paritta
- 7:40 am
- 2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 8:20 am
- 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:30 am
- 4. Dance Of National Races
- 8:50 am
- 5. Cute Little Dancers
- 4:00 pm
- 6. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
- 7. Dance Variety
- 4:20 pm
- 8. Musical Programme
- 4:30 pm
- 9. Teleplay (Industry)
- 5:10 pm
- 10. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:15 pm
- 11. Musicals Programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:25 pm
- 12. Documentary
- 5:40 pm
- 13. Myanmar Language
- 6:20 pm
- 14. Sing & Enjoy
- 7:30 pm
- 15. Cultural Dances
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. Cartoon Series
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. India Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 6th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	20/68	16/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	30/86	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taintharyi	32/90	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	29/84	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	30/86	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	31/99	21/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Man	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	28/82	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (III)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	22/72	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	29/84	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	29/84	22/72	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	22/72	Some rain or thundershower which may be heavy at times	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	31/99	21/81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershower	(60%)

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 scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Bago and Taintharyi Regions, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Bago Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sitawu (5.67) inches, Mrauk U (5.43) inches, Kyeikmaraw (3.93) inches, Kyanpyu (3.63) inches and Kyanlat, Mawlamyine and Changon (3.15) inches each.

Bay Inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

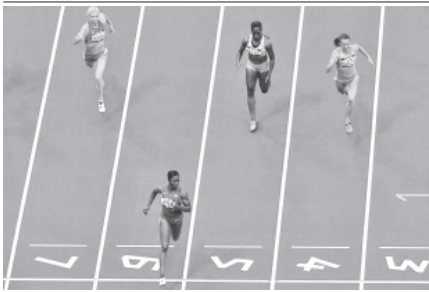
State of the Sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for sub-: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Eastern Myanmar areas.

Outstanding student of staff honoured at Myaungmya District IPRD

MYAUNGMYA, 5 Aug—A ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the 2011-2012 academic year matriculation examination was held at the library of Myaungmya District Information and Public Relations Department on 30 July.

Staff Officer Daw Hla Kyi of District IPRD presented cash award and medal to Ma Eindray Chit Hsu, daughter of photographic technician-II U Aung Min of Myaungmya District IPRD, who passed the matriculation exam with two distinctions.—*Myanma Alin*



United States' Carmelita Jeter, second from left, crosses the finish line ahead of, from back left, Russia's Olga Belkina, Bahamas' Sheniqua Ferguson and Kazakhstan's Olga Bludova in a women's 100-meter heat during the athletics in the Olympic Stadium at the 2012 Summer Olympics, London, on 3 Aug, 2012.

Sub-11 no big deal on fast day at Olympics

LONDON, 5 Aug — Back in the day — or back before these Olympics, anyway — a woman running the 100-meter dash in less than 11 seconds was something to get excited about. In the opening sprints of this year's Olympic track meet, breaking 11 was little more than another stroll down the straightaway, and maybe the sign of faster things to come in Saturday night's final. Led by world champion Carmelita Jeter's time of 10.83 seconds, seven sprinters — including defending champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce of Jamaica — ran the first round of the 100 in 11 seconds or better Friday.

That was two more than did it over the entire meet in Beijing four years ago, and this time, there are still the semifinals and the gold-

medal race to go. And that's to say nothing of what Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake might do when they rev it up Saturday afternoon in the men's 100 heats. "This is way fast. I literally ran zero to 60, shut it down and then ran" 10.99, said Murielle Ahoure of the Ivory Coast, who set a national record while finishing ahead of Stewart in Friday's last 100 heat. "I can't believe it. Whoa. Fast track."

Runner after runner came off the surface at Olympic Stadium, jam-packed for both sessions on Day 1, with similar testimony. "This track is definitely fast. You can feel it," said American Sanya Richards-Ross, who advanced easily in the 400, nearly walking the last 20 meters to finish in 51.78. "The track is really fast, probably faster than Beijing," said Hyleas Fountain, the American heptathlete.

And then there was heptathlete Jessica Ennis of Britain. She closed the night with a personal-best of 22.83 in the 200. That came about 12 hours after she opened the day with a 12.54-second effort in the 100-meter hurdles that broke the record for that event in the heptathlon and whipped the sellout crowd into a frenzy. "If I'd run 12.8 or 12.7 or something, I would've been over the moon. But .54, I literally can't believe it," Ennis said. All these fast times are coming on a track built with improved technology that has been generating buzz around the track world all season.—*Internet*

Volleyball: Upset defeats for US and Bulgaria

LONDON, 5 Aug — Argentina overcame Bulgaria and Russia rallied to defeat the US holders in Saturday's Olympic men's volleyball as the two group frontrunners were beaten for the first time. Brazil, who are also tipped for a medal, narrowly avoided defeat against Serbia who pushed them all the way in a Group B five-setter that lasted well beyond midnight. The Brazilian support roared just as loud even as the stands emptied. Put under huge pressure by the Serbs, South American tempers flared in the fourth set at some refereeing decisions before they showed their class in the fifth to win 22-25 25-15 20-

25 25-22 15-9 to book a place in the quarter-finals. The defending champions from the US went through after hanging on to first place in Group B despite losing to the Russians who also clinched a spot in the last eight. Bulgaria were top of Group A before losing to Argentina and are still guaranteed to qualify despite their 18-25 25-21 25-19 25-20 defeat.

Poland are now first in that section after recording a three-set victory over hosts Britain. The teams all have one match remaining in the round-robin stages, with the top four in each group progressing to Wednesday's quarter-finals.

Italy are also though after recovering from two sets down to defeat a young Australian side. Russia saved a match point on the way to victory over the Americans. The Russians, bronze medalists in Beijing in 2008, clung on at the end of the third set before knocking the stuffing out of the US to win 27-29 19-25 26-24 25-16 15-8. "Russia started to wake up and started to play better. They realized they had to serve more aggressively and they did that and that was what changed the game," American David Lee told reporters.

"This is definitely a team that we're going to see later on in this tournament." Lee said the confidence of the US side, who have had a rocky ride in recent years, would not be shaken. "The last few years have been an up and down rollercoaster, we haven't really been on a good level but now we're at a high level," he said. Italy were under pressure against Australia before coming back from the brink to win 21-25 18-25 25-21 25-14 15-13. Earlier, Poland made the Earls Court volleyball arena their own as an army of supporters roared them on to a comfortable victory over Britain.—*Reuters*



Argentina's players celebrate victory against Bulgaria after their men's Group A volleyball match at Earls Court during the London 2012 Olympic Games on 4 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham looks into regional development tasks in Kyaukpyu District

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham this morning presented K 5 million cash assistance for education of family members of Western Command at the local battalion guest house in Sittway and Commander Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing accepted the donations.

Next, the Vice-President accompanied by Union ministers, the state chief minister, the commander and deputy ministers, left Sittway by helicopter and arrived at the 100-bed district hospital in Kyaukpyu Township. At the hospital, the Vice-President looked into functions of the hospital, asked after the health of warded patients and heard a report presented by the district health officer.

At the meeting hall of the hospital, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint presented medical equipments and U Zaw Moe Khine of AA Medical Products K 5 million and the district health officer accepted the donations.

At the hospital, the Vice-President sent for manual midwives from villages where there are no auxiliary midwives and urged them to provide family health care training. Next, he coordinated with the ministry concerned to fulfill the vacancy of doctors.

Afterwards, the Vice-President and party left Kyaukpyu by helicopter and observed Myanmar-China oil and gas pipelines project in the Made Island on board the helicopter.

At the briefing hall, the Vice-President and party were welcomed by officials and briefed by Union Minister U Than Htay on functions of the project.

Next, the chairman of the pipeline construction project company reported on progress of work, steps being taken for improvement of socio-economic status and future tasks.

After that, the pipeline project donated ten tons of rice, 100 set of desks for No. BEHS of Kyaukpyu and cash assistance for construction of the road to the school and the Kyaukpyu District deputy commissioner accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour.



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits Kyaukpyu District People's Hospital (100-bed) in Kyaukpyu Township. MNA

On the occasion, the Vice-President said that the relationship between Myanmar and China has reached already to strategic level from Paukphaw level, adding that like in the past the cooperation between the two countries will continue to the future. The Vice-President, on behalf of the government, expressed his thanks to those from the project company who are engaged in oil and gas exploration in the interest of both countries. He also

called on them to try their best to be convenient when they are in the region. Only then, their mission will be complete, swift and smooth.

The Vice-President also thanked the company for its contribution to the public interest with a huge task and wished the company to be competent to carry out further projects.

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Gelana takes marathon gold



LONDON, 5 Aug—Ethiopia's Tiki Gelana took gold in the Olympic Marathon by claiming a surprise victory in London today.

The 24-year-old, in her first major championship, crossed the finish line on The Mall in an Olympic record of two hours 2:23.07.

Kenya's Priscah Jeptoo took silver and Russia's Tatyana Arkhipova Petrova the bronze, with pre-race favourite Mary Keitany finishing fourth.

London 2012

Tiki Gelana of Ethiopia celebrates as she crosses the finish line to win the gold medal in the women's Marathon at The Mall on Day 9.

INTERNET

Flood warnings for Ngawun, Chindwin rivers

NAY PYI TAW, 5 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observations today, the water level of the Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung 1193 cm has exceeded by 63 cm (about 2.1 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1130 cm during next three days.

The water level of the Chindwin River at Kalewa is 1507 cm. It may reach its danger level 1550 cm during 48 hours commencing this noon, announced by Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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London 2012 Olympics medal tally Day 9, 22:40 hrs MST

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	People's Republic of China	28	16	14	58
2.	United States of America	27	14	15	56
3.	Great Britain	16	9	9	34
4.	Republic of Korea	10	4	6	20
5.	France	8	6	9	23
6.	Germany	5	10	6	21
7.	Italy	5	5	3	13
8.	Kazakhstan	5	0	0	5
9.	DPRK	4	0	1	5
10.	Russian Federation	3	15	13	31
11.	Netherlands	3	1	4	8
12.	Hungary	3	1	2	6
13.	South Africa	3	1	0	4
14.	New Zealand	3	0	4	7
15.	Japan	2	11	12	25
16.	Romania	2	4	2	8
17.	Cuba	2	2	1	5
18.	Poland	2	1	1	4
19.	Ukraine	2	0	4	6
20.	Ethiopia	2	0	1	3
21.	Australia	1	12	7	20
22.	Denmark	1	4	2	7
23.	Canada	1	3	6	10
24.	Czech Republic	1	3	1	5
25.	Sweden	1	3	0	4
26.	Belarus	1	2	3	6
27.	Brazil	1	1	5	7
28.	Croatia	1	1	0	2
28.	Switzerland	1	1	0	2
30.	Slovenia	1	0	2	3
31.	Jamaica	1	0	1	2
32.	Georgia	1	0	0	1
32.	Lithuania	1	0	0	1
32.	Venezuela	1	0	0	1
35.	Mexico	0	3	1	4
36.	Colombia	0	2	1	3
36.	Spain	0	2	1	3
36.	Kenya	0	2	1	3
39.	Slovakia	0	1	3	4
40.	India	0	1	2	3
41.	Belgium	0	1	1	2
41.	Indonesia	0	1	1	2
41.	Mongolia	0	1	1	2
41.	Norway	0	1	1	2
41.	Serbia	0	1	1	2
46.	Egypt	0	1	0	1
46.	Guatemala	0	1	0	1
46.	Malaysia	0	1	0	1
46.	Thailand	0	1	0	1
46.	Chinese Taipei	0	1	0	1
51.	Greece	0	0	2	2
51.	Republic of Moldova	0	0	2	2
53.	Argentina	0	0	1	1
53.	Azerbaijan	0	0	1	1
53.	Hong Kong, China	0	0	1	1
53.	Islamic Republic of Iran	0	0	1	1
53.	Qatar	0	0	1	1
53.	Singapore	0	0	1	1
53.	Tunisia	0	0	1	1
53.	Uzbekistan	0	0	1	1