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True patriotism

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

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

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 67th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2012.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham felicitates Indonesian Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Prof. Dr Boediono, M.Ec, Vice-President of the Republic of Indonesia, on the occasion of the 67th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2012.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves to fund establishment of ASEAN Humanitarian Aid Center

Ninth Day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress. MNA



for establishment of ASEAN Humanitarian Aid Center (AHA-Center). The Hluttaw approved it.

At Proposal-submitting session, U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency submitted a proposal, calling for the Union government to submit the reports on income and expenditure under capital and ordinary budgets of central organizations, organizations under ministries and projects from appendix tables (1) to (10) of the Union Budget Law 2012.

The Hluttaw representatives wishing to take part in the discussions may enlist not later than 4 pm on 17 August.

At report-submitting session, U Tin Htut of Zalun Constituency submitted the proposal calling for fairly solving the loss of farmers after investigating the confiscated farmlands on the fourth day of the fourth regular session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No 2 submitted that the discussion of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representative U J Yaw Wu over the above-mentioned proposal was not in line with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw rule. Thus, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw assigned duty to the Joint Bill Committee to study and assess the discussions. Secretary of the Joint Bill Committee U Saw Hla Tun read the findings of the committee over the discussions.

According to the report of the Joint Bill Committee, although the discussions of U J Yaw Wu were set with good aim to protect the interests of the farmer and the State, the subjects of the discussion and usage of term were not in conformity with the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule-63, Sub-rule (f). That is why the discussion of U J Yaw Wu on paragraphs 5 and 12 will not be put in the Hluttaw Record, and the Hluttaw decided to warn him not to use the terms not in line with the law.

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NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The ninth day session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 1 pm today, attended by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann and 612 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives.

At the today's session, one message was read, approval sought from the Hluttaw, one proposal submitted, one report submitted and explained.

At message reading session, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw read the message sent by the

President to appoint Director-General U Win Ko of Union Election Commission who is discharging secretary duty of the commission as member of the Union Election Commission.

The Hluttaw representative wishing to oppose the appointment with evidences that the candidate is not qualified may enlist after today's session and the appointment of the UEC member will be discussed on the 10th day session.

At approval-seeking session, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe read the matter related to funding of ASEAN member countries

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (16-8-2012)

Patheingyi	(6.02) inches
Yangon	(3.34) inches
Gwa	(2.76) inches
Thathay	(2.68) inches
Paung	(2.51) inches
Myaungmya	(2.48) inches

Waverider hypersonic jet targets Mach 6



The aircraft was due to break into pieces at the end of its flight. PAGE 4

Tough Capital One Cup ties for Wigan and Fulham



Last season's winners Liverpool will begin their trophy defence in the third round. PAGE 14

Astronomers find record-breaking galaxy cluster



The Chandra X-Ray Observatory is shown in an artist's rendering. PAGE 15

PERSPECTIVES

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Quit bad habits

“Time and tide wait for no man”, as the saying goes. Life span of our human beings is very short. We have to spend our valuable times on education and earning of our livings etc. We should manage our valuable time effectively. We should have the detailed plan. It is very important of us not to waste such precious times. When we take a look at the events of the successful people, they are so industrious. And they have the vast knowledge of their work, exact timetables and plans. We should follow in the steps of them.

In building up a developed country, human resources development plays an important part. Youths are the main source of human resource development. Our country has lagged behind the world countries, even Asian countries. Natural resources alone are not enough for the development of country. To build a developed country, we need qualified human resources, technology, natural resources etc. Our country needs to have qualified youths.

These days, we can see, especially youths, a flood of people wasting their times by doing the good-for-nothing. Some people are wasting their times by chatting at tea shops while some are making gambling (three or two digits lottery). It is not a good sign not only for their family but also for their future. They spent their money on gambling. These bad habits can cause damages to their family as well as to our country. How can a developed country be built if majority of people do like so? Authority concerned should take action against those people and try to educate them to quit their bad habits.



Flood warning for Sittoung River

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—According to the 12.30 hr M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk 1208 cm has exceeded by 138 cm (about 4.5 feet) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level 1070 cm during the next three days, announced by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates Indonesian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Aug—On the occasion of the 67th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Indonesia which falls on 17 August 2012, U Wunna Maung Liwn, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr R.M Marty M. Natalegawa, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia.—MNA

Ministry would not get involved in selection of Myanmar Thabin Professionals Association: Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—A ceremony to meet Myanmar Thabin professionals was held at Assembly Hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, at 10 am today, with an address by Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads and maestros from regions and states.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that today's meeting aimed at making suggestions for reformation of Myanmar Thabin Professionals Association in line with democratic practices. It needed to reform according to current system, Thabin Association's organizational rules and Thabin Professionals' wills. Those present were urged



to give suggestions for systematic formation of it. Ministry would not get involved in practical implementation. Thabin Professionals themselves were to do their own democratically.

He elaborated on formation and election.

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred Rector Dr Aung Kyaw Myat of Technological University (Thanlyin) under the Ministry of Science and Technology as Director-General of Advanced Science and Technology Department of the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Myint Swe of the Settlement and Land Records Department under the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan meeting with Myanmar Thabin professionals.—MNA

The Minister continued to say that Thabin professionals were urged to review those suggestions and continue to implement it with the majority vote. The Ministry would provide assistances only when the association asked for help.

At the meeting, those present made suggestions. After reviewing the suggestions, the Minister cordially greeted those present. In the afternoon, the maestros held discussion on drawing the principles for Thabin Association.—MNA

First Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw special session held



The first day session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Special meeting 1/2012 in progress.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The first day of first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw special session (1/2012) was held at the region Hluttaw Office, with the attendance of Speaker of the Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint.

It was also attended by 68 region Hluttaw representatives, the acting chief justice of Region High Court, the advocate-general, the auditor-general of the Region, one nominee of the member of justice of region high court, three members of Hluttaw affairs and 48 regional departmental members.

Region Hluttaw Representative Dr Hla Myat Thwe of Yekyi Township Constituency No. 2 and Defence Services Personnel Representative Major Soe Naing took affirmation

and signed letter of affirmation.

The speaker of the Region Hluttaw made a speech. Regarding to the proposal of name list assigning duty to chief justice of Region High Court by the President, the speaker of the region Hluttaw declared Hluttaw as well as regarding to the proposal of name list assigning duty to region justice by the region chief minister.

There were four questions answered, one proposal proved, one new proposal and four reports submitted including the act of fixing the date on which ten assessments of the law experts of the Hluttaw would be discussed. The first Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw special session concluded at 5 pm.—MNA

Indonesia president says corruption threatens economic growth

JAKARTA, 16 Aug—Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said on Thursday corruption is on the rise, even in parliament, in his most explicit comments yet on a scourge that he warned threatened economic growth in Southeast Asia's largest economy.

Corruption is widely seen as holding back the economy and Yudhoyono has been criticized for letting the fight against it slow as he comes towards the end of his second five-year term.

A series of corruption scandals have rocked the president's Democrat Party, weakening it in advance of elections in 2014 when Yudhoyono will step down.



Indonesia's President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono talks during a news conference with Australia's Prime Minister Julia Gillard (not pictured) at the Northern Territory Parliament House in Darwin on 3 July, 2012.

REUTERS

"The drum of war on corruption should not dissipate. Corruption should be completely eradicated," Yudhoyono said in a speech

to parliament ahead of the country's Independence Day anniversary.

"I have to admit there are still many perpetrators of corruption even in the government, parliament, regional representatives and among law enforcers," Yudhoyono said.

There are few estimates of how much corruption costs Indonesia but watchdog groups say it is prevalent in the civil service, police and judicial system and that it adds to business costs in part by weakening confidence in the rule of law.

Despite rampant graft, resource-rich Indonesia has become a favourite of emerging market investors because of

its large domestic market as the world's fourth most populous country, rising middle class, relatively stable fiscal framework and low levels of public debt.

Economic growth picked up to a stronger-than-expected 6.4 percent last quarter, defying a global downturn because of domestic consumption and investment.

Yudhoyono's wide-ranging speech ahead of Independence Day was the latest in a series to touch on corruption. He said cooperation between the anti-graft body the KPK, the Supreme Court, police and the Attorney General's office was paramount in fighting corruption.—Reuters



Paramilitary soldiers guard near the main entrance of the Minhas in the town of Kamra in Punjab Province on 16 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Militants attack major Pakistan air base; nine killed

KAMRA, 16 Aug—Islamist militants armed with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons fought their way into one of Pakistan's largest air bases on Thursday, the air force said, in a brazen challenge to the nuclear-armed country's powerful military.

The attack was repelled and only one aircraft was damaged, said an air force spokesman, adding that the Minhas air base at Kamra, in central Punjab Province, did not house nuclear weapons.

"No air base is a nuclear air base in Pakistan," he said.

The gun battle raged for hours, and eight militants and one soldier were killed, the spokesman said. Commandos were called in to reinforce and police armored personnel carriers could be seen heading into the base.

The attackers moved through a nearby village under cover of darkness and climbed a nine foot (2.7 meter) wall strung with barbed wire

to break into the base. Some were wearing military uniforms.

The assault cast doubts over official assertions that military operations had severely weakened militants waging a violent campaign to topple the US-backed government and impose strict Islamic rule.

Security forces opened fire when militants strapped with suicide bombing vests approached aircraft hangars, prompting other militants to fire rocket-propelled grenades from outside the base's walls, said the air force spokesman.

Base commander Air Commodore Muhammad Azam, who led the operation against the attackers, was shot in the shoulder, but is in stable condition, said spokesman Captain Tariq Mahmood.

Search operations for any other militants who may have been hiding in the complex after the attack had ended, he said.—Reuters

11 killed as NATO helicopter crashes in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 16 Aug—A total of 11 people including four NATO and three US soldiers were killed Thursday when a NATO military helicopter crashed in restive southern Afghanistan, the NATO said in a statement.

"An ISAF helicopter crashed in southern Afghanistan today. The crash resulted in the deaths of four International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members, three United States Forces-Afghanistan service members, three members of the Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF), and one Afghan

civilian interpreter," the NATO-led ISAF said in the statement. The ISAF statement did not provide details about the incident, only saying "The cause of the crash is under investigation." The state-ment also did not reveal information about the casualties. "It is ISAF policy to defer casualty identification procedures to the relevant national authorities."

Meantime, an Afghan official said that the helicopter was crashed in southern Kandahar province. "The helicopter went down in Chinarto area of Shah Wali Kot district in Kandahar

province during a military operation," a provincial official Jawid Faisal told Xinhua without giving the exact time of the incident.

MNA/Xinhua



People examines a blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta on 15 Aug, 2012. At least one man was killed and seven others were injured in the blast at a hotel in Quetta late Wednesday night. XINHUA

Wildfires blaze across US West, threaten Idaho towns

SALMON, 16 Aug—Wildfires roared out of control across the sun-scorched US West on Wednesday and threatened to engulf two small towns in Idaho as firefighters managed to partially dampen a monster blaze that has destroyed more than 60 homes in Washington state.



A helicopter drops Thermo-Gel on the Barry Point wildfire near Lakeview, Oregon, in this USDA Forest Service handout photo dated on 14 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

All told, the fires have blackened more than half a million acres across Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California, destroying homes and outbuildings, forcing hundreds of people to evacuate ahead of the flames and killing a young firefighter.

In Idaho, authorities told some 1,000 residents

around the south-central communities of Featherville and Pine to prepare for evacuation as a blaze that has consumed more than 63,000 acres raged just miles from the two towns.

"We're adopting a posture that it's not if it's going to hit Featherville and Pine, but when," Elmore County Sheriff's Office spokesman Gary Walker said, adding that the early warning was designed to prevent "a big, mass confusion once we have to get people out of there."

The Trinity Ridge fire that menaces Featherville and Pine erupted after a utility terrain vehicle caught fire on 3 August. Strong winds sent flames racing across parched grasslands and sagebrush and into tinder-dry pine forests, federal fire information officer Brandon Hampton said.

Reuters

8 killed, 34 wounded in attacks in Iraq's Kirkuk

KIRKUK, Iraq, 16 Aug—At least eight people were killed and 34 others injured on Thursday in separate bomb attacks including a suicide car bombing in Iraq's northern province of Kirkuk, a provincial police source said.

A suicide bomber drove and detonated his explosive-laden car into a security center belonging to Kurdish security members, also known as Asaish, in the town of Daquq, just south of the provincial capital city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Minutes later, a roadside bomb went off near the first scene, targeting the building of anti-crime office, the source said.

A total of five people, including four security members, were killed and 11 others injured in the two blasts, the source added.

On Thursday morning,

four car bombs detonated in Almas and Arfa districts, both in northern Kirkuk, including a successive attack near a police station, he said.

"Our latest report said that a total of three people were killed and 20 others wounded, including policemen, by the four blasts," he added.

Early in the day, the

police source reportedly put the casualties at three people killed and 10 others injured by the four blasts.

In a separate incident, gunmen blew up two roadside bombs in the house of an army officer in the town of Dibis, some 45 km northwest of Kirkuk, wounding him and his daughter, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Policemen check a vehicle wreckage in Iraq's northern province of Kirkuk, on Aug. 16, 2012. At least eight people were killed and 34 others injured Thursday in separate bomb attacks including a suicide car bombing in Kirkuk, a provincial police source said.—XINHUA

Science & Technology Science & Technology Science & Technology

New toilet technology after 150 years of waste

SEATTLE, 16 Aug— These aren't your typical loos. One uses microwave energy to transform human waste into electricity. Another captures urine and uses it for flushing. And still another turns excrement into charcoal. They are part of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation competition to reinvent the toilet for the 2.5 billion people around the world who don't have access to modern sanitation.

Scientists from around the world have taken up the challenge, and the foundation announced some projects on Tuesday that will be getting more money to take their ideas from the lab to cities.

There, local entrepreneurs will use the new technology to turn pollution into cash. "We couldn't be happier with the response that we've gotten," Bill Gates said.

To pass the foundation's threshold for the

world's next toilet, it must operate without running water, electricity or a septic system, not discharge pollutants, preferably capture energy or other resources, and operate at a cost of 5 cents a day.

The United Nations estimates disease caused by unsafe sanitation results in about half the hospitalizations in the developing world. About 1.5 million children die each year from diarrheal disease.

Scientists believe most of these deaths could be prevented with proper sanitation, along with safe drinking water and improved hygiene. The foundation expects to field test its first prototypes within the next three years.

Most of the prototypes on display this week in the open courtyard of the foundation's Seattle headquarters turn solid waste into energy. This is both a practical and pragmatic



Bill Gates, right, looks at a device that uses solar energy to treat human waste, as he tours the "Reinventing the Toilet" Fair, on 14 Aug, 2012, in Seattle, which is part of a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation competition to reinvent the toilet for the 2.6 billion people around the world who don't have access to modern sanitation.

INTERNET

solution to the solid waste puzzle, said Carl Hensman, programme officer for the foundation's water, sanitation and hygiene team. Many recycle waste into other usable substances such as animal feed, water for

irrigation, or even just energy and water to run their own systems. Some, like the winning project from Caltech, use chemistry and engineering to completely transform the waste.

Internet

Apple patent could lead to thinner iPhone and iPad screens

NEW YORK, 16 Aug — Apple on Tuesday was granted a patent from the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a new screen technology that could potentially make the next-generation iPhone thinner and lighter. Current touchscreen technology places the touch sensitive elements of the screen over the liquid crystal display. The Cupertino-based company's patent, however, describes a variety of ways in which a touchscreen's touch sensitive technology could be integrated within the actual LCD screen.

"By integrating the layered structure of an LCD and a touch sensor, a variety of benefits can be achieved," Apple explained in the filings. "This integration can include combining or interleaving the layered structures described above. Integration can further include eliminating redundant structures and/or finding dual purposes (eg, one purpose for the touch function and another for the display function) for particular layers or structures. This can permit some layers to be eliminated, which can reduce cost and thickness of the touch screen LCD, as well as simplify manufacturing." — Internet



Apple patent could lead to thinner iPhone and iPad screens. INTERNET

Waverider hypersonic jet targets Mach 6



The aircraft was due to break into pieces at the end of its flight.— INTERNET

LONDON, 16 Aug — The US military has conducted a test flight of its hypersonic jet *Waverider*, aiming to reach Mach 6 (4,300mph; 6,900km/h) above the Pacific Ocean. At that speed it could travel from London to New York in about an hour. Results from the test flight have not yet been released. Pentagon and NASA hope to use the project to develop faster missiles.

During a test in June 2011, *Waverider* travelled at Mach 5, but failed to reach the target speed. It is one of several projects currently under way to create a hypersonic aircraft. The research could also be used to build a commercial plane, able to reach much higher speeds than today's jets, after *Concorde* was decommissioned in 2003.

The military intended to use a B-52 bomber to lift the wingless unmanned jet from US Edwards Air Force Base in California to 50,000 feet (15,250m). The craft was then to be dropped and after a free fall of about four seconds, its engine is supposed to



The Filton Concorde was the last of the fleet to fly when the jet was withdrawn from service.— INTERNET

ignite. *X-51A Waverider* was then expected to climb to 70,000ft (21,300m) and eventually reach Mach 6.

The Mach number is the ratio of the speed of an object to the speed of sound. Mach 1 is the speed of sound—approximately 768mph, depending on various factors including temperature and altitude.

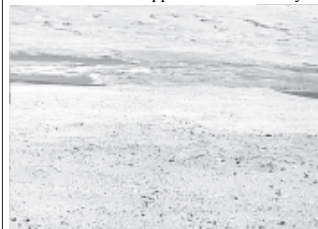
So Mach 6 is six times the speed of sound. *Concorde*'s cruising speed was Mach 6—it flew from London to New York in just over three hours. The *Waverider* test flight was expected to last for about five minutes before the craft falls into the Pacific. The test is essentially a repeat of last summer's attempt, when the hypersonic aircraft reached Mach 5, but the engine failed to attain full power. Military officials said the results would be available later on Wednesday.

European aerospace and defence giant EADS believes that hypersonic passenger flights are likely to appear in the near future. In 2011, EADS presented its own concept of a commercial high-speed aircraft designed to fly at Mach 4."

Internet

NASA's Curiosity Mars rover seen in new satellite image

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Aug — NASA has used its high-resolution imaging satellite at the Red Planet to look down on the *Curiosity* rover and acquire a new picture of the recently landed six-wheeled robot. The vehicle appears as



Curiosity's view towards the base of Mount Sharp, the rover's ultimate goal. INTERNET

a double dot. The view from the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) has been colour enhanced to emphasise certain ground

features. These include the disturbance in the soil made either side of the vehicle by the rocket powered crane that lowered *Curiosity* into Gale Crater a week ago.

"We can clearly see *Curiosity*—it's like two bright

spots that we see, and their shadows. And then it's surrounded by the blast pattern from the descent stage—those little blue fans right next to it (false colour blue)," explained Alfred McEwen, the principal investigator on MRO's High Resolution Image Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera. Since its 6 August (GMT) touchdown, engineers have been checking out the rover's systems and instruments. And the past four days have been spent upgrading the vehicle's onboard software. *Curiosity* runs two computers—a main unit and a back-up. Both have been updated to what programmers call the R10 configuration.

This software is optimised for surface operations, enabling the rover to drive, drill into rocks and take samples into the laboratories inside its body.—Internet

'Cyber egg' used to record Abbotsbury Swannery swans

LONDON, 16 Aug—Scientists have placed a computerized egg among a group of swans in Dorset. The silicon-filled "cyber egg" will use mobile phone-style technology to measure movements of the birds at Abbotsbury Swannery. Experts hope they can learn more about the behaviour of the swans during the hatching of their cygnets. Prof Chris Perrins, of the Edward Grey Institute of Field Ornithology at the University of Oxford, said: "It's puzzled us for a long time."

A swan lays four to 10 eggs at two-day intervals, but cygnets hatch together. Prof Perrins added: "Birds don't normally waste energy and yet some preliminary observations during the laying period indicate that a female swan does keep her eggs at least partly warm some of the time. "But since the eggs hatch together, they are not apparently kept warm enough for development to take place. So why use up energy doing it at all? It seems odd."

The "cyber egg" was made by Dr Stephen Ellwood, of the university's wildlife conservation research unit, by cutting off the top of a dud swan's egg with a diamond saw. He then cleaned it out and placed a miniaturised computer inside. He said: "These kinds of devices make observations that were impossible, possible. People just can't go into the places that these devices can go." The temperature of the egg is recorded eight times

a second and transmitted to a nearby base station.

Swanherd Dave Wheeler said Abbotsbury was the only place the study could be done without disturbing the birds. He added: "Here they are used to our management and we can be intimately close at very sensitive times, throughout nesting and throughout hatching, and they're very used to that." If we didn't take advantage of this unique situation where the birds are so tolerant, I think it would be a crime. The site has been home to the colony of mute swans for nearly 1,000 years. They were originally used for food at the local Benedictine monks' lavish banquets.— Internet

Experts hope the "cyber egg" can teach them more about the behaviour of the swans during the hatching process. INTERNET



Business & Health Business & Health Business & Health

Google buys Frommer's travel guide business

NEW YORK, 16 Aug — Google has agreed to buy Frommer's travel guides from US publishing firm Wiley & Sons for an undisclosed sum. Google said it would be "a great addition" to the restaurant guide business Zagat, which it bought last year for \$151m (£96m).

The search giant will publish reviews online under the Frommer's brand. It has not said whether it will continue to produce printed books. Its aim is to provide a review for "every relevant place in the world".

Wiley & Sons said it would put the money it made from the sale into the core areas of its business — scientific, medical and education titles. The two



Frommer's guides are used by travellers all over the world.—INTERNET

hundred year-old publisher said in March that it wanted to sell a number of its assets, including the Frommer's travel guide business, CliffsNotes education guides and Webster's New World dictionaries.

News of the deal hit other firms which provide

online reviews. Yelp was down almost 7%, while travel site Expedia lost almost 2%. Earlier, Google announced that it was cutting 20% of the workforce at mobile phone maker Motorola, which it took over last year.

Internet

Cosmetic surgery views sought after breast implant scare

LONDON, 16 Aug — People are being asked for their views on the cosmetic surgery industry after the recent PIP scandal, where thousands of women were given breast implants containing substandard material. The review, requested by the health secretary, will look at whether tighter regulation is needed in England. And it will ask if people are given enough information about surgery.

About 7,000 women in England are having checks for faulty breast implants and hundreds have now had them removed. Although the unauthorised silicone filler used in the PIP breast implants is not thought to be toxic or

cancer-causing, there were safety concerns. They were found to have double the rupture rate of other implants. Around 47,000 women in the UK have PIP breast implants, mostly done privately rather than on the NHS.

The problem came to light at the end of 2011, shortly after the French government recommended all women with PIP implants have them removed as a precaution. But there were warnings made by surgeons to UK authorities about adverse effects for many years before this. Prof Sir Bruce Keogh, who is leading the English review which will report in early 2013, said: "The recent problems with PIP breast implants have



A ruptured PIP breast implant.—INTERNET

shone a light on the cosmetic surgery industry."

"Many questions have been raised, particularly around the regulation of clinics, whether all practitioners are adequately qualified, how well people are advised when money is changing hands, aggressive marketing techniques, and what protection is available when things go wrong." I am concerned that too many people do not realise how serious cosmetic surgery is and do not consider the lifelong implications it can have.—*Internet*

US retail sales jump unexpectedly in July

NEW YORK, 16 Aug — US retail sales jumped unexpectedly in July and by the biggest amount in five months, the Commerce Department said. Lower fuel prices and modest growth in employment helped spur a 0.8% monthly rise in retail and food services sales. They amounted to a seasonally-adjusted \$404bn (£258bn) in July and were 4.1% higher from a year earlier.

The data pointed to a modest recovery in the economy, as spending makes up nearly three-quarters of America's economic output. "Lower gas prices, a nice rally in stocks and stronger job growth... helped boost consumer spending," said Jennifer Lee, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. Employers last month added 163,000 jobs, while consumer confidence also rose in July for the first time in six months. The housing market is also rebounding, albeit slowly.

In July, the biggest sales were recorded in building materials, furniture and health products, data showed. Sales of cars were also up. Home Depot, the world's biggest home improvement retailer, on Tuesday said that net profits rose 12% in the second quarter to \$1.53bn from a year earlier. It also increased its earnings forecast for full entire year. Estee Lauder, the beauty care retailer, also reported a higher-than-expected quarterly profit and forecast more sales growth this year. While markets cheered the retail figures, the US recovery remains fragile.

"The reports suggest that the US economy continues to grow, although at a slow pace," said Vassili Serebriakov, a senior currency strategist at Wells Fargo. "The numbers, moreover, reduce the possibility of Federal Reserve action at the next meeting." Economist Chris Williamson said caution was required as the monthly retail sales data can be volatile: "The 0.8% rise in July came on the back of a 0.7% fall in June," he said. But he added that, the data was "quite reassuring".

"The retail sales data suggest that the US economy fared surprisingly well in July in the face of ongoing uncertainty and renewed contraction in the eurozone." The total number of unemployed people was 12.8 million last month and is about 8.3%. The US economy has to generate 100,000 new jobs a month just to stand still, according to the Federal Reserve.

Internet



Home Depot has reported strong earnings, underpinning a jump in July retail sales.—INTERNET

Food price inflation slowed slightly.—INTERNET



LONDON, 16 Aug — India's wholesale price index slowed again in July, rising 6.87%, which was lower than had been expected. That figure is down from 7.25% in June and 7.55% in May. The slowing inflation was largely due to fuel prices, although the rises in food prices also slowed slightly. While inflation is still higher than the government would like, the figures make an interest rate cut more likely in September, when the next Reserve Bank of India decision is due. "The September rate decision will likely be a judgment call by the central bank on whether they want to show confidence in the

Indian inflation slows in July

new finance minister and support growth, or stick to the tougher line," said Dariusz Kowalczyk at Credit Agricole CIB in Hong Kong.

"Weak industrial output and very poor exports suggest that there is rate cut scope, but we need to see how the monsoon develops and what the outlook will be for food prices by then." Until now, persistently high inflation has stopped the central bank lowering its main interest rate. The Reserve Bank of India cited inflation risks for its decision to keep the interest rate at 8% last month, despite a slowdown in India's economic growth. The country expanded at its lowest rate in nine years in the quarter to March. Food prices rose just over 10% in the year to July, down from the 10.8% in the year to June. Fuel inflation slowed to 6% in July from 10.3% in June.

The key factor determining food prices remains the amount of rainfall. If the monsoon season, which runs from June to September, is insufficient, India will be forced to import more, pushing the price of food higher again. A weaker rupee, which hit a record low of 57.32 to the dollar in June, puts further pressure on India's economy by lowering its purchasing power.—*Internet*

Exercising in midlife protects heart, says research

LONDON, 16 Aug — Making sure you get enough exercise in midlife will help protect your heart, according to research. Even those who make the switch in their late 40s and 50s can still benefit, the study of over 4,000 people suggests. And it need not be hard toil in a gym — gardening and brisk walks count towards the required 2.5 hours of moderate activity per week, say experts. But more work is needed since the study looked at markers linked to heart problems and not heart disease itself.

And it relied on people accurately reporting how much exercise they did — something people tend to overestimate rather than underestimate. In the study, which is published in the journal *Circulation*, people who did the recommended 2.5 hours of exercise a week had the lower levels of inflammatory markers in their blood. Inflammatory markers are important, say experts, because high levels have been linked to increased heart risk.

People who said they consistently stuck to the recommended amount of exercise for the entire 10-year study had the lowest inflammatory levels overall. But even those who said they only started doing the recommended amount of exercise when they were well into their 40s saw an improvement and had lower levels of inflammation than people who said they never did enough exercise.

The findings were unchanged when the researchers took into consideration other factors, such as obesity and smoking, that could have influenced the results in the group of UK civil servants who were included in the study. Dr Mark Hamer, of



Gardening counts as moderate exercise.—INTERNET

University College London, who led the research, said: "We should be encouraging more people to get active — for example, walking instead of taking the bus. You can gain health benefits from moderate activity at any time in your life."

Maureen Talbot of the British Heart Foundation, which funded the work, said: "Donning your gardening gloves or picking up a paint brush can still go a long way to help look after your heart health, as exercise can have a big impact on how well your heart ages."

This research highlights the positive impact changing your exercise habits can have on the future of your heart health, and that it's never too late to re-energise your life. "However it's important not to wait until you retire to get off the couch, as being active for life is a great way to keep your heart healthy." — *Internet*

Asian economies most at risk from natural disasters

LONDON, 16 Aug—Asian countries dominate a league table of economies most at risk from earthquakes, floods, storms and other natural hazards, according to research published on Wednesday.

In an assessment of 197 countries, British risk consultancy Maplecroft said six Asian countries were among the 10 countries whose economies were most vulnerable to catastrophes.

The list is headed by Bangladesh and the Philippines, which along with Myanmar are considered to be at "extreme" risk.

Only one other country, the Caribbean state of

Dominican Republic, falls into this category, and was rated third overall.

The other countries in the top 10 were India, Vietnam, Honduras, Laos, Haiti and Nicaragua.

The "Nature Hazards Risk Atlas" looks at the impact of natural disasters on a country relative to its economy, taking into account preparedness to deal with such events and social ability to rebound. If a country's infrastructure is weak and its governance is poor, the economic consequences are that much greater.

The report highlighted the impact on the Philippine economy from storms,

landslides, volcanoes and floods, including severe flooding that struck the northern island of Luzon last week.

It also noted the consequences of drought in India, which this year is likely to shave 0.5 percent off the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

The analysis's other benchmark is the absolute exposure to natural hazards, meaning the total bill from a disaster. This is different from relative exposure, which means the economic pain that comes from it.

By the "absolute" yardstick, the countries that face the biggest tabs when



This file photo shows Bangladeshi pedestrians hitching a ride on a rickshaw van as they attempt to stay dry over flood waters in the capital Dhaka, in 2009.—INTERNET

natural catastrophes occur are Japan, the United States, China, Taipei and Mexico.

However, they have greater muscle and stronger institutional means to cope, and this limits the hit to the economy.

"As the global influence of emerging economies increases, the importance of their inherent natural hazard exposure will have wider and deeper global implications," said Maplecroft analyst Helen Hodge.—Internet

Senior German climber rescued alive after trapped for one week in glacier

VIENNA, 16 Aug—A 70-year-old German alpinist was trapped in an ice crevasse for about a week at the Tyrolean Schrankogel in southwestern Austria before being rescued by emergency services personnel on Tuesday.

The man was only slightly injured in the accident, though suffered from hypothermia and exhaustion, an Alpine police officer told the APA.

He was then airlifted by helicopter to the University Hospital of Innsbruck.

By his own account the German set off on his trek about a week ago from the Westfalenhaus in the Stubai Alps, where at an altitude of about 3000 meters he fell into the 20-metre deep crevasse.

He tried to cross a bridge made of snow, which then gave way. His cries for help were eventually heard by other alpinists, and emergency services were contacted shortly after midday on Tuesday.

"He was very lucky to survive," the Alpine police officer said.—Xinhua

Drought cause 1-bltn-euro damage to Italian farm industry

ROME, 16 Aug—Italian farmers suffered this year one billion euros (1.2 billion US dollars) in crop damage from drought, Italy's largest farm association Coldiretti said on Tuesday.

According to a report of the Rome-based association, soybeans losses were some 50 percent of the total production, while corn and tomato losses were respectively up to 30 and 20 percent.

Italy's wine production was also forecast to fall 10 percent below the five-year average because of heat, Coldiretti said noting the 2012 drought was the most serious in the last 10 years.

The crop losses in the US that have caused a global alarm over the potential for a food crisis may also affect the Mediterranean country which "heavily depends on foreign imports of raw materials," the association warned.

To be especially hit by the drought was northern Italy. In some parts of Piedmont, a fertile agricultural region, water for irrigation was supplied with

trucks of firefighters and civil protection.

The heat has also affected farm animals across the country, with dairy cows producing up to 20 percent less milk compared to average production, and pigs consuming 40 percent less of their daily ration.

"We are facing the effects of climate change," said Coldiretti president Sergio Marini. He called on the government to urgently intervene with both financial resources and structural measures to deal with the emergency, especially in water preservation.

To deepen the drought were also the many hundreds of fires fed by dry weather conditions and shortage of rain, which destroyed thousands hectares of forests in arid areas of Italy.

According to forest police, nearly 150 fires were reported nationwide only on Monday despite a number of planes and helicopters of the national anti-forest fire air fleet had been sent to fight the emergency.—Xinhua

Foreign regulators to examine cracks at Belgian nuclear plant

BRUSSELS, 16 Aug—Nuclear regulators from across Europe will examine cracks at a Belgian nuclear plant on Thursday to help establish what further action may be needed in reactors constructed by the same company — now defunct — in other countries. Belgian nuclear watchdog FANC said it would hold the meeting to share information about the suspected cracks found in the core tank of Belgian reactor Doel 3.

The regulator said last

week it had halted production at the 1,006 megawatt reactor — like all of Belgium's nuclear power stations operated by GDF Suez unit Electrabel — until at least the end of August to carry out further tests.

The core tank at the 30-year-old Doel 3 was built by Dutch company Rotterdamsche Droogdok Maatschappij. It also constructed the tank at Belgian reactor Tihange 2 and reactors in other countries, including Sweden.

"Regulators will be able

to see the failure indications we have encountered on the reactor tank of Doel 3," the regulator said in a statement.

Because of high levels of radiation, replacing the core tank is difficult and has never been done anywhere.

Spurred by the disaster at Japan's Fukushima plant after an earthquake and subsequent tsunami last year, Germany has pledged to abandon nuclear power generation completely by 2022 in favour of other renewable power sources.—Reuters

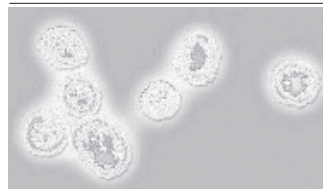
RWE to start UK Pembroke gas power plant in September

LONDON, 16 Aug—Britain's RWE npower will start commercial operations of its 2,000 megawatt (MW) gas-fired power station at Pembroke in September, the utility said on Tuesday. Npower had already announced that the 1 billion pound combined cycle gas turbine (CCGT) power station would become operational during the third quarter of 2012 but had not cited a specific month.

"With the full commercial operation of our new 1 billion pounds power station in Pembrokeshire next month ... RWE npower now has the largest and most efficient fleet of flexible gas-fired power stations in the country," Volker Beckers, group CEO RWE npower said at the presentation of its second-quarter results. RWE npower said its total UK investments had amounted to 3.42 billion pounds during the past three years.—Reuters



Smoke rises from Tilbury power station during a fire at the plant in Essex on 27 February, 2012. REUTERS



There was a good correlation between the arenaviruses and the presence of disease.—INTERNET

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 Aug—The cause of a fatal illness that affects captive snakes has been identified, a study has shown. The condition — called Inclusion Body Disease (IBD) — affects constrictor snakes including boas and pythons. There is no treatment and symptoms include "stargazing" — a fixed upward stare — as well as breathing problems and general muscular paralysis. It was long suspected that the disease was caused by a virus, but until recently its identity remained

elusive.

The research is published in the open access journal *mBio*. In this breakthrough study, researchers from the University of California San Francisco analysed samples obtained from snakes diagnosed with IBD, using sensitive DNA sequencing techniques. Amongst some of the snake DNA was foreign genetic material — nucleic acid — that closely resembled that present in viruses belonging to a family called arenaviruses. This family includes Lassa Fever virus, which is associated with haemorrhagic fever in humans. However, there is no evidence that the newly discovered virus can pass from snakes to humans.

The scientists were also able to grow the virus from samples taken from one of the snakes. Dr Mark Stenglein, who co-led the current study, said "we don't yet have formal evidence that these viruses cause the disease... although there is a good correlation

[between disease and the presence of virus] ... there's definitely a possibility that other things cause this". Arenaviruses can be divided into two main groups based on the location of the species they naturally infect - New World viruses originate from the Americas, whilst Old World viruses are found in Africa and Asia. Genetically, the newly discovered virus is distinct from these two groups.—Internet



Boas - one of the snakes affected by the new virus.—INTERNET

Woman found alive three days after Iran's earthquake

TEHRAN, 16 Aug—A woman was found alive on Tuesday after being trapped for three days under the rubble following Iran's twin strong earthquakes on Saturday, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported.

A mother of four was rescued alive by the Iranian relief workers three days after she was buried under a destroyed building in a village in suburban Varzaqan town of Iran's East Azerbaijan province, said Mehr. According to the report, the woman was in good health condition and has been taken to a field hospital for further care. Iran has stepped up relief efforts in the wake of the deadly earthquakes that jolted its northwestern region over the weekend.

Iranian Health Minister Marzieh Vahid Dastjerdi told a Press conference on Monday that the death toll from Saturday's earthquakes had risen to 306, with more than 3,000 people injured and over 300 villages damaged or destroyed.—Xinhua

Union Defence Minister Lt-Gen Hla Min meets Thai Defence Minister Air Chief Marshal Sukumpol Suwanat

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min received a Thai delegation led by Air Chief Marshal Sukumpol Suwanat, Minister of Defence of Thailand at the ministry here yesterday. The Thai delegation was on a visit to Myanmar at the invitation of Union Minister

for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min. They cordially discussed prospects for promotion of relations in defence sector of the two

countries. Also present at the call were responsible personnel from the Ministry of Defence. **MNA**

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min receives Minister of Defence Air Chief Marshal Sukumpol Suwanat of Thailand.

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10th East Asia Forum (EAF) commences



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin makes addresses at the 10th East Asia Forum (EAF).—MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The 10th East Asia Forum (EAF) was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) here this morning, with the opening address made by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin.

The opening ceremony was attended by representatives led by Senior Officials from ASEAN member countries Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam and dialogue partner countries China, Japan and Korea, the Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN Political and Security Community and representatives from ASEAN Secretariat, experts, eminent persons and representatives from business and academic circles, officials from the Ministries and invited guests.

At the opening ceremony, Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin stated that Myanmar takes honour to host the Forum in 2012, as this year marks the 15th Anniversary of the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation and 10th Anniversary of the East Asia Forum. The East Asia Forum has contributed in strengthening the East Asia Cooperation, and in moving forward the East Asia Community Building in the long term. He also added that the Forum will enhance investments in the development of rural and urban communities across the region. Furthermore, he stressed that ASEAN and Plus Three countries need to enhance networking between

government authorities and agricultural and food-related research institutions, to promote cooperation in rural financial institutions and agricultural and micro-financing arrangements. The Union Minister apprised the Forum about the national development strategy on rural development and poverty eradication. The Union Minister concludes by encouraging the participants to find new practical ways and ideas for “Narrowing the development gap in rural and urban communities”.

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Japan, Korea and ASEAN Secretariat following Union Minister opening speech. The two plenary sessions were held and three group sessions were held simultaneously afterward.

The leaders of the delegation from ASEAN and three dialogue partner countries paid courtesy call on the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs before the opening session of the 10th EAF at Myanmar International Convention Centre. **MNA**

Shwekyarbingems market supervisory committee meeting holds

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug— Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik inspected construction project of gems market in Shwekyarbin ward of Zabuthiri Township yesterday.

The Union Minister attended Shwekyarbin gems market supervisory committee meeting held at Mani Yadana Jade Hall. He met with officials from Nay Pyi Taw Council, secretaries, executives and entrepreneurs of Myanmar Gems Entrepreneurs Association.

The Union Minister called for timely completion of building in Myanmar gems market. Plans are under way to invite not only local entrepreneurs but foreign investors in that market, all the entrepreneurs are urged to carry out for emergence of gems shop and arrangements are being made to construct modern gems lab in that market, said the Union Minister. **MNA**

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Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral concludes visit

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug— Mrs. Pornchit Rounroengrom, wife of Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom, and party, who are members of the goodwill delegation led by the Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy, visited Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation’s office, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association

and Myitta Sanyay Clinic, here, on 14 August morning.

In the afternoon, they proceeded to Myanmar Gems Museum and National Landmarks Garden.

Then, they paid homage to the Uppatasanti Pagoda and made cash donation through officials concerned before watching white elephants there.

Yesterday morning, the party left for NyaungU by Myanmar Tatmadaw special flight. On their arrival at NyaungU Airport, they were welcomed by the Commander of Central Command and officials concerned. The guests visited ancient historical pagodas in Bagan-NyaungU and Bagan Ancient Cultural Museum.

After that, they left for Yangon by the flight to pay homage to Shwedagon Pagoda. On their departure this morning, they were seen off by Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Maung Oo Lwin, Commander of Naval Dory yard Command Commodore Myint Tun and officials concerned at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men’s football tournament goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The 6th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry men’s football tournament for 2012 continued today at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 1 and No. 2. The Ministry of Commerce team beat Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation team 3-2 at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No 1 and Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 team won over the Ministry of Rail Transportation team 2-0 at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 2.

On 17 August matches, Ministry of Finance and Revenue will play against Ministry of Labour at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 1 and Ministry of Sports competes with Ministry of Immigration and Population at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground No. 2.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Surasak Rounroengrom and wife Mrs Pornchit Rounroengrom visit Myanmar Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Constitution and pillars' duties

Maung Aye Chan (*Harvard*)

Preamble

Myanmar has to face more and more challenges at a time when Myanmar's spring is in one and a half year. It can be seen that American's attitudes towards Myanmar become more positive. Although I live in US far away from my mother land, I have made up my mind to serve the interests of our people and country as much as I can. First of all, I would like to say here that I have tried to give fair suggestions and advices and made up my mind to write articles only if necessary.

Overcoming a threat to fledgling democracy

Recent Rakhine violence was a threat to Myanmar's democratization process at a time when Myanmar gets a lot of supports in international arena. That incident is related to complex historical background, which could result in national, religious and racial violence. Myanmar government led by President U Thein Sein could deal with it systematically in accord with the constitution and existing laws. So Myanmar affairs experts and interested person from US were so amazed by it. Even officials from the US State Department have praised Myanmar government's gentle handling of the crisis.

Nobody expected Myanmar government's democratic handling of the crisis. Meanwhile, President U Thein Sein's request to the people, making the press conference on the crisis to UN Human Rights representative and international diplomats, letting the Turkish Foreign Minister to visit Rakhine State and invitation to the OIC delegation could symbolize a democratic leader's image vividly. But, it can be seen that the issue has yet to finish and there still are a flood of long-term challenges. Special emphasis to be placed on reviewing citizenship law and immigration law and the rule of law becomes a major challenge for President U Thein Sein's administration. The rule of law is a long-term process to be supported not only by Executive pillar but also by other pillars. Participation of local religious organizations, national races leaders and civil societies is a must. And it is also a duty of every citizen.

Regrettable Clashes

Every law experts have already known that the constitution is a prime of all laws. If one of three pillars—legislature, executive and judiciary—neglects the constitution, it would lead to a danger level, not just a threat. **The constitution could reduce to a mere paper, thereby amounting to suspension of the constitution when these three pillars neglect the constitution.** So, every country has drafted the constitution systematically. It can be assumed that if one pillar carries out the actions that can oppose or neglect or breache the constitution or conducts similar acts, that pillar starts leading to the dangerous condition.

Nowadays, it can be seen that due to the facts that having no vast knowledge of check and balance, the lack of experience in it, having no clear-cut rights and respective persons' lack of qualifications in law, there are the prospects that could result in interference. Even though there is international criticism of Myanmar's Constitution, almost all law experts agreed that it is a framework that is in conformity with original character of Myanmar's transitional process. These three pillars need to respect boundaries equally shared by the constitution and uphold liberty, freedom

from attachment and mutual respects. Hluttaw representative have sworn in to follow it. When they fail to respect the Constitution, effect of the constitution becomes questionable. Likewise, when those from three pillars fail to follow it, how is the fate of the citizens? It is a dangerous dream for the future of the State and people. I will have no word to say at a time when one pillar challenges the constitution, a prime of all laws.

Definition of Union-Level organizations

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker was twice reported to impeach Chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal following Pyithu Hluttaw representatives' disagreement on resolution of the tribunal made on 28-3-2012 that "Definition of committee, commission and organizations formed by respective Hluttaws as Union-Level organizations is not in accord with the provisions of the Constitution".

When I heard the news that the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker sent a message with two demands to the President, I was amazed and felt sorry. The question of the Hluttaw representatives are not taking notice of Constitution Tribunal's natures, duties and purpose of formation becomes a resounding one. **Constitution Tribunal has to govern the constitution and to deal with the constitution only. Although other laws have provisions that are not in accord with, decisions and definition have to be made, based on the provisions of the constitution. These are Constitution Tribunal's procedures and natures. It is deeply regrettable to see that among many ways, selection of such way by those responsible for legislature is not a normal clash and has a great impact on the future of the State and people.**

The effort of Pyithu Hluttaw -

- (1) has neglected the rights and duties of the Constitutional Tribunal prescribed in the constitution and has spelled the end of the role of the Constitutional Tribunal.
- (2) has led to the collapse of the essence of the democracy and independency of the judiciary pillar and has caused the Constitutional Tribunal, the highest constitutional court, to be seen as a rubber stamp.
- (3) has disturbed the balance of the constitution, which is equal to the check and balance mechanism and essence of the constitution.
- (4) has become a historic act, leaving the wrong legacy and setting an lesson to learn by the future generation.
- (5) has put the future of Myanmar's democracy in danger, exceeding the threat level and has destroyed the new chapter of the democratic transition in Myanmar or the Myanmar's Spring which has won respects and trusts from the international community.

Even Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has no rights to make decision over constitutional disputes nor to define the provisions prescribed in the constitution, let alone Pyithu Hluttaw. Similarly, nor have the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, the Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives. That is what they all sworn on oath to obey and the essence of the constitution. There is only one body which is vested with constitutional rights to carry out such duties is the Constitutional Tribunal. Hluttaw

representatives now should have awareness of the problem that can turn the State Constitution into a ragged book and can directly make impact on the future of the country and the people. **What my special urge is to find an appropriate way in accordance with the constitution instead of arguing with each other about right and wrong which is unconstitutional.**

No option at all?

It is learnt that 301 representatives which accounts for over two third of the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives have signed the proposal to impeach the Chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal. In this point, to gain the Union-level position which is what they want, will they be able to amend or add the constitution? This is my personnel view and I'm not sure whether the representatives would accept it or not. If the constitution is amended, it's sure that the Constitutional Tribunal shall make a change to its decision in accordance with the constitution. If so, is it necessary for the chairman and members of the Constitutional Tribunal to resign? The answer to the question is clear.

As for Pyithu Hluttaw, do what they need is a simply a matter of getting the Union-level position? (Using the unity and majority of the legislation pillar), do they want to influence other pillars? Pyithu Hluttaw representatives themselves know the answer. Being a legal professional, I have to think about the issue from the law point of view. Why the Hluttaw which is assumed to have gained enough support to amend the constitution does not find the way which can achieve success by just amending or adding the constitution.

Again, I am regretted when I got the answer for the question of what is the reason of collecting signatures for the petition in the Hluttaw and who will take advantage from it. In Myanmar, daily per capita income of the majority of the people is below 1US\$ and the country is one of the Least Developed Countries (LDC). I am deeply regretted when I have found on which the priority is given by the representatives: to their advantage or to the advantage of the people.

It is known to all that the gap of finance, tax, per capita income, economy between the United States where I am staying and my native country Myanmar is very wide. For the legislation, the Hluttaw has the power for the legislation. However, what is the difference between the two constitutions of the two countries is the President is vested with Veto or the Pocket Veto. However, what we should learn from it is that there was no US President who used the veto power along the history. It is one of the examples for the check and balance system.

In the United States, the senators, congressmen are entitled to benefits that also enjoyed by the ministers and high-ranking officers. However, their ranks can not be considered as the same. But, the key point we should consider is the number of representatives and the development of the country. I got to know that there are over 600 members in over 40 committees/commissions of both Hluttaws. It means that there would be over 600 MPs which are ranked same as Union-level ministers. I am worried when I compare the number of the MPs with over 30

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Rules lack of practicality... Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves to fund...

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Four Hluttaw representatives discussed the proposal submitted by U Thein Nyunt of Thingangyun Constituency "urging the Union government to draft Non-Governmental Organization registration law commensurate with the age as the President called for cooperation with civil societies in democratic transition".

U Stephen of Kengtung Constituency said that, despite good intention, the enactment of a similar legislation similar to the existing ones could lead to conflicts with the original laws. Revising and amending the existing laws, rather than prescribing the new one, are recommended. The proposal should be the proposal urging the government to amend the existing law.

Daw Su Su Lwin of Thongwa Constituency, Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale Constituency and Daw Win Maw Tun of Yenangyoung Constituency discussed that the NGOs currently have less authority. They should be empowered to participate in social measures of the government. Registration procedures should be made flexible and a monitoring mechanism is needed as well. NGOs are playing a

part in social, economic and democratization processes. As their presence is interrelated with the transparent society, an NGO law should be prescribed.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint said that the Section 354 (c) of the constitution prescribes, "Every citizen shall be at liberty in the exercise of the rights to form associations and organizations, if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Su Su Lwin of Thongwa Constituency asking questions.

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In the sector of clarification, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw explained matters related to the Bill Amending the Government Housing (Expelling) Act 1955 and the Social Security Bill resented by the President with his remarks in line with Section 106, subsection (a) of the Constitution. Members of Joint Bill Committee U Khin Maung Shwe and U Myint Tun submitted the findings of the committee with regard to the bills.

The Hluttaw representatives wishing to take part in the discussions may enlist their nominations, not later than 4 pm on 20 August.

Today's session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw came to an end at 1.55 pm and date and time of the 10th day session will be informed.—MNA

and morality." The law in action for registration of associations is a still trendy one. The registration of associations is scrutinized with necessary directives and rules and regulations issued. Central supervisory committee tabled the applications for registration of the associations at regular meetings and gave green light to the qualified associations. Delays are derived from failure of some associations to stick to the law, rules and regulations, orders and directives in registering.

The government is doing its bits for emergence of associations which will serve the interest of the country. Associations formed under this law are making contributions to the social

works with added momentum. The central supervisory committee under the Ministry of Home Affairs is monitoring them under the law and issuing orders and directives commensurate with the age occasionally. There is no need to draft new legislation, but rather the amendment is recommended. The proposal should be put on record.

U Thein Nyunt requested the proper decision of the Speaker in the interest of the country in response to the clarification of the ministry in the light of consideration of the age the existing law was prescribed, consequences that could emerge from deterring NGOs from registration, support of multiparty representatives,

Secretary U Saw Hla Tun of Joint Bill Committee reads findings and remarks of the committee.

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the situation of the State and the role of NGOs.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said that rules and regulations and orders sent by the respective ministry went beyond the purpose of the original law. Unpractical requirements are included in paragraph (2) of notification No (1/2010) bearing the date 15-7-2010. Although the provisions in the original law might not necessarily be revamped, the rules and regulations, orders and directives must be amended at that very moment to smoothen the procedures. The most possible and rapid way is revising orders and the rules and regulations by Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, Bill Committee, interested

representatives and the respective ministry. A new legislation should be drafted, taking time, if that measure is not assumed to be enough. Rules are lack of practicality and flexibility. The commission, the bill committee and the Hluttaw representatives are tasked to revamp the law and rules and regulations drafted by the Ministry of Home Affairs. As the Hluttaw agreed on the assignment, the decision of the Speaker was approved.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker urged the commission and the committees to submit the report as soon as possible assuming it as a special case.

The regular session concluded at 12.10 pm and continues for 29th day tomorrow.—MNA

Reconstruction ...

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much as they could. At present, the bed of the dam and walls were eroded and became improper status for use. Thus, a new dam should be built.

This fiscal year, the Irrigation Department chose the plot for construction of new diversion weir, conducted feasibility studies, drew the design of diversion and calculated estimated cost. Depending on the estimated

cost, the fund will be demanded in 2013-2014 fiscal year, and if the approval is received, the construction of the diversion will start.

U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No 12 asked **whether there is a plan to maintain two valves of Yonsu Dam in Nyaungdo Village of Wundwin Township of Meiktila District.** The deputy minister replied that Yonsu

Diversion Weir is located 3.5 miles downstream of Alaung Sithu Lake, west of Yonsu Village of Wundwin Township, and it was built by local farmers on a self-reliant basis. The dam was built on Kanpetle Creek, downstream of the spillway of Alaung Sithu Lake to supply water to the small lakes. Due to silting, Alaung Sithu Lake cannot control a large volume of its water that flows into Yonsu Diversion Weir.

The watershed area of

Yonsu Diversion Weir is about 40 square miles. Volume of its inflow water is not equal to the size of the present diversion weir and durability. Whenever rain water flows into the diversion weir, the embankment and canals are damaged annually.

In 2013-2014 fiscal year, the fund was demanded to build Chaungzon Dam, which is located upstream of Alaung Sithu Lake, as the water supporting lake of the latter.

Alaung Sithu Lake gets being dredged. Only when the dredging would have been finished, would a construction of diversion weir be started with the computation of amount of water that flows to Yonsu diversion weir from Chaungzon Dam and Alaung Sithu Lake, and amount of water from the water-flowing area of the weir. If the Yonsu diversion weir were under repairing before the works incomplete, it would keep damaging for the sake of the heavy flow of water. Therefore, the plan to repair the weir had been temporarily suspended.

Afterwards, member of the bill committee of Amyotha Hluttaw U Thein Win read out

the report on the State's service personnel bill sent by the bill committee.

Hluttaw Representatives U Win Naung from No. 5 Constituency of Yangon Region, U Khin Maung Yi from No. 6 Constituency of Ayeyawady Region, Daw Khin Wine Kyi of No. 1 Constituency of Yangon Region participated in the discussions about the bill by presenting amendments, revoking and reviewing on the paragraphs and sub-paragraphs including chapters of the bill.

Concerning the discussions made by the three representatives, the Hluttaw urged the bill committee to hear the bill again.

Afterwards, U Aung Nyein from No. 2 Constituency of Magway Region submitted the proposal on "Requesting that those at student level from anywhere in Myanmar must have same opportunities for learning, that must be a national duty," to the Hluttaw.

With an agreement on making discussion about the proposal, those representatives wishing to participate in the discussion about the proposal



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Htay Maung of Mandalay Region Constituency No (12) raising question.—MNA

may register at a time when the meeting was over, announced the Hluttaw.

Today's meeting came to an end at 11:45 am and the 29th meeting continues tomorrow.

There were three queries raised, one bill discussed and one proposal submitted at the today's session.

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Constitution and pillars' duties...

(from page 8)

Union ministers from over 30 Union Ministries of the Executive Pillar. What I imagine is the Myanmar people who don't yet digest the constitution, who are living in a deep poverty and who don't know even their right (that they need only one percent of the votes they casted for a candidate in the election) to topple the MP if he or she does not work in the interests of them in the Hluttaw.

Conclusion

During the transition

period, needless to say, which we should choose between the right and the duty, the Law of Inertia from the scientific field is also a truth for the political field. So, it is necessary to use the social codes of ethics which are observed by those who are building a country. The point of which we should choose the one when we have to choose the two: the interests of the country and the people and the personnel interest: is not written in the constitution and it is just the Social Contract. It is difficult to talk

about the social contract as it is not prescribed with rules and regulations.

The Hluttaws need to be strong. However, they should be strong just for the interests of the State and the people and it is the time to adopt the concept that each pillar must have the ability to be tested by the check and balance system. Or, if the legislation pillar proceeds the way they have made, we would regrettably consider that it is the future of the country and the people.

Translation: MT+AMS

Priority given to self-administered zone/division, state/region for development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay met chairmen of Leading Bodies of Naga, Danu, Pa-O and Palaung Self-Administered Zones and “Wa” Self-Administered Division and discussed regional development tasks at his ministry, here, yesterday evening.

Director of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Nyan Tun reported on upgrading of Payoe-Thangpakhwe Road, Phapok-Mobineluk Road, Lahe-Donhee Road, Nanyuam-Donhee Road,

Leshi-Sumara Road being undertaken by Directorate of Military Engineers, construction of earthen road and gravel road, distribution of heavy machinery and plan to complete the works in respective fiscal years.

Next, the chairmen of Leading Bodies of Naga, Danu, Pa-O and Palaung Self-Administered Zones and “Wa” Self-Administered Division submitted reports on requirements of regions in transport, education and health infrastructures and requirement of service personnel in the regions.

In his clarifications, the

Union minister stressed the need to have better management for rapid improvement of the regions. The ministry gives priority to development tasks depending on self-administered zone/division, states and regions. He said that arrangement has been made to open border region development youth training schools in self-administered zone/division so as to conduct the training courses to contribute to the manageable scale businesses in the regions. It is necessary to nurture the educated youths to become service personnel in the border areas, he said.



Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay meets chairmen of Leading Bodies of Self-Administered Zones and “Wa” Self-Administered Division.—MNA

Coordination will be made for seeking assistance from international community for the regional development tasks and cooperation will

be undertaken with other ministries to fulfill the requirements of the self-administered zone/division. The meeting was

attended by directors-general and officials of departments under the ministry.

MNA

Information for anti-human trafficking

Nowadays, the government is accelerating its tasks in taking preventive measures against trafficking in person.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in taking the anti-human trafficking measures.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.



CSC ISSUED: According to Moe Pwint-3 Plan, staff of Thayet Township Immigration and National Registration Department held the citizenship certificate issuance ceremony at Theingyi Pagoda Dhammayon of Taungmintee Ward in Thayet Township on 8 August. Head of Township INRD U Kyaw Htay hands over the cards to Ward Administrator U Myint Aung.

MYANMA ALIN

District News

DHF preventive measures taken in Thegon Township

THEGON, 16 Aug—The preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever was taken in Padegon and Ohhteingon villages of Thegon Township in Pyay District of Bago Region on 1 August afternoon.

The local authorities and staff checked larvae at the water pots, containers and

tanked and chlorinated these tanks.

They also carried out sanitation tasks at the drains and sprayed there.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myo Kyi, Head of Township Health Department Dr Naing Lin Bo, Executive Officer U

Maung Maung Thwin of Township Development Affairs Committee, health staff, members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, village administrators and members of social organizations participated in the DHF preventive measures.—Myanma Alin



TREES PLANTED: Staff of Kawa Township Forest Department, departmental personnel, members of NGOs, teachers and students grew teak, ironwood, mahogany, ginkgo, Measua ferrea, Alexandrian laurel, star-flower and other saplings in Paukkongyi Village of Kawa Township in Bago Region on 8 August.

MYANMA ALIN

Palethwe paddy seeds sown in Pauktaw Township

PAUKTAW, 16 Aug—The talks on agricultural technology on cultivation of monsoon paddy was staged in conjunction with the Palethwe hybrid paddy seed sowing ceremony at the farmland of farmer U Aung Kyaw Win in Nattaungbyin Village-tract in Pauktaw

Township of Sittway District recently.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Sai Maung Kum made a speech, and Head of Sittway District Agriculture Department U Khin Zaw Win explained agricultural technology.

Next, Head of Township

Agriculture Department U Tha Kyaw and staff sowed paddy seeds on the small dykes.

The ceremony was attended by Head of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Kyaw Nyunt, the head of Township SLRD and farmers.—Myanma Alin

BREASTFEEDING DEMONSTRATED: As activities of Nourishment Week and Breastfeeding Week, a demonstration on systematic breastfeeding was held at the hall of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Hmawby Township of Yangon Region on 8 August. Chairperson Daw Than Shwe and party view systematic breastfeeding demonstration.

MYANMA ALIN



Various subjects of books, publications donated to village library

MYINGYAN, 16 Aug—A ceremony to donate books and publications to Sein Mya Kyi Library in Taywinboh Village of Myingyan Township in Mandalay

Region on 30 July morning.

At the ceremony, Librarian Administrator U Shwe Mounng donated books to librarian wellwisher U Mya Aung. Next, Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department Daw Mya Win Kyi donated various subjects of books to

Village Administrator U Than Aye.

The building of the library was constructed at a cost of K 5 million by U Mya Maung-Daw Aye (Sein Mya Kyi Jewellery Co). The building is 25 feet long, 16 feet wide and 10 feet high.

Myanma Alin

VITAMIN-AGIVEN: Paung Township Health Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association jointly organized the nourishment week activities at the hall of Township Health Department on 6 August. The chairperson of the Township MCWA gives Vitamin-A to expectant mothers.—MYANMA ALIN



Prince Philip, 91, back in hospital

LONDON, 16 Aug—Prince Philip, the 91-year-old husband of the Queen, was taken to hospital in Scotland on Wednesday after a recurrence of a bladder infection, Buckingham Palace said, the third time he has been hospitalised in less than a year.

Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, fell ill while the couple were staying at Balmoral, their Scottish royal residence, and he was driven the 40 miles (60 km) from there to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, suggesting the problem was not too serious. "The Duke of Edinburgh



Britain's Prince Philip waves to members of the media as he leaves the King Edward VII Hospital in London on 9 June, 2012.
REUTERS

has had a recurrence of the bladder infection that he had earlier in the summer and has been admitted to hospital for investigation and treatment," a Palace spokesman said.

"The prince is likely to remain there for the next few

days."

Despite recent illnesses, the sprightly Duke has continued to make public appearances, notably at events held to mark the queen's 60th year on the throne this year

The BBC said his last public engagement had been at Cowes in the Isle of Wight off southern England earlier this week.

During the London Olympics, he accompanied the queen to the opening ceremony and also joined other members of the royal family to watch granddaughter Zara Phillips compete in an equestrian event at the Games.

He was hospitalised two months ago when he first received treatment for a bladder infection, overshadowing four days of public celebrations for his 86-year-old wife's Diamond Jubilee.—Reuters

Chile, Thailand expected to sign FTA soon

SANTIAGO, 16 Aug—Chile and Thailand signed on Wednesday in Bangkok two documents to boost agriculture and phytosanitary cooperation, a prelude to a bilateral Free Trade Agreement (FTA), Chilean media reported.

"This is a great step toward stimulating trade between the two countries. We expect to announce the FTA with Thailand in the short term," said Chilean Agriculture Minister Luis Mayol as he attended the signing ceremony with Thai

counterpart Theera Wongsamut.

He said the two documents would help the two countries share technological expertise, facilitate cooperation, and "form the FTA, which will soon be signed."

The FTA will hopefully lower the current 45 percent tariff Thailand imposes on Chilean goods, and the 6 percent levied on Thai goods by Chile, Mayol added.

The end goal is a "zero tariff."

Xinhua

Dallas mayor declares emergency over West Nile virus

Texas and other states this year.

There have been more cases of West Nile virus reported so far this year than

infections reported this year to the CDC have been in Texas, along with 14 of the 26 deaths confirmed by the federal agency as of Tuesday.

The Texas health department said the number of cases of West Nile in the state had reached 465 and there had been 17 deaths. There is a lag in the CDC confirming cases and deaths.

The emergency declaration by Mayor Mike Rawlings followed a similar action last week by Dallas County officials and paves the way for aerial pesticide spraying to begin this week.

Aerial spraying also is being used elsewhere, including in neighbourhoods in New York City and Sacramento, California, to

combat the spread of West Nile virus. Officials say such spraying is the most effective way to fight the mosquitoes that carry the disease despite safety concerns about exposing people to chemical pesticides. "We are on track to have the worst year ever for West Nile virus in Texas," said Christine Mann, a spokeswoman for the Texas health department, adding that the number of cases was triple the previous high year of 2003.

It is not clear why the number of West Nile cases in Texas is so high. It could be related to a warmer winter and rainy spring that has contributed to an increased mosquito population, Mann said.—Reuters

Hospitality, trade drive Middle East job market recovery

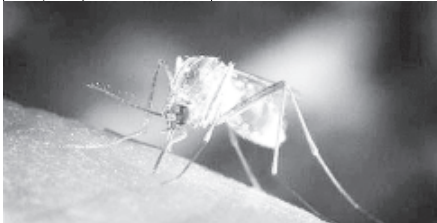
DUBAI, 16 Aug—Job prospects in the Middle East exceeded in July year-ago levels for most sectors, despite a slowdown in recruitment activity in recent months, global online employment provider Monster Worldwide said on Wednesday. According to Monster Worldwide, the Middle East grew 32 percent on an annual basis in July to hit 127 points. Launched in April 2011, the index is a monthly measure of online job posting activity in the Middle East based on a real-time review of tens of thousands of job opportunities.

"Job prospects found online this summer exceed year-ago levels for most sectors, led by hospitality,"

said Sanjay Modi, managing director of Monster.com for India, the Middle East and South East Asia, in an e-mailed statement.

As in the first half of 2012, Middle Eastern hospitality continued to lead all industry sectors in July with an annual growth of 56 percent, while retail, trade and logistics continued to register a growth of more than 40 percent. At the same time, oil and gas sector was the only one to register negative annual growth, heading down by nine percent. Despite the green shoots in employment, it is also too early to speak of job market boom due to the slight decline in the Monster Employment Index in recent months.—Xinhua

A Culex quinquefasciatus mosquito is shown on a human finger in this undated handout photograph from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).—REUTERS



DALLAS, 16 Aug—The mayor of Dallas declared a state of emergency in the ninth largest US city on Wednesday to combat the spread of West Nile virus infections, which have been more prevalent than usual in

any year since the disease was first detected in the United States in 1999, the Centers for Disease Control said on its website.

Nearly half of the 693 human cases of the mosquito-borne West Nile virus

US adds 172 more counties as drought disaster areas

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) on Wednesday designated 172 additional counties in 15 states as primary natural disaster areas due to damage and losses caused by drought and excessive heat.

During the 2012 crop year, USDA had designated 1,792 counties in total as disaster areas, including 1,670 counties hit by drought, said Agricultural Secretary Tom Vilsack in a statement, adding that the designation made them eligible for assistance such as getting low interest emergency loans.

The severe drought disaster sweeping from the US state of California on the west coast to upstate New York on the east coast have caused significant damage to many crops including corn, soybeans, as well as pastures and rangeland, which is threatening the agricultural harvest in the world's largest

producer of grains and meat. On 10 Aug, the USDA reduced the estimate for the 2012 US corn crop to 123.4 bushels per acre, down 23.8 bushels from that of 2011.

According to the US Drought Monitor, as of Wednesday, 63 percent of the nation's hay acreage and 73 percent of the cattle acreage are in an area experiencing drought, while about 87 percent of the country's corn-producing farmland are stricken by drought, down from a peak of 89 percent on 24 July.

The USDA has taken a host of measures to help crop and livestock producers cope with the adverse impacts of the unprecedented drought. The measures included a plan announced earlier this week by the department to purchase up to 170 million dollars of pork, lamb, chicken and catfish to help relieve pressure on American livestock producers, and a grant of 30 million dollars authorized by the department last month to help rehabilitate farmland and implement emergency water conservation programmes.—Xinhua



Travellers visit the wetland of Dulu River nature reserve areas in Luobei County of Hegang, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 15 Aug, 2012.—XINHUA



The Sparks aerobic team from Poland performs during a flight show in Zhukovsky, outside Moscow, Russia, on 10 Aug, 2012, in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Russia's air force.—XINHUA

Powerful punch comes from brain : study

LONDON, 16 Aug — Karate experts' ability to punch powerfully is associated with distinctive features in their brain structure, according to a latest British study published here on Wednesday.

Imperial College London said in a statement that its researchers have looked for differences in brain structure between 12 karate practitioners with a black belt rank and an average of 13.8 years karate experience, and 12 others of similar age who exercised regularly but did not have any martial arts

experience.

The researchers tested how powerfully the subjects, who wore infrared markers on their arms and torso to capture the speed of their movements, could punch from a short distance of five centimetre.

The karate group was found to be able to punch harder as expected, and the force they generated correlated with how well the movement of their wrists and shoulders were synchronized.

Brain scans showed difference of brain structure between the two groups in the white matter of the brain

regions called cerebellum and the primary motor cortex, which are known to be involved in controlling movement.

White matter in the brain is mainly made up of bundles of fibers that carry signals from one region to another.

The difference correlated with the synchronicity of the subjects' wrist and shoulder movements when punching. The findings suggest that the structural differences in the brain are related to the karate experts' punching ability.

Xinhua

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A pile of wood, plywood, drywall, insulation and other building material is all that remains after an apparent gas-related explosion leveled a house in Brentwood, NY, on 14 Aug, 2012.

INTERNET

Child dies as blast levels house in NY suburb

BRENTWOOD, 16 Aug—An apparent gas-related explosion destroyed a house in a Long Island suburb of New York City on Tuesday, killing a toddler and sending 17 other people to hospitals.

Surrounding houses in the middle class neighbourhood also were damaged by the blast, which occurred just before noon.

The entire structure of the house — situated on a block of well-kept, modest homes near a public golf course in this ethnically diverse middle class suburb — was reduced to small shards of wood, plywood, drywall, insulation and other

building materials. The air conditioners in one neighbour's home were blown out and a window was knocked out of its casing.

Sitting atop the pile of rubble was a child's bunk bed. Clothing from the house could be seen on the other side of a neighbour's house hanging 30 feet in the air from a tree.

"Clearly, this was a powerful explosion," said Suffolk County Police Department Deputy Chief John Meehan. He added that it didn't seem like the residents had much warning that it was coming. "We don't believe the occupants had

any sense they were in danger," he said.

Brentwood Fire Department Inspector Robert Kuehn said the initial investigation indicated the explosion "could be gas-related." A police official said there were two, 200-pound propane gas tanks on the premises, but that no natural gas lines were present on the block.

"Everything shook," said Dave Grant, who heard the explosion and raced about seven blocks to the scene. When he arrived, he smelled gas and heard a police officer yelling, "We need help! We need help!"—*Internet*

\$500,000 for New Jersey school kids forced to eat on floor

WASHINGTON, 16 Aug—Seven students at a Camden, New Jersey, school forced to eat lunch on a gymnasium floor for two weeks as punishment won a \$500,000 legal settlement, their attorney said on Tuesday.

The 2008 incident involved fifth-grade students at the Charles Sumner Elementary School who were disciplined after one child spilled water as he tried to lift a jug onto a cooler, said the lawyer, Alan Schorr.

The students filed a federal lawsuit against the Camden Board of Education, which agreed to the settlement, the attorney said.

He said the incident took place against a backdrop of discord between the black and Hispanic populations in the impoverished southern New Jersey city. The children were Hispanic. Schorr said the vice principal, who was black, punished all 15 students in a bilingual class by making them eat off paper liners normally used on lunch trays. (While there were 15 students in the class, only seven sued.)

"The African American kids were eating at tables, with trays, taunting these Hispanic kids who were forced to eat on the ground," Schorr said.

The vice principal has since transferred.—*Reuters*



A combination photo shows illustrations obtained by Reuters of some of the proposed models of cigarettes packs in this 7 April, 2011 file photo.

REUTERS

Australian court OKs logo ban on cigarette packs

CANBERRA, 16 Aug—Australia's highest court upheld the world's toughest law on cigarette promotion on Wednesday despite protests from tobacco companies that argued the value of their trademarks will be destroyed under new rules that will strip all logos from cigarette packs.

The decision by the High Court means that, starting in December, tobacco companies will no longer be able to display their distinctive colours, brand designs and logos on cigarette packs. The packs will instead come in a uniformly drab shade of olive and feature graphic health warnings and images of cancer-riddled mouths, blinded eyeballs and sickly children.

The government hopes the new packs will make smoking as unglamorous as

possible.

"This is a victory for all those families who have lost someone to a tobacco-related illness. For anyone who has ever lost someone, this is for you," Attorney General Nicola Roxon and Health Minister Tanya Plibersek said in a joint statement. "No longer when a smoker pulls out a packet of cigarettes will that packet be a mobile billboard."

British American Tobacco, Philip Morris International, Imperial Tobacco and Japan Tobacco International are worried that the law will set a global precedent that could slash billions of dollars from the values of their brands. They challenged the new rules on the grounds that they violate intellectual property rights and devalue their trademarks.

The cigarette makers argued that the government

would unfairly benefit from the law by using cigarette packs as a platform to promote its own message, without compensating the tobacco companies. Australia's constitution says the government can only acquire the property of others on "just terms."

British American Tobacco spokesman Scott McIntyre said the company was disappointed in the court's decision, but would comply with the law.

"Although the (law) passed the constitutional test, it's still a bad law that will only benefit organized crime groups which sell illegal tobacco on our streets," McIntyre said in a statement. "...The illegal cigarette black market will grow further when all packs look the same and are easier to copy."—*Reuters*



Two men paddle canoes to their homes at Od-Ogun, Ikorodu Road in Lagos on 6 Oct, 2010.—INTERNET

33 die in Nigeria floods, thousands homeless

JOS (NIGERIA), 16 Aug—Authorities say floods in central Nigeria have killed at least 33 people and displaced thousands.

National Emergency Management Agency spokesman Yushau Shuaib, who confirmed the death toll, said on Tuesday that the weekend floods affected six districts in Plateau state.

Nigerian Red Cross official Andronicus Adeyemo said more than 10,000 people lost their homes.

Kwampkur Samuel Bondip, a lawyer who went to the area from Jos, the state capital, to check on his relatives, said rescuers had been unable to reach many victims because the water had not yet subsided.

Nigeria is experiencing its annual rainy season. Floods three weeks ago left at least 35 dead in Plateau state.—*Internet*

Hong Kong Customs seizes 32,873 USD illicit cigarettes

HONG KONG, 16 Aug—Hong Kong Customs said on Wednesday that 102,400 sticks of duty-not-paid cigarettes valued about 255,000 HK dollars (about 32,873 US dollars) were seized at Lok Ma Chau Control Point on Tuesday.

The cigarettes with a duty potential of about 175,000 million HK dollars were found by Customs officers in an inbound private car at Lok Ma Chau on Tuesday evening. A 37-year-old-Hong Kong man was arrested and the private car was seized.

Under Dutiable Com-modities Ordinance, anyone involved in dealing with, possession of, selling and buying illicit cigarettes commits an offence. The maximum penalty is a fine of 1 million HK dollars and an imprisonment for two years.—*Xinhua*



22-year-old conjoined twin sisters

Man accidentally shoots self in Nevada theater

Police in Sparks, Nev., say the 56-year-old man's injuries are not life-threatening and no others were hurt.

Authorities say the man had a permit to carry a concealed firearm. The man told officers the gun fell from his pocket Tuesday night as he was adjusting himself in the seat and that it discharged when it dropped to the floor.

Authorities say the case will be sent to the city attorney for possible charges.

The incident comes less than a month after a shooting at a suburban Denver theater that left 12 dead and 58 injured.

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Utility refunds woman for street lights

A Connecticut woman said her utility company wrote her a \$10,491 refund check after discovering she has been paying for two street lights for 25 years.

Grace Edwards of

Cheshire said officials with Connecticut Light & Power told her when her bills sharply increased years ago it was likely due to a computer, an extra refrigerator or television. The Hartford Courant reported.

However, Edwards said she has now received a \$10,491 check and an apology from the utility company after it was discovered she was paying for the underground electricity used to power a pair of street lights.

"Mrs Edwards received service that is below our standards and we have apologized to her for the error and the inconvenience," CL&P spokesman Mitch Gross said.

'Busy' Toronto mayor reads while driving

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford says he probably was reading while driving along a city expressway as a Twitter photo indicates, and chalks it up to being a "busy" man.

Twitter user @RyanGHaughton posted the photo of Ford holding some papers in his right hand while behind the wheel of his black Cadillac Escalade on the Gardiner Expressway, and tweeted later traffic was moving about 70 kph (43.5 mph) at the time.

Asked about the photo by a reporter at a news conference Ford held to promote an upcoming trade mission to Chicago, the mayor said he "probably" was reading while driving.

"I'm busy," Ford said. "I'm try[ing] to catch up on my work and you know I keep my eyes on the road, but I'm a busy man." Asked if he saw a problem with reading while driving, Ford repeated that he is a busy person. "... I don't know what that has to do with a trade mission, but anyways. Ridiculous questions sometimes, seriously," the mayor said. Toronto police Sgt. Tim Burrows posted on the department's official Facebook page Tuesday afternoon that reading a piece of paper while driving is not a violation of the distracted driving law, but a driver could be charged if "the driving behavior constituted a specific offense."



It is believed that this tiny mummy should be an alien from other planet.

Stewart's role uncertain in 'Snow White' plans

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—Universal Pictures is continuing to pursue a sequel to "Snow White and the Huntsman" in the wake of Kristen Stewart's affair with the film's director.

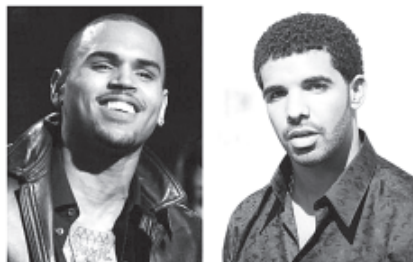
Universal co-chairman Donna L. Langley said in a statement Wednesday that the studio is "currently exploring all options to continue the franchise" and that reports of Stewart's exit "are false."

Since Stewart, who played Snow White in the film, and Rupert Sanders, the married, 41-year-old director of the film last month publically apologized for a tryst caught in photographs, the future of "Snow White" has been uncertain.

Internet



This film image released by Universal Pictures shows actors Chris Hemsworth, from left, Kristen Stewart and director Rupert Sanders on the set of "Snow White and the Huntsman".—INTERNET



This combination of 2012 and 2011 file photos shows hip hop stars Chris Brown, left, and Drake.—INTERNET

Chris Brown, Drake sued over NYC nightclub brawl

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—A company with ties to a New York nightclub is suing Chris Brown and Drake over what it views as their roles in a bottle-throwing brawl involving their entourages. Entertainment Enterprises Ltd. filed a \$16 million claim on Wednesday against the rapper and the R&B singer. Their representatives didn't immediately answer inquiries for comment.

Entertainment Enterprises owns the trademark for Greenhouse, where the 14 June fracas happened. The lawsuit holds the stars responsible for the melee and says a \$4 million licensing deal fell through because of it. No criminal charges have been filed. Police say the melee started after members of Drake's entourage confronted Brown. Drake's representatives have said he was on his way out and didn't injure anyone. The club's owners aren't involved in the lawsuit.—Internet



In this 3 Sept., 2009 file photo, Michael Jackson's father Joe Jackson leaves the family residence in the Encino section of Los Angeles for his son's funeral.—INTERNET

Michael Jackson's dad drops wrongful death lawsuit

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug—Michael Jackson's father has dropped a wrongful death lawsuit filed against the former doctor who was convicted of causing the singer's death.

Court records show Joe Jackson's request for a dismissal was granted Monday. The filings do not elaborate on a reason for dropping pursuit of the case, but two attorneys handling the case were recently ruled ineligible to practice law in

California.

The Jackson family patriarch initially filed the lawsuit against Conrad Murray in June 2010, on the anniversary of his son's death. A federal judge refused to hear it and it had to be re-filed in state court in Los Angeles.

"It's good finally that this case is dismissed and gone," Murray's attorney Charles Peckham said on Wednesday. "It's pretty clear that Joe

Jackson intelligently and smartly dismissed this case so he, his wife and children can focus on Michael Jackson's life instead of the circumstances of his death."

He said Murray, who remains jailed and is appealing his involuntary manslaughter conviction, remains pained by Jackson's death and feels sorry for his family. "His heart goes out to them," Peckham said.

Internet

'Jersey Boys' Frankie Valli aims for Broadway



This undated theater image released by The Hartman Group shows Frankie Valli of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons performing. Valli, whose falsetto fuels The Four Seasons' music, on Wednesday announced plans to make his Broadway debut with seven shows at the Broadway Theatre from 19-27 Oct. Tickets go on sale 23 Aug.—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—The Broadway smash "Jersey Boys" is about to get some tough competition—from an original Jersey Boy. Frankie Valli, whose falsetto fuels The Four Seasons' music, on Wednesday announced plans to make his Broadway debut with seven concerts at the Broadway Theatre from 19-27 Oct. Tickets go on sale 23 Aug.

That will put him up against "Jersey Boys," the behind-the-music musical about the doo-wop group.

The musical, which opened in 2005 at the August Wilson Theatre, tells the story of the band—Valli, Bob Gaudio, Tommy DeVito and Nick Massi—and features 20 Four Seasons songs, including "Sherry," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and "Oh, What a Night." Valli will sing the same songs at his show.—Internet

Actress Mayim Bialik injured in LA car accident

LOS ANGELES, 16 Aug—Actress Mayim Bialik is telling fans on Twitter that she'll keep all her fingers after a car accident in the Hollywood area of Los Angeles sent her to the hospital.

Los Angeles police spokesman Richard French says the 36-year-old actress's left hand and thumb were cut severely. Bialik's husband typed for her that she's in pain but her hand will remain intact. Police say another car made a left turn and crashed into Bialik's vehicle shortly before noon Wednesday.

The three occupants of the other car suffered minor injuries and left the scene on their own. French says no citations were issued. "Blossom" star Bialik has been acting since childhood and stars in "The Big Bang Theory."

She was recently nominated for an Emmy for outstanding supporting actress in a comedy series.

Internet



This 16 May, 2012 file photo shows Actress Mayim Bialik from the show "The Big Bang Theory" attending the CBS network upfront presentation at The Tent at Lincoln Centre, in New York.—INTERNET

'Devastated' Muamba retires from football Bolton Wanderers midfielder forced to quit after taking medical advice

LONDON, 16 Aug — Bolton Wanderers midfielder Fabrice Muamba has announced his retirement from professional football. The 24-year-old midfielder suffered a cardiac arrest during the FA Cup quarter-final tie against Tottenham Hotspur in March, with doctors revealing that his heart had stopped for 78 minutes. He spent a month in the London Chest Hospital and made a remarkable recovery, being discharged

on 16th April and making an emotional appearance on the pitch at the Reebok Stadium for the League match against Tottenham on 2nd May.

Muamba had hoped to continue playing at some point in the future but has decided to retire after taking medical advice. "Since suffering my heart attack and being discharged from hospital, I have remained utterly positive in the belief I could one day resume my playing career and play for

Bolton Wanderers once again," Muamba told Bolton's official website. "As part of my ongoing recovery, last week I travelled to Belgium to seek further medical advice from a leading cardiologist. But the news I received was obviously not what I had hoped it would be and it means I am now announcing my retirement from professional football."

Muamba started his career at Arsenal before joining Birmingham City on



Muamba initially joined Birmingham City on loan but made the deal permanent in 2007. — INTERNET

loan in 2006, making the deal permanent in 2007. He made a total of 37 Barclays Premier League appearances for the Blues, scoring two goals. He signed for Bolton in 2008,

making a total of 128 appearances. "Football has been my life since I was a teenage boy and it has given me so many opportunities," he added. — Internet

Rafael Nadal pulls out of US Open with knee injury

NEW YORK, 16 Aug — Rafael Nadal's Grand Slam count will stay stuck at 11 for now, sidetracked by another knee problem. The third-ranked Spaniard withdrew from the US Open on Wednesday. Tendinitis has kept him out of action since his stunning loss at Wimbledon in late June.

The injury already forced him out of the London Olympics, where he was supposed to defend his title and carry Spain's flag in the opening ceremony. "I am very sad to announce that I am not ready to play the US Open in NY. Thanks to my fans for their support and specially, the new yorkers," Nadal wrote on his Twitter account.



This 12 Sept, 2011 file photo shows Rafael Nadal of Spain returning a shot to Novak Djokovic of Serbia during the men's championship match at the US Open tennis tournament in New York.

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Nadal is still only 26, but the withdrawals raise questions about the future of a player who has had recurring knee problems in the past. His 11 Grand Slam titles include a record seven on the red clay of the French Open, yet his hard-charging, hard-hitting style of play takes a toll on his body, particularly his knees. Roger Federer, in contrast, has played in every Grand Slam tournament since the start of 2000, a streak of 51 in a row.

Internet

Tough Capital One Cup ties for Wigan and Fulham

LONDON, 16 Aug — Barclays Premier League clubs largely received favourable draws for the second round of the Capital One Cup.

Eight of the 13 Premier League clubs involved in the second round were drawn at

Last season's winners Liverpool will begin their trophy defence in the third round. — INTERNET

home to opposition from the Football League. Of the five who face away trips in the week commencing 27th August, Fulham and Wigan Athletic look to have the toughest ties.

Martin Jol must take his Fulham side to a resurgent Sheffield on Wednesday team who were promoted to the npower Championship last season. Wigan also face Championship opposition

taking on a Nottingham Forest side at the City Ground who have a new manager, Sean O'Driscoll, in charge.

Liverpool will open their defence of the trophy won against Cardiff City last season in the third round, when they and the six other Barclays Premier League clubs involved in European competition enter the draw.

Internet



United States end drought on Mexican soil

MEXICO CITY, 16 Aug — Michael Orozco scored a late winner as the United States upset Mexico 1-0 in a stirring soccer friendly on Wednesday to register their first win away to their arch-rivals. Orozco's 80th-minute goal was complemented by a pair of fine saves by US goalkeeper Tim Howard in the last 10 minutes to secure victory at Mexico City's intimidating Azteca stadium. US coaches hugged on the sideline on the final whistle while American players dropped to their knees in celebration.

"It was a fantastic team performance," US manager Jurgen Klinsmann told reporters. "Getting that win here, it's quite enjoyable. I think it's huge for all American fans and for the team. We were well aware we'd never won at Azteca stadium." Facing a dangerous attack led by striker Javier Hernandez, the US surrendered possession for most of the match and appeared content to escape with a draw. But the game turned when Brek Shea made a surprise run on the left wing and played a ball that was back-heeled by Terrance Boyd and knocked in goal by Orozco.

Mexico entered the match with a 23-0-1 home record against the Americans whose previous best result on Mexican soil was 0-0 in 1998. The US's triumph was built on a watertight defence that nullified the hosts' relentless attacking. Mexico finished with 19 shots on goal to the visitors' seven, and enjoyed the lion's share of possession. Hernandez came close to breaking US hearts in the 88th minute with a spectacular header, but Howard saved it to bring the Mexicans back to earth after their Olympic team's gold medal triumph at the London Games last week. — Reuters



Javier Hernandez (Down) of Mexico vies with Geoff Cameron of the United States during a friendly soccer match in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 15 Aug, 2012. XINHUA

United agree deal for Arsenal's Van Persie

MANCHESTER, 16 Aug — Manchester United said on Wednesday they had agreed a deal to sign Dutch striker Robin van Persie from Premier League rivals Arsenal.

"Manchester United is pleased to announce it has



Manchester United said on Wednesday they had agreed a deal to sign Dutch striker Robin van Persie, pictured in June 2012, from Premier League rivals Arsenal. — INTERNET

reached agreement with Arsenal Football Club for the transfer of Robin Van Persie," said a club statement.

"The deal is subject to a medical and the agreement of personal terms. A further announcement will be made in due course."

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

That came after a superb season where the forward scored 37 goals in all competitions, a tally that led him to being voted player of the year by both his fellow

professionals in England and the country's Football Writers' Association.

Van Persie's announcement sparked interest from Premier League champions Manchester City, as well as Italian giants Juventus, but it is United manager Alex Ferguson who has won the race for the striker's coveted signature.

It is not expected either a medical or indeed personal terms will prove a barrier to the 29-year-old's move to Old Trafford.

No fee has been confirmed by either United or Arsenal, although it has been reported as around the £20million mark.

Internet

Venus fights back again, Radwanska cruises

MASON, 16 Aug — Venus Williams fought back from a set down to beat South Africa's Chanelle Scheepers 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 as the top seeds advanced with little trouble at the Cincinnati Open on Wednesday. Williams will now meet Italian Sara Errani for a quarter-final berth following the seventh seed's 6-4, 6-4 win over Slovakian Daniela Hantuchova. For the second successive day Williams needed three sets but she was glad with the way she recovered from a rusty opening.

"I made so many errors. She's one of those players that puts a lot of balls in the court, makes you play a lot of

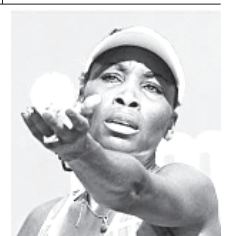
shots and I wasn't getting them in the court. It was good to turn it around," said Williams. Top seed Agnieszka Radwanska defeated Sweden's Sofia Arvidsson 6-4, 6-3 to book her place in the third round.

Pole Radwanska, playing in her first premier event as a top seed, said she was pleased with how she had settled in to the event. "The first match is always the most difficult. Every week we play on different surfaces with different balls and in different conditions. I'm just happy I went through, especially in two sets, because of the heat," she said.

Radwanska will next face Sloane Stephens after the American beat fellow wildcard entrant Camila Giorgi of Italy 6-2, 6-1 in an hour. Her sister Urszula Radwanska, now ranked 46th in the world, progressed to the third round after Kazakh Yaroslava Shvedova retired due to "heat illness".

Denmark's Caroline Wozniacki needed just 59 minutes to dismiss Kazakh Sesil Karatantcheva 6-1, 6-0 in a totally one-sided affair. In the third round Wozniacki will face Russian Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, who swept aside Germany's Julia Goerges 6-3, 6-0.

Reuters



Venus Williams of the US serves to Chanelle Scheepers of South Africa during their second round match in the 2012 Cincinnati Open tennis tournament in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 15 Aug, 2012. REUTERS

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

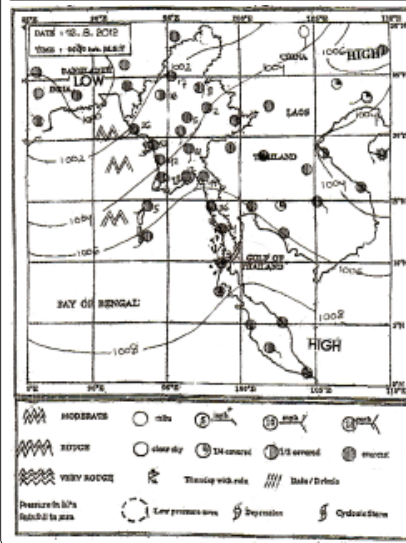
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- 3. Dhamma Puja Song
- 7:50 am
- 4. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:25 am
- 5. Islands of Dhamma (3)
- 8:30 am
- 6. Nine Precepts administered
- 4:00 pm
- 7. Martial Song
- 4:05 pm
- 8. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm
- 9. Song of National Races
- 4:30 pm
- 10. Dhamma Sekka Thutta Reciting Competition (3rd Prize Winner) (Sanchaung) (B-E-H-S-4)
- 5:05 pm
- 11. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:25 pm
- 12. Myanmar Language
- 5:50 pm
- 13. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
- 14. Internet Garden
- 6:55 pm
- 15. "Road to 27th SEA GAMES" (Karatedo)
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. Just For Laughs
- 18. TV Drama Series
- 19. Song Lover

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 17th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast		Percent
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent	
1	Kachin	33/81	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
2	Kayah	30/86	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
3	Kayah	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers with likelihood of isolated heavy falls	(100%)	
4	Chin	21/70	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
5	Upper Sagay	31/88	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
6	Lower Sagay	36/97	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)	
7	Tanintharyi	26/79	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers with likelihood of isolated heavy falls	(100%)	
8	Bago	31/88	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
9	Magway	35/95	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
10	Mandalay	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
11	Mon	25/77	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers with likelihood of isolated heavy falls	(100%)	
12	Yangon	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
13	Rakhine	28/82	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers with likelihood of isolated heavy falls	(100%)	
14	Southern Shan	26/79	18/64	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
15	Northern Shan	31/88	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
17	Ayeyawady	27/81	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34/93	24/75	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	27/81	22/72	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate to strong moonsoon.

Fertilizer broadcast at Paethwe paddy plantation

WAKEMA, 16 Aug—The fertilizer was broadcast in 15-acre Paethwe hybrid plantation of farmer U Shwe Pwa in Thegoun Village-tract of Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 1 August morning.

At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region ministers, township level departmental personnel local farmers observed broadcasting of fertilizer.

Head of Ayeyawady Region Agriculture Department U Myint Thein discussed agricultural techniques. Head of



Township Agriculture Department U Than Aung and staff conducted them round thriving Paethwe paddy plantations. Myamma Alin

Stylus, split-screen stand new Samsung tablet apart



A journalist uses the 'S Pen' with a Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 at an unveiling event in New York on 15 August, 2012.

REUTERS

SEOUL, 16 Aug— With the launch of its new tablet, unveiled in the United States, Samsung Electronics (005930.KS) is looking to build on the popularity of its Note 'phablet', and expects key features such as a stylus-type pen and split-screen function to stand the new device apart from rival Apple Inc's (AAPL.O) iPad.

The Galaxy Note 10.1 tablet launches on Thursday in the United States, Britain and South Korea, and has picked up positive early reviews from tech bloggers

impressed with the S-Pen's writing and sketching performance and the tablet's ability to have two apps active on a split-screen.

The South Korean firm, which Apple accuses of copying the design and some features of its iPad and iPhone, has priced the new tablet at \$499 for 16 gigabytes of memory and WiFi-only, the same as the iPad - leaving analysts doubting its impact.

"When you look at the price and overall consumer awareness about Samsung

tablets, it's not likely to be a big success," said Park Young, an analyst at Woori Investment & Securities in Seoul.

"Tablets are getting cheaper and even Apple is rumored to be preparing a cheaper iPad. Consumers also tend not to spend much on tablets any more as smartphones can do most of the entertainment functions that tablets offer."

Samsung has emphasized how the Note 10.1 is a "game changer" from rival tablets, which are primarily used to consume media - highlighting the device's ability to personalise and create.

At Wednesday's launch event in New York, "Moulin Rouge" movie director Baz Luhrmann and fashion designer Zac Posen were on hand to demonstrate how they use the S-Pen stylus in their work.

For graphic on Apple earnings click r.reuters.com/nez59s.

For graphic on Samsung earnings click r.reuters.com/few99s.

Reuters

Astronomers find record-breaking galaxy cluster

NEW YORK, 16 Aug—A massive so-called galaxy cluster, one of the largest structures in the universe, has been discovered about 5.7 billion light years from Earth and credited with setting several important new cosmic records, US-based researchers said on Wednesday.

The Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics said in a news release that observations of the cluster, which has shown a prodigious rate of star formation, may force astronomers to rethink how such colossal structures and galaxies that inhabit them evolve over time. Known officially by an alphabet soup of numbers and letters as SPT-CLJ2344-4243, the cluster has been nicknamed "Phoenix," after the mythological bird that rose from the dead.

That's partly due to the constellation in which it lies. But Michael McDonald, a Hubble fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, said the Phoenix was also a great way of thinking about the latest astronomical marvel.

"While galaxies at the center of most clusters may have been dormant for billions of years, the central galaxy in this cluster



The Chandra X-Ray Observatory is shown in an artist's rendering. —REUTERS

seems to have come back to life with a new burst of star formation," said McDonald, the lead author of the paper on Phoenix, appearing in the 16 August issue of Nature.

Based on observations from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory, the US National Science Foundation's South Pole Telescope and eight other observatories, researchers said the center of the Phoenix cluster had been linked to the creation of about "740 solar masses" or stars a year.

By comparison, the Perseus cluster forms stars at a rate about 20 times slower than Phoenix.

"This is just an enormous rate," said Marie Machacek, an astrophysicist at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. She said huge clusters like Phoenix are thought to host hundreds of galaxies and there was still a lot to learn about what goes on within them.

Supernovae black holes in the central galaxy of a cluster have long been associated with low observed star formation rates, as they pump energy into the system and prevent the cooling of gases needed for the creation of stars. But researchers said the "massive starburst" seen in Phoenix, as it gave birth to about two stars per day, suggested that its central galaxy's black hole had failed to interfere with an extremely strong cooling flow.

"Stars are forming in the Phoenix cluster at the highest rate ever observed for the middle of a galaxy cluster," the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics said in its press release.

"The object also is the most powerful producer of X-rays of any known cluster and among the most massive. The data also suggest the rate of hot gas cooling in the central regions of the cluster are the largest ever observed," it said.—Reuters

Rules lack of practicality and flexibility are to be amended: Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 28th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here this morning, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 402 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives.

Two questions were raised and answered, and one proposal discussed.

U Ko Gyi of Aungmyethazan Constituency asked about the government's long-term plans to address consequences of permission for export of edible oil crops groundnut and sesame stemmed from rocketing prices of groundnuts leading to the suspension of local oil mills. Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan answered that edible oil crops red sesame, brown sesame and groundnut which give higher oil output are not allowed to export to reduce oil imports. White sesame and black sesame with lesser oil output are allowed to export. It is intended to cut cost of foreign exchange and oil import.

While sesame and groundnut oil are allowed to export, the local oil mills are still struggling to produce quality oil. The oil mills must be upgraded. Farmers, specialized companies, associations and government departments will have to make cooperative efforts to increase production of groundnut and sesame by increasing sown acreage, using quality seeds, applying post-harvest technologies for minimizing wastage. Myanmar Oil Millers' Association will soon be formed in association with the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Myanmar Oil Merchants and Oil Entrepreneurs Association. The association will coordinate the upgrading of rice mills for

Pyithu Hluttaw representatives seen at 28th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA



exporting quality groundnut and sesame oil. The oil mill development must be initiated by the government, associations and private entrepreneurs in public-private partnership.

U Ye Htut Tin of Hpahasung Constituency asked for prompt measure for better telephone communications system in Kayah State. Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Win Than answered that the ministry is planning to replace Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy (PDH) microwave network in Kalaw-Loikaw with Gigabit Ethernet IP

network. Auto exchanges will be installed in Prusho, Bawlake, Pasawng and Shadaw where semi auto exchanges have already installed, depending on power supply, transmission and budget. Auto exchanges will be established in Myothit sub-township, Mawchee station, Loilemlay station, Hseebu station, apart from these townships, depending on number of telephone users, power supply and regional stability and according to the priority list proposed by the respective state manager under the directive of the state government. (See page 9)

Reconstruction and maintenance of irrigation facilities, equal learning opportunities discussed

The 28th day session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress. MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Aug—The Amyotha Hluttaw continued for the 28th day at Amyotha Hluttaw Building of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by 211 Amyotha Hluttaw representatives including Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied to questions on irrigation sector raised by three Hluttaw representatives.

U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No 11 asked whether there is a plan to repair Omatway Dam of Mwe Village-tract in Meiktila Township. The deputy minister replied that Omatway Dam is being maintained by Omatway Village of Meiktila Township, and it was built there in 1960-61 under the arrangement of the village. The embankment is 800 feet long and 12 feet high to irrigate 60 acres of farmland. Due to lack of proper designs, the dam has narrowed storage area of water and spillway. That is why when larger volume of water flows into the dam, the embankments breaks down. The Irrigation Department and villages repaired the dam in 1974. One more repairing of embankment, conduit and spill of the dam was undertaken with the use of village development fund in 1993-

94. In September 2011, the embankment of the dam was damaged by the heavy rains. However, the local people were unaffordable to repair the dam. Moreover, the dam is being maintained by the village, so the maintenance work is not included in the plans of the Irrigation Department in 2012-2013 fiscal year.

To be able to repair the dam, the fund is to be demanded in coordination with the Mandalay Region Government, and if the approval is received, the dam will be repaired.

Dr Khin Maung Lay of Bago Region Constituency No 8 asked whether there is a plan to reconstruct Hmanbinkan Dam near Panipin Village of Pyay Township. The deputy minister replied that Irrigation Department dammed the Inyon Creek to build Hmanbinkan Dam near Panipin Village-tract of Pyay Township in 1994-95 and handed it over to Pyay Township Peace and Development Council for assigning duty to the village to maintain the dam. The dam can irrigate over 1300 acres of farmlands in Wethigan, Hnawkan, Panibin, Myoma and Laba villages. However, the dam has been damaging its facilities gradually before 2008, and the local farmers maintained it as (See page 9)

Warning for precautionary measures against flood

Effects of flooding

- Debris washed along by the water can wash away buildings, and cause damages
- Causing landslide due to piling of soils
- Infection of malaria, diarrhea and dysentery and viruses
- Unclean of water in wells and above ground
- Loss of harvested crops and stored foods
- Loss of animals, agricultural equipment and seeds of crops

Root cause of the effects

- Living in plains where flood may hit
- Lack of knowledge, attention and alert about danger of flood
- Declining of the quality of earth to absorb water (soil degradation, hardness)
- Lack of endurance of buildings and foundations against floods

- Keeping stored food, crops yet to be harvested and animals in the places without shelters

Preparations to be made before flood

- Pay attention to weather forecasts
- Mark strong buildings and hilllocks free from floods. Choose the ways to reach the designated places.
- Grow banana plants that can float on the water
- Carefully pack important documents with plastic sheets
- Make ready to take clothes, foods, medicines, torch light, lighter and candle
- Make ready to run boat, motorboat, fuel for transportation
- Participate in preventive measures against natural disasters
- Practise rehearsals.

Department of Relief and Resettlement