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**Our Three Main National Causes**

\* Non-disintegration of the Union

\* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

\* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

## President U Thein Sein meets with members of National Economic and Social Advisory Council-NESAC

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met with members of National Economic and Social Advisory Council-NESAC at the meeting hall of the 500-acre mechanized farming system farmers educative plantation in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion together with the President were Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein, members of NESAC U Tin Htut Oo, Dr Hset Aung, Dr Kyaw Yin Hlaing, Dr Zaw



President U Thein Sein meets with members of National Economic and Social Advisory Council-NESAC.—MNA

Oo, U Thi Han Myo Nyunt, U Tin Maung Than, U Win Aung, U Thaug Tin, U Than Lwin, U Hla Maung Shwe, U

Moe Kyaw and U Khin Maung Aye.

At the meeting, they had a discussion on agricultural

reforms for improvement of socio-economic status of farmers who are relying on agriculture for their

livelihood, measures for development of departmental personnel and development of local and foreign

investment. After the meeting, they had a documentary photo taken together with the President.—MNA

## Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Brazilian Ambassador and party



for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Win Than and departmental heads. The Brazilian Ambassador was accompanied by officials concerned.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening friendly ties and potentials for cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation comprising those in charge of works in

Asian region of Andrade Gutierrez Conglomerate and led by Brazilian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior

at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace here at 3 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with the Vice-President were Union Minister

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Promote home kitchen gardening to remove pesticide from our bowl**

Some cases of poisoning caused by the chemicals in fruits and vegetables have been found these days. Recently, the chairman of the Myanmar Organic Agriculture Group and his family has developed headaches, nausea and vomiting after eating fresh vegetable dish on their dining table. He could confirm the cause of the case as he got the pesticide smell from the dish.

Pesticides residue present in the fruits and vegetables is gradually spoiling our health.

Each and every vegetable and fruit item has to be bought from the market. But the quality of the available vegetables is lost to the artificial fertilizers and pesticides administered in the large scale farming. One major worry is that the vegetables and fruits produced in large scale contain chemicals which are harmful to health.

In fact, chemical residues can be in the fruits and vegetables for about six or seven days and the chemicals can't be washed off the fruits and vegetables within at least five or six days after they are sprayed with pesticides. To get the clean crops, we must use salt and water to wash the vegetables after five or six days to get the clean crops.

However, due to rapid urbanization, people have to buy every vegetable and fruit item from the market, no matter how harmful these nice-looking items are.

Therefore, today is the time for promoting kitchen gardening of vegetables for self consumption at home to produce chemical-free fruits and vegetables and to build green surroundings, healthy lifestyles and developing work culture.

To get chemical-free crops, we should cultivate them at home without harmful fertilizers and pesticides. In this way, we will be able to get rid our bowl of poison.

Hi, Mrs. "Helter-Skelter"! Let's go dumping in the lane. I've already done it, Mrs "unruly". Mrs. "Insanitary" and Mrs. "ehealthy "Easy-Peasy" are early birds. The lane is quite in a mess now. Hee...!



Cartoon Maung Maung Lay

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**They are not relating to any kind of religious persecution or religious discrimination**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release today. Following is the full text of the press release.

With regard to the recent incidents in the Rakhine State of Myanmar, some individuals and organizations from abroad have issued statements based on the false and fabricated news reporting of some foreign news agencies and organizations.

It is obvious that the violence in the Rakhine State are neither the conflict between two religious groups of different faith nor humanitarian issue. It was only the violence conflict between two communities within a State of Myanmar following a criminal act. As a result of the riots, 88 people lost their lives of which 31 people were Rakhine and 57 were Muslim Bengalis. Similarly, houses and religious buildings from both communities were burnt down.

Reviewing the above-mentioned destruction, loss of lives and injury, it is clear that it was not a case of persecution or oppression by one race to another. An investigation committee was formed immediately to carry out investigation and to take actions according to law.

The Government took immediate actions with full restraint to restore law and order and stability in places where riots broke out since the very beginning of violence. As a result, law and order in Rakhine State is improving and overall situation is now returning to normalcy. The Government of Myanmar has never practiced policy of violence against Muslims or any other faiths. Therefore, the Government totally rejects accusations made by some organizations that the Government is practicing such a policy of abuses.

The Government has been working closely with international community for relief and rehabilitation for the victims of both communities in a non-discriminatory and transparent manner.

Similarly, the diplomatic corps and UN Agencies in Myanmar have been explained in detail by the responsible Ministers about the true situation. Moreover, the Government has also arranged a trip for them to Rakhine State to observe the situation on ground.

Moreover, the Special Representative of the UN Secretary General Mr. Vijay Nambiar, the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights Mr. Thomas Ojea Quintana, the Turkish delegation headed by Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr. Ahmet

Davutoglu, the President of Indonesia Red Cross Mr. Yusuf Kalla, and Representative and Assistant Secretary General of the Organization for Islamic Cooperation (OIC) Mr. Atta A1-manam Bakhit have also visited Rakhine State and donated relief assistance to the victims. At the request of the Secretary General of the OIC, the Government has also extended an invitation to the Secretary General to visit Myanmar at a time of his convenience.

With a view to exposing the real cause of the incident and to give advise for the national interest, a 27-member "Investigation Commission" was formed on 17 August by the Office of the President. The Commission composes leaders from religious organizations including Islam, intellectuals, Politicians and retired government officials among others. The Secretary General of the United Nations has issued a statement in support of the formation of the Commission.

Myanmar welcomes United Nations Secretary General's statement and ASEAN Foreign Minister's Statement on the action taken by Myanmar Government regarding the situation in Rakhine State as they reflect the true situation.

The incidents in the Rakhine State are sectarian conflicts which are purely internal affairs of a sovereign state. They are not relating to any kind of religious persecution or religious discrimination. Therefore, we will not accept, any attempt to politically regionalize or internationalize this conflict as a religious issue. Such attempt will not contribute to finding solutions to the problem, but will only complicate the issue further.

Myanmar is a country where Buddhists, Christians, Muslims and Hindus have been living together in unity and harmony throughout history.

Thus, any outside interference or instigation to hamper the already restored peace and stability in the affected area should be stopped and support should be rendered for the prevalence of law and order, peace and stability, reconciliation among concerned people and for the rehabilitation of the victims.

Dated, 21 August 2012 Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
 Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A coordination meeting for launching small satellite for observing the globe with the assistance of Japan for the meteorology and hydrology department was held at the Ministry of Transport, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung and responsible personnel from the Ministries of Information, Agriculture and Irrigation, Environmental Conservation and Forestry, National Planning and Economic Development, Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Science and Technology, Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Mr Tetsuya Yamamoto, Vice-President and General Manager for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sales Division of Marubeni Aerospace Corporation and officials and Chairman U Min

**Coord meeting for launching small satellite for observing the globe held**



**Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung makes a speech at the coordination meeting for launching small satellite for observing the globe with the assistance of Japan for Meteorology and Hydrology Department.—MNA**

Min Aung of Silver Wave Energy and responsible persons.

At the meeting, the Union Minister made address and Programme Manager Mr

Shoichi Satoh of Marubeni Aerospace of Japan explained the matters of small satellite for observing the globe.

After launching satel-

lite, Meteorology and Hydrology Department under the Ministry of Transport will broadcast weather news through one of the satellite channel.—MNA

## Philippine minister's body found three days after plane crash

MANILA, 21 Aug—Divers have recovered the body of the Philippines' interior minister from the wreckage of a light aircraft that crashed into the sea near the central island of Masbate three days ago, a senior official said on Tuesday.

The body of Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo was pulled out from the six-seat Piper Seneca plane that had

been carrying him, Transportation and Communication Secretary Mar Roxas told reporters.

The bodies of the two pilots, one of whom was a Nepalese flight student, were still being removed from the wreckage, Roxas said.

"Sad as it is, we are now in search and recovery and retrieval," Roxas said.

Robredo, part of

Aquino's cabinet since he took office in June 2010 and a member of the ruling political party, was on his way home to Camarines Sur province from Cebu island when his plane malfunctioned on Saturday, forcing the pilots to try to land on Masbate. Witnesses said they saw the plane crash into the sea about 500 meters from the airport runway.

Reuters



Image provided by Malacanang Photo Bureau on 20 August shows boats scouring the waters off Masbate where a light plane carrying Philippines Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo crashed on 18 August. Divers have recovered his body on Tuesday, three days after the plane carrying him and three others crashed into the sea, the government said.

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An Afghan National Army soldier keeps watch near the site of an incident in Kabul on 2 Aug, 2012.

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KABUL, 21 Aug—In the cloistered circles of the Taliban high command, Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar had no equal.

As military chief of the hardline Islamic movement that once ruled Afghanistan and was ousted by a US-led alliance, he oversaw the campaign of ambushes and

roadside bombings that proved his fighters could

threaten the most advanced armies.

When the talismanic leader was caught in the Pakistani city of Karachi in 2010, some Afghan officials hoped the magnetism he forged in war would persuade his former comrades to start talking peace. Indeed, news that Islamabad had allowed

## Afghanistan's peace hopes may rest on Taliban captive

Afghan officials to visit Baradar two months ago sparked speculation in both countries of the prospects for a settlement.

Instead, Pakistan's refusal to hand him over to Afghanistan symbolizes one of the biggest obstacles to negotiations: a legacy of bone-deep suspicion dividing the neighbours.

Afghanistan fears that Pakistan is only pretending to support dialogue while its intelligence agencies harbor Taliban leaders to project influence across their shared frontier.

Any move to repatriate Baradar would raise Afghan hopes that Pakistan is willing to play a genuinely constructive role and open the door to other prominent insurgents.

"Releasing Mullah Baradar would encourage other Taliban leaders to embrace reconciliation," Ismail Qasemyar, an adviser to Afghanistan's High Peace Council, told Reuters. "It would be a huge symbolic step." Members of the council, who are charged with reaching out to insurgents, aim to visit Islamabad in the next few weeks to make a fresh plea for Pakistan to allow Baradar to return to Kabul as a guest of the Afghan government.

With the United States and its allies due to withdraw the bulk of their combat forces by the end of 2014, pressure is mounting on President Hamid Karzai to start meaningful negotiations with the Taliban and prevent violence spiraling.—Reuters

## Bank of Canada governor offers apology for "Asian woman" banknote controversy

OTTAWA, 21 Aug—Following accusations of racism, Bank of Canada governor Mark Carney apologized on Monday for the way in which the image of an Asian woman was eliminated from the initial design of the new Canadian 100-dollar bill that began circulating in November last year.

The Canadian Press, the Toronto-based national news agency, reported last week that the country's central bank dropped the image of an Asian-looking female scientist peering into a microscope after some members of several focus groups across Canada enlisted to review the design in 2009 commented negatively.

Following a report by the market research company that conducted the focus groups, the bank replaced the image of the Asian woman on the reverse of the 100-dollar banknote with a female scientist of "neutral ethnicity," but who appears to be Caucasian. Carney said in a statement issued on Monday that the researcher depicted on the plastic polymer banknote was drawn "so as not to resemble an actual person — therefore, the final image did not look the same as the Photoshopped image shown to the focus groups."

"Efforts by the banknote designers to avoid depicting a specific individual resulted in an image that appears to represent only one ethnic group," which was not the bank's intention, the governor explained.—Xinhua

## Obama deeply concerned over Afghan "insider attacks"

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—President Barack Obama on Monday said the United States needed to do more to safeguard US troops after a spate of Afghan "insider" attacks that have left 10 American troops killed in the past two weeks.

His comments came during a visit by the top US military officer, General Martin Dempsey, to Afghanistan, where the killings of American forces by Afghans have topped the agenda. Obama, who spoke to Dempsey earlier in the day, said he would reach out to Afghan President Hamid Karzai about the killings.

"We've been watching with deep concern these so-called green-on-blue attacks, where you have Afghan

individuals, some of whom are actually enrolled in the Afghan military, ... attacking coalition forces," Obama said.

There have been 32 insider attacks so far this year involving 36 shooters that have led to 40 coalition deaths, just over half of them Americans. Some 69 coalition troops have been wounded. That's a sharp increase from 2011, when 35 coalition troops killed, 24 of whom were US troops during the year.

The growing insider threat has eroded trust between NATO and its Afghan allies, causing a headache for Western powers who are planning to pull out most of their troops by the end of 2014. After noting some of the steps to bolster protection of US forces,

Obama said: "Obviously, we're gonna have to do more, because there has been an uptick" in the number of attacks.

"I'll be reaching out to President Karzai as well because we've got to make sure that we're on top of this," Obama said. Over the weekend, US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta and Afghan President Hamid Karzai spoke by phone and agreed to boost vetting of Afghan recruits to try to put an end to the spiraling attacks, now averaging one a week.

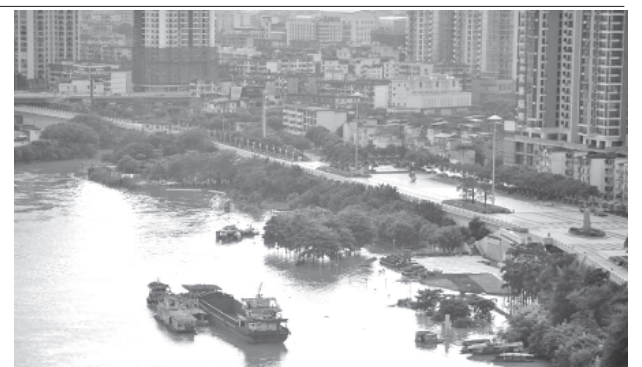
In Kabul, Dempsey met with his Afghan counterpart, General Sher Mohammad Karimi, who raised the issue of insider threat at the start of their meeting — something Dempsey saw as a sign of Afghan resolve.

"In the past, it's been us pushing on them to make sure they do more," he said. "This time, without prompting, when I met General Karimi, he started with a conversation about insider attacks — and, importantly, insider attacks not just against us, but insider attacks against the Afghans, too," in comments provided by his spokesman from Kabul.

Reuters

Photo taken on 20 Aug, 2012 shows flooded squares along the Yongjiang River in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Heavy rainstorms triggered by Typhoon Kai-Tak slashed Nanning, raising the water level of Yongjiang River and flooding some waterfronts.

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## Passengers injured after plane hits turbulence

HOUSTON, 21 Aug—A Compass Airlines flight heading to Houston, the largest city of the US Texas state, encountered turbulence on Monday afternoon, injuring several passengers.

The aircraft, an Embraer 175 with 76 passengers and four crew members onboard, took off from New York's LaGuardia airport and made an emergency landing in the George Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston, local daily *The Houston Chronicle* reported.

Eleven people, including two flight

attendants, reportedly felt sick after their plane hit an air current. Firefighters rushed to the airport in Houston and paramedics met the plane, which landed safely around 3 pm local time. In another incident, two passengers were detained in Houston on Monday after a disturbance was reported on a United Airlines plane while en route to the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. The airlines confirmed the incident, saying that the two were detained after the plane, which was en route to Houston from Washington, DC, landed.—Xinhua

## US airliner receives bomb threat in flight

HOUSTON, 21 Aug—A Southwest Airlines plane experienced on Monday morning a bomb threat during its flight from El Paso in far west Texas to the Hobby airport in Houston, the largest city in the lone star state.

According to the reports on the website of local English daily *The Houston Chronicle*, a caller, who called about 11:20 am local time, told a dispatcher a note stated a bomb was onboard the flight 24.

A spokeswoman for the airlines confirmed

that a hand-written note was found on the plane about 11 am, and the plane continued its journey to Houston and landed safely as the bomb threat was considered non-credible. The plane was inspected and was found to be safe after arriving in the Houston airport.

The plane is expected to be used later today, and the incident did not disrupt normal operations or delay flights. The authorities are investigating the cause of the incident.

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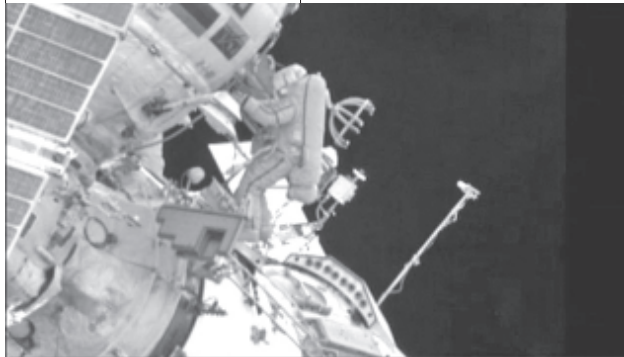
US President Barack Obama speaks after dropping by in the press briefing room at the White House in Washington, on 20 Aug, 2012.

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*In this still image made from video provided by NASA, a Russian cosmonaut installs shields to protect against zooming pieces of junk to improve the safety of his orbiting home on Monday.—INTERNET*

## Astronauts go spacewalking to hang station shields



CAPE CANAVERAL, (Fla), 21 Aug — Spacewalking astronauts improved the safety of their orbiting home on Monday by installing shields to protect against zooming pieces of junk. Gennady Padalka and Yuri Malenchenko hung the panels on the Russian side of the *International Space Station*, after moving a bulky crane and tossing overboard a small spherical satellite. The Russian spacewalking

powerhouse — the two have 14 spacewalks between them — kept going even after Mission Control in Moscow advised them to take a break

3½ hours into their six-hour excursion.

They surged ahead despite a late start to Monday's spacewalk, the first at the space station in six months. A leaky valve somewhere on the Russian side forced the crew to reopen the air lock and check the seals to ensure a tight fit, before Padalka and Malenchenko could go out. Padalka assured flight controllers they were in no rush, but admitted it was

"kind of boring" to wait an extra hour. The five 1-inch-thick micrometeorite debris panels were supposed to be installed during a previous spacewalk in February, but got put on hold when other work ran long. The pieces were hauled up by the now-retired space shuttles.

Armor is needed to reinforce the Russian segment, which unlike the US compartments, arrived without the proper protection already in place. Such shielding is crucial given the booming threat of space junk; even a tiny scrap can inflict damage. A 46-foot crane, meanwhile, needed to be moved from one spot on the Russian portion of the space station to another, in advance of the arrival of a new chamber a year or two from now. The astronauts used a companion crane for the job.

And the 20-pound, 1.7-foot-diameter research satellite hurled by Padalka will orbit for about three months before burning up in the atmosphere, allowing Russian engineers to

track its movement as part of a study on space junk. This was the ninth spacewalk for Padalka and the fifth for Malenchenko. It was overseen from Moscow and went so well that flight controllers added some extra chores for the two. The only snag was an experiment that wouldn't close properly for retrieval; the spacewalkers were told to leave it outside.

"Five hours did you say?" one of the spacewalkers asked at the five-hour mark. "Oh, we can stay for another hour, what do you think?" "That's it," Mission Control replied. The two were urged to "marvel at the world around you" before taking some pictures and calling it quits. The spacewalk lasted six hours. An American and a Japanese astronaut will venture out next week on a NASA-directed spacewalk. Spacewalks are no longer commonplace, now that the space station is virtually complete and running fairly trouble-free. It is home to six astronauts.— *Internet*



*All Nook devices are wifi-enabled for instant access to the digital book store.— INTERNET*

## Nook e-reader to get UK launch

LONDON, 21 Aug — American book seller Barnes & Noble is launching its Nook e-reader in the UK this autumn, the firm has announced. The company says that UK customers will have access to both the device and the 2.5m digital titles in its online store from October 2012.

It has yet to confirm prices, but the cheapest version currently retails for \$99 (£63) on the Nook website in the US. Prices for Amazon's Kindle devices start at £89 on Amazon's UK

website.

Earlier this year Barnes & Noble launched the Simple Touch with Glowlight, an upgraded device which features LED lights enabling the device to be read in the dark.

William J Lynch, Chief Executive Officer at Barnes & Noble said that the Nook was aimed at "discerning and highly educated" consumers in the UK. Amazon recently announced that ebooks are now outselling printed editions.

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## NASA selects InSight Mars mission after Curiosity rover

PASADENA, 21 Aug — Just two weeks after landing its Curiosity rover on Mars, the US space agency has announced it will send another robot to the planet in 2016. The *InSight* spacecraft will be a static lander that will carry instruments to investigate Mars' deep interior.

Scientists say this will give them a clearer idea of how the rocky planets formed — the Earth included. *InSight* beat two other proposals in a competition to find NASA's next relatively low-cost mission. This so-called Discovery class of endeavour is cost-capped at \$425m (£270m; 345m euros), although that figure does not include the rocket to launch the spacecraft.

*InSight* stands for Interior Exploration using Seismic Investigations, Geodesy and Heat Transport. It will be led from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California. The design of the lander leans heavily on the successful Phoenix probe put on the Red Planet in 2008.

But although the 2016 venture will look very similar, it will carry very different instrumentation. A seismic experiment will listen for "marsquakes" and use this information to map the boundaries between the rock layers inside Earth's

neighbour.

It will determine if the planet has a liquid or solid core, and provide some clues as to why its surface is not divided up into tectonic plates as on Earth. Key components of this package will come from France and the UK. *InSight* will also push a German-built thermal probe into the surface to gauge Mars' temperature profile.

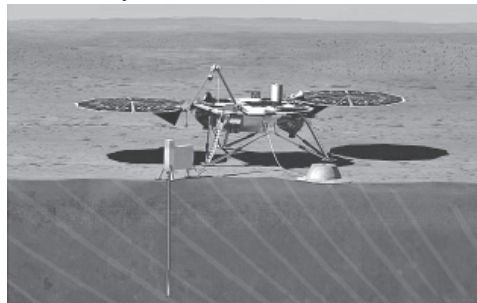
This will reveal how the planet is cooling. JPL will provide the two cameras on *InSight* and a robotic arm. It will also deliver another sensor that will very accurately determine the degree to which the planet wobbles on its axis. All the data combined will inform researchers about the internal state of Mars today and how it has changed through the eons.

"This is science that has been compelling for many years," said John Grunsfeld, who heads up NASA's science division. "Seismology, for instance, is the standard method by which we've

learned to understand the interior of the Earth—and we have no such knowledge for Mars." This has been something the principal investigator (JPL's Bruce Banerdt) of this mission has been trying to get to Mars for nearly three decades, and so I'm really thrilled that this is now at a mature stage where he has been able to propose something that fits within the cost and schedule constraints of the Discovery programme."

It is clear from surface features that the Red Planet was much more geologically active in the past.

The remains of the largest volcano in the Solar System — Olympus Mons — can be seen on Mars. When and why this activity waned remains to be established, but it is an issue that plays directly to the question of life on the planet. Earth retains an atmosphere and water at its surface because of the protective magnetic field generated in its liquid iron/nickel core.— *Internet*



*A lot of technology in InSight leans on the successful 2008 Phoenix lander.— INTERNET*

## Tesco web security 'flaw' probed by UK data watchdog



LONDON, 21 Aug — The UK's data privacy watchdog is examining the security of Tesco's website after a string of experts highlighted concerns. Specialists have criticised the way in which the global supermarket chain stores the passwords of shoppers on Tesco.com.

One expert told the BBC he had warned Tesco about other serious issues which he has not made public because of their sensitive nature. Tesco said its security was "robust". "We know how important internet security is to customers and the measures we have are robust," the company said in a statement. "We are never complacent and work continuously to give customers the confidence they can shop securely." There is no evidence to suggest Tesco has been targeted by hackers, nor that customers' personal data is at risk.

Troy Hunt, a security expert who revealed details of the flaws on his blog, told the

BBC he believed the Tesco website was breaking some fundamental data storage rules. "When a website stores passwords, how they're protected in the database is important," he explained. "If that database is breached, the only thing saving someone's credentials is the way they're protected in storage. What should have happen is that there should be some form of cryptographic storage—not in plain text."

Mr Hunt pointed out that as Tesco was able to email users their password in plain text, this showed the data was not being stored cryptographically. A more secure method of password recovery is for websites to email users instructions on how to reset their password, rather than revealing the password itself. Security expert Graham Cluley echoed Mr Hunt's concerns. "It does appear as though Tesco didn't really follow industry best practice with their site. That's not to say that people's detail are at

risk or that they're in danger of being hacked—but it's surprising to see how Tesco has designed its site with regards to how it stores its passwords."

Mr Hunt also criticised Tesco for not using HTTPS—Hypertext Transfer Protocol Secure—across its entire site. He said this left users susceptible to phishing attacks or even the interception of data — particularly when using shared wi-fi networks. The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) confirmed to the BBC that it was making enquiries into Tesco regarding the complaints, but would not comment further until more information had been gathered.

Mr Cluley said Tesco was by no means the only major website to have "out of date" storage methods, but said the supermarket should move to reassure online shoppers that the matter is being taken seriously. "They need to do a full review of their website security and make sure they're following good industry practice," he told the BBC. "With the number of websites they have, that isn't going to be a small task. But it is something that they'll want to address and reassure people they've got it sorted out."

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### Apple's market value exceeds Microsoft's during 1999 bubble

NEW YORK, 21 Aug — Apple Inc's market value climbed past \$623 billion on Monday, surpassing the record set by Microsoft Corp during the heyday of technology stocks in 1999. Apple shares rose 2.6 percent, bringing its gains this month to almost 9 percent as Wall Street bets on the 12 September rollout of the latest version of the iPhone, the device that revolutionized the mobile industry. Microsoft, however, retains the title of history's most valuable company if its 1999 peak value of about \$621 billion were to be adjusted for inflation. Apple's stock usually rallies in the run-up to major product launches, among the most heavily watched events on the annual tech calendar.

The iPhone is the

company's biggest product, yielding half or more of its sales. Sources have said the company will take the wraps off a larger version of its iPhone on 21 September. Some analysts also think it intends to announce a smaller iPad to safeguard its market share, as rivals from Google Inc to Amazon.com Inc begin selling cheaper, seven-inch tablets. But Bernstein Research's Toni Sacconaghi warned that questions remain about the availability of components for both the iPhone and the iPad, which in the past has constrained Apple's product shipments.

"A key question for the launch will be Apple's expected rollout schedule," the analyst wrote on Monday. "Apple's intention is to continue to ramp offerings as

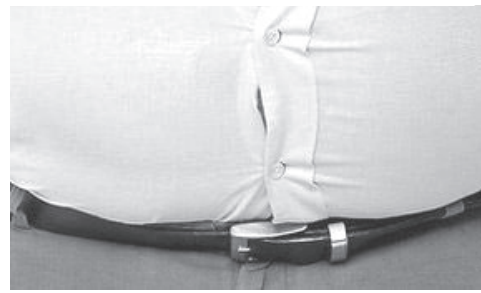
quickly as possible, but the company's ability to do so remains a key near-term question." Apple's shares have risen 64 percent in 2012. On Monday, they closed at a session high of \$665.15, conferring on the Silicon Valley giant a capitalization of \$623.5 billion, exceeding Microsoft's 1999 value of \$620.8 billion, according to data provided by S&P Dow Jones Indices. But Microsoft's value would rise to \$853.7 billion after adjusting for rising prices, according to the Bureau of Labour Statistics' inflation-calculator.

Apple overtook Exxon Mobil to reach the No 1 spot by market capitalization last year. Monday's move means it has now entered the record books as the biggest company ever, in terms of market value. "Everyone loves a winner; if you play the quick trade be careful," said Howard Silverblatt, senior index analyst at S&P Dow Jones Indices in emailed comments. "If you are an investor, check the fundamentals and business plans, and avoid the hype in your decision." Apple climbed even as fellow technology heavyweight Facebook Inc plumbed new depths. The No 1 social network slid to a record intraday low of \$18.75 in the morning before bouncing back to close just above \$20 after Capstone upgraded the company's stock to buy from hold. — Reuters



Apple Inc became the most valuable public company of all-time on Monday when the combined value of its shares exceeded a previous record set by Microsoft. In this photo people line up in front of an Apple store as they await sales of the new iPad in Munich in this file photo taken on 16 March, 2012. — REUTERS

### Obesity 'bad for brain' by hastening cognitive decline



Carrying excess weight may impact on mental performance experts believe. INTERNET

LONDON, 21 Aug — Being overweight is not just bad for waistlines but for brains too, say researchers who have linked obesity to declining mental performance. Experts are not sure why this might be, but say metabolic changes such as high blood sugar and raised cholesterol are likely to be involved. Obesity has already been tipped as a risk factor for dementia.

The work, published in *Neurology*, tracked the health of more than 6,000 British people over a decade. The participants, who were aged between 35 and 55, took tests on memory and other cognitive skills three times over a 10-year period. People who were both obese and who had unhealthy

metabolic changes showed a much faster decline on their cognitive test scores compared to others in the study.

The experts stress that they only looked at cognitive function, not dementia. The boundary between normal ageing, mild cognitive impairment and dementia is blurred — not all impairment leads to dementia. All of the study participants came from one group of civil service workers, which may mean the findings may not apply more generally to other populations. They said: "More research is needed to look at the effects of genetic factors and also to take into account how long people have been obese and

how long they have had these metabolic risk factors and also to look at cognitive test scores spanning adulthood to give us a better understanding of the link between obesity and cognitive function, such as thinking, reasoning and memory."

Shirley Cramer of the Alzheimer's Research UK said: "We do not yet know why obesity and metabolic abnormality are linked to poorer brain performance, but with obesity levels on the rise, it will be important to delve a little deeper into this association." While the study itself focuses on cognitive decline, previous research suggests that a healthy diet, regular exercise, not smoking and controlling blood pressure and cholesterol in midlife can also help stave off dementia. With dementia figures spiralling towards a million, the findings suggest "we should be conscious of our general health throughout life."

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### China's Youku and Tudou's shareholders back merger plan

LONDON, 21 Aug — Shareholders of China's two largest online video firms, Youku and Tudou, have approved their plan to merge and create the biggest online video firm in China. The plan, announced in March, will see Youku acquire rival Tudou

via a stock swap deal valued at \$1bn (£640m). Rising costs of acquiring and streaming video content have seen losses widen at both the companies. Their merger is likely to cut costs as well as boost their market share. The joint operation is expected to

that its net loss for widened to 154.7m yuan during the second quarter, from 78.9m yuan during the same period last year. Liu Dele, President of Youku, was quoted as saying by *China Daily* that the merger was likely to help the firms turn around their

### Cod and Haddock demand 'exceeds UK sea supply'

LONDON, 21 Aug — The UK would have run out of fish for the year by now if it relied on stocks from its own waters, a report suggests. Annual domestic fish stocks can satisfy demand for about 233 days a year, think tank the New Economics Foundation said. This leaves the UK reliant on imported fish, such as haddock and cod, with at least one in three fish consumed in the UK imported from outside the EU. The NEF said demand could be met with better managed seas. Ministers cited the UK's call for sustainable fishing.

The UK imports more than 101,000 tonnes of cod, worth £372m, and 60,000 tonnes of haddock, worth £156m, in a year, the majority of which comes from outside the EU, according to figures from 2010. It is reliant on countries such as Iceland, Norway and China for a large share of traditional British fish, the 2012 Fish Dependence

report said. The situation has improved since last year, when the UK effectively ran out of fish more than a month earlier than in 2012, but is largely unchanged over the past decade. The report says UK fish stocks would run out on 21 August but points out that Spain, France, Germany and Italy all used up their own supplies earlier in the year.

Rupert Crilly, of the NEF, said the UK had access to productive fishing grounds and had moderate levels of consumption compared to

some other European countries, such as Spain and Portugal. "It could produce as much as it needs but instead it is a net importer of fish," he said. "Consumers understand that we import tuna which is virtually non-existent in its waters; but they will wonder why we need to import cod and haddock from China when our cod and haddock stocks could deliver five and three times more catches with better management," he said.

Elsewhere in Europe the situation is more acute, with

EU consumption of fish outstripping eastern and central Europe's annual fish supplies by 6 July. Campaigners are calling for ambitious reform of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy, which governs the fishing activities of the EU fleet, to ensure fisheries are more sustainably managed to prevent overfishing. They are also calling for the EU to promote responsible consumption by EU consumers and to make sure fishing outside the bloc's waters is done more responsibly.

Ian Campbell, UK coordinator for Ocean2012, a coalition of organizations, said: "Fishing within sustainable levels and adapting fish consumption to available resources is the only way to regain healthy fishing grounds." A spokeswoman for the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said: — Internet



The UK imports thousands of tonnes of cod and haddock every year. — INTERNET



The combined market share of the two firms is expected to give them more bargaining power. INTERNET

help the firms cut costs in areas such as copyrights, bandwidth and server purchases. According to some estimates, the tie-up may help the firms save between \$50m to \$60m over the next 18 months.

At the same time, the combined entity is expected to have a market share of more than 35% giving it more bargaining power with potential advertisers.

That is likely to help increase their revenues and help reduce their losses. Earlier this month, Youku reported a net loss of 62.8m yuan (\$9.9m; £6.3m) for the April to June period, compared with a loss of 28.1m yuan during the same period last year.

Meanwhile, Tudou said

fortunes. "The faster we achieve synergies, the quicker we can break even," he said.

While the merger is expected to have a positive impact, analysts said the firms were likely to face challenges. The two firms have been fierce rivals for years and have even taken each other to court. "One of the biggest issues is going to be integration of their businesses," Josh Ong, China editor of *The Next Web* told the BBC.

Mr Ong said that as the firms came together and joined their various operations, some jobs may be lost. "Who stays and who gets the ticket, is going to be a tricky one for the management," he said.

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## Lake Superior lightning kills 9-year-old boy, four injured

ST LOUIS, 21 Aug—A lightning strike on a Lake Superior beach in Minnesota injured five people, including a 9-year-old Wisconsin boy who later died, authorities said on Sunday.

Sergeant Wade Rasch of the St Louis County Sheriff's Office said that a family party was on a friend's sailboat that took shelter from a sudden thunderstorm at Minnesota Point, near the Superior entry to the Duluth-Superior harbour, on Saturday.

Lightning struck as the group was in shallow water near the beach, he said.

Luke Voigt, 9, of Iron River, Wisconsin, was flown by helicopter to a Duluth hospital, where he died. Four other injured people were taken to Duluth hospitals, and two have been released, Rasch said.—Reuters



Overseas Chinese welcome the Chinese research vessel Dayang Yihao in Lagos, Nigeria, on 19 Aug, 2012. Dayang Yihao, or Ocean One, on Friday arrived in Lagos, Nigeria's commercial hub, on a joint scientific research mission with Nigerian scientists.—XINHUA

## Israel deploys anti-rocket battery near Egypt border

JERUSALEM, 21 Aug—The Israeli army has deployed an Iron Dome air defence system, designed to intercept rocket attacks aimed at Eilat, Israel's Red Sea resort town, SITE Intelligence Group reported on Thursday.



An Israeli "Iron Dome" short-range missile defence system is pictured near the coastal city of Ashkelon in 2011.—INTERNET

and destroy rockets, days after two rockets were fired at the town of Eilat near the border with Egypt, a military spokeswoman said on Monday.

"An Iron Dome battery has been deployed in the town of Eilat as part of tests, momentarily modifying the sites where these systems are deployed," she said but did not give further details.

A militant group claimed responsibility for the two

A group calling itself Ansar Jerusalem claimed to be responsible for firing "two Grad rockets into the city" which it said hit "inhabited targets", in a statement posted on online jihadist forums, the US-based monitoring agency said. On Wednesday evening, Israeli police said two blasts rocked the city.

Debris of the rockets which were apparently fired from Egypt's Sinai peninsula was later found.—Internet

## Low water strands 97 vessels on Mississippi River

GREENVILLE, 21 Aug—The US Coast Guard said on Monday that 97 vessels were stranded by low water on the Mississippi River near Greenville, Mississippi, after it closed an 11-mile stretch of the drought-parched waterway for dredging and to replace missing navigation buoys. The worst US drought in 56 years has left the river there at its lowest point since 1988, a year when a similarly dire drought also stalled commercial traffic on the major shipping waterway.

Further north, dredging operations near St Louis were halting river traffic for 12 hours at a time as the US Army Corps of Engineers worked to keep a shipping lane wide enough and deep enough for commercial barge tows hauling everything from grain and fertilizer to steel and coal, industry sources said.

Shippers have been told for weeks to limit the amount

of cargo loaded onto barges by at least 30 percent so that they sit higher on the water, and to limit the number of barges in tows, but numerous vessels have still run aground up and down the river.

At least three vessels, all with lighter-loaded cargo, ran aground in recent days between Caruthersville, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, the Coast Guard said. The various river shipping restrictions have reduced the flow of goods to and from Gulf export terminals and driven up the cost of shipping as cargo volumes have declined but fuel and labor costs have not.

Some shipping lines have idled a portion of their barge fleets due to the currently unprofitable freight rates.

"All of the grain export houses are impacted by the closures on the river and, when the river is open, by the reduced drafts.—Reuters

## South Africa explores business development experience in India

JOHANNESBURG, 21 Aug—With the global economic volatility, South Africa is exploring how the Indian small, medium and micro enterprises (SMME) contribute to their national economy, a government official said on Sunday.

The remark was made by the South Africa's Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry Elizabeth Thabethe before starting her visit to India, who

said South Africa and India are both developing countries, confronted by similar economic development challenges. "However, the latest developments have indicated that India has progressed impressively in the area of informal business development," said the deputy minister.

The official will be in India from 19 to 31 August, scheduled to visit four cities

including Kerala, Chennai, Mumbai and New Delhi.

She will study progress made by India in informal business development as well as the connection between the rural economies and the mainstream economy of the country. "Institutions that we will be engaging with will present simple solutions for South Africa's SMMEs, especially key challenges facing small business

development in the country, including the provision of business development support, access to finance, technology and market development," said Thabethe.

"The aim for her visit to India is to create market penetration for South African value-added products and services in India and to promote South Africa as a trade and investment destination," said the spokesperson of the Department of Trade and Industry Sidwell Medupe. Xinhua

## US says WikiLeaks founder trying to deflect attention

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug—The US government on Monday accused WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange of trying to deflect attention from his charges of sexual assault after he called on Washington to stop the "witch-hunt" against his organization.

Calling Assange's remarks at the Ecuadorian Embassy in London on Sunday as "wild assertions," State Department spokeswoman Victoria Nuland said that his issue with the British government is whether he will be extradited to Sweden where he was charged with rape and sexual assault.

"It has to do with charges of sexual misconduct," said Nuland at a briefing. "So he is clearly trying to deflect attention away from the real issue, which is whether he's going to face justice in Sweden, which is the immediate issue."

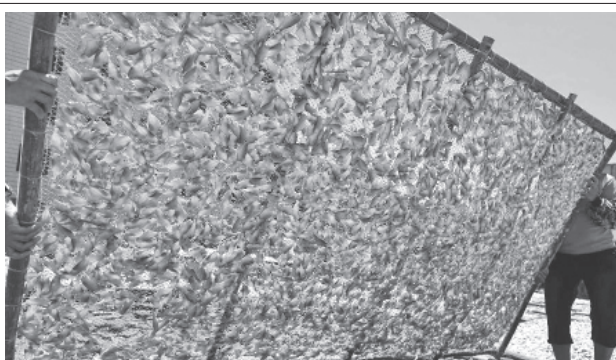


Wikileaks founder Julian Assange speaks from the balcony of Ecuador's embassy, where he is taking refuge in London on 18 Aug, 2012. XINHUA

In his first public appearance since he was granted asylum by Ecuador, Assange thanked his supporters from a balcony at the Ecuadorian embassy in London and urged the Obama administration to "renounce its witch-hunt against WikiLeaks."

The WikiLeaks founder and former hacker has embarrassed a number of governments, especially Washington, by releasing millions of US war documents relating to Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as secret diplomatic cables on the internet.

Xinhua



People dry fish in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 19 Aug, 2012. As typhoon Kai-Tak left Hainan Province, local temperature in Sanya hit 34 degrees centigrade on Sunday, which offered local fishermen a good weather for drying fish.—XINHUA



Villagers collect the lotus seeds at Yangcun Village, Gexianshan Township of Qianshan County, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 17 Aug, 2012. Recently, the harvest season of lotus seed falls in Gexianshan Township, where the planting area of lotus covers an area of more than 100 hectares. Producing lotus seed is a key industry in Qianshan County of Jiangxi Province.—XINHUA

## New hospital pioneers reforms in health care

BEIJING, 21 Aug — A new hospital affiliated to the University of Hong Kong is adopting the Hong Kong public hospital management system in the neighbouring Shenzhen City in a bid to seek way for reforms in the public health care.

The Chinese government is pushing for reforms in the public health care which is known for long queues and poor service.

The hospital, founded by Shenzhen government with 3.5 billion yuan (US\$555 million) in investment, first directs each patient to see general physician and will transfer patient to specialists if it is needed, according to People's Daily. Appointment is required for out-patient service at the hospital.

Its pilot operation since July showed the practice works well. Currently, the hospital's 300 out-patient quota every day is always booked. People going to the hospital said it helped cut down on the waiting time. One service for general physician is 130 yuan, a package covering the registration, common testing and medications for less than one week.

The price is worked out according to data from three big hospitals in Shenzhen and will be re-evaluated after one-year trial, hospital officials said.

The procedure of seeing GP first has made a more reasonable use of medical resources, as the problems of 90 percent of patients are solved by GP. The hospital is the first on the Chinese mainland to buy professional insurance for all doctors. Should any medical dispute takes place, the insurance company will handle compensation. The doctors are paid up to 1 million yuan a year, officials said.

Xinhua

## Union FM receives US Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J. Mitchell paid a call on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, at the ministry, here, at 3 pm today. They cordially discussed matters related to promoting Myanmar-US relations and cooperation.

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Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin receives US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J. Mitchell. MNA

## Seminar on reforming legal system on public companies held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Union Attorney-General Office and JICA held a seminar on reforming legal system and management of public companies at Grand Ball Room of Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw, Deputy Minister for Commerce

Dr Pwint Hsan, officials concerned of the Union Auditor-General's Office, Central Bank of Myanmar, the directorate of investment and companies administration, members of sub-committee for public companies development, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, supreme court of the Union, the Office of Attorney-General of the Union, law officers of Region/State Advocate-General's Office, as well as officials

from JICA and Japanese Embassy and Japanese lawyers.

During the seminar, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin delivered an address. He said that to practice market oriented system is prescribed in session 35 of the State constitution. The President, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission meeting, urged moving towards economic development through market oriented system. The today's seminar intends to handle Myanmar corporate governance and public companies' law. Myanmar is sure that it has firmly prescribed a law for public companies. Companies continue no running without monetary rules and regulations. It is sure that the minutes from the today's seminar will help develop Myanmar market oriented economic system.

After that, Minister Counsellor Mr. Ichiro Maruyama of Japanese Embassy extended greetings.

At the second session of the seminar led by Director-General of the Attorney-General of the Union's Office U Kyaw Hsan, Director of the Attorney-General of the Union's Office U Nyan Naing Win presented the topic on "Situation and Challenges for Reforming Legal System on Public Company and the Legal Governance", and Japanese Professor Mr. Manabu Matsunaka on "Fundamentals of Law on Public Corporations".

The seminar continues tomorrow.—MNA



Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin delivers an address at the seminar on reforming legal system on public companies.—MNA

## Flood-hit victims go home as situation returns to normalcy

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Some villages in Kayin State suffered from the floods as Thanlwin, Thaugyin, Gyine, Attayan, Zami and Haungthayaw Rivers had been under flood since 29 August.

The victims in the flood-hit areas, however, received the fulfillment of their needs by local authorities and social organizations. On 19 August morning, some of them went home as the water level

returned to normal.

On that day, Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min, state ministers, state/district/township level departmental heads, officials of the state/district/township women's affairs organizations and the maternal and child welfare supervisory committee inspected sanitation work being carried out by staff of the development affairs committee in Wards 5 and 2 in Hpa-an, and encouraged

medical staff of Kayin State People's Hospital and social organization members participating in the sanitation work using insects spray.

The Chief Minister and party encouraged the rest of flood-hit victims, who are staying at No. 4 relief camp in Ward 1. Women's affairs organizations and the maternal and child welfare supervisory committee provided those victims with foodstuff.—MNA

## First special session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw concluded

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—The fourth day meeting of the first special session of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw took place at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw yesterday morning, in the attendance of Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint, 67 representatives and seven invited persons.

There were four questions answered and five matters discussed at the meeting.

Deputy Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw Dr Htein Win presented proceedings from the first day to the fourth day of the first special session of the Hluttaw.

The speech of the speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw at the first day meeting was recorded.

The first special session of the Hluttaw concluded.

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## MWAF clarifies programs, tasks to WAOs

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation clarified programs of the federation at the assembly hall of Ministry of Boarder Affairs here at 10am yesterday.

At the ceremony held under the arrangement of Nay Pyi Taw Women's Affairs Organization, Chairperson of MWAF Dr Thet Thet Zin clarified the background, objectives and organizational set up of the federation and Daw Kyin San, Secretariat-member of the federation clarified organizing working groups and their tasks and programs of MWAF.

It was also attended by Daw Khin Lay Myint, member of the panel of patrons of Women's Affairs Organization of the Border Affairs Ministry, and members, Chairperson Dr Thin Thin Maw and staff families.

Similarly, a ceremony to clarify programs of MWAF was held at Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at 2pm.

The ceremony was attended by Daw Khin Than Zin, patron of Women's Affairs Organization of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and members, Daw Nwe Nwe Win, chairperson of Sub-working group and members and staff family of the ministry.

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## Loans provided for rural development

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A ceremony to disburse a loan of K 148.14 million for monsoon paddy cultivation to the members of Agricultural Product Cooperative Society was held at Nyaung Lont Village in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 18 August morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Director of Nay Pyi Taw Cooperatives Department U Maung Thaug said that the loans were provided to the members of APCS of Kyechaung, Nyaung Lont, Kayansapkon, Kinmontan, Nweyit and Aleyun villages and stressed the need to use the loans systematically. Next, the staff officer of Township Cooperative Department clarified the purpose of providing loans.

Later, the deputy director and party presented loans to the members of APCS individually.—MNA

## E-pension system launched at MEB

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Myanma Economic Bank (branch-2) is now practicing e-pension system through Smart Card instead of pension book today. Pensioners who hold Smart Card are no need to come to the bank twice and no more waiting at the bank counter when they want to withdraw their pension, put the card on the bank counter and withdraw the money at once in every bank's opening day.

The rest Yangon bank branches and state/region bank branches will keep on practicing this system as second step. In 2012-2013, this system will be used across the nation.

Pensioners who have not presented their photos and initial may contact Myanma Economic Bank as soon as possible in order to taking out the pension through e-pension system.

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and would repair the embankment if the ministry got the budget allocation for embankment in the 2013-2014 financial year.

U Zaw Win Aung of Myinmu Constituency asked **if there is a plan to repair old embankments in an attempt to prevent flood in Myinmu.**

Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw replied that Irrigation Department would assist in repairing the old embankments in Myinmu by Myinmu Township Development Affairs Committee under the guidance of Sagaing Region Government.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied to the questions of two representatives.



**Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency raising question.**—MNA



**Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replies to questions.** MNA

U Soe Win of Kyauktada Township constituency asked **how has the Education Ministry performed for transfer of teachers who have been working for many years in states.**

Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu replied that the applicants' length of services, townships and schools where applicants want to be transferred, ratio of teachers and students, vacancies and social difficulties are taken into consideration when the decision is made.

U Soe Soe of Htigyaing Constituency asked **if there is a plan to take necessary measures not to happen errors in the question paper for Mathematics and to use quality papers for the questions papers.**

The Deputy Minister replied that to be same quality of papers for question papers, foreign-made papers are used to print question papers and arrangements have been made not to happen errors in the future.

**At the seeking approval from the Hluttaw session,** Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said that four permanent committees of the Hluttaw were established in March, 2011, 19 committees were established on 5, September, 2011 and the Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee on 7, August, 2012. The term of the 19 committees which were set up on 5, September, 2011 will be extended one more year one day after they turn one year. The Hluttaw agreed to include more members into commission, to reorganize the Hluttaw committees and to extend the term of 19 committees.

**At the informing the Hluttaw session, the Bill revoking the Foreign Relations Act and the Contempt of Court Bill** sent by Amyotha Hluttaw were informed to Pyithu Hluttaw.

**At the reviewing and doing assessment session,** respective representatives discussed decision of the representatives to review and to report the assessment of Katha District Court hearing and decision included in the discussion of U Tin Win of Kawlin Constituency over the proposal to support the judiciary pillar to become upright made by Thura

U Aung Ko of Kanpetlet Constituency during the 20 day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union U Myint Aung clarified the procedures of the case.

Afterwards, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw said Pyithu Hluttaw do not interfere in the judiciary system and the Hluttaw has to discuss with regard to the proposal "to support the judiciary pillar to become upright" made by U Tin Win. It means that the Hluttaw is working for the integrity of the Hluttaw and its law makers while giving advices to become upright judiciary system. After the discussion, it is found that those who take part in judiciary system, those brought cases to the court, witnesses, pleaders and those who investigate cases are necessary for the strength and cleanliness of the judiciary system. Similarly, the citizens should understand laws and definitions in the laws. If the majority of the people understand the law, such kind situation to tilt the balance of the judiciary pillar would not happen in the country. That case is to be handled and decided by the respective judges and judiciary system and the Hluttaw has no rights to decide the case. Therefore, as a Speaker, he would send a message to the President so that he can review the case, he said.

Similarly, the summary of the discussion today would be sent to Supreme Court of the Union and the Hluttaw would send a message to it so that respective authorities can review and can settle the case. Besides, the goodwill and efforts of the Hluttaw aimed at supporting much the judiciary pillar so that it can make right decision and let the people know that the Hluttaws have worked in the interests of the people and the country and that they can ask help through respective representatives.

The meeting ended at 2.35 pm and it will continue tomorrow for 32nd day.—MNA

## Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay meets Rakhine State Conflicts Investigation Commission Members



**Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay meeting with members of Rakhine State Conflicts Investigation Commission at Yangon Region government office.**—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay this morning met with members of Rakhine State Conflicts Investigation Commission at the Yangon Region Government Office and clarified matters on recent incidents in Rakhine State, peace and stability and prevalence of law, relief measures, resettlement and rehabilitation.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the commission Dr Myo Myint and members and officials.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Thein Htay in his clarifications said that he met the commission on behalf of the President, adding that the purpose of the meeting is to fulfill to the needs of the commission and to help realize the objectives of its main tasks in the interest of the State and people. Formed with those from all walks of life, the commission could carry out its tasks freely and the needs of each member of the commission would be fulfilled.

The Union Minister continued to say that the present incident is not only concerned with only Rakhine State but also concerned with the entire nation. The fundamental requirement of the nation at present is peace and stability. Only when there is peace and stability, will prevalence of law and economic development and improvement of socio-economic status be possible. In view of prevailing situations of the nation, socio-economic status of those in border and rural areas as well as those from urban areas is low. Thus, efforts are to be made for improvement of socio-economic status of the whole nation with the introduction of people-centred development strategy.

The incident in Rakhine State has nothing to do with race and religion. It has originated from unlawful acts of Kyauknimaw

village of Yanbye Township and Taungup Township. It has resulted in revenges and both sides had to suffer much. A total of 5338 houses, 19 mosques, 14 monasteries, three schools were burnt down and 89 people dead from both sides in the incident. Altogether 987 people involved in the incident were arrested. At present, 54 relief camps are being opened and 73559 internally displaced people are being provided with foods, shelters, education, health there. Humanitarian aids are being provided to the victims regardless of race and religion. Food supplies worth about US \$ 1 million are provided to those displaced people monthly. In taking relief and rehabilitation measures, the government is in close cooperation with local people, UN agencies, international community and international governments.

The Union Minister added that tents were erected and houses are being built for the victims. In place of 470 houses that were burnt down in Maungtau Township, 552 houses are being built by UNHCR, CARE Myanmar and Ministry of Border Affairs. In taking rehabilitation measures, arrangements are being made to cover both mental and physical development. Meanwhile, steps are being taken to make sure the livelihood of the victims return to normal and create job opportunities and improvement of socio-economic status.

Despite of all-out efforts of the government, pressures of internal organizations and exaggeration of media led to deterioration of peace and stability. To exhibit transparency and ensure international cooperation in the handling of the incidents, the government invited Special Rapporteur on the situation of human right in Myanmar Mr Thomas Ojea Quintana and foreign diplomats and held a press conference in Yangon

on 30-7-2012. And it has made arrangements for Mr Quintana and foreign diplomats to witness the prevailing situations of Rakhine State. Moreover, delegation members from Turkey and Republic of Indonesia visited Sittway and Maungtau Townships and submitted the government's right endeavours to the United Nations.

The newly-formed commission is a free and independent one. The commission is urged to collect data in the community and give suggestions on requirements for development. In so doing, it needs to hold the views on current and root cause, nationalistic and international views, human rights, national races rights, citizens rights, national interest, long-term development, the emergence of harmonious community. The commission might face challenges and difficulties in performing its duties. He strongly believed that the commission could perform its duties by means of sympathy, coordination and cooperation.

After that, Chairman of Investigation Commission Dr Myo Myint said that in handling the Rakhine State issue, it is very important not to take side. There would be difficulties in easing their sufferings as both sides have attachments. The commission would make attempt to accomplish the tasks during the designated period. And the commission would make strenuous effort to achieve it as a national duty for State's interest and Myanmar's dignity in the international arena.

After that, each members of the Investigation Commission presented their views, attitudes and suggestions. Solving the Rakhine issue needs to look at the historical background so as to expose the root cause of the incident. It needs to create a new harmonious community out of the history. Works should be focused on the future after relying on the present condition and reviewing the past. Rakhine State is important for Geo-politics and Geo-Economy. Rakhine issue is the issue not only of Rakhine State but also of whole country. The commission members would attempt to accomplish their duties. The State is urged to extend a helping hand for smooth operations.

In conclusion speech, the Union Minister said that he would like express thank to the members of the Investigation Commission for their suggestions. The Commission was a free and independent one formed by the President. In exposing the real cause of the incident, they were to present reports on real conditions on the ground and people's desires after making interviews with the local people. It needs to put a special emphasis on national interest rather than those of organizations and individuals. In so doing, it needs to make effort for emergence of a humane community in the future without being regardless of history. The State will fulfill the commission's requirements as much as possible. It needs to carry out the differences in unity as the commission members are from all walks of life.

After the meeting, the Union Minister cordially greeted the commission members.—MNA



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into tar road after funds is annually asked for.

Regarding the question of U Mya Ohn of Kachin State Constituency No.8 "whether there is a plan to construct a Uru creek crossing bridge in Lonekhin village of Phakant", he replied: First Shwe Nagar Company is implementing Moegaung-Karmai-Lonekhin-Phakant road in Phakant Township, Kachin



**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Mya Ohn from Kachin State Constituency No 8 asking question.**

MNA



**Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Win Thein of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No 9 makes question.—MNA**

State through B.O.T system. At present, maintenance of the bridge will be carried out. Plans are under way to ask for the fund in 2014-2015 financial year.

After that, members of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Major Myint Soe, Dr Hla Thein and U Tun Kyi submitted the committee's report. Hluttaw announced that representatives who want to discuss the committee's report are to register their names by 4 pm on 24-8-2012.

Afterwards, U Swe Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.12, Daw Khin Waing Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.1, U Thein Swe of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.10 and U Gan Hsaing of Kachin State Constituency No.2 discussed Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints and Petitions Committee's report.

After that, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints and Petitions Committee U Aung Nyein submitted the proposal to accept the committee's report, and Hluttaw approved it.

U Pe Thaung of Kachin State Constituency No.6, U Thein Win of Sagaing Region Constituency No.9, U Aung Cho Oo of Bago Region Constituency No.11 and U Tin Win of Magway Region Constituency No.8 discussed the proposal of U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No.12 on "urging the Union government to enable staff at different level to enjoy the rights for the emergence of Clean Government".

With respect to the proposal, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung said that the State recruits those who want to apply for the government staff posts along with required qualifications, rations, basic salary rates, increments and highest salary rates. The government has provided them with salary, daily allowance, office expenses, house, apartments, water and

electricity etc. The ministries allow expenses of those who have to discharge their duties at other regions when they ask for it along with vouchers and invoices.

The government wants to fulfill the needs of people and staff. It can be implemented based on the State's economic condition and time. The government has added extra money and increased the retired pension rates. To increase the salary rate depends on economic development of the country. Economic development of the country is the duty of every citizen. Every staff must be dutiful. Only when every citizen is dutiful, will they have to enjoy the fruit of the State. He said that the proposal is to be withdrawn.

With respect to the proposal, the representative who submitted it wanted to put it on record. Hluttaw decided to record it.

After that, a representative discussed the proposal submitted by member of Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints and Petitions Committee U Moe Myint on **urging Supreme Court of the Union to supervise judiciary sector for the emergence of fair and right judiciary system at a time when the government is making attempt for the emergence of Clean Government and Good Governance** and the proposal by Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.8 "urging the Union government to reform education system for development of education standard".

Hluttaw approved to discuss it, and those wishing to discuss it are to register.

The meeting came to an end at 3.10 pm, and the 32<sup>nd</sup> session will go on at 10 am tomorrow.

At today's session, five questions raised and replied, one report submitted, one report discussed and approved, one proposal discussed and two new proposal submitted.—MNA

## Coord meeting for opening of higher computer universities held



**Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint delivers an address at the coordination meeting for opening of higher computer universities.—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A coordination meeting for opening of higher computer universities was held at Myanma Science and Technology Research Department under the Ministry of Science and Technology on 18 August, with the attendance of Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint.

The ministry is making efforts on turning out

scholars, terminology work and research works to become more development in socio-economic status.

The degrees comprising B.C.Sc (Software Engineering), B.C.Sc (Knowledge Engineering), B.C.Sc (Business Information System), B.C.Sc (High Performance Computing), B.C.Tech (Computer Communication and Network), B.C.Tech

(Embedded System) and B.C.Tech (Computer System) are conferred by the higher computer universities.

The Chairman of Myanmar Computer Federation, computer technicians and the directors-general of the Ministry of Science and Technology and faculty members from the computer universities took part in all round discussion.—MNA

## Coordination meeting for holding 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A coordination meeting between 13 subcommittees and Preparation Leading Committee for holding 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games took place at the meeting hall of the Sports Ministry here yesterday morning. It was attended by Secretary of Preparation Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Construction Minister U

Kyaw Lwin, Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department and officials, secretaries of subcommittees and representatives.

Leading Committee Secretary Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu explained the resolution of the third meeting.

Officials from preparation leading committee and subcommittees reported on

completion of the tasks, current implementation and future programmes.

The Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department suggested that Myanmar SEA Game Organizing Committee should be arranged to open separately office for successfully holding of the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games. Discussions were made to carry out the tasks based on experiences

## Workshop on Development of Road Transportation held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint attended a workshop on development of road transportation at the meeting hall of region superintending engineer office of Yangon Region Public Works yesterday morning and made an opening speech.

The Union Minister said in his address that economic growth is necessary for the State and people, job opportunities could create by implementing sector-wise tasks, Public Works organized that workshop for maintenance of roads and bridges with a view to carry out Public Private Partnership (P.P.P) Programme.

Upgrading of roads, convenience transportation for vehicles, supervising over-loaded vehicles and dissemination of

knowledge were undertaken to implement ASEAN Free Trade Area for free commodities flow of ASEAN countries in 2015, added the Union Minister.

Deputy Minister U Soe Tint said that conducting of the workshop is to get knowledge and to help develop the State.

Then, papers discussion followed. Six resource persons took part in papers discussion session. At the workshop, current condition of road/bridge in Myanmar, road/bridge to be implemented with the fund of the State, road/bridge to be constructed with the assistance of foreign, job opportunities in cooperation with the Construction Ministry and BOT companies, rapid development for road/bridge through BOT according to Public Private Partnership (PPP) were discussed by the attendees.—MNA

## Workshop on promoting of education system held

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—A workshop on promoting of education system was held at the hall of the Ministry of Education this morning, with the attendance of Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye. As the basic education sector is the cornerstone of education system, arrangements are being kept emphasis on promoting of basic education sector spending a lot of money year after year in order that basic school children can pursue their education without being anxiety and

running private school, said the union minister.

The union minister said that the middle and high school fellowship programmes are presented after systematically scrutinizing. The stipends will be granted for those who are unable to pursue their formal education consecutively. The courses are being kept with the aim of improving child centre approach. The arrangements are being made to become good learning environment as well as to keep abreast of the international curricula. In higher education level, pre-graduated courses are extended one year and faculty departments are formed more and more. The quality assurance, university entrance course, vocational education, enhancing teachers' quality and private

sectors of the universities are discussed.

Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu made opening speech at the workshop on promoting of basic education system and the attendees took part in the discussion.

Deputy Ministers U Ba Shwe and Dr Myo Myint delivered address at the workshop on promoting of higher education system and the attendees held discussion on the matters of higher education system. Deputy Ministers for Education U Ba Shwe and Dr Myo Myint, Chairman of Myanma Academy of Arts and Science U Than Oo and executive members, special guests, the director-generals of the departments under the Ministry of Education and officials attended the meeting. The workshop will continue till 22 August.—MNA

### Air Asia spreads its wings to Mandalay



MANDALAY, 21 Aug — Air Asia spreads its wings to Mandalay, setting to begin flying to the second-largest city on 4 Oct with four flights a week. The airline will use its all-A320 fleet for direct service to Mandalay. Due to the direct Bangkok-Mandalay service of the Air Asia which operates twice-daily service to Yangon, arrivals of tourists are expected to increase in Mandalay.—Kyemon

### 200,000 baby fish released into Kinpuntaung Dam

TAUNGWINGYI, 21 Aug — As part of efforts for boosting fish production and self-sufficiency in fish in rural areas, Mandalay Region Fishery Department released fingerlings into Kinpuntaung Dam on 19 August. During the ceremony held by Taungwingyi District Fishery Department, 200,000

fingerlings were released into the dam by officials, personnel from NGOs and villagers. Kyemon



### School uniforms provided to needy students

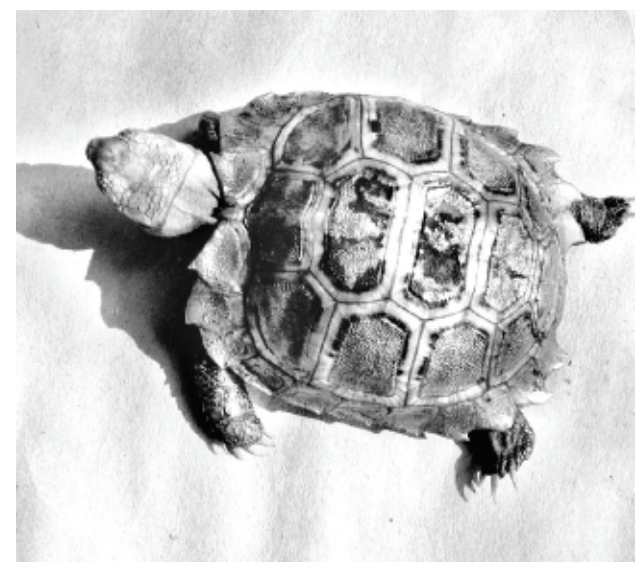
ZALUN, 21 Aug — Zalun Township Development Affairs Department provided school uniforms to children of trishaw men and vendors as part of efforts for poverty reduction in the district on 3 August. The ceremony to present school uniforms to the children was held at Zalun Township Development Affairs Department and the chairman of the micro-credit scheme committee presented 37

sets of school uniforms to children of the 15 vendors, 64 sets of school uniforms to children of 52 trishaw men to the parents and students. Kyemon

### Relief aids sent to flood victims in Pantanaw Township

PANTANAW, 21 Aug — The flood caused by torrential rain has damaged dykes and submerged houses in villages in Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region recently. Officials from the Ayeyawady Region Government provided aids and food to flood victims sheltering at refugee camps

on 18 August. They handed over 23 bags of rice to be distributed to 153 victims from Shwehlay Village-tract and 306 flood victims from Mintasu Village-tract. The authority will continue to provide the aids and rice donated by the government and donors to the victims and to remaining submerged areas. Kyemon



### Rare tortoise found in Kalay

KALAY, 21 Aug — A rare and endangered tortoise with gold shell was discovered at the village of Nat Chaung in Kalay Township recently. The endangered reptile is 3.5 inches long and its head is white, legs are blue. Local people called the species as “golden tortoise”. The specie has been protected from killing and trading in Myanmar as it is in danger of extinction. The species can be found in ever green forests in Bago, Yangon, Sagaing, Taninthayi and Mandalay regions and Mon, Rakhine, Shan, Kayin, Kachin and Kayah states. Myanma Alin

### School Building handed over

YINMABIN, 21 Aug — A new school was handed over to Hsilaug Village Basic Education High School in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Region, on 10 August. The school building was constructed at the cost of over K 24 million : K10.9 million funded by the government and K13.2 million contributed by the people. During the ceremony to hand over the building to the Education Department, Deputy Speaker of Sagaing Region Hluttaw U Thaug Sein unveiled the signboard of the school building, and U Soe Myint Oo, headmaster of the Hsilaug Village Post-primary School handed over the documents related to the building to an official of the Education Department. Kyemon

sets of school uniforms to children of the 15 vendors, 64 sets of school uniforms to children of 52 trishaw men to the parents and students. Kyemon



### Aids reaches out flood victims in Shwegyin Township

SHWEGYIN, 21 Aug — A ceremony to donate aids, school uniforms, exercise books to flood victims in Shwegyin Township was held at the Ngarhtatgyi Building in the township on 15 August. During the ceremony, U Myo Myint, a representative from Shwegyin Township for Bago Region Hluttaw and U Aung Myint encouraged the flood victims and handed over aids including buckets, soaps, dry noodles, edible oil, rice, school uniforms and 100 dozens of exercise books to the National Disaster Preparedness Committee. The aids would be distributed to 10006 victims



from 2034 households from 12 village-tracts who are taking shelter at relief camps due to floods caused by

overflow water of the Sittoung River and the Shwegyin River. Kyemon

A man and a girl wades through the flood water on a stree in Kwatthit Ward in Insein Township on 18 August. Lowlying areas in the township are submerged by the flood when rain pours down heavily, causing flood due to the poor sanitation system.—KYEMON

### Flood sweeps away 10 houses, damages one bridge in Mabein

MABEIN, 21 Aug — A heavy rain-caused flood damaged a wooden bridge and swept away 10 houses in Mabein Township these days. Three houses at the village of Maezali and seven houses from the village of Yanbo were washed away by the flood. However, there is no casualties in the flood. Kyemon



### Flood distrupts trains in Kawlin

WUNTHO, 21 Aug — The low-lying area in Wuntho was inundated and a wooden bridge was washed away as the Daung-myue River overflowed its banks after a heavy downpour yesterday. Meanwhile, second Express Train No. 42 was suspended after the section

between Mile Post No. 538/20 and 539/7 of the Kawlin-Wuntho line was also submerged under water and the section between Mile Post No. 540/6 and 10 and between 540/17 and 28 are being eroded. Myanma Railways is repairing the damaged sections. Kyemon

### District News

Similarly, flooding triggered the heavy rain has inundated ground floors of homes and offices in Kawlin. However, there is no damages or casualties of man and cattle due to floods in Wuntho and Kawlin. Kyemon

## Wildfire nears Idaho resort town as some residents refuse to leave

SALMON, 21 Aug—A 91,000-acre (38,800-hectare) wildfire in the Boise National Forest closed in from three directions on an Idaho mountain town on Monday as authorities worried about the safety of roughly 30 residents who have refused to evacuate. The Elmore County Sheriff's Office ordered evacuations over the weekend as thick smoke from the Trinity Ridge Fire posed a health hazard and limited visibility on the single road to Featherville, a popular summertime resort at the foot of the Trinity Mountains on the South Fork Boise River. "It puts everyone in

higher danger. Firefighters will have to worry about the safety of people who are left behind instead of fighting the fire and saving homes," US fire information officer Mary Christensen said.

Fire crews prepared to defend hundreds of homes in Featherville, where second homes and rental cabins cause the summer population to swell to roughly 1,000, as well as structures in the nearby community of Pine.

"We hope those residents will reconsider and get out of there," Christensen said. Weather forecasters predicted a blanket of thick smoke that has lowered

temperatures and slowed the fire's march to Featherville would lift.

The fire has burned over 90,000 acres of sagebrush and timber in south-central Idaho since it was ignited on 3 August by an off-road vehicle that caught fire, authorities said. It was only 5 percent contained on Monday.

Flames also threatened a critical stretch of the North Fork Boise River drainage where fire managers had hoped to cordon off the blaze to prevent its spread eastward toward the historic mining town of Idaho City. Crews sought to construct fire lines by hand in the steep, rugged



A firefighter battles the Trinity Ridge Fire in Boise National Forest near Featherville, Idaho, in this US Forest Service handout photo dated on 19 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

terrain ridging the river, Christensen said.

So far this season, wildfires have consumed roughly 6.9 million acres (2.8 million hectares) across the

United States, over 1.5 million acres more than the 10-year average for this time of year, according to the National Interagency Fire Centre in Boise.—Reuters

## Colombia, Panama, US seize 1.9 tons of cocaine

BOGOTA, 21 Aug—Colombia, the United States and Panama netted 1.9 tons of cocaine in two joint anti-drug operations in the Caribbean, the Colombian navy said on Monday.

"The Panamanian National Aeronaval Service intercepted a speed boat in Panama's San Blas Islands area on Saturday, with information provided by the Colombian navy," the navy said in a statement.

The speed boat had departed from Colombia's Uraba Gulf loaded with 1,362 kg of cocaine, but the crew abandoned both the vessel and the shipment on the beach and escaped.

On Sunday, the US Coast Guard seized 568 kg of cocaine that had been shipped from Colombia to Central America.

Two Colombians were arrested in the operation, which took place along the Costa Rica-Panama border.

"The Colombian Navy will continue to undertake operations with other countries against maritime crimes," the navy added.

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People visit the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum during the Air Force Week in New York, on 20 Aug, 2012.—XINHUA



Farmers pick vegetables at a base specifically for meeting the demand of Hong Kong, in Wanghong Town of Yongning County, northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 20 Aug, 2012. Ningxia built 1,600 hectares of vegetable bases specifically for supplying vegetables to Hong Kong in the first half of this year.—XINHUA

## Mexican league offers to cooperate in money laundering probe

MEXICO CITY, 21 Aug—The president of Mexico's MX premier soccer league on Monday offered to cooperate with authorities should they open an investigation into recent allegations that drug traffickers used the clubs to launder money, local media sources said.

MX chief Decio de Maria told reporters at a Press conference: "The league is always open to cooperating with all the authorities in any kind of investigation."

Colombian broadcaster RCN recently reported that the US Drug Enforcement

Administration had warned Colombian authorities that the nation's drug cartels had used Mexican soccer teams for money laundering purposes.

RCN said Colombian drug lords, former paramilitary leaders extradited to the US and even a leader of the country's leftist insurgents were known to have "invested" in Mexican soccer teams from 2003 to 2006, according to records seized by Colombia's General Attorney's Office.

De Maria said the Mexican league follows a set

of requirements that "shields" the teams against illegal money.

De Maria said that the Mexican Football Federation has intensified the protocols to accept new shareholders in the local teams in the last years.

"The 18 teams completely follow and fulfill the protocols," said De Maria.

He explained that the Mexican clubs should comply "an affiliation notebook and a set of protocols that we follow, we are alert of any irregular situations."

Xinhua

## Chicago grains up amid worse than expected yields

CHICAGO, 21 Aug—Chicago corn, wheat and soybeans futures all rose in trading on Monday, as a lower dollar lent support to the market and a crop tour indicated worse than expected crop yields and quality.

The most active corn contract for December delivery rose 16.5 cents, or 2.04 percent, to close at 8.2375

dollars per bushel. December wheat gained 8.25 cents, or 0.92 percent, to settle at 9.0275 dollars per bushel. November soybeans sharply rose 37.75 cents, or 2.29 percent, to close at 16.835 dollars per bushel.

According to Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME), a closely followed crop tour reported a worse than expected corn yields and

quality in South Dakota and the overall reports of corn yields and quality were worse than traders expected.

The US Department of Agriculture also reported that private exporters sold 121,000 tons of US corn to Mexico this morning, which offered support to the corn market, in addition to a slightly lower US dollar on the day.

Wheat saw early support after a private Russian analyst revised their Russian wheat production to 39-41 million tones, while a prior estimate was 40.5-42.5 million tones.

Traders continue to add risk premium to the wheat market after some feel Black Sea exports will slow in the next quarter which could shift international demand to North America.

Xinhua



## Nearly half of US doctors struggle with burnout: study

NEW YORK, 21 Aug—Job burnout strikes doctors more often than it does other employed people in the United States, according to a national survey that included more than 7,000 doctors.

More than four in 10 US physicians said they were emotionally exhausted or felt a high degree of cynicism, or "depersonalization," toward their patients, said researchers whose findings appeared in the *Archives of Internal Medicine*.

"The high rate of burnout has consequences not only for the individual physicians, but also for the patients they are caring for," said Tait Shanafelt of the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, who led the research.

Previous studies have shown that burned-out doctors are more prone to thinking about suicide and to making medical errors than their peers, Shanafelt added.

The survey included nearly 7,300 doctors who filled in questionnaires about their work-life balance in 2011.

Thirty-eight percent had high emotional exhaustion scores, which is akin to losing enthusiasm for their job, according to Shanafelt. Thirty percent had high depersonalization scores, which translates into viewing patients more like objects than human beings, and 46 percent

had at least one of the two symptoms.

Burnout was most common among doctors at the "frontline of care," such as those working in emergency rooms or in family medicine. Dermatologists and preventive care specialists were less affected.

The researchers compared physicians with a random sample of 3,400 employed people who were not doctors. Based on a modified version of the original questionnaire, 38 percent of the doctors had burnout symptoms against 28 percent of the rest.—Reuters

A staff member shows a set of gold tableware at a gold store in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 20 Aug, 2012.

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## Used car sales increase in Spain amid economic crisis

MADRID, 21 Aug—Used car sales in Spain have significantly increased due to the economic crisis that Spain is suffering, local media reported on Monday.

Used cars sales, whose price dropped by 3.1 percent in the first seven months of the year, increased from July 2011 to July 2012 by 22.7 percent.

In Spain, 70 percent of car purchases are second-hand, 60 percent of which have been pre-owned for more than ten years. This has put a potential threat to the environment and road safety.

On the other hand, a rise in the Value Added Tax will also affect the sector.

In the case of cars, the Value Added Tax will rise from 18 to 21 percent from 1 September, which means the industry will see less sales in new cars.

In 2007, before the crisis began in Spain the sector sold 1.6 million new cars. However in 2012, sales in new cars were expected to fall below 700,000.

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**Britain's Queen Elizabeth (C), her husband Prince Philip (R), and International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Jacques Rogge attend the opening ceremony of the London 2012 Olympic Games at the Olympic Stadium on 27 July, 2012.—INTERNET**



**Prince Philip to miss church after health scare**

LONDON, 21 Aug—Queen Elizabeth II was to attend a church service near Balmoral on Sunday without her husband Prince Philip by her side as he remains in hospital for a fifth day. The Duke of Edinburgh, 91, continues to receive treatment at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary for a recurring bladder infection which forced him to miss part of the June celebrations for his wife's diamond jubilee.

The prince was taken to hospital by ambulance on Wednesday while he and the queen were on their annual summer visit to the family's Balmoral residence in northeast Scotland.

Members of the royal family, including the queen, Prince Charles and his wife Camilla, were expected to attend a service at Crathie Kirk, near Balmoral, on Sunday morning. Doctors have told Prince Philip to rest and he has not received any visitors but is thought to have been in contact with family members by telephone.

It is unclear when he will be discharged, though

Buckingham Palace said last week that he was responding well to treatment.

This is the prince's third health scare in eight months, after he suffered a blocked coronary artery over Christmas 2011 which required the insertion of a stent, or mesh tube used to strengthen or widen an artery.

But he had appeared in good health on Monday as he carried out public engagements on the Isle of Wight, and had previously attended several events at the London Olympics, including the opening ceremony and boxing matches.

The prince's current illness is the recurrence of a bladder infection that forced him to spend five nights in hospital in June and miss key events in the queen's diamond jubilee celebrations marking her 60 years on the throne.

It is not known whether the prince will be well enough for his next official engagement — accompanying the queen to the opening of the London 2012 Paralympic Games on 29 August.—Internet

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (185) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.8.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**A worker inspecting facilities on an upstream oil drilling platform at the Total oil platform at Amenem, 35 kilometres away from Port Harcourt in the Niger Delta, in 2009.—INTERNET**

**Nigeria launches a fresh bid to overhaul oil industry**

LAGOS, 21 Aug—It was the year the world became acquainted with Barack Obama, when "tweet" was labelled a buzzword by Time magazine — and when legislation was introduced to overhaul Africa's biggest oil industry. That was way back in 2008, and many deadlines set by Nigeria's government to carry out the oil reforms have passed without action, creating uncertainty that has limited new investment, threatening future output.

The country has now launched a renewed reform

bid, and there is reason to believe that this time it may be successful — though various obstacles could again derail the plans.

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan last month sent a fresh version of sweeping legislation to parliament that would set out new fiscal terms for the industry and restructure the state oil company, among other measures.

The implications of the 223-page bill are immense in the OPEC member country that relies on the industry for

some 80 percent of government revenue and where major firms like Shell, Exxon and Total pump crude for export.

"I think something's going to get passed before the end of the year," said Kayode Akindele of 46 Parallels investment firm.

"That's really out of necessity ... because we just can't have the situation we've had the last four or five years." But a number of battles must still play out.

Major firms argue that the fiscal terms are too harsh,

there are concerns over powers granted to the oil minister, and a political tussle is expected over a fund for oil-producing communities.

Unrest in the oil-producing Niger Delta region has been sharply reduced following a 2009 amnesty deal, allowing output to return to more than two million barrels per day.

A deadly insurgency by Islamist militants Boko Haram in the north and central regions of the country has also not affected oil production.—Internet

**Honda looks to silence critics with new Accord**

DETROIT, 21 Aug—Honda wants to silence its critics when it rolls out the new Accord this week.

The automaker, chastened for cheapening the Civic compact earlier this year, says that won't happen with the midsize Accord.

It better not. The sedan is up against the toughest competition it's ever seen.

It faces a new Nissan Altima that leads midsize sedans in highway fuel economy at 38 miles per gallon, and a revamped Toyota Camry that has cemented its place as the best-selling car in America. The stylish Hyundai Sonata, the redesigned and lower-priced Volkswagen Passat, and a new, more efficient Chevrolet Malibu also are



**This undated product image provided by Honda shows the 2013 Honda Accord.—INTERNET**

on sale. And then there's the European-looking Ford Fusion due out in the fall.

"It's certainly a battle royal in the midsize sedan segment," says Sage Marie, a Honda public relations executive who is

coordinating the Accord's marketing launch. "And we have a lot of confidence."

Just five years ago, leading the midsize segment wasn't that difficult. It was pretty much a two-car contest between Accord

and Camry, with the Altima a distant third. Camry and Accord still lead, but in the past few years, other car companies have upped their games. American, South Korean and German rivals are chipping away at their sales.

"Honda and Toyota can no longer take it for granted that this is going to be a two-horse race," says Jesse Toprak, vice president of market intelligence for the TrueCar.com auto pricing service. "It's a remarkable change, how competitive the segment has become."

The new Accord has a fresh athletic look and nicer interior. Honda says it's aiming to beat Camry in sales to individual buyers. That excludes sales to rental car companies and other fleet buyers.—Internet

**Dogs give emotional boost to sick kids in Quito**

QUITO, 21 Aug—Every Wednesday, Lancelot and Juci scamper into a special mission: nudging and pawing youngsters into smiles at the only hospital in Ecuador's capital that treats children with cancer.

Veronica Pardo, the hospital volunteer who owns the dogs, says the animals are used to cheer up the most discouraged of the patients, especially those with the grimmest prognosis. "Sometimes they do not

want to eat, their moms haven't visited them, they don't want to take their medicine, or they don't want to talk with the doctor," Pardo said.

Then she brings her dogs in on Wednesdays, and small miracles happen as the sick youngsters caress and cuddle the dogs. "The children smile, talk. They're infused with life." Pardo recalled a patient named Dana, a 7-year-old girl who took a special liking to

Lancelot, a 15-month-old American cocker spaniel, before she died early this month.

"When she died, her parents told me: 'You have no idea how my daughter had fun on Wednesdays,'" Pardo said.

When Pardo first started bringing dogs in 2005, they stayed in the hospital garden and played with children before chemotherapy treatments.

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**In this 15 July, 2012 photo, Paola laughs as Lancelot, an American cocker spaniel, walks on her bed at the SOLCA hospital in Quito, Ecuador.**

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## Skull pushes back clock on early human migration

An ancient skull discovered in a cave in Laos has pushed back the clock on human migration to Southeast Asia by as much as 20,000 years, a study has found. The skull discovered in the Annamite Mountains in northern Laos is the oldest modern human fossil found in Southeast Asia and is believed to be between 46,000 and 63,000 years old.

The find also reveals that early humans did not simply follow the Asian coast as they migrated from Africa to Australia, as some researchers have argued, but that some also moved inland into unfamiliar terrain.

"This fossil find indicates that the migration out of Africa and into East

and Southeast Asia occurred at a relatively rapid rate, and that, once there, modern humans weren't limited to environments that they had previously experienced," said co-author Laura Shackelford, an anthropologist with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

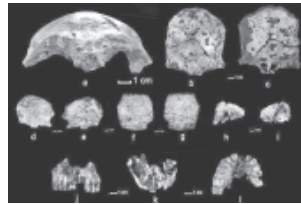
While some human remains of about that age have been found in China and elsewhere in Southeast Asia, none have shown definitively modern human features or been as well dated as the Laos skull. The discovery also reinforces genetic studies which indicate modern humans were living in the region at least 60,000 years ago. "Given its age, fossils in this vicinity could be direct

ancestors of the first migrants to Australia," Shackelford said in a Press release.

"But it is also likely that mainland Southeast Asia was a crossroads leading to multiple migratory paths."

Since no other artifacts were found in the cave, researchers believe it was not a dwelling or burial site. Since the soil it was found in was dated at between 46,000 and 51,000 years ago researchers believe the body was washed into the cave after the person died nearby.

The skull was discovered more than two meters (8.2 feet) below the surface of the cave in 2009. A team of researchers used multiple methods to determine its age.



**Fragments from a skull recovered from a cave in the Annamite Mountains in northern Laos are the oldest modern human fossils found in Southeast Asia. The ancient skull has pushed back the clock on human migration to Southeast Asia by as much as 20,000 years, a study has found**

The study was published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

## News Album

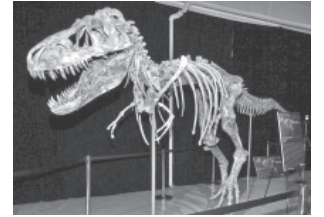
## Florida fossils dealer seeks dinosaur's NY return

A Florida fossils dealer whose dinosaur was seized by the US government so it could be given to the government of Mongolia wants it back. Lawyers for Eric Prokopi, of Gainesville, Fla, said in court papers filed Monday that he was victim of a media campaign stirred up by academic paleontologists.

The government seized the Tyrannosaurus bataar skeleton, known as Ty, in June. It had sued to obtain the bones, which had been sold at an auction for \$1.05 million. According to the court papers, Prokopi and Dallas-based auction house Heritage Auctions were in negotiations with Mongolia's president to settle the dispute when the US filed a seizure

lawsuit to obtain the dinosaur.

The government had no immediate comment on Monday. The auction house has said it wants a "fair and just resolution." A judge had ordered the US government to seize the dinosaur from a storage facility in New York after the US claimed it had been brought into the country with bogus documents.



**A file photo from documents released from the US Attorney's office, Monday, on 18 June, 2012.**



**Singers and dancers perform during the opening ceremony of the 11th Changchun Film Festival in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, on 20 Aug, 2012. The 11th Changchun Film festival kicked off here on Monday.—XINHUA**

## Leading film festival opens in northeast China

CHANGCHUN, 21 Aug—A leading Chinese film festival opened on Monday night in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province and a cradle of the country's film industry.

The six-day event is attended by renowned film directors, playwrights, actors and actresses, composers and officials from the Chinese mainland as well as Hong Kong, Taipei and Macao.

A total of 268 Chinese language films will be shown during the festival, 32 of which have been shortlisted for nine major awards.

Among the shortlisted

films are Beginning of the Great Revival, a 2010 movie about the founding of the Communist Party of China, a 2011 film based on the 1911 revolution led by Dr Sun Yat-sen, which toppled the Qing Dynasty and led to the founding of the Republic of China, as well as Sister Peach, a 2012 human interest movie about how a rich man cared for his former babysitter when the woman was old and sick.

China Changchun Film Festival has been held every two years since it was launched in 1992. The ongoing festival is the 11th such event.—Xinhua

## NBC: Michael J Fox will return to series TV

NEW YORK, 21 Aug—NBC has made it official: Michael J Fox is coming back to series TV more than a decade after he left to concentrate on fighting Parkinson's disease.

His new comedy series, based loosely on his personal life, has a 22-episode commitment from NBC and is set to premiere in fall 2013, the network announced on Monday.

The single-camera comedy, thus far untitled, will feature Fox as a husband and father of three from New York City who is dealing with family, career and challenges that include Parkinson's, the network said. No further casting was announced. The executive producers and co-creators are Will Gluck ("Easy A," "Friends with Benefits") and Sam Laybourne ("Cougar Town," "Arrested Development"), with Gluck producing through his Sony Television-based Olive Bridge Entertainment. He also will direct the pilot.—Internet

## Elton John fears son will face homophobia

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—Elton John believes his son Zachary's childhood is going to be "very difficult", battling homophobia and the impact of his father's fame, the pop icon said in an interview published on Tuesday.

The 65-year-old British star and his Canadian civil partner David Furnish, 49, became parents on 25 Dec, 2010, to a child conceived using a donor egg and born via a surrogate mother.

But the singer-songwriter said he was preparing himself for what would be a tough time growing up for his son, who is now 19 months, he told the weekly British magazine *Radio Times*.

"At school other children will say, 'You don't have a mummy'," John said.

"We've come a long way, but there's still homophobia and it will be until a new generation of parents don't instil it in their children."

He added on his son's upbringing: "It's natural for

him. He calls me 'Daddy' and David 'Papa'."

John, whose 1997 remake of his 1973 hit "Candle in the Wind" sold 33 million copies, said the toddler did not yet have an understanding of his



**David Furnish, son Zachary and Sir Elton John attend the 20th Annual Elton John AIDS Foundation Academy Awards Viewing Party in February 2012 in Beverly Hills, California. John believes his son Zachary's childhood is going to be "very difficult", battling homophobia and the impact of his father's fame, the pop icon said in an interview published on Tuesday. INTERNET**

father's fame. "When he finds out, he'll look at me as if I'm bonkers," he said.

"Being the child of someone famous is a huge ball and chain around your ankles. It's going to be very difficult."

John explained how he was trying to give his son a musical upbringing.

"I want music to be a huge part of his life. I sit him on my lap and he doesn't bang the piano," he said.

"He tries to copy me but he's not formed enough yet to know what I do, thank God."

John said that he introduced Zachary to classical composers Chopin, Mozart and Beethoven — as well as the children's song "Nellie The Elephant" — at a very young age, but that his son was more interested in football and cooking.

"I won't push Zachary into anything. So far, he just loves kicking a ball and watching people cook," he said.—Internet

## 'La Camisa Negra' singer Juanes goes classical in LA



**Pop singer Juanes rehearses with the Youth Orchestra Los Angeles (YOLA) in Los Angeles, California on 16 August.—INTERNET**

LOS ANGELES, 21 Aug—Colombian megastar Juanes, whose hit "La Camisa Negra" topped charts around the world, tried his hand at classical music for the first time this week at the legendary

Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

Juanes and his group combined forces for just two nights, on Friday and Saturday, with the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and the city's youth orchestra for disadvantaged kids.

"I've never played on stage with a symphony orchestra," Juanes, who has sold more than 15 million records and racked up more than a dozen awards over two decades, told *AFP* before the show.

The playlist features popular songs, along with some more "surprising,

alternative choices," Juanes said. They also played songs from his first album that Juanes never sung on stage before.

For the 40-year-old father of three, who has announced plans to slow down the frenetic pace of his career, the concert is also a chance to go back to the city that launched him to stardom.

Juanes moved to Los Angeles in 1998, staying for two years. "It was a very difficult period because I didn't have money or a record deal," he recalled. But before too long, Juanes met Gustavo Santaolalla, the Argentine musician and producer who first signed him.—Internet

## Ivorian musician A'Salfo named UNESCO goodwill ambassador

ABIDJAN, 21 Aug—Salif Traore, known as A'Salfo, the leader of star Ivory Coast music combo Magic System, has been made a goodwill ambassador by UNESCO in recognition of his work for peace, he said on Monday.

"Your songs and your commitment, known and appreciated by a wide public, deliver a strong message in favour of peace and justice," Irina Bokova, the director general of the UN cultural organization, wrote him in a letter shown to *AFP*.

"It is with real pleasure that I have the honour of inviting you to become a UNESCO goodwill ambassador, for a period of two years," Bokova said, adding that this mission would enable A'Salfo to "continue to spread messages of peace, of tolerance and of dialogue."

"I am most honoured and very encouraged in my career as an artist and singer," said A'Salfo, whose hit "Premier Gaou" brought the Magic System to broad public notice in 1999.—Internet



**Salif Traore, aka A'Salfo, lead singer of the Ivorian band Magic System, performs in a popular neighbourhood of Abidjan in 2009.—INTERNET**



Everton's Marouane Fellaini (third from left) head in the winning goals against Man Utd.— INTERNET

## Manchester United loses opener at Everton

LIVERPOOL, 21 Aug — Marouane Fellaini headed in a corner kick from Darron Gibson in the 57th minute, giving Everton a season-opening 1-0 upset win over Manchester United on Monday night. After losing the Premier League title to rival Manchester City on goal difference last May on the final day of a trophyless season, United lost at Goodison Park for just the fourth time in 21 Premier League meetings.

"I don't think anybody tonight was considering Everton at all," Everton manager David Moyes told Sky Sports television. "A lot of people forgot Everton aren't a bad team, and Goodison is a difficult place to come and win." It was the first time United lost a league opener since 2004.

Robin Van Persie, signed from Arsenal on Friday, entered in the 68th minute in his United debut. American

goalkeeper Tim Howard got the shutout for Everton, coming off a seventh-place finish. Tom Cleverley came closest to tying the score, but his shot was cleared off the line by Phil Jagielka midway through the second half. "It's nice to send the Everton fans on the first day of our season home with a win and not the doom and gloom we normally start with," Jagielka said.

United was playing its first competitive match since becoming a listed company on the New York Stock Exchange. Also on Monday, George Soros Management Fund LLC made a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission saying it had bought 7.85 percent of Manchester United's Class A shares. The Glazer family controls the club through its ownership of Class B shares with 10 times the voting power of the Class A stock.

INTERNET

## United legend Schmeichel says Van Persie makes United favourites

LONDON, 21 Aug — Ahead of Robin van Persie's debut for Manchester United away to Everton on Monday the legendary United goalkeeper Peter Schmeichel predicted the Dutchman can deliver the title that was denied them in dramatic fashion last season. Schmeichel, who won five Premier League titles at Old Trafford, says Van Persie's signing has tipped the balance in United's favour as they seek to usurp Manchester City in the title race.

"The Manchester City and United squads were very, very even going into yesterday, and then there was the game-changing signing of Robin van Persie," Schmeichel told premierleague.com. "He was Player of the Year last season, he scored 30 plus goals, he is full of confidence, he wants to come to Manchester United, he is going to play, and I'm not insulting Arsenal players by saying this, with better players in every game." He didn't do that at Arsenal because they were struggling at times and had to dig really deep in their squad which is not as strong as United's.

Schmeichel suggests that Van Persie

might be able to surpass his mark of 30 Barclays Premier League goals last season because he will not have to make as many as he did for Arsenal. "He will have more opportunities given to him in games where last season he had to create a lot of his opportunities himself," Schmeichel said. "The quality we know, he is a fantastic finisher. I am not comparing him to Ruud van Nistelrooy but he is the same kind of person. He doesn't miss a lot of chances".

INTERNET



Peter Schmeichel, at the season launch, tips United to win the title he earned five times.—INTERNET



Slovakia central defender Martin Skrtel has targeted a top-four Premier League finish with Liverpool after signing a new long-term contract.—INTERNET

LONDON, 21 Aug — Martin Skrtel has targeted a top-four Premier League finish with Liverpool after signing a new long-term contract. Slovakia central defender Skrtel, 27, had been

## Martin Skrtel signs new long-term contract with Liverpool

linked with moves to Manchester City and Fiorentina this summer. "After last season there was a lot of talk about my future, but the first priority for me was always to sign a new deal with Liverpool," Skrtel said.

"We have our target. For this season it is top four and I hope we can do it." Skrtel moved to Liverpool in a £6m deal from Zenit St Petersburg in 2008, and signed a contract extension in 2010. The defender, who started in Liverpool's opening-day 3-0

defeat at West Brom on Saturday, is now hopeful of a bright future with new manager Brendan Rodgers in charge at Anfield.

"I have been here almost four-and-a-half years and I have enjoyed that time here - myself and also my family - so there were no questions about whether to stay or to leave," he said. "A lot of things have changed, a new manager has come and I think we can start to make history and I want to be a part of that history."—INTERNET



Maria Sharapova

## Sharapova seeking third Pan Pacific title

TOKYO, 21 Aug — Nine of the world's top 10 players, including French Open champion Maria Sharapova, will compete in next month's Pan Pacific Open. World number one Victoria Azarenka of Belarus leads the field for the \$2.16 million tournament, organizers of the Tokyo women's event said on Monday. Azarenka won her first grand slam title at the Australian Open earlier this year. Wimbledon and Olympic champion Serena Williams is the one notable absentee from the entry list for the 23-29 September hardcourt event.

Sharapova is a twice former Pan Pacific winner, in 2005 and 2009, while defending champion Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland and 2010 winner Caroline Wozniacki are also among a strong field. Japanese Kimiko Date-Krumm, who turns 42 during the tournament and won it back in 1995, will receive a wildcard.—Reuters

International Sports

## Sergio Garcia seals Ryder Cup spot with Wyndham victory

GREENSBORO, (NC), 21 Aug — Sergio Garcia secured an automatic place in Europe's Ryder Cup team by winning the Wyndham Championship in North Carolina by two shots. The tournament finished on Monday after heavy rain over the weekend. The Spaniard, 32, resumed one in front with 14 holes to play, and led with American Chad Campbell and South African Tim Clark on the 13th tee. Birdies at four of the next five holes helped to secure his eighth PGA Tour win and sixth Ryder Cup cap. It was his first PGA Tour victory since the 2008 Players Championship.

He had needed to win or come second in North Carolina to seal his place in Jose Maria Olazabal's Ryder Cup side. Ryder Cup holders Europe face United States at Medinah Country Club, Chicago, from 28-30 September. Nine of the 10 automatic qualifiers are now known - Rory McIlroy, Justin



Sergio Garcia secured an automatic place in Europe's Ryder Cup team by winning the Wyndham Championship in North Carolina by two shots. INTERNET

Rose, Graeme McDowell, Paul Lawrie, Francesco Molinari, Luke Donald, Lee Westwood, Peter Hanson and Garcia.

Olazabal also has two wildcards to hand out, with one looking likely to go to Ian

Poulter after he missed qualifying due to Garcia's Wyndham victory. Garcia, yet to win a major, has been one of the European Tour's most consistent performers.

INTERNET

## Cuba-to-Fla swimmer Nyad plows on after storm

KEY WEST, 21 Aug — Diana Nyad slogged across the Straits of Florida for a third straight day on Monday, hopeful she could fend off hypothermia, jellyfish and stormy weather as she inched toward a swimming record. Nyad, who turns 63 on Wednesday, is making her third attempt since last summer to become the first person to swim from Cuba to Florida without a shark cage. She also made a failed try with a cage in 1978.

"She's doing well," a

spokeswoman for the swimmer, Alex Croton, said on Monday afternoon. Nyad had been expected to arrive somewhere in the Florida Keys on early Tuesday, but her team tweeted on Monday evening that she "lost six hours progress" in overnight storms Sunday. The team tweeted that a storm had blown Nyad off course and that "all hell broke loose" in the squall.

Monday offered far more ideal conditions, with blue skies and level seas and the Gulf Stream offering beneficial currents. Nyad's team said the swimmer's spirits were lifted on Monday afternoon by a surprise visit from a boatload of friends and family. And Monday evening, she found herself swimming among dolphins, a far happier scenario than the sharks that were feared.—INTERNET



In this photo provided by Diana Nyad via the Florida Keys News Bureau, endurance swimmer Diana Nyad is hydrated by a crew member in the Florida Straits between Cuba and the Florida Keys on 20 Aug, 2012.

INTERNET

## Bayern Munich progresses at German Cup

BERLIN, 21 Aug — German record champion Bayern Munich defeated second division side Regensburg 4-0 owing to the brace by striker Mario Mandzukic at the first round of German Cup (DFB Pokal) on Monday. Jupp Heynckes men avenged last season's hammering 5-2 loss at DFB Cup final against Dortmund, following a 4-0 win over local rival Regensburg to advance into second round.

The Bavarians did not show any weakness considering that, already six Bundesliga teams were eliminated from the cup by lower league sides. However, the German record champion needed some time to find their rhythm due to Regensburg well-organized defence. As the match progressed Bayern Munich boosted their offensive efforts to open the scoring at the 31st minute. Frenchman midfielder Franck Ribery dribbled into the penalty area to assist new arrival striker Mario Mandzukic, who slotted home from close range.—INTERNET

**Focus Myanmar TV Programme**

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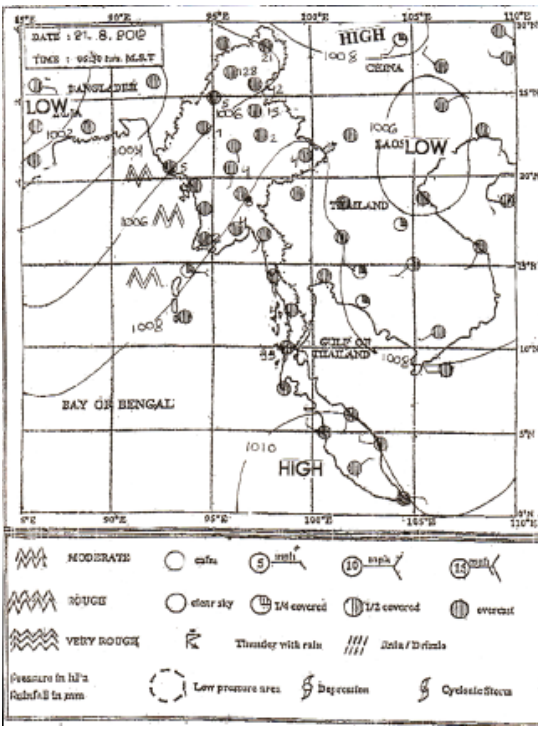
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**MYANMAR TV**

(22-8-2012) (Wednesday)

- 7:00 am  
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:10 am  
2. Dhamma Puja Song
- 8:00 am  
3. Cultural Dances
- 7:50 am  
4. Health Programme
- 8:15 am  
5. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 8:50 am  
6. "Road to 27<sup>th</sup> SEA GAMES" (Weightlifting)
- 4:30 pm  
7. Classical Song
- 5:20 pm  
8. ASEAN "Programmes"
- 5:30 pm  
9. Documentary
- 5:45 pm  
10. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition (2012) (Classical Song) (Amateur (Second) Division) (Level Men & Women)
- 6:20 pm  
11. Traditional Boxing
- 6:35 pm  
12. Shwe Yin Chone Than
- 7:40 pm  
13. Alinka Wut Yi Music Troupe
- 8:00 pm  
14. News
15. Korea NG Award
16. TV Drama Series
17. Dramatic Arts Competition (Narration of religious Stories)

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**



**Weather forecast for 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2012**

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	29/84	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
2	Kayah	27/81	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	21/70	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	29/84	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	28/82	22/72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	28/82	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	32/90	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	32/90	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	29/84	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	21/70	21/61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	25/77	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	25/77	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	30/86	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	25/77	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	23/73	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	32/90	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Magway Region, Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Regions, Mon State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (6.93) inches, Maubin (2.40) inches and Khayan (2.36) inches.

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

State of the Sea: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate Monsoon.



Germany's Borussia Moenchengladbach team pose during a photo session in July 2012 before the start of the 2012-13 season. —INTERNET

**Celtic eye ending four-year Champions League wait**

BERLIN, 21 Aug—Celtic aim to reach the Champions League group stages for the first time in four years when they tackle Swedish side Helsingborgs on Tuesday in a game where the legacy of former Hoops star Henrik Larsson looms large.

Larsson spent seven years with the Glasgow giants but started and finished his career with the Swedish champions. Celtic manager Neil Lennon said that despite his close relationship with Larsson, he will not be seeking inside information ahead of their play-off first leg tie in Sweden on Tuesday.

"Henrik will have a foot in both camps and I'm sure his head will be spinning with

people ringing him, whether it be from Celtic's side, Helsingborgs' side or the press," said Lennon. "I'm sure he will be getting inundated with requests for information and interviews. I am going to leave him to it. I wouldn't want to put him in that position. We have plenty of people who will do plenty of homework."

Larsson hit 242 goals in 315 competitive appearances for Celtic during a career which featured two spells with Helsingborg—first from 1992-93 and then from 2006-09.

Celtic will host the return leg on August 29 with the winners progressing to the group stages along with the nine other victors of the play-off ties. —Internet

**Fell Asleep in Jesus  
Mr. V.F.X Coote MBE  
Age (90) yrs  
Ex: Vice Counsellor, British Embassy  
Ex: Moderator, Immanuel Baptist Church**

Beloved son of (Mr. C.G. H Coote - Mrs S.V. Coote), beloved husband of GHA Rosabelle, of Bld No. 17, first floor right, Aye Yeik Mon 4<sup>th</sup> lane, Aye Yeik Mon housing, Hlaine Township 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter, Yangon, father of Daw Khin Thet Nwe (Valerie)-U Ba Than Nyunt, Mr Lawrence Coote-Mrs Jules Macshee, (UK), Mr. Tony Coote (deceased), grandfather of U Than Hein Htoo- Daw Aye Aye Myat, Ms. Frayer (UK), great grandfather of Hein Thiha Htoo (Noel), Htoo Myat Khin (Mabel), was called to his Heavenly home at 1:57 pm, 20-8-12 cremation will be held at Yeway Cemetry after funeral service at Yeway Hall on 22-8-12 at 5:00 pm.

**Bereaved family**

**Top US general's aircraft damaged by rockets in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 21 Aug — Insurgents fired two rockets at the main NATO airbase in Afghanistan, damaging an aircraft used by US Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman Martin Dempsey, a NATO spokesman said on Tuesday. The general was not on board at the time.



**Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen.**

Dempsey arrived in the country on Monday in a C-17 transport aircraft which was parked at Bagram Airbase, north of Kabul, when two rockets landed near the apron late on Monday night, slightly wounding two ground staff.

"He was nowhere near

the aircraft. We think it was a lucky shot," NATO senior spokesman Colonel Thomas Collins said.

The aircraft was only being used temporarily by Dempsey and his staff. Shrapnel from the rockets also damaged a nearby helicopter.

Reuters

**Former US assistant coach remains quiet on Hope Solo's claim that he witnessed shoving incident**

WASHINGTON, 21 Aug— A former US women's team assistant coach has declined to comment on Hope Solo's claim that he was in the room when she was allegedly shoved by then-US head coach Greg Ryan in 2007.

According to Solo's new memoir Solo: A Memoir of Hope, Phil Wheddon was present when Solo was allegedly shoved back into her chair by Ryan as she attempted to leave a meeting where the goalkeeper was told she would be benched for the team's upcoming World Cup match against Brazil.

"I will not be making any comment on this situation," Wheddon told Goal.com.

Wheddon now coaches Syracuse and his refusal to comment on the situation will only put more pressure on

Ryan, who is now the head coach at Michigan University. Ryan recently denied Solo's claim in a written statement to ESPN.com.

"This allegation is completely false," Ryan told ESPN.com. "I did not shove or push Hope as I've been accused in her book. I would have been terminated immediately by USA Soccer had this allegation been true. I have openly discussed the contents of the meeting and this is the first time that this accusation has been brought to light."

Solo claims in her book that she stood up to leave a meeting with Ryan, who pushed her back down on a couch. She writes that the coach told her "you [expletive] leave when I say you can leave."

"I wasn't going to let him provoke me. I restrained

myself and glanced over at Phil, glad to have a witness," she wrote in the book.

Brianna Scurry, one of the starters of the 1999 ground-breaking US women's World Cup-winning team, started instead of Solo and the US ended up losing 4-0 to Brazil in the 2007 World Cup semifinal match. Solo criticized the decision to reporters after, drawing controversy and some criticism.

"It was the wrong

decision, and I think anybody that knows anything about the game knows that," Solo said at the time. "There's no doubt in my mind I would have made those saves. And the fact of the matter is it's not 2004 anymore. It's not 2004. And it's 2007, and I think you have to live in the present."

"And you can't live by big names. You can't live in the past. It doesn't matter what somebody did in an Olympic gold medal game in the Olympics three years ago. Now is what matters, and that's what I think."

Internet



**Hope Solo, USA**

## Hluttaw is working for the integrity of the Hluttaw and its law makers while giving advices to become upright judiciary system

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug— Pyithu Hluttaw continued its meeting for 31<sup>st</sup> day at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in the complex of Hluttaw Building at 10 am today, attended by Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, and 398 representatives.

During the meeting, five questions were replied, seeking approval from the Hluttaw and informing the Hluttaw and doing review and re-assessment.

At the question and answer session, Dr Khin Maung Swe of Kyauktaga Constituency asked **if there is a plan to test all blood groups in an attempt to provide equitable health care services across the country.** Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin replied that there are four blood groups which can harm patients and they are A, B, O and AB. Every health clinic which can perform blood infusion can

test such all blood tests and can carry out tests not to harm the life of patients. Besides, all practitioners at units which perform blood infusion have been trained to skillfully carry out Rh blood tests. The plasma which is used to test blood needs to be stored at 4 degree centigrade and the medical units and clinics which can store the plasma at 4 degree centigrade can perform Rh tests.

Two representatives asked the questions related to the irrigation sector and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied the questions.

U Soe Aung of Thegon Constituency asked **if there is a plan to repair Thebyuchaung embankment in Thegon Township** and Deputy Minister U Khin Zaw replied that the ministry would do detailed assessment in the coming opening season

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Pyithu Hluttaw representatives sign attendance book.—MNA

## Only when every citizen is dutiful, will they be able to enjoy the fruits of the State



Amyotha Hluttaw representative seen at 31<sup>st</sup> day session.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw continued for its 31<sup>st</sup> Day Session at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw

Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 204 MPs.

At today's session, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin replied to the construction questions raised by five

representatives.

With respect to the question of U Aung Myint Thein of Kayin State Constituency No.9 on **"construction of No.2 Friendship Bridge linking Myanmar and Thailand and construction of Trade Highways between Myawady and Thingannyaung and Kawkayeik"**, the deputy minister said that: No.2 Friendship Bridge will be implemented with the assistance of Thai government and the site has been chosen for it near about three miles of Myawady. The 28.6 km long Thingannyaung-Kawkayeik road section will be built as two-lane tar road with the assistance of Thai government.

Regarding the question of U Salai Khwe Yan of Chin State Constituency No.12 on **"whether there is a plan to build Matupi-Sami-Mewa or Pwewone road that links directly Chin State and Rakhine State"**, the deputy minister said that Matupi-Paletwa road is under direct management of Chin State government. In 2012-2013 financial year, it will be implemented with the State's

capital fund of K 444.00 million and maintenance fund of K 20.017 million, in open season. At the end of the 2013-2014 financial year, 12-ft-wide earth road from Matupi to Paletwa will be built. In 2013-2014 financial year, State's capital fund of K 1280.5 million has been asked for, and it will be implemented, depending on fund received.

Regarding the question of U Soe Aung of Mandalay Region Constituency No.11 on **"if there is a plan to upgrade Kanlae Bridge in Meiktila into a big one"**, the deputy minister said that Ministry of Construction will asked for fund for upgrading of it in 2013-2014 financial year.

With respect to the question of U Win Thein of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.9 **"whether there is a plan to upgrade Pantanaw-Daunggyi gravel road into tar one"**, he said that in 2013-2014 financial year, it will be implemented only when capital funds of Ayeyawady Region government is received. It will be upgraded

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## Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets US Ambassador Mr Derek J. Mitchell

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Aug—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J. Mitchell, at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) General Soe Win, General Hla Htay Win of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe of the Commander-in-Chief Office and Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe. The US Ambassador was accompanied by Military Attaché Col William Dickay and officials. At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on the important role of Myanmar army in bilateral relations as both sides have established trust politically and economically, further cementing amity and relations between two countries, cooperation in eradication of narcotic drugs, Myanmar's relations with world countries, peace-making process with armed national races groups and human rights.—MNA



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