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President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Malaysian King

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Almu' Tasimu Billahi Muhibbuddin Tuanku Alhaj Abdul Halim Mu' adzam Shah ibini Almarhum Sultan Badlishah, the Yang di Pertuan Agong of Malaysia XIV, on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein felicitates Malaysian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato' Sri Mohd Najib bin Tun Haji Abdul Razak, Prime Minister of Malaysia, on the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August 2012. MNA

Government taking steps for utilization of renewable energy on a wide scale: Deputy Energy Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw regular session continued for 36th day at Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Hluttaw Complex here today, attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 409 MPs.

Six questions were answered and one bill approved at today's session.

Regarding the question of U Aung Thant of Patheingyi Constituency about **current bio fuel production of the State, future programmes and prospects**, Deputy Minister for Energy U Htin Aung replied that the government is taking steps to use renewable energy on a wide scale. Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Ministry of Industry are engaged in development of bio fuel. The Energy Ministry has formed technical think tanks constituted with scholars from ministries and NGOs for nationwide production, storage, distribution and marketing of gasohol and biodiesel. It has been planned to form National Energy Management Committee to handle works for energy and electricity development. The committee would be discharged with such responsibilities as adoption of renewable energy policy, and incentive programmes for attraction of local and foreign investments. The Energy Ministry would provide necessary technologies and assistance for utilization of renewable energy far and wide.

Regarding the question of U Than Myint of Wundwin Constituency about **political pension**, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung replied that 57 out of 166 who applied for political pension have been granted with the right to increased political pension rate. Of 109 remaining persons to be allowed to enjoy political pension, applications



Photo shows representatives attending 36th day session of Pyithu Hluttaw. MNA

of 74 have arrived at the President Office and the remaining applications have not arrived yet. The remaining persons need to contact General Administration Department of townships concerned.

U Soe of Htigyaing Constituency asked about **disbursement of loans to sugarcane growers and crops growers**, and U Aung Thein Lin of South Okkalapa Constituency about how to **simplify procedures for farmers in applying to run vacant and fellow farmland and document proving tax payment, applying form-39 and form-105 to use farmland for other purposes and applying cropland ownership document**.

Regarding the first question, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that Myanma Agricultural Development Bank has no plan to loan sugarcane growers in this fiscal year as businessmen concerned disburse agricultural loans to them. Currently, the government has no plan to increase loans for cultivation of cold season crops.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that respective region/state governments would be able to handle land management affairs of own region under to-be-regulated rules and procedures and instructions of promulgated Vacant, Fellow and Virgin Land Management (See page 8)

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'Spirit in Motion' gala opens London's Paralympics



Performers dance with umbrellas during the Opening Ceremony for the 2012 Paralympics in London, on 29 Aug, 2012.

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (30-8-2012)

Mawlamyine	(2.52) inches
Paung	(2.32) inches
Kawkareik	(2.13) inches
Theinzayet	(2.05) inches
Dawei	(1.85) inches
YeU	(1.57) inches
Ngathaingyoung	(1.57) inches

PERSPECTIVES

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Value lives of others

More than 150,000 people are died or killed each day. Human being itself may be a killer of a huge number. Humans are killing humans for various reasons—hatred, anger, greed, jealousy and so on. At the brutal front of the war, they used to cultivate kill-or-bekilled attitude. Perhaps, it cannot be any other in times of bloody war. But aren't we killing others even beyond the war? If we, the entire human being, have a variety of alternatives to get an issue addressed, why should we kill each other?

The 2008 Hollywood animated film "Horton hears a Who!" conveys a message to us that every living thing on our planet, which is in fact a no-man's land, has the right to cling to their lives. From the very first second of the compelling film to "The End", tender-hearted young elephant Horton defends lives of tiny living things of Whoville who make a speck of dust their home, standing by the motto, "After all, a person is a person, no matter how small."

If we love and value our own life, others will do the same whatever status they have. If we can feel the pains, why cannot other flesh suffer the same? Ethics do not exist in papers or words, these lie in our hearts and sympathy.

While we listen to the world to find out how we could solve the problems that prevail in our society, we should also listen to the inside of ourselves to find out why our souls are so conflicting.

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Soe Tint of Department of Progress of Border Areas and National Races under the Ministry of Border Affairs as Rector of University for Development of National Races (Sagaing) under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Union Foreign Minister felicitates Malaysian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Aug—On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Independence Day of Malaysia which falls on 31 August 2012, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Datuk Anifah bin Haji Aman, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.—MNA

UEC Chairman U Tin Aye receives member of Advisory Council to President of the Republic of Indonesia

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received a delegation led by member of the Advisory Council to President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Noer Hassan Wirajuda at the hall of the Chairman of Union Election Commission, here, at 10 am today.

Present at the call together with the Chairman of the Union Election Commission were members of the UEC U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, U Win Kyi, U Nyunt Tin, U Win Ko and officials of the Commission Office.

The delegation led by member of the Advisory Council to President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Noer Hassan Wirajuda was



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye receives member of Advisory Council to President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr Noer Hassan Wirajuda.—MNA

accompanied by Indonesian Ambassador Mr Sebastian Sumarsono.

At the call, they

cordially discussed experiences of democratization process of the two countries and

cooperation in plans to be implemented to hold the free and fair elections.

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Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun and wife being welcomed by Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and wife at the reception to mark 67th National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Sedona Hotel on 30 August.

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GIS mapping to be used in nationwide taking of census

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Preparation are being made to take nationwide census in 2014 as nationwide census has not been taken for over 30 years since 1983.

Chairman of Central Census Commission Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Commission Secretary Deputy Minister U Kyaw Kyaw Win, directors-general of the ministry, foreign advisors met to discuss works for mapping with geography information system (GIS) to be used in nationwide taking of census.

Mapping advisor from Netherlands Mr Wijnand Langeraar, census advisor from Kenya Mr Fredrick Otieno Okwqyo explained possible difficulties in drawing the maps and technological and aid requirements.

The Union minister put questions about the benefits of mapping with GIS, necessary foundations for completion on schedule, and need of technicians, technologies and equipment, replied by the advisors.—MNA

Union Health Minister calls for production of competent medics

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin visited University of Medicine No (1) of the Medical Science Department on Pyay Road, Kamayut Township here on 28 August and spoke words of encouragement to medical students.

The Union minister then addressed the coordination meeting of written examination board of 2012-2013 academic year post-graduate course entrance and selection exam.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union minister said that it is time faculty heads proved their capacity by producing new blood well-versed in respective subjects with good morale. He called for emphasis on post-graduate courses, and sharing of experiences with colleagues. He urged them to turn out proficient doctors and enable them to serve interests of the people and nation.—MNA

Seminar on capacity building for drafting CESR and management commences

YANGON, 30 Aug—A seminar on Comprehensive Education Sector Review and management was held at Myanmar Literacy Supported Centre on Pyay Road of Kamayut Township here at 8.40 am yesterday.

Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department under the Ministry of Education in his address said that the seminar was aimed at CESR members and scholars while its purpose was to seek technical aids for translating CESR into reality.

Mr. Gwang-Choi, Chief, Education Policy and Reform Unit of UNESCO Bangkok, explained the purpose of the seminar.

The three-day seminar kicked off today focuses on adoption of education policies and planning.

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Hla Htut Oo

Global ban on nuclear test conducive for safer world: UN chief

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Aug — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Wednesday underlined the importance of a global ban on nuclear test to build a safer world, saying “nuclear tests remain a threat to human health and global stability.” The secretary-general made the remarks in a statement to mark the third annual International Day against Nuclear Tests, which falls on 29 August.

To build a safer world, the secretary-general called upon all States that have not yet done so to sign the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT)

because “treaty’s verification mechanism has already proven its effectiveness.”

The CTBT, which aims to establish a verifiable, permanent global ban on all types of nuclear explosive tests, enjoys near-universal support but has yet to enter into force. The secretary-general is the depositary of the treaty, which, as of Wednesday, has been signed by 183 States and ratified by 157.

Pending the treaty’s entry into force, Ban urged all States to uphold the current moratorium on all nuclear test explosions.

“The International Day against Nuclear Tests is an important opportunity to call attention to their harmful and long-lasting effects as well as the continued danger posed by the existence of tens of thousands of nuclear weapons,” he said.

The International Day against Nuclear Tests is being marked around the world with events to call attention to the dangers of nuclear test explosions, the threats posed to humans and the environment, and the need to ultimately eliminate all nuclear weapons and their testing. The UN General Assembly



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.—INTERNET

chose on 29 August as the annual commemoration date since it marks the day in 1991 when Semipalatinsk, one of the largest test sites in the world and located in north-eastern Kazakhstan, was closed for good.—Xinhua



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (R) shakes hands with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 Aug, 2012. — XINHUA

German chancellor arrives in Beijing for official visit

BEIJING, 30 Aug — German Chancellor Angela Merkel arrived in Beijing on Thursday morning, kicking off a two-day official visit to China at the invitation of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao.

Wen will hold talks with Merkel on Thursday morning. They will also co-chair the second round of Chinese-German intergovernmental consultations.

Merkel is scheduled to meet with Chinese President Hu Jintao, top legislator Wu Bangguo, Vice President Xi Jinping and Vice Premier Li Keqiang on Thursday afternoon.

Besides Beijing, Wen will accompany Merkel to visit Tianjin, a municipality some 120 km away from Beijing. It is Merkel’s sixth visit to China since she took office in 2005.

Xinhua

Karzai moves to replace Afghan security chiefs

KABUL, 30 Aug — Afghan President Hamid Karzai moved to replace the country’s intelligence chief and the ministers of defence and interior on Wednesday, the first step in what senior government officials said was a planned wider Cabinet shake-up aimed at solidifying the president’s power before elections and the drawdown of foreign forces.

The president also is trying to shore up his shaken security team as his administration struggles to build an army and police force in the face of a resurgent Taliban as the US and other foreign forces begin to withdraw. Those coalition’s training efforts have increasingly become a target for insurgents — NATO said on Wednesday that three

more of its service members were killed by an Afghan wearing an army uniform in the latest in a string of attacks by Afghans on international trainers. Karzai’s latest reshuffle of top officials — if it goes through — appeared to be an attempt to stack the Cabinet and electoral commission with his allies in a bid to retain power behind the scenes after his final five-year term ends and the international troops withdraw in 2014.

“With the elections coming, with the transition... it is a time for him to re-strengthen his team,” said Martine van Bijlert, an expert at the Afghan Analysts Network. “I think we could be seeing a major reshuffle. ... The question is always: Can he make it stick?” An Afghan



Afghan President Hamid Karzai.—INTERNET

official close to the president’s office told *The Associated Press* the head of the country’s election commission, the attorney general and the finance minister were expected to be among the top positions to be part of the shake-up. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to brief the media.

Nothing is final until

there is an official announcement from Karzai, and the president could still change his nominees or leave the government largely untouched. But van Bijlert noted that while rumors of Cabinet shake-ups are common, Karzai may use the window provided by the parliament’s sacking of his defense and interior ministers to make wider changes. However, any changes must be confirmed by parliament, and it is unclear whether Karzai would be able to muster the necessary support from lawmakers, many of whom feel the president too often ignores parliament’s constitutional powers, to push his nominees through. There were already grumblings among lawmakers about some of the names that have emerged.

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Mexican police attacked CIA officers, ambush likely: sources

TRES MARIAS, (Mexico) 30 Aug — Mexican federal police shot and wounded two CIA operatives last week, security sources said, in an apparently deliberate attack that could hurt US-Mexico cooperation in their war against drug cartels. The two experienced officers were just south of the capital on their way to a Mexican Marine base on Friday, working with local authorities on a training mission, when federal police riddled their armored van bearing diplomatic plates with bullets.

The men, travelling with a Mexican Marine captain, were wounded and taken to a hospital for treatment, though their injuries were not life-threatening. Their vehicle’s tires and rear windshield were shot out. A dozen federal police officers detained and questioned over the attack have been ordered held in custody for 40 days. In initial statements to federal prosecutors, they claimed they confused the Americans for criminals. However, witnesses who saw the shooting at a bend in the road outside the small town of Tres Marias told *Reuters* the gunmen were dressed in plain clothes and pursued the Americans firing from unmarked cars and on foot — a classic style of gangland hits in Mexico.



Mexican marines stand guard as US officials and Mexican investigators take evidence from the scene where two CIA officers were shot on road near Tres Marias, outside Mexico City on 29 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

“We had no idea at all they were police. They looked like criminals,” said one woman who witnessed the incident but asked not to be named for fear of repercussions. A Mexican government official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the evidence suggested gang members and corrupt police had carried out the attack before other police arrived at the scene and prevented the men being killed. “This was not an accident,” the official said. Witnesses said the CIA driver made impressive evasive maneuvers which likely saved the lives of those inside the car, and they believe they heard hundreds of bullets fired, estimating the incident lasted around six minutes.

The Mexican official said the vehicle was chased for about 4 km (2.5 miles) before it was halted, and that shell casings from AK-47s, which are not used by Mexican police and are a weapon of choice for drug cartel members, were found at the scene. A total of four vehicles were involved in the incident, though only the shot-up van was found at the scene, the official added. One of the vehicles identified by eyewitnesses has been linked to other crimes, the official said. Tres Marias is close to the city of Cuernavaca, a popular weekend retreat for Mexico City residents that has been badly hit by drug violence in recent years. In 2009, Mexican Marines shot dead leading cartel boss Arturo Beltran Leyva, alias “The Beard,” in Cuernavaca in an operation based on information from the US Drug Enforcement Administration.—Reuters

Egypt pulls back some Sinai tanks

EL-ARISH, 30 Aug — Egypt on Wednesday withdrew some of the tanks it deployed near the Israeli and Gaza borders as part of a military operation against militants in the Sinai Peninsula. The tank deployment earlier this month had brought complaints from Israel since the peace treaty between the two countries bans such heavy weapons from a zone along the border. Israel had quietly agreed to Egypt sending thousands of troops into the area — also barred under the treaty — to fight militants, but it had not consented to the tanks.

Nearly a dozen tanks that had been stationed near the Rafah border crossing into Gaza were seen heading out of



In this 6 Aug, 2012 file photo, Egyptian border guards patrol near the border with Israel in Rafah, Egypt.

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northern Sinai on Wednesday afternoon. Military officials told *The Associated Press* they were returning to their base in Ismailiya, just on the other side of the Suez Canal from Sinai. With the withdrawal, nearly 40 tanks remain in the border zone. The officials gave no reason for the pullback. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the deployment.

The head of security in Port Said, Sameh Radwan, said security was being reinforced along the Suez Canal after threats the strategic waterway could be targeted in retaliation for the offensive, according to the state news agency MENA. An adviser to the Suez Canal authorities, Mahmoud Abdel-Wahab, played down talk of specific threats, saying it was natural reinforcements would be deployed on the canal when a military operation was ongoing nearby.

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Samsung steals march on Nokia with first Windows phone

BERLIN/SEOUL, 30 Aug— Samsung Electronics became the first handset maker to announce a smartphone using Microsoft's latest mobile software, making its surprise, hurried announcement just days before the highly anticipated launch of Nokia's version.

The brief announcement on Wednesday at a Berlin electronics show comes amid expectations that smartphone makers may turn increasingly to Windows devices after a US jury decided many of Samsung's Google Android-based phones infringed Apple Inc patents.

"It looks like a good phone, and seems like a pre-

emptive announcement ahead of Nokia," said Sid Parakh, an analyst at investment firm McAdams Wright Ragen, of the Samsung phone.

"Microsoft or Windows never got their best teams, never got their best designs, just because Android was doing so well. With the change in the legal environment, there's a case to be made that Samsung will likely shift some of those resources to broaden out or diversify their own exposure."

Nokia, the ailing Finnish mobile firm, once the world's leading producer of phones but now struggling to reverse losses, is due to unveil its new Lumia line of



Samsung Electronics UK General Manager Damian Cusick presents the new Samsung ATIV S smartphone during the Samsung Mobile Unpacked event in Berlin, on 29 August, 2012. —REUTERS

smartphones using Windows Phone 8 in New York on 5 September.

Samsung's new phone called ATIV S—tacked onto the end of a long news conference in Berlin that focused on other products—may elevate expectations for

the Lumia. Samsung's ATIV S Windows phone sports a high-end 4.8-inch display, Corning "Gorilla" glass, and an 8-megapixel rear camera and 1.9-megapixel front-facing camera, Microsoft posted on its official blog on Wednesday.—Reuters

HTC says it won't fold to Apple

TAIPEI, 30 Aug—Taipei smartphone maker HTC says it has "no intention" of settling its lawsuit with Apple following Apple's patent infringement victory over Samsung.

Cher Wang, chairperson of HTC, made the comments to Digitimes and other Asia-based publications, CNET reported on Wednesday.

HTC "has great skills in innovation and has the confidence to face legal lawsuits with Apple," Digitimes quoted Wang as saying.

HTC has been in a legal battle with Apple since March 2010 when Apple sued HTC over iPhone patents.

HTC has also filed

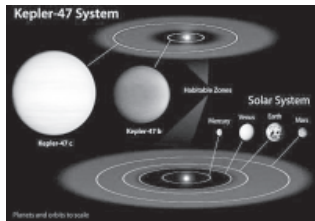
countersuits against Apple. Wang said the \$1 billion jury verdict against Samsung Friday in the US case "does not mean the failure of the entire Google Android ecosystem."

HTC is reportedly ready to introduce at least three new models including the HTC One X+ with a 5-inch touch screen and support for 4G LTE.



Internet

Twin stars found with multiple planets



This diagram compares our own solar system to Kepler-47, a double-star system containing two planets. INTERNET

AUSTIN, 30 Aug—US astronomers say the Kepler planet-hunting mission found the first multi-planet solar system orbiting a binary star, bringing images of "Star Wars" to mind.

"It's Tatooine, right?" University of Texas at Austin astronomer Michael Endl said, referring to the fictional planet with twin suns in the popular movie series.

The discovery, which proves entire planetary systems can form in a disk around a binary star, was made in observations of the binary system Kepler-47, consisting of a primary star is about the same mass as the sun and its companion, a dwarf star one-third its size, a university release reported.

Astronomers have detected an inner planet three

times the size of Earth and orbits the binary star every 49.5 days and an outer planet 4.6 times the size of Earth with an orbit of 303.2 days.

"Unlike our sun, many stars are part of multiple-star systems where two or more stars orbit one another," William Borucki, Kepler mission principal investigator at NASA's Ames Research Centre in Moffett Field, Calif, said. "The question always has been — do they have planets and planetary systems? This Kepler discovery proves that they do," he said.

"In our search for habitable planets, we have found more opportunities for life to exist."—Internet

Samsung unveils voice-controlled camera

BERLIN, 30 Aug— Samsung has unveiled a voice-controlled camera as part of a fall lineup of consumer gadgets aimed at setting itself apart from rival Apple.

The South Korean electronics giant presented the 16-megapixel Galaxy Camera at the IFA tech show in Berlin on Wednesday.

It comes days after Samsung suffered a costly defeat in a patent dispute with Apple in the United States. Samsung's Galaxy Camera runs Google's popular Android operating system, giving it features previously restricted to smartphones or tablet computers such as photo organizing, photo

sharing and voice-control.

The company also announced two new phones, the Galaxy Note II and the ATIV S running Microsoft's

Windows 8 operating system.

Samsung says the devices will be available in many countries from the end of October.—Internet



JK Shin, President of IT & Mobile Communications Division at Samsung Electronics unveils the new Galaxy Camera at a Samsung event in Berlin, on 29 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

NASA Mars rover begins trek to new destination

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug—The Mars rover Curiosity is hitting the road.

It headed east Tuesday, driving 52 feet toward a spot where it will use its robotic arm for the first time to drill into bedrock. It'll take weeks for the six-wheel NASA rover to reach the site called Glenelg about a quarter mile away. "It's nice to see some Martian soil on our wheels," mission manager Arthur Amador said in a statement on Wednesday.

The drive was the third and longest one yet since the car-size rover touched down in an ancient crater on 5 August to study whether the Martian environment could have been favourable for life. The early drives have been deliberately short, allowing Curiosity to identify any hazards on the road and so that engineers can gain practice driving on the Martian terrain.

Scientists have said they eventually expect the rover to travel about the length of a football field a day.



Will Iam, with Black Eyed Peas, sings at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory on 28 Aug, 2012, in Pasadena, Calif.—INTERNET

Curiosity spent on Wednesday at its new locale, snapping pictures of a distant mountain that is its ultimate destination. Intriguing layers of rocks have been spotted at the base and most of its two-year mission will be spent examining the lower slopes.

Since landing, Curiosity has been busy checking out its instruments and it's not done yet. Next week, it will make a longer stop along the way to Glenelg to continue its health checkups.—Internet

Sony to sell ultra-HD '4K' TV set in US stores

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—High-definition TVs roughly quadrupled the resolution of the sets that came before them. Now, the industry is poised to do it again.

By December, US stores will sell a TV set with four times the resolution of today's best HDTVs, Sony Corp said on Wednesday. The set will measure 84 inches on the diagonal, making the screen area four times as large as the common 42-inch set. Executives said Sony will reveal the price of the set next week.

There is, for now, very little video content available that can take advantage of the higher resolution. With some work and know-how, a computer connected to the set can display video in the ultra-HD "4K"

resolution. The set will also do its best to "upscale" TV, DVD and Blu-ray movies, so they look better.

Phil Molyneux, chief operating officer of Sony Electronics, said the situation was no different from the launch of the cassette tape, the CD or the DVD.

"We always get this question when we launch beautiful new

technology: Where's the content?" Molyneux told journalists at an event in New York. "Did we bring the content to market? Yes, we did."

The exact resolution of the set is 3,840 by 2,160 pixels. It's known as "4K" because it has nearly 4,000 pixels on the horizontal edge.

That compares with 1,920 by 1,080 pixels in "1080p" sets. More

pixels allow TV makers to make bigger screens without compromising sharpness.

Sony makes digital projectors operating at 4K resolution for movie theaters.

The TV industry has been looking for a technology that will get consumers to upgrade their HDTV sets. Sales are slumping after an initial wave of upgrades from standard-definition sets, and 3-D sets attract only a small number of consumers.

Apple Inc has slowly been quadrupling the resolution of its devices, starting with the iPhone 4 two years ago. This year, it released iPads and MacBooks with ultra-high-resolution screens.



This undated image provided by Sony shows an ultra-HD '4K' TV set. High-definition TVs roughly quadrupled the resolution of the sets that came before them.—INTERNET

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Citigroup settles shareholder CDO lawsuit for \$590 million

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—Citigroup Inc agreed to pay \$590 million to settle a shareholder lawsuit accusing it of hiding tens of billions of dollars of toxic mortgage assets, one of the largest settlements stemming from the global financial crisis.

The agreement resolves claims that shareholders ended up with massive losses after the bank failed to take timely writedowns on collateralized debt obligations, many backed by subprime mortgages, and engaged in self-dealing transactions that hid the risks.

Citigroup denied wrongdoing in agreeing to settle. It called the accord “a significant step toward resolving our exposure to claims arising from the period of the financial crisis,” and said the \$590 million is

covered by existing reserves. US District Judge Sidney Stein in Manhattan on Wednesday granted preliminary approval of the settlement, and scheduled a 15 January, 2013 hearing to consider final approval. Investors have sued an array of banks over their conduct leading up to and during the 2007-2008 financial crisis.

In 2010, Bank of America Corp agreed to a \$601.5 million settlement related to its Countrywide mortgage unit. Last year, Wells Fargo & Co reached a \$590 million accord over loans and securities from the former Wachovia Corp.

The Citigroup case began in 2008. Wednesday’s accord followed mediation before retired federal judge Layn Phillips, and the gathering of nearly 40



The Citibank logo is seen at branch in Washington on 18 April, 2011. REUTERS

million pages of documents, according to court papers.

“Based on the allegations and the risks we faced in establishing liability and damages, and in comparison with other securities fraud class-actions, the settlement is a very good result for the class,” Ira Press, a partner at Kirby McInerney representing the shareholders, said in a phone interview.

Fourteen current and

former Citigroup executives had also been sued, including Chief Executive Vikram Pandit, his predecessor Charles Prince, and former senior adviser Robert Rubin.

It was not immediately clear whether any of these executives or their insurers are responsible to pay any of the settlement. A Citigroup spokeswoman, Shannon Bell, declined to comment.

Reuters

Calorie reduction may not lengthen life

BETHESDA, 30 Aug—A diet of 30 percent fewer calories but the same nutrients of a standard diet did not extend life in rhesus monkeys, US researcher say.

However, first author Julie A Mattison, head of the National Institute on Aging at the National Institutes of Health, said the reduction in calories did extend certain aspects of health. The findings challenge those published in 2009 by the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The Wisconsin study followed two groups of rhesus monkeys for 20 years and found monkeys on a calorie-restricted diet lived longer than those on a standard diet.

The study, published in the journal *Nature*, found while calorie restriction had a beneficial effect on several measures of metabolic health and function in monkeys that were started on the special diet regimen during old age, it did not have the same positive outcome for monkeys started on calorie restriction at a young age. In the Wisconsin study, all the monkeys were young when started on calorie restriction.

“These results suggest the complexity of how calorie restriction may work in the body,” Dr Richard J Hodes, NIA director, said in a statement. “Calorie restriction’s effects likely depend on a variety of factors, including environment, nutritional components and genetics.”

Both studies reported similar beneficial health effects—diabetes, arthritis, diverticulosis and cardiovascular problems were delayed in those that experienced calorie restriction.

Internet

China signs \$3.5 billion deal for Airbus planes during Merkel visit



A general view shows the new Airbus A380-800 “Berlin” aircraft during the naming ceremony at Tegel airport in Berlin on 22 May, 2012.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 30 Aug—China signed an agreement with Germany for 50 Airbus planes worth \$3.5 billion as German Chancellor Angela Merkel

began her visit to China, state news agency *Xinhua* said, the first significant Airbus deal with China since a dispute between Beijing and

the European Union over emissions trading.

The dispute between Beijing and the EU had interrupted earlier deals worth up to \$14 billion.

China’s ICBC Leasing and Airbus, whose parent company is EADS (EAD.PA), signed the deal for 50 Airbus A320 planes and another agreement about Airbus plane assembling in China, *Xinhua* said.

Industry sources said on Monday that Airbus had hoped to win orders of up to 100 A320 planes, potentially worth \$9 billion.

Reuters

Europe rights court condemns Italy ban on embryo testing

WASHINGTON, 30 Aug—The European rights court on Tuesday condemned Italy for its ban on screening embryos for genetic conditions, saying its laws leave couples wanting to avoid passing on diseases little room for manoeuvre.

The condemnation from the European Court of Human Rights relates to the case of an Italian couple, both carriers of cystic fibrosis, who were blocked from using in vitro fertilization (IVF) to select embryos that were not affected by the condition.

According to the Strasbourg-based court, the

case highlights “the incoherence of the Italian legislative system that bans the implantation of only healthy embryos while allowing the abortion of fetuses with genetic conditions.” The law “only gives the plaintiffs one option, full of anxiety and suffering,” said the court. “Get pregnant naturally and then abort when a prenatal examination shows the foetus

is affected” with a condition, ECHR said in a statement.

The Italian couple chose to abort their second child in 2010 after learning that their unborn foetus had the condition. They then requested IVF treatment so doctors could check for traces of cystic fibrosis before going ahead with a new pregnancy, a process known as pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) which is illegal in Italy.—Internet

Thai experts perform in-vitro fertilization at the Jetanin Institute in Bangkok in 2006. INTERNET



Exelixis says FDA drops panel talks on thyroid cancer drug

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—Exelixis Inc said US regulators have dropped an advisory panel discussion on the marketing application for its experimental drug to treat a rare form of thyroid cancer, sending its shares up 6 percent after market.

“It’s a positive. That means the committee did not have a big issue or concern on this drug,” Maxim Group analyst Echo He told Reuters.

The US Food and Drug Administration has taken off a discussion on the drug from the agenda of an advisory panel meeting, scheduled on 8-9 November, the bio-

technology company said. The review date for the drug, cabozantinib, designed to treat medullary thyroid cancer, however, remains on 29 November.

Medullary thyroid cancer, which starts in cells that release a hormone called calcitonin, accounts for about 4 percent of thyroid cancers.

The FDA last month granted a priority review for the drug. Shares of San Francisco-based Exelixis were up at \$4.88 after the bell. They closed at \$4.59 on the Nasdaq on Wednesday.

Reuters

Second-quarter growth revised up, Fed still seen in play

WASHINGTON, 30 Aug—The economy fared slightly better than initially thought in the second quarter, but the pace of growth remained too slow to shut the door on further monetary easing from the Federal Reserve.

Gross domestic product expanded at a 1.7 percent annual rate, the Commerce Department said on Wednesday, as stronger export growth offset a pull-back in restocking by businesses wary of sluggish domestic demand.

While that was an improvement on the government’s first estimate of 1.5 percent published last month and the composition of growth was fairly favorable, it was insufficient to cut into an

unemployment rate that ticked up to 8.3 percent in July.

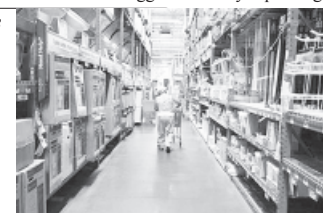
The lack of stronger job growth, along with the uncertainty stemming from Europe’s debt crisis and fears of big US government spending cuts and tax hikes in 2013, could compel the US central bank to offer additional stimulus by year end.

“I don’t think this really changes the dovish sentiment of the Fed,” said Michael

Hanson, a senior economist at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in New York. “They are going to look at this and say 1.7 percent is below trend, that’s not where we want to be and the risks going forward are still material.”

A growth pace of between 2 percent and 2.5 percent is generally seen as needed just to hold the jobless rate steady, and the sluggish recovery is proving

A man pushes his shopping cart down an aisle at a Home Depot store in New York, on 29 July, 2010. REUTERS



to be a difficult hurdle for President Barack Obama in his quest to secure a second term in November’s election.

Growth in the third quarter is expected to show an improvement, but still remain below the economy’s potential. A second report showed contracts to buy previously owned homes hit their highest level in more than two years in July, suggesting the housing market’s recovery was gaining traction and offering a relative economic bright spot.

The lackluster recovery has sparked a sharp debate among Fed officials over whether they should launch another round of bond purchases to spur stronger growth. Economists say the outcome of the central bank’s next meeting on September 12-13 will be a close call.

Reuters

Hurricane Isaac weakens to tropical storm, threats remain

WASHINGTON, 30 Aug — Hurricane Isaac weakened to a tropical storm on Wednesday afternoon with storm surge and inland flooding still threatening, said the US National Hurricane Centre on the 7th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's destructive arrival.

The US National Hurricane Centre said

Tropical Storm Isaac is currently moving on at 6 mph (9.7 kph), with the maximum sustained wind of 70 mph (113 kph), and centered about 50 miles (80.5 kilometers) southwest of New Orleans, Louisiana. But the centre warned life-threatening hazards from storm surge and inland flooding still remained. Although Isaac was much

weaker than Katrina, forecasters said the current slow movement and the large size of Isaac could cause hours longer impact on residents living along its path.

Isaac has lashed heavy rains and winds to the state of Louisiana since it made landfall in southeastern US state late Tuesday as a Category One Hurricane.

Early Wednesday, a storm surge has topped a levee in Plaquemines Parish south of New Orleans, the largest city of Louisiana and most-devastated area seven years ago by Hurricane Katrina.

Xinhua

A cameraman from Colombia films the flooding along the coast in New Orleans, the United States, on 29 Aug, 2012.
XINHUA



G7 says ready to take action on oil supply

WASHINGTON, 30 Aug — Group of Seven (G7) finance ministers on Tuesday called on global oil producers to increase output, saying these developed countries stood ready to take action to ensure market supply.

"We remain vigilant of the risks to the global economy. In this context and mindful of the substantial risks posed by elevated oil prices, we are monitoring the situation in oil markets closely," the G7 finance ministers said in a statement issued by the US Treasury Department.

The current rise in oil prices reflected geopolitical concerns and certain supply disruptions, according to the statement. "We encourage oil-producing countries to increase their output to meet demand, while drawing prudently on excess capacity, and welcome Saudi Arabia's commitment in Los

Cabos to mobilize, as necessary, existing spare capacity to ensure adequate supply," they added.

"We stand ready to call upon the International Energy Agency to take appropriate action to ensure that the market is fully and timely supplied," noted the statement.

It suggested the leading industrial economies were considering tapping into their Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to curb spiking oil price. "We remain committed to well-functioning and transparent energy markets," they stressed.

The United States in June 2011 announced the release of 30 million barrels of oil from its SPR as part of a broader international response to oil supply disruptions caused by turmoil in the Middle East and North Africa.

Xinhua

Six rescued from missing asylum seeker ship in Indonesia waters

JAKARTA, 30 Aug — Six people have been found alive and rescued by a Bahrain cargo ship in Indonesia's waters earlier Thursday after an asylum seeker wooden ship with 150 immigrants went missing on the area, but there was no sign of the other victims, rescuer said here. Yopi Haryadi, head of operational of the National Search and Rescue Office said that the office got the information after it contacted the Bahrain merchant ship.

"Six people were rescued after midnight (Thursday) at about from one clock to two clock near Ujung Kulon (western Java)," he told Xinhua by phone. "But, there have not seen yet the other

kilometers west the first search location on Wednesday," he told Xinhua by phone.

"Rescue ships have been standby to wait the result of the search by helicopters," said Prasetyo. Indonesian rescuers conducted search and rescue operation on Wednesday after it received a call from the Australian Maritime Safety Authority (ANSA) at 1:31 pm Jakarta time on Wednesday that a wooden ship carrying immigrants had been in distress at around Sunda Strait. But the operation was temporarily stopped as the rescuers found nothing at the scene, and were waiting for further information from Australian side.—Xinhua



Photo illustration shows a boat carrying asylum seekers.—INTERNET



DPRK recovering after typhoon Bolaven.
XINHUA

DPRK recovering after typhoon Bolaven

BEIJING, 30 Aug — The Korean Peninsula has cleaned up after the powerful Typhoon Bolaven and is bracing itself for another typhoon that could be particularly damaging to the DPRK, which is still recovering from earlier floods.

Damage in the DPRK, which was hit late Tuesday and early Wednesday, wasn't completely clear, though state media reported that the storm knocked out power, submerged roads and houses, and ruined farmland. Typhoon Tembin, meanwhile, was expected to reach South Korea on Thursday, with its outer bands hitting the DPRK later in the day. Tembin is expected to weaken as it reaches the DPRK.

The DPRK's state media said some areas of Hwanghae and Kangwon provinces would receive up to 70 millimetres of rain on Thursday and Friday.—Xinhua

N Korea, Japan to hold first direct talks since 2008

TOKYO, 30 Aug — Japan and North Korea are set to meet on Wednesday in their first face-to-face talks in four years as diplomats see if they can start laying the groundwork to overcome a troubled history. Ties between the countries have long been strained amid decades of mutual distrust, though they periodically try to resume dialogue with the ultimate — and so far elusive — goal of establishing formal diplomatic relations. The talks come as governments and analysts seek clues about the emerging foreign policy of North Korea's leader Kim Jong-Un, who took over after his father Kim Jong-Il died in December.

The discussions are scheduled to begin at 3:00 pm (0700 GMT) at the Japanese embassy in Beijing and, according to Japanese media reports, may go into Thursday depending on how they progress. The issues that have long bedevilled Japan-

North Korea relations, however, remain largely the same so it is unclear how much, if any, progress can be made in the encounter. Tokyo continues to want further answers regarding the fate of citizens abducted in the past by North Korean agents, amid suspicions in Japan that Pyongyang has failed to provide all the information it has.

Pyeongyang admitted in 2002 its agents kidnapped Japanese in the 1970s and 1980s to help train spies by teaching Japanese language and culture, and allowed five of them and their family members to return to Japan. It said another eight had died, though many in Japan hold out hope they remain alive. There are also suspicions that Pyongyang's agents abducted more Japanese than was admitted.

Japan says North Korea agreed to reopen investigations into the fate of abducted Japanese when

the two sides last met in 2008.

From a security standpoint, Japan also remains wary of North Korea's past ballistic missile tests over its territory or aimed at its airspace as well as underground nuclear experiments in 2006 and 2009 and threats of more.

North Korea, meanwhile, craves trade with Japan yet blasts its military alliance with the United States, colonisation of the Korean peninsula in the first half of the 20th century and treatment of ethnic Koreans in Japan.—Internet



Photo taken on 28 Aug, 2012 shows a fallen tree which was pulled down by a gale in Changchun City, capital city of northeast China's Jilin Province. Typhoon Bolaven brought gales and rainstorms to Jilin Province on Tuesday and Wednesday.—XINHUA

Taipei invites individual tourists from four more Mainland cities

BEIJING, 30 Aug — Chen Wenjing's ambitious plan to go backpacking in Taipei to see the island up close and personal is about to come true. "I've been on a group tour to Taipei. Our schedule then was very tight, and we rushed around the island and only caught glimpses of things. This time, I will walk on every street with my backpack and taste all kinds of local cuisine," Chen, a resident of the southern city Shenzhen, said as she filled out an application form to take a trip to Taipei as an individual tourist from the mainland. Tuesday marked the day that residents in the four mainland cities of Jinan, Shenzhen, Fuzhou and Xi'an were officially allowed to apply to travel to Taipei as individuals under a cross-Strait agreement, bringing the total such mainland cities to 13.

"Individual trips to Taipei will be hot products for Shenzhen residents, as the city is very close to Hong Kong, where daily flights to Taipei and Kaohsiung abound," said Zeng Haisheng, head of the Taipei department of Shenzhen Huaqiao Cheng China Travel

Service. Zeng revealed that the company will present a series of travel products for individual tourists that will include plane tickets, hotel bookings and passes for various tourist attractions on the island. According to Zhu Jun, a marketing manager with Shenzhen Port CTS Co, Ltd, the first batch of 120 seats for individual trips to Taipei filled up less than two weeks after the product was launched in early August. In addition to passes to tourist attractions, travel agencies in Fuzhou have offered "semi-individual" services that provide tour guides and transportation services in far-flung sites such as the Ali Mountain area and the Sun and Moon Lake, while tourists can tour freely in city districts.

"These semi-individual products have been much loved by tourists, as they offer conveniences as well as give backpackers the freedom to customize their trips," said Yang Wenying with China International Travel Service (Fujian) Co, Ltd. An overall ban on traveling to the island was lifted by Taipei authorities in July 2008.—Xinhua

200 US Marines join anti-drug effort in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY, 30 Aug — A team of 200 US Marines began patrolling Guatemala's western coast this week in an unprecedented operation to beat drug traffickers in the Central America region, a US military spokesman said on Wednesday. The Marines are deployed as part of Operation Martillo, a broader effort started last 15 Jan to stop drug trafficking along the Central American coast. Focused exclusively on drug dealers in airplanes or boats, the US-led operation involves troops or law enforcement agents from Belize, Britain, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Honduras, the Netherlands, Nicaragua, Panama and Spain.

"This is the first Marine deployment that directly supports countering transnational crime in this area, and it's certainly the largest footprint we've had in that area in quite some time," said

Marine Staff Sgt Earnest Barnes at the US Southern Command in Miami. It was 50 years ago when the US military last sent any significant aid and equipment into Guatemala, establishing a base to support counter-insurgency efforts during a guerrilla uprising. That movement led to 36 years of war that left 200,000 dead, mostly indigent Maya farmers. The US pulled out in 1978.

Guatemalan authorities say they signed a treaty allowing the US military to conduct the operations on 16 July. Less than a month later an Air Force C-5 transport plane flew into Guatemala City from North Carolina loaded with the Marines and four UH-1 "Huey" helicopters. After two weeks of setting up camp, establishing computer connections and training at the Guatemalan air base at Retalhuleu, the Marines ran through rehearsal exercises, Barnes said. Last week, their

commander "gave us the thumbs up" to begin active operations, he said.

This week the Marines have been patrolling waterways and the coastline, looking for fast power boats and self-propelled "narco-submarines" used to smuggle



In this image released by the US Marine Corps on 29 Aug, 2012, Staff Sgt. Travis A Jakovcic, a UH-1N Huey crew member with Marine Light Attack Helicopter Squadron 467 (HMLA-467) looks back at another aircrew during takeoff at the Guatemalan Air Force Base at Retalhuleu, Guatemala, on 22 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

drugs along Central America's Pacific Coast. US officials say the "drug subs" can carry up to 11 tons of illegal cargo up to 5,000 miles. Col Erick Escobedo, spokesman for Guatemalan

Military Forces and Defence Ministry, said that so far the Marines have brought about the seizure of one small-engine aircraft and a car, but made no arrests.

Internet

Mexican judge orders arrest of ex-governor on drug charges

MEXICO CITY, 30 Aug — A Mexican federal judge has ordered the arrest of former state Governor Tomas Yarrington on suspicion of aiding drug traffickers, federal prosecutors said on Wednesday. Yarrington, a former Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) governor of Tamaulipas, has been a thorn in the side of the PRI since allegations surfaced this year he had worked with drug cartels. The centrist PRI, which ruled Mexico between 1929 and 2000, is due to return to power in December after the party's candidate, Enrique Pena Nieto, won a 1 July presidential election.

The PRI's long run was tainted by allegations of corruption and making deals with drug gangs, which have ravaged Mexico over the past six years despite the efforts of conservative President Felipe Calderon to bring them to heel.

Yarrington, who governed the northern border state of Tamaulipas between 1999 and 2005, is suspected of accepting cash from drug cartels and using it to buy real estate in Texas.

Mexican Attorney General Marisela Morales said the order had been issued for his capture but noted the whereabouts of the 55-year-old Yarrington were currently unknown. Yarrington, who was suspended from the PRI in May, is already facing related suits in the United States. In May, two civil lawsuits were brought against Yarrington in a US federal court, accusing him of "using his illicit income from his political years to become a major real estate investor" in the United States.—Reuters

At least seven policemen injured, one feared dead in grenade attack in Kenya's Mombasa

MOMBASA, 30 Aug — At least seven policemen have been injured, four critically and one feared dead, in another grenade attack in Kenya's coastal city of Mombasa on Wednesday night. Divisional police commander Kipkemboi Rop confirmed the incident which took place at Mwembe Tayari area of Mombasa that also left the person who hurled the grenade at the police vehicle critically injured during the shootout with police.

"I can confirm that seven police officers were injured when a man hurled a grenade at the Land Cruiser police vehicle which was patrolling in Mwembe Tayari. Four of the officers are in critical condition while the person who threw the grenade has also been shot and is in critical condition," Rop told journalists at the scene of the incident. Rop said the grenade was hurled from top of a tall building by two youths, prompting a shootout with the police where one of the boys was shot and is critically injured. "We have rushed the injured police officers to the hospital. We also managed to arrest the youth who hurled the grenade. This was a coward act but we are winning this war," Rop said as the police sealed off the area to allow bomb experts to take the samples for further analysis.

Xinhua

Nine die as Indian military choppers crash

NEW DELHI, 30 Aug — Nine Indian air force personnel were killed on Thursday when two Russian-designed military helicopters apparently collided in mid-air, the military and police said.

Air force spokesman Wing Commander Gerard Galway said the two Mi-17 helicopters were "flying in close formation" over a firing range in the western state of Gujarat when they crashed. "It is likely it was a mid-air collision," Galway told AFP, confirming that all nine on board the two aircraft had died.

Galway said an inquiry would establish exactly how the accident occurred. An air official who did not want to be

named said the two helicopters were practising firing over the range near a military airbase in Jamnagar District when the accident happened.

Jamnagar police chief Harikrishna Patil told AFP by telephone from the accident site that the aircraft appeared to have collided before they came down in cotton fields near a village. "One of the helicopters also caught fire after hitting a high-tension power cable," he said.

India plans to buy up to 400 helicopters, worth hundreds of millions of dollars, to replace its ageing fleet of Russian- and British-supplied aircraft.—Internet



An Indian Air Force member stands beside a newly inducted Mi-17 V5 helicopter from Russia in New Delhi in February. At least five airmen were killed when two Russian-designed Mi-17s crashed on Thursday after taking off in the western Indian state of Gujarat, police said.—INTERNET

Network of drug trafficking cells in Southern California smashed

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug — US federal authorities on Wednesday arrested 17 defendants and executed search warrants at dozens of locations across Southern California linked to a network of drug trafficking cells, the US Attorney's Office announced. The 17 defendants are among 43 people charged with links to drug-trafficking groups that brought large quantities of narcotics from Mexico.

The network has imported large quantities of Mexican cocaine, heroin and high-purity crystal methamphetamine into the Los Angeles area, according to the US Attorney's Office.

Those arrested Wednesday are among 43 defendants named in federal charges stemming from a 10-month wiretap investigation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), the

Torrance Police Department and IRS-Criminal Investigation. "This investigation has dealt a serious blow to a trafficking network we believe was funneling significant quantities of high-grade methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin into the Los Angeles area," said Claude Arnold, special agent in charge for HSI Los Angeles.

"In fact, the Mexican-made methamphetamine seized in this case is some of the most pure we've ever seen. Today's arrests have disrupted a potentially deadly supply chain and prevented untold quantities of dangerous drugs from reaching our streets," Arnold stressed. According to a criminal complaint unsealed on Wednesday morning, the investigation uncovered a loose-knit ring of drug importers, couriers and distributors operating throughout Southern California. The criminal

complaint names 43 defendants, 17 of whom were arrested on Wednesday morning. Four more defendants were already in federal custody. Authorities are continuing to search for 22 defendants, most of whom are believed to be in Mexico at this time.

The affidavit in support of the criminal complaint discusses four loosely related drug-distribution cells, one of which is allegedly operated by the owner of a San Fernando Valley auto shop.—Xinhua

Egypt army presses Sinai drive, says 11 militants dead

CAIRO, 30 Aug — Egypt's military said its forces were being redeployed on Wednesday to Press a campaign against Islamist militants in the Sinai and that 11 "terrorists" have been killed since operations were launched.

Witnesses reported seeing at least four tanks headed west, away from the theatre of operations, but troops and vehicles were fanning out near the borders with Gaza and Israel to the east. Confusion and inflated claims have shrouded the

unprecedented campaign in the lawless peninsula that began after militants killed 16 soldiers in an 5 August attack on a border outpost.

"The armed forces, in cooperation with the police, has arrested 23 people, killed 11 terrorists and wounded one since the start of Operation Eagle," the military said of the campaign involving tanks and helicopters. "The armed forces will continue Operation Eagle to pursue the terrorists and will start on Wednesday morning to redeploy its forces to complete its pursuit of the fugitive terrorists and finish off all terrorist cells in the Sinai." The statement contradicted earlier claims of having killed 20 militants in helicopter strikes following the 5 August attack.—Internet



A burning motorbike is pictured following a raid by Egyptian security forces on the village on a Sinai village on 12 August.—INTERNET

Government taking steps for utilization ...

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Law and Farmland Act based on the objective condition on the ground.

U Khin Win of Padaung Constituency asked about whether there is any plan to increase the round of operation as Yangon-Pyay Ayeyawady vessels only run once a

week and Dr Tin Maung Kyaing of Kyangin Constituency about legal actions against mining of river sandstones with powered boats along the course of Ayeyawady River between Pyay and Danuby blocking the water way.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein replied that currently there is no plan to increase the round of operation depending on the number of passengers and commodity volume.

Regarding the second question, the deputy minister replied that actions are taken against those engaged in

sandstone mining in breach of set rules and regulations under section 13, 14 and 26 water resources and water system conservation law.

Amendments made to Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill submitted by Economy and Commerce Development Committee on 32nd session of the Hluttaw were discussed paragraph by paragraph.

The Hluttaw approved the bill as amended. Today's session came to an end at 4.05 pm and the 37th day session continues at 10 am tomorrow.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa received Mr. Saman Zia Zarifi, Director of Bangkok-based International Law Experts Group of Asia-pacific Region Ms Emerlyne Gil, Legal Advisor for South East Asia and party and Ms Janelle Saffin, Chairman of Australia-based International Party Development Committee (IPDC) and party at No.1 Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, this evening.

At the call, they held a cordial discussion on duties of Hluttaw, reviewing of existing laws, arrangement for drawing and promulgating bills and development of Hluttaw Politics, and cooperation with international organizations.

It was also attended by chairmen of committees U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat and members of committee and commission.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa receives Chairman Ms Janelle Saffin of Australia-based International Party Development Committee (IPDC) and party.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives International Law Experts Group, IPDC



BOBLME Regional Hilsa Fisheries Assessment Working Group Meeting held



Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint delivers an address at opening ceremony of BOBLME Regional Hilsa Fisheries Assessment Working Group Meeting.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—A BOBLME Regional Hilsa Fisheries Assessment Working Group Meeting jointly organized by FAO, Myanmar, India and Bangladesh was opened at the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, here, yesterday morning, attended Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint.

At the opening ceremony, the Union Minister said that the fisheries industry creates not only job opportunities for the people, alleviation of poverty, food sufficiency and earning foreign incomes but also development of both

socio-economic status and national economy.

The Hilsa species or Migratory species, second export product is rarely found in Myanmar, India and Bangladesh. Plans are under way to maintain the species in order to put it back in abundance in those regions.

BOBLME project Coordinator Dr Rishi Sharma extended greetings.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, FAO, BOBLME project office and departmental heads of the Ministry and responsible persons.—MNA

Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup 2012 wraps up

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan together with Deputy Ministers U Aye Myint Kyu and U Thaug Htaik enjoyed archery final matches of Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup 2012 at Zabuthiri shooting range, here, this morning.

Deputy Minister U Thaug Htaik gave prizes and cash awards to the most progress players and Deputy Minister U Aye Myint Kyu awards to the best players.

The Union minister presented shields to Mandalay Region team in men's event and Magway Region team in women's event.

In Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup 2012, Mandalay Region team earned men's shield and Magway Region team women's shield. Nyein Sithu of Rakhine State secured the best player of the man award with two gold medals. Ma Thanda Soe of Magway Region won the best player of the woman award with two gold medals and one bronze medal. Maung Wai Yan Zaw of Mandalay Region and Ma Nan Kyi Kyi Shwe of Kayin State got the most progressive players awards. Myanmar selected archers and the 26th SEA Games' three gold medalist Ma Aung Hneyin showed their archery skills.

The Union minister met Mr Masanobu Tagami, Mr Yuta Otomo and Mr Takayuki Isogai of Sports Science Department, then and held discussion on necessary preparedness for stronger muscle of national teams to take part in the 27th SEA Games.—MNA

Final match of new generation basketball players held along with prize presentation ceremony

YANGON, 30 Aug—The final match of 3 on 3 basketball tourney of new generation basketball players under Myanmar Basketball Federation took place in conjunction with the prize presentation at the gymnasium of the Aung San Stadium here this morning.

After the final match, US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek James Mitchell awarded the first prize winners Lamadaw BEHS-1 (women) team, the under-16 Horizon (men) team and the under-25 Best

Central (men) team.

Next, Mr Richard Cho of NBA, and former NBA players Daruin Han Marty Conlon awarded the second and third prize winners the under-16 (men) team and (women) team and the under-25 (men) team.

At 2pm, coaches from the NBA and WNBA demonstrated basketball techniques together with students and basketball enthusiasts at Junction Centre Square in Mayangon Township.—MNA



US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek James Mitchell presents prize to winners in 3 on 3 basketball tourney of new generation of Myanmar Basketball Federation. MNA

Zwegabin United FC honoured



YANGON, 30 Aug—A ceremony to honour Zwegabin United FC that won over Mawrawady FC in the 24th event of MNL 2012 was held at Western Park restaurant in Kandawgyi, here, on 27 August evening. Owner of Zwegabin

United FC U Hla Htay presented cash awards to Zwegabin United FC and winning goal scorer Naing Naing Kyaw. Next, the owner of the FC cordially greeted the footballer and then hosted a dinner to them.

Myanma Alin

District INRD opens Job Training Course

SHWEGU, 30 Aug—Kachin State Immigration and National Registration Department conducted the training course No. 1/2012 for Records Clerk, Peon and Guard at the office of Bhamo District INRD on 20 August morning.

At the ceremony, Head of Kachin State INRD UKyi Lin made a speech. The training course will last eight weeks.—*Myanma Alin*

Bags of rice donated to flood victims in Kyaunggon

KYAUNGON, 30 Aug—A ceremony to continuously donate 100 bags of rice by U Khin Maung Latt Tun of ShweMya Kyaunggon Rice Company was held at the hall of Township Flood Relief Committee Office at Daw Than Tin Hall in the compound of Kyaunggon Township Hospital in Patheingyi District of Ayeyawady Region on 11 August.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myo Kyaw accepted the donation.

Kyaunggon Township opens 27 flood victim relief camps. The bags of rice will be shared to 12335 people of 3013 flood-hit households.

Likewise, Ko Tun Aung Khaing (Kaythayazar Brokerage) of Bayintnaung in Yangon also donated 20 bags of rice to the committee.

Myanma Alin



Pungpahkyem Sub-Township Office opened

PUNGAHKYEM, 30 Aug—A ceremony to open the Administrative Office of Pungpahkyem Sub-Township was held in Monghan Village-tract of Pungpahkyem Sub-Township, Mongton Township of Monghsat District in Shan State was held in front of the office in Nakaungmu Village on 22

August. On the occasion, Deputy Commissioner U Thaug Tin Htwe of District General Administration Department and Monghan Village Administrator U Hla Maung formally opened the office.

Next, the deputy commissioner made a speech. Pungpahkyem Sub-Township Administrator U Myo Min Zaw explained matters related to the sub-township and rural development tasks.

Myanma Alin

Workshop on transform of mechanized farming discussed

YANGON, 30 Aug—The transform of mechanized farming of Yangon Region was held at the hall of Agricultural Mechanization Department on Kyaikkhauk Pagoda Road in Thanlyin of Yangon South District on 27 August morning.

At first, Head of Yangon Region Agricultural Mechanization Department U Ko Ko explained use of machinery at the stage from the ground works to storage, uplifting of proficiency for drivers and mechanics, giving hire services, and

construction of production roads. Departmental officials participated in the discussions on transform to mechanized farming and attended to the needs of local farmers for transform of mechanized farming.

Myanma Alin



Stimulant tablets seized in Moehthi Moemi gold mine

YAMETHIN, 30 Aug—A squad led by IP Niang Win and SIP Aye Kyaw, acting on a tip-off, searched the black bag of Hsan Nyunt (a) Ango Oo and Lwin Moe Oo (a) Ah Lon near the police outpost on Kyauksayit Nwalan in Moehthi Moemi gold mine in Yamethin Township at 3.15 pm on 25 August.

They seized two hundred 88 brand pink stimulant tablets and 20 WY brand stimulant tablet, totaling 220 worth K 660,000 and 32.66 grams of opium liquid from the white plastic bottle.

Tugon Police Station opened a lawsuit against them and is carrying out the tasks to arrest the related culprits.—*Myanma Alin*

District News

Demonstration on cultivation of Palethwe paddy strain performed



BOKPYIN, 30 Aug—A ceremony to demonstrate cultivation of Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on seven acres of plot of farmer

U San Thein in Kamachaung Village-tract of Bokpyin Township, Kawthoung District Taininthayi Region, on 21 August morning.

At the demonstration were Township Administration U Thein Aung, township level departmental officials, members of the Township Agricultural Production Development Committee, village administrator and farmers. At first, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Aung Moe Lwin transplanted paddy saplings from the nursery in line with the good agricultural pattern.—*Myanma Alin*

Kan Thein Education and Health Foundation makes donations

YANGON, 30 Aug—U Kan Thein-Daw Khin Sein (Kan Thein Gold Shop and Robe House) of Kan Thein Education and Health Foundation donated cash to the fund for education and health services at Basic Education High School in Thonze on 19 August.

The donors presented K 3.8 million for 88 schools in the township and K 3 million to the fund for anesthetic machine and one oxygen cylinder for



Thayawady People's Hospital. They donated 10 sets of school uniforms to 88 schools and one set of

computer to Thonze BEHS. Kan Thein Education and Health Foundation donated K 6.8 million.

Kyemon

Information for anti-human trafficking

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

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to

actively participate in taking the anti-human trafficking measures.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-4955666 in Muse, 09-4955777 in Mandalay and 09-4955888 and 09-4955999 in Yangon.



AGM HELD: Mayangon Township Government Employees Cooperative Ltd of Yangon Region held Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the prize presentation for outstanding student at Thabye Hall of Basic Education High School No. 4 in Mayangon on 9 August. BOD of the cooperative society present K 2198506 to members through Township Education Officer U Tin Tun.—MYANMA ALIN

New school building handed over in Yekyi



YEKYI, 30 Aug—A ceremony to hand over Zartiman two-storey school building was held in conjunction with the first ceremony to pay respects to teachers at Basic Education High School Branch in Kwinthonsint Village of Yekyi Township, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, on 12 August morning.

On the occasion, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung, Region Education Officer U Soe Myint and wellwisher U Hla Tun formally opened the new school building.

They handed over documents related to the building to Headmistress Daw Win Sein.

The two-storey

building, 140x30x25 feet, was constructed at a cost of K 92 million contributed by Police Maj-Gen Hla Tun (Rtd)-Daw Htar Htar and family.

In the afternoon, respects were paid to 27 teachers of above 60 for the first.

Myanma Alin

Relief aids presented to flood victims in Kyaunggon

KYAUNGON, 30 Aug—WFP donated foods for flood victims as part of flood relief in Kyaunggon Township of Patheingyi District in Ayeyawady Region on 25 August morning.

At Daw Than Tin Hall of the Township People's Hospital where the township flood relief office opens, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Pyay Thin made a speech. Member of Township Flood Relief Committee U Tin Maung reported on systematic undertaking of flood relief works in the township.

Project Officer of WFP Daw Khin Moe Aye explained the purpose of



providing food supplies and presented 1708 bags of rice, 244 bags of gram, 2844 bottles of edible oil and 2880 packets of salt for 14800 people from Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3, and 37 village-tracts in the township.

Myanma Alin

Villages along Sittoung River flooded

YEDASHE, 30 Aug—Due to heavy rains in recent days, Kyaunggon and Hngetpyawdaw villages, east of Thagara in Yedashe Township were flooded with three feet deep water from overflow of Sittoung River on 25 August.

In the event, 25 houses were flooded. Of them, three households are being accommodated at the village Dhammayon and four at residences of their relatives.

The water level of Sittoung River is expected to rise. At present, water of the river flows into Letpankhon, Kyuzaung, Shwekazaung, Shwe-thaung, Kyeyaingbyin and Ohnbingwe villages. Up to now, flood victims are not evacuated to the safe places.

Kyemon

District News



OUTSTANDING STUDENTS HONOURED: Ngathaingyoung Sub-Township Basic Education High School held the prize presentation for outstanding students and the parent-teacher association in Yekyi Township of Patheingyi District on 14 August. Headmaster U Zaw Win presents prizes to the students with flying colours.—MYANMA ALIN

Child Protection Course opens in Dala



DALA, 30 Aug—Organized by Dala Township Committee of Child Rights of Yangon Region opened the Child Protection Course No. 1/2012 at Thiri Zeya Nawrahta Hall of the township on 27 August morning.

On the occasion,

Acting Township Administrator U Myint Sein made a speech. Secretary of the Township Committee of Child Rights Head of Township Social Welfare Daw Lay Lay Myint explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

Officials of the World Vision gave lectures on protection of children and matters related to human trafficking with the use of project on the first day of the training course.

Myanma Alin

Prizes awarded in U-12, U-16 football tournaments in Waingmaw

MYITKYINA, 30 Aug—The prize presentation for the Inter-Basic Education School U-12 Football Tournament of Waingmaw Township in Kachin State was held at the People's Sports Ground in Waingmaw

Township on 16 August afternoon.

In the U-12 final match, Sanka Village Basic Education Middle School Branch clinched title in the tournament with a 2-1 win over Mantee/Naunghee

Village BEMS branch.

In the U-16 final match, Waingmaw BEHS No. 2 emerged champion with a 3-1 result over Khatcho Village BEHS branch.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Township Administrator U Win Htay

presented trophy to Waingmaw BEHS No. 2 in the U-16 event and Township Education Officer Daw Khin Than Nwe, trophy to Sanka Village BEMS branch in the U-12 event.

Members of the Township Sports and Physical Education Committee presented prizes to remaining winners.

Myanma Alin



PRIZES AWARDED: Basic Education High School No. 1 of Insein Township held the annual general meeting for 2011-2012 academic year and the prize presentation for outstanding students on 24 August. Headmaster U Than Win awards JAT Daw Mi Mi Yi who secured the prize in the township essay contest for fivetimes.—MYANMA ALIN

Crime News

Reckless driving Dyna hits sellers

SAGAING, 30 Aug—A Dyna hit a water melon seller at roadside of Sagaing-Shwebo Road at about 1.30 pm on 23 August due to out of control. Then, the Dyna caused upside down. In the incident, water melon seller died on the spot.

Dyna with number plate 1A/... Driven by Aung Thu Naing, son of U Maung Soe of Nabein Village of

Ngazun Township hit Naing Zaw Win, son of U Moe Hsaung of Bagantu Village of Sagaing Township between mileposts 30/5 and 30/6 on Sagaing-Shwebo Road.

Action is being taken against driver Aung Thu Naing for reckless driving at Sataung Police Station of Sagaing Township.

Myanma Alin

Motor cycle stealer seized in Pyinmana

PYINMANA, 30 Aug—The authorities of Pyinmana Police Station inspected the suspected Myo Min Oo, 26, son of U Pwa, of Strand Road in Ward 3 of Mawlamyine at 2 pm on 17 August.

In his confession, he stole a motor cycle from a house near Myint Mo Nan Hotel beside Yazahtani Road in Pobbathiri

Township five years ago. He hid 21 Ya/... Kenbo 110 motor cycle in the bush south of the power station. The authorities searched and found the motor cycle.

Due to lack of any evidence for his ownership on the motor cycle, action is being taken against Myo Min Oo under law.

Myanma Alin

Air China flight turns around after threatening message

BEIJING, 30 Aug — An Air China flight returned to the Beijing Capital International Airport after receiving a threatening message, the carrier said on Wednesday evening.

Flight CA981 returned to Beijing out of concern for passenger safety, the carrier said in a special announcement via its official microblog account at Sina Weibo, without offering further information about the incident.

The flight, which was scheduled to depart for New York at 1:00 pm on Wednesday, will be taking off again at 11:55 pm, according to the airport.

So far no abnormalities have been detected on the flight, as the airport security department is working to identify the threat, sources with the airport and Air China told *Xinhua*. The flight will take off and police will continue to investigate the case, sources said. — *Xinhua*



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XINHUA

China approves new measures to narrow education gap

BEIJING, 30 Aug — The State Council, China's Cabinet, on Wednesday approved a string of new measures to narrow the gap in fundamental educational levels between the nation's urban and rural areas. China has provided children with universal access to fundamental education, or the nine-year compulsory education system that covers elementary and junior high education, but the quality of education differs among regions and schools, according to an executive meeting of the State Council presided over by Premier Wen Jiabao. Promoting a balanced and quality fundamental education will be a primary task for the nation in the coming years, according to the meeting.

According to the new measures approved, the government will raise educational investment in rural or poverty-hit areas. Educational facilities in rural schools such as books, laboratory equipment, accommodations and cafeterias will be improved, and excellent teachers will be encouraged to go to rural schools in order to ensure the equal allocation of educational resources. Education must be quality-oriented, and schools should guide students to develop in all areas and nurture their sense of social responsibility and creativity rather than weigh them down with classes and homework, according to the measures.

Left-behind children, the children of migrant workers and orphans should be guaranteed equal rights in receiving education. The development of private education institutions is also encouraged in the new measures. Moreover, the measures require county-level governments to determine the locations of their elementary and primary schools in accordance with local population ratios. The closing or merging of rural schools must strictly adhere to relevant rules and procedures, and parents and teachers should be invited to offer their suggestions, according to the measures.



China approves new measures to narrow education gap.—XINHUA

The Ministry of Education issued a circular in July aiming to ensure that students have easy access to their schools, putting a 40-minute limit on students' commutes to and from school. The measures also called for bolstering protection for boarding students by increasing standards for school facilities and services, including domestic installation and security guards. Local governments are urged to strictly implement the Regulation on School Bus Safety Management created in April by the State Council to ensure safe school transportation, according to the measures.

XINHUA

Floods hit New Delhi

BEIJING, 30 Aug — Floods have hit the Indian capital New Delhi, causing major disruptions across the city.

The continuous downpour in New Delhi has disrupted traffic, and the city's poor drainage system has made the situation even worse. The southern part of the New Delhi has been submerged. Local authorities have dispatched workers to deal with the situation, but 10 communities have been severely affected by the floods.

Meanwhile, the Jumna River running through the city has reached the danger level, and local authorities ordered residents living along the river to evacuate.

And 12 flights have been forced to cancel due to the downpour. The northern Assam District of Sonitpur has also been affected by a fresh wave of floods. Three area rivers are flowing above the danger level.

The floods in India this year have left more than 100 people dead, and tens of thousands of people homeless.

XINHUA

Five al-Qaeda members killed in US drone strike in southeast Yemen

ADEN, 30 Aug — At least five members of the Yemen-based al-Qaeda offshoot were killed in a US drone strike in Yemen's southeastern province of Hadramout on Wednesday night, a government official told *Xinhua*. Three US drone-fired missiles struck an al-Qaeda vehicle in the Qatan area in Hadramout, leaving at least five terrorists dead at the scene, the local government official said on condition of anonymity.

"An al-Qaeda car

carrying wanted terrorists was completely destroyed in the aerial attack, killing all passengers," the official said. A huge explosion rocked the Qatan area during the air bombing, a local resident told *Xinhua* anonymously, adding that military aircraft are still hovering over several al-Qaeda-held sites in Hadramout's suburbs.

The United States has beefed up anti-terror cooperation with the Yemeni government since President

Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi took office in February, after a year of political upheaval that allowed al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to capture several cities in the south.

The al-Qaeda militants were recently either captured or hunted by the security authorities after a US-backed offensive in the southern Abyan province three months ago, routing the militants out of their strongholds that they had controlled for nearly a year.

XINHUA

100-year-old driver hits 11 near LA school

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug — A 100-year-old man backed his car on to a sidewalk and hit 11 people, including nine children, across from an elementary school in South Los Angeles just after classes had ended on Wednesday, authorities said. Four of the children were in critical condition when firefighters arrived but they were stabilized and were in serious condition at a hospital, city fire Capt Jaime Moore said. Everyone was expected to survive, he said.

The powder blue Cadillac backed slowly into

the group of parents and children buying snacks from a sidewalk vendor, and the crowd banged on his windows and screamed for him to stop, but not before some of the children were trapped under the car, witnesses said. LA County-USC hospital spokeswoman Rose Saca said one child remained in critical but stable condition, another would remain for observation overnight and another would likely go home later in the day. Others were treated and released.

Children's backpacks, shoes, candy and loose change were strewn about the scene behind a discount grocery store across from Main Street Elementary. Police identified the driver as Preston Carter and said he was being very cooperative. Carter talked to television reporters after the crash some five miles southwest of downtown Los Angeles. He said he has a driver's license and will be 101 years old on 5 September. "My brakes failed. It was out of control," Carter told KCAL-TV. Asked about hitting the children, Carter said: "You know I'm sorry about that. I wouldn't do that for nothing on earth. My sympathies for them."

Carter was pulling out of the grocery store parking

lot, but instead of backing into the street, he backed onto the sidewalk, police Capt George Rodriguez said. "I think it was a miscalculation on his part. The gentleman is elderly," Rodriguez said. "Obviously he is going to have some impairment on his decision making." Older drivers have been involved in other tragedies. In 2003, an 86-year-old man mistakenly stepped on the gas pedal of his car instead of the brake and then panicked, plowing into an open-air market in Santa Monica. Ten people were killed and 63 injured.

Internet

Man in Afghan army uniform kills three NATO soldiers in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 30 Aug — A man wearing a uniform of Afghan National Army (ANA) shot dead three NATO soldiers in southern Afghanistan on Wednesday, the coalition confirmed on Thursday morning. The Wednesday's attack is the latest in the so-called "green-on-blue" insider attacks when members of Afghan army, police or gunmen in their uniform turned their weapons against foreign partners, leaving casualties.

"An individual wearing an Afghan National Army uniform turned his weapon against International Security

Assistance Force (ISAF) service members in southern Afghanistan yesterday, killing three," the NATO-led ISAF said in a statement. "The incident is currently under investigation." The ISAF statement said, without disclosing the nationalities of the victims under the ISAF policy.

However, an Afghan military official in south said that the incident took place in southern Uruzgan province and the killed service members were Australian soldiers. Earlier Thursday, the Australian Department of Defence, without disclosing

the number of the killed soldiers, confirmed that Australian Defence Force (ADF) personnel have been killed in Uruzgan Province of Afghanistan on Thursday.

The casualties bring to 45 the number of NATO and US soldiers, who have been killed in the 34 green-on-blue attacks since beginning this year. The casualties also bring to 15 the number of foreign soldiers who have been killed in such incidents across Afghanistan so far this month. Up to 3,317 foreign soldiers have been killed in the Afghan war since beginning this year.

XINHUA



A young victim is treated by Los Angeles city firefighters after a car driven by a 100-year-old went onto a sidewalk and plowed into a group of parents and children outside a South Los Angeles elementary school on 29 Aug, 2012, in Los Angeles. Nine children and two adults were injured in the wreck.—INTERNET

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Pakistani policemen stand near the damage carriage of a passenger train after a bomb explosion in 2007.



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Bomb attack on Pakistan train kills two

PESHAWAR, 30 Aug — Two people were killed and a further 10 injured when a bomb exploded on railway tracks in southern Pakistan on early Wednesday, police officials said.

The explosion, which caused two of the train's cars to derail, occurred in the town of Thul at around 2:00 am, police official Murtaza Mirani told AFP. Thul is some 500 kilometres (300 miles) north of Karachi, the region's main city, while the train was headed for the northwestern city of Peshawar.

"Fortunately, the bogies did not overturn as the train

was slow, thus averting a bigger catastrophe," Mirani said. Ashraf Soomro, a local railway official, said that the injured had been taken to a hospital, while the other passengers were being looked after. "We are busy repairing the damaged tracks and will send the passengers to Peshawar as soon as possible," he said.

Mirani said so far no terrorist groups had claimed responsibility for the attack, adding: "We can't comment right now until our investigation is complete." Thul lies in the Jacobabad District of the southern Sindh province. Terrorist attacks blamed on Islamist militants are less frequent in the south than in the country's restive northwestern border area with Afghanistan. — Internet

Invitation for Proposal by Myanmar Shipyards for Joint Venture Partnership in Shipyard Business in Myanmar

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More than 100 suspects held in Philippine massacre

MANILA, 30 Aug—More than 100 suspects in the Philippines' worst political massacre are in custody after another member of a prominent political clan linked to the 57 killings was arrested, police said on Wednesday. Sajid Anwar Ampatuan, grandson of the accused mastermind Andal Ampatuan Snr, did not resist arrest when he was tracked down on Tuesday at a gated middle-class housing development in Manila, police spokesman Don de Dios said.

The 22-year-old was armed with a handgun, he said, and is accused of taking a direct part in the murders in the southern province of Maguindanao in November



Military personnel search a shallow grave on 24 Nov, 2009 in Ampatuan town, Maguindanao Province, for the bodies of massacre victims. More than 100 suspects in the Philippines' worst political massacre are in custody after another member of a prominent political clan linked to the 57 killings was arrested, police said on Wednesday. — INTERNET

2009. "There is a new directive to intensify the manhunt for the prominent suspects, instead of their underlings," de Dios told AFP. The massacre was allegedly orchestrated by the Ampatuans in a bid to stop a political rival from challenging one of them for the post of governor in Maguindanao, which they had ruled for a decade.

Internet

Snake in dashboard now missing

Employees of a Tennessee Honda dealer were unable to find a snake on Wednesday after a driver got a snapshot of its head poking out a vent.

The vehicle was parked outside overnight at West Side Honda, Knoxville's WBIR-TV reported. Workers there say the reptile may have slithered off on its own during the night.

The driver was on Interstate 40 in Knoxville late Tuesday when he was startled to discover he had an unwelcome passenger. He called for help, and state troopers said they could see the snake inside the dashboard but could not reach it. The car was towed to West Side Honda so the dashboard could be removed.

"Six years on the highway patrol, this is the first one. But as a sheriff's deputy, I dealt with this quite a bit, but yes this is the first snake call in a vehicle I've answered as a trooper," said John Carr of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.



Howell Parks & Recreation Dept employee Mary Steward places one of several coyote decoys in the beach sands of the Howell City Park's swimming beach.

Fake coyotes used to scare geese at Mich beach

A Michigan community that's fed up with geese fouling up a beach is hoping fake coyotes encourage the birds to land elsewhere.

The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus of Howell and WHMI-FM report that the beach on Thompson Lake at Howell

City Park is expected to be closed for the rest of the summer swimming season because of elevated E coli levels. The beach was shut down this month and goose poop is blamed.

Debbie Mikula is director of the Howell Area Parks and Recreation Authority. She

says the fake coyotes have shown some success in keeping the birds away. They're being moved at night to trick the geese into thinking they're real.

The hope is that the beach about 45 miles northwest of Detroit will reopen next year.

News Album

Kim Kardashian and Old Navy settle lawsuit over ad

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug—Kim Kardashian has settled a lawsuit against Old Navy claiming the clothing retailer violated her publicity rights by using a lookalike in an ad.

Kardashian sued over the spot in July 2011, claiming the company's use of a model who looked like her might confuse consumers about her actual endorsements, which include a clothing store and shoe line.

No details about the settlement were filed with the

court. "The lawsuit was resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the parties," the two sides said in a joint statement.

The lawsuit was over a commercial titled "Super C-U-T-E," which featured Canadian singer-model Melissa Molinaro. The ad began airing in February 2011 and was still being used in some of the company's promotions months later, Kardashian's lawsuit stated.

An attorney for Old Navy

said at a January hearing that Molinaro was famous in her own right and her appearance in the ad wasn't intended to draw similarities to the reality TV starlet.

Kardashian's attorney Gary Hecker contended that some news outlets and Twitter users noted similarities in the women's appearances.

Kardashian, 31, was seeking unspecified damages and an order barring Old Navy from using a lookalike model again.—Internet



Kim Kardashian. INTERNET

Martina McBride to serenade Robin Roberts on 'GMA'

NASHVILLE, 30 Aug—Country star Martina McBride will appear on "Good Morning America" in support of her friend Robin Roberts.

McBride will visit with the "GMA" host and sing her Grammy-nominated song "I'm Gonna Love You Through It" during the 8 am hour on Thursday.

Roberts announced this week that Friday will be her last day before starting an extended medical leave for treatment of MDS, a blood and bone marrow disease once called preleukemia. She will undergo a bone marrow transplant.

She appeared in McBride's video for "I'm Gonna Love You Through It" last year along with cancer

survivors and Hoda Kotb, Katie Couric and Sheryl Crow.

A news release says the singer also will announce a new partnership to help raise breast cancer awareness.

Internet



Country singer Martina McBride.—INTERNET



Cast member Ryan Gosling.—INTERNET

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug—Ryan Gosling is moving behind the camera to direct his "Drive" co-star Christina Hendricks in "How to Catch a Monster."

The Oscar nominee

Ryan Gosling to direct Christina Hendricks

wrote the film, which is described as a "fantasy noir." It centers on a single mother of two, who is swept into a dark underworld while her teenage son discovers a secret road leading to an underwater town.

It marks the directorial debut for Gosling, who is best known for his starring roles in "Half Nelson" and "The Notebook." The film will start shooting in the spring of 2013.

Marc Platt and Adam

Siegel will produce on behalf of Marc Platt Productions, along with the actor's Phantasma Films banner, and Michel Litvak and David Lancaster's Bold Films banner. Sierra/Affinity will handle international sales for the film which will be made available to buyers for the first time at the 2012 Toronto International Film Festival. Principal photography for the film is scheduled to

commence in the spring of 2013.

"I am very appreciative to Marc Platt, Adam Siegel and Bold Films for being so supportive and I look forward to making this film with all of them," Gosling said in a statement. Gosling is represented by IFA Talent Agency and Carolyn Govers. Hendricks is represented by Kritzer Levine Wilkins Griffin Nilon and CAA.—Internet

ABC orders more 'Wipeout'

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug—ABC says it has ordered a sixth season of its US reality competition series "Wipeout," with Jill Wagner to return as co-host. The next run of fresh installments of the game show will include its 100-episode milestone, set to air in 2012-13. "Twenty-four adventurous players of all shapes and sizes will compete in the world's largest extreme obstacle course designed to showcase the best body flips, biggest splashes and amazing wipeouts that the entire family can enjoy," ABC said in a news release on Wednesday.

Also serving as co-hosts will be John Anderson and John Henson. "I'm thrilled that we will hit a major milestone on our sixth season, our 100th episode. We'll be celebrating all season long with brand new over-the-top courses and the return of Jill Wagner to the 'Wipeout' family," Matt Kunitz, creator and executive producer, said in a statement.

Wagner was co-host of the show from 2008-11. She left to focus on her acting career and was replaced by Vanessa Lachey. Lachey left the show to have her first child with her husband, Nick.—Internet



Jill Wagner, "The Mercury Girl" stands next to a photo cutout of herself, while signing autographs at the 2009 St Louis Auto Show at America's Centre in St Louis.—INTERNET

Sheen's "Anger Management" gets 90-episode order



Actor Charlie Sheen from the FX show "Anger Management".—INTERNET

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—FX isn't mad at Charlie Sheen: his "Anger Management" has received an order for another 90 episodes.

Under an unusual arrangement with the network, the show was assured the massive episode order if its first 10 episodes hit a certain ratings threshold. Its 28 June premiere was the most-watched primetime

scripted comedy series premiere in cable history. Ratings fell for the next two weeks, then stabilized.

The show, which marked Sheen's return to television after his tumultuous exit from CBS's "Two and a Half Men," was the year's highest-rated new comedy series on cable. It averaged 4.53 million total viewers and 2.5 million adults 18-49.

Sheen has said previously that his father, Martin Sheen, would join the show if it were given another 90 episodes. The elder Sheen guested on "Anger Management" this season.

Production on the show resumes on 24 September, and it will return to FX in January.

Internet

James Bond Day announced to mark 007's 50th anniversary

LOS ANGELES, 30 Aug—James Bond, the skirt-chasing, gadget-laden superspy, has an important anniversary coming up.

To mark 50 years of Bond films, the backers of the 007 series are declaring on 5 October "Global James Bond Day."

The date is tied to the 1962 release of "Dr No," the first film in the long-running franchise. The latest



Thriller writer Jeffrey Deaver poses for photographers next to a Bentley Continental GT to launch the new James Bond book, Carte Blanche, at St Pancras station in London on 25 May, 2011.—REUTERS

adventure for the "shaken not stirred" martini lover, "Skyfall," hits theaters in the US on 9 November.

Albert R Broccoli's EON Productions, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Studios, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment will sponsor the day-long series of events.

Among the events celebrating Bond's golden anniversary are an online and live auction charity event, a global survey to discover the favorite Bond film by country, a film retrospective at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, a music of Bond night in Los Angeles hosted by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and an exhibition, "Designing 007: 50 Years of Bond Style," at the Toronto Film Festival.

Also among the offerings is a new documentary, "Everything or Nothing: The Untold Story of 007," which will be directed by Stevan Riley ("Fire in Babylon") and focuses on the relationship between Bond producers Broccoli and Harry Saltzman and the spy novels' author Ian Fleming.—Internet

Clijsters says goodbye with 2nd-round loss at Open

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—Preparing for what she knew would be her last professional tennis tournament, Kim Clijsters — four-time Grand Slam title winner; mother of 4-year-old Jada — devoted her effort and energy to the US Open. Family time needed to wait a tad longer.

“She was like, ‘Why don’t you come with us to go out, go for a walk?’ I’m like, ‘Mama’s almost done,’” Clijsters said on Wednesday after her singles career ended where she wanted it to, just not the way she hoped. “So, yeah, I think she’s going to be excited to kind of have her mom around more, on a more regular kind of basis.”

Little Jada’s gain is the tennis tour’s loss.

Clijsters lost 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5) to 18-year-old Laura Robson of Britain in the second round of the US Open, and will head into retirement after she finishes playing doubles at Flushing Meadows.

“It’s been an incredible journey, and a lot of dreams for me have come true because of tennis. As a little girl, I got Christmas rackets under the tree and outfits of Steffi Graf and Monica Seles, and I would want to wear them to bed, I was so excited,” Clijsters said. “So for me to have been able to have been a part of women’s tennis, and on top of women’s tennis for so many years — you don’t think about it when you’re in it; you’re kind of on automatic pilot. ... Now that I



Kim Clijsters of Belgium

think about it, it’s been a crazy rollercoaster at times, as well.”

She walked away from the sport once before, in May 2007, then returned after a hiatus of two-plus years. Now 29, the Belgian insisted this season that she means it this time, and decided the US Open — and its hard courts that she conquered on the way to three championships — would be her final tournament.

Internet

Stallings happy to be at home in Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS, 30 Aug—The playoff pressure is intensifying for the 100-man field at this week’s Deutsche Bank Championship in Norton, Massachusetts, but Scott Stallings is simply happy to be back in his home state after a bitter-sweet PGA Tour season.

While the 27-year-old American clinched his second title on the US circuit at last month’s True South Classic, he has been hampered by a rib injury for much of his 2012



Scott Stallings of the US.

campaign. Stallings unknowingly tore cartilage in five of his ribs in mid-January but he kept competing in tournaments until he had an MRI scan which revealed the tear. He then spent the next six weeks dealing with that.

“Unfortunate would be the understatement,” Stallings told reporters on Wednesday at the TPC Boston ahead of Friday’s opening round. “I knew that when I had the opportunity to play and I was fully healthy, I’d have a chance to be successful.”

I worked really hard this off-season to get in better shape ... and it kind of felt like it was all for nothing because there’s no real recovery process for a rib injury besides just sitting. —Reuters



Li Na of China

China’s Li survives lapse to reach US Open round three

NEW YORK, 30 Aug—China’s Li Na recovered from a mid-match lapse on Wednesday to beat Australian Casey Dellacqua 6-4, 6-4 and reach the third round of the US Open.

The ninth seed, who has never been past the quarter-finals in New York, recovered from 4-0 down in the second set to reach the last 32.

Former French Open champion Li edged the first set but Dellacqua, a left-hander ranked 92nd in the world, blasted a series of winners to move clear in the second.

But Li recovered her poise in time to reel off six straight games and set up a clash with either three-time champion Kim Clijsters of Belgium or Britain’s Laura Robson. —Reuters

Real Madrid’s players celebrate with the trophy after winning their Spanish Super Cup second leg soccer match against Barcelona at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 30 August, 2012. REUTERS



the Nou Camp and Real took the trophy on the away goals rule.

It was a much-needed success for Jose Mourinho’s side after they failed to win in their opening three matches of the season and crashed to a shock 2-1 defeat at city rivals Getafe in La Liga on Sunday.

Mourinho had warned his players he wanted a vast improvement and they responded with two goals inside 20 minutes thanks to poor Barca defending that allowed first Higuain on 11 minutes and Ronaldo eight

minutes later to burst free and score. Lionel Messi gave Barca a chance of pulling off an unlikely comeback when he curled in a spectacular free kick from 30 metres moments before the break.

Pedro drew a brilliant save from Iker Casillas and both sides had chances in a frenetic ending but Real held firm to end Barca’s three-year grip on the trophy. The second-leg victory also broke Barca’s seven-match unbeaten streak at the Bernabeu and was Real’s first home win in a “Clasico” since May 2008. —Reuters

Five-star Everton overpower Orient

LONDON, 30 Aug—Everton cruised into the third round of the English League Cup with a 5-0 win over third-tier Leyton Orient at Goodison Park on Wednesday.

Kevin Mirallas marked his first start for the Merseysiders by scoring two goals and setting up two others as the Premier League club raced into a 4-0 half-time lead in front of their own fans.

The Belgian striker, signed from Greek club Olympiakos earlier this month, was on target in the 16th minute, set up Leon Osman in the 22nd minute, scored again two minutes later, and then centred for Victor Anichebe to put Everton 4-0 in front 10 minutes before the break.

League One Orient, who beat Championship side Charlton Athletic on penalties in the first round but had lost their subsequent opening two league fixtures, conceded another goal when Magaye Gueye volleyed home Everton’s fifth in the 67th minute. —Internet



Everton’s Belgian midfielder Marouane Fellaini (R) celebrates scoring during the English Premier League football match between Aston Villa and Everton on 25 August. —INTERNET

Performers dance with umbrellas during the Opening Ceremony for the 2012 Paralympics in London, on 29 Aug, 2012. —INTERNET



LONDON, 30 Aug—Volleys of fireworks lit up the night sky, Beverley Knight belted out “I am what I am,” and Britain’s first Paralympic gold medalist lit the cauldron to open the 2012 London

Paralympic Games. It was a night of empowerment for the

athletes from more than 160 nations. Who better to greet the Paralympians than a scientist who has shown that physical disabilities do not limit human potential?

“The Paralympic Games is about transforming our perception of the world. We are all different, there is no such thing as a standard or run-of-the-mill human being, but we share the same human spirit,” said Hawking, who was given two years to live in 1963 after he was diagnosed with motor neuron disease.

“What is important is that we have the ability to create... however difficult life may seem,

‘Spirit in Motion’ gala opens London’s Paralympics

Lille lead final five into Champions League

COPENHAGEN, 30 Aug—Lille overcame FC Copenhagen in extra time to qualify for the group phase of the Champions League on Wednesday, but while Celtic swept past Helsingborg, there was disappointment for Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Lille had been left shell-shocked by their 1-0 loss in

Copenhagen last week but they took a 43rd-minute lead at their new Grand Stade home when Lucas Digne tucked away his first goal from the club from Salomon Kalou’s low cross.

Tulio de Melo almost doubled the hosts’ lead in the 84th minute, only for his header to hit the crossbar, but the Brazilian atoned in extra time by converting Nolan Roux’s cross to give the 2011 French champions a 2-1 aggregate win.

Rudi Garcia’s side can now look forward to Champions League football in their purpose-built 50,000-seater stadium, and they will learn the identities of their future opponents in Thursday’s group-stage draw in Monaco. “I’m happy for (club president) Michel Seydoux, not because of the financial implications but for the collective emotions,” said Lille coach Garcia. —Internet

Real storm back to take Super Cup from Barca

MADRID, 30 Aug—Real Madrid claimed their first Spanish Super Cup in four years and a morale-boosting success against their arch-rivals when Gonzalo Higuain and Cristiano Ronaldo struck in a 2-1 win against 10-man Barcelona on Wednesday.

The victory over error-prone Barca, who had Adriano sent off in the 28th minute, meant the tie finished 4-4 on aggregate after the Catalans won last week’s first leg 3-2 at



Lille’s Brazilian forward Tulio De Melo (C) celebrates with teammates after scoring during the UEFA Champions League football match Lille vs Copenhagen. —INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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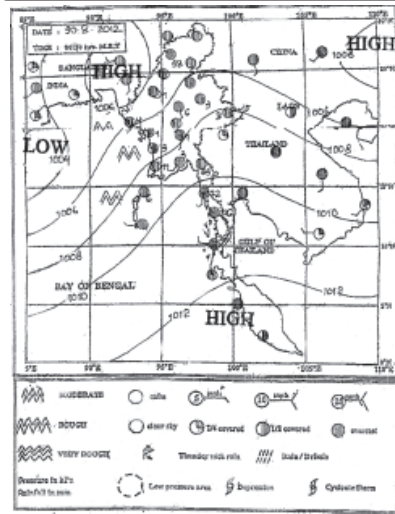
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MYANMAR TV

(31-8-2012)(Friday)

- 7:00 am
 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am
 3. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:05 am
 4. Documentary
- 8:25 am
 5. Selected Songs For 19th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions (2012) (Oldies & Mono Classical) (Amateur (First Division Level) (Women)
- 8:45 am
 6. Maha Wuntha Myat Buddha
- 4:00 pm
 7. Martial Song
- 4:10 pm
 8. Dance of National Races
- 4:15 pm
 9. Dhamma Cekka Sutta Reciting Competition (1st Prize Winner) (Dagon) (B-E-H-S-2)
- 4:40 pm
 10. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:50 pm
 11. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Zoology)
- 5:05 pm
 12. Songs For Upholding National Spirit
- 5:10 pm
 13. Performance With Song
- 5:50 pm
 14. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm
 15. Internet Garden
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
 17. Monthly Weather Report
 18. Just For Laughs
 19. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 31st August, 2012

S. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	34/93	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	31/88	22/72	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	31/88	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	23/73	16/61	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	28/82	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Tanintharyi	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	37/99	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
10	Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
11	Mon	31/88	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
12	Yangon	32/90	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	35/95	21/70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	33/91	22/72	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	31/88	25/77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32/90	23/73	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	37/99	26/79	Isolated rain or thundershower	(100%)

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today: During the past (24) hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Region and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago Regions and Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Lower Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Mawlaikyan (2.52) inches, Paung (2.32) inches, Kawkaikri (2.13) inches, Theinayethi (2.05) inches, Dawei (1.85) inches Yei and Nyaungchaung (1.57) inches each.

Day Inference: Moonset to moderate to strong in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Duran Duran cancels rest of tour

LONDON, 30 Aug—British pop group Duran Duran says it is ending its "All You Need Is Now" world concert tour early because keyboardist Nick Rhodes is ill. The band said on Tuesday their Friday and Saturday shows in Rama, Ontario, have been scrapped.

The announcement came after the cancellation of four shows this week in Pittsburgh, Atlantic City, Kettering and Chicago. The 1980s music icons began

their latest tour two years ago. "Rhodes, who has been unwell now for over a week, was advised by doctors today that he is not yet ready to perform, as he is still experiencing the same symptoms that have kept him from the stage for the last few nights," a message on the band's Web site said on Tuesday. "The band [members] are devastated that what has been a triumphant tour for them, with many highlights, has ended this way



Nick Rhodes of Duran Duran.—INTERNET

—and know that the fans will be as disappointed as they are. Nick held out all week, hoping that he would be well enough to perform again for these final few shows, but unfortunately the medical advice he has been given today requires him to continue to rest.—Internet



EXECUTIVES LEAVES FOR THAILAND: Executive Daw Mi May Phyu Phyu Sin and member Daw Win Kalya Oo of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association left for Bangkok of Thailand on 28 August to attend the Promotion of Female Entrepreneurs to be the Leaders of Local Wisdom Products and Business to be held on 29 and 30 August. Officials seen with the delegation members before their departure.—MYANMA ALIN

Multiplier librarian course concludes in Hlegu Township

HLEGU, 30 Aug—Hlegu Township Library Supervisory Committee and Township Information and Public Relations Department jointly organized the multiplier librarian course No 1/2012 with the assistance of Township World Vision concluded at the hall of the Township IPRD on 24 August afternoon.

At the training course, the staff officer of the District IPRD and heads of township IPRDs gave lectures on librarian subjects.

Assistant Director U Myint Swe of Yangon Region IPRD, Staff Officer Daw Khin Thida Oo of District IPRD and township in-charge U Thurein Win of World Vision awarded first, second and third prize winners and presented certificates to the trainees.—Myanma Alin

Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar signs for QPR

LONDON, 30 Aug—Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar has agreed a four-year deal with Queens Park Rangers, subject to the player receiving international clearance and being granted a visa, the Premier League club said on Wednesday.

The 32 year-old, capped 64 times by his country, has agreed a contract after leaving Italian giants Inter Milan.

During his seven years at San Siro, Julio Cesar won the Champions League and five Italian titles.

"I'm so happy and excited to be here," he told QPR's website.

"The ambition of this club was presented to me by



Brazil goalkeeper Julio Cesar.—INTERNET

the chairman and the coach and I couldn't have been more impressed.

"The desire to achieve things at this club is clear for everyone to see and I wanted to be part of that. I have come here to compete for the shirt and give my all."

He added: "The English Premier League is the best division in the world. Everyone wants to play here and I am no different. Now I just want to give my all to the club and show the fans what I am capable of."

"This is a really exciting move for me and I can't wait to get going."

Delighted QPR manager Mark Hughes said: "It's fantastic that we've been able to attract a keeper of such outstanding ability to the club."

"He's an outstanding individual, as well as being an outstanding player."

"Not only will we benefit from his ability, but we'll also benefit from his experience and winning mentality."

Internet

Spain's Bojan to spend season with Milan

MILAN, 30 Aug—AC Milan on Wednesday announced the signing of Spanish attacker Bojan Krkic, the former Barcelona player who spent last season in Italy with Roma. Milan confirmed the transfer on their website of Bojan, who turned 22 on Tuesday, and revealed that the player will "remain with the club for the whole season."

The news comes a day after Bojan wrote on his Twitter account: "Thanks for all the messages...it has been a long and very emotional day. Tomorrow I will be presented by AC Milan!"

Bojan cost Roma 12 million euros (\$15m) last year, but a clause in his contract means Barcelona must buy him back next summer for 13 million euros.

A statement released by the Spanish giants read: "FC Barcelona have been informed of the agreement between Roma and AC Milan to loan Bojan Krkic to the Milan club this season. "This loan does not

change the existing agreement between AS Roma and FC Barcelona, who maintain all their rights and previously agreed obligations as to the player." The son of a



AC Milan announced the signing of Spanish attacker Bojan Krkic, pictured in 2011.—INTERNET

Yugoslavian footballer, Bojan was born and raised in Catalonia and came through the ranks at Barcelona, even going on to captain them in the Copa del Rey.

He became their youngest ever league goalscorer in 17, and won one cap with Spain at the age of 18, but left the Camp Nou in the summer of last year to join Roma.

He scored seven goals in 33 Serie A appearances last season.—Internet

Government seeking every possible way for promoting education system

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—Amyotha Hluttaw Session continued for 36th day, at Amyotha Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 10.05 am today, attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint and 206 MPs.

At the session, with respect to the question of U Aung Kyi Nyunt of Magway Region Constituency No.4 on “if there is a plan to upgrade 50-bed hospital in Taungdwingyi Township into the 50-bed one with the organizational set-up of modern hospital”, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied: plans are underway to upgrade it into 50-bed one with the organizational set-up of modern hospital in the 2013-2014 financial year. Priority would be given to upgrade the 50-bed hospitals with the standards of the organizational set-up across the country in 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years.

Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu replied to the educational questions of three representatives.

Regarding the question of U Aung Than of Magway Region Constituency No.10 on “whether there is a plan to upgrade Seiktathukha Basic Education Middle School in Yesagyo Township into Basic Education High School (or) BEHS (branch)”, the deputy minister replied: Arrangements have been made to upgrade it into BEHS (branch) in 2013-2014 Academic year.

With regard to the question of U Maung Tha Khin of Rakhine State Constituency No.8 on “if there is a plan to upgrade No.1 Myoma BEMS in Maungtaw Township into BEHS (branch)”, the deputy minister said: No.1 Myoma BEMS will be upgraded into BEHS (branch) in 2013-2014 academic year.

With respect to the question of U Sai Tin Aung of Kachin State Constituency No.5 on “whether there is a plan to make arrangements for getting chances of sitting for external exams for Grade-9 students who failed the exams twice”, the deputy minister replied: among those students who failed the exams twice, those students whom his or her parents can guarantee his or her pursuit of education throughout the academic year will be accepted as Grade-9 (third year) students.

After that, member of Amyotha Hluttaw ASEAN Economic Community Committee Daw Yi Yi Myint read



Photo shows representatives attending 36th day Amyotha Hluttaw session. MNA

out the committee’s report. Those wishing to discuss the report are to register after the session.

Afterwards, one representative discussed Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee’s report. Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Thein Win submitted the proposal to accept the committee’s report. Hluttaw announced that the report was approved.

Afterwards, four representatives held discussion on the report of Amyotha Hluttaw Citizens’ Fundamental Rights, Democracy and Human Rights Committee. Hluttaw decided to recompile the report in cooperation with those representatives who discussed it and to take necessary actions depended on the committee’s decision.

After that, two representatives discussed the proposal submitted by Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaint and Petition Committee on “urging the Union Government to monitor and supervise judiciary for the emergence of fair and upright judicial system at a time when the government is making attempts to ensure clean government and good governance.”

Union Supreme Court Judge U Mya Thein discussed

that proposal. Hluttaw took vote for that proposal and approved it with a majority vote. After that, three representatives held discussion on the proposal submitted by U Nu of Yangon Region Constituency No.10 on “urging the Union government to allow the students who passed the matriculation exam across the country to attend any universities by mean of entrance exam”.

With respect to the said proposal, Deputy Education Minister U Aye Kyu discussed that the government is exploring the every possible way for promoting education system. As that proposal is in consideration, those students would have chances to sit for the entrance examination at opportune time. Hluttaw decided to record it as the representative who submitted the proposal wanted to put it on record.

The meeting came to an end at 2.05 pm, and the 37th day session will go on at 10 am tomorrow. At today’s session, four questions raised and replied; one report submitted; one proposal discussed and approved; one report discussed; one proposal discussed and approved; and one proposal discussed and recorded.—MNA

Ministry of Construction opens Spoken English Course

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Aug—The opening ceremony of Spoken English Course No. 1/ 2012 for officials and staff of Ministry of Construction, was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry, here, yesterday morning. A total of 50 officials and staff of Ministry of Construction are attending the 10-week course.—MNA

United rely on Van Persie in Rooney’s absence



LONDON, 30 Aug—Manchester United will need new signing Robin van Persie to shoulder the goal-scoring burden when they travel to promoted Southampton in the Premier League on Sunday (0400 pm British time) without the injured Wayne Rooney.

Former Arsenal striker Van Persie scored on his

first start for United in the 3-2 comeback win over Fulham last weekend and manager Alex Ferguson was delighted with the way the Dutchman linked up with fellow new signing Shinji Kagawa who was also on target.

“I was pleased with both of them. It’s early on and they’ll have a better understanding as time goes on,” said Ferguson.

Substitute Rooney suffered a deep gash to his thigh against Fulham and the England striker remained in the headlines this week as British media speculated the 26-year-old could be on his way out of Old Trafford after being left out of the starting lineup.

“Read the nonsense in the papers and heard what people have to say,” Rooney said on Twitter. “Absolute rubbish. Here to stay.”

United, who started the season with a defeat at Everton, could welcome back Jonny Evans after injury to ease their problems in defence.

Southampton have been thrown in at the deep end in their first top-flight season since 2005 having opened the campaign against champions Manchester City.

They gave City a scare before losing 3-2 and have yet to pick up a point from their two games.

Internet

Terry included in England’s World Cup squad



LONDON, 30 Aug—Chelsea captain John Terry, awaiting an FA hearing after being charged with racially abusing Anton Ferdinand, is in England’s squad for the opening World Cup qualifiers against Moldova and Ukraine next month.

The former England skipper, who in July was found not guilty of racially abusing the Queens Park Rangers central defender in a criminal trial, returns for England after missing the 2-

1 friendly win over Italy earlier this month.

Despite being out of favour at Liverpool, striker Andy Carroll was also included in a 24-man squad by England coach Roy Hodgson alongside fellow forwards Jermain Defoe, Daniel Sturridge and Danny Welbeck.

England play Moldova in Chisinau on September 7 before returning home to meet Ukraine at Wembley four days later.

Goalkeepers: Jack Butland (Birmingham City), Joe Hart (Manchester City), John Ruddy (Norwich City)

Defenders: Leighton Baines (Everton), Ryan Bertrand (Chelsea), Gary

Cahill (Chelsea), Ashley Cole (Chelsea), Phil Jagielka (Everton), Glen Johnson (Liverpool), Joleon Lescott (Manchester City), John Terry (Chelsea), Kyle Walker (Tottenham Hotspur)

Midfielders: Michael Carrick (Manchester United), Tom Cleverley (Manchester United), Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain (Arsenal), Steven Gerrard (Liverpool), Adam Johnson (Sunderland), Frank Lampard (Chelsea), James Milner (Manchester City), Theo Walcott (Arsenal)

Forwards: Andy Carroll (Liverpool), Jermain Defoe (Tottenham Hotspur), Daniel Sturridge (Chelsea), Danny Welbeck (Manchester United).—Reuters

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