

President U Thein Sein offers Waso robes, alms to Sayadaws

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July— The Waso robe offering ceremony organized by the Union government took place at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda, here, this morning.

At first, President U Thein Sein paid homage to the Buddha Image at the Beikman after offering flowers, water and fruit.

At the ceremony, Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara-bhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Next, venerable Sayadaws recited Metta Sutta.

The President offered Waso robes and alms

and U Nyan Tun and wife presented Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Abbot of Dhamma Paragu Pali Tekkatho Monastery of Monywa Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ariyalankara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, the President and party offered day meals to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka-kovida Sayadaws, Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of Uppatasanti Pagoda, and members of the Sangha from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Chief Justice of the



President U Thein Sein offers Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw at Waso robes offering ceremony.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife offer Waso robes and offertories to member of the Sangha.—MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun and wife present Waso robes and offertories to member of the Sangha.—MNA

to Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw who returned sacred Buddha tooth and hair relics.

Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife,

Union U Tun Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of

the Union U Mya Thein, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-

Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win and wife, Union

ministers, the Auditor-General of the Union, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council,

departmental heads, members of Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees, guests and religious association members.

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Marketability of fruit and vegetables calls for organic farming

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July — Myanmar farmers used to deal with cultivation through traditional agriculture methods and only cattle dung were added to soil to make plants more successfully.

Agricultural produce of their farmlands on a manageable scale once went on sale at their own towns and were transported to its environs. Thanks to calls for an increased GDP ratio of agriculture sector and agricultural output growth while the nation is on the track to modern and developed one, agriculture sector reform is in progress.

It is required for

agricultural produce not only to be sufficient for domestic consumption but to be able to penetrate international markets. A thing what is said in international market is organic farming. It is a matter we are facing shortly after taking a step towards outside. In fact, organic farming is totally beyond our scopes of knowledge, but it is an increasingly popular agricultural method in foreign countries.

The primary aim of organic farming is to ensure ecosystem and fertile soil sustainable and protect the environment. Nonetheless, organic farming needs high demand in the market. Great

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strides are necessary to grow plants without using artificial chemicals for the market.

Now, there has been a surge in import of packaged agricultural produce meeting international standards. Cultivation of Sein-ta-lone mango, a well-known fruit in Myanmar, and dragon ball caught the interest of CEOs and agriculturists of the US-based SYNGENTA company and Belgium-based DEVEGEN company during their visit to a research farm near Chai village in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area together with the A&I Union Minister on 4 May.

Plans are underway to install modern devices to be able to produce Sein-ta-lone mangos as value-added ones. World people have been concerning over dangers of chemicals. So, it is needed to develop public awareness of impact of chemicals and to educate them to practice organic farming on a commercial scale so that people will be dangers of chemicals free.

Chemical-free systematically-packaged agriculture produce under the practice of organic farming are in good demand in the market. The agriculture produce are being produced in international in accord with international standards and food safety measures.

Necessary works are being carried out for vegetables and fruits like Sein-ta-lone mangos and dragon balls which are going to penetrate international market.

It is required to share the discovery of agriculture methods from researches to farmers and to teach them how to apply techniques for long term storage of fruit and vegetables and use modern devices.

Being a natural resource-rich country, arable lands of fruit and vegetables have



reached 1.1 million hectares compared 0.92 hectares in 2005-2006 cultivation season. More production of valued-added local agriculture produce can provide minimizing loss and damage of crops and stabilizing the prices in the market. It can thereby contribute towards more incomes and better living standards of local people.

Kyemon-Yamanya Thway Mon

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Photo shows primary school children having milk at Basic Education Primary School No (6) and No (1) where Headmistress Daw Aye Thandar Khin and teachers, ward administrator U Aye Maung and members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association provided 150 students with milk on 2 July. The school milk program sponsored by KM Company will last one month. — KYEMON-KYAW MYINT THANT (LANMADAW)



Photo shows a billboard to mark the 27th SEA Games to be hosted by Myanmar near a roundabout at the top of Thanlwin Bridge in Mawlamyine of Mon State. — KYEMON-694

Myanmar, France eye on electric power cooperation

YANGON, 5 July — A meeting between Myanmar and France on electric power sector took place at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, here, on 3 July morning.

In his address, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe said that Myanmar, a developing country with young market-oriented system, needed infrastructural

development as quick as possible; that electricity is the key to national economic growth and industrial sector development, that there had been a growing demand on electricity supply thanks to local and foreign investments and that he would like leading companies of France to share their skills and knowledge accompanied by cutting-edge

technology.

He expressed his belief that the today's meeting would bring investment potentials for France, understanding the need of electric power in Myanmar. Next, French commercial attaché extended greetings and the meeting followed in accord with its agenda.

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CRIME

Handsets, prepaid cards stolen in store burglary in Dala

YANGON, 5 July — A store called "Father to Love" on Bo Min Yang Street in Kamar Kasit Ward of Dala Township, here, had got caught in burglary on 3 July, and nearly K 2 million worth of handsets and prepaid cards were stolen in the burglary at the shop.

Police said that U Yu Lwin, 56, owner of the

store, was informed on 3 July morning by his one of female shop assistants that she found a back door of the shop broken when she came into the shop to do the cleaning. So, the owner rushed there and checked the shop. As he noticed handsets and prepaid cards kept in a drawer of the counter were stolen and discovered a six inches long knife on a

cupboard, he reported to Dala police station.

The police conducted necessary investigation at the shop and confiscated a broken back door that carries fingerprints, a lock, a screwdriver and a knife. Dala police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing to expose the suspects.

Kyemon-Thay Htay (Dala)

Ancient artefacts under danger of theft in NyaungU Township

NYAUNGU, 5 July — It was learnt that theft of Buddha Images from Payathonsu cave had occurred for two times at Lathtoke village in NyaungU Township.

A marble Buddha Image at the cave built in the times of ancient Bagan Kings had been stolen a few days ago. Around one

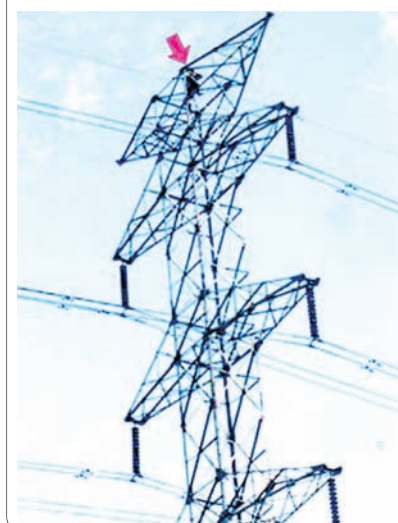
week later, when a group of young women from the village confronted thieves trying to steal more Buddha Images in the cave at about 3 am, they ran and drove off on a motorbike.

According to U Aye Lwin of the village, a Buddha Image wrapped with two sarongs (longyis) was found left out of the cave. It was

learnt that Lathtoke villagers were giving voice to their concerns over possible reoccurrence of theft as many Buddha Images of Bagan era still remain in the cave at the village and calling on officials concerned to protect ancient artefacts against theft.

Kyemon-Kyaw Oo (NyaungU)

Naungpein man charged with metal bars theft from electric pylon



HSIPAW, 5 July — A man was caught while he was stealing metal bars fixed at Pylon No (134) of Shweli-Manhsan-Shwesayan power grid, one-mile west of Khalein village in Mante village-tract of Hsipaw Township in Shan State (South) at about 8 am on 2 July. The man who climbed up the 72 feet tall electric pylon was identified by police as Hla Twal (a) Gonna, 35, of Lotpa village in Naungpein. He was arrested together with two 4.5 feet long metal bar which is 1.5 feet in diameter, seven 24 mm bolts and nuts and other electrical devices. His arrest followed after officials concerned was informed of a man trying to take metal bars of an electric pylon.

Hsipaw police station filed a lawsuit against Hla Twal (a) Gonna under public property protection act No. 6(1). — Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

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S Korea, Australia urge N Korea to abandon nuclear weapons



(From L) Australian Defence Minister Stephen Smith, Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr, South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se and South Korean Defence Minister Kim Kwan Jin join hands prior to their talks in Seoul on 4 July, 2013.— KYODO NEWS

SEOUL, 5 July—South Korea and Australia on Thursday jointly urged North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons pro-

gramme.

The call was made at a joint security dialog in Seoul involving the two countries' foreign and de-

fence ministers.

The four ministers urged North Korea "to comply fully with its international obligations and commitments," a joint statement issued at the end of the meeting said.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se and Defence Minister Kim Kwan Jin attended the first foreign and defence ministers' meeting with Australian Foreign Minister Bob Carr and Defence Minister Stephen Smith.

They also condemned North Korea's provocative actions, such as its launch of a long-range missile in December last year and its third nuclear test in February this year, and welcomed the firm response by the UN Security Council to the actions, the statement said.

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TEPCO president to visit Niigata Fri over restarting reactors

TOKYO, 5 July — Tokyo Electric Power Co President Naomi Hirose will visit Niigata Prefecture on Friday to explain about applying for a state safety assessment of two reactors there so they can resume operating, the utility said on Thursday.

TEPCO wants to reactivate the Nos 6 and 7 reactors at the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa plant to reduce its spending on costly fuels for thermal power generation. But reactivating the facilities is controversial because the utility is the operator of the accident-stricken Fukushima Daiichi complex.

TEPCO has three atomic power plants, but the Kashiwazaki-Kariwa complex—the world's largest nuclear power plant with a combined output capacity of 8.2 million

kilowatts — is the only one not affected by the 2011 natural disasters.

After new nuclear regulations take effect next Monday, the Nuclear Regulation Authority will start accepting applications the same day to conduct safety assessments.

Niigata Gov Hirohiko Izumida has already reacted coldly to TEPCO's plan to apply for assessments, saying, "We have not heard any explanations. There is no greater disregard of local people than this."

On Thursday, Izumida called on TEPCO not to move ahead to install a key

safety system without securing the approval of the prefectural government.

The safety system is vents with filters that can reduce the amount of radioactive substances emitted when pressure needs to be released from reactor containers during emergencies. Plant operators are obliged to install the equipment under the new nuclear regulations. Izumida also requested detailed explanations on the venting operations that took place during the nuclear crisis triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March, 2011.

Kyodo News



Emperor Akihito (2nd from L) and Empress Michiko (2nd from R) visit temporary housing in Tono, Iwate Prefecture, on 4 July, 2013. The couple encouraged residents of the community-care-type houses which were built after the prefecture was severely damaged by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

KYODO NEWS

Mursi backers to protest after overthrow, arrests

CAIRO, 5 July—Islamist supporters of Egypt's ousted president, Mohamed Mursi, will rally on Friday to express their outrage at his overthrow by the army and to reject a planned interim government backed by their liberal opponents.

Dozens of people were wounded in clashes in Mursi's home city on Thursday, raising fears of more of the violence in which several dozen have died in the past month. There were also militant attacks in the restive Sinai peninsula, next to Israel. A military source said: "We will continue to secure the places of protest with troops, and jets if necessary, to make sure the pro- and anti-Mursi demonstrators don't confront each other. We will let them demonstrate and go where

they want."

Mursi's political opponents insist there was no coup. Rather, the army heeded the "will of the people" in forcing the president out. Millions rallied on Sunday to protest at a collapsing economy and political deadlock, in which Mursi had failed to build a broad consensus after a year in office.

In addition to Mursi, the country's first freely elected leader, several senior figures in his Muslim Brotherhood were arrested, security sources said. Prosecutors were investigating various charges, including incitement to violence and, in the case of Mursi himself, insulting the judiciary. sss Television channels owned by or seen as sympathetic

to the Brotherhood were unceremoniously taken off air. The state printer did not run off its party newspaper on Thursday. In Zagazig, the Nile Delta city where Mursi has a family home, 80 people were injured. Witnesses said the army moved in to seal the area after an attack on pro-Mursi protesters by men on motorcycles led to clashes with sticks, knives and bottles.

The White House has avoided condemning Mursi's ouster as a "coup", a distinction that could trigger legal US obstacles to aid. Some on Obama's national security team had contacted Egyptian officials "to convey the importance of a quick and responsible return of full authority to a democratically elected civilian government", it said.

Reuters



A view shows a fly-past over protesters against ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi, in Tahrir Square in Cairo on 4 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Aid worker killed in fighting in biggest city in Darfur

KHARTOUM, 5 July—One aid worker was killed and three others wounded when a grenade hit their office during a gunfight between competing security forces on Thursday in the biggest city of Sudan's Darfur region, the United Nations and witnesses said.

Clashes between the army, rebels and rival tribes have surged in the vast and mostly lawless region in recent months, but had until now been confined to rural

areas.

Residents said heavy gunfire could be heard for hours near the security headquarters in Nyala, the capital of South Darfur state and the second-biggest city in Sudan.

Men dressed in military uniform were seen exchanging fire with people inside the security compound.

A Sudanese aid staff person working for an international organization was

killed and three colleagues were wounded when a rocket-propelled grenade hit an office in crossfire, the UN said in a statement, without naming the employer. Two of them were treated with critical wounds in a hospital.

"There are also reports that some offices and premises of international organisations in Nyala were looted today," the United Nations said in a statement.

Reuters

S African gov't dismisses report that Mandela in vegetative condition

JOHANNESBURG, 5 July —The South African government on Thursday evening dismissed the report that Mandela is in a vegetative condition in hospital. "The Presidency has noted media reports about the condition of former President Mandela and would like to make a clarification," said the

Presidency in a statement.

On Thursday some South African media reported that Mandela is in a permanent vegetative state with a life support machine keeping him alive. The Presidency said, "We confirm our earlier statement released this afternoon after President Jacob Zuma visited Madiba (Mandela nickname) in hospital that Madiba remains in a critical but stable condition."

"The doctors deny that the former president is in a vegetative state," added the Presidency. The Presidency said, "Mandela remains under the care of a multi-disciplinary panel of South African medical experts." On Thursday the 94-year-old former president Mandela is spending his 26th day at the Pretoria hospital since he was admitted there from his Johannesburg residence with the serious recurring lung infection on 8 June.

Xinhua



(From L to R) Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, Argentine President Cristina Fernandez and Bolivian President Evo Morales participate in a meeting of Union of South American Nations (UNASUR, by its acronym in Spanish) in Cochabamba, Bolivia, on 4 July 2013. —XINHUA



Crested ibis rest in a cage during a release activity in Tongchuan, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, July 3, 2013. A total of 32 artificially-bred crested ibis were released to the wild here on Wednesday. The crested ibis, also known as the Japanese crested ibis, is large with white plumage, and before the 1930s had thrived in Japan, China, Russia and the Korean peninsula. But its population was sharply reduced due to wars, natural disasters, hunting and other human activities.—XINHUA

United Nations Secretary-General's message on the International Day of Cooperatives

6 July, 2013

We live in a time of global uncertainty. Multiple crises and natural disasters are testing even the most robust economies and communities. The International Day of Cooperatives is an annual opportunity to highlight how cooperatives can contribute to building resilience in all regions and all economic sectors.

Over the course of the ongoing global financial and economic crises, financial cooperatives have proven their strength and resilience, benefitting members, employees and customers. They have maintained high credit ratings, increased assets and turnover, and expanded their membership and customer base.

After disasters, such as earthquakes, tsunamis and floods, cooperatives have shown their ability to mobilize solidarity for reconstruction. Agricultural cooperatives improve the productivity of farmers by facilitating access to markets, credit, insurance and technology. Social cooperatives can provide an important safety net in the face of declining or minimal public welfare. They also show considerable potential for empowering youth and alleviating the growing global youth jobs crisis.

On this International Day of Cooperatives, I call on Governments to encourage policies to support and strengthen cooperatives so they can contribute fully to inclusive and sustainable development.—UNIC/ Yangon

Deep-space flashes of radio energy may open up a new area of astrophysics

CANBERRA, 5 July—Australia's national science agency CSIRO's Parkes radio telescope in eastern Australia has detected mysterious 'flashes' of radio energy from the distant universe that may open up a whole new area of astrophysics, a statement from CSIRO said on Friday. This finding, made by a team of scientists from ten institutions in Australia, the USA, UK, Germany and Italy, is published in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

According to the statement, four flashes were detected, each from a different direction and each lasting for only a millisecond (a thousandth of a second). The characteristics of the radio signal—how it is 'smeared out' in frequency from travelling through space—indicate that the flashes came from up to 11 billion light-years away. No gamma rays or X-rays were detected in association with the flashes, and the astronomers have ruled out the flashes being from phenomena such as gamma-ray bursts, the merger of two

neutron stars, merging black holes, or evaporating black holes.

"A single burst of radio emission of unknown origin was detected outside our galaxy about six years ago but no one was certain what it was or even if it was real. So we have spent the last four years searching for more of these explosive, short-duration radio bursts." Said Dan Thornton, a PhD student with the University of Manchester and CSIRO, the lead author on the *Science* paper.

"Staggeringly, we estimate there could be one of these flashes going off every ten seconds somewhere in the sky," said research team member Dr Simon Johnston, Head of Astrophysics at CSIRO Astronomy and Space Science. That original radio flash, known as the 'Lorimer burst' after its discoverer, was also found with CSIRO's Parkes telescope. "With the ability to detect these very fast sources we are opening up a whole new area of astrophysics," Dr Johnston said.—Xinhua

Farming in southwestern Asia dates back to 12,000 years

WASHINGTON, 5 July—Fossils and artifacts unearthed in the foothills of the Zagros Mountains in Iran reveal that the early inhabitants of the region began farming cereal grains, like barley and wheat, sometime between 12,000 and 9,800 years ago, US journal *Science* reported on Thursday.

The discovery implies that the transition from foraging to farming took

place at roughly the same time across the entire Fertile Crescent, not in a single core area of the "cradle of civilization", as previously thought.

Until recently, excavations of archaeological sites in the eastern Fertile Crescent, or modern-day Iran, have been limited, while findings to the west, at sites in Cyprus, Syria, Turkey and Iraq, for example, provided detailed clues to the

origins of agriculture.

"For some time, the emergence of agriculture in Iran was considered as part of a cultural transfer from the west," Simone Riehl from the University of Tübingen in Germany said in a statement.

But "during the last few decades, numerous archaeological excavations were conducted in the Near East that led researchers to consider the possibil-

ity that multiple regions in the Fertile Crescent began cultivating cereal grains roughly at the same time, rather than just a single core area," said Riehl. Riehl, along with colleagues from the Tübingen Senckenberg Center for Human Evolution and Paleoecology, analyzed plant remains at the pre-pottery Neolithic site of Chogha Golan in Iran.

Xinhua

Samsung Electronics' second quarter misses forecast as smartphone worries deepen

SEOUL, 5 July — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd missed already modest expectations for its quarterly earnings guidance on Friday, deepening worries that its smartphone business may have peaked, as growth in sales of its blockbuster Galaxy phones begins to wane and new rivals emerge to eat away at its market share. The Galaxy S, powered by Google's free Android platform, propelled the South Korean firm into the top rank of smartphone makers in 2012, overtaking Apple Inc whose

iPhone had set an industry standard five years earlier.

Now investors fear Samsung may also follow in the footsteps of Apple and other once-mighty players that are struggling with shrinking margins, in an industry where companies live and die by their ability to stay ahead of the innovation curve.

"Is Samsung's smartphone story now over? Not quite yet. It's growth is indeed slowing due largely to disappointing sales of the S4," said Jung Sang-jin, a



A man uses his mobile phone in front of a Samsung mobile shop in Seoul on 4 July, 2013.—REUTERS

fund manager at Dongbu Asset Management, which owns Samsung shares. "Yet I think Samsung has some exciting stuff up its sleeves. The problem is no one is sure whether these products can really wow investors and consumers." The disappointing earnings estimate by Samsung, which has had a track record of beating even the most bullish forecasts, sent its shares down more than 3 percent on Friday.

They have dropped 17 percent since early June, hit by a series of brokerage downgrades. The share price reflects concerns about Samsung's handset margins, with

its mobile business generating 70 percent of the tech giant's total profit.

The fall in the share price equates to a drop in market value of 39 trillion won (\$34.2 billion), or worth the combined market capitalisation of Sony Corp and LG Electronics Inc "One of the biggest risks for Samsung Electronics going forward is that 70 percent of total operating profit comes from mobile business. Diversification is key. Samsung needs to engage in active business transition until end-2014," said Jeff Kim, an analyst at Hyundai Securities.

Reuters

Australian researchers use computer modelling to help locate oil and gas resources

CANBERRA, 5 July—Australian researchers have used computer modelling to correct the understanding of the ancient movements of tectonic plates, which will help accurately locate oil and gas resources in Australia region, a research statement from Australian National University (ANU) said on Friday.

Approximately 165 million years ago, the Aus-

tralian, Indian and Antarctic plates drifted apart from the super-continent Gondwana, but up until now there has been uncertainty as to the exact position and movements of the plates in the past.

"We used a simple technique of matching geological landmarks on each plate, a technique that hasn't been used by many of the modern scientists studying this problem,"

explained Dr Lloyd White, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow from the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences and Royal Holloway University. And the location of oil and hydrocarbon resources is determined by the tectonic architecture of the Earth, according to Professor Gordon Lister of the ANU Research School of Earth Sciences.

"We've brought geology back into the equation,

making our understanding of the underlying processes that build the Earth's architecture much more accurate," he said.

"This information can help us understand where and how sedimentary basins containing oil and gas formed, such as those that are found along Australia's southern margin," said Dr George Gibson from Geoscience Australia.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Three million Europeans catch infections in hospital annually

LONDON, 5 July — On any given day, some 80,000 patients in Europe are fighting an infection they picked up in hospital, often while in intensive care, the EU's disease monitoring agency said in a survey published on Thursday.

Although some of these infections can be treated easily, others — like the superbug MRSA and other drug-resistant bugs — can be fatal or affect patients' health very seriously, taking several months of costly hospital care and medication to beat. A survey by the European Centre for Diseases Prevention and Control (ECDC) found that on any given day, one in 18 patients



A doctor holds her stethoscope in an outpatients ward at a hospital in west London on 4 April, 2011. —REUTERS

in European hospitals has at least one hospital-acquired infection — amounting to around 3.2 million patients per year. “Healthcare-associated infections pose a major public health problem and a threat to European patients,” said Marc Sprenger,

Director of the Stockholm-based ECDC. He said many of these infections could be prevented by well thought-out, sustained and multi-pronged prevention and control programs and he urged hospitals to step up the fight. “Such programmes, as well

as prudent use of antibiotics, will help all actors involved to protect the patients of European hospitals,” he said in a statement.

The ECDC warned last year that doctors are increasingly having to turn to last-ditch antibiotics due to growing drug-resistant superbug infections in Europe — many of them acquired in hospitals. The latest survey, which covered 1,000 hospitals in 30 European countries, found the highest rates of hospital-acquired infections were among patients admitted to intensive care units, where 19.5 percent of patients had at least one bug they had picked up from the hospital. —Reuters



Panasonic to close solar cell plant in Hungary next March

OSAKA, 5 July — Panasonic Corp will close its solar cell factory in Hungary next March and dismiss some 550 workers there, sources familiar with the plan said on Friday.

The struggling Japanese electronics maker will end production at its only European solar cell factory in September, leaving it with two such factories in western Japan and one in Malaysia, the sources

added. While the solar energy market in Europe has been flagging and Japanese solar cell makers have been facing fierce competition there with Chinese makers, sales of solar panels in Japan are expected to grow, after a system that obliges electric utilities to purchase all electricity generated from renewable sources, such as solar power, came into effect in July.

Kyodo News

Study finds MERS virus has not yet reached pandemic potential

LONDON, 5 July — The Middle East coronavirus that has killed 40 people since emerging late last year has not yet reached pandemic potential and may simply die out, according to new estimates of how easily it is transmitted. In a study in *The Lancet* medical journal, researchers from France's Institut Pasteur in Paris analyzed data on Middle East respiratory syndrome (MERS) clusters and found its likelihood of developing into a SARS-like worldwide epidemic was low.

The MERS coronavirus, which can cause coughing, fever and pneumonia, emerged last year and has spread from the Gulf to France, Germany, Italy, Tunisia and Britain. The World Health Organization puts the latest global toll at 40 deaths from a total of 77 laboratory-confirmed cases. It is related to SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, because the virus that causes it is from the same coronavirus family. SARS emerged in China in 2002 and then spread around the world, killing about a tenth of the 8,000 people it infected.

But Arnaud Fontanet, who led the latest published research on MERS, said despite sharing “many clinical, epidemiological,

and virological similarities with SARS, the two viruses have distinct biology”. He said one distinction was their use of different receptors to infect cells in human airways — a key factor in how easily a virus is passed from person to person. To analyze whether MERS poses a similar threat as SARS did, Fontanet's team looked at data from 55 cases of MERS infection and calculated some called a basic reproduction number, or R0. The basic reproduction number of an infection is the average number of secondary cases a single infected case will cause in a population with no immunity to the disease. Even in their worst case scenario, MERS had a lower R0 (at 0.69) compared with pre-pandemic SARS (at 0.80). When the R0 is above 1.0, epidemic potential has been reached, the researchers explained in their study. And the R0 for pandemic SARS was estimated to be between 2.2 and 3.7. “MERS has not spread as rapidly or as widely as SARS did,” Fontanet said in a statement. “SARS’ adaption to humans took just several months, whereas MERS has already been circulating more than a year in human populations without mutating into a pandemic form.” —Reuters

Mitsubishi Heavy to build second aircraft component plant in Vietnam



TOKYO, 5 July — Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd will build a second aircraft component plant in Vietnam by next summer, company officials said on

Friday. The new plant will be adjacent to the existing facility in Hanoi and will produce components for the Boeing 777 jumbo jet that are currently turned out at the company's Nagoya Aerospace Systems Works in central Japan.

The Nagoya facility will focus on producing components for Boeing Co.'s newest model of 787

as the US aircraft maker plans to expand B-787 output.

The existing plant in Hanoi produces components for the smaller Boeing 737 with 200 Vietnamese employees. With the addition of the second plant, the number of Vietnamese employees will increase to about 300.

Kyodo News

Retail industry to see steady growth

BEIJING, 5 July — Despite China's slowing economic growth, the retail industry in the world's second-largest economy will maintain sustainable growth in the medium and long term, commerce officials said on Thursday. Meanwhile, the industry is undergoing a transformation and the government will make more efforts to enhance its quality and efficiency and to optimize its structure.

“Following the restructuring process of the economic growth model,

the improvement of the consumption structure, the advancing urbanization, and especially the development of e-commerce, China's retail industry in the remainder of the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15) will keep steady growth,” Wang Desheng, deputy director of the department of circulation industry development at the Ministry of Commerce, told a news conference on Thursday.

Guo Geping, President of the China Chain Store & Franchise Association, echoed that view

and said that the country's retail industry will maintain “sustainable and rigid” growth in the medium and long term, driven by a huge market. “The future development of the industry will focus on innovation, structural optimization and enhancements in quality and efficiency,” Wang said. “The retail industry will see faster transformation and upgrading, including the integration of online and offline retail channels, mergers across regions and brand building.”

Xinhua



Shoppers choose vegetables at a supermarket in Huaibei, Anhui province. China aims for 15 percent annual growth in retail sales to reach a value of 32 trillion yuan (\$5.22 trillion) in 2015, compared with 18.12 trillion yuan in 2011. — XINHUA

People eat less after harder workouts

NEW YORK, 5 July — High intensity workouts may curb people's appetite shortly afterward, according to a small study. The researchers found that overweight men ate about 200 fewer calories following a vigorous workout than after rest. Some studies have shown that high intensity exercise is tied to appetite suppression and changes in hormones that regulate hunger and fullness, and the new research found different effects on those hormones among the various exercise regimens. In the latest research, published in the *International Journal of Obesity* by Aaron Sim, a graduate student at the University of Western Australia, and his colleagues, 17 overweight men volunteered to participate in four 30-minute exercise sessions: one in which they only rested and three involving stationary cycling at either moderate, high or very high intensity.

The moderate exercise involved continuous cycling, while the more intense workouts alternated between short bursts of speed and longer stretches of pedaling at a lower speed. After each session the men drank a liquid meal of about 267 calories. Then, a little over an hour later, the researchers offered the participants oatmeal and told them to eat until they were “comfortably full.” —Reuters

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Union Peace-Making Central Committee reformed

The Union Peace-Making Central Committee which was formed with President Office's order No.11/2012 dated 3 May, 2012 and order No.17/2012 dated 16 August, 2012 has been reformed with the following persons:

(1)	U Thein Sein President	Chairman
(2)	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	member
(3)	U Nyan Tun Vice-President	member
(4)	Thura U Shwe Mann	member

(5)	Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint	member
(6)	Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Senior General Min Aung Hlaing	member
(7)	Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Lt-Gen Ko Ko	member
(8)	Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Wai Lwin	member
(9)	Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win	member
(10)	Union Minister for Border Affairs Dr Tun Shin	member
(11)	Attorney-General of the Union U Hla Tun	secretary
	Director-General of the President Office	

Sd/ Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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President Office

(Order No.15/2013)

12th Waning of Nayon, 1375 ME

(5th July, 2013)

Union Peace Making Work Committee reconstituted

"Union Peace Making Work Committee" which was constituted with the Order No 12/2012 dated on 3 May, 2012, of the President Office has been reconstituted as follows:-

(1)	Dr Sai Mauk Kham Vice-President	Chairman
(2)	Vice-Senior General Soe Win Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)	
(3)	U Aung Min Union Minister	Vice-Chairman
(4)	U Thein Zaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative	Vice-Chairman
(5)	U Ohn Myint Union Minister	Member
(6)	U Soe Thane Union Minister	Member
(7)	U Than Htay Union Minister	Member
(8)	U Khin Yi Union Minister	Member
(9)	U Win Tun Union Minister	Member
(10)	U Khin Maung Soe Union Minister	Member
(11)	Region or State Chief Ministers (a) Chief Minister	Members

(b)	Kachin State Government Chief Minister	
(c)	Kayah State Government Chief Minister	
(d)	Kayin State Government Chief Minister	
(e)	Chin State Government Chief Minister	
(f)	Sagaing Region Government Chief Minister	
(g)	Taninthayi Region Government Chief Minister	
(h)	Bago Region Government Chief Minister	
(i)	Mon State Government Chief Minister	
(j)	Rakhine State Government Chief Minister	
(12)	Shan State Government Commanders from the Tatmadaw	Members
(a)	Commander, Northern Command	
(b)	Commander, North-East Command	
(c)	Commander, Eastern Command	
(d)	Commander, Central-East Command	
(e)	Commander, Triangle Region Command	
(f)	Commander, South-East Command	
(g)	Commander, Coastal Region Command	
(h)	Commander, Western Command	
(i)	Commander, North-West Command	
(j)	Commander, Southern Command	
(13)	Deputy Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Member
(14)	Maj-Gen Zaw Win Deputy Minister Ministry of Border Affairs	Member
(15)	U Tun Tun Oo	Member

(16)	Deputy Attorney-General Pyithu Hluttaw Representatives of National Races	Members
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(a)	Daw Dwe Bu Kachin National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(b)	U Soe Ye Kayah National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(c)	U Saw Thein Aung Kayin National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(d)	U Khun Lein Chin National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(e)	Daw Mi Yin Chan Mon National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(f)	U Ba Shein Rakhine National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(g)	U Stephen Shan National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(h)	U Hla Tun Naga National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative
(i)	U Kyin Wam "Wa" National, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

(17)	Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives of National Races	members
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(a)	U Zakhon Ting Ring Kachin National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(b)	U Hsan Ye Kayah National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(c)	U Saw Tun Mya Aung Kayin National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(d)	U Paw Hlyan Lwin Chin National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(e)	U Saw Ohn Mon National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(f)	U Ohn Tin Rakhine National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(g)	U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than Shan National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(h)	U Myat Ko Naga National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative
(i)	U Sai Paung Nap "Wa" National, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative

(18)	U Zaw Than Thin Director-General, Union Government Office	Secretary
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Sd/ Thein Sein

President

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(Order No. 16/2013)

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(5th July, 2013)

Appointment of Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs

Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Tin Soe has been reassigned to discharge his previous military duties, and Col Zaw Myo Tin from the Regional Control Command (Loikaw) has been appointed as Kayah State Minister for Security and Border Affairs in accord with Section 262 (a) (ii), (b) and (e) and (f) and Section 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) and Section 82 (c) of the Union Government Law and Section 8 (a) (ii), (b), (f) and (g) and Section 56 (a) of the Region or State Government Law.

Sd/ Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

President Office

(Order No. 17/2013)

12th Waning of Nayon, 1375 ME

(5 July, 2013)

Appointment of Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs

Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Arnt Zaw has been reassigned to discharge his previous military duties, and Col Zaw Lin Aung of No.88 Light Infantry Division has been appointed as Magway Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs in accord with Section 262 (a) (ii), (b) and (e) and (f) and Section 264 (c) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 19 (c) and Section 82 (c) of the Union Government Law and Section 8 (a) (ii), (b), (f) and (g) and Section 56 (a) of the Region or State Government Law.

Sd/ Thein Sein

President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

LOCAL NEWS

MCDC clears fallen Bo Tree in pagoda precinct



Mandalay City Development Committee clears a fallen Bo Tree in the precinct of Paungde Shwethalyaung Pagoda.

MANDALAY, 5 July—Parks and Playgrounds Department under Mandalay City Development Committee cleared a fallen Bo tree from the lake in the precinct of Paungde Shwethalyaung Pagoda on 3 June.

The pagoda is located between 83rd and 84th streets and between 40th and 41st streets. The old Bo tree fell into the fish pond after failing to withstand heavy rain and strong wind.

Officials of the department and members of pagoda board of trustees supervised the works to ensure safety. The department is also planting shade trees in the region and flowering trees on traffic islands on urban roads.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Sailors get life jacket drill

SAGAING, 5 July—Workers of vessels and boats in Mingun village-tract in Sagaing Township got life jacket drill by Township Fire Services Department on 3 June.

for vessel workers to prevent local and foreign visitors from any unprecedented disasters," U Saw Lwin Myint said.

Head of District Fire Services Department U Saw Lwin Myint and firefighters instructed the drill.

"They would be able to overcome any dangers easily. The will to take preventive measures is positive."

"We organize the drill

MMAL-Zaw Myint Naing (Sagaing)



Tatkon Township Development Affairs Committee carried out drainage works along downtown roads in Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area to ensure proper flow of water in rainy season on 3 July.—MMAL-MAUNG LWIN

Authorities meet local people in Thabyaygon ward

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Authorities consulted with local people at the village-tract administrator in Thabyaygon ward in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 23 June. Commander of Zabuthiri Township Police Force Police Major Nyi Win elaborated on activities and future programmes of the township police force and

Police Inspector Win Nyunt Oo of No (1) Myoma Police Station on the activities of the station in the area.

Thabyaygon ward administrator U Khin Maung Win and townselder U Zaw Win discussed the activities of the ward. The meeting was attended by 35 residents of the ward.

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)



Authorities in Zabuthiri Township consult with local people in Thabyaygon ward.

TRANSPORT

Navigation system in Myeik airport checked

MYEIK, 5 July—A BEECHCRAFT owned by Myanma Airways landed Myeik Airport in Myeik in Taninthayi Region on 1 July evening to check whether the navigation system in the airport worked well.

The crew included pilot U Lay Aung, co-pilots U Pyae Phyo, U Nay Myo Htut, chief engineer U Aung Myo, assistant director U Ye Zaw Oo of Civil Aviation Department and assistant engineer U

Tin Aung Win.

They flew thrice on 2 July over Myeik sky to make sure the navigation system of the airport is operating well.

MMAL-Moe Hein (Myeik)



BEECHCRAFT conducts check for navigation system installed at Myeik Airport.

Toungoo University organizes talks on traffic rules

TOUNGOO, 5 July—An educative talk on prevention against natural disaster and traffic rules was carried out at convocation hall in Toungoo University in Bago Region on 28 June morning.

Rector of Toungoo University Dr Aung Thu delivered a speech at the ceremony. Commander of Toungoo District Police Force Police Lt-Col Khin Aung, head of

Toungoo District Road Administration Directorate U Thaug Myint and Head of District Transport Planning Department U Win Myint gave talks on curbing traffic accidents, traffic rules and rules for motorbike riders with Power Point presentations.

The talk was attended by the rector, professors, lecturers and some 500 students of the University.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)

Kyaukme marks Myanmar Women's Day



KYAUKME, 5 July—A ceremony to launch the commemorative signboard of Myanmar Women's Day was held in front of Myitta Mon Hall in Kyaukme on 3 July.

The ceremony was attended by Chairperson of District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Yi Yi Lwin and Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Tin Tin San formally opened the signboard.

The township

chairperson gave a brief account of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation's background history. At the ceremony, outstanding ladies who excelled in Buddhist literature exam, performing arts competitions and matriculation exams were honoured.

Prizes were also presented to winners of essay contests in commemoration of Myanmar Women's Day. MMAL-Ma Latt (Kyaukme)

HRD

One BEMS upgraded in Myingyan Tsp

MYINGYAN, 5 July—A ceremony of upgrading Kunsite Village Basic Education High School (Branch) in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region was held in front of the school on 1 July.

gave a speech and the Education Officer explained the education development tasks and requirements. Then, Kunsite Villagetownselder U Thein Hoke spoke words of thanks.

At the ceremony, Myingyan Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Myint, Myingyan District Education Officer U Shwe Kar Lyan and Myingyan Township Administrator U Tin Htoo Maung cut the ribbon to open the school.

The ceremony was attended by Myingyan District Deputy Commissioner U Hla Win Tin and staff, townselders, social organizations, the Headmaster, teachers and students, members of the school board of trustees and local people.

After that, the Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

Kyemon-Zaw Min Naing

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 6 July, 2013

Cooperatives

Today marks the International Day of Cooperatives which came into existence on the first Saturday of July, 1993. Some countries have expanded their economies through the strength of cooperatives which the civilian government in office considers the first important step toward rural development and poverty reduction.

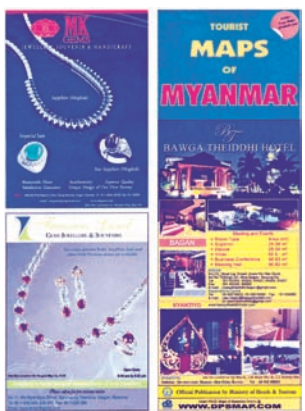
It is obvious that the wind of change is blowing all over the country after the reintroduction of parliamentary democracy which had failed to take root in the face of political infighting and power struggle five decades ago. Nonetheless, there remains a certain gap between the pace and extent of ongoing changes and the level of public expectations.

Rome wasn't built in a day. More haste, less speed. There is a number of proverbs one can quote to defend himself against other's criticism of his slowness, but we are supposed to be in a catching-up process and we need to act with speed though we cannot get things done overnight. Unless and until we have a sense of emergency, our hopes for better future would still be castles in the air.

In fact, the public perception of cooperatives has not been so positive and thus it needs to revive public confidence in cooperative works which if under proper management can ensure win-win situation for all the members. While the agricultural cooperatives are a fundamental requirement to improve the productivity of farmers by facilitating access to markets, credit and technology, financial cooperatives are to be strengthened as part of microfinance works to provide the poor with access to interest-free loans to run their own businesses.

Meanwhile, it needs to assure farmers receive tangible benefits from loan and other welfare programmes of donor countries and organizations. There have been many success stories of cooperatives in many countries and thus it is worthwhile to strengthen cooperatives at different levels in striving for better economic performance.

Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-32) launched free distribution



YANGON, 5 July— Tourist maps of Myanmar (TMM-32) will be distributed free of charge with a view to facilitating local visitors.

Tourist Maps of

Myanmar include detailed map of Myanmar and maps of Yangon, Mandalay, Pyin Oo Lwin, Bagan, Mrauk U, Taunggyi, Inlay, Kyaikhtiyoe, Myiek, Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha.

The newly-issued TMM-32 are widely distributed at home and abroad and sufficiently delivered at ITB Berlin-2013 held in Berlin of Germany from 6 to 10 March.

Systematic distribution is being carried out by overseas Myanmar embassies in cooperation with the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs. Moreover, the maps are daily distributed to the visitors who enter Myanmar through Yangon International Airport, Mandalay and Nyaung U Airports.

The services concerning hotels and tour agencies and tourist guides can take Tourist Maps of Myanmar by showing their company registration copier and general power letter at either Myanmar Tourism Services or Design Printing Service Co Ltd during the office hours free of charge.

Kyemon



Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo presents Waso robes and offertories to member of Sangha. (News on page 1)

MNA

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife present Waso robes and offertories to member of Sangha.

(News on page 1)

MNA



Dy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives German guests

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July— Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa met a delegation led by MP and former federal Minister for Economics and Technologies of Germany Mr Michael Glos, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall here this evening.

The meeting focused on amity and cooperation between Hluttaws of the two countries and economics and technology.—MNA

Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa meets MP and former federal Minister for Economics and Technologies of Germany Mr Michael Glos.—MNA



Vocational opportunities at Education & Career-2013

YANGON, 5 July— Education & Career Exhibition-2013 was launched at Myanmar Convention Center on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township,

here, this morning. The show organized by Dagon Exhibitions Limited is meant to give many vocational opportunities to youths.

Business Management training schools, MBA,

EMBA training schools, LCCI, CIMA, art creating training schools, foreign language schools, pre-schools, universities at home and abroad, colleges and education services companies participate in the expo with talks on education for youths and job opportunities by Dr Aung Tun Thet, Dr Myint Oo (GP), Writer Chit Oo Nyo, U Kyaw Thu (PMC). The participant universities also give presentations on respective subjects at the expo from 9 am to 5 pm on 5 to 8 July.—Kyemon



NATIONAL



Chairman of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Mya Thein presents offertories to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1)—MNA



Chairman of Union Election Commission U Tin Aye offers Waso robe and alms to a Sayadaw. (News on page 1)—MNA

Myanmar-China investment hits USD 20.7 billion



YANGON, 5 July—“Total investment between Myanmar and China has reached USD 20.7 billion. The businesses are being running with more than 15,000 Myanmar workers,” said Mr LV Dexing, Chairman of Chinese Companies Association at the press meet between Myanmar media and Chinese companies at the Chinese Embassy today.

Over 135 Chinese companies have invested in Myanmar-China investment sector, especially in oil, mining, generation of electricity, communication, agriculture, construction and fishery sectors, he added.

As part of cooperative social responsibility, these companies have donated USD 70 million, he said. He also quoted the former UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan, saying that it reached agreement that according to a globally-accepted agreement, running a business is to be in accord with international

standards and take socio-economic development into consideration. It needs to put a spotlight on the fruitful results of the agreement.

He continued that China’s foreign investments policy is to follow respective countries’ laws and rules, to take responsibilities for their socio-life development, to establish a better relation and ensure environmental conservation.

Mr Jin Honggen, the economic and commercial counselor of the Chinese Embassy called for following of China-Myanmar laws, tax payment, trust-building with Myanmar civil societies and people, environment assessment, safety and health care of workers and staffers, transparency, China-Myanmar culture and technology exchanges and assistances to social organizations. Officials from CPI Co, CNICO Co, Myanmar Wenbao Co clarified their works and replied to the queries raised by media.—MNA

JICA grants technical and machinery assistance for seed production

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing attended a workshop participated by the rice researchers from Myanmar and Japan at the meeting hall of the ministry, here, yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by the directors-general, rector of Agriculture University and Agriculturist Dr. Sujii, Dr. Okada, Mr. Tanka Masahiko and Mrs. Yamazaki (JICA Project Formulating Officer).

They took part in the discussion and Japan International Cooperation Agency offered technological assistance and modern machinery for seed production in Myanmar.

Then, the Union minister and party observed high quality pilot research

plantation at 65-acre paddy research farm of Ngalike irrigated area, 440-acre Paletwe hybrid paddy plantation in Alyinlo Village in Pyinmana Township, thriving dragon fruit farm of Shwe Than Lwin Co near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township and farmer’s educative 10-acre groundnut plantation.

Union Minister U Myint Hlaing called for making concerted efforts for agricultural development to serve interest of the farmers.—MNA

The press meet between Chinese companies and Myanmar media in progress at Chinese Embassy.—MNA

Narcotic drugs seized in Kyanikan Cemetery in Patheingyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Myanmar Police Force and combined teams on 3 July got informed about the news of pseudo-ephedrine tablets bags which were thrown away at garbage patch near Kyanikan Buddhist Cemetery in Patheingyi Township of Mandalay Region. They searched the garbage pitch and found destroyed pseudo-ephedrine tablets.

They made a thorough search of that place and seized four packs of ephedrine powder weighing 15 kilos and five kilos each totaling 40 kilos, Solkuf brand 352,000 tablets of pseudo-ephedrine weighing 35.2 kilos, COOLACT brand 7000 capsules of pseudo-ephedrine weighing 7 kilos worth over K 210 million. Patheingyi Police Station filed a lawsuit

against those who threw drugs away and the case is under investigation to arrest

the culprit in cooperation with the combined teams.

MNA

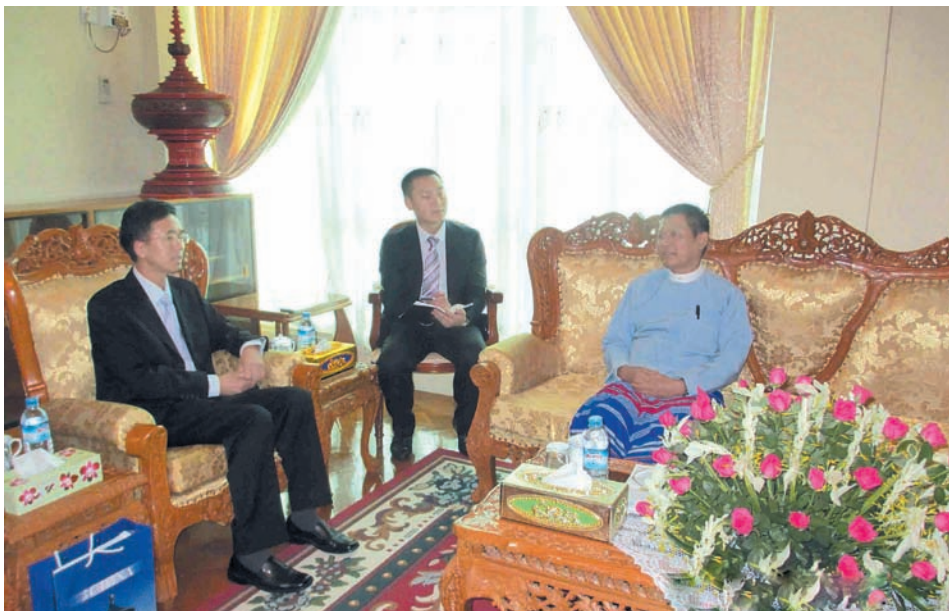
A map shows Kyanikan cemetery yard where ownerless pseudoephedrine tablets and powder seen in north-west angle of it on 3 July.



A place of unowned pseudoephedrine tablets and powder



Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador, Iranian Deputy FM



NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Hsan Hsint received Chinese Ambassador Mr Yang Houlan at his office, here, at 10 am today and discussed Myanmar-China's economic, political and cultural affairs and exchange of delegations

to Buddhist Universities between the two countries. The Union minister also met Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran Mr Seyed Abbas Aragchi at the same venue at 11.30 am yesterday. They had a cordial discussion on holding interfaith meeting to bring peace and

cooperation in preventing against religious conflicts. Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Maung Maung Htay and U Soe Win and officials of the Ministry.—MNA

MAPT goes to Trade Promotion Department

MEIKTILA, 5 July—A ceremony to erect the signboard of Meiktila District Trade Promotion Department under the Ministry of Commerce was held at the district office of the department in Meiktila on 4 July morning.

Agricultural Produce Trading to the Trade Promotion Department. The new signboard was erected by Staff Officer U Soe Than Naing of the District Trade Promotion Department, in-charges of the townships and staff of the district office.

The Ministry of Commerce has re-constituted the Myanma

Kyemon-Thein Myint Kyaw

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Use of stoves for saving firewood talked

MOHNYIN, 5 July—Educative talks were given on use of stoves that can save firewood, in the east village of Indawgyi Lake in the month of July.

of Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, BANCA and FFI conduct the educative talks. The talks are intended to reduce wood burning so as to conserve Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary and its environs.—NLM-001



International Day of Co-operatives 6th July, 2013 (Saturday)

Malaysia University scholarship for Myanmar

YANGON, 5 July—UCSI University of Malaysia will present cent per cent scholarship to Myanmar students as the third time depending on their matriculation marks and the viva result of UCSI

University scholarship selection committee. The scholarship will be presented to first to final year students at university level who can choose the subjects they like most at UCSI University. The students wishing to apply

for the scholarship are to contact JENKO Education Consultants Ph09-5062891, 09-420079631 and 09-421092220.

Moe Thuzar Soe

HRD

School uniforms, stationery provided to students

SINGAING, 5 July—UHla Din-Daw Tin Sein family provided school uniforms and stationery to students from Kyethmyar Basic Education Middle School in Singaing Township on 1 June morning.

of exercise books and 17 dozens of ball-pens to 152 students. The BEMS has been opened in 1958. In 2013-2014 academic year, the school admits 117 primary students and 201 middle school students.

The family has donated 166 sets of school uniforms to 166 students, 70 dozens

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing (IPRD)



Child Rights Committee holds coord meeting

HAKA, 5 July—Chin State Committee of the Child Rights held the coordination meeting No. 2/2013 at the office of State Government in Haka on 3 June morning.

tasks of protecting the children in the state. Those present took part in the discussions. State Social Affairs Minister Dr Ba Maung and In-charge of UNICEF for Chin State U Pyong Swam Mon replied to questions raised by those present. After that, members of

the Chin State Committee of the Child Rights adopted eight future tasks for protection of children. Also present at the meeting were Speaker of Chin State Hluttaw U Hauk Khin Kham, Chief Justice of Chin State High Court U Win Myint Kyaw, state ministers, the advocate-

CHILD RIGHTS PROTECTION

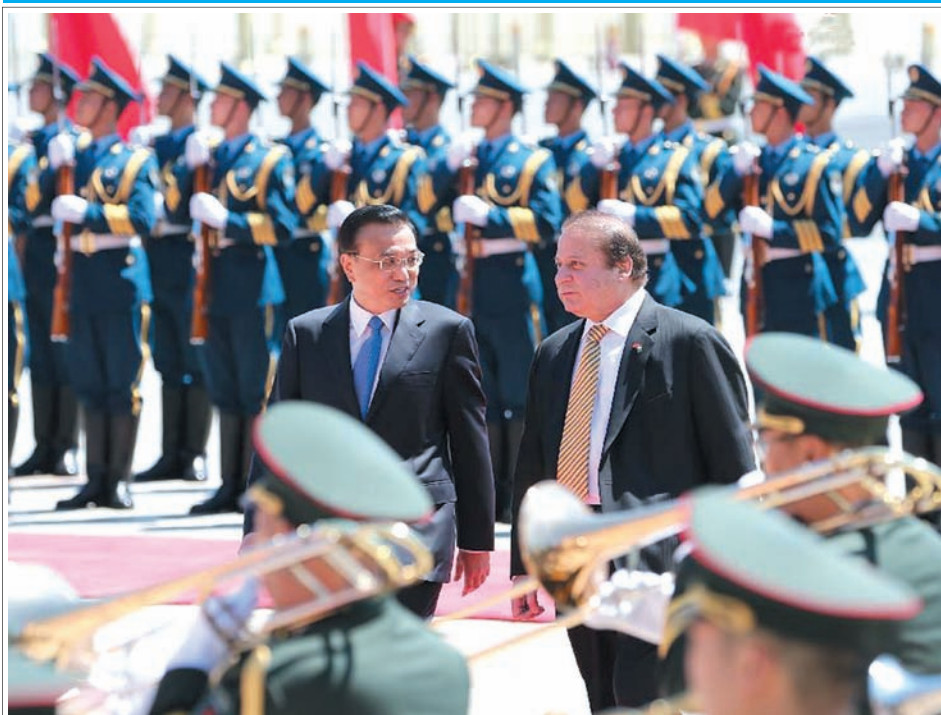
general of the state, state level departmental officials, representatives from UNICEF and members of the Chin State Committee of Child Rights.

Kyemon-Chin State IPRD



On behalf of the Chief Minister of Chin State, State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Zaw Min Oo and Chairman of Chin State Committee of the Child Rights State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Ba Maung made speeches on the occasion. In-charge of UNICEF for Chin State U Pyong Swam Mon and officials of UNICEF reported on protection of children, establishment of child protection system, and linkage with Child Rights Committees. Secretary of the Chin State Committee Assistant Director U Chan Pe of State Social Welfare Department submitted the reports on

REGIONAL



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang holds a welcoming ceremony for visiting Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 July, 2013.

XINHUA

India approves huge food security programme for poor

NEW DELHI, 5 July—India has approved a huge food security programme for the country's poor who constitute two-thirds of the population.

The Cabinet of Ministers on Wednesday passed an ordinance to implement the Food Security Bill which aims to provide food at subsidized rates to the country's poor, after failing to gain parliamentary support.

"The Cabinet has approved the food security ordinance unanimously," Food Minister KV Thomas told the media after a Cab-

net meeting chaired by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The Food Minister said that the ordinance would be sent to Indian President Pranab Mukherjee for his approval, as required under the Constitution. Later, the Parliament will also have to pass it. The Food Security Bill proposes to provide a kilo of rice at three Indian rupees (six US cents), wheat at two rupees (four US cents) and millet at one rupee (two US cents).

The bill, which will ensure that the poor have the right to at least five kg

of food grains every month, is to apply to 75 percent of Indians living in rural areas and 50 percent of the urban population.

The Food Security Bill, the brainchild of India's ruling Congress party chief Sonia Gandhi, is being called one of the world's largest welfare schemes. It was an election promise made by the Congress.

While the Congress says the bill aims at combating hunger, the opposition parties claim it's a poll gimmick, with barely a year to go for the general elections. —Xinhua

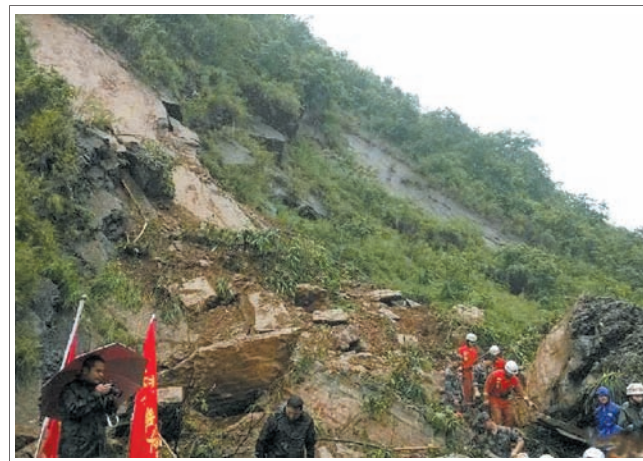
Philippine gov't strengthens monitoring to prevent child soldiers

MANILA, 5 July—The Philippine government has intensified its monitoring system to ensure that children are not used in armed conflict, a senior government official said on Thursday. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Secretary Corazon Soliman issued the directive after the United Nations recently cited the Philippines as among 22 countries last year that experienced conflicts involving child warriors.

According to the UN report, there were 11 recorded incidents of recruitment and use of children, involving 23 boys and three girls, 12 to 17 years old, by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), New People's Army (NPA), Moro Islamic Lib-

eration Front (MILF), and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Soliman ordered the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), an attached agency of the DSWD, to double its effort in the monitoring of cases.

"We are deeply concerned with this UN report and we want to know if there is truth on this. This government does not allow the recruitment of child warriors," she said. The CWC chairs the Monitoring, Reporting and Response System (MRRS) Inter-agency Team, which is tasked to gather, validate, and monitor reports of incidences of grave child rights violations, and ensure provision of appropriate and timely inter-agency response.—Xinhua



Rescuers search for survivors after a landslide in Gaoqiao Village of Yanjin County in Zhaotong City, southwest China's Yunnan Province, on 5 July, 2013. Nine people were buried by the landslide which happened on Friday morning. Four of them have been saved, while the other five are still missing. The rescue operation is underway.

XINHUA

Bangladesh gets membership of Egmont Group

DHAKA, 5 July—The Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) of the Central Bank of Bangladesh has obtained membership of the Egmont Group at its recent annual meeting held in South Africa's Sun city, an official said here on Thursday.

AFM Asaduzzaman, senior spokesman of Bangladesh Bank (BB), told

TOKYO, 5 July—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Thursday the Japanese economy is recovering after he took office while opposition parties warned of the downside of his policies, called "Abenomics," as official campaigning began for the 21 July upper house election, a key test of his leadership over the past seven months.

"We are at the entrance of economic recovery. If we change this, we will lose everything," Abe said in a stump speech in Tokyo. He aims to regain control of the House of Councillors and solidify his power base to pursue key policy objectives, such as revising the nation's pacifist Constitution to enhance its defence capabilities.

Abe, who heads the Liberal Democratic Party, set out on the campaign trail earlier in the day in Fukushima Prefecture, an area hit hard by the March 2011 earthquake, tsunami and nuclear crisis.

"We cannot proceed with reconstruction as well as economic revival if the Diet remains divided. I want to end it," he said, referring to the dominance of opposition parties in the upper house.

But Banri Kaieda, leader of the main opposi-



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe makes a stump speech in Fukushima City on 4 July, 2013, the day official campaigning started for the 21 July upper house election that will be a key test of Abe's leadership over the past seven months.—KYODO NEWS

tion Democratic Party of Japan, criticized Abenomics, aimed at turning nearly two decades of deflation into mild inflation through monetary and fiscal stimulus and private-sector investment.

"If the LDP wins this election, your livelihoods will be endangered," Kaieda said in a speech in Iwate Prefecture, also located in quake-hit eastern Japan. "We must face off against the Abe administration, which will destroy people's lives."

Half of the 242 seats in the upper house are up for grabs every three years under a combination of constituencies and proportional representation. In the latest election, 433 people filed their candidacies for the 121 seats at stake.

The LDP and its junior coalition partner, the New Komeito party, will have to win a total of 63 seats to secure an overall majority, as they already hold 59 seats that will not be contested this time.

Kyodo News

Thai prime minister visits Poland

WARSAW, 5 July—Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra visited Poland and met with Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk in Warsaw on Thursday.

According to local media reports, Yingluck is the first Thai Prime Minister to visit Poland. The two leaders discussed economic cooperation in agriculture, tourism, energy and defence between Poland and Thailand. They also agreed to promote bilateral trade and regional cooperation between the two sides. Poland and Thailand signed bilateral agreements on cooperation in business and agriculture and an accord on strategic dialogue.

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Xinhua

Announcement to be known by Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko - Russian Passport 64 No. 5559064 and the personnel concerned

1. Under the instruction of U AUNG THEIN (12/MaYaKa (Nang)060284), Landlord of the land together with 2-storeyed RC building on the land in the address of No.1000/C, Shwe Hninsi 5th Lane, Ward (5) Mayangone Township, Yangon Region.

2. My client leased the house mentioned above for one year from 27-6-2012 to 26-6-2013 to Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko, his cook returned the said land and house in vacant position on 27-6-2013 into the hands of U AUNG THEIN as lease period was over and my client has accepted it back.

3. Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko went back to Russia about (3) months ago and he has not appeared up till 27-6-2013 and therefore, his belongings and clothes were kept by the landlord U AUNG THEIN making list in the presence of the responsible persons (witnesses). That is why I do announce to be known by Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko and the personnel concerned that Mr. Vitaly N Yurchenko can get his belongings back paying maintenance fees to my client U AUNG THEIN within 1-7-2013 and 30-9-2013 and that any damage of things after (3) month period is over shall not be responsible to U AUNG THEIN. By Instruction,

U HLA MYINT (Dagon) (Sr.9012)

H.G.P, D.L.P (101)W.I.P.O (SWITZERLAND) (H.G.P)

1. U TIN AUNG KYI 2. DAW MYO YEE ZAR MON
(Taung-Thone-Lone)(Sr.30722) (Myaungmya) (Sr. 35873)
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No.83, 3rd Floor, Room (12), Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region Ph: 534369, 09 5031810

Yangon City Electricity Supply Board Invitation of proposal for Generation and Distribution of Electricity Supply to Industrial Zones.

1. Local and Foreign Investors who interested in Generation and Distribution of Electricity Supply to 15 Number of Industrial Zones in Yangon Region are invited to submit the proposal.

2. The Proposal shall be submitted not later than 12:00 noon on 31st July 2013.

3. For detailed information related to the captioned subject please contract to individual Industrial Zone Committee's Office and the following office.

Office of the Chairman
Yangon City Electricity Supply Board
Ministry of Electric Power
No(197/ 199), Lower Kyeemyindine Road,
Ahlone Township, Yangon Region.
Ph - 951-215042, 951-215043, 951-215046

Possible food poisoning sickens 21 students in NW China

XI'AN, 5 July—Twenty-one primary students become sick after eating at a school cafeteria in north-west China's Shaanxi Province on Thursday, local authorities said on Friday.

Students at the Baishuyuan Primary School in the Yaozhou District of the city of Tongchuan experienced stomachaches and nausea after eating lunch at the school's cafeteria on Thursday, according to a statement from district government.

Samples of the food

have been sent to the local health department for testing.

Another 113 students and teachers who ate the same food as the sickened children did not exhibit symptoms.

Fourteen of the sickened children are being treated at a local hospital. All are in stable condition.

The school's principal has been suspended from his post in relation to the incident. A further investigation into the incident is under way.—Xinhua

Colombian rebel group attacks oil pipeline

BOGOTA, 5 July—Colombian rebel group National Liberation Army (ELN) on Thursday blew up an oil pipeline in the country's northwestern region. Local authorities said that the ELN, using an explosive charge, blasted the "Cano Limon-Covenas" oil pipeline in the Norte de

Santander department.

The oil spill caused by the attack has created an environmental emergency, said officials. In the region, farmers have been on strike for 25 days, making hard for the oil company workers to reach the blast location due to road barricades.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AQUMARINE VOY NO (026)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AQUMARINE VOY NO (026) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S OCEAN ELEVEN SHIPPING CORPORATION

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV TONG XIANG VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV TONG XIANG VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: BRIGHT SAIL SHIPPING

Phone No: 256924/256914



Performers in ancient costumes wait to take part in the annual procession of Ommegang at the Grand Place of Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 4 July, 2013. More than 1,000 performers took part in Ommegang, Brussels' traditional annual pageant, to reenact the entry of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V to Brussels in 1549.—XINHUA

Brazil's VP reaffirms government pledge to hold referendum

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 July—Brazilian Vice President Michel Temer Thursday reaffirmed the government's intention to hold a referendum on political reform, reversing his statement that there was no enough time to do so.

Temer said parties belonging to the ruling alliance are "unanimous" in their support for a public consulting on reforms.

He also denied having backed off from the decision to hold the plebiscite this year, saying he was just expressing some parties' concerns regarding the time limit.

Earlier in the day, Temer said President Dilma Rousseff's proposed referendum on political reform would have to be postponed until next year, because the timetable was impossible

to meet.

Brazil's Supreme Electoral Court Tuesday set an early-September deadline for the referendum, saying the time limit is set to allow Congress to have enough time for the approval of any proposed political reforms by Oct. 5, a year before next general election, which is stipulated by Brazilian law.

Minister of Justice

Jose Eduardo Cardozo said the ruling alliance of political parties was very united in its support for a referendum on political reforms.

"We will have a new model of the political system. The people are going to decide how they want their decisions to be represented in the future, and it is a step forward in the nation's history," he said.

Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AN XING JIANG VOY NO (175)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN XING JIANG VOY NO (175) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

New filial law arouses opinions on social care for senior citizens

BEIJING, 5 July—The new Chinese Elderly Protection Law came into effect recently, sparking hot debate in China regarding a clause that demands those who live apart from their parents to visit them more often or regularly contact them.

Should filial piety, considered a moral issue and a key virtue within traditional Chinese culture, be regulated by law? CRI's Xu Fei takes a closer look.

Reporter: Family members should care about the psychological needs of their elderly relatives, and visit them or send greetings on a regular basis.

That is according to Clause 18 of the newly-amended Chinese Elderly Protection Law which took effect on Monday. And it appears to be good news for Yang Liuzhen who now lives in a senior care centre in south China's Guangdong Province.

"I'm their grandma, not their mother. Coming to see me is usually difficult for them. They only have one day off per week. And

also they have other relatives and friends."

38-year old Gao Shan, an editor at the Beijing-based publishing house Law Press China, said he visits his parents once a week. For those who don't visit their elderly parents, Gao Shan thinks the new clause fails to specify punishments accordingly.

"It's unclear what the punishment will be for those who do not adhere to the clause of the amended law? The law requires children to regularly visit their aging parents, but how about if they fail to do this? Without this, the clause becomes impractical and unable to direct our life."

However, according to Li Jianfei, a professor with the Law College of China's prestigious Renmin University, even if the law is ambiguous, the fact that the government is using the law to force people to fulfill their filial duties is worthwhile as young Chinese people become busier and as a result show less concern for their ageing parents.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Sandra Bullock changes priorities thanks to 'dictator' son



Sandra is a single-mother to three-year-old Louis.

LOS ANGELES, 5 July—Actress Sandra Bullock says she is completely devoted to the main man in her life, her three-year-old son Louis.

The 48-year-old actress calls her son her “dream man”, who she describes as a “little dictator who determines my life”, reported *Access Hollywood*.

“My son Louis has shifted my priorities 1000 percent,” she adds.

The actress also said she doesn’t fear ageing and makes sure to stay active. She refuses to look

back after a painful divorce in which it was revealed her husband Jesse James cheated on her with three women.

“I have achieved everything through either hard work or luck. When Louis came along I had nothing. I still would have dreamed, but now he is my only dream, to grow old with my son. I will love it to watch him grow. Every day when

I wake up, I say that to myself,” she said.

The brunette, whose mother was a German opera singer from Nuremberg where she lived until she was 12, jokes that the secret

to her looks is make-up.

“You should see me in the morning without it. My face gets wrinkled by my son’s arms. Not even the paparazzi would recognise me.”—PTI

Parineeti Chopra: Would love to perform with my cousin

MACAU, 5 July—Bollywood actress Parineeti Chopra says she would love to perform on stage with her star cousin Priyanka Chopra.

“I would love to perform with her. She is one of the best dancers we have,” Parineeti of Ishaqzaade fame said.

The 24-year-old, who is here for the 14th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) awards, says she grew up watching Priyanka and other celebrities attending award functions and is now thrilled to be part of the festivities.

“It just used to be a distant dream at one point when I used to see stars go abroad and attend these awards and

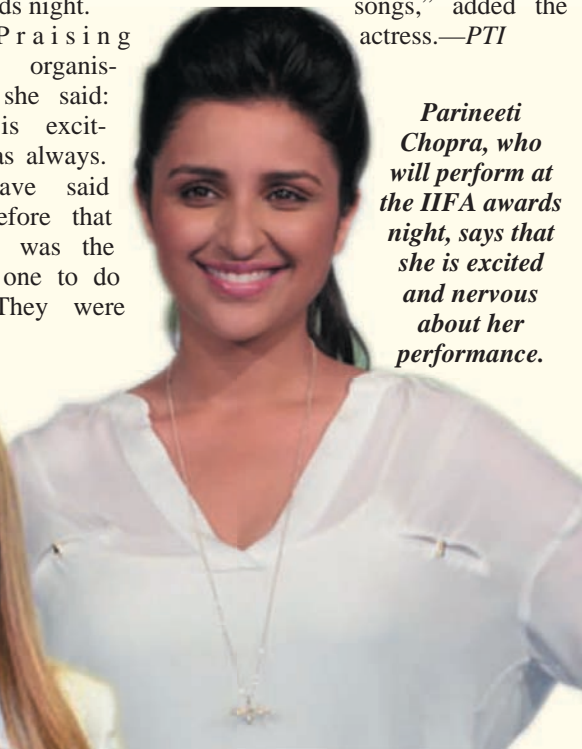
be on the biggest stage of Bollywood. I feel blessed to be a part of that entourage,” she said.

Parineeti will be seen performing with Vicky Donor fame actor Ayushmann Khurrana at the IIFA awards night.

Praising IIFA organisers, she said: “It is exciting as always. I have said it before that IIFA was the first one to do it. They were

the reason that Bollywood came closer to global fans. This time I have been offered to be on their main stage,” she said.

“It’s a romantic act with Ayushmann. I will be performing on slow songs,” added the actress.—PTI



Parineeti Chopra, who will perform at the IIFA awards night, says that she is excited and nervous about her performance.



Paris has been hospitalised since June 5 after she attempted suicide.

Paris Jackson rejected admission by rehab facility

LOS ANGELES, 5 July—A rehab facility has reportedly turned down late pop legend Michael Jackson’s daughter Paris’s admission because the authorities are afraid that the paparazzi will disturb other patients who are being treated at the facility.

Paris, who is currently being treated at the UCLA Medical Center, was advised by doctors to not go home and instead seek

more professional help, reported TMZ Online.

That is when Paris’ mother, Debbie Rowe, reportedly found a rehab facility in Utah and wanted her daughter to be treated there.

But the rehab centre is said to have rejected Paris’ admission because her presence in the facility will attract paparazzi. They are afraid that the photographers will disturb her

as well as other patients. The family is trying to persuade the Utah rehab centre.

Paris, who recently tried to commit suicide, currently stays at UCLA Medical Centre’s wing that helps patients with an eating disorder.

The 15-year-old was rushed to hospital in an ambulance in early June following the apparent suicide attempt.—PTI



Taylor Swift

Taylor Swift plays Cupid for Selena Gomez?

LOS ANGELES, 5 July—Singer Taylor Swift, who is a good friend of Selena Gomez, is reportedly trying to push the latter to start a relationship with Austin Mahone.

“It was (Taylor’s) idea to push Austin and Selena together because she really likes Austin and thinks he would be a good distraction for Selena right now.

She did the same with Ed (Sheeran) and Selena, but so far Selena is keeping it strictly friends with both of them,” entertainmentwise.com quoted a source as saying.

“But Taylor is going to keep trying, she loves hooking up her friends and especially Selena, because she wants to see her with anyone but Justin (Bieber)!

Selena has a bad habit of taking Justin back again and again so even though she swears it’s over for good I’m sure Taylor’s a little worried that she’ll cave in again,” the source added.

Selena had earlier denied having relationship with 17-year-old singer Mahone. She was earlier in a relationship with Justin Bieber.—PTI



Selena Gomez

SPORTS

United names Giggs and Neville as coaches



Ryan Giggs

LONDON, 5 July— Manchester United appointed Ryan Giggs as player-coach and Phil Neville as first-team coach on Thursday to ease pressure on new boss David Moyes. Giggs, 39, has been taking his coaching diplomas and is due to attain the UEFA

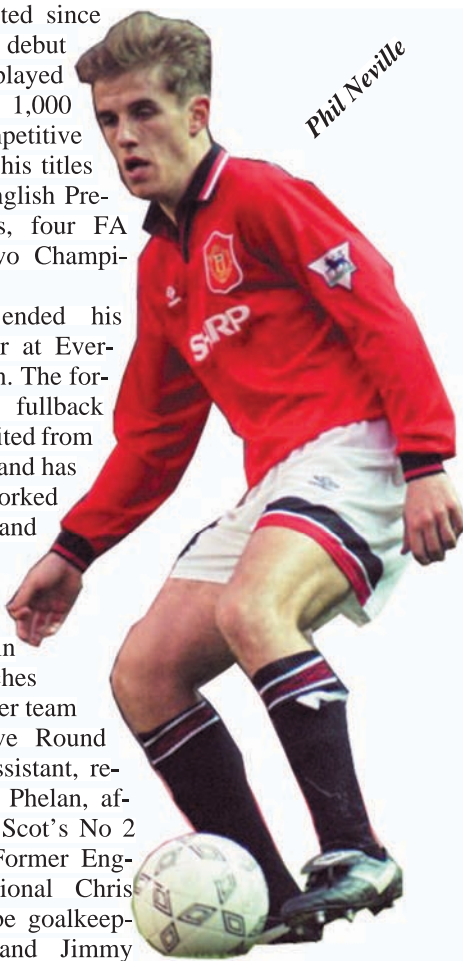
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Giggs spent his entire career at United since making his debut in 1991. He played more than 1,000 senior competitive matches, and his titles include 13 English Premier Leagues, four FA Cups, and two Champions Leagues.

Neville ended his playing career at Everton last season. The former England fullback played for United from 1995 to 2005 and has recently worked with England Under-21s.

Moyes has already brought in three coaches from his former team Everton. Steve Round will be his assistant, replacing Mike Phelan, after being the Scot's No 2 since 2008. Former England international Chris Woods will be goalkeeping coach, and Jimmy

Lumsden another coach on United's books.—Xinhua



Phil Neville

Anelka signs with West Brom

LONDON, 5 July— French striker Nicolas Anelka signed a one-year deal with Premier League club West Bromwich Albion, the club said. The club has an option to extend the contract for another year.

Anelka, 34, is going to play for his sixth Premier League team after he turned out for Arsenal, Manchester City, Bolton and Chelsea and had a loan spell at Liverpool.

Anelka signed for Chinese side Shanghai Shenhua at the start of last season but finished the campaign back in Europe with Italian giants Juventus.

He has also played for Paris St Germain, Real Madrid and Fenerbahce and won 69 caps for France scoring 14 goals. However, he has not played for Les Bleus since the 2010 World Cup.—Xinhua



French striker Nicolas Anelka

Djokovic and Murray face giant challenges

LONDON, 5 July— Wimbledon 2013 will be remembered as a tournament of shocks but unless giants Juan Martin del Potro and Jerzy Janowicz can chop Novak Djokovic and Andy Murray down to size, Sunday's men's final will be a showdown between the world's top two players. In a sport that plays on the psychologically vulnerable and demands supreme levels of physical endurance, the consistency of Djokovic and Murray in reaching the business end of grand slams is nothing short of remarkable.

When Djokovic takes to Centre Court to play Argentine Del Potro, it will be his 13th successive semi-final at a major, while Murray's match-up against Janowicz will be his fifth consecutive appearance in the last four at Wimbledon. Should they both win, it will be the third time in the last four grand slams that they have met in the final.

Their rivalry has usurped that of Roger Federer

and Rafa Nadal as the biggest draw in the sport and with the Swiss maestro and the Spanish matador having been dumped out early, two different faces will contest Friday's semis. Del Potro, a grand slam winner at the US Open in 2009, is hardly an unknown, but Janowicz has emerged from obscurity and will enter the world's top 20 next week.

Both players are imposing figures on court. Poland's Janowicz stands at 6-foot-8 and Del Potro is a mere two inches shorter. Both have booming serves and heavy duty forehands and both are distant outsiders to cause an upset—bookies have Djokovic a 1-6 favourite to beat Del Potro and Murray is 1-5 to end Janowicz's surprise run.

Del Potro will do well just to make it on court. After a nasty tumble in his third-round match, when he collided with a chair, he has played with heavy strap-

ping around his knee. His quarter-final against David Ferrer looked like it was going to be over after just five points when the Argentine eighth seed slipped, over-extended the wounded knee and needed a medical timeout.—Reuters



Novak Djokovic

Lisicki shows anything possible to set up Bartoli final

LONDON, 5 July—No one would have guessed that Sabine Lisicki is allergic to grass as she joyfully rolled on the most famous rectangle of turf after surviving a heart-pumping, nerve-jangling epic to set up a mind-boggling Wimbledon final against Marion Bartoli.

A final that had odds of 1,500-1 at the start of the tournament became a reality on a hot and sticky Thursday afternoon as Lisicki, relying on a thunderbolt serve and sheer force of will, ended the brave resistance of Agnieszka Radwanska with a

6-4, 2-6, 9-7 win. Bartoli's tactics were more unconventional as the French 15th seed enjoyed a 20-minute power nap shortly before her semi-final and woke up to inflict a 6-1, 6-2 nightmare on Belgian outsider Kirsten Flipkens.

Fans who might have been feeling short-changed following Bartoli's 63-minute demolition job having forked out \$150 for a ticket, certainly got their money's worth of drama and dazzling court craft as Lisicki showed the fight that helped her to jettison Serena Wil-

liams in the fourth round.

The German 23rd seed showed why she had an 18-4 win-loss record at the All England Club—but 16-15 at the other slams—as she

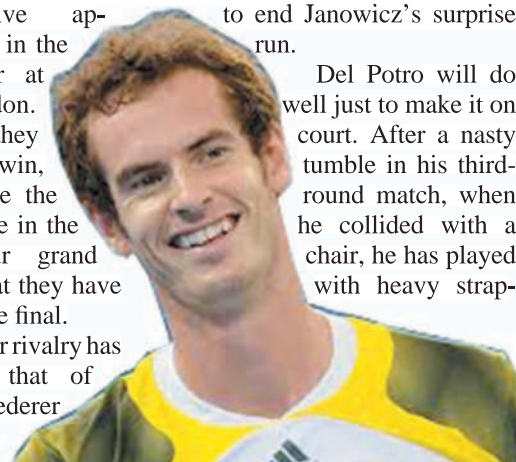
including cable cars to the hillside shanty-towns, have been copied elsewhere in Latin America. Colombia President Juan Manuel Santos took part in Medellin's presentation.

“Colombia and Medellin have moved forward in an amazing way from very difficult times,” he said during the presentation. “It's a new Colombia, a nation that likes to think big.” Medellin's mayor Anibal Gaviria added: “I believe this would be an opportune symbol of this reconciliation.” The Youth Olympic Games were first held in Singapore in 2010 and the next edition will be hosted in Nanjing, China, next year.—Reuters



Sabine Lisicki of Germany (L) shakes hands with Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland

clawed back from 3-0 down to win the longest third set in a women's semi-final here since Conchita Martinez squeezed past Lori McNeil 10-8 in 1994.—Reuters



Andy Murray

GENERAL

French court says Sarkozy overspent state funds in 2012 campaign

PARIS, 5 July—Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy lost his fight on Thursday against a decision by election auditors that found his conservative UMP party went over budget during his 2012 election campaign.

The Constitutional Council's ruling against him plunges the opposition UMP into financial crisis as it was ordered to return the 11 million euros (\$14 million) of state money it had been advanced, as a penalty for running over budget.

It is the latest blow to the party after a tumultuous year which saw it torn in two in an acrimonious leadership struggle in the wake of Sarkozy's defeat to Socialist Francois Hollande in May 2012.

It also creates another headache for Sarkozy, who has dropped heavy hints that he is mulling a comeback for the 2017 election but has been entangled in a series of legal cases.

In a swift protest at the ruling, Sarkozy said he was quitting his post as a member of the Constitutional Council, a body which rules on constitutional issues including election disputes and automatically bestows membership to ex-presidents.



Former French President Nicolas Sarkozy waves before the start of the French Ligue 1 soccer match where Paris Saint-Germain faces Nice at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris, on 21 April, 2013.

In France, election funding is capped, large donations are banned and the state subsidises campaign spending.

The council, which counted 12 members including Sarkozy, upheld a December 2012 decision by the national campaign financing watchdog that Sarkozy's campaign spending during his run-off against Hollande went over an allotted budget of 22.5 million euros.

Whereas the watchdog calculated the overspending at 300,000 euros (\$389,000), the court said that Sarkozy overspent by 466,118 euros, or 2.1 per-

cent above the ceiling. UMP party leader Jean-Francois Cope said he would convene his team next week to examine any possible recourse.

Sarkozy is grappling with a host of legal problems, including scrutiny over the funding of his 2007 campaign.

He also faces a fraud investigation over political favours, a campaign funding scandal involving France's richest woman and another involving possible kickbacks for submarine sales to Pakistan in the 1990s when he was a government minister.

Reuters

Gunman shoots two, commits suicide in Texas

HOUSTON, 5 July—A gunman shot two neighbours and then killed himself in the US state of Texas Thursday night, authorities said.

The shooting happened around 8 p.m. CST in the Cypress area, 40 km northwest of Texas's largest city Houston, local TV ABC13 reported.

Investigators said there

was a fight between two different homes, and one homeowner grabbed a gun, walked to a house across the cul-de-sac and shot two men. One was shot in the neck, the other in the torso.

One of the victims was taken to a hospital in a private car, while the other was transported via Life-Flight to another hospital. Both are in serious condi-

tions, the report said.

Investigators said the suspect gunman later returned to his home, where he shot and killed himself.

It wasn't immediately known whether the two victims were residents in the neighbourhood or just visiting the home and what their relationship is. Authorities are trying to learn the history between them.—Xinhua

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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Chinese famous choreographer Yang Liping performs in her final dance drama "The Peacock" in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province, on 4 July, 2013.—XINHUA



Argentine Football Association President Julio Grondona

Grondona says FIFA wants Argentina-Uruguay 2030 World Cup

BUENOS AIRES, 5 July— FIFA wants the centenary World Cup in 2030 to be jointly staged by Uruguay and Argentina, who met in the final of the inaugural tournament, Argentine FA (AFA) president Julio Grondona said on Thursday. In 1930, Uruguay, the then double Olympic champions, beat Argentina 4-2 in the showpiece

match at the Centenario stadium in Montevideo in front of a crowd of more than 80,000.

"FIFA wishes to celebrate the World Cup's 100 years in Argentina and Uruguay, I can confirm that," said Grondona, the senior vice-president of world soccer's governing body. "(An agreement)

has been signed by the two associations (AFA and Uruguay's AUF). What will we do?... We'll see but surely something of quality," Grondona told Argentina's Radio 10.

The only co-hosted World Cup finals so far were organized by Japan and South Korea in 2002. Any future joint bid must have one organizing committee, unlike the 2002 Asian World Cup which had separate Japanese and Korean committees.—Reuters

Name addition in CSC aimed only for students and staff



Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint replies to queries.—MNA



Dr Tin Maung Kyaing of Kyangin Constituency asking question.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Ten questions were answered and one bill, submitted at today's Pyithu Hluttaw Session.

With regard to the question on laws, procedures, directives and documents for the addition and change of name in Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC), Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Win Myint replied that the ministry is carrying out the addition

of name in line with the 1982-Myanmar Citizenship Law, but has not allowed change of card holders' names so far. The addition of name is aimed only for students and staff.

Regarding the question of Dr Tin Maung Kyaing on drugs control measures, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin replied that nobody can buy medicines that can be used only with prescriptions, except for

purchase of these medicines along with prescriptions from registered doctor, dentist or veterinarians.

He also touched upon FDA's supervision, dissemination of knowledge on health, action taken in cooperation with other departments, conducting regular courses for doctors, nurses and health staff and compilation of health handbooks.

"Minister's reply is a

bit complete. It is found that there are weaknesses in implementation. As a matter of fact, all citizens should participate in this matter. Some said that as there is no outpatient department at the hospitals as people cannot afford to charge high costs there due to cost-sharing system," Dr Tin Maung Kyaing said.

The meeting came to an end at 1.20 pm today.

MNA

Transport Ministry to issue Air Operation Certificate

Amyotha Hluttaw approves proposal to save Indawgyi Lake

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport has a plan to issue the Air Operator Certificate (General Aviation) to airlines, said Deputy Minister for Transport U Han Sein at Amyotha Hluttaw meeting today.

In his answer to the question raised by MP U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region constituency No.2 at seventh regular session of Amyotha Hluttaw, he said the department would issue the certificate to those who want to carry out commercial operation of the General Aviation if they applied to the department.

The Department of Civil Aviation issued the Myanmar Civil Aviation Requirement (MCAR) Part-2 regarding the General Aviation on 17 May 2012.

During the session, four MPs discussed a proposal to protect the Indawgyi Lake which is being silted up and farmland damaged by the illegal gold mining in Kachin State.

U San Pyae of Kachin State constituency No.7 called on the Union Government and the Kachin State government for conserving the lake which is the biggest one in Myanmar and in the south-east Asia.

He also urged ministries



Deputy Minister U Han Sein replies to questions.
MNA

concerned to carry out a survey and to plan a budget in attempts to save the lake and the farmland.



Union Minister Dr Myint Aung responds to questions.
MNA

Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung replied that measures to



U Nyunt Tin of Yangon Region Constituency-2 raises queries.
MNA

conserve the ecological system including the lake and farmland damaged by illegal gold mining were being carried out and he also called on local authorities, related ministries, regional MPs and people to cooperate with each other in making efforts for saving the lake and the farmland.

The proposal was put to a vote and approved by



U San Pyae of Kachin State Constituency-7 taking part in discussion.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw. During the session, Amyotha Hluttaw received the bill amending the National Food Law sent back from Pyithu Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee also reported on the bill amending the Union Judiciary Law sent from Pyithu Hluttaw to Amyotha Hluttaw.

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Follows-up plans for nominating three Pyu ancient cities to the World Heritage List discussed



Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu addresses coordination meeting on nominating three Pyu cities to World Heritage List.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Work coordination meeting on nominating three Pyu ancient cities to the World Heritage List, was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, this morning.

Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu urged respective organizations to overcome

obstacles with concerted efforts so as to nominate these Pyu ancient cities to the World Heritage List, and those present at the meeting to put forward suggestions on success of follows-up plans.

Next, those present on the occasion participated in the discussion about works for management, research,

conservation and museums.

It was also attended by Myanmar National Cultural Central Committee Members Deputy Minister U Ye Htut and Dr Tin Shwe, Secretary Deputy Minister Daw Sanda Khin, the directors-general, rectors, expert teams' members and officials concerned.

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First day session of Magway Region Hluttaw held

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—The first day of the fifth regular session of first Magway Region Hluttaw was held at the Hluttaw Hall of Magway Region at 10 am yesterday.

It was attended by Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, Speaker U Ye Myint and the deputy speaker of Magway Region Hluttaw, Magway region ministers and representatives.

At first, the Defence Services Personnel Hluttaw representatives took affirmations. Then, five representatives raised eight questions and the responsible persons replied to them.

The session submitted the freight handling bill.

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U Tun Nay Linn presents credentials to Chilean President

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Chile, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Sebastián Piñera Echenique, President of the Republic of Chile, on 28 June 2013 in Santiago.—MNA

Hluttaw Complex welcomes visitors

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—A group of 425 members comprising (Army, Navy and Air) soldiers who passed the Matriculation Exam with distinctions, outstanding students, the Headmasters of Tatmadaw High Schools, the Commandants of Tatmadaw Education Schools and the Staff Officer (Grade-I) (A) visited Hluttaw Complex where the eighth day seventh regular session of the first Pyithu Hluttaw was being held today.—MNA