

66th Anniversary Azarni Day



A nation of plenty
 I wish all of you to understand that only hard work will build a nation of plenty. Today, we have independence, but if we fail to take its responsibilities we will lose it tomorrow. You all must aware of this.

General Aung San
 People's Congress, City Hall
 13 July 1947



Thakhin Mya



Deedok U Ba Cho



Mahn Ba Khaing



U Razak



Sawbwa of Mong Pawn
Sao Sam Htun



U Ba Win



U Ohn Maung



Yebaw Ko Htwe

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THEY WHO WROTE THE HISTORY WITH THEIR BLOOD

It was on the morning of 19 July, 1947. It was the blackest day in the history of Myanmar, and a day that plunged the entire nation into deepest grief. To be precise, at 10:37 a.m on that day, our beloved leader and the architect of national unity and national independence Bogyoke Aung San and his colleagues were felled by the bullets of assassins.

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Odd News

Big boot cast in bronze discovered in the sea

MYEIK, 18 July — Fishermen U Ngwe Soe and two others found a big boot cast in bronze at a depth of about 14 yards in the sea while fishing at a place, south-west of Kuntaungkyun in Kyunsu Township of Myeik District in Taninthayi Region recently. The heavy boot is four viss and 20 ticals in weight and it is 13 inches long and five inches wide. There are small 16 oval-shape holes around the boot flanked by two holes on both sides. The boot bears words, C, F, HEINK, S on one side and PATENT on another side.

Fishermen showed it to officials of Myeik District General Administration Department on 15 July and now it is being kept in the hand of the fisherman who discovered it. The boot has caught the attention of people from nearby villages.

Kyemon-Myeik IPRD

**Hsenwi police arrest suspects in connection with house shop robbery**

HSENWI, 18 July — Hsenwi Myoma police arrested two men suspected of getting involved in a robbery occurred in Hsenwi Township at their house in Lashio on 14 July.

The incident occurred at a house shop which is opened on Lashio-Hsenwi motorway in Kaung Lauk Sauk village in Kaunghaw village-tract in Hsenwi Township on 10 July. Police said unknown two men had robbed and attacked the shop owner before taking K 410,000 from the house shop and they fled away.

According to the victim, U Ngwe Kyinn (a) U Aik Phyint, 53, he heard calling

his name from the outside of his house shop while he was in bed at about 10 pm on that day. He thought they were young men from the village, calling his name to buy petro for their motorbikes. As soon as he opened the door, a man standing in front of the door rushed into the house and seized him by the throat. Then the next man came in and punched him hard on his side. He was bleeding from his nose and mouth. He laid on the ground as they dragged him to the corner of the shop. The man who punched him took K 20,000 from a drawer of the counter, K 330,000 from a box and

K 60,000 from a bag under the pillow. Police Captain Win Zaw and members of Hsenwi Myoma police station made responded quickly to the case and captured two suspects at their house on Dhammayon street in sector-8 in ward-9 in Lashio at about 1 pm on 14 July.

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Kamayut young man gets caught in street robbery

YANGON, 18 July — A young man had fallen victim to a street robbery on San Yeiknye 5th street in ward-2 of Kamayut Township, here. The incident occurred at about 1.30 am on 16 July during the victim's way back from Inya Lake to his home. The incident left the victim injured.

The victim, Ko Wai Phyo Thu of Mya Thida street in ward-3 of the township, reported to the

police that he was robbed of his bag by four unknown men. They took his bag in which there are a HP laptop, a wallet with K 6000 in it, a citizenship scrutiny card, two educational certificates, a passport and a household registration certificate and fled away after hitting his head.

Kamayut police station opened a case and investigation is ongoing.

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Sense of duty makes a person strong and tall.

Crime

“Yazar Min” bus hijacking-cum-murder suspects captured

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Thaton Myoma police station launched an investigation into a case of hijacking-cum-murder incident in which Kyaikkhami-Yangon “Yazar Min” express bus was hijacked by five unknown men armed with guns at a place between the mile post Nos 154/4-5 on Yangon-Mawlamyine motorway near Taungsoon village in Thaton Township in Mon State at about 9 pm on 8 June. Police said passengers were robbed of their gold items and money totaling around K 4,887,000 and the bus driver and his assistant were killed by the armed men who held the driver at gunpoint and fired a warning shot before forcing him to drive the bus into a nearby forest.

As police were informed that workers of a rubber farm at Nyaungchaung village in the township were asked to show a way by unknown men at about 8 pm on 9 June, they rushed there and interviewed the workers who identified one of four men was Win Bo, 35. Further investigations revealed that Win Bo had no job, but he was married

to three or four women. He was ordained monk around two years ago and left for Myawady while in the monkhood, but he did not return to the village. The four men left there taking the road to Phapaing village.

Police continued probing the case by sending the copies of a photo of Win Bo to local police stations, interviewing the passengers on board the bus to identify whether the suspect in the photo was one of the hijackers and launching a search for him at Nyaungchaung Sakhamgyi, Htanbinkon and Taunggyar villages.

Police received a tip-off that Win Bo made a call to Daw Khin Ohn Myint through a pay phone at a shop in Sakhamgyi village in the township at about 10.30 am on 7 July. Police continued investigating

the number of phone he used. His phone number, 0881462533, showed his location that he was at 817 village near Htikaw Htaw village in Myawady Township.

So, Myawady district police in cooperation with local Tatmadawmen and BGF members combed the area that covers 817 village and nearby starting from 4 pm on 8 July and captured Win Bo at Myintzumaing monastery in 817 village.

According to his confession, Win Bo led the hijacking-cum-murder incident and Aung Htoo and Zaw Weik of Phapaing village, Saw Tha Palop Htoo and Maung Nge Htwe of Wahgoat village and Maung Nge of Kamnikon village in Thaton Township committed the hijack together with him.

So, police made a search for accomplices and arrested Zaw Weik, 38, Aung Htoo, 36, and Maung Nge, 34, at about 11 pm on 13 July. Investigation is being underway to capture Maung Nge Htwe and Saw Tha Palop Htoo as soon as possible and confiscate evidence. —MNA

**Botahtaung harbor recreation area under implementation**

YANGON, 18 July — Work is underway to turn Botahtaung harbour into a port of international level which is one of four projects to transform the area of Yangon Port Authority into one of international level under Port Conceptual Plan. In implementing the Botahtaung harbour development project, the established retaining wall will be extended about 100 feet towards the river by

filling the waters with earth up to around 2440 feet.

A line of riverside restaurants, open-air night market, entertainment avenues, recreation centers and souvenirs shops will be built on an area of 10.76 acres. Moreover, the modern harbour will include two floating hotels.

It was learnt that a private company was allowed to implement the Botahtaung Port Development project

through BOT system.

It is set to complete the construction works within one year and eight months after signing a BOT contract.

It is planned to allow private sector in implementation of Yangon Port Development, it is learnt. Under BOT and JV systems, private companies will be allowed to upgrade wharf Nos (1), (2), (3) and (4) of Sule harbour and the

areas of Nann Thida jetty and Lanmadaw jetty into modern ones.

Under the Botahtaung harbour area development plan, the area will be transformed into a recreation one where shopping malls, night markets and entertainment avenues and floating hotels will be included for local and foreign visitors.

Kyemon- Thaw Zin & Khin Maung Win

Tourism



WORLD

Abbas convenes key Palestinians to moot new talks with Israel

RAMALLAH, (West Bank), 18 July — President Mahmoud Abbas will confer with key Palestinian leaders on Thursday about a possible resumption of peace negotiations with Israel after an almost three-year freeze, officials said.

They gave no details on what Abbas's terms might be, should he announce a breakthrough after meeting in Jordan with US Secretary of State John Kerry, who has pursued six months of intensive and deliberately discreet diplomacy.

Gaps between the sides

had "very significantly" narrowed, Kerry said on Wednesday.

His proposals to resume negotiations, which were not spelled out, won the endorsement of an Arab League committee, which said they "provide the ground and a suitable environment to start negotiations".

Abbas, whose peace strategy is routinely censured by the Palestinian Islamist rivals ruling the Gaza Strip, has in the past sought support Arab League support to engage the Jewish



US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks during a joint news conference with Jordan's Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh (not seen) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Amman on 17 July 2013.—REUTERS

state but it was not clear whether Wednesday's endorsement would give him enough political cover to resume direct peace talks.

Abbas was due to convene senior members of the umbrella Palestinian Lib-

eration Organization (PLO) and his Fatah party at 3 p.m. (1200 GMT) in Ramallah, hub city of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and seat of his US-backed administra-

tion. Reuters

Panama calls in UN to inspect North Korean arms ship

PANAMA CITY, 18 July—Panama said on Wednesday it had called on the UN Security Council to investigate a North Korean ship caught smuggling arms from Cuba, piling more pressure on Pyongyang over a possible breach of UN sanctions. Panama stopped the ship last week and seized its cargo after a stand-off with the North Korean crew in which the captain tried to slit his own throat. Authorities discovered missile equipment, MiG fighter jets and other arms aboard that Cuba said were "obsolete" Soviet-era weapons being sent to North Korea for repair.

"It's going to be transferred to the UN Security Council. They will decide what to do," Panamanian Security Minister Jose Raul

Mulino said in Panama City. Five UN investigators, including one from the Security Council, are expected to arrive around the beginning of August once the ship, the Chong Chon Gang, has been unloaded, Panamanian government officials said.

The North Korean government urged Panama to release the ship and its crew, who were detained and are in the process of being charged for failing to declare the arms on board. "This cargo is nothing but aging weapons, which are to send back to Cuba after overhauling them according to a legitimate contract," a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman was quoted as saying by the official KCNA news agency.

Reuters



Panama forensic workers work in a container holding a missile-shaped object seized from the North Korean flagged ship "Chong Chon Gang" at the Manzanillo Container Terminal in Colon City on 17 July, 2013. REUTERS

EU's Ashton meets Egyptian interim leaders, urges Morsi's release



Supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi gather as they rest in their sit-in area around Rabaa Adawiya mosque, east of Cairo on 17 July 2013. REUTERS

CAIRO, 18 July—European Union (EU) foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton on Wednesday met with interim leaders of Egypt and urged the release of ousted President Mohamed Morsi if there are no charges against him.

After meeting with some Egyptian officials, Ashton said she has clearly told them that Morsi and all other arrested politicians should be released if there are no charges against them, state-run news agency MENA reported.

She meanwhile said she was assured that Morsi is safe and well-treated in custody, stressing that the EU wants to see Egypt smoothly heading toward democracy. "I was assured he (Morsi) is well," Ashton said. "I would have liked to see him."

The deposed Islamist-oriented president, along with some of his fellow Muslim Brotherhood (MB) figures, is currently facing charges of involvement in spying and murdering protesters, among others.

The prosecution started reviewing relevant claims on Saturday and ordered freezing the assets of 14 leading Islamist figures including the MB's top leader Mohamed Badie, senior member Mohamed al-Beltagi, the MB's Freedom and Justice Party (FJP)'s deputy chief Essam al-Erian, and Islamic preacher Safwat Hegazi.

On Wednesday, the prosecution decided to extend the detention of eight MB leading figures for 15 days over charges of inciting violence and killings, including MB deputy chief Khairat al-Shater, former top leader Mahdi Akef, and FJP chairman Mohamed Saad al-Katatni. Akef and Katatni are also facing charges of insulting the judiciary. According to Ashton, who wrapped up her two-day visit here on Wednesday evening, Egypt is a strong country with a long history and the EU is willing to assist Egypt politically and economically, ruling out the possibility of the repetition of the Syrian

scenario of internal conflict in Egypt.

She said Egypt and the EU are partners and friends and that she came here representing 28 European states that are interested in what is happening in the most populous Arab state, while wishing success for the course chosen by the people. Ashton also met some of Morsi's supporters, including former Prime Minister Hesham Qandil, former local Development Minister Mohamed Ali Bishr and former Planning and International Cooperation Minister Amr Darrag, MENA said.—Xinhua

Quebec brings in 9/11 expert to help sift through train crash debris

LAC-MEGANTIC, (Quebec), 18 July—A US expert who worked on the aftermath of the 11 September attacks is helping Canadian authorities sift through wreckage left more than a week after a runaway train barreled into a lakeside town in Quebec killing 50 people, police said on Wednesday.

Frank DePaolo, an emergency specialist from New York's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, visited the ruins of Lac-Megantic earlier in the week.

DePaolo is an expert in managing major disaster sites and is responsible for one of the forensic teams working at the collapsed

World Trade Centre towers in New York City.

"He said the efforts were complex and difficult and he was overwhelmed (by) the enormity of the situation," Quebec police spokesman Michel Forget told reporters. A spokeswoman in DePaolo's New York office said he was not available for comment.

Investigators are painstakingly working their way through Lac-Megantic, where a runaway crude oil train derailed and exploded on 6 July leaving burned-down buildings, mountains of rail-related debris and charred trees. Some 37 bodies have been recovered and investigators are still searching for more remains.

It was North America's deadliest rail accident in more than 20 years.

Reuters

Steam seen coming out of Fukushima Daiichi No 3 reactor building

TOKYO, 18 July—Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Thursday a monitoring camera showed "something like steam" coming out of the No 3 reactor building at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear complex in the morning, but noted that it has not seen any significant change in radiation levels.

A worker first noticed at 8:20 am from camera footage that vapour was rising from the central area of the fifth floor of the building and it had not stopped as of 11 am, the plant operator said. It has confirmed that water injection into the stricken reactor and the spent fuel pool is continuing stably.

The No 3 reactor building was damaged severely by a hydrogen explosion that took place in the midst of the nuclear crisis triggered by a huge earthquake and tsunami on 11 March 2011.

The Nos 1 to 3 reactors suffered core meltdowns in the accident.

Kyodo News



A worker walks near the railway track on the site of the train wreck in Lac Megantic, on 16 July, 2013. REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

'Intelligent' surgical knife can sniff out cancer tissue



Julia Balog of Imperial College London demonstrates the Intelligent Knife on a piece of meat at St Mary's Hospital in London on 17 July, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 18 July—Scientists have created an "intelligent" surgical knife that can detect in seconds whether tissue being cut is cancerous, promising more effective and accurate surgery in future.

The device, built by researchers at London's Imperial College, could allow doctors to cut back on additional operations to remove further pieces of cancerous tumours.

The technology, effectively merging an electrosurgical knife that cuts through tissue using heat with a mass spectrometre for chemical analysis, has also been shown to be able to distinguish beef from horsemeat.

Surgeons often find it impossible to tell by sight where tumours end and healthy tissue begins, so some cancer cells are often left behind. A fifth of breast cancer patients who have lumpectomy surgery need a second operation.

The new "iKnife" is

designed to get round the problem by instantly sampling the smoke given off as tissue is cut through using an electric current to see if it is cancerous. In the first study to test the device in patients, the iKnife diagnosed tissue samples from 91 patients with 100 percent accuracy, researchers at Imperial College London reported in *Science Translational Medicine* on Wednesday.

Currently, removed tissue can be sent for laboratory analysis while the patient remains under general anaesthetic — but each test takes around half an hour, while the iKnife provides feedback in less than three seconds. It does this by analyzing biological information given off from burning tissue and comparing the findings to a database of biological fingerprints from tumours and healthy tissue.

"It's a really exciting innovation and a very promising technique for all types of surgery," said Emma King, a head and neck surgeon

at Southampton Hospital, England, who was not involved in the research.

Still, she now wants to see how the iKnife performs in a randomized clinical trial.

Zoltan Takats of Imperial College, who invented the device, said he aimed to test it in such a study, involving between 1,000 and 1,500 patients with various types of cancers.

That trial process is likely to take two or three years and only then will the iKnife be submitted for regulatory approval, paving the way for its commercialization. Takats has founded a Budapest-based company called MediMass to develop the product and he expects to strike a partnership deal with a major medical technology company to bring it to market in North America and Europe.

Hi-tech surgical equipment is being used increasingly in modern hospitals to help surgeons do a better job, most notably with the da Vinci surgical robot from Intuitive Surgical.

The current experimental version of the iKnife cost Takats and colleagues at Imperial around 200,000 pounds (\$300,000) to build. Takats said the price would come down once it entered commercial production.

The research was welcomed by health minister Lord Howe, who said it could benefit both patients and the health service by reducing the number of people needing secondary operations for cancer.—Reuters

Scientists report newly discovered horned dinosaur unearthed in Utah

NEW YORK, 18 July—A big-nosed dinosaur that may have used its impressive horns as a mate magnet and to ward off competitors has been unearthed in a fossil-rich deposit in southern Utah, scientists said on Wednesday.

The novel species, *Nasutoceratops* or "big-nose horned face," is the only known member of a group of dinosaurs thought to have lived 76 million years ago on a land mass in Western North America isolated by an ancient seaway, said Scott Sampson, one of the paleontologists who discovered the extinct

stands out for horns that extend over its eyes toward the tip of a prominent nose, Sampson said.

"This animal is bizarre. It takes horns to another level," he told *Reuters* in a telephone interview.

The impressive rack may be tied to attracting mates, intimidating or warning with intruders or cooling the brain, said Sampson, vice president of research and collections at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

The outsized, cold-blooded creature used a beak-like mouth to crop tropical plants, which it

portion of ancient Western North America was home to its own diverse dinosaur community.

Dramatic exposures of rock from the age of dinosaurs at the Grand Staircase-Escalante have in the last 13 years led to "a completely new dinosaur assemblage we didn't even know existed," Sampson said.

Roughly 20 dinosaur types have been found at sites in southern Utah, upending the notion that there were no new frontiers for paleontologists.

"Many thought we had found all the things we were going to find but we're just beginning to scratch the surface and understand the world of dinosaurs," Sampson said.

Jack Horner, curator of paleontology at the Museum of the Rockies in Montana, said the research was based on collection of limited physical evidence that by its nature raises key questions that still needed to be answered.

He said he and some colleagues have entertained alternate theories that some new dinosaur finds may actually represent different developmental stages of known species rather than new ones, but could not speak directly on the Utah find.

"In most of science, we need quite a few data points to formulate a hypothesis about anything having to do with biology," he said.

Reuters



An artist's version of the newly discovered horned dinosaur *Nasutoceratops titusi*, discovered in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in southern Utah, is shown in this image released by the Natural History Museum of Utah on 17 July, 2013.

REUTERS

reptile.

The new animal, described in the current issue of the British scientific journal *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, is from a previously unknown branch of horned dinosaurs and

chewed with hundreds of teeth that were replaceable like a shark's, he said.

The find in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in Utah provides the strongest evidence that the southern

Report says Russian mobile operators stop selling Apple's iPhone

MOSCOW, 18 July—Vimpelcom, one of Russia's top mobile operators, will no longer sell Apple Inc's iPhone, the *Financial Times* reported on Wednesday, after similar moves by other mobile companies in Russia.

Vimpelcom ended negotiations with Apple over iPhone sales this month as the US company would not soften its contract terms, the paper said, citing a person close to the operator.

The *Financial Times* also reported that Russian operators MTS and MegaFon have halted iPhone sales.

A representative for MTS told *Reuters* that the

company's contract to sell iPhones ended in September 2012, so it did not purchase the latest model, the iPhone 5. But it did continue to sell older models

of iPhones in stock. MTS is actively pushing sales of Apple's tablet computer the iPad, as it sees a huge potential for such products in Russia, the representa-

tive said. A spokesman for MegaFon said on Wednesday that it has not sold iPhones since 2009.

Vimpelcom and Apple did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The operators were hurt by the fact that Russia does not allow subsidies for handsets, making the phones too expensive for the average customer, the paper reported.

Apple, which has a 4.5 percent share of the Russian smartphone market, can still sell in Russia through its own resale stores and other mobile phone retailers, the *Financial Times* reported.—Reuters



A customer looks at a display of handsets for sale inside a MegaFon shop in St Petersburg on 15 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS



A logo of NEC Corp is seen at Wireless Japan 2012, a smartphone and mobile phone technology exhibition, in Tokyo on 31 May, 2012.—REUTERS

NEC talks on Lenovo mobile phone venture stalled

TOKYO, 18 July — Japanese electronics company NEC Corp's talks with Lenovo Group Ltd over a mobile phone venture have stalled due to disagreements over majority ownership and patents, a source familiar with the matter said on Wednesday.

The *Nikkei business* newspaper reported that NEC planned to exit its loss-making smartphone business after a mobile

phone deal with Lenovo, already a partner in the personal computer business, failed to materialize.

The source said NEC was still considering several options, including talks with a potential partner other than Lenovo, or halting the development of new smartphones and focusing on its existing lines of feature phones. NEC and Lenovo declined to comment.—Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Shwe Zeyar Football Tourney kicks off

SAGAING, 18 July—Shwe Zeyar Football Tournament sponsored by retired Construction Minister Thiri Pyanchi U Khin Maung Myint kicked off at Sagaing Sports Ground of Sagaing District Sports and Physical Education Department in

Sagaing District on 15 July. Happy Club drew with YMA 1-1 in the curtain raiser of the tournament.

The tournament started on 15 July will end on 3 September.—*MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)*

Agriculture

Indaw farmers face difficulties due to lack of rainfall

MAWLU, 18 July—Farmers in Indaw Township in Katha District in Sagaing Region await the rainfall enough to start ploughing farmlands for monsoon paddy as there is no significant rainfall till the mid-July.

There was abundant of rainfall in July and farmlands were well fed with rainwater in previous years before the last year.

The township's farmers rely heavily on rainfall for monsoon paddy.

"Last year, we had no enough water, so I had to hire water pump to feed my farmland with water. I own eight acres. Being far from the creek, I had to use three pipelines connected to get water. I cost about K 1.5 million. I suffered loss as the plantation yielded less

because it was not the natural rainwater," U Myint Swe of Man Hae village recalled his experience.

The price of rice is also soaring in the area after signs of reduction in supply.

U Saw Aung of Mawlu Village said, "The bank disbursed loan of K 0.1 per acre. It doesn't cover the all round cost of hiring water pump."

The lack of rainfall also caused the reduction in yield. Some farmers suggested that if the village/village-tract development support committee and township development support committee could help the farmers hire water pumps from the government at a fair price, it would ease the difficulties of farmers.

MMAL-Win Shwe (Sagaing)



Farmers in Mawlu Township face dilemma of poor rainfall in mid-July.

Drug seized on Tachilek Friendship Bridge

TACHILEK, 18 July—A total of 4.1 grams of Opium powder was seized

on Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge in Tachilek in Shan State (East)

Talks on human trafficking organized

KENGTUNG, 18 July—Education talks on human trafficking was organized at Kengtung women's vocational training school on 16 July.

Police Inspector Mi Mi Ko of Kengtung Anti-Human

Trafficking Special Squad gave talks on anti-human trafficking efforts and human trafficking laws.

It was attended by the principle, teachers and students.

MMAL-U Sai Wun

Myanmar traditional boxing challenge in Mandalay on 27 July

MANDALAY, 18 July—A Myanmar traditional boxing competition will be organized in Aung Myay Mandalar Stadium in Mandalay on 27 July.

The event was organized by Datha and sponsored by Cobra Soft Drink.

First runner up in Dagon Shwe Aung Lan boxing championship Pho Thar Gyi

(Mandalay), a local boxer, will feature in a challenge with Thar Thar (T&T). Other famous boxers from upper Myanmar will also feature in the competition.

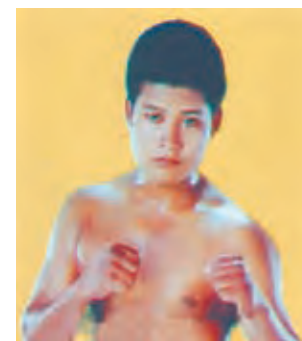
Pho Thar Gyi is the brother of Myanmar boxing start Wayinhtote Phoe Kay and has a reputation of strong punch and stamina.

The entry fees will range from K 6000 to



Thar Thar (T&T).

K 15,000.—*MMAL-Khin Maung Win (Education)*



Pho Thar Gyi (Mandalay).

National Sports

Mandalay FC emerge champions in Odyssey Cup



SAGAING, 18 July—Mandalay FC beat Falam FC 6-4 in penalty shootout to win Odyssey Cup final on 13 July.

The final of the football tournament organized by Odyssey Travel & Tour Co Ltd was played at District Sports Ground in Sagaing.

The result in ordinary play time was 2-2.

Member of Sagaing Township Management Committee Police Major Tin Aung Kyaw, Director U Htet Wai of Odyssey Travel & Tour Co Ltd, Chairman of Football Committee U Tin Tun (Thamadi) and Secretary U Chit Phoo presented the cup to champions.

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Myanmar paralympic swimmers start training sessions for 7th ASEAN Paralympic Games to be hosted in Myanmar in conjunction with XXVII SEA Games.



Train derails in Indaw Township

MAWLU, 18 July—A local train which had left Mandalay derailed between Mawlu railway station and Nantsiaung railway station in Indaw Township in Sagaing Region on 15 July night.

Engineers and workers from Indaw, Nabar and Mawlu railway stations rushed to the scene and repaired the railroad overnight with the supervision of in-charge of Mawlu railway station and security provided by the local battalions.

According to an official

of Myanma Railways, the railroad was reopened on 16 July morning.—*MMAL-Khin Maung Swe (Mawlu)*



Workers seen at worksite to repair rail trucks in Indaw Township after the train had derailed.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attends Central Census Commission Meeting 1/2013

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The Central Census Commission Meeting (1/2013) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Immigration and Population here this morning.

In his address, Patron of CCC Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that the fourth meeting of the CCC being held today is to coordinate matters on ensuring more participation of stakeholders as the 2014 census is drawing near. The meeting is to seek advice from the CCC and relevant ministries with the explanation of the Ministry of Immigration and Population as focal ministry on experience, weaknesses and requirements of trial census collection conducted in April.

The CCC's second and third meetings were held in May and October already clarified the four-step process to be carried out under the census project. Much of the preparatory works have already been completed since it took about 25 months, and the remaining period is the most important one for the preparatory period, he added.

As the census is indispensable for the present and future development plans of the State, the entire people are hoping for its outcomes, he said.

During its over two-year term, the incumbent government met with both achievements and challenges, and it can now face with challenges of taking the census as it had stayed away from census for

over 30 years.

For successful realization of the process, the active participation of relevant ministries, organizations, region/state in charges, social organizations and the people is necessary as the Ministry of Immigration and Population alone is unable to engage in the task. He also called on other related ministries to actively participate in taking the 2014 census joining hands with Ministry of Immigration and Population which is taking responsibility for the census considering as a national duty.

Union Minister U Khin Yi reported on strong and weak points of taking the 2013 census and future plans. UNFPA Resident Representative Ms. Janet Elizabeth Jackson reported



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets staff from the Ministry of Immigration and Population.—MNA

on taking census.

The Vice-President stressed the need for cooperation of the related ministries, NGOs, INGOs and the people in taking the census to help Ministry of

Immigration and Population to ensure cent per cent completion of the work as the 2014 census is a gigantic task for the country.

In his concluding remarks, the Vice-

President also called on holding advance meetings frequently to fulfil the needs and to correct the weak points of the plan in attempts to achieve success in taking the census.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits University of Yangon, No 4 BEHS in Ahlon



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham visits No. 4 BEHS library in Ahlon.—MNA

YANGON, 18 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, accompanied by Union Ministers U Tint Hsan, U Aye Myint Kyu and U Htay Aung, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials, visited University of Yangon in Kamayut Township this evening.

The Vice-President and party looked round lecture hall where joint activities are being carried out with Johns Hopkins University from the US, computer-aided lecture hall, assembly hall and convocation hall.

They then visited Myanmar-India Center for English Language Training

(MICELT) where Professor/Dean Daw Naw Ju Phaw reported on promotion of English language, fulfillment of necessities by the Ministry of Education and other ministries, conducting English language proficiency courses and preparation for English syllabus into international standard. The Vice-President stressed the need for teacher to share their knowledge to trainees in multiplier course and review strong and weak points of English language teaching.

MICELT was

Power Purchase Agreement signed

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Shwe Swan-in Co Ltd signed an agreement on power purchasing from Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower Plant, at the Ministry of Electric Power, here, this morning. It was attended by Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe, Union Ministers U Aye Myint, and U Than Htay and the deputy ministers.

On the occasion, Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe said that the company was given permission to construct Thaukyekhat-2 Hydropower project under BOT system after signing an MoU on 2 May, 2008. The hydropower plant cost K 234,944 million and completed in 2013, taking 5 years. The plant installed with three

generators can produce 40 megawatts each and its total generating capacity is 120 megawatts. Electricity will be distributed to Toungoo Main Power Substation through 12.9 miles long Thaukyekhat (2)-Toungoo power line. The Union minister continued that last summer, Thaukyekhat-2 hydropower plant generated electricity that ranges from 19 to 45 megawatts an hour.

Next, Managing Director U Htain Lwin of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and Chairman of Shwe Swan-in Co U Tun Myint Naing signed the agreement.

It was learnt that the generator Nos. 1 and 2 of the hydropower plant started running on 7 February, 2013 and 26 March, 2013, the generator No. 3.—MNA

Agreement inked to construct locomotive and coach factories

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The agreement signing ceremony for construction of locomotive and coach factories between Myanma Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation and China National Machinery Import & Export Corporation (CMC) from the People's Republic of China was held at Amara Hotel, here, yesterday evening.

It was attended by Union Ministers U Aye Myint, Dr Myint Aung and U Zeyar Aung, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin, Deputy Ministers Thura U Thaug Lwin and U Chan Maung, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Yang Houlan, President



Agreement signing for construction of locomotive and coach factories between Myanma Railways and CMC from PRC in progress.—MNA

of CMC Mr. Wang Xusheng and officials from the companies.

Acting Managing Director U Thurein Win of Myanma Railways

and CMC President Mr. Wang Xusheng signed the agreement.—MNA

NATIONAL



President U Thein Sein holds discussion with French President Mr. Francois Hollande

PARIS, 18 July— President U Thein Sein met Mr. Francois Hollande, President of the French Republic, at Elysee Palace in Paris at 3 pm LST yesterday.

At the call, the President clarified political and economic reforms in Myanmar and prospects for strengthening friendship between the two countries.

They also exchanged views on promotion of economic and trade cooperation between the two countries, cooperation for

development of education, health and social sectors, remaining debt issues, promotion of human rights, national unity and media sector cooperation.

It was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane and U Myat Hein and Myanmar Ambassador U Kyaw Swa Min and the French President was accompanied by the French Ambassador to Myanmar.

MNA

President U Thein Sein holding discussions with Mr. Francois Hollande, President of the French Republic, at Elysee Palace in Paris.—MNA

President U Thein Sein receives Chairman of France-Myanmar Friendship Association, UNESCO Director-General

PARIS, 18 July— President U Thein Sein received Chairman of France-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr. Francois-Michel LAMBERT at Raphaen Hotel yesterday evening.

They discussed matters on formation of Myanmar-France Friendship Association in Myanmar, participation of NGOs from France in education sector, conservation of ancient cultural heritages and cultural exchange.

President U Thein Sein

then received UNESCO Director-General Mrs. Irina Bokova at the same venue at 5:30 pm LST.

At the meeting, both sides discussed three Pyu cities to be listed as World cultural heritages, conservation of ancient heritages in Rakhine State including Mrauk U, preservation of culture and traditions of national races, maintenance works for ancient buildings in Yangon, promotion of education sector and ASEAN-UNESCO cooperation.

MNA

President U Thein Sein attends working luncheon hosted by French PM

PARIS, 18 July— President U Thein Sein and party were hosted a working luncheon by French Prime Minister Mr. Jean-Marc Ayrault at his residence Hotel Matignon yesterday afternoon.

At the lunch, the two leaders discussed prospects for further cooperation in political and economic reforms in Myanmar, more investment in the sectors of oil and gas, energy,

telecommunications, information technology and hotel and tourism industry in Myanmar by French companies, ASEAN-EU relations, promotion of human rights and further cooperation in education and health sectors, scholarship programme for Myanmar youths and provision of teaching aid materials for the technological universities and the universities of computer studies in Myanmar.—MNA

President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein shakes hands with French Prime Minister Mr. Jean-Marc Ayrault at his residence Hotel Matignon.

MNA



President U Thein Sein receives Chairman of France-Myanmar Friendship Association Mr. Francois-Michel LAMBERT at Raphaen Hotel.

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President U Thein Sein presents gift to UNESCO Director-General Mrs. Irina Bokova at Raphaen Hotel in Paris.

MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 19 July, 2013

Saluting our fallen leaders

Today is the 19th July on which the people of successive eras couldn't forget as it was a day on which national leader General Aung San and martyrs were assassinated.

The Martyr's Day is held annually to ensure that all the citizens respect and remember the fallen martyrs and to equip them with nationalistic spirit and to console the bereaved families in accordance with Myanmar traditions.

During the period of independence struggle, General Aung San and his cabinet members held a meeting at the Secretary Office on 19 July 1947. During the meeting, they were assassinated by stooges under the umbrella of colonialists. The fallen martyrs included Thakin Mya, Deedok U Ba Cho, U Razak, U Ba Win, Mahn Ba Khaing, Mong Pawn Sawbwa Sao Sam Htun, U Ohn Maung and Yebaw Ko Htwe in addition to General Aung San.

It is General Aung San who was desirous of building a united and prosperous nation. It is a strong desire of General Aung San that all the people to be harmonious, disciplined and hardworking. This being so, in his address at a meeting with chieftains on 11 February 1947 he disclosed that only with strenuous efforts coupled with man power and financial support will the country be prosperous, adding that only unity among the national brethren will bring practically about better outcomes. All the words of General Aung San are worthy of note.

Myanmar has been a nation with its own monarch since yore. National brethren have been living in the Union in unity and amity. Due to aggressive wars, the country lost the independence and was under the yoke of the colonialists over 100 years. Sacrificing much of their blood and sweat, national brethren managed to regain the independence. In a radio speech aired on 17 April 1947, General Aung San said that rehabilitation and defence activities required the strength of the people. Accordingly, building a democratic nation at such a time calls for concerted efforts of the entire national people.

As every speech of General Aung San covers unity and hardworking, all the citizens are thus to safeguard the independence and sovereignty aspired by him, remembering and saluting the fallen leaders.

ARTICLE

THEY WHO WROTE THE HISTORY WITH THEIR BLOOD

It was on the morning of 19 July, 1947. It was the blackest day in the history of Myanmar, and a day that plunged the entire nation into deepest grief. To be precise, at 10:37 a.m on that day, our beloved leader and the architect of national unity and national independence Bogyoke Aung San and his colleagues were felled by the bullets of assassins.

Together with Bogyoke Aung San, Ministers Thakin Mya, Mahn Ba Khaing, Deedok U Ba Cho, U Razak, U Ba Win, Sao Sam Htun, Sawbwa of Mong Pawn, Deputy Secretary U Ohn Maung and Ko Htwe, the bodyguard of Minister U Razak, were killed while holding a Cabinet Meeting. The news spread like wildfire and the whole country wept and mourned.

Whenever we take about the Azarni Day, or Martyrs Day, we call up the past events of our history. Those who were part of history, those who saw history in the making, know personally the trials and tribulations faced by those who fought for the common cause of national liberation. It was the time when we were under the imperialist yoke. It was the time when we could not see any silver lining in the dark political cloud in those days.

After the annexation of Upper Myanmar, we lost our sovereignty and were plunged into the

slavery. Domination and subjugation by a foreign power, no matter how strong or fierce, was encountered by the indomitable spirit of the people so dominated or subjugated. At that time, sovereignty was lost, integrity subdued. However, nationalism aflame, further steeled by fervour of resistance was kept ablaze by those who deemed it their duty.

History is rich with instances of the people of this land, throughout the length and breadth, standing up to show their abhorrence of colonialism. Since 1 January, 1886, there had been nationalists movements all over the country and all these had their ultimate goal for the independence of the country. Just before the Second World War came to Myanmar, the Myanmar patriots and nationalists realized that independence for the nation could not be regained by simply asking for it. In this way Bogyoke Aung San and his comrades, thirty in all, left Myanmar secretly and got themselves trained in military science by the Japanese. Their main objective had been to fight for the independence. After they had raised an army and joined hands with the Japanese in driving out the British, the latter did not keep their promise to give genuine independence to Myanmar.

Then Bogyoke Aung San and his comrades made a new move to fight the fascists and joined

hands with the British against the fascists. In brief, after the fascists had been driven out Myanmar set about the task of calling a National Convention which drew up the State Constitution for the country. However, when independence was about to be granted, Bogyoke Aung San and his ministers had fallen at the vile hands of the assassins. To put it in a nutshell, this is how they became martyrs who paved the way for our cherished independence.

That was six decades and six years ago when

Maung Hlaing

there were distinctive priorities of the times.

As for the word "Martyr", the dictionary defines that "Martyr is a person who suffers very much or killed because of their political or religious beliefs, and is often admired because of it".

Bogyoke Aung San and his colleagues became Martyrs simply because they suffered much, sacrificed much and eventually killed for the noble national cause. They were those who had written with their blood another chapter in the history of independence struggles. They stood up against suppression of our rights and further stoked the nationalist movement which strengthened our hands in our fight to overthrow the

yoke forcibly set on our shoulders.

Azarni were assassinated on 19 July, 1947. The whole country was shocked and wept for the loss of the leaders so great and true. The deep sadness and great sense of loss that the entire people of the country felt on hearing the news of the assassination burst into a wave of anger and indignation. It was true. However, the sadness, the anger and the indignation of the people soon merged into a mighty torrent of patriotism which further strengthened national solidarity by the might of which national independence was to be wrenched from the imperialists.

Unlike other politically significant days such as the Independence Day, the Union Day etc. which are days for rejoicing, the Azarni Day, or the Martyrs Day is a day of mourning, for it was the day on which our beloved leader Bogyoke Aung San and his colleagues fell.

Today, we have turned this day, the 19 July, the day of mourning, into a day of renewing our solemn vow to strive for national development as charted out by our beloved fallen leaders. As we solemnly observe the 66th Anniversary of the Martyrs Day, we must renew our pledge to fulfill our fallen leaders' ardent wishes and aspirations for the cause of democracy.

Japan, Myanmar to cooperate in agricultural sector



NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—A Japan-Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio NUMATA this morning observed dragon fruits, watermelon, banana, cucumber and grape displayed at agriculture products booth near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township, thriving

Japanese paddy plantation in Tegyigon Village in Zabuthiri Township, 50-acre farmer educative vegetable plantation of Ngalike irrigated area in Pobbathiri Township and inspected advanced processing plant for crops.

Then, the Union minister and Japanese ambassador held a meeting at Myat Tawwin Hotel. Both sides discussed matters on cooperation between

Myanmar and Japan to transform manual into mechanized farming which is necessary for development of Myanmar's agriculture sector, technical assistance from Japan, programmes to export rice and horticulture in accord with market demand of Japan and investment prospects for the Japanese entrepreneurs and companies in agriculture sector of Myanmar.

MNA

NATIONAL

21 heavy machinery allotted to Rakhine State for undertaking irrigation tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July— The 12th day session of the Pyithu Hluttaw was held under the 10-point agenda, replying to 10 questions, approving one bill and submitting one bill.

With regard to the question raised by U Pe Than of Myebon Constituency **whether there is a plan to extend number of government-owned heavy machinery for construction of dams, dykes and embankments in Rakhine State to prevent seawater**, Deputy Minister

for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that heavy machinery were allotted to regions and states for implementing the irrigation projects and maintenance works depending on workloads. He continued that seven excavators, six bulldozers and eight dumper trucks have been allotted to Rakhine State irrigation works.

As there was no representative to discuss the bill amending the eye donation law submitted by the Ministry of Health, the Hluttaw decided



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Phe Than questioning.

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Deputy A&I Minister U Khin Zaw replying to queries.

MNA



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Dr Soe Moe Aung raising question.—MNA

to approve it.

Dr Soe Moe Aung of Bilin Constituency said, “The bill was amended with some vocabularies in conformity with present period. The donation of eye is aimed at taking out cornea only from the eye. The use of words such as eye bank technician training course conducted by Health Department was replaced in the usage of former law.”

The meeting came to an end at 11.25 am and the 13th day session will be held on 23 July afternoon.—MNA

Trust funds set up for Thantlang Hospital, station hospitals, operation equipment to be provided to Thantlang Hospital



Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint answering questions.

MNA



Deputy Construction Minister U Soe Tint answering queries.

MNA

of Chin State Constituency No. 3, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint replied that a plan will be implemented to open one rural health centre in Haylay Village of Tiddim Township; kidney transplant has been drawn in the Organ Transplant Bill; remarks for the bill are being sought from the experts; one dentist will be appointed at Thantlang Township People’s

Hospital when permission of appointment has been received; the intensive patient ward will be built in 2014-15 fiscal year with the use of the fund; a trust fund worth K 19.8 million has been set up for Thantlang Township People’s Hospital since 2000, K 3,367,000 for Hmaungtalang Station Hospital since 2003 and K 3,426,000 for Lonler Station Hospital since 2003.



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Paul Thang Thaing questioning.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Hmat Gyi raising questions.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July— The 12th day seven regular session of the first Amyotha Hluttaw was held under seven agendas today.

U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No. 12 raised a question on aim of building the retaining wall at mile post 73 on Gangaw-Pale Road near Kyaw Village and its cost. Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe

Tint replied that as Monywa-Pale-Gangaw-Kalay Road is part of ASEAN Highway, the road is being upgraded with the 3200 feet long retaining walls and 440 feet long gravel-filled drain that cost K 257.17 million.

With regard to questions by MPs U Sun Dok Ciint of Chin State Constituency No. 6, U Hmat Gyi of Mandalay Constituency No. 9 and U Paul Thang Thaing



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Hla Swe questioning.

MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Sun Dok Ciint raising question.—MNA

He continued that arrangements are being made for providing one set of major operation, one set of minor operation, one set of nursing station unit, one set of operation lamp (4 bulbs), one air sep and two sphygmomanometers to Thantlang Township People’s Hospital.

There is no plan to provide operation sets to Hmaungtalang and Lonler

station hospitals due to lack of standard operation theatres.

The Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw sought the approval from the Hluttaw on the Bill on Prevention against Chemicals and Precursors sent with amendment by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Today’s session of the Hluttaw ended in the morning, and the 13th session will be held on 23 July.

MNA

Country’s economic potential source of hope for people, and to deliver...

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commitment to implement EITI. In line with people’s wishes for responsible investment, my Government is serious about establishing a framework for dialogue about the government of Myanmar’s natural resources.

We want to lay the foundations for a robust middle class that will anchor the country and provided it with enduring

and broad based stability. To assist us in realizing this outcome, we would like to invite French companies to come and invest in Myanmar.

We welcomed your advice to support the Government of Myanmar to build investor confidence and promote responsible investments. We would also like to invite French companies to come and invest in Myanmar and renew the special relationship that

once connected our two countries.

Then, the President and Union ministers answered the queries raised by businessmen.

Afterwards, the President and party met President of ALSTOM INTERNATIONAL Philippe DELLEUR, President of CCG VERITAS Jean-Georges MALCOR and President of ORANGE Stephane RICHARD separately.

Also present at the meetings were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of the

Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights U Htay Oo, the Myanmar ambassador and departmental heads.

Next, the President and entourage visited Eiffel Tower and observed Arc de Triomphe in a motorcade.

The Eiffel Tower (French: La Tour Eiffel, nickname La dame de fer, the iron lady) is a wrought iron lattice tower located on the Champ de Mars in Paris. Built in 1889 as the entrance arch to the 1889 World’s Fair, it has become both a global cultural icon of France and one of the most recognizable structures in the world. The Tower is the tallest building in Paris and the most-visited paid

monument in the world; millions of people ascend it every year. It is named after the engineer Gustave Eiffel, whose company designed and built the tower.

The tower stands 320 meters (1,050 ft) tall, about the same height as an 81-story building. During the construction, the Eiffel Tower surpassed the Washington Monument to assume the title of the tallest man-made structure in the world, a title it held for 41 years, until the Chrysler Building in New York City was built in 1930. However, because of the addition, in 1957, of the antenna atop the Eiffel Tower, it is now taller than the Chrysler Building.

Not including broadcast antennas, it is the second-tallest structure in France, after the Millau Viaduct.

The tower has three levels for visitors. Tickets can be purchased to ascend, by stairs or lift, to the first and second levels. The walk from ground level to the first level is over 300 steps, as is the walk from the first to the second level. The third and highest level is accessible by elevator. Both the first and second levels feature restaurants.

The tower has become the most prominent symbol of both Paris and France, often in the establishing shot of films set in the city.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July— A new contract for the Latpadaungtaung copper-mine project would be signed in the near future thanks to cooperative efforts of the responsible personnel of the committee on implementing the Report of the investigation commission on the Latpadaungtaung Copper Mine Project, said Chairman of the committee Union Minister U Hla Tun.

At the meeting of the committee held here today, the Union minister said the committee has worked to implement the report of the investigation commission while taking the measures for environmental conservation.

He also stressed the need for improvement of environment and socio economy of the local people as part of efforts for ensuring the project to become a model

one for the country.

Initially, Myanmar Wenbao Mining Company is obliged to fulfill the socio economy of the local people in accordance with the Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), he said.

He urged members of the committee to carry out the tasks of the committee in accordance with the law, to cooperate with local people and to work hard to complete the work ensuring transparency.

During the meeting, Vice-chairman of the committee Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and members of the committee reviewed the report of the investigation commission and gave suggestions and benefits from the new contract.

In his concluding remarks, the committee

Latpadaungtaung Copper-Mine investigation commission's report implementation committee holds coord meeting



Meeting on new contract for the Latpadaungtaung copper-mine project in progress.—MNA

chairman called for the members of the committee to carry on the tasks in accordance with the law and with tolerance and to carry out

the tasks for improvement of socio economy of the local people in cooperation with them.

MNA

Drug elimination, crime reduction, traffic rules talked in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 18 July— An educative talks on narcotic drug elimination, crime reduction and traffic rule enforcement was held at the Mawhan Village Administrative Office in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State on 15 July morning.

At the talks, Commander of Mohnyin Township Police Force Police Major Han Win Maung gave lectures on prevention against danger of narcotic drugs, and Head of Mawhan Police Outpost IP Htay Aung dos and don'ts for crime reduction and



traffic rules enforcement. local people to combat narcotic drugs. It was attended by over 120 local people and it came to an end in the noon. Kyemon-Ni Toe

LBVD feeds milk to students

LAUNGLON, 18 July— Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Launglon Township fed milk to schoolchildren at Basic Education Primary School in Makyunmaw Village of Launglon Township in Taninthayi Region on 14 July morning.

Head of Township LBVD Dr Thein Zaw and officials under the instruction of the Township Administrator fed milk and egg to 81 primary students



with the assistance of Yedagun Social Economic Development Association and local social organizations and teachers. Kyemon-Township IPRD

Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker leaves for Bangkok

MAWLAMYINE, 18 July— At the invitation of the Thai Government, a Myanmar delegation led by Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Htay Lwin paid a visit to Bangkok on 15 July.

The delegation sponsored by SCG Co Ltd of Thailand would observe construction of

cement plant, cement production process and developmental tasks of Bangkok up to 18 July. The delegation comprises the Mon State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, State Minister for Development Affairs Dr Toe Toe Aung, State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock U Myo Nyunt, Mon State Hluttaw Representative U Hla Tun (Kyaikmaraw-2), and Superintending Engineer of Mon State Development Affairs Committee U Bya Noe, Assistant Director U Thant Zin Nyein and Assistant Director of the state government's office U Soe Myint.—Kyemon-694

Midwifery course opened in Kawkareik Tsp

KAWKAREIK, 18 July— Opening ceremony of midwifery course No. 2/2013 organized by Kawkareik Township integrated health project and District/Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the hall of Kawkareik People's Hospital, here, on 15 July.

At the ceremony, the Kawkareik district deputy commissioner gave an opening remark and District

Medical Officer Dr Khin May Than explained the purpose of the course.

It was also attended by the township administrator, departmental officials, the patron and members of district /township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations and health staff.

A total of 27 trainees are attending the 6-month course.—Kyemon-Soe Htet Aung (Kawkareik)

Environmental Conservation

School Environment Day observed in Myeik

MYEIK, 18 July— In commemoration of the School Environment Day, the tree growing ceremony was held at the compound of Basic Education High School No. 3 in Myeik on 14 July morning.

The students participated in cleared bush and decorated flowery plants of landscapes and grew orchids. Headmistress Dr Daw Thin Thin Khaing and teachers viewed round te sanitation and greening tasks of the students.

Likewise, a similar ceremonies were held at basic education schools in Myeik Township.

The students carried out sanitation around the schools, cleared bush and grew flowery plants. They also dug the drains for proper flow of water.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

The best time to grow a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Illegal teak furniture seized at Mawhan Railway Station



MOHNYIN, 18 July— Parts of doors made of teak timber packed in polyethylene bags to be transported to Myitkyina were seized one furlong of Mawhan Railway Station.

A squad led by IP Htay Aung together with foresters U Aung Soe Oo and U Khin Maung Min, Mawhan Station superintendent U Aung Myint, Village administrator U Tin Maung Oo and officials made an inspection tour around

the railway station not to illegally transport teak furniture to other regions by train.

The authorities found various sizes of teak doors weighing 0.914 ton worth K 360,000 near the bush east of the rail tracks at mile post 617/22, one furlong from the railway station.

The teak furniture were seized at the Mawhan Forest Office under the Forest Law.

Kyemon-Ni Toe

REGIONAL

Japan, S Korea officials find need for communication to repair ties

TOKYO, 18 July—Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida agreed on Thursday with a senior South Korean Foreign Ministry official that the two countries need to maintain dialogue in seeking to repair ties strained by disputes over territory and wartime history.

During a meeting in Tokyo, Kishida and South Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kyou Hyun also agreed on the importance of bilateral ties for peace and stability in Northeast Asia.

The meeting comes as the two countries explore the possibility of improving ties, following an agreement between Kishida and his South Korean counterpart Yun Byung Se earlier this month to strengthen communication between Tokyo and Seoul at various levels.

“We hope to advance the bilateral ties by communicating well with each other,” Kishida said at the outset of the meeting, noting that the two countries are “important partners and neighbours” that share basic values and interests.

Kim replied that while Japan and South Korea have

“difficult problems,” they are able to have a future together if they can combine their forces to resolve the

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Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (L) and South Korean First Vice Foreign Minister Kim Kyou Hyun shake hands in Tokyo on 18 July, 2013. KYODO NEWS

problems “through the attitude of climbing to a higher place and looking afar.”

“We hope to resolve the problems by meeting frequently at every possible opportunity and combining our wisdom,” he added.

After the meeting, Kim told reporters that the talks were “very construc-

Kim said. Kim is expected to meet with his Japanese counterpart, Vice Foreign Minister Akitaka Saiki, later in the day, according to Japanese Foreign Ministry officials. Saiki visited Seoul and met with Kim on 11 July as part of efforts to mend bilateral ties.

Amid the strained rela-

tions, however, no meeting has been scheduled yet between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and South Korean President Park Geun Hye. Kim is visiting Japan to attend the opening ceremony for a new building for the South Korean Embassy in Tokyo on Thursday.

Kyodo News

Thailand's north-bound train service expected to resume

BANGKOK, 18 July—State Railway of Thailand (SRT) north-bound train service is expected to resume operation on Thursday after the suspension caused by derailment, which injured about 30 passengers on Wednesday.

From Wednesday to Thursday morning, workers worked hard to retrieve all seven derailed carriages, according to Thai News Agency.

The derailment took place early Wednesday

morning in Denchai district of northern Phrae province injured more than 30 people, mostly foreign tourists, and suspended North-bound train service. However, trains from Denchai station are still operational further north to Chiang Mai province. Transport Minister Chadchat Sittipunt said on Wednesday the deteriorated condition of the tracks combined with bad weather may have caused the Bangkok-Chiang Mai train derailment.

Xinhua

Five policemen killed in attack in northern India

MUMBAI, 18 July—At least five policemen were killed in a Maoist rebel attack in northern Indian state of Bihar on Wednesday evening.

Local police said the incident happened when about 50 armed Maoists tried to destroy a bridge in Aurangabad District, 200 km from the state capital of Patna.

The Maoists struck at the base camp of the HB Ltd road construction company, destroying the bridge under construction and set-

ting three dumper trucks on fire.

The encounter began when a police contingent reached the spot on getting the information. In the 45-minute firefight, five policemen were killed and seven others were injured in the attack.

But there is no report about casualty of the rebels.

The firing is still continuing now and India's Central Reserve Police Force joined the fight. The Maoists are reportedly falling back.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 17 July, 2013 shows the completed Jiashao Bridge which connects Jiaxing and Shaoxing in east China's Zhejiang Province. As the second cross-sea bridge spanning across the Hangzhou Bay, the Jiashao Bridge will be officially opened to traffic on 19 July. It will halve the travel time from Shaoxing to east China's Shanghai. —XINHUA

Primary school food poisoning could be act of crime

NEW DELHI, 18 July—The deaths of at least 22 schoolchildren in a massive food poisoning case in the eastern Indian state of Bihar could be caused by deliberate poisoning, said a local official on Thursday.

Meanwhile, local TV channel Times Now said at least 27 children are be-

lieved to have been killed in the food poisoning rather than 22 as officially confirmed.

The TV channel quoted villagers as saying angry parents and relatives had buried at least 27 bodies in front of a public school where the tragedy took place.—Xinhua

Cambodian prince calls on eligible people to cast ballots on 28 July

PHNOM PENH, 18 July—Cambodian Prince Norodom Ranariddh, President of the Supreme Privy Advisory Council to King Norodom Sihamoni, appealed on Wednesday to the electorate to cast their ballots for any party that protects the monarchic regime honestly. “I urge Cambodian people to vote for any party whose leader is loyal to maintain and protect the constitutional monarchy and throne as stated in the constitution in 1993,” the prince said in an appeal letter.

Ranariddh, who was former co-prime minister and ex-president of the

National Assembly, also expressed his gratitude to Cambodian people for the spirits of the affections of the nation, religion and king.

Eight political parties will contest in the national polls on 28 July with about 9.67 million eligible voters.

Among those parties are ruling Cambodian People's Party of incumbent Prime Minister Hun Sen, the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party of recently-pardoned leader Sam Rainsy and the royalist Funcinpec Party led Princess Norodom Arun Rasmeay, the youngest daughter

of late King Father Norodom Sihanouk.

It is widely expected that Hun Sen's party will definitely win the majority vote in the upcoming elections.

One of the world's longest-serving leaders, Hun Sen, 61, has been in power for 28 years and vowed to stay in the post until he's 74.

During last election in July 2008, Hun Sen's party won 90 seats out of the 123 seats in the National Assembly, the opposition group gained a total of 29 seats, and the royalist group four seats.—Xinhua

Photo taken on July 17, 2013 shows the night view of the Slender West Lake in Yangzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province. The night tour for visiting the Slender West Lake opened here on Wednesday. XINHUA



Malaysian police seize 11 mln USD worth drugs, machinery

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 July—Malaysia police has seized various drugs and drug production machinery worth some 33 million ringgit (11 million US dollars) in maybe one of the largest drug busts in the country, official said on Wednesday.

Nationl Director of Narcotics Commissioner Noor Rashid Ibrahim said police discovered drugs including heroin, ecstasy, ketamine and eramin 5, methamphetamine weighing a total of 1,156 kg in an operation late Tuesday in the town of Batu Pahat in Malaysia's southern Johor state. Six suspects were arrested, Noor Rashid said. He told a press conference that the head of the syndicate was believed to have escaped a police operation last year. Police has kept an close eye on the case since September.—Xinhua

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Dated: 19 July 2013

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MINISTRY OF ENERGY

MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE

(INVITATION FOR OPENED TENDER)

(3/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -021(2013-2014)	Accessories for Ywama Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(2)	IFB -022(2013-2014)	Accessories for Kanbauk Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(3)	IFB -023(2013-2014)	Accessories for Kyauk Phyu Gas Distribution Station	(1) Lot	US \$
(4)	IFB -024(2013-2014)	6" ERW API 5L Grade X 42 Steel Line Pipe and accessories (1) Lot	(2414) MTR	US \$
(5)	IFB -025(2013-2014)	428 XL Server 4000 with Monitor (NEC WA - 3.3 KV Induction Motor	(1) Set	US \$
(6)	IFB -026(2013-2014)	Solid Control Unit (Desander Unit, Desilter Unit & Degasser Unit)	(1) Unit each	US \$
(7)	IFB -027(2013-2014)	185 KW, 3.3 KV Induction Motor	(1) No	US \$
(8)	IFB -028(2013-2014)	11 KV Gas Circuit Breaker (or) Oil Circuit Breaker Complete Set	(4) Sets	US \$
(9)	IFB -029(2013-2014)	Derrick Shaker Unit	(1) Set	US \$
(10)	IFB -030(2013-2014)	Water Transfer Pump with Engine Driven	(1) Unit	US \$
(11)	DMP/L-011(2013-2014)	Telephone Cable, Branch Exchange and Cordless Telephone	(1) Lot	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-012(2013-2014)	(a) Aluminium Conductor Steel Reinforce (ACSR) Wire (b) Hard Drawn Bore Copper (HDBC) Wire	(2.5) Tons (1) Ton	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-013(2013-2014)	Circular Concrete POST 99) M	(50) Nos	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-014(2013-2014)	(a) 5 KW Diesel Engine Driven Generating Set (b) 5 HP 3 Phase Induction Motor	(3) Sets (1) No	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-015(2013-2014)	Spares for F 1600 Drilling Pump Ex ZJ 70 L Drilling Rig	(1) Kyat	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time -

12-8-2013, 1300 Hrs.

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 8th July 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise

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Ministry of Energy

Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise

Invitation for Opened Tender

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Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
1.	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/2 (2013-2014)	New 4000 Imperial Gallons Capacity Rigid Aircraft Refueller	2 Nos	USD
2.	MPPE/AV/T/1 (2013-2014)	Aviation Gasoline 100LL	400 Drums	USD
3.	MPPE/AV(LUB)/T/1 (2013-2014)	Aviation Lubricating Oil & Grease	6 Items	USD
4.	MPPE/LP/MCY/T/1 (2013-2014)	Aviation Fuelling Equipment Spre Parts	3 Items	Kyats
5.	MPPE/LP/CHEM/T/1 (2013-2014)	Shell Water Detector Capsules	890 Boxes	Kyats

2. Tender Closing Date & Time —

14.8.2013, 12:00 Hrs

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 15-7-2013 during office hours and for further detail please contact Phone: 067-411487

Planning Department

Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise

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'Iron Man' Robert Downey Jr leads Forbes' highest-paid actors

NEW YORK, 18 July— With estimated earnings of \$75 million, "Iron Man" Robert Downey Jr is Hollywood's highest paid actor, ahead of Channing Tatum and Hugh Jackman, according to Forbes.com.

Downey, 48, starred in Disney's Marvel superhero films "The Avengers" in 2012 and "Iron Man 3" in 2013, each of which earned more than \$1 billion at the box office, assuring him the top spot in the annual ranking of Hollywood's top acting earners.

"Every studio in town would love to cast him, and now they'll pay big buck for the privilege," Forbes.com contributor Dorothy Pomerantz said about Downey on Tuesday. Forbes.com estimated his earnings between June 2012 and June 2013.

New father Tatum, 33, who self-financed the male-stripper movie "Magic Mike" that made \$167 million with director Steven Soderbergh, captured the No 2 spot with estimated earnings of \$60 million. Australian actor Jackman,

44, whose new movie "The Wolverine" opens in US theaters next week, was not far behind with \$55 million.

Mark Wahlberg, 42, had a comedy hit with "Ted," a film that earned \$550 million and pumped up his earning to \$52 million to secure fourth place, and wrestler-turned actor Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, 41, rounded out the top five with \$46 million.

Johnson starred in "Fast and Furious 6," which made \$500 million at the box office in less than two weeks, and "G.I. Joe: Retaliation." Adam Sandler, 46, at No 7, was the only comedian to make the top 10 thanks mainly to the animated hit "Hotel Transylvania, which grossed \$347 million and helped bump his earnings up to \$37 million. Denzel Washington, 58, took a cut in pay in exchange for a share of the profits for "Flight," which turned out to be a shrewd deal. The film made \$162 million putting the Oscar winner in eighth place with earnings of \$33 million.

Reuters



Cast member Robert Downey Jr

Richard Gere: Tough guy on set, wife in control at home



The Chicago actor is married to former Bond girl Carey Lowell.

LOS ANGELES, 18 July—Hollywood star Richard Gere says he is a tough guy on film sets, but his wife takes control when it comes to home. The 63-year-old actor, whose career has spanned

four decades, says he can be an alpha male when making movies, but says when it comes to his home life his wife Carey Lowell is usually in charge, reported Daily Star.

"I'm kind of a tough guy at work and I guess because I'm a big shot on set, everyone has to listen to me. But I live with a very strong woman! Believe me, she doesn't say 'yes' very often. I'm the one that says 'yes'. I say, 'Yes, dear.' I don't even argue," said Gere. Although the Pretty Woman star is now a dotting husband and father to 13-year-old son Homer,

he reveals he enjoyed his youth in Hollywood and took advantage of all the perks fame had to offer.

"It was all fresh, everything was new. I was 23-years-old, a kid, and I was starring in the West End of London in a stage production. This was the early '70s — a great time where anything was possible. You know, young men — they try this, they try that. It's the same anywhere. It doesn't matter where you are, whether it's Los Angeles or New York or Liverpool. Of course you experiment," said Gere.

PTI

When privacy wasn't an issue for Selena Gomez



Singer-actress Selena Gomez

LOS ANGELES, 18 July— Singer-actress Selena Gomez says she was never too conscious about being in the public eye when she started dating during her

teenage years.

The 20-year-old has been popular since she was 10, when she made her debut with children TV series Barney and Friends. Later, she got into some high profile relations with singers Nick Jonas and Justin Bieber.

However, maintaining secrecy about her relations was never on her mind during her teens.

"I can't be afraid to live my life. I had my first 'boyfriend' (Nick), which wasn't really a boyfriend, at 14, 15," Observer magazine quoted Gomez as saying.

"You're young and you don't know how to be. You don't think, 'Now I have a boyfriend — let's keep it super-private and low key', because that's not what you're thinking about," she added.—PTI

U2 frontman Bono receives France's highest cultural award

PARIS, 18 July—Irish rock star and anti-poverty activist Bono received France's highest cultural award on Tuesday for his contribution to music while being praised for using his fame to battle for humanitarian causes.

The frontman of the rock band U2 was presented with the Commander of the Order of Arts and Letters by French Culture Minister Aurelie Filippetti in a ceremony in Paris.

"Beyond notes and beyond words, you committed yourself and dedicated your fame and career to wage some of the greatest wars of our time. Not for charity's sake but in the name of justice," Filippetti said in a statement.

Bono, whose real name is Paul Hewson, said the award was a huge honour but it belonged to the band.

"I've got the biggest mouth and the loudest voice but the music we make comes from each other," he said in a statement.

Previous recipients of the award that dates back to 1957 include David Bowie, Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Bob Dylan, Bruce Willis and Shakira.

Bono, 53, has received a list of awards for his music and campaigning since form-



Musician Bono, lead singer of the band U2, reacts after being awarded as Commandeur des Arts et lettres (Commander in the Order of Arts and Letters) by French Culture Minister Aurelie Filippetti during a ceremony at the ministry in Paris on 16 July, 2013.

REUTERS

ing U2 about 37 years ago, including being a nominee several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 2005 he was named Time Magazine's Person of the Year and in 2007 he received an honorary knighthood from Queen Elizabeth.

Reuters

Olivier Giroud-inspired Arsenal cruise to victory in Vietnam

HANOI, 18 July—Arsenal pummeled the Vietnamese national team into submission with a 7-1 romp on Wednesday at the 40,000-seat My Dinh Stadium in Hanoi.

French forward Olivier Giroud scored a first-half hat trick, getting the opener after just five minutes, and following up with two goals in rapid succession just before half-time. Giroud, who joined Arsenal in June 2012 from Ligue 1 champions Montpellier, now has five goals in two games on the Gunners' Asian tour, after scoring twice in Sunday's seven-goal win over the Indonesian Dream Team in Jakarta.

Arsenal turned in exhibition stuff as they repeatedly pierced a spirited

Vietnamese defence. After a flurry of half-time substitutions on both teams, teenager Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain

scored Arsenal's fourth a minute after the restart.

Arsenal's pacy front man Chuba Akpom scored in minute 56 and again on the hour after Oxlade-Chamberlain passed the ball across to the young striker, who also hit the target against the Indonesians. Spanish

midfielder

Mikel Arteta, a 2011 signing from Everton, scored Arsenal's seventh in the 75th minute. Tran Manh Dung scored a consolation in the 78th minute, delighting the home crowd, who went wild as the Vietnamese forward stripped off his shirt and ran across the pitch in celebration.—PTI

French forward Olivier Giroud scored a first-half hat trick, as Arsenal pummeled the Vietnamese national team into submission with a 7-1 romp.



Alvaro Negredo joins Manchester City subject to medical

MADRID, 18 July—Manchester City's new Spanish signing Alvaro Negredo said he was happy to be moving to "a great team" as he bid a tearful farewell to Sevilla on Wednesday.

"I am happy

to be going to this great team," he said at a farewell ceremony after Sevilla confirmed it had sealed his transfer to the English Premier League runners-up.

"I have had four very happy years with Sevilla, but there are stages in life and mine here has finished."

The club confirmed his transfer, subject to a medical,

in a statement earlier.

It declined to say how much City paid for Negredo but Spanish and British media reports put the sum at around 28 million euros (\$37 million).

Sevilla's president Jose Maria del Nido said the sale would bring "a stack of millions of euros to Sevilla's coffers, which will enable us to grow".

Negredo said he was convinced to make the move by a call from City's Chilean manager Manuel Pellegrini, who joined the Manchester club from Malaga last month.

"He totally convinced

me. He told me what they could offer me there and for me it was a new challenge."

Spain international Negredo, 27, follows winger Jesus Navas, signed last month from Sevilla by the English club.

"Manchester City is buying a magnificent player, the top Spanish goalscorer in the Spanish league," Del Nido said, referring to Negredo's 25 Liga goals last season.

"Sevilla is getting a great deal and the player is signing the contract of his life, so I think we should all be happy."

PTI

Roger Federer struggles to win Hamburg opener

HAMBURG, 18 July—Roger Federer struggled in his first match since his Wimbledon humiliation when he had to come back from a set down to defeat Germany's Daniel Brands in his Hamburg opener on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old, top-seeded Federer won 3-6, 6-3, 6-2 against the world number 58, who was celebrating his 26th birthday, to reach the third round of a tournament he last played in 2008. It was his 30th career win at the tournament.

"I think it was good for me to have a tough match like this and come through at the end," said Federer. "Clearly these kind of matches are

the press in Sydney, the proposed purchase price does not include the transfer or loan of any players from Chelsea to Manchester United," it said.

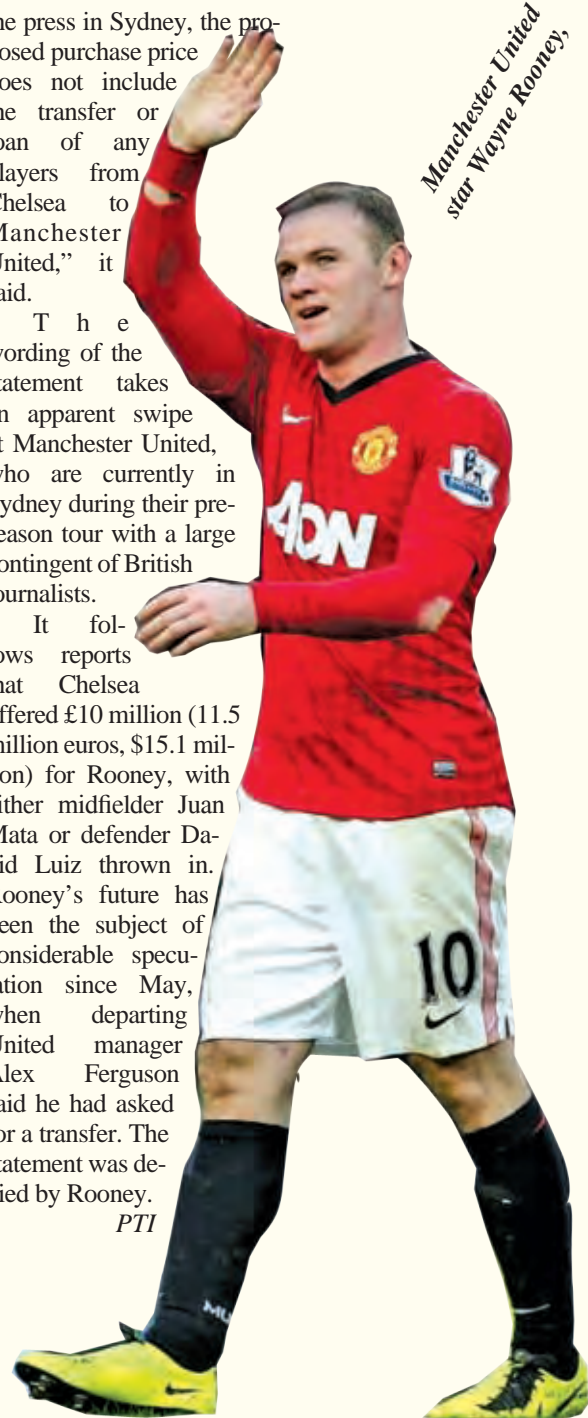
The London club took the unusual step of confirming a bid—for an undisclosed sum—after British reports said Juan Mata or David Luiz had been offered as a make-weight.

"Chelsea Football Club can confirm that yesterday (Tuesday) it made a written offer to Manchester United for the transfer of Wayne Rooney," said a club statement sent to AFP. "Although the terms of the offer are confidential, for avoidance of doubt and contrary to what is apparently being briefed to

the press in Sydney, the proposed purchase price does not include the transfer or loan of any players from Chelsea to Manchester United," it said. The wording of the statement takes an apparent swipe at Manchester United, who are currently in Sydney during their pre-season tour with a large contingent of British journalists.

It follows reports that Chelsea offered £10 million (11.5 million euros, \$15.1 million) for Rooney, with either midfielder Juan Mata or defender David Luiz thrown in. Rooney's future has been the subject of considerable speculation since May, when departing United manager Alex Ferguson said he had asked for a transfer. The statement was denied by Rooney.

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Manchester United star Wayne Rooney,

2022 World Cup in winter? FIFA President Sepp Blatter to propose the switch

GOING, (Austria), 18 July—FIFA President Sepp Blatter plans to ask the governing body's executive committee to consider moving the 2022 World Cup in Qatar to the winter in order to avoid the searing summer heat.

"If this World Cup is to become a party for the people, you can't play football in the summer," Blatter said on Wednesday. "You can cool down the stadiums but you can't cool down the whole country."

Despite health concerns included in an official report before the vote, the FIFA executive committee opted for the tiny emirate's bid in 2010. Blatter has re-

peatedly refused to say if he backed Qatar, which can have temperatures of 50 degrees C (122 degrees F) during the summer.

In May, Blatter said in an interview with a French newspaper it would be "not rational and reasonable" to stage the first World Cup in

the Middle East in the summertime.

Moving the tournament to the winter would have a major impact on the schedule of European football leagues, which would have to change things for at least one season.

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FIFA President Sepp Blatter

always important, especially losing the first set makes things difficult. You're not allowed to make many more unforced errors in crucial moments and I was

able to come through and play better as the match went on. That's always encouraging for the next round."

Federer, now ranked five in the world, his lowest point for a decade, goes on to face Jan Hajek of the Czech Republic for a quarter-final spot. The Swiss great is using this event and the Gstaad tournament, which starts on 22 July, to bounce back from his shock Wimbledon exit ahead of next month's US Open. Federer crashed out of Wimbledon, where he was the seven-time champion, at the hands of Ukraine's 116-ranked Sergiy Stakhovsky in his worst Grand Slam defeat for a decade.—PTI



Roger Federer

GENERAL

Shiv Kapur ready for the challenge at British Open



Indian golfer Shiv Kapur

MUIRFIELD, 18 July—Indian golfer Shiv Kapur went through the paces one final time today before he tees off in the first round of the world’s oldest Major, the British Open here on Thursday.

The 31-year-old Indian, making his second appearance at the British Open, will look to improve on the best-ever performance by an Indian — tied 27th by Jyoti Randhawa in 2004.

“Being the only Indian in the field there will be focus on me but I am not going to let the pressure get to me. I am feeling good and the game is in right shape. The first goal is to get into weekend action and then take it from there,” he said.

Kapur will play the first round late in the afternoon at 3.40 pm alongside Frenchman Gregory Bourdy and Scotsman Scott Jamieson.

Kapur has been working with Jamie Gough for his swing and with Italian Alberto Binaghi for his short game. In recent months, Kapur has spent most of his time in Milan.

He said, “I have based myself in Milan because it helps me travel around Europe and I am working with Alberto over for the last few months. We worked on my short game and hitting shots in the wind. Jamie helped me get the belief back in my swing.”

Kapur has also been reading Zen Golf: Master-

ing the Mental Game by Joseph Parent to toughen himself mentally and focus better.

Over the past few days, Kapur has played practice rounds with Nick Faldo, the six-time Major winner. Faldo’s three Open titles include two at Muirfield.

Kapur also played with Matteo Manassero and Francesco Molinari, the Italian duo coached by Binaghi.

“No one knows Muirfield better than Nick Faldo. He gave me a few tips and playing with Matteo, who is just 20 and a top-30 player is a pleasure,” said Kapur.

Only seven Indians have played at the British Open, and Kapur is only the third after Randhawa and Jeev to play in it more than once. Kapur’s previous experience in 2006 ended with a missed cut. “In 2006 I was still learning and before I knew the first two rounds were over,” said Kapur, who shot rounds of 72 and 73. Though Kapur has lost his European Tour card, in the last seven months, he has won once on domestic Indian Tour in Delhi and once on European Challenge Tour in Ahmedabad. Now a mature Kapur is ready to have a second fling at the 142nd Open Championships.

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6. Mono Classical Songs	18:00 pm
9:50 am	18. News/ Weather Report
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Beijing to double bicycles for rent, with more to come

BEIJING, 18 July—Beijing will nearly double its number of bicycles for rent, to 25,000 this year, with plans to add more, in an attempt to cut air pollution and traffic congestion in the city.

With private automobile ownership estimated to exceed 6 million by the end of 2016, Beijing is encouraging a higher use of two-wheeled transport to weaken, if not reverse, the dominance of automobiles in the capital, one cause of severe air pollution in many first-tier cities.

The public rental bicycle project that started in 2011 in Beijing has proved popular, with initial success seeing many of the public taking to bicycles during its two-year trial period.

“The rental service as a public welfare project has

to some extent encouraged the use of public transportation in the city so far,” said Zhu Haiyan, an employee of the Beijing Commission of Transport.

Like many other city dwellers, Lu Xingchi used to spend two hours daily commuting between his home and office.

What troubled him most was not the crowds and congestion he encountered each day on the subway, but the extra 2 kilometres between his home and the nearest subway station.

“It takes as much time to walk the 2 km as the 13 km riding the underground,” said the 27-year-old software engineer.

The time Lu spends commuting has been cut by almost by a third with the greater allocation of pub-

lic bicycles throughout the city, with one bicycle rental station in the community where Lu lives, in Chaoyang district. “Now I ride a rental bike from my community to Liangmaqiao subway station, where I return the bike and take the subway,” Lu said. “You can return the bike right away and don’t need to worry it will be stolen.” As more public rental bicycle stations are set up throughout the city, Lu said his family sometimes rents a bicycle for grocery shopping as well. As long as he returns the bike within an hour, the use is free of charge. The commission said the bikes are free to rent for the first hour, then are charged at 1 yuan (16 cents) for each additional hour. The maximum expense for a full day is no more than

10 yuan but people can only rent a bike for a maximum of three days each time.

People with an ID card or passport can register at designated places and deposit 200 yuan to allow them to use their regular transport card to access the service.

More than 20,000 residents of the capital have subscribed to the service, amounting to more than 36,000 individual rides each week, a weekly increase of 7 percent.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 16 July, 2013 shows graduation certificates of Chinese students at their graduation ceremony in the University of Havana, in Havana, capital of Cuba. According to Chinese embassy, more than 5,000 Chinese students sponsored by bilateral governments finished their study here in the past years.—XINHUA

Biggest US dog show opens in Houston

HOUSTON, 18 July—A total of 160 canine breeds and 3,500 “professional” dog athletes joined an annual contest in the US city of Houston on Wednesday,

bringing tens of thousands of dog lovers across the country to enjoy the extravaganza.

The five-day event, held at the Reliant Centre

in downtown Houston, is one of the finest and largest shows of its kind. Competitions include breed judging, agility, frisbees, flyball, and even dancing.—Xinhua

Country's economic potential source of hope for people, and to deliver on it is Government's responsibility



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets French business community at MEDEF International.—MNA

PARIS, 18 July — President U Thein Sein met French business community at MEDEF International in Paris at 8.30 am LST yesterday.

On his arrival at MEDEF International, the President was welcomed by MEDEF International President Mr. Jean BURELLE.

Next, the MEDEF International President

extended greetings.

Afterwards, President U Thein Sein made discussions. He said:

The economic potential of our country is a source of hope for Myanmar's people, and it is the responsibility for my government to deliver on this hope. We are committed to putting in place solid foundations for a market economy to

thrive and an investment climate that makes a clear business case for companies from the France and around the world.

We must move towards an economy that is equitable, fair and based on a level playing field, that develops our abundant

natural wealth but in a way that protects our natural environment.

My office worked hand in hand with the legislative branch to promulgate the Foreign Direct Investment Law that meets international standards and ensure mutual benefits for investors and our

citizens. We are currently working to implement procedures and processes that are more transparent, accountable, legitimate and predictable.

While encouraging investment, it is important to promote the welfare of the Myanmar people and

protect the environment upon which their livelihoods depend. I have recently formed the Extractive Industry Transparency Initiative (EITI) Leading Authority in Myanmar to undertake the necessary actions to deliver on our
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Four-legged child operation successful

YANGON, 18 July— Siamese twins are always world's wonders. There are also children born with three or four legs and even with two heads. Myanmar still loves Ma Nan Soe, Ma Nan San, Aye Aye Nyein and Ei Ei Nyein, the country's beloved Siamese twins, separated successfully in the first successful operations of the country.

The country surgeons have marked many milestones with successful state-of-art operations with the guidance of the Ministry of Health, endeavours of the medical superintendents, specialists, nurses and medical experts, assistances of the government and the passion of parents. With the support of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar surgeons have now performed successful

operation for four-legged kid Nan Hnin Hnin Aung in Yankin Pediatric Hospital in Yangon.

The kid was born with four legs and misplaced organs. The surgeons had to remove two extra legs and place the organs to ensure the ordinary structure of the kid's body. She was born to U Khun San Thwe and Nan Hnaunt Hnaunt of Lwemut village in Panglong Township in Loilem District in Shan State as fourth child on 2 February. She was admitted to Taunggyi Obstetric and Pediatric Hospital on 9 May and referred to

Yankin Pediatric Hospital in Yangon on 12 May for necessary operations as some parts of the kid's body were not functional.

Pediatrician Dr Khin Mo Mo of Taunggyi Obstetric and Pediatric Hospital and Loilem District Women's Affairs Organization Daw Kyu Kyu Kan accompanied the kid and her parents on their flight to Yangon. The kid was accepted by Yankin Pediatric Hospital's anesthetist Dr Khin San Moe and party at the airport.

A team of surgeons led by Professor/Dean (Pediatric Surgery)

of Yangon University of Medicines (2), a team of anesthetists led by Professor/Dean (Anesthetics) of Yangon University of Medicines (2) Dr Mi Mi Aung, a team of healthcare specialists led by Professor/Dean (Pediatrics) of Yangon University of Medicines (2) Dr Ye Myint Kyaw, a team of pathologists led by specialist (X-ray) Dr Than Oo of Yankin Pediatric University, and information team led by Yankin Pediatric Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Myint Lwin conducted the medical.

Major operation for the kid started at 8 am on 16 July and completed at 4.15 pm. The child's health condition is improving. More surgeries for the kid will continue to be carried to amend misplaced ordinary digestion system.

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