

## President U Thein Sein visits Versailles Palace, Louvre Museum in Paris



*President U Thein Sein visits Versailles Palace in Paris of the French Republic.—MNA*

PARIS, 19 July—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein, accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thane, U Myat Hein and U Win Shein, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative

U Htay Oo, Deputy Ministers U Ye Htut and Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay, Ambassador U Kyaw Swa Min and departmental heads visited Versailles Palace in Paris of the French Republic yesterday morning.

Then, the President

and party viewed Louvre Museum.

During the visit, President U Thein Sein discussed future prospects on cultural conservation and development of National Museum in Myanmar.

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### Revocation of Proclamation of the State of Emergency

1. The State of Emergency was proclaimed with Ordinance No (1/2013) on 22-3-2013 to control the conflicts that harmed peace and stability in Meiktila Township, Mahlaing Township, Wundwin Township and Thazi Township in Meiktila District, Mandalay Region.
2. Even after the said order had reached 60 days on 20-5-2013 the restoration of peace and stability in the said townships was still in need. So the order was submitted to special session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for approval and extension as per the constitution on 21-5-2013. The special session approved the order to be remained in force for another 60 days starting from the date on which it was held. Sixty days had already passed on 19-7-2013.
3. As peace and stability has already been restored in Meiktila Township, Mahlaing Township, Wundwin Township and Thazi Township in Meiktila District, the Proclamation of Emergency Order was revoked as of today.

Sd/ Thein Sein

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Tourism

PPP system to be introduced to Myanmar's hotels and tourism industry



MANDALAY, 19 July — “There has been a boom in tourism industry rapidly in the country. With the higher hotel room prices, quality customer services should be placed in hotels. Participation of all in the smokeless industry is needed to avoid unwanted situations. Emergence of five-star hotels is necessary. Now Myanmar sees 29000 hotel

rooms and the number of rooms will reach 30000 soon. Hoteliers are to take part in the task of cleaning and greening U Pein Bridge and Mandalay Hill and tree-growing activities.

As tourism industry in Myanmar will go under People-Public-Private (PPP) system, collaboration among all is required for promotion of the tourism industry in Myanmar”, said Union

Minister U Htay Aung in meeting with hoteliers, tour operators and executives of tour guide association in Mandalay on 14 July.

Next, attendees of the meeting reported to the Union minister on opening of training courses at reasonable admission fee for promotion of hospitality industry and general matters.—Kyemon-Maung Pyithu (Mandalay)

Nation-building endeavors

North Okkalapa Township gets new transformer

YANGON, 19 July — with the aim of ensuring supply of electricity to residents at full voltage, Yangon City Electricity Supply Board has allowed installation of new transformers at wards

in Yangon in coordination with officials concerned at Township Electrical Engineer's Offices. Electrical staff led by North Okkalapa Township Electrical Engineer U

Wunna Kyaw installed a new 500-megawatt transformer at the corner of Khaymarkyaung street and Padamyastreet in (Hta) ward of North Okkalapa Township on 11 July.—Kyemon

Works to turn Yangon into clean, green under implementation

YANGON, 19 July — Works to turn Yangon into clean and green city are underway. Yangon roads are used to be littered with dried leaves and rubbishes thrown away by undisciplined persons and its image was once damaged. With adequate employment of cleaners and effective measures, clean

and tidy returned to roads and streets in Yangon. “Sanitation works were not effective in the past by reason of shortage of workers in the department concerned. Now, an adequate number of cleaners have been employed to clear litters and keep roads and streets neat and tidy. Even Hline

Township alone dumps about 60 tons of rubbish a day”, said a staff of the sanitation department.

Now, departments concerned under Yangon City Development Committee are working together to build Yangon into a city of international level, it is learnt.—Kyemon-Maung Thon Nya



Nyaungdonsu-Kyaikpi bailey bridge facilitates public transportation, contributing towards betterment in socio-economic status of local people

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 19 July — With the aim of ensuring smooth and secure transport for local people in Kyaiklat and Mawlamyinegyun Townships in Ayeyawady Region, a bailey bridge linking between Nyaungdonsu and Kyaikpi

villages was commissioned into service on 30 May. The new bridge thereby benefits local people from nearby 25 villages, facilitating public transportation.

Thanks to emergence of the bailey bridge, it enables local people to travel from

Kyawzan and Yonedaunk villages to Kyaiklat Township, Kyaikpi village to Lawkadat, Mayan and Gayam villages and Bogale Township, thereby contributing towards improvements in education, health, economic and social



Transportation

sectors of local people.

The Nyaungdonsu-Kyaikpi bailey bridge is 320 feet long and its water clearance area is 11 feet in height and 60 feet in width.

“The bridge brings betterment of socio-economic status for local people. We are motorcycle taxi drivers. Kyaikpi and Kyawzan villages and Bogale and Kyaiklat Townships used to be only accessible by boat. Thanks to the newly-inaugurated bailey bridge, we can travel and transport passengers to their destinations by motorbike at any time.

Moreover, students from 25 villages can attend Kyaikpi Basic Education High School by road, without crossing Kyaikpi river by boat. We cannot find any words to express thanks for putting the new bridge into service”, said Ko Min Min Oo and Ko Kyaw Min Khant.—Kyemon-Wai Phyo Aung

Crime

Low-grade opium seized in Tanai Township

MYITKYINA, 19 July — According to a tip-off, Police Sub-inspector Kyaw Thura and party of Tanai police station arrested a man and a woman together with K 668,800 worth of low-grade opium while conducting a search of a motorbike the suspects rode at a tollgate in Tanai at about 4 pm on 12 July.

During a search of the motorbike driven by

Maung Mayan Khun Ja, 36, together with Ma Phaw Yan Htu, 37, on the seat behind him, police discovered low-grade opium packed with white plastic in a red vacuum flask held by Ma Phaw Yan Htu.

Tanai police station charged the two suspects of Mogaung Township over possession of opium.

Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)





## WORLD

## Bilateral talks with US possible if N Korea takes action: Biden



US Vice President Joe Biden delivers a speech in Washington on 18 July, 2013.  
KYODO NEWS

WASHINGTON, 19 July—US Vice President Joe Biden urged North Korea on Thursday to take steps toward abandoning its nuclear programmes as a precondition for bilateral talks with the United States.

“Now North Korea is calling for dialogue,” Biden said in a speech in Washington. “But we are ready... only if North Korea’s prepared to engage in genuine negotiations.”

North Korea’s nuclear missile programme has presented a “clear” danger to stability in East Asia, Biden told the audience at George Washington University.

Kyodo News

## Iran’s President says ties with Iraq can play significant role in region

BAGHDAD, 19 July—The Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Thursday that Iran and Iraq have “exceptional” relation that can play a major role in the region.

Ahmadinejad, who arrived in Iraq’s capital Baghdad on Thursday afternoon, said “The Iran-Iraq relation is outstanding and exceptional, which is significant for spreading progress in the region.”

“We believe that if the Iranian and Iraqi peoples put their potential together in one path, they would lead the way to solutions to the problems in the region,” he said in a briefing after talks with Iraqi Vice President Khudair al-Khuzai.

The Iranian President also met with Iraqi Prime

Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

Maliki said a statement that “Iraq supports peaceful solutions to all problems in the region and adopts an open-door policy in its relations with all countries of the world on the basis of mutual respect and common interests.”

“The Iranian companies are invited to take part in the building and reconstruction of Iraq,” the statement added.

During his two-day visit, Ahmadinejad is to visit the holy Shiite shrine of al-Kadhim in Baghdad, as well as the shrines of Imam Hussein in Karbala, some 110 km southwest of Baghdad, and Imam Ali in Najaf, 160 km south of the capital.

Xinhua



Participants of an 85-day voyage around the world, organized by Tokyo-based nongovernmental organization Peace Boat, pose for photos before departing from Yokohama port on 18 July, 2013. Survivors of the 1945 US atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki and of the 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan are among the participants of the voyage to share their experiences and advocate the abolition of nuclear power and weapons.—KYODO NEWS

## US overhauling intelligence access to try to prevent another Snowden

ASPEN, 19 July—The United States is overhauling procedures to tighten access to top-secret intelligence in a bid to prevent another mega-leak like the one carried out by former spy agency contractor Edward Snowden, senior US officials said on Thursday.

The National Security Agency, which Snowden worked for as a Hawaii-based contractor, said it would lead the effort to isolate intelligence and implement a “two-man rule” for downloading—similar to procedures used to safeguard nuclear weapons.

“When are we taking countermeasures? ... The answer is now,” Deputy Defence Secretary Ashton Carter told the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado.

NSA Director General Keith Alexander told the forum the two-man rule would apply to system administrators like Snowden and anyone with access to sensitive computer server



National Security Agency Director Gen Keith Alexander speaks to AFCEA (Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association) International during a Cyber Symposium in Baltimore, Maryland on 27 June, 2013.—REUTERS

rooms. “You limit the numbers of people who can write to removable media,” Alexander said. “Instead of allowing all systems administrators (to do it), you drop it down to a few and use a two-person rule.”

“We’ll close and lock server rooms so that it takes two people to get in there.”

Carter partly blamed the security breach on the emphasis placed on intel-

ligence-sharing after the wake of the 11 September, 2001, attacks, which eventually allowed someone like Snowden to access so many documents at once.

“We normally compartmentalize information for a very good reason, so one person can’t compromise a lot,” Carter said. “Loading everything onto one server ... it’s something we can’t do. Because it cre-

ates too much information in one place.” Alexander said Snowden had been trusted with moving inside networks to make sure the right information was on the computer servers of the NSA in Hawaii.

Snowden fled to Hong Kong in May, a few weeks before publication in Britain’s *Guardian* newspaper and the *Washington Post* of details he provided about secret US government surveillance of Internet and phone traffic.

The disclosures by Snowden, who is wanted on espionage charges, have raised Americans’ concerns about domestic spying and strained relations with some US allies.

The 30-year-old American who has had his US passport revoked, is stuck in the transit area of Moscow’s Sheremetyevo Airport and has applied for temporary asylum in Russia.

Reuters

## Egypt President promises to fight chaos before pro-Mursi rallies

CAIRO, 19 July—Egypt’s interim President Adli Mansour promised on Thursday to fight those driving the nation towards chaos, hours before the Muslim Brotherhood plans mass protests to demand the return of ousted Islamist leader Mohamed Mursi.

Brotherhood supporters will take to the streets on Friday in their campaign to reverse the military overthrow of Egypt’s first freely-elected president, but the movement also gave a first sign of willingness to negotiate with its opponents.

Mansour pledged in his first public address since he was sworn in on 4 July to restore stability and security.

“We are going through a critical stage and some want us to move towards chaos and we want to move towards stability. Some

want a bloody path,” he said in a televised address. “We will fight a battle for security until the end.”

The rallies aim to show that Mursi’s supporters are not ready to accept the new military-backed government. However, a Brotherhood official also told *Reuters* on Thursday that the movement had proposed a framework for talks mediated by the EU.

Sworn into office on Tuesday, the cabinet of interim premier Hazem el-Beblawy busied itself with tackling Egypt’s many crises, buying foreign wheat to replenish stocks and banking \$3 billion (2 billion pounds) in badly needed aid from the United Arab Emirates.

Still stunned by the 3 July toppling of Mursi, his Muslim Brotherhood, and

allies grouped in what it calls the National Alliance for Legitimacy, urged the nationwide rallies on Friday, predicting millions would take to the streets.



“To every free Egyptian man and woman: Come out against the bloody military coup,” the alliance said in a statement. Brotherhood official Gehad el-Haddad, who represented the movement in previous EU-facilitated talks with other political groups, told *Reuters* that the organi-

Members of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporters of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi shout slogans while holding Egyptian flags at the Rabaa Adawiya square where they are camping, in Cairo on 18 July, 2013.—REUTERS

zation would not retreat from its demand for the reinstatement of Mursi. However, signalling for the first time a formal readiness for negotiations, he said the Brotherhood had proposed through an EU envoy a framework for talks to resolve Egypt’s crisis.—Reuters

## 3 of 9 parties support easing rules for constitutional change

TOKYO, 19 July—Three of nine Japanese political parties support lowering the legislative hurdle for amending the Constitution, while five are opposed, a *Kyodo News* survey showed on Friday.

The New Komeito

party, the coalition partner of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party, however, did not express a position on revising Article 96 as it has stated stringent rules need to be retained and the Constitution should not be treated

like other laws when making revisions.

The three parties that support amending Article 96 to ease the rules for initiating constitutional change are the LDP, the Japan Restoration Party and Your Party, while the opposition

Democratic Party of Japan, the People’s Life Party, the Japanese Communist Party, the Social Democratic Party, and the Green Wind party are opposed, according to the results of questionnaires filled out by the parties.—Kyodo News

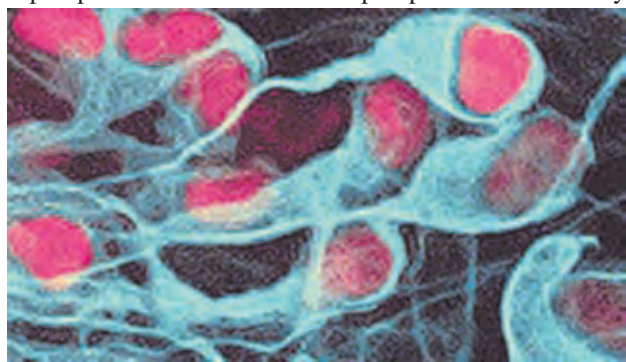


## SCIENCE &amp; TECHNOLOGY

## Chinese researchers find simple way to create stem cells

WASHINGTON, 19 July — Chinese researchers said on Thursday they have developed an “easy and safe way” to create stem cells, a breakthrough that could greatly promote the development of so-called therapeutic cloning to generate tissues and organs for treatment of diseases.

The method, described in the US journal *Science*, involved a cocktail of small-molecule compounds to re-programme somatic cells to a pluripotent state with the



ability to differentiate into any other type of cell in the body.

Previously, the genetic manipulation required to induce this pluripotent state, via nuclear transfer into oocytes or through the ectopic expression of defined factors, is complicated, a fact that has limited the cells' clinical applications so far.

In this study, Professor Deng Hongkui of Peking University said his team validated “a whole new route” to pluripotent stem cells by

inducing a pluripotent state in mouse somatic cells with a combination of seven small-molecule compounds.

“Small molecules have advantages because they can be cell permeable, non-immunogenic, more cost-effective, and can be more easily synthesized, preserved, and standardized,” the researchers wrote in their paper.

“Moreover, their effects on inhibiting and activating the function of specific proteins are often reversible and can be finely tuned by varying the concentrations,” they said.

In total, pluripotent stem cells can be generated from mouse somatic cells at a frequency up to 0.2 percent using the combination of small-molecule compounds, the researchers found.

To characterize their differentiation potential, they injected the chemically in-

duced pluripotent stem cells (CiPSCs) into immunodeficient mice and found that the cells were able to differentiate into tissues of all three germ layer. Unlike mice generated through traditional methods, the mice generated from CiPSCs were “100 percent viable and apparently healthy for up to 6 months,” they said.

Using the CiPSCs technology, the researchers have successfully created several healthy laboratory mice from fibroblastic cells in the adult mouse lung, including one called QingQing, Deng wrote in an email.

“QingQing has been living for more than 100 days up to now. It develops well and it's lively and healthy. What's more, QingQing has already got its own 'babies' and they no longer need to worry about their health,” Deng said.—*Xinhua*

## Scientists discover new dragonfly sub-species



WUHAN, 19 July— Scientists have discovered three ancient dragonfly sub-species indigenous to China at the Shennongjia Nature Reserve, one of the researchers announced on Wednesday.

“The three sub-species are found nowhere else in the world,” said Zhang Haomiao, an aquatic animal researcher from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Zhang said the sub-species can be used to monitor water quality, as they live only in the relatively pristine streams of Shennongjia and cannot tolerate polluted water.

The dragonflies do not like sunshine and only become active after dusk, the researcher said.

The scientists' findings have been published in the *International Journal of Odontology*.—*Xinhua*

## Israel's 'crazy' new step toward oil independence

NEW YORK, 19 July— Just as Israelis revolutionized the global water-tech industry, a new project aims to revolutionize smart transportation.

A car propelled by wind, a bicycle powered by a fuel cell, a train that floats on water – no idea was too farfetched to present at EcoMotion, a recent Israeli “unconference” presenting alternative smart transportation solutions at different stages of development.

“Over 250 people attended — from young students to entrepreneurs in their 70s and 80s — and everyone was really excited to share ideas and projects,” says Boaz Mamo, executive director of Ecomotion for the Israel Science Technology and Innovation Policy Institute (ISTIPI), which is co-sponsoring the initiative with the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Science, Keren Hayes-

od (United Israel Appeal) and the Israeli automotive industry.

“The atmosphere and energy were amazing. People stayed till 1 or 2 in the morning to talk more and create something together,” Mamo reports.

He stressed that EcoMotion isn't a one-time event, and it is not competitive. Its main purpose is to foster a creative, collaborative community of minds from a variety of



An electric personal golf cart?

disciplines. Any practical, concrete products that may arise from this community would be icing on the cake.

“We will continuously hold lots of small events during the year — workshops, meetings with investors and government officials — discussing collaborations to maintain the community and keep it strong,” says Malmo. “We are big believers in the free market. Everyone with an idea can take a shot at it, but we're not promising anything.”

EcoMotion complements Israel's national programme to reduce global dependency on oil, said Prof. Eugene Kandel, head of the National Economic Council. “We believe that innovation is a key component for success in this complex process,” he said in his open invitation to participants.

The invitation also made it clear that no solution would be considered too “crazy.”

Innovators, entrepreneurs, academics, philanthropists, representatives of financial and government institutions and international/local businesses (including heavy-hitters such as General Motors, Toyota, IBM, Elbit, Rafael, IAI, Mobil-Eye and Vulcan) were encouraged to listen to each other's ideas — no matter how wacky — and form working relationships.

Reuters

## Google's quarterly results take a hit due to falling ad rates, Motorola losses



NEW YORK, 19 July — Google Inc on Thursday reported second-quarter results short of Wall Street's estimates as weakening prices for the Internet company's ads and widening losses from its Motorola mobile phone business weighed on the bottom line.

The falling ad prices surprised analysts and investors, who expected recent changes to the web search company's advertising system to help mitigate the effects of an industry-wide shift to mobile advertising.

## UnionPay launches mobile-pay device

BEIJING, 19 July — In a bid to woo individual users, China UnionPay, the country's sole bankcard transaction settlement company, yesterday launched a portable payment device that can be attached to smartphones.

Shanghai-based UnionPay has been beefing up its presence on the retail front especially in the face of the rising number of mobile apps offered by non-financial payment firms such

as Alipay, in contrast to its previous focus on serving vendors and financial institutions and building networks at home and abroad.

Smartphone users with iOS and Android operating systems can use the portable device to check the balance of their debit cards and pay credit card bills as well as public utility fees and conduct real-time transfer to other China UnionPay debit cards.

Earlier this year, Google changed the way market-

ers run ad campaigns on Google, blurring the distinction between ads destined for PCs and mobile ads, in a move that some analysts believed could help bolster Google's overall ad prices.

That did not happen in the second quarter. “We've got to assume that maybe Enhanced Campaigns is not going to provide the pricing boost that a lot of people were expecting,” said JMP Securities analyst Ronald Josey, referring to a new ad policy program unveiled by Google in February.

The average price of Google's online ads slid a larger-than-expected 6 percent year-on-year in the second quarter, compared with the first quarter's 4 percent decrease.

One problem may be that consumers don't click on mobile ads as often as they do on desktop PCs, said BGC Partners analyst Colin Gillis.—*Reuters*



EcoMotion drew 250 people with ideas for alternative transportation.

Xinhua



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## US city Detroit files for bankruptcy

CHICAGO, 19 July—US city Detroit filed for bankruptcy on Thursday, making it the largest-ever municipal bankruptcy in US history, local media reported. Detroit, saddled with more than 18 billion US dollars in debt, became the biggest US city in history to file for bankruptcy. The 16-page petition was filed in US Bankruptcy Court in Detroit.

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder authorized Kevyn Orr, Detroit emergency manager, to file for federal bankruptcy, saying “it is clear that the financial

emergency in Detroit cannot be successfully addressed outside of such a filing, and it is the only reasonable alternative that is available.” Kevin Orr, a bankruptcy expert, was hired by the Michigan state in March to lead Detroit out of a fiscal free-fall and made the filing in federal bankruptcy court. Snyder’s office was making plans to hold a Friday morning news conference at the Maccabees Building, Midtown, where the governor declared a financial emergency for Detroit on 1 March.

If the bankruptcy fil-



ing is approved, Detroit city assets could be liquidated to satisfy demands for debts payment. According to NBC News, a number of factors, notably steep

population and tax base falls, have been blamed on Detroit’s tumble toward insolvency. The population of Detroit that in the 1950s reached 1.8 million

is now struggling to stay above 700,000. Much of the middle-class and scores of businesses have fled Detroit, taking their tax dollars with them. —Xinhua

## Chrysler to recall 60,720 vehicles in China

BEIJING, 19 July—US automaker Chrysler will recall 60,720 vehicles exported to China to fix various problems that could pose safety risks, China’s top quality watchdog said on Friday.

The recall affects 49,754 Chrysler’s Compass and Patriot vehicles manufactured between 14 Oct, 2009 and 18 July, 2012, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said in a statement.

The company will replace their air bag control modules, which were inadvertently programmed with software that may compromise air bag deployment.

The recall also includes Chrysler’s 300C models manufactured between 8 Aug, 2012 and 14 Nov, 2012, covering 947 vehicles with faulty warning lights in the dashboards, according to the statement.

In addition, Chrysler will also recall 10,019 imported Jeep Wranglers in China manufactured between 12 Aug, 2011 and 23 Feb, 2013.

The vehicles in question have faulty designs that may lead to fuel leakage and increase the risk of fire, the statement said.

Problems with the recalled vehicles will be fixed by Chrysler China free of charge. —Xinhua

## H7N9 could efficiently spread from human to human someday

WASHINGTON, 19 July—The H7N9 bird flu virus may be highly transmissible among ferrets, a common animal model for studying how flu might spread in humans, Chinese researchers reported on Thursday.

Though H7N9 appears to have been brought under control, the researchers warned in a study published online in the US journal *Science* that the character of the virus, including its pandemic potential, “remains largely unknown” and that it’s possible the virus can efficiently spread between humans eventually.

“We must have material and technical reserves, including policies and measures for possible reemergence of the H7N9 virus in the future, otherwise the virus could hit the world hard,” Chen Hualan, director of China’s National Avian Influenza Reference Laboratory at Harbin Veterinary Research Institute, who led the study, told *Xinhua* by phone.

To investigate the possible origins of the H7N9 viruses that caused human infections, Chen’s team collected more than 10,000 samples from poultry markets, poultry farms, wild bird habitats, and poultry and swine slaughterhouses across China from March to

May this year.

All samples were inoculated individually into 10-day-old embryonated chicken eggs for virus isolation, and 238 influenza viruses were isolated from these samples, of which 52 viruses were confirmed as the H7N9 subtype, Chen said.

To understand the genetic relationship of these viruses, the researchers then sequenced the genome of 37 representative H7N9 viruses that had been isolated from various bird species, the majority of which originated in live poultry markets, and compared them with those of the five human isolates that have been reported.

According to the researchers, the viruses were genetically closely related and bound to human airway receptors, and some also maintained the ability to bind to avian airway receptors.

They also found all of the H7N9 strains isolated from birds replicated easily in chickens, ducks and mice without causing any disease but human strains caused mice to shed up to 30 percent of their body weight.

Most importantly, one virus isolated from humans is able to transmit efficiently between ferrets by respiratory droplet, raising the possibility of eventual airborne

transmission between humans.

“We found great similarities among these human and avian strains, except for dozens of amino acid differences, but surprisingly they showed large differences in biological characteristics,” Chen said.

“The findings suggest that only a few amino acid changes would be needed to make the avian H7N9 viruses highly transmissible,” she said.

The researchers also warned that its nonpathogenic nature in poultry enables the H7N9 virus to “replicate silently” in avian species and to transmit to humans, providing further opportunities for the virus to acquire more mutations and become more virulent and transmissible in the human population.

Xinhua

## Australia welcomes Indonesia’s decision to import more Australian cattle

CANBERRA, 19 July—Australia welcomes the decision by the Indonesian government to increase the number of Australian cattle it will import, a Press release from Minister for Agriculture and on Fishery Joel Fitzgibbon said Friday.

The new regulation released in Indonesia on Thursday allows for the import of an additional 25,000 head of cattle from Australia in the next three months. Further imports for the second three month period will be advised by the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture.

“Importantly there is no weight restriction on the cattle to be exported with Indonesia indicating that the animals should be ready

for slaughter,” Fitzgibbon said.

Australia had imposed a temporary ban on live exports to Indonesia in 2011, following claims that cattle were being mistreated. Although the export ban was lifted later in 2011, Indonesia reduced its import quota from 660,000 head to 260,000 per year.

Graziers said the ban and a state-wide drought have left the industry in crisis.

The new decision by Indonesia came after discussions between Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the Indonesian President Susilio Bambang Yudhoyono during Rudd’s visit to Jakarta earlier this month.

Xinhua

## Coke likely to face Vitaminwater class-action, but not for money

NEW YORK, 19 July—A US federal judge has recommended that Coca-Cola Co face a class-action lawsuit accusing it of misleading consumers by overstating the health benefits of its Vitaminwater drink.

In a decision made public on Thursday, US Magistrate Judge Robert Levy in Brooklyn, New York nonetheless said consumers could not sue as a group for money damages, a “central” part of their case, but rather to try to change how Coca-Cola labels and markets the product.

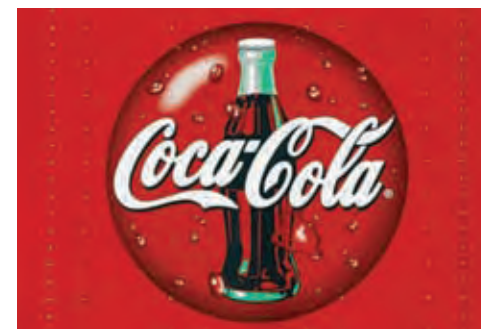
Plaintiffs in the 4-1/2-year-old lawsuit included California and New York residents, with sup-

port from the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group.

The group accused Coca-Cola of deceptively marketing Vitaminwater as an alternative to water and sugared soft drinks that could promote healthy joints, boost the immune system and help people fight eye disease, among other health benefits.

Levy said the plaintiffs had standing to sue by claiming they were misled into believing that Vitaminwater was healthier than it really was, or that other beverages would have been.

But he said that while monetary relief was “central to their claims,” and that



A Coca-Cola logo on a truck at a distribution centre in Alexandria, Virginia on 16 Oct, 2012. REUTERS

damages per individual were likely small, the consumers could not sue as a group to obtain it because of the variations in how much each individual paid or was owed.

Plaintiffs “have not presented a class-wide damages model that can be used based on common proof, or a reliable method of distributing

damages to putative class members,” he wrote.

The case now goes to US District Judge Dora Irizarry for approval. Federal district judges typically accept magistrate judges’ recommendations.

Both sides welcomed parts of the decision.

Reuters





## WORLD

## Brazilian President pledges more investment in public transport

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 July— In the wake of the month-long anti-government protests, President Dilma Rousseff on Thursday stressed the need for more investments in public transport nationwide, especially in subway systems.

At the inauguration ceremony of a subway line in Ceara state, northeastern Brazil, the president said that mid-size cities and capitals of less-developed states should receive as many investments in urban transport as larger states' capitals of the southeast did in the 1990s.

Criticizing former administrations from the 1980s and 1990s for failing to invest in the underground transport system, Rousseff said investments were being made in subway net-

works, light rail transit and dedicated bus lanes.

She also said the subway system is contributing to a better quality of life because of its faster speed.

"People spend a lot of time inside buses. When you make a project like this (the new subway line), people are in a better condition to face a day of work and return to their leisure and to their homes earlier," she added.

Rousseff's push for better public transport came in the wake of the month-long anti-government protests that were first sparked by transit fare hikes amid massive government spending on prestigious sporting events, such as the 2014 FIFA World Cup and 2016 Olympic Games.

Xinhua



Brazilian president Dilma Rousseff

## Indian to review free meal for schoolchildren after massive poisoning

NEW DELHI, 19 July— The Indian government on Thursday decided to set up a committee to review the implementation of its flagship free midday meal scheme for schoolchildren, after at least 27 children died of a massive poisoning in a midday meal on Tuesday, which also downed more than 50 other children.

The government also intended to monitor better the quality of food served

and ensure hygiene standards for children, said *Press Trust of India*.

The Human Resources Development Ministry, which is in charge of implementing the free meal programme, said it had earlier alerted 12 Bihar districts about food quality, after shortcomings were found.

The tragedy in Bihar triggered angry protests in the state, one of the poorest in India.—Xinhua

## JAL 787 returns to Boston over fuel pump problem

TOKYO, 19 July —A Japan Airlines Boeing 787 bound for Narita airport near Tokyo returned to Boston shortly after takeoff on Thursday evening due to signs of a problem with one

of its fuel pumps, the airline said on Friday.

Indicators in the cockpit pointed to the problem about an hour after takeoff when the plane was 650 kilometres northwest of

## UN pays tribute as Nelson Mandela turns 95

UNITED NATIONS, 19 July—The United Nations on Thursday marked the Nelson Mandela International Day, celebrating the South African leader's 95th birthday and honouring his devotion to public service, social justice and reconciliation.

"Nelson Mandela is a giant of our times. He gave 67 years of his life to the struggle for human rights," said UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at a special UN General Assembly (UNGA) meeting to mark the Day, which was declared by the UNGA in 2009 to commemorate Mandela's contribution to the culture of peace and freedom.

As the anti-apartheid leader turned 95 in hospital, "we are united in concern," Ban said. "We are also joined in admiration for a towering figure in the world-wide fight for equality and justice, a model of compassion and integrity, a man who took on and then gracefully relinquished the responsibility of power."



United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon (1st R) speaks next to former US president Bill Clinton (C) and Reverend Jesse Jackson during an informal plenary meeting of the UN General Assembly on the occasion of the Nelson Mandela International Day, at the UN headquarters in New York, on 18 July, 2013.—XINHUA

In that spirit, "today and every day, we want to mobilize the human family to take action, inspire change, and build a more peaceful, sustainable and equitable world," the UN chief said.

He added that, to commemorate the Day, the UN

is joining a call by the Nelson Mandela Foundation to "Take Action, Inspire Change" to volunteer 67 minutes to help others.

According to Ban, while UN staff in New York are helping to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Sandy last

fall, elsewhere around the world, UN staff are engaging in various volunteer activities such as preparing meals for the elderly, helping out in orphanages, cleaning up parks and organizing computer literacy workshops.

Xinhua

## Ex-CIA official, convicted of kidnapping in Italy, held in Panama

PANAMA CITY, 19 July— Former CIA Milan station chief Robert Seldon Lady, convicted in Italy of kidnapping an Egyptian Muslim cleric, has been arrested in Panama, Italian and Panamanian officials said on Thursday.

Italy's top court last year upheld a guilty verdict against Seldon Lady for the kidnapping of Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr.

Seldon Lady was originally sentenced in the first trial of its kind against "rendition" flights practiced by the administration of former US President George W Bush.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, a Panamanian police official said Seldon Lady had been arrested by Panama's border authorities and handed over

to Interpol. It was not clear where Seldon Lady would be taken.

Italy and Panama have no bilateral extradition treaty, according to documents on the Italian Justice Ministry's website.

Earlier on Thursday, Italian judicial sources also said that Seldon Lady had been captured in Panama.

The CIA declined to comment. Osama Nasr was snatched from a Milan street in 2003 and flown to Egypt for interrogation, where he says he was tortured for seven months. The

imam, also known as Abu Omar, was a resident of Italy at the time of the abduction.

Prosecutors alleged the CIA flew the imam from northern Italy via Germany to Egypt, where he says he was tortured with electric shocks, beatings, rape threats and genital abuse.

In 2009, an Italian judge sentenced 23 Americans, including Seldon Lady, in absentia for the abduction of the cleric. Seldon Lady was handed a nine-year jail term, the heaviest sentence.—Reuters

## Common interests to outweigh lurking trouble between Egypt, Turkey

CAIRO, 19 July —Turkey's discontent over the ouster of former Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi bodes trouble between the two regional powers, but analysts here believe such an issue is "ephemeral" compared with prevailing common interests. Recently Cairo and Ankara have been trading "hot statements" after Morsi was ousted amid mass protests against the "maladministration" during his one-year rule.

Both Turkish President Abdullah Gul and Foreign Minister Ahmed Davutoglu called the ouster a "coup against democracy," which was seen as "clear intervention" by the Egyptian transitional authorities.

"Such statements represent a challenge for the people's will," Egyptian presidency media advisor Ahmed al-Moslmanny said on Tuesday, asking Turkish officials to prioritize the country's historical relations with Egypt and their common interests.

Xinhua



A child plays in a water fountain during a heatwave in New York of the United States, on 18 July, 2013.

XINHUA



LOCAL NEWS

Yadana Theinga Bridge to be opened on 24 July



SHWEDO, 19 July— Ayeyawady River crossing Yadana Theinga Bridge near Nwenein Village in Kyaukyaung Sub-Township in Shwebo District in Sagaing Region is scheduled to open on 24 July, according to in-charge U Kyaw Lin of special bridge construction group which is undertaking the construction.

“As the bridge links Sagaing Region and Mandalay Region, Shwebo, Mogok, Mandalay trips would be smoothen upon completion of the bridge.” he said.

The construction was

started on 16 April, 2010, by special road and bridge construction group (14).

It joins Ngwenein village in Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township in Shwebo District of Sagaing Region and Singu in PyinOoLwin District of Mandalay Region.

The Bridge has the length of 2480 ft.

It can withstand 45 tons of load on two lanes and one 75-ton vehicle.

Upon completion, the commodity flow among Shwebo, Mandalay and Myitkyina would be swifter than ever before.

MMAL-Ye Htut

Glaze ware entrepreneurs dealt blow after wood smuggling rumours

SHWEDO, 19 July— Traditional glaze ware entrepreneurs in Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township in Shwebo District are facing difficulties as the rumours of log smuggling on the vessels are being spread, according to the entrepreneurs.

“Our region produces nothing but glaze ware. It is not easy to obtain wood for construction of a house, letting alone the smuggling,” U Tin of Han Win Saw glaze ware entrepreneur said.

A newspaper reported the logs hidden under the glaze wares in vessels are being smuggled to Ayeyawady Region,

Yangon Region and Bago Region.

As the authorities often raided the vessels, the vessels have suffered delays in transportation.

U Tin, who is also a townselder of the Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township, said the report is “baseless”.

In the raids, the glaze wares were unloaded often at risk of damaging the glaze wares. There are only five glaze ware entrepreneurs—U Tin, Dr U Aung Bo, U Soe Naing Oo, U Soe Soe Kyaw and U Zaw Min Lwin—transporting the glaze wares to delta areas from Kyaukmyaung Sub-Township.

Awza (Monywa)



Meiktila passenger bus, truck association honours outstanding students

MEIKTILA, 19 July— Passenger Buses and Cargo Trucks Association under All Vehicles Supervisory Committee of Meiktila honoured outstanding students from families of the members at Aung Mingala Hall in Meiktila on 17 July.

Stipends were also granted at the ceremony.

District Deputy Commitssioner U Tin Maung Soe delivered a speech at the ceremony.

Awards were presented to 30 students who passed the matriculation students in 2012-2013 academic

year, two four-distinction winners, three two-distinction winners and a one-distinction winner.

The stipends of K 1.2 million were presented to students from families of the membrers.

It was attended by the District Deputy Commissioner, District Police Commander Police Col Saw Nay Lin, the Township Administrator, the Township Police Force Commander, the officials of All Vehicles Supervisory Committee, members and guests.—MMAL-164

SEA Games billboard mistake corrected

KAWTHOUNG, 19 July— Some discrepancies in the SEA Games public awareness raising billboard erected in Kawthoung of Kawthoung District since 19 June have been resolved one day after Myanma Alinn reported the error on 16 July.

The errors include the colour code of the flag of Vietnam.

The billboards were arranged by sponsor companies and erected by District/Township Sports and Physical Education Department.—MMAL- Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)



High-sale cars at high risk of combustion

YANGON, 19 July— Toyota Probox and Honda Fit at high risks of burning due to overheated engines among exported vehicles, according to market sources.

The sale of these cars is high as the demand continues to rise, according to agents in Thiri Mingala and Min Ye Kyaw Swa car markets.

Overloaded Toyota Probox and Honda Fit in hilly areas witnessed combustion, shrinking the countryside demand of the cars.

The used exported

cars are 2006 and 2008 models, but they have been run over 60,000 km.

“The combustion of Probox and Fit is caused by low-skill repairmen who remove the thermometer,” U Moe, one of exporters, said. They suggested that the diesel engine Probox should be selected for use in hilly areas as both diesel and kerosene engine cars are available in the market. Among the exported cars of quick sale are Toyota Probox, Belta, Nissan, AD Van, Mazada Demino and Honda Fit.

MMAL-Kyi (Yankin)

Extempore, poem recitation contests held in Toungoo

TOUNGOO, 19 July— An inter-school extempore and poem recitation contests in commemoration of 66<sup>th</sup> Martyrs’ Day which falls on 19 July, were organized at Khabaung Hall in Toungoo on 17 July morning.

Ten high school students and ten middle

students participated in the extempore contest.

On 18 July, primary students recited poems praising the martyrs.

The contest was attended by Toungoo District Education Officer, teachers, students and officials.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)



Agricultural loans disbursed in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 19 July— Kachin State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Bi Htaw Zaung and State Agriculture Coordination Committee members attended the ceremony to grant agricultural loans for monsoon paddy in 2013 at Myitkyina Township Bank Branch in Kachin State recently. The region

minister disbursed loans of K 11.5 million to Akye village-tract and K 74.5 million to Tatkon ward.

He then delivered an address to the farmers at the ceremony.

The Kachin State Bank Branch will grant loans for 171000 acres of monsoon paddy by the end of this month.—MMAL-Moe Ky (Myitkyina)

Upgraded school opened in Taungdwingyi Tsp

TAUNGDWINGYI, 19 July—The opening ceremony of upgraded Basic Education Middle School from BEMS (branch) in Thebyu Model Village in SemeeTun village-tract in Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Region was held on 17 July morning. It was attended by Magway Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker

U Saw Win Maung, Chin Nationality Affairs Minister Salai U Hla Tun, Region Hluttaw Representative U Kyi Thein, and Township Education Officer U Kyaw Lwin.

They formally opened the school building and sprinkled scented water on the signboard of the school.

MMAL-Naing Win





## President U Thein Sein calls for UNESCO's continued support to protect culture and improve education



President U Thein Sein holds talks with UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova.—MNA

PARIS, 19 July—UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova pledged to accompany Myanmar's reform agenda by strengthening support to education, youth skills and the protection of tangible and intangible cultural heritage, during a meeting with President U Thein Sein in Paris on 17 July.

"When there is strong political will and ownership of policies as in education and culture, we can accompany you in meeting your priorities and be successful, and I definitely see this political will in Myanmar," said the Director-General, who had met previously with the President during her official visit to Myanmar in August 2012. Since then, she said, a full-fledged office had been established in Yangon to expand cooperation with the country.

Expressing appreciation for UNESCO's cooperation with Myanmar, President U Thein Sein outlined several development challenges. Despite high school enrolment and adult literacy rates, he noted that "we have a high rate of drop out after elementary school, so it is pertinent that we are trying our best to implement: the Education for All initiative by 2015." Mrs Bokova drew attention to her visit to the Yangon Institute of Education, and to UNESCO's projects to strengthen pre-service teacher education and to set up a Centre for Excellence for Business Skills Development in the Yangon Institute of Economics.

Turning to culture, the President affirmed that "the Government is trying its best to preserve Myanmar's rich cultural heritage but we lack conservation technologies to do so," requesting further technical assistance from UNESCO.

The Director-General commended Myanmar for submitting the nomination of the Pyu Ancient Cities to the World Heritage List, and for its commitment to conserve and protect its immense cultural heritage, including the Bagan Archaeological Area and Monuments, which she had visited. "You are a country so rich in cultural heritage, not to have a site inscribed on the World Heritage List is a loss for the whole of humanity," said Mrs Bokova. "This heritage is a challenge to protect and preserve, and it is very important to train experts and specialists," she said, assuring the President

of UNESCO's continued commitment to build capacities, including with donor support. The President also called upon UNESCO to assist in the restoration of colonial buildings in Yangon, a subject he had discussed in London earlier in the week with the Prince of Wales Foundation.

President U Thein Sein also shared Myanmar's deep appreciation for the inscription of the Mahalawkarazein on the Memory of the World Register in 2013, the country's first heritage on the list.

This Stone inscription is a collection of 729 stone slabs on which are inscribed the Tipitaka—the full Buddhist scriptures. "The people of Myanmar are very pleased about this because it carries great religious importance." He called for further cooperation with UNESCO to preserve

the culture and traditions of the country's ethnic groups, a point welcomed by the Director-General. "In a country as diverse as Myanmar, it is important to look at how the protection of the intangible cultural heritage can serve as a tool for national cohesion. We know from experience that by inscribing the traditions of minorities we give them reassurance about their place in a society."

Noting that Myanmar will be the Chair of ASEAN in 2014, the Director-General drew attention to the expected signing of a Framework for Cooperation between UNESCO and ASEAN at the 37<sup>th</sup> session of the General Conference in November.

"This will be a solid basis for partnership with ASEAN that will also enable us to develop further our cooperation," said Mrs. Bokova. President U Thein Sein welcomed this and reiterated Myanmar's to continue strengthening cooperation with UNESCO.

The Director-General encouraged Myanmar to run for different committees ahead of next General Conference, noting that she would like to see the country more visible in such areas as education, sustainable development, biodiversity and culture. "This will give you more access to our networks and provide openings onto different experiences," she said.

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## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 20 July, 2013

### Cherish Every Grain

Have you ever wondered how much effort is required to grow rice, our staple food, and a bowl of rice costs from cultivation to the dining table? Have the thought of hunger ever crossed your mind while you are having ample foods or throwing leftovers?

There are, according to the latest Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) statistics, 870 million hungry people in the world and 98 percent of them are in developing countries. Hunger and malnutrition put crippling economic burden on the developing world while making the individuals susceptible to infectious diseases and increasing the risk of premature death.

Hunger and malnutrition are in fact the number one risk to the health worldwide—greater than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. Natural disasters, conflict, poverty, poor agricultural infrastructure and over-exploitation of environment are the major causes of hunger.

It is quite absurd that farmers, the producers, themselves are making up the large proportion of the world's hungry population. In particular, smallholder farming communities are surviving off marginal lands prone to natural disasters like drought or flood. When there is no water, they run into crises and when there is too much of it, they also have to bear the hardship. Is this the reward for their elbow grease?

Three-quarters of all hungry people live in rural areas, mainly in the villages of Asia and Africa. Overwhelmingly dependent on agriculture for their food, these populations have no alternative source of income or employment and as a consequence, many migrate to cities in search for employment, increasing the number of poor and hungry people living on the periphery of the biggest cities.

While some parts of the world are starving, some are wasting foods. While some parts of the world are grappling with malnourishment, some are addressing the problem of obesity. Given the economic disparities, it should be kept in mind the hard work behind every grain of rice.

### JTB Polestar Co Ltd launched in Yangon

YANGON, 19 July—The opening of JTB Polestar Co Ltd was held at Traders Hotel, here, yesterday evening. President and CEO Mr. Hiromi Tagawa of JTB Pte Ltd extended greetings at the ceremony.

Then, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe expressed thanks for making investment in Myanmar by JTB with over 100 years' experience in tourism industry, saying that over 500,000 tourists

visited Myanmar at the end of first quarter and he expected to reach 1,800,000 in 2013. He also expressed his belief to be able to further cement Myanmar-Japan amity through cooperation of tourism agencies.

Afterwards, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Mikio NUMATA extended greetings and the region chief minister and officials formally opened the company.

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Opening of JTB Polestar Co Ltd in progress.—MNA



NATIONAL

**Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham pays tribute to fallen...**

(from page 16)  
the Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw and representatives of political parties also laid wreaths at the mausoleum and paid

tribute to fallen national heroes General Aung San and others.

Non-governmental organizations and diplomats from embassies in

Yangon and the European Union laid wreaths at the mausoleum and paid tribute to the fallen national heroes.

The people also paid tribute to the fallen national heroes at the Martyrs' Mausoleum today.

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*Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa and MPs paying tribute to fallen national heroes at Martyrs' Mausoleum.—MNA*



*U Ba Cho's family paying tribute to fallen national heroes at Martyrs' Mausoleum.—MNA*

**Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker donates cash to Bogyoke Aung San's Home Museum**



*Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint visits Bogyoke Aung San's Home Museum in Natmauk.—MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint visited the Bogyoke Aung San's Home Museum in Natmauk today.

During his visit, the Speaker suggested the responsible personnel of the museum to enlarge the documentary photos displayed at the museum and to describe captions of the photos.

He also contributed K 1 million to the funds of the museum.

The Speaker also visited the Bogyoke Aung San Bronze Statue in the Bogyoke Park and paid tribute to the fallen national hero. During the visit, he suggested Ministry of



*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein poses for documentary photo with Editorial Director Mrs Kathleen de Lacy of Foreign Policy Magazine and party. (News on Page 16)*

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*Tha Khin Mya's family laying a wreath at Martyrs' Mausoleum.—MNA*



*Mahn Ba Khaing's family laying a wreath at Martyrs' Mausoleum.—MNA*



*U Razat's family laying a wreath at Martyrs' Mausoleum.—MNA*



Culture to seek fund for maintenance of the statue and the place.

He also went to No 1 Basic Education High School in Yenangyoung and viewed script of Bogyoke Aung San. Bogyoke Aung San used the wrote notes for Pali subject in the note book when he was a university student in 1933, and the book was donated by writer Yenannyay Thar Pe to the school.

At the school, the Speaker accepted the notebook handed over by Township Education Officer Daw Thaug Myint and Headmistress of the School Daw Mu Mu Tun to the State for conservation.

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**Complaints for bribery and corruption**

Complaints about bribery and corruption can be addressed to the Anti-Corruption Committee, the President Office at Office No. 18, Nay Pyi Taw, by anyone with his/her name, CSC No., address and firm evidence.

Action will be taken against those who got involved in bribery and corruption in accordance with the law after a thorough investigation.



## Agriculture

## Mechanized paddy transplanted in Dawei



DAWEI, 19 July—A Myint's 5-acre plot in Zaha ceremony of monsoon paddy cultivating with machine was held at U Win here, yesterday morning. The ceremony was

attended by Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko, the chief justice of the region, region ministers, the auditor-general, the advocate-general of the region, departmental officials, 105 farmers of Maungmalshung, Thabyaychaung and Zaha villages and the local people.

Three plots were cultivated the Paletwe hybrid paddy with the use of machine and one plot through traditional method.

*Kyemon-District IPRD*

## Malaysian University UCSI to conduct workshop on "A World without Engineers" in Yangon, Mandalay

YANGON, 19 July—A workshop titled "A World without Engineers" for Myanmar students interested in engineering will be held in Yangon and Mandalay.

The workshop will be conducted by the Ministry of Education from Malaysia and UCSI University. The university has been giving

lectures on PhD, Degree and Diploma subjects and turning out the engineers recognized by Washington Accord member Board of Engineers Malaysia.

The workshop will be held in Yangon at UMFCCI from 9 am to 12 noon on 3 August and at Hotel Mandalay Hall at the

same time on 4 August in Mandalay. The enthusiasts and students are invited to attend the workshop free of charge. Those wishing to attend the workshop are to register at JANKO Education Services, Ph-09-5062891, 09-420079631 and 09-421092220.

*Moe Thu*

## Over 4 g of heroin found on 41-yr old man in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 19 July—A 41-year-old "Wa" ethnic man was facing a narcotic charge

after police found 4.1 g of heroin on him in Tachilek on 15 July.

Police found 3.5 g and 0.6 g in plastic bottles totaling 4.1 g in a leather bag on Aikkaik (a) Hsan Aung of Narkaungmu Village in Mongton Township at the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge in Tachilek, Shan State (East).

The combined team comprising members of Tachilek anti-drug squad and police stopped and searched him at the check-point of the bridge.—*Kyemon-Myint Mo (Tachilek)*

## Business

## Pakokku Tsp Brokers Association holds AGM



PAKOKKU, 19 July—Pakokku Township Brokers Association in Magway Region held its annual general meeting at the township brokerage on 15 July.

A total of 375 members attended the meeting. Chairman of the Association U Soe Lwin, Auditor U Than Lwin, Treasurer U

Cho and Secretary U Sein Lwin reported on financial matters, functions and six-month period report.

Seven supplements and two amendments were approved at the meeting.

The auction and senior system would be practised as usual in Pakokku Brokerage and 30 lucky draws awarded.

*Kyemon-Township IPRD*

## Health Care Activities

## People-centered healthcare in Thaton

THATON, 19 July—People-centered healthcare services and share health knowledge organized by Mon State Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee took place at Basic Education High School of Yinnyein Station in Paung Township on 14 July.

On the occasion, Dr Maung Maung Lwin, Head of Thaton Township Health Department, gave talks on prevention against dengue hemorrhagic fever and Dr Aye Yu Thwe, Leader of Nourishing Group of Mon



State Health Department Township. Patron Daw San San of State WAO and Patron Daw San San Lwin of State MCWSC donated cash and medicines. 729 local peoples in Poug

Township.

Patron Daw San San of State WAO and Patron Daw San San Lwin of State MCWSC donated cash and medicines.

*Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)*

## Dentists provide dental health care services to patients



YANGON, 19 July—A 55-member group led by Chairman of the branch of Yangon Region Dental Association Prof Dr U Pwint Phu provided not only dental health care but dissemination of medical knowledge to people in Thongwa Township on 14 July.

They gave talks on dental health care to 313

patients and 813 people including students and town dwellers. They also provided dental health care services to 340 people. The group made medical check-up and disseminating dental health for 476 people.

The group gave toothbrushes to all patients. They also donated K 100,000 to Weikzawdaya Monastery and K 60,000 to Kyaungthit Kyaung Monastery.

Vice-Chairman of the Association Dr Naing Tun Thwin said that dental health care services have been provided to patients by 40 dentists for 14 years and dissemination of dental health care will be conducted in Kayan, Taikkyi, Hlinethaya and Mingaladon Townships spending the fund of association.

*Kyemon-Myo Min Thura*

## Personal hygiene, medical checkup given to primary students in Kani Township

KANI, 19 July—With the aim of disseminating knowledge about personal knowledge to primary students, staff of Health Department made field trips to grassroots level for checking personal hygiene and medical checkup at Basic Education High School No 2 in Kani of Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 16 July.

The medical staff checked the students for tooth caries, iron deficiency,

goiter and iodine deficiency diseases.

An official of Township Health Department said that thanks to health care services, the schoolchildren would have good practices of taking care of their health. He continued that the field trips of the health staff were aimed at enabling the students to understand personal hygiene and prevention against diseases.—*Kyemon-Kani Township IPRD*



*Health staff perform medical checkup at children.*



## REGIONAL

## Japanese parties concerned about voter turnout before election

TOKYO, 19 July—Japanese political parties are concerned about voter turnout for Sunday's upper house election and its impact on the eventual makeup of parliament.

Ruling and opposition parties believe that voters' interest in the House of Councillors election is weakening, as media reports have suggested the ruling coalition

led by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party is headed for a comfortable victory. They predict voter turnout will fall below the previous 2010 upper house election level of 57.92 percent. Voter turnout has remained below 60 percent for seven straight elections since 1992, hitting an all-time low of 44.52 percent in 1995.

*Kyodo News*



Misayo Nakazawa, wife of the late cartoonist Keiji Nakazawa, visits an exhibition on his comic series "Hadashi no Gen" (Barefoot Gen) in Hiroshima on 19 July, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

## Thailand to host 2013 World Stamp Exhibition

BANGKOK, 19 July—More than 2,000 stamp collections will be exhibited at the World Stamp Exhibition 2013 in Bangkok in August.

Thailand Post, a state enterprise, has been chosen by Federation International de Philatelie (F.I.P.) to host the exhibition in order to celebrate the 130th anniversary of the launching of Thailand's first stamp.

The event is scheduled to be held during 2 to 14 August at Siam Paragon Shopping Mall in central Bangkok.

Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn has graciously accepted the exhibition under royal patronage, and has given her personal collection to be put on display as well.

The Thailand 2013

World Stamp Exhibition will be held under the theme of "Art and Happiness", showcasing art works related to stamp collections from all over the world.

The company had been a host of World Stamp Exhibition for three times, including in 1983, 1993 and 2003, and hosted World Youth Stamp Exhibition in 1999 as well. The event, the goal of which is to improve stamp collecting, will be both a showcase and a competition under the rule of F.I.P, the world federation for philately based in Zurich, Switzerland.

It is expected to have more than 2,400 stamp collections, worth up to a billion baht or 32 million US dollars, shown in the event.

*Xinhua*



Photo taken on 18 July, 2013 shows the blasting site above a barrier lake in Sanjiao Township of Hanyuan County, southwest China's Sichuan Province. The blasting is conducted to remove dangerous rocks and then dig channels to discharge the floodwater of the barrier lake. The lake was formed after a landslide and continuous rainfall, threatening residents downstream in Sichuan.—XINHUA



Beijing Happy Valley is composed of six themed areas, including the Firth Forest, Atlantis, the Aegean Sea, Lost Maya, Shangri-La and the Ant Kingdom. More than 50 sights of culture and ecology are scattered in all directions offering children a rare opportunity to experience the charm of various civilizations all within the capital city of Beijing.—XINHUA

## Cambodian opposition chief arrives home after 4 years in exile

PHNOM PENH, 19 July—Cambodia's charismatic opposition leader Sam Rainsy arrived in his home country on Friday morning after spending nearly four years abroad in self-imposed exile to avoid an 11-year prison sentence on charges of disinformation and destruction of public property.

At the Phnom Penh International Airport, Sam Rainsy, president of the Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), was greeted by tens of thousands of supporters.

His return came after King Norodom Sihamoni

granted him a royal pardon at the request of Prime Minister Hun Sen last Friday.

Hun Sen said his request to the king was based on the spirits of national unification and reconciliation, and to enable the fifth National Assembly elections on 28 July to be held in accordance with democratic, multi-party principles whereby all relevant parties can participate.

Tep Nytha, secretary general of the National Election Committee (NEC), said that Sam Rainsy was ineligible to vote or run as a parliamentary candidate for the upcoming polls be-

cause the NEC deleted his name from the voter registry since November on the grounds that he was a convicted criminal at that time.

"With the royal pardon, Sam Rainsy is free to campaign for his party in the polls, but he can neither vote nor stand as a candidate," he told reporters at a meeting at the NEC headquarters in Phnom Penh on Thursday. According to the CNRP, Sam Rainsy will hold an election campaign in Phnom Penh City soon after his arrival and will set off the following day for a week-long tour of 15 provinces.—Xinhua

## Singapore's finance minister to attend G20 meeting in Moscow

SINGAPORE, 19 July—Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam will be in Moscow for the G20 (Group of Twenty) finance ministers and central bank governors' meetings on Friday and Saturday, the Ministry of Finance said on Thursday.

Tharman will also attend the Joint G20 Finance and Labour Ministers Meeting. The meetings will focus on recent developments in the global economy and actions to enhance and sustain employment and economic growth, the ministry said in a statement. He will be joined by Acting Minister for Manpower Tan Chuan-Jin, who is also attending the G20 Labour and Employment Ministers Meeting. In June, the number of tourist

arrivals rose by 12.8 percent to 73,628, though month-on-month performance was lower as against the 22 percent enjoyed in May this year over the corresponding month of last year.

The country is targeting 1.25 million tourist arrivals this year, up from one million in 2012.

Earnings from tourism are projected to hit 1.5 billion US dollars, up from 1 billion US dollars last year. Up to April, earnings amounted to 407.3 million US dollars, up by 19.8 percent over the first four months of last year.

By the end of June, India continued its reign as Sri Lanka's biggest tourist market with 83,981 tourists, followed by the traditional markets of Britain and Germany with 55,286 and 36,700 visitors, respectively.—Xinhua

## Tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka exceed half mln in H1

COLOMBO, 19 July—Aided by a healthy 13 percent improvement in June, tourist arrivals to post-war Sri Lanka in the first half of this year have crossed the half-a-million mark, latest data showed here on Thursday.

According to latest data released by the Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority (SLTDA), arrivals between January and June amounted to 512,281, up by 13.1 percent over the first half of last year.—Xinhua

## 5.0-magnitude quake hits near east coast of Honshu, Japan

TOKYO, 19 July—An earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter scale jolted near the east coast of Honshu, Japan at 23:44: 13 GMT on Thursday, the US Geological Survey said.

The epicentre, with a depth of 48.20 km, was initially determined to be at 39.0400 degrees north latitude and 142.0723 degrees east longitude.

*Xinhua*



Continuous heavy rain lasting from 18th to 19th this month drowns the downtown streets in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province.

XINHUA



**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE****MV ER TURKU VOY NO (022)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ER TURKU VOY NO (022) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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

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

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*Local residents talk in front of a house collapsed in the earthquake shaking the locality of Hammam Melouene, in the province of Blida, 45 km south of Algiers, in Algeria, on 17 July, 2013. An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale on Wednesday hit Algeria's northern province of Blida, some 45 km south of capital Algiers, injuring 11 people, official APS news agency reported. —XINHUA*

## UN humanitarian chief calls for access to civilians trapped by fighting in South Sudan

UNITED NATIONS, 19 July —The top UN humanitarian official on Wednesday appealed for access to all those in need in the strife-torn region of South Sudan, where humanitarian situation has deteriorated due to the clashes.

"I am alarmed by the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Pibor County in Jonglei," where some 100,000 civilians have been cut off from life-saving aid due to clashes, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs, Valerie Amos, said in a statement issued here by her office.

Fighting between state

and non-state armed actors, and the recent resurgence of inter-communal clashes are threatening the lives of ordinary people and have reduced the ability of humanitarian organizations to provide urgently needed help, according to the statement.

"I call on all parties to stop the violence immediately, to prevent further unnecessary loss of life, and to create the necessary security environment conducive for aid delivery," she said.

Amos, who also serves as the Emergency Relief Coordinator, emphasized that "as long as the fighting

continues, delivery of aid will be limited and we will not get help to those who need it."

In addition, she underscored that the UN will work with all parties to ensure people in need receive humanitarian assistance and remind all sides to respect their obligations under international humanitarian law to protect civilians. Jonglei, the largest state in the eastern part of South Sudan, has been the scene of inter-communal violence since the country won its independence on 11 July, 2011 from Sudan under a peace deal.

Xinhua

## Police investigate vendor's death in central China

CHANGSHA, 19 July — Police and a disciplinary watchdog are investigating the death of a watermelon seller in a clash with urban management officers in central China's Hunan Province, authorities said on Thursday.

Officials with the Linwu County Committee of the Communist Party of China, Chenzhou City, said a vendor died when urban management officers were performing their duties, and the cause of his death is being looked into.

Deng Zhengjia, a farmer in his fifties in Liantang Village of Nanqiang Township, died following verbal and physical conflicts with urban management workers of the county on Wednesday morning, said Deng's niece.

The conflicts came after Deng and his wife tried to sell home-grown watermelons at a riverside scenic spot, where urban management workers said no vendors were allowed, said the niece, also surnamed Deng.

He was hit by the weight from a set of scales, and his wife was also injured and is receiving treatment in hospital, said the niece, citing a witness.

"[Deng's wife] got bruises on her arms and legs, and passed out for a while," said the niece.

China's urban management officers, or chengguan, are often criticised for their violent law enforcement methods for

tackling low-level, urban, and non-criminal regulation violations. Reports of urban management law enforcement units often appear in media amid accusations of chengguan officers beating vendors and smashing their stalls.

The *People's Daily* on Wednesday issued a commentary stating that conflicts between chengguan and the subjects of law enforcement lie in unequal status and lack of communication between the two sides. Equal, civilized, service-oriented and law-based enforcement by urban management workers is required to seek public understanding and help build beautiful cities, said the commentary.—Xinhua

## Severe floods expected in coming month

BEIJING, 19 July — China is expected to face serious flood control challenges in the next 30 days as it heads into flood season. The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said on Wednesday that this year's flood season will run from about 15 July to 15 Aug.

Heavy rainfall is expected in northern and southwestern China, causing severe flooding in many major rivers, such as the upper reaches of the Yangtze, Haihe, Yellow, Songhua and Liaohe rivers.

According to the National Meteorological Centre, Gansu, Shaanxi, Sichuan, Henan and Guangdong provinces will see 24-hour rainfall with some areas receiving 100 to 200 mm of rain. Sichuan will be in the height of its rainy season over the next few months, possibly bringing more chaos to the already battered province.

"Since most of the same parts of Sichuan province will be hit again

with heavy rainfall, severe floods, flash floods and mudslides are likely," said Liu Zhiyu, a Ministry of Water Resources official.

Last week, rain-triggered floods and a severe landslide left 58 people dead and another 175 missing in the province, according to the flood control headquarters.

Due to global climate changes, other regions in the world, such as India, have also been battered by heavy rainfall in recent weeks, he said.

Meanwhile, Tropical Storm Cimaron, the eighth of the year, is expected to make landfall on Friday in Southeast China, just after Tropical Storm Soulik hit Fujian Province on Saturday and Jiangxi Province on Sunday, the headquarters said.

"We expect to see more tropical storms this year," said Shu Qingpeng, press secretary of the headquarters. "They are likely to sweep far inland and cause severe damage to the coastal regions."—Xinhua



*A soldier carries an injured child to a helicopter in Wenchuan, Sichuan province, on Tuesday. The People's Liberation Army Chengdu Military Area Command has dispatched three helicopters with 19 relief workers and 7.5 metric tons of supplies to Caopo, Wenchuan county, which suffered severe downpours and landslides.*

XINHUA

## Ecuador to aid post-Sandy reconstruction in Cuba

QUITO, 19 July — A military contingent from Ecuador on Wednesday left for Cuba to help reconstruction efforts in areas that were hit by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012.

According to Ecuadoran Defence Minister Maria Fernanda Espinosa, it is the first contingent from the "Ecuador-Cuba Mission to Support Rehabilitation and Construction," including 22

members of the Ecuadoran Army's Engineering Corps.

The minister said at the farewell ceremony that the collaboration with Cuba "makes us proud and doubly commits the solidarity efforts our Armed Forces have been undertaking."

The military contingent is part of an inter-institutional agreement signed on 13 June between the Ecuadoran Ministry of Urban Development and Housing and the Cuban Ministry of Building, with the support of Ecuador's Army Engineering Corps.

The Ecuadoran troops, which are scheduled to stay six months in Santiago de Cuba Province, will be in charge of the reconstruction of two residence buildings at the medical sciences university and the construction of 560 housing units in the Abel Santa Maria District.

Xinhua

## Peru seizes 648 kilos of cocaine

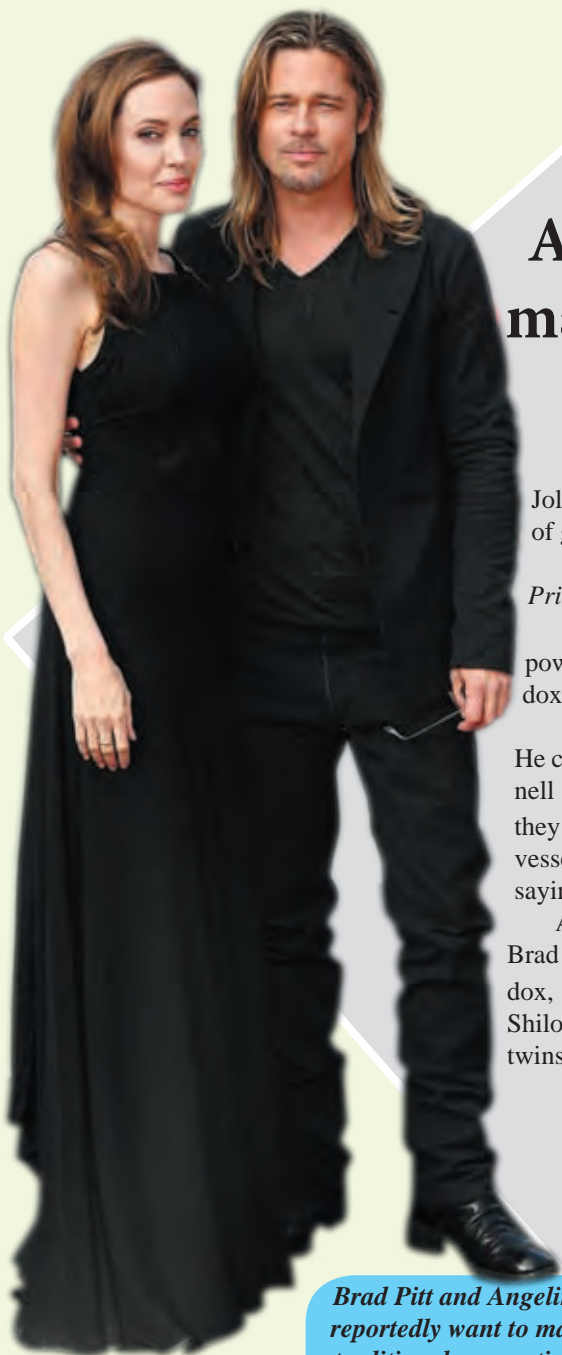
LIMA, 19 July — Peru has seized 648 kilograms of cocaine in its southern Amazonian region, the Joint Command of the Armed Forces said on Wednesday.

Anti-narcotics forces found the contraband in an operation late Tuesday in the mountainous region, some 650 km from Lima, and arrested four suspects, the command said.

The contraband was being shipped by a speed boat, the command said, adding that a cache was discovered in the town of Puerto Remolino in a region known as the Valley of the Apurimac, Ene and Mantaro Rivers. The Peruvian territory is used by international drug cartels to process and ship cocaine to the United States, the world's main consumer of illicit drugs.—Xinhua



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## Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie may marry on a ship

LONDON, 19 July—Celebrity couple Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt are reportedly weighing the options of getting married on a ship.

The couple was seen enquiring about the *Hebridean Princess*, a ship sailing the waters off Scotland.

Earlier, the plans were to wed at the French chateau but the power couple seem to have changed their mind due to son Maddox, reports thesun.co.uk.

“It was Maddox who came up with the idea of the ship. He came across it after looking back at photos of the Carnell Estate in Ayrshire where they stayed... So now they’ve made enquiries into booking the whole vessel,” *Bizarre* magazine quoted a source as saying.

Angelina Jolie along with fiance Brad Pitt raise six children — Maddox, 11, Pax, 9, Zahara, 8, Shiloh, 6, and four-year-old twins Knox and Vivienne.

PTI

Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie reportedly want to marry in a traditional, romantic setting.

## James Bond actor Paul Bhattacharjee found dead

LONDON, 19 July—British Indian actor Paul Bhattacharjee, who played the role of a doctor in James Bond film *Casino Royale*, has been found dead at Splash Point cliffs in Seaford, East Sussex.

Bhattacharjee, 53, was last seen leaving the Royal Court theatre in London’s Sloane Square on 10 July, reported BBC online.

Police said his death was not being treated as suspicious. The actor, from Redbridge, was said to be in good spirits when he was last seen but after sending a text message to his girlfriend at around 9 pm that night, no one heard from him and an appeal was launched.

The Metropolitan police was contacted on Wednesday morning by Sussex Police who said a body matching his description had been found last week.

The actor had starred in films like *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel*, *White Teeth* and *Dirty Pretty Things*.—PTI



Paul Bhattacharjee was last seen leaving the Royal Court theatre in London’s Sloane Square on 10 July.



Jamie Foxx will be seen as the US president in *White House Down*.

## What Jamie Foxx expects from next US president

NEW DELHI, 19 July—Actor Jamie Foxx, who plays the US president in the movie *White House Down* has high expectations from the next head of state.

About his expectations from the next US President, Foxx says he has to be “a man who would not just do anything to protect America, but also a man who understands that in order to protect America in this day and age, you have to have an understanding of the enemies”.

“If you don’t have that understanding, or a way to open a dialogue, you’ll forever be at odds and something drastic will constantly keep happening,” added Foxx in a statement.

*White House Down* also features Hollywood star Channing Tatum as a Capitol policeman.—PTI



## Nicole Scherzinger lonely after split with Lewis Hamilton

LONDON, 19 July—Singer Nicole Scherzinger, who broke up with Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton recently, says the split has left her feeling lonely.

The 35-year-old also mentioned that the closest friend she has is her publicist.

Nicole Scherzinger finds break-up unpleasant

“I don’t have anyone here. I don’t have my family, I don’t even have any friends here. My publicist is my closest friend. It gets lonely, but I’m working all the time,” thesun.co.uk quoted Scherzinger as saying.

“You just make those sacrifices and they made me feel so at home last year. It is hard but you always make those sacrifices and it’s worth it,” she added.

She also admitted that the strain of keeping their love alive while miles apart had taken its toll.

“I wouldn’t wish a long-distance relationship on anyone,” she said.

PTI

Nicole Scherzinger and Lewis Hamilton recently called it splits.



## Flamengo sign Arsenal defender Andre Santos

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 July—Brazilian soccer giant Flamengo has signed Arsenal defender Andre Santos on a two-year contract.

Santos completed the player's medical here Thursday after negotiations were fast-tracked to meet Brazil's 20 July transfer deadline, reports *Xinhua*.

Under terms of the deal, Flamengo will own 50 percent of the player's transfer rights and Santos the rest.

The 30-year-old fell out of favour with Gunners manager Arsene Wenger last year after managing just 23 first-team appearances in 18 months.

He joined Gremio on loan in February but was released following the Porto Alegre side's exit from

the Copa Libertadores in May.

The left-back represented Flamengo in 2005 and 2006, helping the club win the Copa do Brasil in his second year.

PTI



Andre Santos



## Robinho extends AC Milan contract to 2016



AC Milan's Robinho controls the ball during their Serie A soccer match against Juventus at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 25 Nov, 2012.—REUTERS

MILAN, 19 July—Brazil striker Robinho has extended his contract with AC Milan to the end of the 2015/16 season, the Serie A club said on Thursday.

The 29-year-old's contract had been due to expire in 2014 and he was linked to a move back to Brazil with Santos last January.

The former Real Ma-

drid and Manchester City forward said in April, however, that he was happy in Italy and wanted to renew his contract.

"AC Milan announce that Robinho has extended his contract to 30 June, 2016," Milan said in a statement on their official website (www.acmilan.com) on Thursday.—Reuters

MILAN, 19 July—Fiorentina have agreed to sell Montenegro forward Stevan Jovetic to Manchester City who are rebuilding their squad under new manager Manuel Pellegrini in a bid to reclaim the Premier league title from Manchester United.

The Italian club, who missed out on a Champions League place for this season, said on their official Twitter feed on Thursday there had been "agreement reached with Manchester City Football Club for the definitive transfer of the player Stevan Jovetic".

British media estimated the transfer fee would be 28 million pounds (\$42.56 million) for the former Partizan Belgrade captain who joined Fiore in 2008 for a reported eight million pounds.

## Wayne Rooney not for sale reiterates Manchester United coach David Moyes

SYDNEY, 19 July—Manchester United manager David Moyes reiterated on Friday that he has no plans to sell Wayne Rooney despite Premier League rival Chelsea continuing its pursuit of the England striker.

United formally rejected an ambitious Chelsea bid for Rooney this week and Moyes has made it clear he wants Rooney among the striking options for his first season in charge of the 20-time English champions.

New Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho appears desperate to land the forward and new deal is expected to be tabled soon.

"The club's position has not changed," Moyes said Friday of United's determination that Rooney play out the remaining two years of his contract.

The 27-year-old Rooney has pushed for a move



Wayne Rooney

from United since expressing frustration about his lack of playing time.

He is not with the club on the Australian leg of its Asia Pacific tour after aggravating a hamstring injury in Bangkok last week.

Speaking at a media conference on the eve of United's pre-season friendly against an A-League All

Stars team, Moyes said rather than shedding players the league champions are looking at more signings, promising news in the next 24 hours on the possible recruitment of Barcelona midfielder Cesc Fabelgas. "The chief executive is dealing with it. Hopefully know more in the next few days," he said.—PTI

## Fiorentina agree to sell Jovetic to Man City

The 23-year-old Jovetic scored 13 goals in 31 Serie A games last term to help Fiorentina finish fourth as they just missed out on Champions League football to AC Milan on the final day.

The Montenegrin, nicknamed Jo-Jo by the Fiorentina fans, had been the subject of transfer speculation for several months and was also linked to Italian champions Juventus.

He missed the whole of

the 2010-11 campaign after damaging crucial knee ligaments in pre-season training but returned to score 14 goals in 27 Serie A matches the following year.

The six foot one inch Jovetic, who can play as a central striker but prefers a slightly deeper role behind the centre-forward, has scored 10 goals in 27 games for Montenegro.

City lost their league crown to bitter local rivals United last season, which led to the sacking of manager Roberto Mancini and the arrival of Chilean Pellegrini who left the club's tour of South Africa for personal reasons on Thursday. Pellegrini missed City's 2-1 defeat by local side AmaZulu which followed Sunday's opening 2-0 loss to SuperSport United.—Reuters



Fiorentina's Stevan Jovetic control the ball during the match against Inter Milan in their Italian Serie A soccer match at San Siro stadium in Milan, on 30 Sept, 2012.—REUTERS

## Hayden to leave Ducati at end of MotoGP season

NEW YORK, 19 July—America's 2006 MotoGP world champion Nicky Hayden announced on Thursday that he would be leaving the factory Ducati team at the end of the season.

"I'm not coming back to Ducati in MotoGP next year — I'm not really sure what I'm going to do," he said in a U.S. Grand Prix news conference at Laguna Seca, California.

"I've got some options that are interesting," added the Kentucky-born rider.

Asked whether he hoped to stay in MotoGP or was looking at other categories, Hayden added: "Of course MotoGP is where my heart is, but I've got to weigh up the options. Unfortunately results haven't gone as planned over the years, but it is what it is."

Hayden, who won his title with Honda, is ninth in

the championship with 57 points after eight of 18 races and is out of contract at the end of the year. Italian team mate Andrea Dovizioso is sixth with 74.

The 31-year-old American moved to Ducati in 2009 and has not won a race since 2006.

Britain's Cal Crutchlow, who is having a great season on the non-works Tech3 Yamaha and is fourth in the standings, has

been tipped as a likely candidate to replace Hayden at the Italian manufacturer although their bike is less competitive.—Reuters

Ducati MotoGP rider Nicky Hayden of the US rides during the French Grand Prix in Le Mans circuit, central France on 19 May, 2013.

REUTERS





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Herdsmen are seen in a horse race at the White Horse Festival in the West Ujimqin Banner of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 16 July, 2013. With rodeos and races, the White Horse Festival will last two days.—XINHUA

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## Australia's uranium industry has strong future

CANBERRA, 19 July—Australia's uranium industry has a strong future with the energy demand rising from growing populations and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Resources and Energy Minister Gary Gray said on Wednesday.

Australia is one of the world's largest producers and exporters of uranium with 33 percent of the world's uranium resources.

"Despite some recent slowing in the industry, two important drivers of nuclear power remain unchanged — the rising energy demand from growing populations and the need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions," Gary Gray said.

According to him, Aus-

tralia is in a strong position to maximize these opportunities. Over the next two decades China and India are set to bring 35 reactors on line. "With our existing strong trade relationships with these countries, Australia is well placed to reap the benefits of supplying uranium to these countries" he said.

And Australia already supplies around 22 percent of China's uranium and negotiations are underway with India for a bilateral safeguards agreement which will pave the way for significant exports in the future. "The Australian government has also taken steps to improve access to other international markets. In 2010, we signed

an agreement with Russia to supply uranium for civil nuclear facilities. The first shipment was made last year," he added.

Gray also called on the industry to take up the mantle. "We need industry to commit to further development of new mines to ensure uranium production meets global demand, particularly as demand is forecast to outstrip supply as early as next year."

And he confirmed that the government is working hard through the Uranium Council to streamline regulatory requirements, facilitate the economic development of the industry and encourage new and expanded investment.

Xinhua

## Peru court orders government to pay 40-year-old bonds worth billions

LIMA, 19 July—Peru's top court on Tuesday ordered the government to pay 40-year-old land reform bonds at their current value and with interest, terms that will likely lead to a payment worth several billion dollars.

The government has six months to pass a decree with further details on how to appraise the bonds and carry out the payments, two years to recognize the debt and eight years to pay it off, the court's president Oscar Urviola said.

The payments don't have to be in cash and could be made in the form of land or by issuing new bonds, he told local news station RPP.

Peru's President Ollanta Humala's administration has previously said it would

comply with the long-awaited decision, which aims to clear up a bitter chapter in Peruvian history.

The bonds were issued as compensation for land confiscated and redistributed to the poor in the 1970s.

The resolution said the president of Peru's Constitutional Tribunal ruled in favour of bondholders after members were split 3-3 on whether to force the government to pay off the debt.

Conservative estimates put the value of land-reform bonds at between \$1 billion (661 million pounds) and \$3 billion. Other estimates say the liability is far larger, between \$4.6 billion and \$8 billion, or about 4 percent of Peru's gross domestic product.—Reuters

## Moyes offers straight bat on Rooney, purrs over Van Persie

SYDNEY, 19 July—Manchester United manager David Moyes was in no mood to discuss Wayne Rooney's future at the club on Friday but a week's training in Australia has certainly convinced him of Robin van Persie's value to the team.

A comment made by the Scotsman to reporters in Thailand last weekend, to the effect that Rooney was important in case anything happened to Van Persie, has left the England striker "angered and confused" about his position at Old Trafford.

Premier League rivals Chelsea this week pounced to make a cash bid for the 27-year-old, who left Manchester United's pre-season tour early to receive treatment on a hamstring injury, but the offer was rebuffed

by the English champions.

At a news conference ahead of Saturday's second tour match against an A-League All-Star XI in Sydney on Friday, Moyes curtly dismissed an enquiry about Rooney's future by saying the club's position "hasn't changed".

Moyes does expect to hear more news about a bid for Cesc Fabregas over the next "day or so", however, and he waxed lyrical about the "massive" importance of the Barcelona midfielder's former Arsenal team mate Van Persie.

"I got to see him this week for the first time, and his control, his touch, his awareness... the finishing that he's done this week," he said, almost in awe of the skills of the Dutchman who scored 30 goals for

United last season.

"And I've really been impressed by his professionalism as well. He's never complained about a thing, he's got on with the work, he's trained hard.

"What we're doing is trying to get him in a con-

dition where he is ready to do exactly what he did last year, which was score goals for Manchester United and was a really big influence on the team and the performances. "So we're hoping to get more of that this season."—Reuters



Manchester United's manager David Moyes talks to the media during a news conference in central Sydney on 14 July, 2013.

REUTERS



# President U Thein Sein meets France 24 Channel, Foreign Policy Magazine, Alcatel-Lucent, Total Co

PARIS, 19 July— U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar met with Mr Marc Perelman of France 24 channel, Editorial Director Mrs Kathleen de Lacy of Foreign Policy Magazine and replied their queries yesterday evening.

After that, the President received Chief Executive Officer Mr Michel Combes of Alcatel-Lucent and party and Chief Executive Officer Mr Christophe De Margerie of Total

Company and party. Then, President U Thein Sein met with the ambassador and staff families of the embassy at the Myanmar ambassador's residence and touched upon the reform processes on political, administration,

economic and private sectors and promoting international relations of Myanmar and presented gifts to them.

Later, the Myanmar ambassador hosted a dinner to President U Thein Sein and party .

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*President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein meets Mr Marc Perelman of France 24 channel in Paris of the French Republic.*

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# Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham pays tribute to fallen national heroes



*Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham lays wreaths at the tombs of the martyrs at 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Martyrs' Day Ceremony.—MNA*

YANGON, 19 July— The 66<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day ceremony was held at the Martyrs' Mausoleum here at 8 am today, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham laid wreaths at the tombs of the martyrs,

paid tribute to fallen national heroes General Aung San and others and shared merit gained.

The commemorative ceremony was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Chairman of

the Central Committee for holding 66<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day Ceremony Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu, Union Ministers U Tint Hsan and U Htay Aung, Chairman of the Working Committee for holding 66<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day Ceremony Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Maj-Gen Mya Tun Oo of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Commander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo, MPs of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, members of the central committee and work committee for holding 66<sup>th</sup>

Martyrs' Day ceremony, bereaved families of the martyrs.

While the Vice-President and the attendees pay tribute to the martyrs with the State Flag flying at half-mast, the Guards of honour salute the martyrs.

The Vice-President and party observed a two-minute silence to pray for the martyrs.

Afterwards, bereaved family members of the fallen national heroes laid wreaths and paid tribute at the Martyrs' Mausoleum.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, daughter of fallen national hero General Aung San, and U Hla Pe, one behalf of U

Aung San Oo, son of fallen national hero General Aung San, laid wreaths at the tombs and paid respects to fallen national hero General Aung San.

Bereaved family members of the martyrs also laid wreaths at the Martyrs' Mausoleum and paid respects to the martyrs.

Afterwards, Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw, Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein and representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw, U Myint Swe, Chief Minister of Yangon Region, and regional ministers, (See page 9)

*Daw Aung San Suu Kyi lays wreaths at the tombs of the martyrs at 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Martyrs' Day Ceremony.*

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## Low pressure formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July— According to the observations at 17:30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.

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