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President U Thein Sein felicitates King of Belgians, **PM**

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Majesty King Philippe, King of the Belgians and His Excellency Mr Elio Di Rupo, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Belgium, which falls on 21 July 2013.

MNA

President U Thein Sein concludes European tour



NAY PYI TAW, 20 July—President U Thein Sein and party left Paris of the French Republic by air at 1:40 pm the local time yesterday after paying official visits to Britain and France, and they were seen off by the officials of French Foreign Affairs Ministry, the Myanmar Ambassador and staff families of the

President U Thein Sein being welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Union Minister U Aung Min and Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

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Myanmar Embassy at the Paris Airport.

The President and party arrived back in Yangon via Suvarnabhumi International Airport of Bangkok, Thailand by special flight of Myanma Airways International this morning.

Union Minister U Aung Min, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and officials welcomed back the Myanmar delegation.

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 also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

Yangtze River to see largest flood peak this year

YICHANG, 20 July—The Yangtze River, China's longest, will brace for its largest flood peak so far this year due to continuous rainfall upstream, authorities said Friday.

Water flow into the reservoir of the Three Gorges Dam will reach 48,000 cubic meters per second on Sunday, the largest since this year's flood season, said the Yangtze River Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters.



Water flow into the reservoir has increased rapidly in the past two days. by 11,000 cubic meters per second. As of 2 p.m. Friday,

the water flow hit 34,500 cubic meters per second. The water level of the reservoir stood at about 147.5 meters.

The weather forecast

said in the next one to three days, heavy rain will hit the upstream region. From 12 a.m. Friday, water flow discharged out of the reservoir will be increased to 35,000 cubic meters per second. As the world's largest hydropower project, the Three Gorges Project consists of a dam, fivetier ship docks and a total of 32 hydropower turbogenerators.

Xinhua

Low pressure still persists

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — According to the observations at 5:30 hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.

MNA

INSIDE Obama to attend G20 meeting in



Kerry says Israel, Palestinians lay groundwork for peace talks



China launches three experimental satellites



Photo taken with a fisheye lens on 12 July, 2013 at about 25 meters deep in the Pacific Ocean off Onagawa, Miyagi Prefecture, shows a towerlike aggregation of debris from the March 2011 tsunami, including ropes from fish farming facilities and crushed fishing gears.—Kyopo

Andean condors in Peru



COLCA CANYONM, 20 July—The number of Andean condors, one of the world's largest birds, has been declining due to development and poaching.

Local residents including indigenous people have set up a group for the protection of the Andean Condor in the Colca Canyon in southern Peru.

The bird has a wing span of more than 3 meters and weighs about 15 kilograms.

Kyodo

LOCAL NEWS

Crime News

Illegal arms, fake alcoholic drinks confiscated



MAWLAMYINE, 20 July— Measures are being carried out to take punitive actions against drug smugglers and users, unlicensed distillers and illegal arms owners in Mawlamyine District.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team led by Police Major Kyaw Soe Lwin of Ye Township police force conducted a search of the house of U Tin Hsan, guard of a distillery at Thiri Khaymar ward in Ye Township on 13 July.

They discovered one pistol, one magazine, three bullets, one empty bullet, one hand-made pistol that doesn't work properly, 50 iron balls from Kyaw Min Min (a) Min Min, son of U Tin Hsan and seized 20 bottles of fake alcoholic drink (Army Rum), documents and devices used for distilling fake alcoholic drinks and K 181,000.

Kyaw Min Min (a) Min Min was charged over illegal possession of arms and fake alcoholic drinks and investigation is ongoing.

> Kyemon-Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

Drunken father beats his sixmonth-old baby boy to death for crying

Kyaukpyu, 19 July — A 31-year-old father was taken into police custody for being accused of beating his six-month-old baby boy to death at Ywathit Village in Lake-kha-maw village-tract in Kyaukpyu Township on 9 July. Police said they were called to the scene at about 1 pm on that day by Ma Aung San Htwe, mother of the child.

According to the victim's mother, the suspect, Maung Maung Htwe, 31, was a drunkard and he was drunk at the time when the tragic incident occurred. He allegedly punched the infant with his fist on the latter's chest for three times and slapped on the back for two times as the baby boy cried out while he held him.

As the baby scream was abruptly silenced, she checked him and found the baby dead. Maung Maung Htwe fled away from home.

So, police conducted a search for the suspect and arrested him three hours later on the same day.

Kyemon-Saw Moe Kyaw

Anniversary Martyrs'

Day commemorative

ceremony held at

Myawady in Kayin

State on 19 July.

KYEMON- MYAWADY

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Livestock Breeding

Kachin State parliamentarians visit 500-acre model integrated farmland

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July — Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met with parliamentarians led by Deputy Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Sai Myint Kyaw at 500-acre model integrated farmland, here, on 17 July.

"The integrated farmland is a model farmland for breeders and growers. The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is implementing the task of ensuring public fitness and meat sector development by stepping up its efforts in dairy cattle breeding. As dairy breeding in a manageable scale can generate more per capital income, there will be a rise in national income. Only the use of modern methods in agriculture and livestock breeding could help not

only provide domestic food sufficiency but also ensure global food security," said the Union minister.

He called for systematic storage of cattle dung for production of biogas and use of manure as natural fertilizer, thereby contributing towards improvement in poverty alleviation and rural region development scheme. He pledged to sell fowls, cattle and pigs to breeders in Kachin State under an installment plan.

Next, Kachin State lawmakers visited dairy farm and Mya-Sein-Yaung milk processing factory. During their excursion tour, they were given knowledge on dairy breeding, production and use of biogas and milk processing.

Electric Power

Substitution of old analog meters for digital ones in **Tatkon Township**



Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July Substitution of analog electricity meters for digital ones are being carried out in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. So far, 5000 have been replaced with digital meters in the

"Digital meters are useful not only to read the unit of electricity consumption but also to protect possible danger of short circuit at homes," said an official.

Kyemon-092

Lawmakers, officials concerned hold talks on modification of mining bylaws

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July— In inviting foreign investors to do businesses in Myanmar after Foreign Investment Law was enacted for national economic development, it needs accuracy of laws and bylaws and completion of infrastructures.

Being a country which is rich in above and underground natural resources, modification of existing bylaws is needed to fulfill the requirements of local and foreign investors

in mining sector.

So, a meeting between Pvithu Hluttaw Mineral and Natural Resources Affairs Committee and officials of the Ministry of Mines was held at Building I-7 in Hluttaw Complex on 11 July. Law makers held talks with officials concerned on emergence of firm bylaws to enable Union government and region/state government to practice same standards in allowing companies to deal with mining in manageable

level and commercial level.

"There are various kinds of mineral deposits across the country. It is required to carry out mineral extraction systematically, without harming the environment as natural resources are nonrenewable. It can be rapidly running out if profitability is centered. The Ministry of Mines has banned direct sale of low-grade industrial raw materials, but raw metals are being produced on a wider scale and smuggled

Legislation

to other countries by some businessmen in border regions. If it is allowed to sell, they should be subjected to scrutiny in quality and amount. Sale of raw materials is not beneficial to the country. That's why, the inclusion of effective methods and accurate bylaws is needed while modifying the mining bylaws," said Mansi Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tun Tun.

Kyemon



Photo shows local people paying tributes to fallen heroes at the 66th Anniversary Martyrs' Day commemorative ceremony at Arzani Monument in Kyauktan Township on 19 July. **KYEMON-039**



Photo shows groups of people gathering in front of Arzani Monument to commemorate the 66th Anniversary Martyrs' Day in the Maida Ground in Toungoo Township of Bago Region on 19 July.— KYEMON-Kyaw Swa (Toungoo)

Photo

News

WORLD

Obama to attend G20 meeting in Russia

Washington, 20 July -US President Barack Obama will attend the Group of Twenty (G20) summit slated for September in the Russian city of St Petersburg despite two American senators' call for a relocation of the meeting over row about fugitive intelligence leaker Edward Snowden, the White House said on Friday.

"The G20 is a body of 20 nations, Russia is the host of the G20 this year in St Petersburg," spokesman Jay Carney said at a regular Press briefing.

"And its is our intention, the president's intention, to travel to Russia for that meeting," he added, but he did not say whether Obama will have a summit with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin as planned ahead of the G20 meeting.

Republican senator Lindsey Graham and his Democratic pal Chuck Schumer introduced a resolution on Friday asking for a changed venue for the G20 summit, in case of Moscow's failure to hand over Snowden to face espi-



US President Barack Obama

onage charges. Snowden, a 30-year-old former American spy agency contractor, was charged by Washington with espionage and theft of government property following his disclosure in early June of massive secret phone and Internet surveillance programmes

of the US National Security Agency.

He has been marooned in the transit zone of Moscow's Sheremetvevo airport since his arrival there on 23 June, and he filed an official request for temporary asylum in Russia on Tuesday.—Xinhua

Kerry says Israel, Palestinians lay groundwork for peace talks

Amman, 20 July—Israel and the Palestinians have laid the groundwork for resuming peace talks after an almost three-year stalemate, US Secretary of State John Kerry said on Friday, although he cautioned the deal was not final and required more diplomacy.

Kerry, winding up his sixth Middle East brokering mission this year, gave few details.

He anticipated Israeli and Palestinian envoys would come to Washington soon for what a US official said would mark the launch of direct negotiations.

"I am pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement that establishes a basis for resuming direct final-status negotiations between the

Palestinians and the Israelis," Kerry told reporters in

"The best way to give these negotiations a chance is to keep them private," he said, saying that the deal was still being "formalized" and he would therefore not discuss it in detail.

"We know that the challenges require some very tough choices in the days ahead," he added. "Today, however, I am hopeful."

Peacemaking ebbed and flowed for two decades, last breaking down in late 2010 over Israel's settlements in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem, where, along with the Gaza Strip, Palestinians seek statehood.

Reuters

Portugal political crisis rages again as talks break off



Antonio Jose Seguro speaks during an interview with Reuters in Lisbon on 24 May, 2012.—REUTERS

LISBON, 20 July— Portugal's main political parties broke off talks on Friday on a "national salvation" pact to ensure an EU/ IMF bailout stays on track, leaving it to the president to decide how to proceed.

Political turmoil has

request a delay in the eighth review of the bailout by its creditors, which was initially due to start last Monday, until the end of August or early September.

The 78-billion-euro (\$102.5-billion) bailout programme and attached already forced Lisbon to austerity policies are associated with the worst recession in Portugal since the

The leader of the main opposition Socialists, Antonio Jose Seguro, said the ruling coalition had rejected most of his party's proposals aimed to renegotiate the terms of the bailout.

The crisis, which started as an internal political rift in the ruling coalition and expanded to a debate over the bailout plan, has threatened to derail Portugal's planned exit from the bailout and full return to debt markets in mid-2014.

The government says abandoning austerity would undermine Lisbon's credibility with lenders and investors.

"There were two different visions to exit the crisis. That being clear, it made no sense to continue negotiating for the sake of negotiating," Seguro told reporters after meeting President Anibal Cavaco

Seguro said whether to go ahead with 4.7 billion euros' worth of government-proposed budget cuts had been a major sticking

"Many of you ask yourselves, and now what? It is up to the president to decide," Seguro said.

Analysts say the situation is very uncertain but the president could still avoid an escalation of the crisis by keeping the ruling coalition in place rather than using his power to dissolve parliament and call a snap election.—Reuters



US Secretary of State John Kerry

Abe vows economic recovery as parties pitch before Sunday election

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe pledged on Friday to keep Japan's economic recovery on track while opposition parties struggled to erode public support for his administration as they made their final pitches before Sunday's upper house election.

"I will ensure stable economic growth." Abe said in a stump speech in Mie Prefecture, touting his 'Abenomics" policies under which the government is aiming to replace nearly two decades of deflation with mild inflation.

Voters will give their judgment on Abe's sevenmonth rule in the upcoming House of Councillors election, the first national election since his Liberal Democratic Party returned to power in December's

House of Representatives election. The ruling camp is aiming to wrest control of the upper chamber, which it lost in 2007 during Abe's previous stint as prime minister, and put an end to the divided Diet.

The outcome of the election will become clear by early Monday.

A total of 433 individuals have filed for candidacy with 121 seats at stake. Half of the chamber's 242 seats ing bloc already holds an come up for election every three years.

Of the 121 seats up for grabs, 73 will be filled by the winners from 47 prefectural electoral districts and the remaining 48 by those chosen under the nationwide party-list proportional representation system.

A poll by Kyodo News showed this week that the LDP-led ruling coalition is

set to obtain a comfortable majority in the upper house, securing at least 129 seats including the 59 it already holds that will not be contested on Sunday.

Such an outcome would allow the ruling camp of the LDP and the New Komeito party to take control of all standing committees as well as the upper chamber, facilitating the passage of bills as the ruloverwhelming majority in the more powerful lower house. Opposition parties are finding it tough to erode the Abe administration's relatively high public support. Banri Kaieda, head of the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, said Friday that keeping the LDP in power would threaten the nation's welfare system.

Kyodo News

North Korean ship was carrying sugar donation, Cuba told Panama

PANAMA CITY/MIAMI, 19 July—When a North Korean ship carrying Cuban arms was seized last week in Panama on suspicion of smuggling drugs, Cuba first said it was loaded with sugar for the people of

North Korea, according to a Panamanian official familiar with the matter.

Cuban officials were quick to request the ship be released, pledging there were no drugs on board, and made no mention of the



Panama police officers stand guard in front of a container holding a green missile-shaped object seized from the North Korean flagged ship "Chong Chon Gang" at the Manzanillo Container Terminal in Colon City on 17 July, 2013.

REUTERS

weapons which two days later were found hidden in the hold under 220,000 sacks of brown sugar, the official told Reuters.

"They said it was all a big misunderstanding," the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Cuba declined to comment on the official's account. Questions still surround the cargo of sugar and what Cuba called "obsolete" Soviet-era weapons which it said it was sending halfway around the world to be repaired in North Korea. The discovery has put the already isolated Asian nation under increased diplomatic pressure because the cargo is suspected of being in breach of a UN arms embargo against Pyongyang over its nuclear and ballistic missile programme.

Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

quarter revenue of \$1.161

billion, down from \$1.413

billion in the year-ago quar-

ter. It said third-quarter

revenue would rise 22 per-

cent, plus or minus 3 per-

cent, compared with the

June quarter. That increase

would be about \$1.416 bil-

had expected revenue of

\$1.108 billion in the second

in the third quarter, accord-

ing to Thomson Reuters

a share, in the second quar-

ter, compared with a profit

of \$37 million, or 5 cents a

share, in the same quarter

non-GAAP loss per share

was 9 cents, better than the

12-cent loss expected by

3.66 percent in extended

trade after closing up 5.94

percent at \$4.64.—Reuters

The company said its

AMD's stock declined

AMD posted a net loss of \$74 million, or 10 cents

Analysts, on average,

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last year.

analysts.

AMD eyes gaming consoles to offset slowing **PC** sales

Washington, 20 July Advanced Micro Devices forecast stronger-thanexpected revenue growth of 22 percent in the third quarter from the second, as the chip maker expands into new game consoles and other markets to offset slowing sales of personal computers.

However, the stock reversed earlier gains on Thursday after AMD said gross margins would fall as it seeks a foothold in game

AMD, which for decades has competed against

market leader Intel Corp in on average had expected a rushing to refocus on new markets as consumers buy fewer laptops and more tablets and smartphones.

AMD processors are being used in Microsoft Corp's upcoming Xbox One and Sony Corp's nextgeneration PlayStation game consoles. These are largely behind AMD's upbeat revenue forecast.

AMD said its gross margin in the second quarter was 40 percent and would fall to about 36 percent in the third quarter. Analysts

AMDA

Desktop Motherboard



supplying chips for PCs, is third-quarter gross margin of 39 percent.

> With consumers increasingly playing games on tablets, it is also unclear how many of the new consoles Microsoft and Sony would sell, but optimism about the impact on AMD's revenue has helped drive its stock up 73 percent since the beginning of April.

Bernstein analyst Stacy Rasgon said AMD's gross margin forecast was probably behind the after-hours drop in the company's shares.

AMD's report comes after Intel warned on Wednesday that it does not expect revenue to grow in 2013 due to slowing PC industry. Global shipments of personal computers dropped 11 percent in the second quarter, the fifth straight quarterly decline in a market that has been devastated by the popularity of

AMD reported second-

China launches three experimental satellites



A Long March-4C carrier rocket carring three satellites for scientific experiments blasts off from the launch pad in the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi Province, on 20 July, 2013.—XINHUA

Taiyuan, 20 July— China successfully launched three satellites for scientific experiments into space at 7:37 am Saturday, the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Centre said.

The Chuangxin-3, Shiyan-7 and Shijian-15 satellites were boosted by a Long March-4C carrier rocket, according to

Return of long-absent bumblebee near

Seattle stirs scientific buzz

the center in north China's Shanxi Province.

The three satellites will be used mainly for conducting scientific experiments on space maintenance technologies.

This marks the 179th launch boosted by a Long March rocket, according to the centre.

Xinhua

Nokia Lumia 625 with 4.7-inch display spotted online

New York, 20 July — Nokia is working on a new smartphone that would feature a big 4.7-inch screen, if a Chinese website is to be believed.

Chinese official certification website, TENAA has revealed and the existence of a new Lumia smartphone, the Nokia Lumia 625. It is being said that it would be the most affordable Lumia phone and would come with the biggest screen ever, for a Nokia phone. The unibody design of the Lumia 625 looks very similar to that of the Lumia 620 and would likely be pegged as its successor for the global market.

The alleged specifications of the next Lumia 625 point to a 4.7-inch display with a resolution of

resolution seems to be similar to some of the budget Lumia devices launched by Nokia.

The device is said to be powered by a 1.2GHz Snapdragon S4 processor along with 512MB RAM. It's expected to feature a 5.0-megapixel rear camera but it's not known if it will also feature a secondary camera. The listing mentions GPRS, WCDMA, HSPA support and the phone is also likely to includes LTE.

The Nokia Lumia 625 is likely to be launched in China first. At the moment, there is no news about when the Finnish handset maker would launch the handset, globally.

Meanwhile, after creating a lot of buzz, Nokia launched its new Windows

480x800 pixels. The screen Phone 8 device that sports a 41-megapixel, dubbed as the Nokia Lumia 1020, last week.

> The device is powered by a 1.5GHz dual-core Snapdragon processor. The highlight of the device ever since it got leaked has been the PureView 41-megapixel sensor which offers Optical Image Stabilization (OIS), backside-illuminated image sensor, 6 lens optics accompanied by a Xenon Flash. Nokia has also added some camera software such as the Nokia Pro Camera and Smart Camera Mode, while there is a 1.2-megapixel front camera. The phone comes with 32GB internal storage and 2GB of RAM.

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cies that all but vanished from about half of its natural range has re-emerged in Washington state, delighting scientists who to scientists as Bombus voiced optimism the insect occidentalis — buzzing

a recovery in the Pacific ton), 20 July — A North Northwest. Entomologists and bee enthusiasts in recent weeks have photographed several specimens of the long-absent western bumblebee -known might eventually make among flower blossoms in

a suburban park north of Seattle. "It's a pretty big deal," said Rich Hatfield, a biologist for the Oregonbased Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation, which documents and reports such findings.

"It gives us hope that we can do some conservation work, and perhaps the species has a chance at repopulating its range," he told Reuters this week.

The multiple sightings, including observations of several queens, are evidence of western bumblebee colonies in the area, although it hardly proves the species has returned in force and or that it will thrive in the region, Hatfield said.

Reuters

Android 4.3 leaks online, brings new dialler, camera app

The western bumble bee, Bombus occidentalis, is seen

in this undated US Department of Agriculture photo.

to release the next version of its mobile operating system, Android 4.3, next week, a leaked copy of the OS for Nexus 4 devices has already appeared online.

Although it's known that Android 4.3, which would continue to be referred as Jelly Bean, will be a minor update and won't bring major user-facing changes, it still offers some

video uploaded by Anwill increase the touch responsiveness of the Nexus 4. The new update will bring an additional feature to the phone's dialler suggesting phone numbers from your contacts as you dial by matching digits or looking up names. It also adds an option to add pauses while

New York, 20 July— incremental updates. Ac- calling a number. Android control and switch camera While Google is expected cording to a hands-on 4.3 also seems to brings a settings. new Wi-Fi setting, 'Scandroid Central, the update ning always available' which will allow apps to get location data through Wi-Fi even when Wi-Fi is set to off and not being used for data access.

As revealed in previous leaks, Android 4.3 also offers a new updated Camera app that features a new arch based menu that makes it easier to

In addition to these, the update brings the OpenGL 3.0 graphics standard for better 3D rendering for visual effects in apps and games, and Bluetooth LE (Low Energy) support, through which devices running the OS will be able to sync with low power wearable devices like health monitors and smart watches.—PTI



BUSINESS & HEALTH

G20 supports global taxation reform



Lifestyle changes may hike

child asthma cases

Beijing, 20 July-To child asthma has risen sig-

Moscow, 20 July—The Group of Twenty (G20) nations will back a global taxation reform which will help avoid double taxation and consolidate the taxation base, Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said on Friday.

The international community has been drafting a document on major changes of the existing taxation

keep her 7-year-old daugh-

ter's asthma under control,

Zhang Yun has already got-

ten rid of her stuffed toys,

and her room is fitted with

an air purifier which cost

about 3,000 yuan (488.7 US

izes she is powerless when

coughs when the air qual-

ity is not good," she said.

"Sometimes my daughter

sneezes so hard her nose

many parents in Beijing and

other Chinese cities who

worry that the increasing air

pollution may worsen their

ades, the prevalence of

In the past two dec-

children's condition.

Zhang is among the

it comes to the air outside.

Yet the mother real-

"She sneezes and

dollars).

bleeds."

porters on the sidelines of a meeting of the G20 finance ministers.

"We are considering the question to revise the model agreement over the avoidance of double taxation. We are ready to consider the conclusion of a multi-party agreement on this issue, but not bilateral agreements as now," Si-

nificantly. But experts are

cautious over what role pol-

national prevalence surged

from 1.09 percent in 1990

to 3.01 percent in 2010,

with 23 cities indicating an

increase in all three surveys,

ma among children under

14 in Beijing is 3.68 per-

cent, up from 0.88 percent

in 1990 and 2.69 percent in

2000, while in Shanghai it

has risen from 1.79 percent

in 1990 to 7.57 percent in

2010, higher than any other

Capital Institute of Pediat-

rics in Beijing, who helped

conduct the survey, said

changing lifestyles has been

Liu Chuanhe at the

city surveyed that year.

The prevalence of asth-

in 1990, 2000 and 2010.

A survey found that

lution has played.

system, Siluanov told re-

The OECD and the G20 nations vow to fight against the use of interstate differences for profit transfer in certain "tax harbors, " said Gurria, adding the action plan will not set unified tax rates.

reporters here.

luanov said. A multilateral

agreement will be "more

upgrading bilateral agree-

ments over the avoidance of double taxation, he said.

tion reform, drafted by the

Organization for Economic

Cooperation and Develop-

ment (OECD), offered 15

measures to "drastically"

change the global taxation

system, OECD Secretary

General Angel Gurria told

An action plan on taxa-

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efficient"

Xinhua



A woman and her child protect themselves from pollution in Zhengzhou, Henan Province, in June.—XINHUA

a definite cause for the in- and doors to ventilate their

"In Beijing, we found most children diagnosed with asthma were allergic to mites and mold, some to pollen or animal fur," he said. "We enjoy air-conditioning in summer and heating in winter, so people barely open their windows

apartment. This makes it easy for mites and mold to grow, like on pillows, sheets and in the air conditioners."

Also, consumption of high-protein foods increases the risk of allergies in children, including asthma, Liu said.—Xinhua

Hobby Lobby wins a stay against birth control mandate

New York, 20 July —A federal judge has temporarily exempted Hobby Lobby Stores Inc from a requirement in the 2010 healthcare law that it offer workers insurance coverage for birth control, which the retailer said violated its religious beliefs.

The preliminary injunction issued by US District Judge Joe Heaton in Oklahoma City, where Hobby Lobby is based, covers the arts and crafts chain and its affiliated Mardel Christian bookstore chain.

He put the case on hold until 1 October, giving the federal government time to decide whether to appeal a 27 June decision by a federal appeals court in Denver to let Hobby Lobby challenge the mandate on religious grounds.

A US Department of Justice spokesman had no immediate comment. The government has said contraception coverage is needed to promote public

The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a nonprofit law firm representing Hobby Lobby, said there are 63 lawsuits nationwide challenging the mandate.

health and gender equality.

It said Hobby Lobby is the largest company to be excused, at least temporarily,



Anillustration picture shows a woman holding a birth control pill at her home in Nice on 3 Jan, *2013*. REUTERS

from having to comply. Hobby Lobby has 556 stores in 45 US states, and has about 13,000 employees.

The Green family, which owns Hobby Lobby, had argued that providing coverage to workers for the morning-after pill and similar contraceptives violated its Christian beliefs.

It also said it could have under Obamacare faced \$1.3 million in daily fines by not providing such coverage.

In a written order, Heaton said the size of those penalties, the "substantial" public policy issues involved, and the amount of similar litigation justified an injunction for Hobby Lobby.—Reuters

Samsung close to mobile-device deal with FBI

NEW YORK, 20 July— Samsung Electronics Co Ltd is close to signing a deal to sell its popular line of Galaxy devices to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, sources familiar with the situation said on Friday.

The deal would be a boost for Samsung, which is increasingly seeking to cater to the needs of government agencies, a niche long dominated by Canadian smartphone maker BlackBerry Ltd.

The FBI, with more than 35,000 employees, at present uses mainly Black-Berry devices. It is unclear whether the agency plans to replace all BlackBerry equipment with Galaxy models or whether it will



A man holds up Samsung Electronics Co's latest Galaxy S4 phone during its launch at the Radio City Music Hall in New York on 14 March, 2013.—REUTERS

companies. A spokeswoman for the FBI declined to comment on the matter, saying that the selection of its new smartphones is part of an active acquisition process and any current discussions are proprietary to the government.

The imminent deal was initially reported by the Wall Street Journal late on Thursday. The WSJ also said Samsung is close to signing a smaller order for its devices with the US Navy, citing people familiar with the matter.

Representatives BlackBerry and Samsung declined to comment. BlackBerry emphasized, however, that it regards its operating system as the best in the market in terms of security features.

"The security of mobile needs.—Reuters

use hardware from both devices is more important now than it has ever been before," BlackBerry's chief legal officer, Steve Zipperstein, said in an interview. "It is fair to ask why in this context anyone would consider moving from the gold standard in security. which is the BlackBerry platform."

> In May, the US Pentagon cleared Samsung's Android mobile devices and a new line of BlackBerry devices powered by the BB10 operating system for use on Defence Department networks.

> Samsung has been pushing hard to convince government agencies and corporate clients that its Galaxy devices, powered by Google Inc's Android operating system, can meet their stringent

WB project to benefit Vietnam's low-income people

Hanoi, 20 July—The World Bank is set to support the Vietnamese government with a 55.6 million US dollars project on innovations targeting people with low incomes, which will be carried out nationwide from 2013 to 2018.

The information was unveiled at a conference held by the Ministry of Planning and Investment along with the Vietnam Academy of Science and Technology in southern Ho Chi Minh City on Friday, State-run Vietnam News Agency reported.

Accordingly, the project aims to create opportunities for Vietnamese businesses to access loans and capital so that they can enhance their proficiency in implementing innovations through applying, perfecting and expanding their operations, as well as commercializing technology to improve living standards for low-income people.

According to the project management board, developing traditional medicine, information technology and communication, agriculture and aquiculture will be a priority in implementing the project.

In addition, scientific research on the abovementioned spheres must be practical, applicable, environmental friendly and cost effective, and may be implemented in two or three years. The studies must ensure cooperation among domestic and foreign researchers, entrepreneurs, partners and people generating innovative initiatives that are in line with local conditions and have potential to be internationally competitive, said the report.

WORLD

Boeing 787 probe looks at condensation, wiring

WASHINGTON/SEAT-TLE, 20 July Officials investigating the fire on an Ethiopian Airlines 787 in London last week are focused on how condensation in the plane and a possible pinched wire in an emergency beacon may have sparked the blaze, according to people familiar with the probe.

The US Federal Aviation Administration said on Friday it will call for inspections of the beacons made by Honeywell on Boeing Co 787 jetliners, but stopped short of requiring airlines to disable or remove the devices, as British authorities investigating the fire had recommended.

The FAA said inspections should ensure wires are properly routed, and should look for pinched wires or signs of unusual moisture or heat. It gave no further details on how those factors may have contributed to the fire.

But one source close to the inquiry told Reuters that investigators had found a pinched wire in the casing of the emergency locator transmitter (ELT) aboard the aircraft.

The news comes after the British Air Accidents Investigation Branch (AAIB) on Thursday said the Honeywell beacon was the likely source of the fire, but said it was still trying to understand what ignited the

The 12 July fire rekindled concern in the industry about Boeing's advanced carbon-composite Dreamliner, which was grounded for more three months this vear after two incidents involving overheated lithiumion batteries. The AAIB said the London fire was not related to those batter-



Emergency services attend to a Boeing 787 Dreamliner, operated by Ethiopian Airlines, after it caught fire at Britain's Heathrow Airport in west London on 12 July, 2013.—REUTERS

The Honeywell ELT is delivered fully assembled and is installed by Boeing. The unit that was involved in the fire had not been opened, suggesting the pinched wire originated at the Honeywell plant, according to one person familiar with the investiga-

Honeywell declined comment. Boeing declined to comment on the investigation but said it is working with airlines to either inspect or remove the beacons to meet regulatory guidelines.

Investigators also are trying to determine if condensation on the plane

seeped into the ELT, triggering a short circuit in the unit's lithium-manganese battery, which is made by Ultralife Corp, according to people familiar with the investigation. The sources were not authorized to speak publicly because the probe is still going on.

Reuters

1,973 Fukushima plant workers have higher risk of thyroid cancer

Токуо, 20 July — Tokyo Electric Power Co said on Friday 1,973 workers at its disaster-crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant have estimated thyroid radiation doses exceeding 100 millisieverts and are therefore at higher risk of suffering from thyroid cancer.

The workers will be allowed to undergo annual ultrasonic thyroid examinations free of charge, the utility said.

TEPCO gave health checks to 19,592 workers — 3,290 TEPCO employees and 16,302 employees of its partner firms - in connection with the plant's nuclear fuel meltdown triggered by the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

Kyodo News

Saudi suspect in underwear bomb plots trained others, US says



A picture taken from a document released by the Saudi Interior Ministry on 1 Nov, 2010 shows Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri. REUTERS

ASPEN, (Colo), 20 July The United States believes the Saudi man suspected of designing underwear bombs for al-Qaeda's Yemeni affiliate has trained a small number of people

on his advanced bomb-

A group of Japanese tourists with Guam-based guide Ken Haga (3rd from L) pay their respects on 13 July, 2013 to Japanese soldiers who died on Nimitz Hill on the Pacific island of Guam in July 1944. Officials, private tour guides and local residents are encouraging Japanese tourists, who account for the largest percentage of foreign visitors to the island, to also see the wartime memorial sites and not just spend time on its pristine beaches and shopping.—Kyodo News

making techniques, a senior of people. He added that the US official said on Friday.

The remarks by John Pistole, who heads the US Transportation Security Administration, were some of the most detailed public comments to date about Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri and the thwarted May 2012 plot by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, or AQAP, to blow up a plane with an underwear bomb.

'There is intelligence that he has unfortunately trained others and there's a lot of effort to identify those folks," Pistole told the Aspen Security Forum in Colorado.

Asked by Reuters afterward about the nature of that intelligence, Pistole said Asiri was believed to have trained a small number

intelligence was "credible." Believed to be in his early 30s, Asiri, who survived a US drone missile attack in 2011, has drawn scrutiny for his skill at fashioning hard-to-detect bombs and hiding them in clothing or equipment.

He became an urgent priority for Western counterterrorism officials after his suspected role in planning strikes on the United States in 2009 and 2010, plots that included the failed bombing of a Detroitbound airliner on Christmas Day in 2009.

The Detroit plot was discovered only when the explosive sewn into the bomber's underwear misfired as the airliner flew over US territory.



Pistole said Asiri's 2012 attempt utilized a more sophisticated device using a new type of explosive the United States had not seen previously.

Asiri also used a double-initiation system for igniting the bomb and enclosed the device in caulk to prevent leakage of any explosive vapours that could be detected by airport equipment or bomb-sniffing dogs, Pistole said.

"He gave (the presumed attacker) instructions to get on the plane ... and fly to the US and blow himself up over the US," he said. "Fortunately, that terrorist was a double agent," said, referring Pistole to the US-British-Saudi undercover counterterrorism operation.

A Riyadh-born former chemistry student who once plotted to bomb oil facilities in Saudi Arabia, Asiri served nine months in jail in Saudi Arabia for attempting to join a militant group in Iraq to fight US troops

He later moved to Yemen and joined AQAP, and is suspected of providing the bomb that killed his younger brother in a failed bid to assassinate Saudi counterterrorism chief Prince Mohammed bin Nayef in 2009.

Reuters



Residents wear winter clothes, in Buenos Aires City, capital of Argentina, on 19 July, 2013. A wave of polar cold affected Argentina on Friday, with possibilities of being intensified during the weekend. According to the local press, there is also the possibility of an unusual snowfall in Buenos Aires. —XINHUA

Briton kidnapped near Nigerian Airport

Lagos, 20 July — A ing closely with relevant British national has been kidnapped earlier this week after unknown gunmen ambushed his car near an airport in Nigeria's economic and commercial capital Lagos, local police said late Friday.

The Briton was abducted on Tuesday after leaving Lagos Murtala International Airport, a police officer told Xinhua. The case was under investigation.

"We have set our dragnet and we will get the kidnappers and rescue the victim," the officer said by phone.

The British High Commission in Nigeria confirmed the abduction, saying that it was workorganizations to secure the

In March, a Briton was ambushed and kidnapped by unknown gunmen in Victoria Island of Lagos, and was later released.

High-profile kidnappings and abductions of foreigners for ransom are rampant in Nigeria's southern oil-rich states and most victims were released unharmed after ransoms were

The Nigerian Islamist extremist group Boko Haram and another Islamist Ansaru sect have recently claimed responsibility for the abduction of some foreigners.

LOCAL NEWS

Sabut Bridge construction nearing completion



MINBU, 20 July Construction of Sabut Bridge on Minbu-Magway in Magway Region will be completed and the bridge will be commissioned into service soon.

The construction being undertaken by Special Bridge

Construction Group No (4) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction have been completed by 91 percent.

The construction started on 1 June, 2012. The RC bridge has the length of 510 feet and the width of

According to a villager of Shwetabin village, "I'm very grateful for the bridge. The old bridge built since May, 1974, was dilapidated. The eroded approach had to be repaired each year."

MMAL-Tin Tun Oo

Nationbuilding **Endeavours**

Meiktila clock tower to get refurbishments

MEIKTILA, 20 July-Meiktila clock tower, a landmark of Meiktila, will get major refurbishments which include new clocks.

It was built since 1990 and is situated at the corner of Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Myingyan road.

Four faces of the tower have been showing different times for a long time. Authorities will replace the old clocks with new ones from China.—MMAL-435

Traffic Accident

Three injured in Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway accident



Three people were injured in a luxury car accident on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway.

DAIKU, 20 July—A Myanmar mini saloon bound for Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon hit the traffic island on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway in DaikU Township on 16 July morning.

vehicle including the driver were injured in the accident as the high-speed car turned upside down after hitting the traffic island.

Driver Myo Aung, 33, Daw Khin Lay Mu, 45, and Ma The Su Aye, 27, were injured in the accident.

Okshitgon expressway police station in DaikU Township admitted the injured persons to Phado Three aboard the village-tract Station Hospital in Kyaukdaga Township. The police station has filed a lawsuit against the driver.

MMAL-Thein Nyunt

Anawrahta street, Bo Sun Pek street, Bo Aung Kyaw street, Theingyi street, Yuzana Plaza and Hanthawady roundabout usually witness traffic jams.

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.

Stakes driven for construction staff quarters



PINDAYA, 20 July—A stake driving ceremony for staff quarters of Human Settlement and Housing Development Department under the Ministry of Construction in Pindaya in Danu Self-Administered Zone on 18 July.

Chairman of Leading Body of Danu Self-Administered Zone U Htoo Ko Ko, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw

Soe, Public Works District Senior Engineer U Kyaw Thiha, Township Assistant Engineer Daw Nan Su Mon Win, Head of Zone Human Settlement and Housing Development Department Daw Naw Hlaing Zeyar drove stakes.

The staff quarters will include three buildings built on 3.668 acres of land.

> MMAL-Moe Moe Htway (Pindaya)

MR gets rid of squatting buildings off circular railroad area

YANGON, 20 July— Myanma Railways cleared squatting buildings and shops and dump along the circular railroad in Yangon on 12 July, according to an MR official.

"The public members need to cooperate with us to make the law barring squatters to the state-owned and the MR-owned area. It has been thrice that dumps along the circular railroad were clearing rubbish for convenience of passengers and good smell

and beautification," the general manager of Myanma Railways (lower Myanmar)

About 90000 local passengers and 50 foreigners are riding circular trains in Yangon daily.

The Yangon Region government supported the clearance of squatters off

There are 200 circular train schedules in Yangon each day.

> MMAL-Maung Moe Maung



Sanitation tasks carried out at schools in Sittway

SITTWAY, 20 July— Sittway School Health Supervisory Committee for 2013-2014 fiscal year is extensively taking school health measures.

With the support of Rakhine State government and guidance of State Health Department, it has carried out measures to repel mosquitoes from schools since 17 July, 2013.

The committee carried out fumigation at Basic Education High School No (2) in Sittway, Baungduk Tharsu primary school, South Ywagyi primary

school and North Ywagyi primary school on 17 July.

Township Education Officer U Kyar Hla Tun, Township Health Officer Dr Kyawt Tha Sein, School Health Doctor Dr Aung Thura, District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association officials and teachers joined the efforts.

The tasks will continue to be carried out in 45 remaining schools in Sittway Township up to the end of July.

> Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaing



Yangon traffic police charges average 20 traffic rules violators

YANGON, 20 July— Traffic police in Yangon have dealt with 20 traffic rules violation cases on average each day, according to the traffic police corps.

The corps has extended its squad to enforce the traffic rules extensively and effectively in Yangon Region tackling excessive traffic congestion. It has reinforced the

squad in areas of most traffic "Daily traffic rules

violation cases count for 20 on aveage. On a single day on 8 July, there were 24 traffic rules violation cases taken action," an official of traffic

police corps said.

Shwegondaing Road,

MMAL-Kyi (Yankin)

Sunday, 21 July, 2013

Take pride of being democratic generation

Now we are in more than the two and a half democratic transition from the half a century of military-rule. The country has been introduced to sweeping reforms by the elected new government. Now, the country is on the right track to a genuine democracy for peace and prosperity, catching global attention, not regional only.

Resurrection of a new political culture in the wake of ending the blame game led to a paradigm shift in Myanmar's political landscape. It encouraged all-inclusiveness and peaceful coexistence. Withdrawal of media censorship and restriction on the Internet, release of political prisoners and successful ceasefire agreements with non-state armed groups and ongoing measures to end years of internecine conflicts were tangible. As result, the country regained international recognition and all economic sanctions were lifted. It means a place that Myanmar deserves returned to her.

International community admitted Myanmar's bold move to democracy was found exciting and amazing. Turning a page of the second half of the office, the government is making great strides in realization of nationwide ceasefire to silence the guns and to bring a lasting peace to the nation for the first time in more than sixty years. Moreover, the country sees a foreign investment law that invites responsible trade and investments to ensure national economic development and job creation for the youths to be able grab same opportunities as their peers in other Asian countries.

But, our young democracy is being tested by invisible factors that can plunge the nation to a state of backsliding for our good reputation for tolerance towards difference in religion. Healthy skepticism and negotiation culture are desperately needed in the country. On our long road to democracy, it is a must to brace ourselves against malicious rumors and instigators of the disturbances and to be mindful that only harmonious pluralism could bring an atmosphere of community peace and tranquility. Now is the time to put all differences aside and to take pride of being a democratic generation while advancing to pluralistic democracy.

School uniforms, exercise books provided to students in Hopan

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July- Border Affairs presented —A ceremony to present school uniforms and exercise school uniforms and exercise books to students was held at Yongon Basic Education Primary School in Hopan of "Wa" Self-Administered Division on 15 July morning.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Chairman of Leading Body of the Division U Khun Tun Lu and the Shan State Minister for Security and books to students.

Next, the deputy minister stressed the need of fostering Union spirit among the national race children and of implementing border region development tasks in the division and culturing amity among the national races in Kunlong/Hopan region.

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ARTICLE

Towards an Efficient Monetary Management: Central Bank's Independence

Its seemingly slow responses to the changing monetary situations and conservative approaches to every monetary issue, mingled with bureaucratic sentiments in implementing monetary policies have made the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM), the country's monetary authority, most responsible for the current weak banking system - one of the main restrictions for potential investors.

A good example of the central bank's weak monetary policies can be seen in the country's prolong negative real interest rates most of the time during the last decade, allowing Ponzi type schemes of service companies to exploit the weaknesses of the financial system which led to a bankrun in 2003.

The strong financial restrictions adopted immediately after the bankrun on deposit taking, loan extension, innovation of new products, expansion of banking network have had a negative impact on innovation and development of the banking sector. Furthermore, one has to bear in mind that even imposing strong restrictions cannot automatically prevent a new banking crisis from

Playing a key role in shaping the economy, a central bank is responsible for implementing a sound monetary policy to achieve a sustainable and equitable economic development. Critics including such international organizations as the International Monetary Fund repeatedly pointed out the Central Bank of Myanmar's lack of explicit monetary anchor and its passive monetary conduct; they blamed its lack of independence for its weak monetary management which had resulted in volatile inflation and distorted exchange rates.

The new Central Bank of Myanmar Law

The new Central Bank of Myanmar Law has been enacted. The Law gives the CBM the authority and responsibility to carry out all central banking functions including implementation of the country's monetary policy and exchange rate policy independently.

While shepherding the flock of young local banks carefully, the CBM will play its traditional role as the lender of last resort under the new law. Foreseeing development of security markets in the country, the CBM will exercise 'open market operation' together with other traditional tools of monetary policy such as interest rate

San Thein

policy, minimum reserve requirement and other measures including management on bank credits in implementing a stable monetary system. The Law entrusts the CBM to manage money markets and foreign exchange

Other salient points of the law are: (1) primary objective of the CBM is price stability in the country and thus inflation must be kept under control; (2) in conformity with its primary objective, CBM shall strive monetary and financial system stability while promoting efficient payments and clearing mechanisms to support the government's economic policy to attain a sustainable economic development; (3) acting as a banker to the Government, CBM is the sole authority to issue domestic currency; and (4) CBM can allow establishment of a credit information bureau to gauge the credit worthiness of a borrower.

Most importantly, the Law gives the CBM its legitimate independent power to implement its duties and responsibilities mentioned in the Law. Moreover, the Law upgrades the status of CBM's governor to the ministerial level.

Accountability and transparency

It is heartening to learn that the Law reflects the government's good governance policy of accountability and transparency. According to the Section (5) of the Law, the CBM shall submit its reports on the country's monetary affairs to the Government and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw at least twice a year and its reports on monetary developments shall be published quarterly.

The role of central bank in economic development

Playingaleadingrolein shaping and promoting the economy, the central bank, especially in a developing country, is responsible for implementing a sound monetary policy to have a sustainable and equitable growth. The main objective of its monetary policy is to achieve price and financial sector stability in the country.

While implementing its primary functions as a central bank, the CBM is responsible for managing the country's financial system to be able to effectively mobilize domestic financial resources for channelling them to productive investment.

The task ahead

Using its legally entrusted autonomous power, the CBM is expected to adopt a sound and proactive monetary policy to achieve price stability - meaning low and stable inflation and stability of the monetary system.

Another important task is to adopt and implement an appropriate exchange rate policy which supports the government's economic policy of export-led growth with diversified valueadded products of goods and services by creating competitive edge for exporters in international markets. The CBM's managed floating exchange rate system adopted since April last year is seemed to be functioning well. The local currency 'kyat' is depreciating against the US dollar. As there are always pros and cons for every development, the kyat's depreciation is good for exporters but bad for importers and consumers of imported items. But in the long term, depreciated kyat will give impetus to the promotion of the country's exports of goods and services, resulting in its favourable external performance. Notwithstanding, the CBM must be able to set the desirable level of kyat's exchange rates visa-vis its trading currencies and adopts an efficient exchange rate policy to maintain stability in the exchange rates, which is crucial for both exporters and investors.

The new Central Bank of Myanmar Law entrusts the CBM with the task of managing the country's official foreign exchange reserves. Luckily, thanks to the country's strong exports of oil and gas and inflows of foreign investment, Myanmar could be able to accumulate a respectable amount of foreign exchange reserves. Building up foreign exchange reserves is a good way to promote the country's credit worthiness and confidence in local currency. It also gives strength and tools to the monetary authority to intervene in the markets.

Modernization of the payment system

The existing payment systems infrastructure is predominantly cash based. Banknotes are still the most important payment medium for general public. The Myanmar Payment Union (MPU) has been formed with the objective of transforming the current cash-based into an electronic payment system using state-ofthe-art equipment and by coordinating with international payment service providers. MPU hopes, in coordination with foreign payment companies, to facilitate visitors' access to payments and cash during the Southeast Asian Games scheduled to be held in Myanmar in December this year. In cooperation with the MPU, the reformed CBM can speed up the financial sector modernization process. The move would reduce the banknotes in the circulation which in turn would reduce the cost of printing banknotes.

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(from page 8) Enhancing Financial Intermediation

Myanmar's financial intermediation (deposits/ loans as a percentage of GDP) is low (around 10%) in comparison to other ASEAN countries. Enhancing a country's financial intermediation promotes efficient and prudent allocation of resources for increasing productivity, boosting development, and reducing poverty.

De-dollarization

Given the current high demand for the US dollars, Myanmar's economy has been largely dollarized. Dollarization undermines the role of national currency in the payment system. It fuels speculation in the foreign exchange market. The

important task for the CBM is to preserve the role of our national currency 'Kyat' in the payment system. Of course, the national currency should be the linchpin of the country's payment system. In this regard, the CBM has this enormous task of de-dollarization. Implementing its primary objective of maintaining price stability in the country, the CBM would be able to restore public trust in 'kyat' while keeping inflation under control. On the other hand, use of dollars in public utility payments should be dropped. Every payment in the country should be made in the local currency. Accepting foreign banks

The Law indicates that there will be more

in the country

institutions in the country's financial system: security market, foreign exchange market and money market. The emergence of these institutions and their relevant laws can be seen as a modernization of the financial sector.

While taking series of reform measures, the CBM has to strengthen its regulatory and supervisory framework to be able to cope with the new issues and challenges in the financial sector. Sooner or later, it has to seriously consider how to accept foreign banks in the country while leaving room for local banks to grow. There are at the moment, over 30 foreign banks waiting to get banking licenses from the CBM. We should not see them as our competitors but coordinators in promoting financial intermediation and foreign investment in the country.

HRD

Feeding milk to students goes on in Monywa

Monywa, 20 July— Township Education Department and wellwishers continued feeding milk to students at Basic Education Primary Schools in Monywa of Sagaing Region.

On 18 July, Dep-

uty Township Education Officer U Thein Zan Aung, Head of Township and teachers fed milk to students at Basic Education Post-Primary School

(Kadohgon) in South Monywa Ward.

Similar activities were Livestock Breeding and held at Basic Education Veterinary Department High School (Nyaungbinzay), BEPS (Nyaungtabi) and BEPS (Taungywalay).

Kyemon-Region IPRD

Winners awarded in Sepak Takraw, Chess events

Monywa, 20 July— The prize presentation for Sagaing Region Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-District Novice Sepak Takraw and Inter-Township Chess Contests 2013 was held at the Region Gymnasium in Monywa of Sagaing Region on 17 July.

In the final match, Monywa District beat Shwebo District 3-2.

Chairman of Zeyar Padetha Foundation Dr Maung Htoo presented K 50,000 to first prize winner Maung Kyaw Soe (Monywa) in the Myanmar traditional chess contest, Chairman of Leading Body of Naga Self-Administered Zone U Ruh San Kyu, K 50000 to first prize winner in interantional chess event.

Region Sepak Takraw Subcommittee Chairman U Maung Maung Tin gave K 100,000 to second prize $winning\,Chaung\,U\,Township$ in inter-club international

chess event, the region ministers, the region advocate-general and officials presented prizes to respective winners.

Chief Justice U San Ko of the region High Court presented medals to players of the first prize winning Monywa District team in the

Sepak Takraw contest.

Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye awarded championship trophies and K 200,000 each to Monywa District team in inter-club Sepak Takraw contest and Monywa Township team in inter-township chess contest.

Kyemon-Region IPRD



Students take offertories to Waso robe offering ceremony

YAMETHIN, 20 July-Students and teachers led by school heads of Basic Education High School (Kyaunggyi) and Myoma BEHS in Yamethin of Mandalay Region offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha at monasteries in the urban area on 18 July morning.

Teachers and students of these schools took Waso robes and other offertories such as joss stocks, candles and alms and took Sabbath from members of the Sangha

Talks on taxation held at Htigyaing **BEHS**

KATHA, 20 July—The lecture on on taxation was given to middle school students at Basic Education High School in Htigyaing of Sagaing Region at 2 pm on 16 July.

Region Hluttaw representative U Sein Kyaing and Deputy Township Administrator U Aung Myint Thein made speeches. Head of Township Internal Revenue Department Daw Khin Mar Myint explained facts about taxation. Township Education Officer U Tin Tun spoke words of thanks.

The talks, organized by Township Internal Revenue Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, was attended by Region Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, members of NGOs and middle school level students and teachers totaling over 700.

> Kyemon-Katha District **IPRD**



before holding the Wasorobe offering ceremony.

Kyemon-Hlaing Than Tint (Yamethin)

School girls taking offertories and alms for Waso robe offering ceremony.

Anti-Narcotic Drives

Over 1100 stimulant tablets seized in Waingmaw

WAINGMAW, 20 July— After Union Peace-making Committee and KIA/KIO had held the peace talks in Kachin State, the state could restore peace and tranquillity.

So as to effectively carry out narcotic drug elimination, the Commander of Kachin State Police Force adopted the plans for accelerating narcotic drug elimination at respective police stations under the supervision of the different official levels. The state police force takes a practice of stick and carrot for combating drugs.

A team led by IP Aung Mya Than of Myitkyina District Anti-Drug Special Squad together with witnesses searched the house of Ma Khaw Zel, 19, daughter of U Yein Khaw at region 1 in Washaung Village in Waingmaw Township at 16



hour on 16 July.

The authorities seized five packets of 200 pink WY brand stimulants each from the thatch of the roof above her bedroom and 170 WY brand stimulant tablets from one packet, totalling 1170 weighing 117 grams worth K 3,510,000.

Waingmaw Police Station opened a file of lawsuit againsther under Section 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law and the case is under investivation to arrest related persons.—Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)

Drug users arrested in Mawlu



Mawlu, 20 July—Police acting on tip-off arrested a drug users in Mawlu.

At 2330 hr on 17 July, leader of the surveillance squad SIP Aung Aung Than and party together with ward administrator U Myint

Shwe and witnesses raied the house of Thaung Ave in Henu Village in Mawlu Village-tract in Indaw Township.

They seized a small bottle of suspected power which may be heroin in 0.127 gram from the bamboo mat between the bedroom and kitchen.

Mawlu Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Thaung Aye, 27, son of U Hmat of Henu Village in Mawlu Village-tract in Indaw Township under Section 15/16(c) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kvemon-Ni Toe

WORLD

Two killed in clashes between pro-and anti-Mursi protesters



Supporters of deposed Egyptian president Mohamed Mursi burn an American flag during a rally on a main street in Cairo, on 19 July 2013.—REUTERS

Cairo, 20 July— An Egyptian woman and a 13-year-old boy were killed when supporters and opponents of ousted Islamist President Mohamed Mursi clashed in the Nile Delta town of Mansoura, the website of state-run newspaper Al-Ahram said on Saturday.

Thousands of Mursi supporters took to the streets of Egyptian cities on Friday to demand the reinstatement of the Islamist leader who was removed by the army on 3 July after mass protests.

One Asiana victim killed by a vehicle, not

plane crash

SAN MATEO, (California) 20 July-A teenage passenger on the Asiana Airlines plane that crashed in San Francisco died from injuries sustained after being run over by a motor vehicle, most likely a fire truck at the scene, officials said on Friday.

Ye Mengyuan, 16-year-old girl who sat toward the rear of Flight 214, survived the Boeing 777's crash-landing but died from blunt force injuries consistent with being run over by an emergency response vehicle, San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucrault and San Francisco Fire Chief Joanne Hayes-White said at a news conference.

"Obviously this is very difficult news for us," Hayes-White said. "We're heart-broken. We're in the Reuters business of saving lives."

Ye was one of three

Chinese girls who died in racing to douse the fiery the 6 July crash. More than half of the 307 people onboard the flight from Seoul were injured in the crash.

Hayes-White said Ye was struck by at least one specialized fire-fighting vehicle normally deployed at San Francisco International Airport, but left open the possibility that she was hit by more than one rig.

The coroner's ruling settled lingering suspicions that emergency personnel

wreckage may have inadvertently played a role in the death of one the passengers. The announcement prompted a new set of questions over the circumstances of Ye's death and whether the first responders, who have been generally hailed for an efficient performance, could have done anything to prevent it.

It remains unclear how firefighters failed to notice Ye before she was hit, or

what she did in her final minutes amidst the crash wreckage and scenes of chaos.

Fire department officials have said Ye's body was covered by a one-footthick (30-cm-thick) blanket of firefighting foam when she was found. Hayes-White said on Friday she did not know whether Ye was covered in the foam at the time when she was struck by the truck.

Reuters



An Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 plane is seen in this aerial image after it crashed while landing at San Francisco International Airport in California on 6 July 2013.

34 killed, 101 wounded in Iraq's

Ex-CIA official detained in Panama returns to US

Washington, 20 July— Former CIA Milan station chief Robert Seldon Lady, who was convicted in Italy of kidnapping an Egyptian Muslim cleric and detained in Panama this week, returned to the United States on Friday, a State Department spokeswoman said.

The ex-spy was among 23 Americans sentenced in absentia by an Italian judge in 2009 for the abduction of the cleric. It was unclear whether any action would be taken against Lady, who was sentenced by Italy to a nine-year jail term, after his return to the United States.

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.

Italy's top court last year upheld the guilty verdict against Lady for the kidnapping of Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, who was snatched from a Milan street in 2003 and flown to Egypt for interrogation where he says he was tortured. The rendition flights by the Bush administration have been condemned by human rights groups and prompted investigations into the procedure in countries allied to the United

Marie Harf, a State Department spokeswoman,

said she had no details on whether Lady would be questioned by US authorities, or whether the United States would cooperate with Italy on the case.

A Panamanian foreign ministry source said Lady was detained for 24 hours at the border with Costa Rica pending an extradition request from Italy.

He was let go because Panama does not have an extradition treaty with Italy and because documentation sent by Italian officials was "insufficient," the source said. Italy expressed disappointment at Panama's actions, saying it had taken all the diplomatic steps seeking his temporary detention so that the extradition procedure could be started.

"I am astonished to observe that our request was disregarded without plausible explanation," Italian Justice Minister Anna Maria Cancellieri said in a

In April, Italian President Giorgio Napolitano pardoned US Air Force Colonel Joseph Romano, who had been among the Americans sentenced for the kidnapping.

Lady was quoted by Il Giornale newspaper in 2009 as saying: "I'm not guilty. I'm only responsible for carrying out orders that I received from my superiors." Also in that interview, he lamented that he had wanted to stay in Italy but his retirement villa with vineyards had been seized to cover court costs.

"I love Italy. I had decided to live my life in Italy," the retired spy told the newspaper. "Instead I had to escape." It was not clear why Lady was in Central America and risked arrest by crossing borders.

was bounced around between two Central American countries as he attempted to leave Panama for Costa Rica at around 9:30 am local time on Thursday, Costa Rican immigration department spokeswoman Andrea Ouezada said.—Reuters

deadly attacks BAGHDAD, 20 July—A series of violent attacks, including deadly bombings at mosques, across Iraq on Friday, killing 34 people and wounding 101 others,

since 2008. The deadliest attack occurred in Iraq's eastern Province of Diyala when a bomb hidden under the po-

Residential buildings are flooded due to the rising

water level of Qujiang River in Quxian County,

southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 20 July 2013.

Lingering rainstorms hit the Bazhong City in the

upper reaches of the Qujiang River, leading to the

flood of the river.— XINHUA

as the country struggles to

contain the worst violence

dium of the Imam went off in the crowded Abu Bakr al-Sideeq mosque during the weekly Friday Muslim prayer, killing up to 26 worshippers and wounding some 80 others, according to the latest police report.

The attack took place in Wajihiyah, a small Sunni town located some 25 km northeast of Diyala's provincial city of Baquba. which itself is about 65 km northeast of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad.

Earlier in the day, the police said that a civilian was killed and two wounded when a bomb planted in his shop detonated in the city of Maqdadiyah, some 40 km northeast of Baquba, while a soldier was wounded in a roadside bomb explosion near his patrol in Buhruz area, some 10 km

extremists and militiamen.

In a separate incident, a policeman foiled a suicide bomb attack when he spotted a suicide bomber trying to enter a Shiite mosque in the town of Jbala, some 50 south of Baghdad, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity

The policeman prevented the suicide bomber from approaching the mosque, forcing him to blow up his explosive vest outside the mosque, which killed the policeman and wounded five worshippers, the source said. In the early hours of the day, the police said that two women were killed and two wounded when a mortar round landed on their house in al-Mahlabiyah area, in west of Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad.

Late on Thursday, unidentified gunmen broke into a house in Ur neighborhood in the eastern part of Baghdad and shot dead three women before they fled the scene, the police said.

south of Baquba. Sectarian tension and reprisal killings have been running high recently between Sunni and Shiite Muslims in the volatile province of Diyala, as Sunnis and Shiites accuse each other of supporting

REGIONAL

Japan's 9 party leaders rack up 110,000 km in campaign travel

Токуо, 20 July—The total distance traveled by leaders of nine Japanese political parties during the upper house election campaign has reached around 110,000 kilometres, or more than two and a half times around the globe, party documents showed on Saturday.

Since official campaigning for the House of Councillors election started on 4 July, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe had visited 36 of the country's 47 prefectures through Friday as chief of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, traveling 19,368 km to push his

"Abenomics" policies to revive the economy.

Banri Kaieda, heads the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, covered 16,500 km in 28 prefectures, focusing on employment and social security issues.

Kyodo News

Hisashi Ishiguro (L), adviser to the branch in Kathmandu of Marushin Shitaka Construction Co, talks with local workers at the construction site of an irrigation facility in the Karnali on 20 May, 2013, in Chisapani in western Nepal. Kyodo News



Seven killed in foiled leftist rebel attack in **S** Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 20 July — At least seven people were killed during an attack launched by leftist rebels against a militia outpost in southern Philippines early Friday, military said later that day.

Six members of the leftist rebel group of New People's Army (NPA) and one pro-government militiaman died in the fighting which erupted about 5 am at a Citizen Armed Auxiliary detachment in Banagbanag village, Sibagat, a town in Southern Philippine Province of Agusan del Sur, said Major Leo Bongosia, spokesperson for the Philippine Army's 4th Infantry Division.

Bongosia told Xinhua by text message that at least rebels.—Xinhua

40 NPA gunmen assaulted the hinterland outpost, but they failed to take the installation which was defended by equal number of local militiamen.

Two MG-520 attack helicopters from the Philippine Air Force were sent to the area, firing rockets against the rebels, forcing them to withdraw after over an hour of fighting, he said.

The military spokesperson said villagers saw retreating rebels dragging at least half a dozen dead bodies of their comrades, and he believed dozens more could have been killed or wounded in the aerial bombardment. Bongosia said pursuit operation was now launched against the fleeing

Unidentified gunman fires at Cambodian opposition party office

PHNOM PENH, 20 July-An unidentified gunman fired a shot at a main office of the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) in Phnom Penh early Saturday, and no injury has been reported.

broke instability and turbulence through the glass window and damaged a chair in the office," said the party's statement on Saturday. "The party strongly condemns this action that aims intimidate and cause

during the election campaigning and on the Election Day." The office was closed at night when the incident occurred around 3:30 am.

Police were called to investigate the shooting on Saturday morning.

The shooting came just a day after the return of the party's exiled leader Sam Rainsy who received an exuberant welcome by supporters ahead of the 28 July parliamentary polls.

Sam Rainy returned to Cambodia on Friday 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

CNRP spokesman Yim

Sovann said at least 40,000 supporters rallied to greet his return, causing traffic jam on the road in front of the airport for hours.

Sam Rainsy's return came after Norodom Sihamoni, the King of Cambodia, granted him a royal pardon on 12 July at the request of Prime Minister Hun Sen on the grounds of national unification and reconciliation.

Upon his arrival, Sam Rainsy knelt down to kiss the ground at the airport complex before riding a pick-up vehicle.

"I am very excited, I am very happy to return to homeland to see all of you," said Sam Rainsy, speaking briefly to a huge crowd of supporters in front of the airport.

Xinhua



Boats sail on the Chao Phraya river in Bangkok, Thailand, on 17 July, 2013. The Chao Phraya river is a major river in Thailand. It flows through Bangkok and then into the Gulf of Thailand. —XINHUA

Man shot in restive S Thailand

Bangkok, 20 July — A sub-district headman was shot and seriously injured in restive southern province of Yala on Friday.

He was identified as Masakee Kanah, 38, headman of Katong sub- district in Yala's Yaha district.

Police said the shooting occurred in front of an apartment in Yala's Muang district shortly before Friday noon.

According to witnesses, Masakee was walking toward the apartment when a gunman approached and shot him with a handgun. The gunman fled on a waiting motorcycle. Masakee was shot once in his body and taken to Yala hospital.

Police are investigating and not vet concluded if it is involved southern Muslim insurgents.

ple have been killed and more than 9,000 hurt in 11,000 incidents, about 3.5 incidents a day, in Thailand's Muslim, ethnic-Malay dominated three southern border provinces — Yala, Pattani, Narathiwat and four districts of Songkhla — since violence erupted in January 2004, according to Deep South Watch, which monitors the regional violence.—Xinhua

> exhibition marking the 50th annivesary of the birth of Wesley, the main character in a series of science fictions written by novelist Ni Kuang, during the 24th Hong Kong Book Fair in south China's Hong Kong, on 18 July, 2013. The seven-day book fair, which kicked off Wednesday at Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. attracted 560 exhibitors from 30 countries and regions. —XINHUA

People visit an

Indonesia takes steps to resolve beef scarcity problem

Jakarta, 20 July—Indonesian trade minister finally took steps to address beef scarcity problem in the country and bring soaring beef price to an affordable level by allowing qualified abattoirs and feedlots to import live cows from foreign countries, slaughter them and distribute the beef to retailers at prices recommended by the government.

The move was facilitated by a decree that aimed at stabilizing beef price, which was issued by the trade minister and came into effect on Thursday, and would remain valid until the end of the year. Under the decree, the licenses to import livestock would be issued solely by the trade minister after considering recommendations on qualified abattoirs and feedlots submitted by agriculture ministry.

The abattoirs and feedlots licensed to import beef are obliged to report every batch of livestock import realization on a daily basis to the trade ministry, according to the decree.

"There will be up to 7,000 cows arriving in Indonesia by the end of this month," trade minister Gita Wirjawan told reporters in his office here on Friday.

Gita did not say in details how many livestock are planned to be imported to stabilize the price of beef in the country. He hinted it would depend on the capabilities of abattoirs and feedlots in providing fresh beef for the people.

The elements of capabilities considered by the trade ministry include their stalls, carcass storing facilities and slaughtering and delivery process. On a separated occasion, Agriculture Minister Suswono said on Friday that at least 20,000 livestock were planned to be imported to stabilize the beef price in the country.

He added that the import would be ended after the

price fall to 80,000 rupiah (about 7.8 US dollars) per kilogram, the normal price level before it increased to more than 100,000 rupiah (about 9.8 US dollars) per kilogram now.

The soaring of beef price to uncontrollable level has made President Susilo Bambang Yudhovono upset. In a cabinet meeting held on Saturday last week, the president bashed trade and agriculture ministers over the issue, saying that it has caused trouble for citizens, especially during the holy month of Ramadan when demand on beef used to be increasing.

With an aim to swiftly provide beef for domestic market, the Indonesian Bureau of Logistics was also recently tasked to import 3,000 tons of frozen beef from Australia and New Zealand. Part of the import has been shipped in last week via cargo planes.



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> SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT **MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY** AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

UN peacekeeping chief urges extension of mission in Cote d'Ivoire

July —Threats to peace and stability of Cote d'Ivoire should not be underestimated, the United Nations peacekeeping chief Herve Ladsous said on Thursday, urging the Security Council to extend the UN Mission in the country. Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations Ladsous told the UN Security Council that the presence of the UN Operation in Cote d'Ivoire (UNOCI)"remains essential, particularly with respect to its core priorities of protecting civilians, disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former combatants, and security sector reform."

Ladsous presented Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon's report on Cote d'Ivoire at the council, noting that the country is on the right path following a violent post-election crisis

UNITED NATIONS, 20 in 2011. Meanwhile, he expressed his concern over the country's political fragmentation and called on all Ivoirians to resolve political differences peacefully.

> UNOCI was established in 2004 by the Security Council to facilitate the peace process of the West African nation and has been extended for several times. Its mandate is due on 31 July, 2013. Cote d'Ivoire endured months of violence after a disputed 2010 presidential election when former President Laurent Gbagbo refused to step down after losing to Alassane Ouattart. Gbagbo finally gave up the post in April 2011.

However, the country still faces threats including uncontrolled circulation of weapons, former combatants, violence between communities and crimes.

Xinhua

Lack of recycling blamed for mounting Chinese garbage

Beijing, 20 July—Insufficient recycling has been blamed as a major reason behind increasingly mounting garbage surrounding cities in a rapidly urbanizing China, the China Youth Daily reported on Friday.

The report cited a government survey showing more than one-third of the nation's cities are besieged by rubbish, with the dumped garbage taking up 50,000 hectares of land.

Megacities such as Shanghai and Beijing each produce nearly 20,000 metric tons of rubbish daily and emphasis and investment output is rising fast yearly, posing great challenges to the environment as recycling capacities fail to keep abreast of the output needing proper treatment, the report said.

The government listed a raft of cities that started piloting recycling programmes back in 2000 but those programmes have failed to prosper.

A survey by the newspaper showed that more than 60 percent of respondents believed the government's inadequate

concerning recycling have caused the current conundrum. The garbage problem is even accused of causing cancer and other health hazards, according to the news-

Chen Changzhi, vice chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, said burning rubbish could be the best way to reduce the size of the garbage and the land it occupies. Meanwhile, the process could be harnessed for electric power generation.

However. residents worry this method could pollute local environments even though China already possesses technology to contain such pollution, the report said.

An official with the National Development and Reform Commission, China's top economic planning body, revealed late last year that the country will invest more than 50 billion yuan (8.1 billion US dollars) during the 2011-2015 period to promote clean garbage treatment.

Xinhua



Tourists enjoy the scenery of rape flowers in Menyuan Hui Autonomous County in northwest China's Qinghai Province, on 17 July, 2013. Qinghai Plateau attacts many tourists for its brisk weather in summer. —XINHUA

New EU settlement guidelines bad news for Israel

Jerusalem, 20 July The new EU guidelines on the status of Jewish settlement in the West Bank could take a heavy toll on Israel, local analysts have said. According to the guidelines issued recently, as of 2014, Israeli entities located or active in the areas that Israel annexed since the 1967 Middle East War will not be eligible for EU grants,

prizes or loans. Since its announcement in late June, Israeli politicians have been trying to get the EU to cancel or postpone the new guidelines. "It's very problematic (for Israel) because it's the first time in recent years a very message to the Israeli public that the EU takes very seriously the distinction between the occupied territories and Israel within the 1967 borders," Prof. Eyal Chowers, of Tel Aviv University, told Xinhua on Wednesday.

"Usually Israelis tend to ignore these lines, but here comes a very clear and painful message that the EU still holds the distinction between these two territories," Chowers said.

Xinhua

Fog strands 10,000 at **Dalian Airport**

Dalian, 20 July-Rain-led fog has left about 10,000 flight passengers stranded in the northeastern Chinese city of Dalian on Friday, according to Dalian Airport's operation centre.

More than 70,000 people were expected to depart from or arrive at the airport on Friday with 467 flights on the airport's schedule, but as of 11 am, only two flights have left while 16 have arrived, the operation centre said.

The local weather bureau has forecast that downpours will continue, which is likely to further reduce visibility.

ENTERTAINMENT

Kareena Kapoor to shoot love scene with Emraan Hashmi

Mumbai, 20 July—Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan kissed her then-beau Shahid Kapoor in Jab We Met and even shot for bold scenes in Heroine. This time the actress seems to be going yet another step ahead to get cosy with Emraan Hashmi in her next film. According to sources, Bebo has given her nod for an intimate scene with Emraan. In fact, the makers were in for a surprise when the actress gave the go-ahead.

A source from the unit says, "Producer Ekta Kapoor was very keen that Kareena does the film but was not sure if she would agree for the explosive love-making scene. She convinced Kareena that the scene was quite significant to the storyline. Bebo being a professional gave her nod right away."

Apparently initially Kareena had some date issues after which, the makers contacted Deepika Padukone for the role. The producers however soon went back to Bebo after which the logistics were worked out. Kareena remained unavailable for comment.

In the past, Bebo has shot cosy scenes with other costars as ,including With then-beau Saif Ali Khan in Kurbaan. She also kissed Aamir Khan in 3 Idiots and got cosy with Arjun Rampal in Heroine. She also Kissed Akshay Kumar in Kambakth Ishq and shot for a lovemaking scene with Ajay Devgn for Omkara.—PTI

Kareena Kapoor Khan will reportedly get cosy with Emraan Hashmi for her upcoming film.



Selena Gomez wants to move out of parents' house

> Los Angeles, 20 July—Singer Selena Gomez is planning to move out of her parents' house and is looking to buy a place of her own.

The 20-year-old singer revealed her plans in an upcoming episode of Ryan Seacrest with Selena Gomez, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

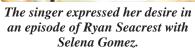
"Yeah, you know I think it's time. I didn't ever wanna be forceful to saying, 'OK, I've made enough to get my own house and OK, let's blow it off and do whatever'. I just love being with my family and I love knowing that they're there. But yeah, I think it's probably time for

me to get my own house," said Gomez. The Come & Get It hitmaker also said that she has a 10-year plan but thinks that she may not be as popular in future as she

is today. "I do, but you just never know how it's gonna execute. I have goals - personally and in my professional career, too — but what's in today could be gone tomorrow, so you might not see me in five years," she said.

Gomez, who has an on and off relationship with Justin Bieber, 19, hopes to have a huge family in the future.

"That's when everything will probably slow down. I mean, I'm Latin, so ... I don't know, obviously when that time comes I'll decide, but of course I like having a big family," she said.



Miley Cyrus promotes new song in London

London, 20 July-Singer Miley Cyrus promoted her new single, We Can't Stop in London. The singer shared her excitement on Twitter.

She was spotted at Heathrow Airport with a pile of suitcases. The 20-year-old star was dressed in grey trousers with a matching shirt and sunglasses and a huge pile



Miley Cyrus shared her excitement about her trip on Twitter.

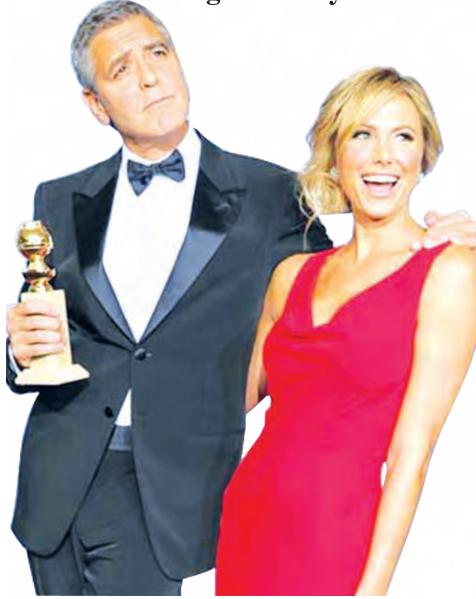
of suitcases, reports thesun.

Cyrus shared her excitement about the trip via micro-blogging website Twitter.

"Can't wait for London," she tweeted.

The singer made an appearance on Nick Grimshaw's show on Radio 1 on Thursday, (18 July, 2013).

Stacy Keibler had no plans to marry **George Clooney**



George Clooney and Stacy Keibler parted ways recently after being together for two years.

Los Angeles, 20 July —Actress Stacy Keibler says getting married to exboyfriend George Clooney was never on her mind.

The duo parted ways recently after being together for over two years.

Amid reports that the split happened because they had different opinion on starting a family, the actress says walking down the aisle is the last thing on her mind right now, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

"Actually, everyone that knows me thinks that's the funniest story. That's the last thing on my mind. I don't really think about that right now. We didn't discuss that," Keibler said on a radio show.—PTI

Ronaldinho primed for Libertadores Vilanova to step down as Barcelona final second leg

Belo Horizonte, 20 July—Atletico Mineiro coach Cuca says he is unconcerned by the form of key playmaker Ronaldinho ahead of Wednesday's Copa Libertadores final second leg against Olimpia. An out of sorts Ronaldinho was substituted during the second half of Atletico's 2-0 loss to the Paraguayan outfit in Asuncion last Wednesday.

But Cuca backed the 33-year-old to turn around his fortunes in front of more than 60,000 fans at the Mineirao stadium. "Nothing went right for Ronaldinho in the first match," Cuca said on Friday. "He was very well marked and made

errors that are not usual for him. "But he is the most technically gifted player that I have ever managed. He is the player which

think can most help us win the title. Wednesday will be his game, you can be sure of that. Atletico Mineiro have never won the Copa Libertadores—South America's premier club competition while Olimpia are vying for their fourth title.

Xinhua

coach for more cancer treatment

Barcelona coach Tito club. Vilanova's replace-Vilanova stepped down on Friday to undergo further cancer treatment, the club said.

Vilanova had a tumour removed from a salivary gland in his throat in November 2011 and in December 2012 he suffered a relapse.

He underwent surgery again followed by 10 weeks of chemotherapy and radiotherapy in New York. Vilanova returned in March and led Barcelona to the Spanish league title.

Barcelona president Sandro Rosell said the 44-year-old made the decision as his treatment

ment will be announced

Madrid, 20 July— clashes with his duty in the "probably in the beginning of next week," Rosell said.



Barcelona coach Tito Vilanova

Woods primed for British Open tilt



Tiger Woods of the US acknowledges the crowd after his par putt on the tenth green during the second round of the British Open golf Championship at Muirfield in Scotland on 19 July, 2013.—REUTERS

GULLANE, (Scotland), 20 July —Tiger Woods will start the British Open third round on Saturday perfectly placed to mount a strong challenge for his 15th major title. The world number one trails overnight leader Miguel Angel Jimenez by one shot after battling his way to a level-par 71 on Friday to finish on two under, one behind Spaniard Jimenez.

Woods was level with Briton Lee Westwood, Sweden's Henrik Stenson and fellow American Dus- able," he said. "I was hittin Johnson after sinking a birdie on the last hole to end an attritional second round with a flourish. "Just got to continue plodding along. Just continue just being patient, putting the ball in the right spots and trying," Woods said. "We're not going to get a lot of opportunities out there, but when I have, I've been able to capitalize, and hopefully I can

continue doing that."

Jimenez added a 71 to his opening 68 to top a congested leaderboard. "I feel relaxed," he told reporters. "And I tell you, I love what I'm doing. I play golf. I do this for a living. And I've keep doing the same thing for 25 years. Westwood, bidding for his first major title, made six birdies in the first 12 holes of his second round before three bogeys stalled his

"I felt pretty comfortting the ball well. Putting nicely. The golf course got really difficult. The finish is tough. 16, 17, 18 are playing hard. So it's like most major championships, it's a grind out there." Briton Martin Laird, Argentina's Angel Cabrera, American Zach Johnson and Spain's Rafael Cabrera-Bello will start the third round at one under par.—Reuters

Froome survives in yellow as Contador accepts defeat

LE GRAND BORNAND, (France), 20 July—Chris Froome had his maiden Tour de France title within reach on Friday after the Briton survived the 204.5km 19th stage and Alberto Contador's camp conceded defeat. Team Sky rider Froome leads Spaniard Contador by five minutes 11 seconds with two stages left, one being Sunday's parade to the Champs-Ely-

"It would take a lot for someone to take more than five minutes," Froome told reporters after the stage which was won by Portugal's Rui Costa. "Having said that, I don't want to be complacent so we have to stay focused and switched on until tomorrow night least."As Contador, who earlier this week had marked the stage featuring four demanding climbs as the one where he could overhaul Froome, settled for second place, his Saxo-Tinkoff outfit rode to defend top position in the team standings.

Tour but at some point you have to admit that Chris was just much stronger than anyone else in the race," Saxo-Tinkoff sports direc-

"That was not our ob-

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Movistar team rider Rui Alberto Costa of Portugal celebrates as he crosses the finish line to win the 204.5 km nineteenth stage of the centenary Tour de France cycling race from Bourg d'Oisans to Le Grand Bornand, in the French Alps, on 19 July, 2013. REUTERS

tor Philippe Mauduit told reporters. Contador will also need to defend his second overall as only 47 seconds separates him from fifth-placed Joaquim Rodriguez going into Saturday's 20th stage, a 125-km ride from Annecy featuring six climbs with a summit finish at Semnoz.

Spaniard Rodriguez and Colombian climber Nairo Quintana, who holds the white jersey for the best young rider, finished Friday's stage with Froome and Contador and pose the biggest threat. They were, however, controlled by Contador's team all day. "Maybe they were preventing attacks from Movistar (Quintana's team), it was perfect for us," Team Sky sports director Nicolas Portal told reporters.

Reuters

Brazilians given 33% discount for **World Cup tickets**

SAO PAULO, 20 July -Brazilian fans will pay next year's World Cup, world football's governing body FIFA said on Friday. While locals will pay as little as 30 US dollars during the tournament's group stage, the lowest price for international fans will be 90 dollars

For the first time in more than 60 years FIFA will offer half-price en-

try starting at 15 dollars to Brazilian students, senior a third less than their in- citizens and low-income ternational counterparts earners. The most expensive for standard tickets at tickets are 990 dollars for a seat at the final in Rio de Janeiro.

FIFA's marketing director Thierry Weil said it was only the second time that fans had been offered discounted tickets for football's showpiece event."This had only happened in the 1950 World Cup, also held in Bra- **FIFA WORLD CUP** zil, showing that Brazilian government is a good nego-



Brasil

tiator," Weil said during a Press a conference.

In addition, 50,000 free tickets will be issued to Brazil's indigenous population and welfare recipients. Former Brazil striker and current federal deputy Romario welcomed the pricing structure. "FIFA has finally been brought down to earth. Tickets have to be cheap, after all, we're the ones picking up the tab

for this party," the 1994 World Cup winner said on Twitter.—Xinhua

Mew Light of Myanmar **GENERAL**

Wolff makes full test debut with Williams



(L-R) Williams Formula One drivers Pastor Maldonado and Valtteri Bottas and test-driver Susie Wolff pose with the new FW35 racing car during its presentation at Circuit de Catalunya racetrack in Montmelo, near Barcelona, on 19 Feb, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 20 July—Susie Wolff made her full test debut with former champions Williams on Friday, the biggest step by a woman driver in Formula One for more than 20 years, with race regulars paying her compliments. "I think she was pretty good, she was pretty quick and that's really fantastic to see a lady driving Formula One," Ferrari's Felipe Massa told reporters after the final day of a young driver test at Silverstone.

"I was really happy when I saw the lap times and pretty happy for her." Wolff, now 30, may not be a young driver but she was as thrilled as any of those making their test debuts after completing 89 laps and setting the ninth fastest time of the 16 drivers on track during the day.

35.093 seconds compared to the day's fastest of 1:32.894 set by triple champion Sebastian Vettel in his Red

"It was important for me to show I had the performance," the Scot, wife of Mercedes motorsport head and Williams shareholder Toto Wolff, told reporters. "It was fantastic today. The team did a great job getting me through the day, talking me through everything step by step. "Physically it wasn't easy but it was what I was expecting. I was well prepared so it was completely manageable," added the development driver who spent seven seasons racing in the DTM (German Touring Car) series but scored only four points.

Formula One has not Her best lap of one minute had a female driver in decades, with Italian Giovanna Amati the last to try to get on the grid when she failed to qualify in 1992. Compatriot Lella Lombardi was the last to start a race, in 1976. Wolff has taken part in straight-line aerodynamic tests, without other racing drivers present, and as development driver was the first to drive this year's car. "After such a tough end to my DTM career, many people presumed that I was just always at the back and wasn't quick enough but I think today can show that that was possibly an unfair judgment," said the Briton.

Spaniard Maria De Villota was appointed test driver for Marussia last year, before she lost an eye in an accident during an aerodynamic test in England. However she never took part in a general test with other drivers. Britain's Katherine Legge also tested a Minardi in Italy in 2005. Race drivers such as Vettel and Massa were limited on Friday to testing the new type of Pirelli tire to be introduced at next week's Hungarian Grand Prix after a spate of blowouts at last month's British round at Silverstone.

Massa, who suffered a near-fatal head injury when struck by a bouncing spring that came off compatriot Rubens Barichello's car in Hungary in 2009, said they seemed more consistent.

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1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

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2. To Be Healthy Exercise 6:45 am

3. Dance & Song of National Races

6:52 am

4. Documentary

7:00 am

5. News/Weather Report

7:15 am

6. President U Thein Sein's official visits to Britain, France

8:00 am

7. News/ International

News 8:25 am

8. Amazing World

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9. News/ International News

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10. Mono Classical

Songs 10:00 am

11. News

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12. TV Drama Series

11:00 am

13. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn 12:00 am

14. News/ International

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15. Round Up of The Week's International News

12:35 pm

16. Myanmar Video

2:20 pm

17. Documentary

2:45 pm

18. Songs in honour of the month (Waso)

3:15 pm

19. Teleplay

3:45 pm

20. Road to 27th SEA Games

4:00 pm

21. News/Weather Report

4:15 pm

22. Dance & Song of National Races

4:25 pm

23. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)

-Third Year (Maths)

4:40 pm

24. Performance With Song

5:00 pm

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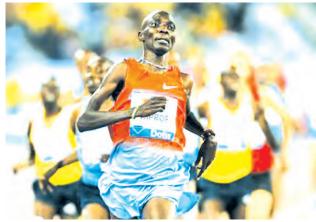
Canoeing

Relentless Kiprop races to fastest time since 2004

London, 20 July— World champion Asbel Kiprop's relentless pace proved too much for his rivals, including Mo Farah, as the Kenyan clocked the fastest 1,500 meters time since 2004 at the Monaco Diamond League meeting on Friday. With the world championships in Moscow just over three weeks away, world leads and minor records were set with seeming abandon on a still, warm evening in the Stade Louis II. Kiprop pulled ahead of the field shortly before the bell and raced away to win in three minutes 27.72 seconds to make him the fourth fastest man of all time over the distance.

Britain's Olympic 5,000 and 10,000 meters champion Farah said before the event that he was dropping down to the shorter distance to work on his speed and the move paid off as he was dragged round in a European record of 3:28.81. "I'm definitely pleased, training has been going pretty well," the 30-year-old, who goes sixth on the all-time list, told the BBC."The aim was to come out here and work on my speed. It would have been nice to get closer to Asbel but he's got another gear and he kept stretching away," added Farah who plans to move up to the marathon next year.

Controversial sprinter tin Gatlin won the men's 100 metres, which was run against the backdrop of last weekend's revelations that leading sprinters Tyson Gay and Asafa Powell had failed dope tests.American Gatlin, who served a four-year doping ban from 2006, got a great start and won in 9.94 seconds, in a race missing



Asbel Kiprop of Kenya leads the men's 1500m at the IAAF Diamond League athletics meet in Doha on 10 May, 2013.—REUTERS

world-record holder Usain Ann Fraser-Pryce for vic-Bolt, to show he is likely to be the Jamaican's main contender in Moscow.Murielle Ahoure of the Ivory Coast put herself in the mix for the world 200 title after blasting out of the blocks and holding off American Tiffany Townsend and Olympic 100 meters champion Shelly-

tory in a national record of 22.24.

Farah would have watched the 5,000 metres, for which he is world champion, with interest as Kenyan Edwin Soi ran the fastest time of the year, 12:51.34, to beat the Briton's meeting record set in 2011. Former

competing for Bahrain, was second in an arena record of 12:51.96. Time is running out for world and Olympic 100 hurdles champion Sally Pearson, who is still a way off her best after returning from a hamstring injury last month. The Australian faded

Kenyan Albert Rop, now

badly over the last three hurdles to finish fifth behind American Queen Harrison who won in 12.64. Olympic silver medalist Brigetta Barrett treated the crowd to a dance routine after clearing wrestler with a mathematical 2.01 first time in the high jump which was enough for victory. Renaud Lavillenie of France dominated the pole vault competition, securing victory with a Diamond League record and world-leading 5.96 meters, 18 centimeters higher than American Brad Walker in second.—Reuters

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Hakuho wins Nagoya title with 2 bouts left

Nagoya, 20 July— Bruised but far from broken, Mongolian yokozuna Hakuho defeated Bulgarian ozeki Kotooshu to clinch his 26th Emperor's Cup with two days to spare at the Nagoya Grand Sumo Tournament on Friday.

The hardware was put on a plate for Hakuho after Aoiyama, the only other chance at the title, fell to a third loss at the hands of Takayasu. Despite being heavily taped up after injuring his right abdomen in Thursday's win over Kotoshogiku, Hakuho was in total control and twice got hold of Kotooshu's (9-4) right arm and yanked him around the ring.—Kyodo News

The New Light of Myanmar

Natural gas begins flowing in Myanmar-China pipeline

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July —Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay made an inspection tour of Main Control Centre of SEAP Company near Thayatdan Village in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region today. The centre is a part of Myanmar-China gas pipeline.

Next, the Union minister accompanied by SEAP Chairman Mr. Jaing Chang Liang observed preparations for opening ceremony, documentary photos and videos, and keeping records on gas which was starting to flow into the pipeline.

It was learnt that control station and all devices used in the project would be handed over to



Myanmar when the term of contract ended and the quality devices could be used effectively later on.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay visits Main Control Centre of SEAP Company near Thayatdan Village in Amarapura Township.

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Township education management data collection course conducted in Yedashe

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July— The opening of township education management data collection course for 2013-14 academic year Hall of Basic Education

of Bago Region this morning, attended by Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu.

The deputy minister took place at Aung San called for training the students the students for raising school to become good citizens High School in Yedashe endowed with moral capacity

Township in Toungoo District and collecting educational data to carry out educational tasks easily and rapidly. He also urged those present to join hands with the parents of enrolment.

"Mandalay Sport Palace"



- Many years ago, Burma (Myanmar) was known as Mandalay all over the world.
- Mandalay is very famous as Yadanarbon King's Nay Pyi Taw. Everyone can visualize our golden palace, (Shwe Nan Taw) the pride of Myanmar.
- Really, we cannot change or replace this place with New York city or Tokyo.
- We can't appraise the value of this palace. It is unlimited & eternal for us.
- It's amazing, Surprisingly, created by ...Supernatural....
- The new sport palace is appeared in Mandalay.
- The new land mark for Mandalay, Gigantic, Enormous, Marvelous football stadium same to Wunna Theikdi & Zeyar Thiri football stadiums in Nay Pyi Taw.
- Thirty Thousand seated, complete with track & field including all the systems as international standards in line with FIFA.
- It's lovely & delightful just like a flying saucer landing from the other planet.
- Want to stay & play in this new Arena, but won't forget playing, shouting in Bahtoo ground.
- Well done Max Myanmar.
- Thanks a lot to Max Myanmar.
- Please exert all of your work forces to be completed as soon as possible.
- Also thanks to the Government for your Present for the people as great as the
- We, Mandalars are so grateful and highly appreciate for handing over this stadium. In honour of XXVII SEA Games to be held in December 2013.
- We are most pleased to see the games care freely in the new sport palace, Mandalay Football Stadium.

Hla Min Chief Engineer (MMCC)

State of the Sea off and along Myanmar coasts

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July— Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 mph.

Union FM felicitates Belgian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July-U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Didier Reynders, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs of the Kingdom of Belgium on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Belgium, which falls on 21 July 2013.—MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Chimiddorj BATTUMUR as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Chimiddorj BAT-TUMUR was born in February 1957 and obtained Bachelor Degree of Law from Moscow State Institute of International Relations. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Af-

NAY PYI TAW, 21 fairs of Mongolia in 1981. He served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and at the Embassy of Mongolia to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Since May 2012, he has been serving as the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Mongolia to the Kingdom of Thailand.

> Mr Chimiddorj BAT-TUMUR is married with two children.

> > MNA

Moderate earthquake hits inside Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July-A moderate earthquake of magnitude 5.0 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar, (about 29 miles southeast of Gangaw), about 110 miles west of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 3 hrs 44 min 46 sec M.S.T today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

US to help Tilapia fish farming in Myanmar

The United States has planned to provide technical assistance to farming freshwater Tilapia fish in Myanmar, said an official of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

As part of efforts for promoting Tilapia fish farming, a US team comprising experts made a visit to Tilapia fish farms in Myanmar on 17 July.

The United States is currently assisting in Tilapia fish farming in Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Bhutan in terms of farming techniques.

The US team would give advice and farming techniques to Myanmar to be able to export highquality fish and fish products and to get foreign markets.

Meanwhile, the US team would also help Myanmar to ensure organic fish farming.

Myanmar needs to promote export sector of fishery products and to ensure that quality levels of fish and fishery products reach the high-quality required.

Currently, Myanmar exports over 120 items of fishery products.

Myanmar has over 100 marine product factories,

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but some of them can produce quality products

In the 2012-2013 FY, Myanmar exported over 37000 matric tons of marine products.

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