

## President urges MNHRC, IFG to work together with government to protect country's image



President U Thein Sein delivers a speech in meeting with Interfaith Friendship Group and Myanmar National Human Rights Commission.—MNA

YANGON, 21 July — President U Thein Sein urged the Interfaith Friendship Group and Myanmar National Human Rights Commission to cooperate with the government and to take responsibility for image the country not to be tarnished as it is found that the conflict between the two communities in the country is being exaggerated as racial and religious conflict between the two communities and regional and international issues in an attempt to bring it to the UN.

Meeting with the group at Yangon Region Government Office this afternoon, the President reiterated that he expressed his concerns in his speeches that a conflict between the two communities could turn into regional and international issues, and if it happened, it could harm the image of the country and its reforms.

The constitution of the country includes provisions to give protection to the four major religions including Islam and Myanmar does not

accept racial discrimination, he added.

During his visits to foreign countries, he has clarified that the conflicts were caused by criminal cases in the respective areas, he added.

He urged the group to work together with the government for three priorities tasks. The first task is the rehabilitation of the areas where the conflicts broke out, he said.

The government has already spent over 6 billion kyats on providing aids

to over 100,000 victims in cooperation with the international organizations, he said.

Punitive actions had been taken against those who involved in the conflicts and riots and police are obliged to carry out their duties in attempts to do more investigations related to the conflicts.

The second process is prevention of conflicts from reoccurring. It is required for Interfaith Friendship Group to form region/ state/ township level groups while

the government is engaged in the second process. He called on Myanmar Human Rights Commission to launch educational campaigns to heighten the public awareness of human rights.

The third process is a long-term plan to seek and resolve root causes of conflict. It is necessary to continue to implement the tasks of socio-economic development including health and education and realize recommendations of Rakhine State Investigation Commission.

Next, Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin stressed the need of greater cooperation among the government, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and Interfaith Friendship Group so as to inform international community including the United Nations about objective conditions in Myanmar.

Then, Union Minister U Khin Yi explained citizenship rights prescribed in 1982 Citizenship Law and instigation behind the scene that spark difficulties in collecting data to get accurate count of population in Rakhine State.

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## New market complex under construction in Mingala market compound

A new market complex is under construction in Mingala market compound as Yangon is moving towards regeneration.

A construction company is undertaking the construction and has started erecting iron frames, the new tools that Myanmar construction entrepreneurs started to employ in the place of conventional RC piles.

“What we are building now is a new market. It has yet to be named. We are trying to complete it

By Kyan Taing Aung (MMAL)

quickly,” according to an official of the construction company.

The compound already has Mingala Market, Mingala Mon Market, Shwe Pyae Sone Market and Myodaw Sibin Bank. Upon completion of the new market, there will be four markets in the compound which could make it the heart of commodity distribution in Yangon.

After relocating from the

old market site, the Mingala Market witnessed shrinking number of customers, following the emergence of plazas around the city.

The role of Mingala Market is now occupied by plazas, supermarkets and city marts. The emergence of new market in the compound could resume the hustle and bustle of the market.

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Construction of new market complex under way.—TIN SOE (MYANMA ALINN)





Photo shows Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung and party paying tribute to the fallen heroes at the ceremony to observe the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Martyr's Day at Kanthaya (Pyidaungsu ground) in Patheingyi on 19 July. — MNA

Photo shows a ceremony to observe the 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Martyrs' Day in Bogyoke Aung San Garden in Sagaing on 19 July.—KYEMON-NANDA MIN LWIN



Photo shows crowds of departmental personnel, parliamentarians, responsible persons of political parties, members of social organizations, teachers and students and locals totaling over 2000 standing in silent tribute to the fallen heroes in front of Arzarni Monument in Paungde Township at 10.37 am on 19 July.— KYEMON-TIN WIN ZAW (MINTHAR GYI)

## Dredger murder suspect under police interrogation

HLINETHAYA, 21 July — Investigation Officer Police Inspector Htay Win said a man is under interrogation in connection with a slaying of 39-year-old man on a dredger, Shwe Lamin (3), which was anchored near Shwepyitha Bridge in Hline

river in Hlinethaya Township on 16 July.

The victim, Mya Shwe, was pronounced dead on his way to Insein Hospital. U Tin Win of Htun The sand and brick trading shop in Shwelinban Industrial Zone reported to the police that

he was called by phone to the scene by his staff, Ko Kyaw Swa, who said Tauk Tun, 23, of Danubyu Township and Mya Shwe, 39, of Kayan Township were quarreling over a case in which Tauk Tun switched off the electricity while they were getting drunk and watching together TV on the dredger.

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On his arrival at the dredger, he found Mya Shwe dead sustaining a single stab wound to his left temple. Now, Tauk Tun suspected of killing Mya Shwe is being questioned by the police.

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## Sailing voyage, diving trips along Kawthoung beach attracts flux of globetrotters

KAWTHOUNG, 22 July — Myanmar sees a flux of tourists coming into it by road, by water or by air daily.

Daily arrival of 400 globetrotters at Yangon International Airport makes 40 per cent of foreign visitors to Myanmar while the remaining 60 per cent enters Myanmar crossing border gates like Muse, Tachilek, Tamu, Myawady, Payathonsu, Htweekhi, Mawtaung and Kawthoung daily.

They throng into Kawthoung by speed boats, hovercrafts, cruises and motorized boats via Indonesia, Vietnam, Laos and Ranong in southern Thailand. Kawthoung Township situated is in the southernmost part of Myanmar used to be a harbor for cargo boats traveling from Singapore-Penang (Malay) and Ranong of

Thailand. The town was named Kawthoung in 1972. Now, it is a district town comprising Khamaukgyi, Kayathuri, Bokpyin, Pyigy Mandine and Kawthoung Townships.

Kawthoung, a topographically distinct district town, promises scenic views along the seafront and a magnitude of marine life. The evergreen forest-filled town is a place earning foreign currency through tourism. It is

the most popular tourist attraction spot in Myanmar. Yachts and cruises with tourist transport business licence are allowed to operate a package tour in Myeik archipelago. There has been an increased growing number of tourists who are willing to do sailing, diving and other sea activities there.

Following a boom in the tourism industry, the region has become a tourism-based business centre where

companies offer sailing and diving tours, sailing voyage along the seafront to visitors. Moreover, hotels of international level, Andaman Club Resort Hotel, Thahtaykyun Hotel, Kawthoung Motel, Resort Hotel, Minhlakyun Hotel, Myauknikyun Hotel and Salonkyun Hotel, restaurants and souvenir shops along the sandy beach provide excellent service to globetrotters.

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### Accident

## Person in the front seat killed as light truck crashes into back of stationary tractor-trailer



BAGO, 21 July — A fatal car accident involved two vehicles occurred in front of Ohndaw Restaurant in Bago at 3.30 am on 19 July, killing one person in a front seat of a car. A light truck, CANTER, ploughed into the back of a tractor-trailer which was parked in front of the restaurant. Police said a person in the

front seat of the light truck was pronounced dead on the spot and the driver fled the scene. No information was immediately available about the victim's identity and cause of the collision.

Investigation is ongoing by No (3) police station and the driver is still at large.—Kyemon-Htay Naing (Bago)

## Drowning death after falling into water from raft in Toungoo Township

KYAIKTO, 21 July — A 37-year-old man drowned after falling into the water from a raft floated down the Chaungmange creek near Kampani Village in Zeegon Village in Toungoo Township on 17 July.

Police identified the victim as Ko Min Naing Soe of Kampani Village and ruled that it was drowning

death. He is believed to have drowned after falling into the creek while the victim was floating the raft in the creek together with his nephew Nann Oo, 28.

Toungoo police station opened a case for medical examination whether or not there is evidence of third party hand in the case.

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## WORLD

## New Egyptian Prime Minister seeks dialogue, end to divisions

CAIRO, 21 July—Egypt's interim prime minister appealed on Saturday for an end to the nation's divisions following the overthrow of Islamist President Mohamed Mursi and said tough measures might be needed to revive the economy.

Appearing relaxed and confident on state television, Hazem el-Beblawi, an international liberal economist, called for dialogue between political parties, adding that security had to be restored to Egypt's streets after weeks of mass protests.

"Egypt is more important to the world than we think and deserves more from us. The coming stage needs more harmony and reconciliation," Beblawi said in the lengthy interview.

Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood has branded the ousting of the president as a military coup and has said it will not enter into any talks with its opponents until he is restored to power, staging a round-the-clock vigil in Cairo to push their demand.



*Egypt's Finance Minister Hazem el-Beblawi looks on during a group meeting of Gulf and Arab Finance Ministers in Abu Dhabi, in this on 7 Sept, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS*

"There can be no dialogue when the gun barrels are pointing towards the anti-coup protesters," Brotherhood spokesman Gehad El-Haddad said, dismissing Beblawi's appeal.

The powerful armed forces, who have held Mursi in an undisclosed location since his 3 July downfall, have rejected calls for his reinstatement.

Instead, they have appointed a new, interim government, devoid of any Islamists parties. Sworn into office just four days ago, it

is tasked with tackling the economy and preparing the way for swift elections.

Egypt's new president issued a decree on Saturday for experts to start work amending the constitution — a first step towards holding a new ballot in a country still struggling to come to terms with the toppling of Hosni Mubarak after the uprising in 2011.

A committee of 10 legal and constitutional experts will meet on Sunday and has a month to come up with proposals to give to a

broader-based body, which will have a further 60 days to deliver a final draft to be voted on in a national referendum.

Beblawi said his cabinet was building "the base for what is to come", adding that he had instructed his ministers to explain clearly the many problems besieging the Arab world's most populous state. "You cannot ask a patient to take medicine, without explaining to him why he needs it for," he said.

Asked if austerity measures might be imposed, he said: "It could happen." He did not elaborate further.

Among the many accusations levelled against Mursi by his critics was mismanagement of the economy. The budget deficit has soared to about \$3.2 billion a month and foreign reserves are more than 50 percent below their December 2010 levels. "We are entering a stage similar to that of a war, to stop the bloodshed, restore economic activity and return security to the streets," Beblawi said.—Reuters

## Rival accuses Germany's Merkel of deceit over euro zone bailouts

BERLIN, 21 July—Germany's main opposition leader Peer Steinbrueck accused Chancellor Angela Merkel of covering up the likelihood that German taxpayers will have to fund further euro zone bailouts due to a looming election.

Steinbrueck, who is lagging Merkel in the run-up to the 22 September vote, was quoted by a German magazine on Saturday as saying a fresh writedown on Greek debt would mean losses for public creditors, in other words taxpayers.

"As such, the illusion about not being a union of joint liability would burst like a bubble — possibly even before the federal elections," Steinbrueck told *Wirtschaftswoche*.

He added it could "not

be excluded in any way" that other countries might need further financial help after the election.

Many debt experts believe Europe will have to write off some bailout loans to Greece if the country is to make a successful return to capital markets.

The International Monetary Fund said last month Athens may require additional debt relief as early as next year, although it did not specify what the relief might look like.

Merkel and her government have in recent weeks repeatedly ruled out a further writedown of Greek debt.

An open debate about loan losses could damage Merkel in the run-up to the vote.—Reuters



*German Chancellor and top candidate of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) Angela Merkel waves after her speech in the northern German town of Sankt Peter-Ording, on 19 July, 2013.*

REUTERS

## Divided Belgium to swear in new king



*Belgium's Crown Prince Philippe (L) and Crown Princess Mathilde applaud during the national ball in the Marolles District to celebrate King Albert II's 20th anniversary of reign, in Brussels on 20 July, 2013.*

REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 21 July—Belgium will swear in a new king on Sunday with festivities but also questions over the political influence of the monarch and the acceptance of Philippe as the king of all Belgians.

The 183-year-old country is split across the middle, with many Dutch speakers seeking greater independence for Flanders in the north and wary of a monarchy seen rooted in the once powerful, but now poorer French-speaking Wallonia in the south.

"One king, two nations" was a headline in French language business daily *L'Echo*, while Dutch newspaper *De Standaard* pushed the royals deep inside its weekend issue, leading instead with a story on tax.

Fewer than half of people in Flanders believe Philippe will be a good king after 79-year-old King Albert II steps aside, against two-thirds in Wallonia, according to a poll.

Business leaders are similarly divided, with

French speakers content with the status quo, but Dutch-speaking counterparts saying the monarch no longer have a political role.

Belgian kings — and 53-year-old Philippe will be the seventh — do plenty of handshaking and ribbon-cutting, but also appoint mediators and potential government heads to steer coalition talks after elections, no small task in Belgium.

After the inconclusive 2010 vote, Albert held countless meetings with Belgian politicians as they failed for a world record 541 days to form a new government.

The Flemish separatist N-VA, the largest party in parliament but eventually dropped from coalition talks, has been particularly vocal about limiting royal powers.

Neighbouring Netherlands did just that last year. Queen Beatrix also stepped aside to allow her popular son Willem-Alexander to become king amid wild celebrations.

Reuters

## Voting under way for Japan upper house race

TOKYO, 21 July —Voting began on Sunday in Japan's upper house election, the first national poll since Prime Minister Shinzo Abe took office in December, with the greatest focus on whether voters support his "Abenomics" policies to boost the Japanese economy.

A total of 433 candidates are running for 121 seats in the House of Councillors, where the ruling coalition led by Abe's Liberal Democratic Party has not had a majority. Wrestling control of the 242-seat

chamber is a key hurdle to be cleared if Abe is to pursue his policy goals, including revising the nation's pacifist Constitution.

The 17-day official campaign period ended on Saturday as opposition parties struggled to erode strong support for the Abe administration. Among other issues, they have criticized Abe for plans to raise the sales tax and restart idled nuclear power plants, and for Japan's deteriorating relations with China and South Korea.

Half of the upper house

seats come up for election every three years. Abe lost a majority for the ruling camp in the chamber in 2007 during his previous stint as prime minister.

Of the contested 121 seats, 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. The outcome of the election will likely become clear by early Monday.

The ruling coalition of the LDP and the New Komeito party needs at least 63 seats to secure a majority, in addition to the 59 they already hold that are not contested this time.

Abe recently referred to a higher goal of winning 70 seats, which would enable the coalition to control all standing committees as well as the chamber. That would facilitate the passage of bills, given the ruling bloc already holds an overwhelming majority in the more powerful House of Representatives.

Kyodo News



*Voters listen to a stump speech by a politician in front of Kamata station in Tokyo on 20 July, 2013, the final day of campaigning before the upper house election the following day.—KYODO NEWS*



## Payloads for next Ariane 5 flight mated to launcher

PARIS, 21 July—Europe's space giant Ariane-space announced on Friday that two payloads for its next Ariane 5 flight have been mated to the launcher. "The heavy-lift Ariane 5 for Arianespace's 25 July mission from French Guiana is now complete following integration of its full payload stack", consisting of the Alphasat and INSAT-3D spacecraft," Arianespace said in its latest statement.

The company said following the Alphasat being lowered into place over INSAT-3D, a new series of preparation set to begin, including the launch readi-

ness review on 23 July, followed by Ariane 5's rollout to the ELA-3 launch zone the next day, and subsequent countdown to the 25 July liftoff during an-hour and 18-minute launch window that opens at 4:53 pm local time (0953 GMT) in French Guiana.

For the upcoming mission, Ariane 5 is to deliver a payload lift performance of more than 9,750 kg, including a combined total of some 8,770 kg for Alphasat and INSAT-3D, plus the launcher's SYLDA dual-passenger dispenser system and satellite integration hardware.



Riding as the upper payload in Ariane 5's stack is Europe's Alphasat telecommunications spacecraft, which will be released at approximately 27 minutes after liftoff." Developed by Astrium, it is the result of a large-scale

public-private partnership involving Inmarsat and the European Space Agency (ESA), and represents the first flight model of Europe's new Alphasat high capacity satellite platform," said Arianespace.

Xinhua

## Nasdaq forum website hacked, passwords compromised



Pedestrians walk past the NASDAQ MarketSite in New York's Times Square in this 4 June, 2012 file photo.—REUTERS

NEW YORK, 21 July—Cyber-criminals targeted Nasdaq OMX Group's community forum website and gained access to the email usernames and passwords of the members of the site, which took two days to come back online on Thursday evening. The New York-based exchange

operator said in an emailed letter to users of the forum that no e-commerce or transactions of any kind were taking place on the website. The forum was open to the general public to join.

Nasdaq spokesman Joseph Christinat could not say how many people's

information may have been compromised. The cyber-attack happened on Tuesday, the same day a report was released saying that around half of the world's securities exchanges had been targeted by cyber-attacks last year. Cyber-crime appears to be on the rise both in terms of sophistication and complexity, widening the potential for infiltration and large-scale damage, the report, by the International Organization of Securities Commissions' research department and the World Federation of Exchanges Office, said.

A major attack could result in widespread public mistrust and a retreat from the markets, it added. On Thursday, Wall Street firms, along with exchanges and regulators, held a simulated cyber-attack in order

to help participants prepare to combat the real thing. The drill, named Quantum Dawn 2, was organized by the Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association.

Nasdaq said in the letter to its forum users that it was upgrading and restoring the forum website, where users can discuss issues such as market moves. The exchange said all passwords expired and asked that members update any other accounts that may have the same passwords. Nasdaq has been targeted by cyber crime in the past.

In 2010, hackers infiltrated the exchange's computer systems and installed software that allowed them to spy on the directors of publicly held companies, Reuters reported.

Reuters

## Google shares set to open lower on margin decline, target price cuts

NEW YORK, 21 July—Google Inc's recent changes to its advertising system to increase revenue from mobile users took a toll on its second-quarter results, prompting at least six brokerages to lower their price targets on the stock. Shares of the internet search giant were set to open 4 percent lower on Friday.

BMO Capital Markets, JP Morgan, Deutsche Bank and Raymond James cut their price targets on Google's stock by as much as \$40 to factor in a drop in margins as the company invests in its non-core businesses. The lowest price target was \$860, compared to the stock's closing price of \$910.68 on Thursday on the Nasdaq. "... Investors should assume continued margin erosion as new investments will never match the margins of the core search business," BMO analysts said in a note to clients.

The brokerage cut its target price on Google shares to \$890 from \$915 and maintained its "mar-

ket perform" rating on the stock. Earlier this year, Google changed the way advertisers run campaigns on its website, offering the same ads simultaneously on PCs and mobiles. However, cheaper ad rates on mobile devices ate into its margins. Some brokerages, such as Piper Jaffray, JMP Securities and Canaccord Genuity, raised their price targets, with Piper Jaffray saying that the new system will increase ad revenue in the longer term.

Google, which posted worse-than-expected second-quarter results on Thursday, reported a quarterly operating margin of 28 percent, down from 33 percent a year earlier. "Enhanced Campaigns is the biggest change in the Google ad platform to date and thus it will likely take 6-12 months for the positive impact to show in the numbers," Piper Jaffray analyst Gene Munster wrote in a note. Google's shares were set to open at \$879 on Friday.

Reuters



Attendees sit in front of a Google logo during Google I/O Conference at Moscone Centre in San Francisco, California on 28 June, 2012.—REUTERS

## Science for hire—Trial over plastic exposes disclosure deficit

NEW YORK, 21 July—By 2012, Eastman Chemical seemed to be perfectly positioned when it came to producing plastic for drinking bottles. Concerns about a widely used chemical called bisphenol A (BPA) had become so great that Walmart stopped selling plastic baby bottles and children's sippy cups made with it and consumer groups were clamoring for regulators to ban it. Medical societies were warning that BPA's similarity to estrogens could disrupt the human hormone system and pose health risks, especially to fetuses and newborns.

Eastman, a specialty-chemicals company headquartered in Kingsport, Tennessee, had been selling Tritan, its trademarked hard, clear plastic, as an alterna-



The bottom of a BPA-free Tritan water bottle is pictured in Toronto, Ontario on 13 July, 2013.—REUTERS

tive to BPA for five years. It told prospective customers that Tritan was free of BPA and any other chemical that mimicked human hormones like estrogens. To support the

claim, the company pointed to "independent third-party testing," whose results were reported in the journal *Food and Chemical Toxicology*, which is published by Elsevier.

As more manufacturers and retailers abandoned BPA, some wanted to make absolutely sure that Eastman's safety claims for Tritan had been reviewed independently. The Austin, Texas, office of upscale grocer Whole Foods, for instance, asked Eastman if it funded "any of these labs" that determined Tritan had no estrogenic properties, according to an email from

Eastman chemist Emmett O'Brien and disclosed in a lawsuit. "I mentioned that we did not and they were happy with the answer," O'Brien said in the email.

Eastman did not make O'Brien available for comment. Because an employee of Whole Foods "is under subpoena in this case," said spokeswoman Libba Letton, "we can't comment on it." In fact, the four labs that tested Tritan for the peer-reviewed paper in the Elsevier journal received funding from Eastman that was not publicly disclosed. Also not reported by Eastman's marketing materials or the paper: The lead

author of the study, who analyzed the data from the four labs, was paid by Eastman for that work.

The financial relationships Eastman had with four "independent" labs emerged from discovery in a lawsuit brought by the company against two chemical testing and consulting firms that challenged the safety of Tritan. In the case, which began this week in Austin, Eastman alleged that PlastiPure Inc and CertiChem Inc falsely portrayed Tritan as having hormone-disrupting properties similar to BPA in an effort to market their own services.—Reuters



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH



A Thomas Cook Airbus A330 aircraft taxis across the tarmac at Manchester Airport, northern England on 25 June, 2013. — REUTERS

## Airbus raises 2013 order target to over 1,000 jets

PARIS, 21 July—European jetmaker Airbus has raised its order target for 2013 to more than 1,000 aircraft, compared with a previous goal of more than 800, sales chief John Leahy told Reuters on Friday.

The revised target puts Airbus on course to beat its 2012 gross order tally of 914 aircraft, Leahy said on the sidelines of an event to mark the 1,000th delivery

of an A330 aircraft.

Airbus reported 722 orders before cancellations in the first half. The EADS (EAD.PA) subsidiary has additionally reported just over 100 provisional orders that have yet to be finalized.

Airbus is lagging behind rival Boeing (BA.N) which reported 859 gross orders between 1 January and mid-July.

Reuters

## Rare birth defect on the rise

NEW YORK, 21 July — The proportion of babies born with a defect called gastroschisis has nearly doubled since 1995, according to a large new study. The cause of gastroschisis — which is a hole in the baby's abdomen — is unclear, although it's known to be more likely in the children of teen mothers.

A mother's exposure to certain chemicals has also been tied to the malformation, though not conclusively. In the new study, researchers looked at rates of gastroschisis in millions of live births over an 11-year period in the US.

"We have a pattern where the prevalence is very much highest among young women and it's growing more rapidly among that group than any other group," said Russell Kirby, a professor at the University of South Florida and the lead author of the study.

Kirby's study could not explain why the birth defect is becoming more common, and gastroschisis itself is not well understood.

The malformation involves an opening next to the belly button, through which the baby's intestines protrude. Newborns with gastroschisis require immediate surgery to close the hole and put the organs back in place.

Most babies with gas-



trochisis survive, but Kirby said some children have problems with growth and development and there is not a lot of research about the long term outcomes for these kids. By general estimates, the condition is relatively rare, with a rate of 2 to 3 cases per 10,000 live births in the US.

But in recent years, studies have suggested the defect is being seen more often. To get a better sense of how the numbers have changed over time, Kirby and his colleagues gathered birth defect monitoring data from 15 states.

They found that among 13.2 million births between 1995 and 2005, there were 4,713 babies born with gastroschisis, which translates to about 3.5 out of every 10,000 babies. This number grew steadily over the study

NEW YORK, 21 July—Children who listened to music while an IV needle was inserted into their arms were less stressed than kids who didn't listen to music, in a new study from Canada. "We were really looking to see if music could reduce the distress in children," said Lisa Hartling, the study's lead author from University of Alberta in Edmonton.

Aside from pain medication, other ways to help control pain in the emergency department (ED) include distractions such as audio, video, stories, imagery and concentrated breathing exercises, Hartling and her colleagues say.

"One of the features of music is that it's a very powerful distracter," said Linda Chlan, who has studied music therapy but was not involved in the new study. Past research has shown that music significantly reduces pain and anxiety during medical procedures.

For the new study, conducted at Stollery Chil-

dren's Hospital in Edmonton between January 2009 and March 2010, Hartling and her colleagues randomly assigned 42 children to either listen to music playing out loud in the room, or not, while intravenous (IV) needles were inserted



into their arm in the ED. The same music recordings were played for each child.

The children also received the usual treatments to help make the procedures less painful, including pain relievers applied to the skin, and comforting, supportive words from the medical staff. Reviewers watched a video recording of each IV insertion to measure the chil-

dren's stress before and immediately after the procedure on a scale from 0 to 23.5 — with higher scores representing more distress.

The reviewers did not know which children were listening to music, according to a report of the study

published in the medical journal *JAMA Pediatrics*.

The children, who were all between three and 11 years old, were also asked about the amount of pain they experienced during the procedure.

Overall, the researchers didn't find a difference between the music and non-music groups in the amount of distress ex-

perienced by children immediately before and after the procedures. However, after they excluded the 10 kids who didn't stress at all during the IV insertion, the researchers found the distress level in children who listened to music rose less than it did in kids who didn't have music playing during the procedure. They found the distress level of the children in the non-music group increased 2.2 points on the scale, compared to a 1.1 point increase in music-group kids.

That difference would be noticeable, according to the researchers. What's more, children in the non-music group said their pain increased by about two points on a scale from 0 to 10—with higher numbers indicating more pain. Children in the music group, in contrast, reported no increase in pain. Healthcare providers were also more likely to say the IV insertion procedure was "very easy" in the music group than in the non-music group.

Reuters

## Celgene to stop blood cancer trial due to high death rates

LOS ANGELES, 21 July —Celgene Corp said it will stop a late-stage trial of its blood cancer drug, Revlimid, after it observed a higher number of deaths in elderly leukemia patients taking the drug compared with those on another treatment.

Revlimid, with 2012 sales of \$3.8 billion, is Celgene's flagship blood cancer drug and is already approved for use in various types of blood cancer, including multiple myeloma and mantle cell lymphoma. Celgene shares were down 2.7 percent at \$132.98 on Thursday afternoon on the Nasdaq. Over the past 12 months, the shares have nearly doubled. The trial was placed on a clinical hold by the US Food and Drug Administration on July 12, Celgene said. The study was testing the drug in previously untreated, elderly patients with B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia.

Street analysts said closure of the trial would have no impact on their sales estimates for Revlimid, which continues to be studied in other CLL and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma patient populations. "The body of evidence for Revlimid in myeloma includes thousands of patients in clinical studies, has never revealed any death imbalance in any myeloma setting and regardless of combination use with any other agent," Brean Capital analyst Gene Mack said in a research note.

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There were 34 deaths in the 210 patients who were treated by Revlimid, compared with 18 deaths in the 211 patients receiving a chemotherapy drug. The specific reason for the imbalance has not yet been identified, Celgene said.

—Reuters

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"The aim of the study was really to see what sort of effect there would be in a patient population that doesn't have the option of the standard treatments," said Celgene spokesman Greg Geissman.

He said the company will continue to analyze the data to determine the cause of the mortality imbalance, which could be due to the age of the patients, the fact that many were suffering from other conditions or even to regional differences in supportive care. Celgene said it had determined that "secondary primary malignancies," or additional cancer occurrences, were not a factor. Last week, the company reported positive data from another late-stage Revlimid study that can potentially open up a wider use of the drug.—Reuters





## WORLD



Image provided by Colombia's Presidency shows Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos (2nd L) honoring outstanding military officers of the Public Force during the military parade in the framework of the Colombia's Independence Day commemoration, in Bogota, Colombia, on 20 July, 2013. The commemoration of the 203rd anniversary of Colombia's Independence includes a homage to the Colombian Army veterans.—XINHUA

## Car bombs kill 30 in Shi'ite districts of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 July — Multiple car bombings in predominantly Shi'ite districts of Baghdad killed at least 30 people on Saturday, police and medics said, the latest in a series of attacks that threaten to sink Iraq once again into full-blown sectarian conflict.

Most of the attacks struck in busy commercial areas where people had gathered to shop and socialise after breaking their daily fast for the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

The deadliest explosion took place in the northern neighbourhood of Tobchi, where 10 people were killed when a car bomb exploded in a busy commercial street.

"I was standing near my shop with friends when we saw a parked car that aroused our suspicions. We shouted for the driver,

but no-one answered" said shopkeeper Said Mohammed Murad.

"Minutes later, the car blew up, smashing shopfronts and throwing passers-by like toys. All that was in front of me was fire, smoke, dead bodies, and wounded people crying for help."

Another car bomb exploded in a commercial street in the Karrada neighbourhood, killing at least four people. There were further blasts in Zaafaraniya, Muwasalat, al-Shurta and New Baghdad.

It was unclear who was behind the blasts. Sectarian tensions in Iraq have been inflamed by the civil war in neighbouring Syria, which has drawn in Shi'ite and Sunni fighters from Iraq and beyond to fight on opposite sides of the conflict.

Sunni insurgents, including the al-Qaeda-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq, have been recruiting from Iraq's Sunni minority, which resents Shi'ite domination since the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein in 2003.

"The terrorists are now using different tactics that aim to cause higher casualties among civilians," said an interior ministry official on condition of anonymity.

More than 535 people have been killed in militant attacks in July so far, according to violence monitoring group Iraq Body Count.

That is still well below the peak of sectarian bloodletting in 2006-07, when the number of people killed in militant attacks sometimes exceeded 3,000 in one month.

Reuters

## Israeli PM welcomes Kerry's announcement on resumption of peace talks

JERUSALEM, 21 July— Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday welcomed US Secretary of State John Kerry's announcement on the renewal of peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

"I see the renewal of the negotiations at this time as a vital strategic interest for the state of Israel, to end the conflict between us and the Palestinians, which is important amid the challenges we have with Iran and Syria," Netanyahu said in a brief statement released by his office.

"I see before me two main objectives with the renewal of the diplomatic process: preventing the creation of a bi-national state which would jeopardize the future of the Jewish state, and preventing the establishment of a terror state sponsored by Iran within Israel's borders, which would endanger us no less," the prime minister added, referring to the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip enclave. Netanyahu thanked Kerry for his efforts to restart the negotiations in the past months, which included six intense visits to the region in the

past four months. On Friday evening, Kerry announced at a press conference in the Jordanian capital of Amman that Israel and the Palestinians have come to an agreement on restarting their direct peace talks. The talks came to a halt three years ago over Israel's refusal to cease construction in Jewish settlements in occupied Palestinian territories.

"The agreement is still in the process of being formalized," Kerry said, without providing further details about the agreements that have been reached.

According to Kerry, if

## Senior Senegalese police officer under probe over drug trafficking

DAKAR, 21 July — The Senegalese government has opened two investigations in allegations of drug trafficking against the director general of the national police, according to government spokesman Abdoul Latif Coulibaly.

At a Press conference held on Friday in the capital Dakar, Coulibaly said the government had launched administrative and judicial

probes, whose outcome will be given to the authorities within the shortest possible time.

The director general of the police, Abdoulaye Niang, who headed OCR-TIS for about 12 years. "No stone will be left unturned and decisions will be taken in accordance with the results of the investigations," the spokesman said.

On Thursday, Senegalese President Macky Sall asked the concerned ministers to give him a report of the investigations against Niang, who headed OCR-TIS for about 12 years.

"No stone will be left unturned and decisions will be taken in accordance with the results of the investigations," the spokesman said.

Xinhua

## Explosion hits Beijing airport



Policemen clear site of an explosion at Terminal 3 of the Beijing Capital International Airport in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 July, 2013.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 21 July — An explosion occurred on Saturday evening at the Terminal 3 of the Beijing Capital International Airport, police said. A wheelchair-bound man, identified as Ji Zhongxing from east China's Shandong province, set off a home-made explosive device outside the arrivals exit of the Terminal 3 at around 6:24 pm, an initial police investigation showed.

Ji himself suffered arm injuries and is currently under treatment.

The explosion caused no other injuries.

The device, like fire-

works, was detonated after the 34-year-old was stopped from handing out leaflets to get attention to his complaints, according to the probe.

Ji once worked in the southern Province of

Guangdong and has been petitioning for more than 10 years over alleged unjust treatment which resulted in his paralysis, police investigation showed.

The police cordon at the arrivals exit has been removed, and the airport has begun to resume normal order.

The operations at the airport have not been affected as the airport opened new exits for passengers, the airport said.

Aviation industry experts urged people not to take extreme measures to vent their anger as such moves could disrupt public order.

Police authorities are further investigating the case.—Xinhua



People perform on the way to the worship site during the 18th Fisherman Culture Festival at Peijia Village in Rizhao City, east China's Shandong Province, on 20 July, 2013. According to legend, the 13th day of the 6th lunar month is the birthday of "Dragon King", the emperor of ocean, when fishermen offer sacrifices to him. Nowadays, it has become a festival celebrated by local fishermen to pray for a good harvest in fishery.—XINHUA



LOCAL NEWS

Toungoo remember Martyrs



TOUNGOO, 21 July—Martyrs' day ceremonies to mark were held far and wide the country to honour fallen heroes assassinated 66 years ago.

The memorial service in Minder Ground in Toungoo was joined by local people, members of social organizations, ethnic people,

officials from various parties and more than 2000 students in the district.

They marched to the memorial monument and paid tribute. Similar memorial services were also held in Yamethin, KhinU, Mawlamyinegyun, Myawady and Loikaw.

MMALThura(Toungoo)

Industry Ministry leases Paleik Textile Factory on 30-year contract

SINGAING, 21 July—Ministry of Industry has leased No(2) Textile Factory (former Textile Factory) in Paleik in Singaing Township in Mandalay Region to Panda Company on a long-term contract since 1 April, 2013.

"We took hold of the management since 1 April, 2012 from Industry-1 on 30-year contract with possible extension for two more 10-year term, totaling 50 years," factory's managing

director U Tin Tun said.

The ministry also handed over 1402 workers to the company from which 1339 workers continue their service at the factory as two have resigned and one retired. The company provides staff quarters for workers in the factory yard and ferry.

According to the managing director, the company is running the factory with four routines

Traffic rules knowledge for schoolchildren

MAWLAMYINE, 21 July—The educative talks on traffic rules organized by Mon State Government will be held at basic education schools in townships of Mon State as of the first week in August.

In-charge of Mon State Traffic Police Corps Police Major Nyunt Wai and Police Captain Win Kyaw Yi together with members will disseminate knowledge about traffic rules in addition to demonstration.

Similar talks will be given at Basic Education Middle and High Schools in six townships of Mawlamyine District and four townships of Thaton District.

Likewise, knowledge about preventive measures against trafficking in person, danger of narcotic drugs and crime reduction will be shared to the students at the basic education schools.

Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

Cash donated for lift at Mawlamyine Kyaikthanlan Pagoda



MAWLAMYINE, 21 July—The second lift is being installed at the eastern stairway of Kyaikthanlan Pagoda of Mawlamyine in Mon State.

On 20 July, a cash donation ceremony for the lift was held at the office of the treasurer of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

Treasurer U Khin Maung Win accepted K 1.2 million donated by U Soe Myint-Daw Yi Yi Win and family of No. 6 of Building 8 at Maungngan staff quarters in Mawlamyine.

It was estimated that the cost of installing the lift would be K 500 million. Kyaw Than (Mawlamyine)

Business

The company said the machines at the factory needed repairing by 15 experts from Australia and its operation could not reach the commercial scale.

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Transport

Upgrading of inter-village road in Mandalay Region completes

WUNDWIN, 21 July—Under the guidance of the Union government and with the support of the Mandalay Region government, Mandalay Region Development Committee has upgraded Phayaphyu-Kankwe-Shwepawkyun earthen road in Wundwin Township in Meiktila District in Mandalay Region to a gravel one.

Now the road is accessible in all weathers.

The road which links Yangon-Mandalay Highway and Expressway and is being used by a total of 19429 villagers from 22 villages in Wundwin Township.

Asked about the purpose of the upgrading of the road Superintending Engineer U Win Myint of Mandalay Region

Development Committee said the road is aimed at ensuring ensuring socio-economic development of local people.

The construction works started on 12 February, 2012, were completed on 30 June, 2013.

The project was initially funded by the region DAC which later had to seek financial support from Mandalay Region government from its special development fund.

The estimated cost of upgrading the road which has the length of 14.3 miles and two furlongs is K 676.76 million. The region DAC will continue to start implementing Taungtha-Natogyi road project soon.—MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Relocated Mandalay University Library resumes operation

MANDALAY, 21 July—The Mandalay University Library relocated at the building behind the Main Building of the university has started renting books as it is opening book corners to readers.

It was moved from U Razak Hall to the building in May.

Myanmar books shelf and reference books shelf

have been made available to bookworms. Now, the staff are working to put English language books into place.

The library includes an e-Library platform provided by UK's Manchester University, providing lectures and more than 33000 books on Earth Sciences, Environment, Human Geography, Research tools and methods,

Southeast Asia and related country studies with free Wi-Fi.

The university library has collections of newspapers, magazines, more than 86000 Myanmar books, and about 100,000 English language books. It is renting books to students, lecturers, staff, other reference seekers.—MMAL-Thura Maung Maung

HRD

Mandalay Region gets new high schools

MADAYA, 21 July—Ceremonies to open upgraded high schools in Zalunphyu and No (5) ward and Kyauktada village in Madaya Township in PyinOoLwin District in Mandalay Region were held on 10 July.

The ceremonies were attended by Mandalay Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Ko Lay, Township Administrator U Aung Swe and Assistant Director of Basic Education Department U Maung Maung Latt.

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New Mandalay University Library Building.





PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 22 July, 2013

**Do meritorious deeds on Waso full moon day**

The full moon day of Waso is one of the most auspicious days for Buddhists as it was the day on which Siddhartha or the Buddha-to-be was conceived, Siddhartha began his quest for the path to Nirvana after realizing the way to escape from aging, dying and death, and the Buddha delivered the Dhammacakka, the first of His sermons.

On this Waso full moon day Buddhists do pious deeds visiting monasteries and offering Waso robes to members of the Sangha, offering flowers at pagodas, entering religious order temporarily, and taking Sabbath or honoring the precepts at home or at temples. In taking Sabbath, Buddhists try purifying their mind to the most possible degree.

Normally taking Sabbath means strict observance of sila which is a wholehearted commitment to what is wholesome. Two aspects of sila are essential to the training: right “performance” (caritta), and right “avoidance” (varitta). It is the quality of ethical and moral purity that prevents one from falling away from the eightfold path. The benefits of observing sila are enormous both in religious and secular worlds.

Honoring the precepts of sila is considered a “great gift” as it creates an atmosphere of trust, respect, and security. It means we pose no threat to another person’s life, property, family, rights, or well-being as we are completely in a peace of mind that controls our greed, anger, delusion, and arrogance. Religious treatises say that the one who observes sila regularly in this life may enjoy considerable benefits throughout the endless circle of life and death.

The full moon day of Waso, the fourth month of Myanmar calendar, usually falls in May. So on this auspicious day that comes only once every year, we all should do meritorious deeds such as taking Sabbath, practicing vipassana or making donations.



**Full moon Day of Waso commemorates Dhammacakka Sutta Day**

To easily memorise the four major events that took place on the full moon days of Waso [July] in the life of Lord Gotama Buddha, Myanmar Buddhists learn and know by heart a rhymed couplet which runs “သန္ဓေ၊ တောထွက်၊ မြေစက်၊ ယမိုက်ဗျာဒိတာ” meaning (1) Buddhisattha’s conception in the womb of Mother Maha Maya (2) Renunciation by Prince Sidhartha at the age of 29, of his mundane life, leaving his palace and family to enter the forest in quest of the truth [Dhamma], (3) Delivery of the first sermon [Dhammacakka Sutta] to the five ascetic recluses in Migada Wunna [Deer Park] and (4) Twin miracles of emitting fire and water from the apertures of the head shown to the infidels to subdue them to Dhamma. All these four events took place on the full moon days of Waso, the fourth month of Myanmar lunar calendar.

Dhammacakka or Dhammasakya is composed of two Pali words—“dhamma” means “Law” and “cakka” or “sakya” is wheel. Therefore the literal meaning of Dhammacakka or Dhammasakya is “The Wheel of Law”. The Law is the teachings of Lord Buddha, whereas the wheel symbolizes the vehicle by which Buddha’s teachings are spread, or setting in motion the wheel of Truth [Dhamma].

On the full moon day of Kasone [May] the second month of Myanmar lunar calendar in Maha Sakarit year of 103, [Buddha’s Era] Buddhisattha attained enlightenment, thereby becoming Gotama Buddha. In the same year at the request of Maha Brahma Saham patinamakan, Gotama Buddha repaired to the Forest Migada Wunna now known as Saranath in India, where he met with the five ascetic recluses who had been searching for truth [Dhamma]. These five ascetic recluses were (1) Kondanna (2) Wappa (3) Baddiya (4) Mahanama and (5) Assaji. The first ascetic recluse Kondanna

was the very person who was the youngest and most junior Brahmin priest at the court of King Suddhodana of Kapilavatthu Kingdom. When all Brahmin priests at the court were summoned to the royal audience and consulted on the future of the only son of the king, all Brahmin priests, except Kondanna, after careful examination of the horoscope [Birth record] of the baby son Prince Sidhartha and calculating and referring to their Vedic Treatises, unanimously raised each two fingers. They said, “Your Majesty, our reading of your son’s horoscope according to the Vedic Treatises,

Seniors?”

“Why you kept so silent?”

“Yes, Your Majesty, my Vedic calculations have only one answer—That is your son would definitely become Buddha. He would never succeed you nor become chakravan. After living a married life, at the age of 29 years, he will renounce his mundane life, and leave his family and his palaces to go into the forests, in quest of Truth [Dhamma]. After six years of practicing austerities, he will discover Truth [Dhamma]. In the Maha Sakarit year 103, he will attain enlightenment [Buddhahood]. Next he will give his first sermon.

*Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt*

gives two answers. First, your son would become Buddha to teach dhamma to all mankind and sentient beings. Or second, your son would succeed you and become chakravan [universal monarch].” The King wanted his only son succeed him and he was so glad to hear that his son would become chakravan even. But he did not want his son becoming Buddha. So he asked the Brahmin priests if there were Vedic ways and means of preventing his son from becoming Buddha and making him succeed the throne and becoming chakravan only.

The Brahmin priests to please the king and to gain favour from him said, “Yes, Your Majesty, build three new palaces for your son to reside and enjoy his mundane life in three seasons of the year, summer, rain and winter, with all luxuries and attractions of a court life. Let your son enjoy life to full. He would be trapped in court life and would never think of renouncing mundane life.” Accordingly three palaces were built—Yama Palace for summer residence, Thuba Palace for rain residence and Suyama Palace for winter residence.

Next, the king turned to the youngest Brahmin priest Kondanna.

“Why, you youngest priest did not join your

Then he will carry out his dhamma duta mission for 45 years. After that period of dhamma duta mission, he will meet his demise at the age of 80. This is one and the only answer. Nothing can prevent these happenings to your son.”

The king and the whole court were stunned at this prophesy. Senior Brahmin Priests whispered to Kondanna, “The king wanted his son succeed him. So you better be diplomatic and tell him ways and means of preventing his son from becoming Buddha.” Kondanna, however, was persistent. He replies to the king, “Your Majesty, honestly I have told you the result of my Vedic calculations. If it displeases Your Majesty, I shall resign my position and pray allow me to leave your court. I shall go to the forest where your son would come as Buddha to give his first sermon which myself and four other ascetic recluses would listen.” So saying the youngest Brahmin Priest Kondanna quitted his position and left the court.

As predicted by Kondanna, Prince Sidhartha, after seeing the four omens, on four occasions of his four sojourns to Royal Park, (1) The Aged (2) The Infirmary (3) The Dead and (4) The Recluse, renounced his mundane life, leaving his family and palaces, and entered Uruvela Forest where

for six years he searched for truth [dhamma] practicing austerities.

Finally Boddhisattha [Prince Sidhartha] discovered the right path to attain Nibbana [the ultimate bliss and peace]. This path was Majjhimâ Patipada or the middle Path which avoids the two extremes—(1) Hedonism [Kâma sukhallika nuyogon] one hand, and (2) Self-mortification [Attakilamathânuyogon] on the other. Both these two extremes are wrong for they lead to no truth. The middle path only leads to truth.

During their search for truth [dhamma] in the forest, Bodhisattha and the five ascetic recluses had agreed to inform and impart to one another when anyone of them had discovered truth [dhamma]. So Gotama Buddha came to the five ascetic recluses to impart to them the truth (dhamma) he had discovered.

The gist of Dhammacakka pavattana Sutta is as follows:-

There are four noble truths

- (1) Birth is suffering, old age is suffering, illness is suffering, death is suffering, association with those we do not love is suffering, separation from those we love is suffering, not to get what one desires is suffering.
- (2) The origin of suffering is craving.
- (3) Suffering can be ended and Nibbana can be attained.
- (4) The way to stop craving and end suffering is to follow the Eightfold Path.

The Eightfold Path [Magga], Gotama Buddha taught is as follows:-

- (1) Right view
- (2) Right intention
- (3) Right speech
- (4) Right action
- (5) Right livelihood
- (6) Right effort
- (7) Right mindfulness and
- (8) Right concentration.

Next, on the 5<sup>th</sup> Waning moon of Waso, Thursday the Buddha

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discoursed on Anatta Lakkhana Sutta.

Having heard and thoroughly understood these Two Suttas, the five ascetic recluses became arahat [saint] one after another on the following consecutive days. The first ascetic recluse to become arahat was Kondanna. These five monk arahats formed the first Sangha Order to impart Buddha's dhamma to all sentient beings. Because it was in the month of Waso that the five ascetic recluses became Buddhist monks, Myanmar has the tradition of holding ordination of monks in this month with ceremonies and festivities, so that traditional festival of Waso became monk ordination festival.

In all media of Myanmar visual arts, the scene of Dhammacakka Sermon has been widely depicted. Buddha is presented seated in a preaching posture, with his two hands up and his fingers counting Four Noble

Truths or Eightfold Path. He is surrounded by five ascetic monks, who are sitting and reverently listening intently to the sermon, while one or two deer stand nearby. Sometimes, this scene is depicted symbolically. A wheel on a lotus bloom, two or three heads of Buddhist monks and one or two horns of deer make a perfect Dhammacakka scene.

In monastic schools, all pupils learn and know Dhammacakka Sutta by heart. Monks explain to them the meaning.

Full moon day of Waso is commemorated as Dhammacakka Day and is observed by group reciting of this Sutta. Buddhists gather to listen the recitation, followed by dana (giving) and other good works. Satuditha dana is given. It is feeding or offering food to anyone, regardless of race, religion, rank, or creed. Satuditha means four cardinal directions from where all corners are given food or other offerings.

**President urges MNHRC, IFG to work together with government ...**

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related to provision of food to 120,000 victims and progress in construction of shelters

and ongoing international cooperation.

Next, Union ministers, the chairman of Pyithu

Hluttaw Fundamental Rights of Citizens, Democracy and Human Rights, the region chief minister, the secretary of Rakhine State Investigation Commission, the patron, the chairman, the chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and members

made supplementary reports. The President coordinated matters presented by those present.

After the meeting, the President cordially greeted members of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and Interfaith Friendship Group.—MNA

**Putting ancient three Pyu cities to World Heritage List coordinated**

YANGON, 21 July—The third coordination meeting of the steering committee's PYU COM for successful putting Myanmar cultural heritages in the World Heritage List was held at the National Museum (Yangon), here, this morning, with an opening address by Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu.

The coordination focused on progress in research and preparation works as ICOMOS will visit Myanmar to verify data stated in the nomination dossier submitted to UNESCO for three Pyu city-states to be included in World Heritage List from September 2013 to



February 2014, progress on museum management, ongoing process, follow-up tasks.—MNA

Coordination meeting for steering committee's PYU COM for successful putting Myanmar cultural heritages in progress.—MNA

**Union Commerce Minister's inspection tour of Pakokku**

PAKOKKU, 21 July — Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint stressed the need of human resources development in the country in meeting with Pakokku Township merchant and broker association at Pakokku brokerage on 18 July.

He touched upon the importance of training courses for young men, saying that youths are to be sent abroad

for further studies.

Next, he elaborated on functions of the ministry to stabilize commodity prices in the market. He called on those present to install automatic teller machines for market prices and marketable crops. He pledged to take necessary measures for economic development of Pakokku.

Then, the Union

minister donated K2 million for regional development and availability of water at villages under water stress in Pakokku Township and K 500,000 each to the Home for the Aged, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library and Myitta Shin clinic through responsible persons.

Kyemon-Aung (Mann Tekkatho)

**Lane in Maha Bandoola Park paved with modern granite slabs**

YANGON, 21 July—Yangon City Development Committee has been undertaking reforms for Urban Development Plan of the Greater Yangon. At present, the lane in Maha Bandoola Park, in the center of the commercial hub Yangon, was paved with modern granite slabs.

"Since one month ago, we have been paving modern granite slabs and it will be put into service soon," said an official from Parks and Playgrounds Department under YCDC.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

**CSCs and household registration issued in Myanaung**



MYANAUNG, 21 July—Citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration were issued to 51 students from Zalokegyi BEMS (branch), Kanbalu BEMS (branch), Yekyawchaung BEPS and Peininn BEPS and locals from Zalokegyi Village-Tract in Myanaung Township of Ayeyawady Region on 18 July.

It was attended by Region Hluttaw Representative U Aung Myo Nyunt, Staff Officer U Ye Zin Latt of Hinthada District Immigration and National Registration Department, Head of Myanaung Township INRD U Nyunt Oo and staff.

Kyemon-Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)

**Charity**

**Magway Region MCWSC donates cash to fund for operations of cleft lip and palate patients**



MAGWAY, 21 July—Jointly organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Magway Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the cash donation for performing surgical operations at cleft lip and palate patients was held at the hall of the Magway Teaching Hospital on 18 July morning.

Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Thet Thet Swe made a speech and

presented K 3 million for the surgical operations to Patron of Magway Region MCWSC Daw San San Myint who also accepted cash donations from wellwishers and returned certificates.

Vice-President of the association Daw Thet Thet Swe and party comforted the cleft lip and palate patients at the teaching hospital and provided nutritious foods and medicines to them.

Under the leadership

of the region supervisory committee, surgical operations have been performed at 148 patients in 2006, 107 in 2011 and 272 in 2013.

The cash donation on 18 July amounted to K 17.9 million.

Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo

**Donate blood**



## UK mosque bombing suspect also accused of Muslim man's murder

LONDON, 21 July—A Ukrainian man, detained this week over the bombing of mosques in central England, has also been accused of the murder of an elderly Muslim man stabbed to death on his way home from evening prayers three months ago, police said on Saturday.

The 25-year-old was arrested along with another Ukrainian man, 22, on Thursday on terrorism charges after explosions at two mosques near the city of Birmingham, one in June and the other last week.

Police said the older man was now also accused of killing Mohammed Saleem in the Small Heath area of Birmingham in April. The 75-year-old was stabbed three times in the back as he left his local mosque in what police described as a "swift, vicious attack".

"The murder of Mohammed Saleem now forms part of the wider West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit Investigation," said Marcus Beale, Assistant Chief Constable of West Midlands Police.

The murder was being treated as an act of terrorism, the police said.

There have been several attacks on Islamic buildings in Britain since the murder of soldier Lee Rigby on a south London street in May stoked community tensions.

Birmingham, Britain's second largest city and home to a large Muslim population, has been at the forefront of concerns.

The two suspects are accused of being behind a suspected nail bomb attack on a mosque in Tipton, which took place on the same day as Rigby's funeral, and another blast at one in Walsall. Neither caused any casualties.

Reuters

## US to increase aid to Jordan by 340 mln USD annually

AMMAN, 21 July—The United States has decided to increase its economic assistance to Jordan by about 340 million U S dollars per year as of 2014, Jordan's state-run *Petra* news agency reported Saturday.

Officials said the addition will bring Washington's total aid to Amman to one billion dollars annually, according to *Petra*.

The US Congress is expected to endorse the aid in September, said the report.

Xinhua

## Mongolian Costume Festival opens



Models present traditional Mongolian clothes during the annual Mongolian Clothing Festival in Ulan Bator, Mongolia, on 20 July 2013. —XINHUA

ULAN BATOR, 21 July—The 20th National Costume Festival of Mongolia opened in Sukhbaatar Square here on Sunday.

This year the festival displays beautiful folk costumes of pristine nature and elegant court costumes.

According to a yurt designer, Mongolian national costumes mostly develop from court and nomadic life. They are embroidered and woven in bright colours, often with exquisite tiaras and belts.

The annual Clothing Festival is held to preserve cultural heritage and promote the Mongolian gowns, mostly handmade, featuring fine craftsmanship, sophisticated materials and colourful patterns.

Xinhua

## Three people kidnapped by PKK militants in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 21 July—Three people were kidnapped by a group of militants from the outlawed Kurdish Workers' Party (PKK) in eastern Turkey, local daily *Hurriyet* reported on Saturday.

The PKK rebels cut a road in Genc town of Bingol Province, kidnapping a contractor and two workers at a construction site of the Bingol-Mus Railway and setting some vehicles ablaze in the area later Friday. The PKK rebels brought the three into a forest region in the province, said the report, adding an operation is underway to arrest the militants.

Since last October,

Ankara has been holding peace negotiations with PKK's jailed leader Abdullah Ocalan, who finally made an announcement of ceasefire and withdrawal in March. Earlier in May, the PKK fighters once stationed in Turkey started to head to

their stronghold in Iraq.

The PKK, listed as a terrorist organization by Turkey and part of the international community, took up arms in 1984 in an attempt to create an ethnic homeland in southeastern Turkey. —Xinhua

## Bosnian parliament member released

SARAJEVO, 21 July—A parliament member of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) was released on Friday after being arrested earlier in the day over suspected war crimes in 1990s.

"This is a pure revenge," said Semsudin Mehmedovic, who was arrested earlier in the day by members of the State Investigation and Protection Agency (SIPA).

Mehmedovic, 52, was

suspected of abusing ethnic Serbs during 1992 and 1993 when he acted as police chief in Tesanj, a small town 150 kilometres north of Sarajevo, according to an earlier statement by SIPA.

The SIPA transferred Mehmedovic to an assigned prosecutor before he was released while refusing to comment on the decision by the prosecutor of Mehmedovic's release.

Xinhua



Zhang Beile, an actor from north Kunqu opera theater, performs during the performance in memory of Yu Zhenfei in Shanghai, east China's municipality, on 19 July 2013. The two-day performance made its debut on Thursday, given by Cai Zhengren, chief disciple of Yu Zhenfei, and 12 other fine performers of Kunqu opera.

XINHUA

## Weakened Chilean conservatives pick woman to take on Bachelet

SANTIAGO, 21 July—Chile's weakened conservative UDI party said on Saturday it has picked Labour Minister Evelyn Matthei as its new candidate in the November presidential election, which is expected to see former President Michelle Bachelet triumph.

Matthei steps in after the right-wing's former candidate Pablo Longueira, unexpectedly quit the campaign on Wednesday due to depression, sending the bloc into disarray.

Longueira had launched his campaign after the

right's previous favourite Laurence Golborne, dropped his bid in April because of a scandal from his time as chief executive officer of retailer Cencosud.

"These are difficult times," Patricio Melero, the UDI's president, said during a news conference, adding "we think Matthei is a winning candidate."

An economist known for her blunt style, Matthei is a seasoned member of the Union Demócrata Independiente (UDI) party.

Conservative Chile has never had two women pres-

idential front-runners.

Bachelet, who was Chile's first female president, is expected to easily beat Matthei in the November 17 general election or a potential on 15 December runoff.

Her approval ratings hover near 75 percent, compared with around 34 percent for Matthei, according to a survey conducted by pollster CEP between November and December, which was the most recent such poll.

Paediatrician-turned-politician Bachelet has

promised to tackle Chile's steep economic inequality by raising corporate taxes to work towards funding free university-level education. She also wants to legalize abortion in some cases and reform the dictatorship-era constitution.

While Matthei's programme hasn't been unveiled yet, she has broadly backed conservative President Sebastian Pinera's economic policies, and said she is against free university-level education and in favour of legalizing abortion in certain cases.—Reuters



A girl (C) performs during the Junior Carnival Parade of the 46th annual Toronto Caribbean Carnival in Toronto, Canada, on 20 July 2013. The annual event, one of the largest carnival junior parades in North America, kicked off on Saturday. —XINHUA



## REGIONAL

## Ballot papers erroneously issued to 62 voters

OSAKA, 21 July—The election board of Takatsuki, Osaka Prefecture, issued 62 voters with ballot papers for the constituency and proportional-representation sections of the House of Councillors election in the wrong order, it said on Sunday.

As a result, their votes may be invalidated, it said.

The mistake occurred at two polling stations in the city.

Election board officials should have issued ballot papers for the constituency section first, followed by ballot papers for the proportional-representation section. But they issued the papers in reverse order, so that if the 62 voters inadvertently wrote their choice of candidate on the wrong paper, their votes will not count. In Shimanto, Kochi Prefecture, meanwhile, the local election board issued ballot papers to a woman in her 80s, although she had cast an early vote, it said.

She accompanied a friend to a polling station on Sunday and was allowed to vote as an election board official neglected to check if she had already cast a vote.

She later informed the officials that she had cast an early vote, but both her earlier and Sunday's votes will stand because there is no way to identify her ballot papers.—Kyodo News

## Nepal ruling, opposition parties heading towards thaw

KATHMANDU, 21 July—Ice seems to have started melting between Nepal's four political parties that back the government and opposition party CPN-Maoist, with positive signal coming from both sides that they are willing to hold talks.

The relations between the four political parties and CPN-Maoist have been strained since the 13 March agreement led to the formation of interim election government headed by the chief justice.

Expressing serious exception to four party decisions to form such government, CPN-Maoist is in street, demanding the dissolution of the government.

Now, CPN-Maoist seems positive for holding talks with the four parties and the government. "We are ready to sit for talks

if there is not any condition," the CPN-Maoist said in a public statement on Saturday.

The alliance of four political parties known as High Level Political Mechanism (HLPC) has dispatched a formal letter inviting CPN-Maoist and its allies for the talks. The HLPC, the government and CPN-Maoist have formed separate talk teams for purpose of holding talks each other. "The opposition parties have agreed to sit for talks," said UCPN (Maoist) Vice-chairman Narayan Kaji Shrestha after the four party met on Saturday that discussed about the negotiation with opposition parties.

Similarly, the interim election government has also dispatched a letter to CPN-Maoist requesting to come in negotiation

table. The CPN-Maoist is demanding the dissolution of the government and canceling the November 19 election on which major political parties disagree.

The Election Commission and the government are making preparations for the polls but there is still doubt about the timely election as CPN-Maoist-led 33 parties are threatening to disrupt the election process.

In recent days, new hope has emerged as the ruling and opposition parties are heading for the discussion but it is still not sure.

There are a lot of tasks such as delimitation of electoral constituencies and addressing the demands of opposition parties which needs to be addressed urgently for holding the talks.

Xinhua



An Indonesian student from Pondok Rumi performs Egyptian folk dance, The Tanoura, at a shopping centre in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 20 July, 2013.—XINHUA

## Thai rice not contaminated

BANGKOK, 21 July—Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra on Saturday reaffirmed that his country's rice is not contaminated, saying that she has ordered for the inspection of rice quality to ease public worries.

The prime minister gave assurances in her weekly televised address following reports and rumours about contaminated rice.

Yingluck said Thai rice has not had such problems as reported in the news. If there was contamination, an investigation should be conducted to find out at what stage it is occurring during rice production, whether in milling, packaging or transportation.

The government will inform the public over the investigation of alleged contaminated packed rice to ease public worries, said the prime minister, adding that the public health ministry has also been instructed to strictly inspect the quality of Thai rice.

Yingluck, who recently visited a rice factory of CP Group's International Trading Business Group in central Ayutthaya Province which manufactures and distributes "Royal Umbrella Rice", said that she has observed rice production processes here, from milling to storage to inspections to packaging to transporting, and can guarantee that Thai rice is safe and meets all

safety and quality standards. She however noted that all food-related factories need to carefully maintain high quality of food production.

The prime minister's remarks came as Thailand's leading rice packer "Royal Umbrella Rice" earlier lodged a complaint against Bangkok television host Suttipong Thammawut for allegedly spreading false claims via social media that its rice was contaminated and was under standard.

The company said that the TV host's claims were untrue and caused both Thai and foreign consumers to lose confidence in the quality of Royal Umbrella brand rice.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 20 July, 2013 shows the floodwater gushing from the sluices of the Gezhou Dam in Yichang, north China's Hubei Province. This year's highest flood peak of Yangtze River is estimated to arrive at Three Gorges Reservoir on 21 July, with a predicted inflow of 48,000 cubic metres per second.

XINHUA

## Philippine FDA cautions public on misleading promotions of food/dietary supplements

MANILA, 21 July—The Philippine Food and Drug Administration (FDA) warned on Saturday the public from misleading advertisements and promotions of food/dietary supplements (F/DS).

FDA Acting Director General Kenneth Hartigan-Go admitted that his office is "seriously concerned" over the massive marketing of F/DS which may have often misled some consumers to buy them as drugs or medicines.

"FDA strongly advises the public that food/dietary supplements are merely ad-

junct nutritional substance to support food intake and are not meant to replace prescribed drugs and medicines especially those that are supposed to be taken as maintenance medicine (for hypertension, dyslipidemia, diabetes, cancer, etc.), " he said.

The FDA also issued the warning after discovering recently an unregistered food/dietary supplement product in the market containing raw 500 milligrams of Cayenne powder or powdered chili pepper per capsule of 100/plastic container.

"Upon closer inspection of the principal display panel, the product is an appetite suppressant and fat metabolizer, which are drug therapeutic claims not substantiated by any clinical trial data to establish safety and efficacy," Go said.

He stressed that consumers should be vigilant and always read the product labels, noting that "Food Supplement" and "No Approved Therapeutic Claims" should always be printed on the principal display panel.

Xinhua



Vehicles move through the water-logged road in New Delhi, India, on 20 July, 2013. Heavy rainfall lashed the national capital on Saturday, causing water-logging and affecting traffic.—XINHUA



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*Liu Youfa, Consul General of China in Mumbai, addresses the inauguration of the Confucius Institution at University of Mumbai in Mumbai, India, on 18 July, 2013. India's first confucius institute, jointly built by the University of Mumbai and China's Tianjin University of Technology, was inaugurated in Mumbai on Thursday. —XINHUA*

## UN official urges protection of children in Syrian conflict

BEIRUT, 21 July — A UN official urged here on Friday all Syrian parties to take measures to protect children and civilians in the unrest-torn country where “6.8 million people require urgent humanitarian assistance,” half of them children.

“All parties must stop the shelling and use of explosive weapons in populated areas, as well as terror attacks,” said Leila Zerrougui, the UN Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict.

She said “safe and impartial delivery of humanitarian assistance that is so critically needed must be guaranteed by all parties. Civilians must not be taken hostage by belligerents.”

Meanwhile, the UN official expressed recognition to the tremendous efforts made by host countries that assist those seeking refuge on their territories.

She also called on the international community to continue to help Syrian children and their families.—Xinhua

## Freed Spanish aid workers to arrive in Madrid

MADRID, 21 July — The two Spanish aid workers released on Thursday will arrive in Spain on Friday after 645 days of kidnapping, the NGO Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) reported on Friday.

Montse Serra and Blanca Thiebaut were working for the NGO, which gave a Press conference on Friday in Madrid along with members of their families to explain the situation of the two aid workers.

Thiebaut's sister Ines Thiebaut said the two work-

ers were “weak and tired” and will arrive in Madrid on Friday afternoon at the Torrejon de Ardoz airbase in a special aircraft of the Spanish Air Force.

She asked for “time and respect” for their privacy to help them adapt to their new life again in Spain. MSF President Jose Antonio Bustos said that Serra and Thiebaut “are healthy and they are looking forward to seeing their families,” while also asking for “time and calm to let them recover with their families.”—Xinhua

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(4)	IFB -034(2013-2014)	Spares for Kobelco Excavator	(11) Items	US \$
(5)	IFB -035(2013-2014)	Spares for D 375 Rig Pump	(21) Items	US \$
(6)	IFB -036(2013-2014)	2 7/8" AOH Drill Pipe and Accessories (1) Lot	(3500) MTR	US \$
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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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## Confucius's descendants hope to revive family cuisine

JINAN, 21 July — The descendants of ancient philosopher Confucius have been endeavouring to preserve and popularize the family's cuisine, as they believe his culinary thinking is largely ignored. “Confucius was a great thinker and educator, but he was also undoubtedly a gourmet,” said Kong Deban, a 77<sup>th</sup>-generation descendant of Confucius and resident of the city of Qufu — Confucius's birthplace — in east China's Shandong Province. “Some of his ideas regarding food and diets have played a significant role in the forming

and development of Chinese food culture,” Kong said.

The family's cuisine was included as part of China's national intangible cultural heritage in June 2011.

Kong said the family's cuisine developed as a result of frequent visits by emperors, high-ranking officials and other distinguished guests to Confucius's home.

Many banquets, ceremonies and royal commemorations were held there, giving the family the opportunity to develop its own style of formal cuisine, he said. “Confucius is often referred as a sage, but he was

also an ordinary man. Seeing the simple way that common people prepared food, Confucius advocated raising one's cooking skills to cook food more meticulously in order to promote good health and digestion,” Kong said.

Some of Confucius's views on food can be found in “The Analects,” a collection of theories and sayings originating from Confucius and his students. “Food can never be too good and cooking can never be done too carefully. Food cannot be eaten if the cutting is not even and properly done,” according to “The Analects.”

The names of the dishes are distinctive and tied to Confucius's philosophy and way of life. A dish known as “gingko poetry rites,” originally called “honey gingko,” was renamed by Yan Sheng, a 53<sup>rd</sup>-generation descendant of Confucius.

He renamed the dish after learning that the gingko nuts used to make it were picked from trees in front of the poetry hall in the Confucius Temple, choosing the name to commemorate the way Confucius taught his son Kong Li about poetry and virtue, Kong said.—Xinhua

*Participants from Poland perform during the 47<sup>th</sup> International Folklore Festival in Zagreb, capital of Croatia, on 18 July, 2013. Around 900 participants of 29 art groups from Croatia and 11 other countries and regions took part in the five-day traditional festival. XINHUA*





ENTERTAINMENT

Eesha Koppikhar in true Marathi mulgi mode



Rihanna sues fashion brand for USD 5M

LOS ANGELES, 21 July—R&B star Rihanna has filed a lawsuit against British fashion giant, Topshop, for using her picture on T-shirts without her approval.

The 25-year-old 'Unfaithful' hitmaker has sought USD 5 million from

the store claiming that they misled her fans into believing that t-shirt was a "genuine" endorsed merchandise, reported Ace Showbiz.

"The sales gave rise to a likelihood of deception, damaging Rihanna's goodwill.—PTI

NEW DELHI, 21 July—Actress Eesha Koppikhar made puranpolis, gorged on orange sweets and even donned a nine-yard sari while in Nagpur recently. As part of a shoot for UTV Stars' celebrity-based show Stars In Your City, Eesha even visited Ganesh Tekri, a temple in Nagpur and offered prayers there.

She also went to the Khaadi market to fill her shopping bags with herbal products. But how could she give the famous Maharashtra sweet dish, puranpoli, a miss? She put on the chef's hat and tried her hand at making puranpolis, and after gorging on them, she even did the traditional Lavani dance.

The actress also draped the traditional nauvari sari or the nine-yard sari, and displayed some graceful



Eesha is known for her hit item song *Khallas* from Ram Gopal Varma's 2002 film *Company*.—PTI

dance moves. Eesha's visit to the city also included a stop at a local paan ven-

dor's shop, which serves up around 40 varieties of paan. The episode featuring

Eesha's Nagpur adventures which aired on Sunday, (21 July, 2013).—PTI



Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland to hold Japan Night in 2014

GENEVA, 21 July—The Montreux Jazz Festival, an annual summer event in the western Swiss city, will hold a Japan Night next year to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties between Japan and Switzerland, a source familiar with the matter said on Friday.

Japanese organizers and Montreux city officials have reached a broad agreement and details such as participating Japanese musicians will be worked out in the months ahead, the source said.

Japanese musicians who performed there in the past include saxophone player Sadao Watanabe. This year's festival will feature musicians including Prince and Sting. The festival draws more than 200,000 people each year.

Kyodo News

Superman to battle Batman in 'Man of Steel' sequel

SAN DIEGO, 21 July—A sequel to last month's hit "Superman" film "Man of Steel" is not only in the works, but will feature two of DC Comic's best-known caped crusaders—Superman and Batman—facing off against each other, director Zack Snyder said on Saturday. Snyder, who directed British actor Henry Cavill as Superman/Clark Kent, was a surprise addition to the end of the Warner Bros film panel at

San Diego's Comic-Con, an annual comics convention, and received thunderous applause from the 6,000-plus in attendance.

After announcing the plan to bring the two superheroes together, Snyder issued a statement via Warner Bros saying the two would be fighting each other, and conceded this might surprise some. "Let's face it, it's beyond mythological to have Superman and our new Batman facing off,

since they are the greatest superheroes in the world," said Snyder, who has been confirmed as director of the as-yet unnamed sequel. While both Superman and Batman are superheroes in the DC universe, they have been portrayed as nemeses in DC's "Dark Knight" comics, from which Christopher Nolan adapted his "Dark Knight" Batman franchise. Nolan will serve as executive producer to the sequel, Warner Bros said.

The studio is banking on the success of other recent films that have paired up heroes from the comic book universe, such as Disney's Marvel superhero ensemble "The Avengers" in 2012, which made \$1.5 billion at the worldwide box office. Nolan's 2012's "The Dark Knight Rises," starring Christian Bale as Batman, has made more than \$1 billion at the global box office.

Reuters



Director Zack Snyder poses for pictures after his arrival to the Australian premiere of "Man of Steel" in central Sydney on 24 June, 2013.

REUTERS



## SPORTS

## China's Wu and Shi win 3-metre synchro at World Championships

BARCELONA, (Spain), 21 July—Chinese divers Wu Minxia and Shi Tingmao won the 3-metre synchro gold medal at the world championships at the Piscines de Montjuic on Saturday. Wu and Shi had a total score of 338.40 points, considerably above the 307.80 points of the Italian pair Tania Cagnotto and Francesca Dallape who won the silver medal on Saturday



and were on the fourth position in London 2012.

Canada's Pamela Ware and Jennifer Abel, who won silver in the Diving World Series in Guadalajara in 2013, took bronze with a total of 292.08 points on Saturday. This is the sixth world title in the women's 3-metre synchronized springboard for Wu who won her first world championships medals in Bar-

celona 2003. She took gold medals in Athens 2004, Beijing 2008 and London 2012 Olympics. Shi, who won women's 1-metre springboard at the 2011 Aquatics Championships, is replacing He Zi, with whom Wu had won the gold in last World Championships.

Diving competition is taking place at the Piscines de Montjuic from which people can gaze down on the whole city of Barcelona. Diving competitions of World Championships 2003 and 1992 Olympic Games were also held at the Piscines de Montjuic, which has a capacity of 4,100 seats. There are a total of 2,293 athletes in the World Swimming Championships this year and 252 of them are competing in diving.

Xinhua

## Romashina out from Ishchenko shadow with solo gold

BARCELONA, 21 July—Russia's Svetlana Romashina won her first solo synchronized world championship gold when she comfortably beat off Chinese and Spanish competition to clinch the technical title in Barcelona on Saturday.

Previously overshadowed by her more illustrious compatriot Natalia Ishchenko, who has won all three solo technical golds on offer since the event was introduced in 2007 but who is taking a sabbatical, Romashina scored 96.800 points with a powerful routine at the Palau Sant Jordi.

China's Xuechen Huang was second with 95.500 points, matching her silver medal from Shanghai two years ago, and local favorite Ona Carbonell of Spain took bronze with



Russia's Svetlana Romashina performs in the synchronized swimming solo technical routine final during the World Swimming Championships at the Sant Jordi arena in Barcelona on 20 July, 2013.—REUTERS

94.400 points." Of course it's not easy to be compared with Natalia Ishchenko, she's an inspiration for us," Romashina, a three-times Olympic champion, told reporters.

"The last time I performed a solo routine was in 2004 but I guess the solo

was always in my mind since then," added the 24-year-old. "I'm very happy I won this medal tonight." The solo technical, which is not part of the Olympics, requires swimmers to perform six elements in a given sequence over two minutes.

Reuters

## Bradl grabs first pole after Marquez crash

TORONTO, 21 July—Germany's Stefan Bradl stole the pole for the US Grand Prix from MotoGP championship leader Marc Marquez on Saturday after the Spaniard crashed late in qualifying on the tricky Laguna Seca circuit.

Factory Honda rider Marquez, who had dominated practice sessions at the Mazda Speedway, had been poised to take the position but slid off the track with just four minutes remaining. The mistake opened the door for Bradl, who turned in a blistering lap of one minute 21.176 seconds on his non-works LCR Honda to bump Marquez and claim his first

career MotoGP pole in his second season in the top category. "It's incredible," said the 23-year-old. "I didn't expect pole position because the guys are able to step up and go faster in qualifying."

Marquez, who will be racing for the first time at Laguna Seca, watched helplessly from the pits as the final seconds in the session ticked off the clock but the

Germany's Stefan Bradl



rookie managed to hold onto second spot on the grid for Sunday's race.

Spain's Alvaro Bautista staged a late charge to

take third for Gresini Honda ahead of seven-time world champion Valentino

Rossi of Italy on a Yamaha. Britain's Cal Crutchlow posted the fifth fastest time for Tech3 Yamaha ahead of a pair of Spaniards, reigning world champion Jorge Lorenzo and Dani Pedrosa. The two Spanish title contenders were both back in action after sitting out last weekend's German Grand Prix with collarbone injuries.—Reuters

## Westwood one round from glory but pitfalls await

GULLANE, (Scotland), 21 July—Lee Westwood is 18 holes away from finally putting a major trophy on his mantelpiece but Sunday's British Open climax on Muirfield's dusty fairways may be the longest round of his life. The 40-year-old Briton, who has knocked on the major door so many times only to have it slammed in his face, emerged from a gripping third-round scrap with world number one Tiger Woods with a two-stroke lead on three-under-par.

Westwood, trying to win one of golf's big prizes at the 62nd time of asking, held a three-shot lead after seven holes, saw it evaporate before his eyes

and then produced a gutsy finish to pull clear of the chasing pack with a one-under 70. Woods, who has been stuck on 14 major titles for five frustrating and difficult years, looked like he may seize control at certain times on Saturday only to falter to a 72. With

the sun-scorched fairways, waist-high rough and zippy greens still proving a brutal test for mind and body, only three players remained under par compared with nine at the start of an absorbing third round.

As several contenders saw their hopes choked

in the long grass, American Hunter Mahan, who famously cried when he duffed a crucial chip in the 2010 Ryder Cup, put together a joint best of the day 68 to join Woods on one-under. Westwood will partner Mahan in the last match on Sunday and believes he can handle the pressure. "Even though I haven't won a Major, I know what it takes to win one," said Westwood who is trying to emulate fellow Briton Justin Rose, this year's US Open champion. "It's a case of going out there tomorrow, having confidence in my game, which I've got, and putting it to the test," he told reporters.

Reuters



Lee Westwood of England acknowledges the crowd after making his birdie putt on the 14th green during the third round of the British Open golf Championship at Muirfield in Scotland on 20 July, 2013.—REUTERS

## Mahan not seeking redemption for Ryder Cup agony

GULLANE, (Scotland), 21 July—American Hunter Mahan is not seeking redemption after moving to within touching distance of leader Lee Westwood with a superb third-round 68 at the British Open on Saturday. Mahan lost a Ryder Cup singles match to Graeme McDowell at Celtic Manor in 2010 when he duffed a chip shot to the 17th green and conceded a victory which handed the trophy to Europe.

"I don't need any redemption or anything like that, just playing golf," the 31-year-old told reporters

after finishing two behind Westwood on 212, one under. "I don't play golf for revenge or to make up for anything. I'm playing because I really like to play and it's the ultimate challenge playing major golf. So that's the only thing I'm worried about."

Mahan, who finished tied fourth at last month's US Open, shot 72 in his first two rounds at Muirfield but five birdies sent him shooting up a congested leaderboard on another testing day at the East Lothian links. "Obviously the course is difficult," he said.—Reuters

## Serena Williams eases into Swedish Open final

STOCKHOLM, 21 July—Top seed Serena Williams of the United States eased past Czech third seed Klara Zakopalova in straight sets to reach the final at WTA Swedish Open on Saturday.

World No

1 Williams won the first eight games in Top seed Serena Williams

a row before sealing the match 6-0, 6-4 in 67 minutes. She smashed 7 aces in the match while the Czech only managed one but conceded three double faults.

Williams will face local hope Johanna Larsson in the final. The eight seeded Swede rallied to beat Italy's Flavia Pennetta 2-6,

6-3, 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Xinhua





GENERAL



Photo taken on 19 July, 2013 shows the Great Wall in Shandan County, northwest China's Gansu Province. This year, the local authorities has allocated more than 30 million yuan (about 4.89 million US dollars) for the protection of the Great Wall in Shandan County, which was built in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) and has a length of 88 kilometres. —XINHUA

### Macedonian police arrest six during int'l migrant smuggling curb operation

SKOPJE, 21 July — Police arrested six people and found 34 illegal immigrants on Friday in a wide operation for cutting an international migrant smuggling ring that passes through northern Macedonian village of Lojane.

According to the Macedonian Ministry of Interior, 10 houses in Lojane were searched and in six of them 34 immigrants were found. Thirteen of the immigrants were underage.

Some of the immigrants were not identified immediately but most of them originate from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Algiers, Afghanistan, among other

countries, the police said.

"The migrants were accepted by the owners of the houses, and depending of the deal they were either temporarily accommodated or taken to cross the state border. They were charged 10 euros (13 US dollars) per day", Ministry for interior spokesman Ivo Kotevski said.

According to the police, the arrested were working for criminal groups that smuggle illegal immigrants from Greece, through Macedonia and Serbia towards the European Union (EU) countries. The village of Lojane is situated in the northern Macedonia, about

50 kilometers from the capital Skopje and just several kilometres from the border with Serbia. Two years ago Lojane emerged in the media as a hot spot stopping point for the illegal immigrants from Africa, Asia and Middle East.

Dozens of media reports were highlighting that this village is strongly marked on the international smuggling map. There are no official data of how many immigrants annually stop in Lojane on their way towards the EU countries, but the numbers were expected to be 3-4 thousand immigrants per year.

Xinhua

### Thompson sets up chance of rare brother-sister double

NEW YORK, 21 July— Nicholas Thompson carded a second consecutive 65 to push into a tie for the lead after the third round of the Sanderson Farms Championship at Annandale Golf Club on Saturday, setting up a potential rare family double.

The 30-year-old's seven-under round left him tied with in-form Daniel Summerhays and two shots clear of the chasing pack, while his teenage sister Lexi was tied third and three shots off the lead after three rounds at the LPGA tour's Marathon Classic.

Only two brother-sister combinations have ever won on the elite tours and none have managed the feat in the same week.

The Thompsons are right in the hunt to become the third duo, however, after Bill Kratzert and his sister Cathy Gering, and Jackie Gallagher-Smith and brother Jim Gallagher.

Thompson opened with a bogey but reeled off eight birdies in his last 15 holes to move to 17-under for the tournament. Summerhays shot a solid 69 to join him at the top.

Americans crammed the top nine spots of the leaderboard with Chad Campbell (65), Cameron Beckman (65), Woody Austin (67) and Kyle Reifers (67) sharing third on 15-under. Brendon Todd (66), Vaughn Taylor (68) and Bill Lunde (68) were a stroke further back at 14-under.

Thompson, who was on the main tour previously in 2006 and from 2008-2010, returned this year as a graduate from the 2012 web.com Tour but has missed seven of his last 12 cuts and posted one top-10 finish back in January.

"I've been playing good (this week). I got off to a little bit of a rough start with a three putt but after that it was pretty good," Thompson told reporters. "You know what, there is always a possibility," he added of the potential family double. "I just have to go out there and play like I have the last couple of days."

"I don't know what score it will take, but it's going to be a good one. The guys have gone low and the golf course is in perfect condition."

Reuters

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### Syrian Kurdish leader denies independence plan

DAMASCUS, 21 July — A Syrian Kurdish leader on Saturday denied a plan to form an independent Kurdish government within Syria. Salih Muslim, a high-ranking official of the country's opposition party Democratic Union Party (PYD), said that the circulating rumour saying the Syrian Kurds are seeking independence from Syria is completely false.

According to Muslim, the Kurds, a dominating ethnic group in Northeastern Syria, are planning on launching a series of relief programs to help the people. He stressed that there is no intention among the Kurds to form their own government, nor to secede from Syria.

Earlier on Saturday, Qatar-based al-Jazeera quoted Muslim as saying that the Kurds are consider-

ing forming their own government in Northern Syria, and that a self-governing body in the "Western Kurdistan" is urgently needed as the Syrian conflict is showing no sign of abating. And the body would be temporary and would resolve after the Syrian conflict ends.

"Western Kurdistan," also called "Syrian Kurdistan," refers to a region in Northern Syria that is mainly dominated by Kurdish population. Syrian government troops have pulled out of this region in 2012, leaving the Kurds a certain level of autonomy. In recent months violence escalated between the Kurds and some armed opposition groups in the region, as the Kurds fought to keep out foreign fighters that fill the rank of the opposition.

Xinhua

SEMNOZ, (France), 21 July — Chris Froome virtually sealed his maiden Tour de France title with yet another strong climbing performance in Saturday's penultimate stage won by Colombia's Nairo Quintana. Britain's Froome leads Quintana by 5:03 overall, with Spain's Joaquim Rodriguez jumping into third 5:47 off the pace after Alberto Contador, the 2007 and 2009 champion, slipped out of the top three when he cracked in the final ascent of the 125-km 20th stage.

Contador, who was dripping with sweat on the slopes of Semnoz, is fourth 7:10 behind Froome going into Sunday's final stage, a festive parade from Versailles to Paris with only the final sprint being contested. Barring a crash, Team Sky's Froome will succeed

compatriot and team mate Bradley Wiggins, who missed this year's race because of a knee injury. "I think for the GC (general classification), this time it's done," said Froome. "Tomorrow will be for the sprinters. We, are done."

Slovakian Peter Sagan is set to retain the green jersey after opening an unassailable lead in the points classification over Mark Cavendish, who will look to claim his fifth straight win on the Champs-Élysées on Sunday.

On his Tour debut, Quintana is also about to secure the white jersey for the best Under-25 rider as well as the polka-dot jersey for the best climber. "I can't ask for more. I almost have everything, it's fantastic. Thank you to my teammates and my sports directors, who have helped me

### Froome poised for Tour glory, Quintana wins stage



Race leader yellow jersey holder Team Sky rider Christopher Froome of Britain pushes a spectator out of the way as he cycles behind Movistar team rider Nairo Alexander Quintana of Colombia during the 125 km stage of the centenary Tour de France cycling race from Annecy to Annecy-Semnoz on 20 July, 2013. — REUTERS

achieve this," the 23-year-old, Colombia's first stage winner since Mauricio Soler in 2007, told reporters.

Quintana of the Movistar team sped away with one kilometer left in the fi-

nal climb, dropping Froome who had earlier shaken up a group of favourites with a trademark attack—rooted to his saddle, jutting elbows and nodding head.

Reuters



# Union Peace-making Work Committee clarifies peace process



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann addresses the ceremony to clarify peace process.—MNA

YANGON, 21 July—A process presented by Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee to Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Aung Min and members Thura U Shwe Mann and

Chairpersons of Pyithu Hluttaw Committees took place at Myanmar Peace Centre on Shweli Road in Kamayut Township, here, this morning.

Also present were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein and officials.

First, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann made an opening address.

Next, Vice-Chairman U Aung Min elaborated on ongoing peace process and emergence of the Myanmar Peace Centre.

Then, MPC Special Adviser U Tin Maung Than explained organizational set-up and function of the centre and Special Adviser U Hla Maung Shwe, the

centre's participation in the peace-making activities. Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw and Chairperson of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi touched upon the ongoing peace process.

Next, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker made concluding remarks.

After the meeting, Vice-Chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee U Aung Min and Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw answered the queries raised by media persons.

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## Abe's coalition likely to win in election

BEIJING, 21 July—The election to Japan's Upper House of parliament will be held on Sunday. The result is expected to be released the same day.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its partner the New Komeito are widely forecast to win a landslide victory.

Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has said he will remain firmly focused on fixing the economy with his mix of hyper-easy monetary policy, fiscal spending and structural reform including deregulation.

Abe also wants to



revise the constitution and enable the nation's Self-defense Force to become a full national army.

If Abe's ruling coalition wins, an amendment approval of two-thirds or more of the members in both the Upper and Lower houses of the Diet would be achievable.—Xinhua

## Fatal Indian school meal contained pesticide, police confirms



A policeman in civilian clothes shows a bottle containing oil which they recovered from the school where contaminated meals were served to children on Tuesday, at a police station in Masrahk at Chapra.—REUTERS

PATNA, (India), 21 July—An initial forensic report has confirmed that the free school lunch that killed 23 children this week in India's eastern state of Bihar was contaminated with a pesticide, a senior police official said on Saturday.

The children fell ill within minutes of eating a meal of rice and potato curry in their one-room school on Tuesday, vomiting and convulsing with agonising stomach cramps. The deaths sparked protests in Bihar. The lunch was part of India's Mid-Day Meal Scheme that covers 120 million children and aims to tackle malnutrition and

encourage school attendance. It had already drawn widespread complaints over food safety.

The report found the meal was prepared with cooking oil that contained monocrotophos, an organophosphorus compound that is used as an agricultural pesticide, Ravindra Kumar, a senior police official, told reporters.

Police said on Friday they suspected the oil was kept in a container previously used to store the pesticide. They are still looking for the headmistress of the school, who fled after the deaths. The World Health Organization describes monocrotophos as highly hazardous.—Reuters

## Weightlifters awarded for MWF President's Cup

YANGON, 21 July—A ceremony to award winners in the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation President's Cup Weightlifting Championship 2013 was held at the Aung San Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this afternoon.

Deputy Minister for

Sports U Thaung Htike and officials presented prizes to winners in the 85-kilo, 94-kilo, 105-kilo events, best weightlifter awards to the winners in the men's and women's events, championship trophies to the women's and men's weightlifting teams.

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## Preservation of 126-year-old ancient building in Thagara

YEDASHE, 21 July—An ancient Pitakat building which is believed to have been built since more than 126 years ago is being preserved up to date by successive Sayadaws

and townselders at Hsin Hna-kaung monastery in Thagara old town in Yedashe Township in Bago Region, it is learnt.

A local said that the building is certainly worth a visit as the 126-year-old

building has its original features.

According to records, the building is 126 years old. A Buddha Image is being kept in the building", said U Aung Htay, a townselder of Thagara.

### Cultural Heritage

Cultural works of ancient times like that at the building can be seen at Kyaikpadi and Padaukon villages on the eastern bank of Sittoung River, he added.

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