

## Curriculum Vitae of Chairman of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung



**NAY PYI TAW, 22 July**—Chairman of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung was born on 18 January, 1946 at Kim Lien, Nam Dan Nghe An in Vietnam. He attended Ha Noi Finance–Accounting College from 1966 to 1970 and Karl Marx Economics University in Bulgaria as a post-graduate student from 1978 to 1982. He was in various capacities at the Ministry of Finance from 1982 to 1990. He served as Director-General of the Ministry of Finance and the State Treasurer from 1990 to 1992, Member of Executive Committee and Deputy Minister for Finance from 1992 to 1996, member Executive Committee and Minister for Finance and member

of 10<sup>th</sup> National Assembly Legislation from 1996 to 2001, member Executive Committee and Minister for Finance and member of 11<sup>th</sup> National Assembly Legislation from 2001 to 2006, Member of the Politburo, Deputy Prime Minister and member of 12<sup>th</sup> National Assembly Legislation from 2006 to 2011. From 2011 to date, he is in office as Member of the Politburo, Member of the Executive Committee, member of 13<sup>th</sup> National Assembly Legislation, Chairman of Standing Committee of National Assembly and Chairman of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Chairman of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung and delegation of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will pay a goodwill visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future at the invitation of the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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## Yangonites observe Dhammacakka Day on Fullmoon Day of Waso



*Shwedagon Pagoda packed with devotees on Fullmoon Day of Waso (Dhammacakka Day). —MNA*

**YANGON, 22 July**— Today, Fullmoon Day of Waso (Dhammacakka Day), pagodas, stupas, monasteries, lakes, townships, wards, streets and Dhammayons in Yangon were packed

with religious devotees celebrating religious ceremonies to mark the Dhammacakka Day.

Members of the Board of Trustees of Shwedagon Pagoda, religious associations and service

personnel offered alms, light, flowers, water and fruits to the Pagoda and Waso Shwekyar robes to four Stupas and Padamya Myatshin Buddha Image.

Congregation received nine precepts delivered by State Ovadacariya Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of TheingiU monastery in Chaukhtatgyi Pagoda Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandawbasa and members of Sangha recited parittas.

Next, laypersons presented alms and Waso robes to members of Sangha and shared the merits gained after receiving a sermon delivered by the Sayadaw of Kalewa monastery.

Similarly, Members of the Board of Trustees of Sule Pagoda, Botahtaung

Kyaikdaeat Pagoda, Shwephonepint Pagoda in Pazundaung Township, Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) and Kyaikwaing Pagoda in Mayangon Township and Thiri Mingala Kaba-Aye Pagoda offered Waso robes and fruits to Buddha Images at the respective Pagodas.

Likewise, devotees thronged into Kyaikasan Pagoda, Lawka Chantha Abaya Labamuni Buddha Image, Moegaung Pagoda, Ngahtatgyi Pagoda, Chaukhtatgyi Pagoda, Maelamu Pagoda, Okkalapa Pagoda, Kyaikalot Kyaikalat Pagoda, Kyaikhauk Pagoda, Kyaikhmawun Pagoda and religious buildings in Yangon Region to offer alms and Waso robes to the Buddha Images.

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## Expresses plying between Kawthoung and Bokpyin



**KAWTHOUNG, 22 July**— “Travellers can get easy access to different places without delay on Kawthoung-

Karathuri-Bokpyin road as the Public Works under the Ministry of Construction recently carried out roadwork on

it for ensuring smooth transportation,” said a transport entrepreneur of “EainsiMin” express.

In the past, the

road-users had difficulties due to torrential rains, water erosion and breaking of creek bridges.

*Kyemon-Bokpyin IPRD*

## Bay Bulletin

**NAY PYI TAW, 22 July**—According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area

over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, said Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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**Regional Development**

**Union Minister visits basic education schools in Mandalay**



NAY PYI TAW, 22 July — Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye visited basic education schools in Aungmyethazan Township in Mandalay Region on 18 July.

On his inspection tour of No (2) Basic Education Middle School (Branch), No (3) Basic Education Primary School and No (2) Basic Education Middle School, the Union minister

gave necessary instructions on academic matters in meeting with members of the board of trustees of the respective schools, school heads and teachers.

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**Knowledge on traffic gestures, traffic rules disseminated**

NYAUNGDON, 22 July — With the aim of heightening

awareness of traffic rules among students as a drive



**Educative Talks**

to reduce traffic accidents, educative talks were given at Basic Education High School Nos (1) and (2) in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 12 July separately. First, the Nyaungdon Township Administrator made an address, calling for strict adherence to the traffic rules. Next, Traffic Police Inspector Chit Sein and party demonstrated traffic gestures and gave talks on traffic rules. — *Kyemon-Win Myint Kyaw (Nyaungdon)*

**Talks on cattle breeding, integrated farming given**

KYAUKTAN, 22 July — A team led by Director-General U Khin Maung Maw of Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries toured Kyauktan Township, Tada sub-township and Sinmakaw village where they gave talks on cattle breeding

and integrated farming to local people and farmers on 15 July.

On their arrival at Sinmakaw village, they distributed 100 fingerlings each to 211 farmers in the village under a plan of Thaug Nyunt Agriculture Produce and Micro-financing Cooperative

Society Limited. Nearly 500,000 fingerlings are being kept at the fish farm of the society.

Officials concerned explained a plan to distribute cows, pigs and chickens to breeders at reasonable price.

*Kyemon-Aung Swe (Shwe Tada)*

**Excessive speed attributed to expressway rollover crashes**

YANGON, 22 July — An official of Expressway Traffic Police blamed rollover crashes on Yangon-Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway on reckless driving of the men behind the wheel.

Strict adherence to speed limit and warnings on the road signs is a must for all road users on the expressway, he added.

Road accidents on the expressway are due to excessive speed, claiming

**Transportation**

lives of eight victims and injuring 52 in 19 incidents during a recent period until 18 July based on statistics of Expressway Traffic Police.

*Kyemon-Thein Swe*

**Chin State Chief Minister's inspection tour of Haka**

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July — Chin State Chief Minister U Hong Ngai on 20 July visited Thida region farm on Haka-Htantalang road where generating electric power through biogas is being implemented for rural region electrification program.

It is planned to generate electricity with the use of dung from cow farms in Haka Township.

Next, the chief minister proceeded to Basic Education High School No (1) in Haka and attended a work coordination meeting on higher pass rate in matriculation examination for 2014 in Chin State.

The chief minister spoke on the occasion and the Chin State minister and officials reported on academic matters. — *MNA*

**Crime**

**Couple carrying heroin, stimulant tablets taken into police custody**

MYITKYINA, 22 July — A couple of man and woman carrying heroin and stimulant tablets was arrested after a tip-off to police in Tanai Township on 15 July.

Police said they had received a tip-off about a transport of narcotic drugs and they carried out a search, interrupting vehicles running from Myitkyina to Tanai at a tollgate at the entrance to Tanai. At about 9.15 am

on that day, they seized 1.05 grams of heroin worth K 73,500 and 200 WY stimulant tablets worth K400,000 while conducting a search of a motorbike driven by Maung Yaw Rain, 22, together with Ma Ga Khin Jakhun, 30.

The two suspects were charged with possession of narcotic drugs by Tanai police station. — *Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)*



**Accident**

**Dawei-Yangon train carriage derails in Kyaikto**

KYAIKTO, 22 July — A derailment happened to one carriage of No (176) Dawei-Yangon passenger down-train of Locomotive DF-1347 operated by U Maung Nyunt and U Thein Htay at railroad mile post No (97/23) near Bridge

No (49) in northern ward in Kyaikto on 18 July. The railroad accident occurred shortly after the train left from Kyaikto railway station at about 9.10 am on that day. Authorities said an upper-class coach of the train left the track and no one on board

the train was injured.

Rail services of all trains including the derailed train resumed after disruption of over three hours as railway men were putting back the carriage on the track. — *Kyemon-Kyaikto (IPRD)*

**Brick wall collapses during torrential rains in Myeik**

MYEIK, 22 July — A sudden collapse of a brick wall of the Kanphyar ward administrator's office in Myeik in Taninthayi Region happened at about 7.10 pm on 16 July.

The wall collapse was attributed to heavy downpours on that night. It was learnt that authorities cut off supply of electricity to the ward in order to avoid possible danger of electric

shocks. A temporary power cut to the ward in order to avoid possible danger of electric shock was made by authorities.

*Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)*



## WORLD

## Abe cements power with sweeping victory in upper house race



Japanese Prime Minister and Liberal Democratic Party President Shinzo Abe puts flowers on the name of winning party candidates in the House of Councillors election at the LDP's headquarters in Tokyo on 21 July, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 22 July — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe strengthened his grip on power on Sunday with his ruling coalition winning a comfortable majority in the upper house election, enabling him to pursue his goal of economic recovery amid greater political stability.

Abe's Liberal Democratic Party and its smaller partner, the New Komeito party, ended years of opposition control of the House of Councillors by gaining

76 of the 121 seats up for grabs.

The parties now have a total of 135 seats in the 242-seat house, including the 59 they already held that were not contested this time — well above the threshold of 129 necessary to control all standing committees in the chamber. The result will facilitate passage of bills as the ruling bloc has an overwhelming majority in the more powerful lower house.—Kyodo News

## Egypt starts amending constitution despite political divisions

CAIRO, 22 July — A panel of legal experts started work on Sunday to revise Egypt's Islamist-tinted constitution, a vital first step on the road to fresh elections ordered by the army following its removal of Mohamed Mursi as president. Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood, which has accused the army of orchestrating a military coup and denounced plans to revise the constitution, staged fresh rallies on Sunday to maintain pressure on the new, interim government.

Setting a highly ambitious timeframe, the military wants new elections in around six months and has tasked a panel of 10 legal experts to present proposed

changes to the constitution within 30 days for review before a broader-based body. The original constitution was approved by a referendum last year, but critics said the text failed to protect human rights, minorities and social justice.

Ali Awad Saleh, a judge and the constitutional affairs adviser for the newly installed president, chaired Sunday's panel, saying it would spend the next week receiving ideas from "citizens, political parties, and all sides".—Reuters



An army soldier checks a member of the Muslim Brotherhood and supporter of ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi near Egypt's defence ministry headquarters in Cairo on 21 July, 2013.—REUTERS

## Kurds free Qaeda-linked rebel commander in Syria after clashes

BEIRUT, 22 July — Syrian Kurdish forces freed a local leader linked to al-Qaeda as part of an agreed ceasefire to end fierce fighting with Islamist rebels in the northern Syrian town of Tel Abyad on Sunday, activists said. In return, Islamist rebels have promised to release hundreds of Kurds taken hostage as collateral from the leader of the Islamic State of Iraq and Sham (ISIS), known as Abu Musaab.

The sporadic fighting in the northern Syrian border region over the past five days has signaled a growing power struggle as Islamists work to cement control of rebel zones while Kurds assert their autonomy in mostly Kurdish parts of the re-

gion. The tensions highlight how the two-year insurgency against 43 years of Assad family rule is spinning off into strife within his opponents' ranks, running the risk of creating regionalized conflicts that could destabilize neighbouring countries.

Pro-opposition activists said that Turkish military forces had been reinforced on Turkey's side of the frontier near Tel Abyad on Sunday, but the Turkish army could not be reached for comment. Turkish forces exchanged fire with Syrian Kurdish fighters in another border region earlier this week. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the fighting in Tel Abyad started when the local brigade of the Qaeda-linked

ISIS asked Kurdish Front forces, who have fought with the rebels against Assad, to pledge their allegiance to the ISIS leader there, which they refused.

Other activists said the

clashes were an outgrowth of fighting that broke out last week in other parts of the northern border zone, spreading conflict to Tel Abyad.

Reuters



A Free Syrian Army fighter carries his weapon as he walks past damaged buildings in Deir al-Zor on 20 July, 2013.—REUTERS

## US court renews surveillance program exposed by Snowden

WASHINGTON, 22 July — The US government said on Friday a secret court that oversees intelligence activities granted its request to continue a telephone surveillance program — one of the two data collection efforts leaked by former security contractor Edward Snowden. The Office of the Director of National Intelligence, or ODNI, said its authority to maintain the program expired on Friday and that the government sought and received a renewal from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act court.



An undated aerial handout photo shows the National Security Agency (NSA) headquarters building in Fort Meade, Maryland.—REUTERS

The ODNI said in a statement it was disclosing the renewal as part of an effort at greater transparency following Snowden's disclosure of the telephone data collection and email surveillance programs. A top official said earlier on Friday that intelligence officials were working to declassify information on the programs that Snowden had already partially disclosed. Robert Litt, general counsel of ODNI, said he was optimistic the intelligence community could make "a lot of progress" in declassifying the information.

US officials faced a public uproar after Snowden began leaking classified information about telephone and email collection programs. Intelligence officials have been pushing to justify the programs as legal, particularly under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, or FISA, which requires a secret court to approve

the programs. The Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court sided on Monday with Yahoo Inc and ordered the Obama administration to declassify and publish a 2008 court decision justifying Prism, the data collection program revealed last month by Snowden. The ruling could offer a rare glimpse into how the government has legally justified its spy agencies' data collection programs under FISA.

"One of the hurdles to declassification earlier was that the existence of the programs was classified," Litt said in response to questions after a speech at the Brookings Institution. "It's very hard to think about releasing the opinion that says a particular program is legal if you're not going to disclose what the program is. Now that the program has been declassified, we're going back and we're looking at these opinions."—Reuters

## Gunmen abduct Iran Embassy employee in Yemen

SANAA, 22 July — Armed men seized an employee of the Iranian embassy in Yemen's capital Sanaa on Sunday, police sources said, the latest in a series of abductions of foreigners in the lawless Arab country. The Iranian man was travelling through the diplomatic quarter in southern Sanaa when gunmen blocked the road, forced him to get out of his vehicle and took him to an unknown location, the sources told Reuters.

It was not immediately clear who carried out the kidnapping, they added. Yemen's government is grappling with a host of challenges, including a separatist movement in the south and an Islamist insurgency, as it tries to restore authority lost during mass protests in 2011 that overthrew veteran President Ali Abdullah Saleh.

Disgruntled tribesmen also often take hostages to press the government to free jailed relatives or improve public services. A Saudi diplomat based in Yemen's southern port city of Aden has been held hostage by Islamist militants linked to al-Qaeda since March, 2012.—Reuters

## Egyptian hackers allegedly attack UAE gov't websites

DUBAI, 22 July—The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (TRA) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) said on Sunday it has “confronted” an attempt to hack government websites launched by cyber criminals in Egypt.

The TRA did not reveal which government websites in particular had been targeted by the alleged hackers, nor did it reveal when the incident occurred. In October 2012, Eugene Kaspersky, the founder and chief executive, said the global cyber warfare would escalate in 2013, in particular in the Middle East where hacker attacks increased dramatically.

Diplomatic relations

between the UAE and Egypt came under pressure during the 12-month tenure of former Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi, as the UAE government accused some elements of the Muslim Brotherhood, to which Morsi was affiliated, of planning actions of unrest in the Gulf Arab states.

However, relations between Abu Dhabi and Cairo improved in recent weeks after the ouster of Morsi by Egyptian military. In order to support the political transition in the biggest Arab country by population, the UAE shortly after pledged 3 billion US dollars to Egypt in a mix of cash grants and central bank deposits.

Xinhua



## Amazon vs IBM: Big Blue meets match in battle for the cloud

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 July—The tech industry maxim that “no one ever got fired for buying IBM” is a testament to how Big Blue has been the gold standard in computing services for decades. But IBM faces an unlikely challenger in Amazon.com Inc, the e-commerce retail giant that is becoming a force in the booming business of cloud computing, even winning backing from America’s top spy agency.

After years of being dismissed as a supplier of online computer services to startups and small businesses, Amazon Web Services (AWS) beat out International Business Machines this year to snag a \$600 million contract with the Central Intelligence Agency. IBM has successfully appealed its loss in the contest, stalling it for now. But the episode highlights how Amazon is evolving from an online retailer into a competitive provider of information technology and services to big companies, and government bodies.

That has helped push

Amazon shares to a new record ahead of the company’s second-quarter results due on Thursday. Amazon doesn’t break out AWS results, but Wall Street believes it is expanding faster than the retail business and is more profitable. “AWS is one of the main spokes of the bull case on Amazon shares,” argues Ron Josey, an analyst at JMP Securities. “Software and IT investors are aware of and are trying to size AWS, and what the impact could be on their sector.”

IBM is entrenched



A box from Amazon.com is pictured on the porch of a house in Golden, Colorado on 23 July, 2008.—REUTERS

## UN warns on mobile cybersecurity bugs in bid to prevent attacks

BOSTON, 22 July—A United Nations group that advises nations on cybersecurity plans to send out an alert about significant vulnerabilities in mobile phone technology that could potentially enable hackers to remotely attack at least half a billion phones. The bug, discovered by German firm, allows hackers to remotely gain control of and also clone certain mobile SIM cards. Hackers could use compromised SIMs to commit financial crimes or engage in electronic espionage, according to Berlin’s Security Research Labs, which will describe the vulnerabilities at the Black Hat hacking conference that opens in Las Vegas on 31 July.

The UN’s Geneva-based International Telecommunications Union, which has reviewed the research, described it as “hugely significant.” “These findings show us where we could be heading in terms of cybersecurity risks,” ITU Secretary General Hamadoun Touré told

Reuters. He said the agency would notify telecommunications regulators and other government agencies in nearly 200 countries about the potential threat and also reach out to hundreds of mobile companies, academics and other industry experts.

A spokeswoman for the GSMA, which represents nearly 800 mobile operators worldwide, said it also reviewed the research. “We have been able to consider the implications and provide guidance to those network operators and SIM vendors that may be impacted,” said GSMA spokeswoman Claire Cranton. Nicole Smith, a spokeswoman for Gemalto NV, the world’s biggest maker



The United Nations logo is displayed on a door at UN headquarters in New York on 26 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

of SIM cards, said her company supported GSMA’s response. “Our policy is to refrain from commenting on details relating to our customers’ operations,” she said.

Cracking SIM cards has long been the Holy Grail of hackers because the tiny devices are located in phones and allow operators to identify and authenticate subscribers as they use networks. Karsten Nohl, the chief scientist who led the

research team and will reveal the details at Black Hat, said the hacking only works on SIMs that use an old encryption technology known as DES. Nohl said he conservatively estimates that at least 500 million phones are vulnerable to the attacks he will discuss at Black Hat. He added that the number could grow if other researchers start looking into the issue and find other ways to exploit the same class of vulnerabilities.—Reuters

## Hong Kong reporter quits in controversy over Alibaba founder’s remarks



Jack Ma, founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group.

SHANGHAI, 22 July—A Hong Kong journalist has quit in a controversy over disputed remarks that Jack Ma, founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group, is reported to have made in support of Beijing’s violent crackdown on Tiananmen Square protesters in 1989. The controversy comes ahead of the anticipated listing of Alibaba, expected to value the firm at \$60-\$100 billion, which in turn has put a critical spotlight on Ma, the wider Chinese Internet industry and its approach to freedom of speech.

Ma denies he made such an assertion siding with the government and the journalist, too, has said her report for the *South China Morning Post* this month was changed in editing, and she has apologized to Ma. The daily, though, is standing behind the story. In undisputed comments in the same report, Ma described the Chinese government as “terrific” and

downplayed the significance of Internet censorship. But his disputed comments on the Tiananmen crackdown, a symbol for human rights campaigners of Beijing’s intolerance of free speech, drew the biggest reaction.

The interview, published on 13 July, has caused public criticism of Ma in the Hong Kong and foreign Press, with some Chinese netizens calling for a boycott of Alibaba’s e-commerce websites, including Alibaba.com and Taobao.com. However, journalist Liu Yi, in a statement written in Chinese on her Facebook account, said the published version of the interview with Ma was not the same as her original submission, and that she later took the initiative to edit the online version herself to “set the record straight”. “Ma never intended to make any comments about politics,” her statement said. “I solemnly apologize to Mr Ma Yun (Jack Ma’s Chinese name)

and resign from the *South China Morning Post*.”

Liu did not respond to a request for further comment made through her Facebook account. The *Post* said in a statement on its web site dated Saturday that the reporter had accessed its system and replaced the editor-approved article with an altered version in which Ma’s reference to Tiananmen was removed without authorization. Its statement said that the editor-approved version was restored and that Liu Yi had been suspended, but she chose to resign on 19 July before an investigation had been completed. Wang Xiangwei, editor-in-chief of the *Post*, did not respond immediately to requests for additional comment on Sunday or for a copy of the newspaper’s recording of the interview.

The newspaper’s statement said it stood behind the original published article, in which Ma appeared to endorse Deng Xiaoping, then China’s paramount leader, in using violent force to crush the 1989 protests. In the article, Ma said: “As CEO of a company, whether it be regarding the Alibaba incident (a 2011 incident involving fraud) or the spin-off of Alipay, it is like Deng Xiaoping on 4th June. As the country’s most senior decision-maker, he had to be stable and he had to make cruel decisions.

Reuters

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Apple's developer website attacked, can't rule out stolen data



The Apple logo hangs inside the glass entrance to the Apple Store on 5th Avenue in New York City, on 4 April, 2013.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 July —Apple Inc's main website for developers remains shut after intruders tried to steal sensitive information last week, forcing the iPhone maker to overhaul its database and

server software to prevent future breaches. The intrusion last Thursday marked a rare cyber attack on the US company's network and comes at a time when third-party developers are testing their apps on Ap-

ple's iOS 7 — a smartphone and tablet platform to be launched in the fall. Apple's developer site also houses sensitive financial information, which is encrypted.

Apple said on Sunday that no customer information had been compromised, but was unable to rule out the possibility that some developers' names, mailing addresses, and email addresses may have been accessed.

An Apple spokesman said the website that was breached was not associated with any customer information. It remained unclear how much, if any, data was compromised or who the attackers were.

Reuters

## Cuba announces new anticancer drug

HAVANA, 22 July — Cuban scientists have developed a new anticancer drug which, unlike other cytostatics, does not damage healthy cells, local daily *Juventud Rebelde* reported on Sunday.

The drug penetrates the nucleus membrane of the malign cell and necrotizes

it, this effect is different from any other cytostatics, which not only intoxicates the cell and kills it, but also affect healthy cells, the daily reported, citing Labiofam laboratories director Jose Antonio Fraga.

"Our antitumor drug affects only the malign cell tissue and it combines with

the necrosis and apoptosis process," Fraga said. The new drug, obtained from peptide RJLB14, will undergo toxicological and pharmacodynamic tests, later clinical trials on humans, and then will be applied to humans with the approval by organizations concerned, he said.

The antitumor peptide was presented before the Director Council of the Health Ministry with a guarantee that contains evidence and proofs of the pre-clinical trials. According to the Health Ministry, cancer is the No 1 killer in Cuba, with 25 percent of the total deaths resulting from cancer.

Xinhua



## Glaxo to reform China business, executive tells government

SHANGHAI, 22 July—A senior executive from GlaxoSmithKline told Chinese police the British drug-maker will reform its business in the country in the wake of a bribery scandal, China's Ministry of Public Security said on Monday. It said GSK's president for emerging markets, Abbas Hussain, made the pledge in a meeting with ministry officials.

Britain's biggest drug-maker has sent Hussain to China to deal with the scandal. "Hussain apologized on behalf of GSK and said GSK will fully support the Chinese government's resolution to root out corruption and will actively reform GSK's original business and operating procedures in China," the ministry said in a statement.

Police last week accused GSK of bribing officials and doctors to boost sales and raise the price of its medicines in China. They said GSK transferred up to 3 billion yuan (319

million pounds) to 700 travel agencies and consultancies over six years to facilitate the bribes. GSK said it was deeply concerned by the allegations, which it called "shameful".



A no entry sign is pictured outside the GlaxoSmithKline building in Hounslow, west London on 18 June, 2013.

REUTERS

The ministry, which urged GSK to take "responsibility" for the scandal, cited a statement from GSK as saying four detained Chinese executives from the drugmaker were able to break the law because they knew the company's internal systems so well.

GSK officials were not immediately available to comment on the ministry statement. It was unclear if the statement the ministry cited was one GSK had released or was just made available to police. Hussain was dispatched to China by Chief Executive Andrew Witty, along with the group's global head of internal audit and a senior legal official, a person familiar with the matter said on Friday.— Reuters

## Aussie researchers find new drug to tackle malaria

MELBOURNE, 22 July—Australian researchers have said that a new drug that stops the malaria parasite from using vitamin B1 to multiply is now plausible.

Pharmacologist Kevin Saliba of Australian National University along

with his team have reported their findings in recent issue of *Nature Communications*, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported.

Just like humans, malaria parasites need vitamins to grow and multiply.—PTI



## Child injuries from falling TVs increasing in US

NEW YORK, 22 July —A child is rushed to a US emergency department every 45 minutes with an injury that's related to a falling television, according to a new study.

"These are occurring primarily to younger children... When (the TVs) start coming toward them, they don't realize the danger," said Dr Gary Smith, the study's senior author and president of the Child Injury Prevention Alliance.

Previous research has found that TVs are

involved in child injuries, and that the frequency may be increasing. But according to the report published on Monday in *Pediatrics*, those studies were mostly small case studies, and the information was becoming out of date as the style and average number of TVs in US homes has been changing in recent years. For a more recent look at TV-related injuries in US children from 1990 through 2011, Smith and his colleagues used a database of emergency department visits at a nationally representative

sample of hospitals.

The researchers found that about 381,000 children and teenagers were treated in US emergency departments for TV-related injuries during that time. More than half of the injuries were caused by falling TVs, another 38 percent were caused by children running into the units and about 9 percent were caused by other situations, including televisions being moved from one location to another.

The majority of the injuries were to boys and about 64 percent of the

injuries were to children less than five years old. Two-year olds were the age group most likely to be hurt. There were six deaths.

The head and neck area was the most common site of injury, and cuts, bruises and concussions the most common types of injury. The overall rate of TV-related injuries held steady at about 17,000 per year over the 22-year period.

The percentage of injuries related to "striking" TVs fell dramatically over time, however, while the rate of injuries caused by

falling TVs doubled from about 1 per 10,000 children in 1990 to about 2 per 10,000 children in 2011. Although homes have more TVs now than years ago, Smith said that doesn't explain why injuries related to falling TVs were increasing but not injuries from running into the units.

"What we're finding is when those second and third TVs are being brought into these homes, the (older and bulkier units) are being moved and put in other parts of the home that are unsafe," said Smith, who is

also director of the Centre for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

For example, as more people buy flat-screen TVs, their older and bulkier units are being put in bedrooms or playrooms on top of dressers, bureaus, drawers and armoires, which may tip over because they were never designed to support TVs. "TVs need to be strapped or anchored to the wall. I think that's our biggest problem right now."

Reuters

## WORLD

## Tunisian police seize large quantities of weapons

TUNIS, 22 July — Tunisian anti-terrorist police have seized large quantities of weapons and ammunition in the capital Tunis as part of a nationwide operation, Mosaique FM reported on Sunday, quoting the *Al Chourouk* daily. The report said the seized weapons, including guns and hand grenades, were found in a populous district of the capital and the towns of Nabeul and Le Kef, adding that the weapons were smuggled into Tunisia by a group of radical Islamists.

In a related event, the Algerian army has destroyed a four-wheel drive vehicle transporting weapons from Libya and heading for the Tunisian border, Mosaique FM said, adding that at least two assailants were killed and some others injured in an exchanging fire.— *Xinhua*



An Afghan policeman searches the body of a passenger in Spera district of Khost Province in eastern Afghanistan on 21 July, 2013. The brother of Spera district chief was killed along with five other people in the eastern Afghan Province of Khost on Sunday morning, said an official.

XINHUA

## Ten militants killed in northern Afghan provinces

KABUL, 22 July — Ten militants were killed and eight others wounded on Sunday in two northern Afghan provinces, officials said. In Baghlan Province, five militants were killed in an on-going operation which kicked off early Sunday morning.

“Afghan army and police launched a joint clean-up operation code-named Maiwand 3 in Baghlan-e-Markazi District, killing five Taliban militants, injuring two and detaining two others up to now, “provincial police spokesman Jawid Bisharat told *Xinhua*, adding the raid will go on for coming days.

In addition, five militants were killed and six others wounded in an engagement between army and militants in Ghormash district of the northern province of Faryab, according to army spokesman Riza Rizaheh.

The Taliban-led insurgency has been rampant since the militant group launched annual spring offensive in April against Afghan government forces and about 98,000 NATO-led troops. Earlier on Sunday, five civilians were wounded when a Taliban bomb went off in Spin Boldak district of southern Kandahar Province.— *Xinhua*

## By relying on Iran, Syria's Assad risks irrelevance

AMMAN, 22 July — Military support from Iran and its Shi'ite ally Hezbollah has given Syrian President Bashar al-Assad new impetus in his fight against the insurgents intent on ousting him, but at a price.

Assad now risks losing much of his autonomy to Teheran and becoming a pawn in a wider sectarian war between Sunni Muslims and Shi'ites that may not end even if he is forced to step down, military experts and diplomats in the region say.

Having lost thousands of troops and militiamen from his Alawite sect as the war grinds through its third year, and anxious to preserve his elite loyalist units, Assad is now relying on Hezbollah from Lebanon and other Shi'ite militias allied with Iran to turn the tide of battle.

Alawite army units with their vast arsenal of artillery and missiles have been taking a back seat in combat, using these weapons supported by the air force to obliterate rebellious neighbourhoods and blow holes in rebel lines for Iranian and Hezbollah-trained local militias.

In some cases men from Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed group that is one of Lebanon's most powerful military and political forces, have been doing the street fighting, according to rebel commanders and other opposition sources.

Under this new arrangement, Hezbollah and Iran have become directly involved in the command structures of Assad's forces, eroding his authority and the Alawite power base that has underpinned four

decades of family rule by him and his father.

The Alawites, to which Assad belongs, are an offshoot of Islam that has controlled Syria since the 1960s. Unlike the Shi'ites in Iraq, Iran and Lebanon, Syria's Alawites tend to be secular and lack the religious zeal that has helped motivate thousands of Shi'ite militia to come to Syria.

Security sources in the region estimate there are about 15,000 Shi'ite fighters from Lebanon and Iraq in Syria, and they have helped produce success on the battlefield, reversing gains made by rebels in two years of fighting.

When rebel fighters have held confined areas, such as the border town of Qusair, which was overrun by Hezbollah and Assad loyalists two months ago,



Syria's President Bashar al-Assad heads the plenary meeting of the central committee of the ruling al-Baath party, in Damascus in this handout photograph distributed by Syria's national news agency SANA on 8 July, 2013.— REUTERS

they have put themselves at a serious disadvantage, the sources said. Rebellious Sunni districts in Homs to the south are being hit hard and Damascus suburbs, a main concentration of the Arab and Western-backed Free Syrian Army, are under siege as the war's death toll climbs above 90,000.

But Assad's newfound military advantage may prove short lived, despite

the increasing pressure on the rebels, military experts and diplomats believe. The fall of Qusair, and Hezbollah's triumphant rhetoric, spurred regional heavy-weight Saudi Arabia into action.

The kingdom, diplomats say, has assumed the main role in backing the opposition in coordination with the United States.

Reuters

## Panama finds MiG fighter jets on North Korean arms ship

COLON, (Panama), 22 July — Panamanian investigators unloading the cargo of a seized North Korean ship that carried arms from Cuba have found the two MiG-21 fighter jets the Cuban government had said were on board, the government said on Sunday.

Alongside the two supersonic planes, originally produced by the Soviet Union in the late 1950s, officials found two missile radar systems on board the Chong Chon Gang, President Ricardo Martinelli told reporters in the Atlantic port of Colon. The discovery, which included cables and electrical equipment, was made inside containers on the ship Panama had feared might contain explosive material. None was found.

After stopping the vessel bound for North Korea last week, Panama revealed it had found weapons in the cargo hold late on Monday. In response, Cuba said the shipment contained a range

sent to North Korea for repair.

Panama has asked the UN Security Council to investigate the ship and its contents amid suspicion that the vessel is in breach of a



Panamaian forensic workers close a container holding a MiG-21 fighter jet seized from the North Korean-flagged ship Chong Chon Gang, during investigations at the Manzanillo Container Terminal in Colon city on 21 July, 2013.— REUTERS

wide-ranging arms embargo on North Korea for its nuclear and ballistic missile programme. “One can't take undeclared weapons through the Panama Canal below other cargo,” Martinelli said, adding that he had not spoken personally to any Cuban officials since they first asked for the ship to be released last Saturday.

Javier Caraballo, Panama's top anti-drugs prosecutor, said the planes gave off a strong odor of gasoline, indicating that they had likely been used recently. So far, Panama has not found anything not on the Cubans' list of ordnance, he added. The UN team is expected to arrive in early August once Panama has finished unloading the 155 metre (510 foot) ship.—Reuters

## Hamas reeling from Egyptian crackdown on Gaza tunnels

GAZA, 22 July — Palestinians in the Gaza Strip are reeling from another devastating blockade but this time they are blaming Egypt, the neighbouring Arab power they once hoped would end their isolation, rather than their old foe Israel. In a few weeks of digging, dynamiting and drenching, Cairo's troops have destroyed many of the smuggling tunnels that ran

under the Egypt-Gaza border and which had provided the cramped coastal enclave with commercial goods as well as weaponry.

The Islamist Hamas government, which taxes much of the traffic through the underground passages, has been hit hard by the losses. Ordinary Palestinians, many of them dependent on UN aid handouts, have seen prices for staple

goods skyrocket.” There is a difficult humanitarian situation in Gaza because of the Egyptian measures on the borders,” said Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri. “Most of the tunnels were demolished and the few that remain open are paralysed.” He likened the crisis to 2007, when Israel, responding to the Hamas takeover of Gaza in a brief civil war with Western-

backed Palestinian rivals, clamped down on the territory.

Israel still maintains a strict control of all imports into Gaza to prevent arms reaching Hamas, which refuses to recognize the Jewish state and has often clashed with it. Under international accords, merchandise cannot be imported via Egypt.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

Man charged over former wife killing



THANLYIN, 22 July — A man was arrested after stabbing his former wife to death at Thanlyin police station on 19 July.

Police was reported by Ko Chit Oo Maung, the victim's spouse, that Ohnma Win was stabbed to death when she was in quarrel with Ko Aung Kyaw Win, her former husband, at her house in Phayakone village

in Thanlyin Township. The incident occurred shortly after the suspect arrived at the house and quarreled with the victim. Ma Ohnma Win died of two stab wounds in her left neck and left breast.

Thanlyin police station charged Ko Aung Kyaw Win with murder of his former wife. — *Kyemon-Thet Khaing (Thanlyin)*

Undisciplined private filling stations prohibited temporarily in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 22 July—Four private filling stations in Mandalay were prohibited to sell petrol temporarily due to failure of designated standards and norms. One fuel filling station was prohibited its license and three fuel filling stations were proscribed the rights to sell petrol for one month. Those fuel filling stations are Myanmar Soe Moe and

YeU in Mahaangmye Township, Shwezinyaw in Aungmyethazan Township and Great Wall in Patheingyi Township. Mandalay Region Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise and Petroleum Products Import and Distribution Supervisory Committee inspected the quality, price and measure of petroleum monthly and prohibited

undisciplined fuel filling stations. Although private fuel filling stations installed digital pumps manufactured by China and Thailand, some fuel stations changed undisciplined digital pumps. Over 100 private fuel filling stations have been allowed to operate their business in Mandalay Region.—*Kyemon-Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*

Transportation

Bridge construction works on Kalewa-Mawlaik road under implementation

KALAY, 22 July — Kalewa-Mawlaik road is 37 miles long and it can be used only in open season. Road users have to experience annual traffic disruptions when the rains pour down in torrents, damaging the road. The road and bridges on it call for maintenance yearly. A local said people in Kalewa and Mawlaik used to encounter traffic delays for about a decade.

As of 2012-2013 fiscal year, the government set a three-year plan to upgrade the

Kalewa-Mawlaik road works are being carried out by district/township engineers in cooperation with special construction groups (road/bridge). Upgrading of bridges will be prioritized before paving the road, it is learnt.

Fifty-foot and above bridges on the road are being upgraded into concrete ones by the special bridge construction group (11). During the 2012-2013 fiscal year, six bridges— 120 feet long Wahpyu creek bridge, 90 feet long Lahaw creek

bridge, 110 feet long Mwaygyi creek bridge, 130 feet long Thaphan creek bridge, 80 feet long Wahnat creek bridge and 80 feet long Tagun creek bridge— were built. It is planned to construct five more bridges in 2013-2014 fiscal year, it is learnt.

Bridges on the road were mainly damaged by bad weather. If the condition of bridges gets better, the road can be used the whole year.

*Kyemon-Shin Nay Min (Kalay)*

Road/bridge construction in Yangon set to complete prior to SEA Games

YANGON, 22 July — Actions are being taken to reduce traffic congestions in Yangon by building parking lots and overpasses. According to the Engineering Department of Yangon City Development Committee, it is set to complete prior to the 27<sup>th</sup> SEA Games hosted

by Myanmar. Now, construction of more car parks and bridges is gaining momentum for timely completion before coming December.

Two overpasses, Bayintnaung and Shwegondine, are under construction and the two projects have been completed

by 40 per cent. Construction of main structure of the two bridges is being carried out on all cylinders. It was learnt that YCDC spent K 55.52 billion on road/bridge construction for 2012-2013 fiscal year and spending on it will increase up to K 35000 million.

*Kyemon-K Thein Swe*

35 grams of heroin worth K 525,000 seized in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 22 July—It was learnt that 35 grams of

heroin were seized from a person in Tachilek of Shan



State (East) on 21 July. A combined squad led by Police Inspector Hla Lwin together with witnesses searched the house of Nyi Kat at No 4/62 on Myitta Lane in Hsanhsai (Kha) Ward in Tachilek and seized one pack of heroin weighing 35

KYAUKSE, 22 July— The cattle has been vaccinated free of charge against foot-and-mouth disease in 29 villages of seven village-tracts in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region by a group led by Assistant Lecturer Dr Hlaing Min Oo of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department

grams worth K 525,000 from his room.

IP Hla Lwin opened a lawsuit against Nyi Kat at Tachilek Myoma Police Station in connection with drug possession case.

*Kyemon-Myin Mo (Tachilek)*

under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the students from Yezin University of Veterinary Science on 20 July.

CDMA 800 MHZ phones can be used in Chin State

TIDDIM, 22 July— CDMA 800 MHZ mobile phone radio station was launched in Haka of Chin State on 15 July and now, it can be used its nearby area.

CDMA 800 MHZ phone can be used across the country except Chin State. At present, as CDMA 800 mobile station was built in Chin State, CDMA 800 MHZ SIM cards 2500 were sold in Haka through lucky draw programme.

“Except Chin State, CDMA 800 MHZ phones can be used in the regions and states. Now, it is ready to use CDMA 800 MHZ phone as the radio station was opened in the state,” said Mobile Engineer U Aung Kyaw Thet of

foot-and-mouth disease, three kinds can be found in Myanmar. It can be happened every season but especially in rainy season. *Kyaukse District (IPRD)*

MPT under the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology.

MPT will sell K 1500 GSM SIM card 200,000 and CDMA 800 MHZ SIM cards 1500,000 in July, said Mobile Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Tun.

Myanmar has over 8 per cent mobile phone density using over 7 million phone lines and most of them are GSM lines, said an engineer from MPT.

At present, the extensions of CDMA mobile phone networks are not included in mobile networks implemented by MPT. They extended mainly GSM Networks, said Engineer U Thant Sin Htay.—*Kyemon-Nay Su (Yoma)*

Complaints for bribery and corruption

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

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 23 July, 2013

## Health care

Generally, health care is the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of disease, illness, injury, and other physical and mental impairments in humans. It refers to the work done in providing primary care, secondary care, and tertiary care, as well as in public health.

Primary care involves the widest scope of health care, including all ages of patients, patients of all socioeconomic and geographic origins, patients seeking to maintain optimal health, and patients with all manner of acute and chronic physical, mental and social health issues, including multiple chronic diseases. Consequently, a primary care practitioner must possess a wide breadth of knowledge in many areas.

Secondary care is the health care services provided by medical specialists and other health professionals who generally do not have first contact with patients, for example, cardiologists, urologists and dermatologists.

It includes acute care: necessary treatment for a short period of time for a brief but serious illness, injury or other health condition, such as in a hospital emergency department. It also includes skilled attendance during childbirth, intensive care, and medical imaging services.

Tertiary care is specialized consultative health care, usually for inpatients and on referral from a primary or secondary health professional, in a facility that has personnel and facilities for advanced medical investigation and treatment, such as a tertiary referral hospital.

Access to health care varies across countries, groups and individuals, largely influenced by social and economic conditions as well as the health policies in place. In fact health care is delivered by practitioners in medicine, optometry, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, allied health and other care providers.

In our country the Ministry of Health is the focal institution in providing health care services to all in cooperation with related departments, UN agencies, international organizations, private sector and local non-governmental organizations.

## Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Natmauk) teemed with visitors



NATMAUK, 22 July—821 visitors frequented Bogyoke Aung San Museum of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library under the Ministry of Culture from 8 am to 5 pm on 19 July, 66<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day.

The museum is situated in Aung San Ward, Natmauk in Magway Region.

Director-General U Thein Lwin, Assistant Director-General U Tun Tun Lwin and staff of the Archaeology, National

# Rain retreat (*vassâvâso*) for Buddhist monks

By Venerable Ariyajoti

In Buddhism, rain retreat plays an important role for the Buddhist monks. It can be said like the year for the Buddhist monk because due the observance of rain retreat the Buddhist monks get one more year. But it should be asked first, what is rain retreat? How the Buddhist monks observe and so on are the important questions to emphasis in this paper. Rain retreat is called *vassâvâso* in Pâli. Its literal translation is "the place (for the monk) for entering upon the rainy season". It is called 'Waso' in Myanmar. Rain retreat is mainly concerned the Buddhist monk. But the Buddhist monks also advised to the novices to stay at one place to focus on study or practise depends on the type of monastery either learning centre or meditation centre. It is observed in the countries of Thailand, Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, Vietnam and so on where the Theravâda Buddhist monks dwell.

During the Buddha's time the Buddhist monk usually traveled from place to place the whole year for the propagation of Buddhism before laying down the training rule for the observation of rain retreat. When the monks traveled during the rainy season they damaged the ditch and crops of the field and many small insects also died eventually. Due to those reasons the people criticized the Buddhist monks. The bird has the specific place during the rain retreat but the Buddhist monks keep travelling even during the rainy season which caused lot of damaged. When Lord Buddha heard the news he laid down the rule for the monk to observe the rain retreat for three months without going outside except the special cases. Oh Monks, I allowed you to enter the rain retreat for the whole three month.

Museum and Library Department conducted round the visitors including monks and students from four corners of the country.

Kyemon-Hla Win  
(Township IPRD)

(Anujânâmi, bhikkhave, *vassânevassam* (temâsam) upagantun'ti.).<sup>1</sup>

There are two periods for entering the rain retreat. In this rain retreat 2556 Buddha Era, the entering upon the rain retreat starts after one day of the waxing full moon of Waso (23<sup>rd</sup> July 2013) to waxing full moon of Thadingyut (19<sup>th</sup> October, 2013) for the first rain retreat (*purimâkâ-vasso*). The second or later rain retreat (*pacchimikâ-vasso*) will start from a day after the waxing full moon of Wagaung (22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2013) to the full moon of Tazoungmon (17<sup>th</sup> November, 2013). If a monk could not enter in the first period then he has a chance to enter in the second one.

While entering upon the rain retreat a monk should recite the following Pâli formula "Imasmimvihâreimamtemâsamvassamupemi" which mean "I enter upon the rain retreat in this monastery for the whole three months" by reciting verbally (*vacibheda*) three times the recitation or the intention (*âlayapariggâha*) to stay. In the following places monks can spent the rain retreat namely: monastery, curved house, long house, mansion, cave, cow-pen, boat, caravan or cart.<sup>2</sup>

When we look in Buddha's biography, there were some events happened during the full moon of Asalha (Waso). Bodhisatta took conception in the mother womb. The Buddha preached the Dhammacakkapavattanasutta, and the birth of Venerable Rahula. For the remembrance of the Lord Buddha's event, Buddhist people observe by worshiping to the Buddha, performing *sanghadâna*, offering the rain retreat robes to the monks and so forth.

The Buddhist monks stay at the place where enter upon during the rain retreat. The monks do not stay overnight outside the dwelling place during this period.

However, Lord Buddha gave permission to stay outside the monastery overnight for utmost seven days on the following occasions:

i. The monks can go without any invitation to anyone of father, mother, monk, nun, probationer, male and female novice

while becomes sick.

ii. Invitation of brothers, sisters, relatives, a person who lives with monk, lay followers.

iii. Others monks observation of probation (*parivâsa*), deserve *manatta* and rehabilitation (*abhâna*) while commit one of the *Sanghâdisesa* offences.

iv. To dispel the wrong-view of a monks, nuns, novices, probationers.

v. To console the dissatisfaction or remorse of monks etc.

vi. To give moral training and ordinations of female probationer and novices.

vii. Sangha matter.

The Buddhist monks do not commit any offence while breaking the rain retreat by staying overnight beyond the compound when meet any of the following dangers mentioned in *Mahâvaggâ* under the section of "Entering Upon the Rain Retreat":

i. Attack of wild animal

ii. Attack of criminal

iii. Burnt monastery and villages

iv. House moved by robbers

v. Possibility of breaking schism (*sanghabheda*) if continue to stay there

vi. Unable to gather suitable and enough food in that place

vii. Danger for monastic life

During the rain retreat the monks should not introduced any new rules others than Buddha's promulgation such as silent observance etc. At once the monks decided to observe the rain retreat without talking each other, thus: "We should neither address on another nor converse. Whoever returns first from alms-round in the village should take the duty of preparation and the whoever returns last will take the duty of cleaning. Even in the case it is impossible for a monk to set out water on his own strength, he should not break into speech. He should rather signal someone by bodily intimation to come and help him."<sup>3</sup> After they visited to the Lord Buddha and they replied all detailed as "silent observance" during the rain retreat to the Lord Buddha. Then Lord Buddha criticize to the monks not to observe as the cow-practise

and so on.

In the learning centre the monks learn in a certain subject or practise meditation in the meditation retreat during rain retreat. During Buddha's time the monks observed the rain retreat and at the end of the retreat they attained noble path and fruition (*magga-phala*).

After spending for the whole three months without breaking overstay there comes the invitation ceremony (*pavârana*). During this ceremony all the monks who spent the *vassa* together they invite each other thus: "Your reverences I invite the sangha in respect of what has been seen or hear or suspected. Let the venerable ones speak to me out of compassion, and seeing I will make amends,". By requesting the residence monks as above there becomes the unity among the sangha and off course the monks themselves purify their morality.

The monks can accept the *kathina* robe for the monks who entered upon in the first period of *vassa* (*purimikâ-vasso*), by observing the whole three months without breaking the rain retreat (*navassa-acchedo*) and observance of invitation ceremony in the first period of rain retreat (*pathamapavâranâyapavâritabhâvo*).

Is it not very important for the Buddhists to understand about rain retreat? Although all should be known on rain retreat but the most important is for the Buddhist monks to get clear idea on it because he has to observe according to the admonition of Lord Buddha. Through the observance of rain retreat either the Buddhist monks, novices or nuns, they all get many benefits especially the theoretical and practical knowledge on Buddhism. Therefore, it should learn more on rain retreat to have the detailed understanding for the purpose of acquiring the worthy of monastic life in Buddhism.

Notes

(Endnotes)

<sup>1</sup>Mahâvaggapâli, p-192

<sup>2</sup>The Essential Principles in Vinaya, p-151; The Books of Discipline vol-iv, p-187.

<sup>3</sup>Ibid, p-249.



NATIONAL

Activities of devotees at different religious edifices in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon on the Waso fullmoon day



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and wife present offertories to Sayadaws at Waso Robe Offering Ceremony.—MNA



Botahtaung Kyaikdaeup Pagoda packed with pilgrims.—MNA

Shwephonepint Pagoda teemed with pilgrims.

MNA

Devotees at Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA



Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon teemed with devotees from different regions on fullmoon day of Waso (Dhammacakka Day).—MNA



Paritta recitation taking place at Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

MNA



## Netanyahu, dogged by hardliners, to put Kerry peace ideas to cabinet



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu smiles during the opening ceremony of the 19th Maccabiah Games at Teddy Stadium in Jerusalem on 18 July, 2013.

REUTERS

JERUSALEM, 22 July— Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will seek formal cabinet backing for reviving US-sponsored peace talks with the Palestinians, an Israeli official said, after pro-settler ministers threatened to try and thwart the initiative.

Netanyahu's plan seemed to cast some doubt on how soon US Secretary of State John Kerry might be able to relaunch talks stalled since 2010, with neither Israel nor the Palestinians having agreed to renew them, in spite of his announcement of a breakthrough on Friday. An Israeli official, speaking

on condition of anonymity, said late on Sunday that no date had been set for sending negotiators to Washington, confounding Kerry's expectations that talks there could begin "within the next week or so".

Before negotiations resume, Netanyahu would first ask his cabinet "to empower him to renew the diplomatic process with the Palestinians", the Israeli official said. The official said it had yet to be determined whether the full cabinet

would vote on Kerry's proposals at its next session on 28 July, or whether

a smaller security cabinet would debate the matter later this week.

The Israeli leader would also seek cabinet authorization to answer Palestinian demands for a release of dozens of prisoners as a goodwill gesture, with a plan to free them in a four-stage process lasting over nine months, the official said. Palestinians have demanded that Israel free inmates held from before a 1993 interim peace accord. Right-wing Israelis oppose such a step because many of these prisoners were jailed for attacks in which Israelis were killed.— Reuters

## Canadian train disaster a dark turn for rail veteran

NEW YORK, 22 July— A blinding flash of orange light jarred Weyauwega residents awake before dawn on 4 March, 1996. An 81-car freight train had been barreling toward the farm town in central Wisconsin when it jumped a broken rail.

The train's propane and petroleum cargo had caught fire and exploded. Gerald Poltrock II, a rookie local police officer, thought it was a prank when the dispatcher called to say the city "blew up."

It was no joke. When he arrived at the Mill Street railroad crossing, Poltrock recalled, the scene was "mass chaos." Thirty-five rail cars were piled up like toys and firefighters were battling a roaring blaze. No one was seriously injured or killed but the inferno burned for 16 days and the entire town had to be evacuated. Seventeen years later, another North American railway disaster has brought back memories of Weyauwega. On 6 June, a runaway freight train with 72 cars of crude oil derailed in Lac-Megantic, Quebec. A fireball leveled the center of the picturesque lakeside town and killed about 50 people.

Nearly two weeks later, emergency crew are still digging through the charred rubble to find bodies, police are investigating to see if there was criminal negligence, and Canadian regulators are probing the railroad's safety practices.

In both disasters, the railroads involved were headed by Edward A. Burkhardt, a veteran industry entrepreneur credited with helping to lead a renaissance in US regional and local freight railroads in the 1980s and 1990s. There are clear differences between the two cases; for instance, the Wisconsin Central Ltd train that jumped the track in Weyauwega was operated by a two-man crew, while the Montreal, Maine

& Atlantic Railway Corp (MMA) train that derailed in Lac-Megantic had a sole engineer who was not on board.

Still, a review of the US federal investigation into the Weyauwega derailment offers clues on the kinds of questions that MMA is likely to face from transportation safety regulators, according to rail industry executives, transportation investigators and experts. Burkhardt, who is about to turn 75, stands by MMA's safety record and noted the company had no serious derailments before Lac-Megantic. "I have never been involved with anything remotely approaching this in my whole life," he said.— Reuters



Ed Burkhardt, chairman of Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railways (MMA), speaks to the media as he arrives in Lac-Megantic, Quebec on 10 July, 2013. — REUTERS

## EU weighs sanctions against military wing of Hezbollah

BRUSSELS, 22 July— European Union governments could decide to blacklist the military wing of Hezbollah on Monday, in a major policy reversal fuelled by concerns over the Lebanese militant movement's activities in Europe.

Britain has sought to persuade its EU peers since May to put the Shi'ite Muslim group's military wing on the bloc's terrorism list, citing evidence that it was behind a deadly bus bombing in Bulgaria last year.

Until now, the EU has resisted pressure from Washington and Israel to blacklist Hezbollah, arguing that it could fuel instability in Lebanon, where the group is part of the government, and add to tensions in the Middle East.

Diplomats say the opposition to such a move

is fading. "There are still reservations, but we are moving towards what could be a decision on the possible listing," a senior EU official said.

"The number of member states which have difficulties with a possible decision has been slowly diminishing." EU foreign

ministers will discuss the issue on Monday in Brussels. Blacklisting the military wing would mean the freezing of any assets it may hold in the 28-nation bloc, though officials say there is scant information on the extent of Hezbollah's presence in Europe or on its assets.

Britain, backed by France and the Netherlands among others, has argued that Hezbollah's growing involvement in the Syrian war means Lebanon is already in a fragile situation and that the EU must weigh the possibility of future attacks in Europe.—Reuters

## Israel, US stage joint aerial drill

JERUSALEM, 22 July— The air forces of Israel and the United States launched on Sunday a joint drill, the Israeli military said in a statement.

An undisclosed number of F-15 and F-16 fighter jets from both sides are participating in the training event, code named Juniper Stallion 13, held at the Israel Air Force (IAF)'s Uvda Base in the southern Negev Desert, during which pilots will practice air-to-air combat manoeuvre, mid-

air refueling, bombing runs and other missions.

The two-week drill comes at a time of heightened tensions along Israel's frontiers with Syria, Lebanon and Egypt, but the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) emphasized it is part of regularly scheduled training between the two nations.

"The combined exercise is designed to improve the interoperability and cooperation between the Israeli and US air forces, and has been planned for

more than a year," an IDF spokesman told Xinhua.

Military relations between Israel and the US have been consistently close, reflecting common security interests in the Middle East. Joint exercises are regularly held to maintain those ties, develop teamwork and share information on new weapon systems and tactics. Israel also periodically holds aerial and naval drills with NATO members - either at home or abroad.—Xinhua



A woman walks by a damaged house in Songjiang District of east China's Shanghai municipality, on 21 July, 2013. A sudden gale battered Tiancun NO 2 Village in Shanghai on Saturday, causing some 30 houses damaged with no casualties report.—XINHUA

## REGIONAL

## China upstart Qihoo 360 in talks to buy Sohu's search engine



A sign advertising the Qihoo 360 Technology Co Ltd is hung with the US and Chinese flags outside the New York Stock Exchange before the company's Initial Public Offering (IPO) in New York on 30 March, 2011.

REUTERS

BEIJING, 22 July — Qihoo 360 Technology Co (QIHU.N) said it is in early talks with Sohu.com Inc (SOHU.O) to buy its Sogou search engine, a deal estimated to be worth up to \$1.4 billion and which would help the upstart command a quarter of

China's search market. Qihoo, a \$7 billion US-listed company, broke onto the scene last year and has rapidly eaten away at industry leader Baidu Inc's (BIDU.O) dominance to become the country's No2 search engine firm with a 15 percent share.

M&A is heating up in China's Internet industry, with deals increasing in value as the sector furiously chases ways to make money off mobile platforms. Baidu, which has 69 percent of the search engine market, said this week it plans to acquire the 91 Wireless app store from NetDragon Websoft Inc (0777.HK) for \$1.9 billion, in a bid to beef up its mobile presence. But Qihoo stressed that the negotiations are still preliminary.

"Right now we're not in the pricing stage yet. We're still trying to figure out a way whether we can get this piece of asset and fully integrate it," said Alex Xu, the company's co-chief financial officer, in a telephone interview with Reuters. Any deal would be mostly funded with Qihoo equity with a smaller portion funded by cash,

he added. Qihoo reported \$301 million of cash and cash equivalents at the end of March. Analysts have estimated Sogou's search engine business could be worth between \$1.2 billion and \$1.4 billion.

"I think it's a good buy for Qihoo, they can increase the market share a lot faster through M&A," said Elinor Leung, an analyst at Hong Kong brokerage CLSA. China's mobile Internet market is expected to double to about 300 billion yuan (\$48 billion) in 2014 from 150 billion yuan in 2012, according to Analysys International.

The number of Internet users in China was some 591 million people in June, up 41 percent from three years ago. Shares in Qihoo have risen 92 percent since the beginning of the year.

Reuters



The Best Actor winner Jimmy Wong (R) and the Best Actress winner Lin Yen-cheng attend the awarding ceremony of the 15th Taipei Film Festival held in Taipei, southeast China's Taipei, on 20 July, 2013.

XINHUA

## Wellington assesses damage after swarm of strong earthquakes

WELLINGTON, 22 July — Parts of the New Zealand capital were cordoned off on Sunday as emergency workers assessed the damage to buildings after a series of strong and severe earthquakes shook the city throughout the day. The government's GeoNet monitoring service said the quakes were centered about 30 km east of Seddon, at the top of the South Island, with the two most significant being a 5.8 magnitude quake about 19 km deep at 7:17 am and a 6.5 magnitude quake about 17 km deep at 5:09 pm.

Each of them immediately kicked off its own aftershock sequence, said a statement from GeoNet. "Repeated earthquake sequences such as this have happened before in this part of New Zealand, con-



Broken bottles litter the floor of Regional Wines and Spirits shop after a 6.5 magnitude earthquake shook New Zealand capital Wellington on 21 July, 2013.

XINHUA

tinuing for some days. We just can't predict when they will die away completely," it said. One person was reportedly injured, according to the Wellington Civil Defence department, but no other details were available.

Radio New Zealand reported that a central Wellington hotel was evacuated after structural damage was discovered, while broken glass was strewn over other city streets.

Xinhua

## Cambodian opposition leader asks to run for 28 July polls

PHNOM PENH, 22 July — Cambodian opposition leader Sam Rainsy asked the National Election Committee (NEC) on Sunday to add his name to the voters list and the official candidates list for the fifth National Assembly elections on 28 July. Sam Rainsy, president of the Cambodia National Rescue Party

(CNRP), returned to Cambodia on Friday after living nearly four years abroad in self-imposed exile to avoid an 11-year jail term on charges of disinformation and destruction of public property.

He was pardoned by King Norodom Sihamoni at the request of Prime Minister Hun Sen on 12 July. In a

letter to NEC chairman Im Suosdey on Sunday, Sam Rainsy said: "Based on the royal pardon granted to me by the King on 12 July, I'd like to ask Your Excellency to study possibilities to add my name to the voters list and to the official candidates list for the fifth National Assembly elections on 28 July."—Xinhua

## Singapore environment agency says haze may come back

SINGAPORE, 22 July — The haze may come back to Singapore in the coming days as the number of slash-and-burn hotspots increased on the Sumatra island in neighbouring Indonesia, the National Environment Agency said on Sunday.

The number of hotspots in Sumatra, as tracked by satellite, has gone up sharply over the last two days to reach 159 on Saturday, it said in a statement. Of these, 63 are found to be in Riau Province in central Sumatra,

which is about 280 kilometres from Singapore.

"Over the next two days, dry weather conditions are expected to persist in most parts of Sumatra. Should there be a change in the wind direction to blow from the west, Singapore may then experience hazy conditions," it said.

The smoke haze is currently not being blown towards Singapore, as the winds are from the south-east or south. However, some of the states in Malaysia have been experiencing a worsening in their air

quality since late Saturday morning.

The transboundary haze has been a persistent problem for the region as the practice of slash-and-burn in creating farming fields is still common, especially in parts of Indonesia. It has made headlines this year as the smoke from Sumatra Indonesia led a haze over Singapore and parts of Malaysia, pushing the air pollution in these places to unprecedented "hazardous" levels and hitting the tourism industries.

Xinhua



People dressed as Japanese "yokai" specters attend a ceremony to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of Mizuki Shigeru Road, a street named after a famous local cartoonist, in Sakaiminato, Tottori Prefecture, on 21 July, 2013. More than 150 statues of yokai characters are displayed on the street.

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**  
**MINISTRY OF ENERGY**  
**MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**  
**(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**  
**(4/2013)**

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

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	IFB -031(2013-2014)	(a) SSB/HF Transceiver (Synthesized) (25 W-100W) (b) VHF/FM Transceiver (Synthesized) (25 W) (c) VHF/FM Transceiver (Walkie-Talkie) (5 W)	(2) Nos (1) No (11) Nos	US \$
(2)	IFB -032(2013-2014)	Spares for Komatsu Dozer	(16) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -033(2013-2014)	Spares for Kobelco Excavator	(10) Items	US \$
(4)	IFB -034(2013-2014)	Spares for Kobelco Excavator	(11) Items	US \$
(5)	IFB -035(2013-2014)	Spares for D 375 Rig Pump	(2) Items	US \$
(6)	IFB -036(2013-2014)	2 7/8" AOH Drill Pipe and Accessories (1) Lot	(3500) MTR	US \$
(7)	IFB -037(2013-2014)	13 5/8" x3K Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US \$
(8)	IFB -038(2013-2014)	13 5/8" x5K Well Head Assy	(1) Lot	US \$
(9)	IFB -039(2013-2014)	4 3/4" Tri Cone Rock Bit	(10) Nos	US \$
(10)	IFB -040(2013-2014)	National Torque Converter (C 245-125)	(3) Nos	US \$
(11)	DMP/L-016(2013-2014)	Nissan Engine & Gear Box (Recondition)	(1) Set	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-017(2013-2014)	2" Pitch Double Roller Chain & Offset Link	(2) Items	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-018(2013-2014)	10.00 x 20 Tyre, 11.00 x 20 Tyre, 12.00 x 20 Tyre, 7.50 x 16 Tyre, 7.00 x 16 Tyre & 20.5 x 25-24 Ply Tyre	(6) Items	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-019(2013-2014)	Rubber Cushion For CAT-3512 Engine & Mitsubishi Generator	(48) Nos	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-020(2013-2014)	Bearings, Oil Seals & O-Rings For EMSCO Drilling Rig	(1) Lot	Kyat

-Tender Closing Date & Time - 19-8-2013, 1300 Hrs.

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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## Carrier hopes to bring nation's first seaplane service to Sansha

BEIJING, 22 July — In Mo Qun's eyes, Sansha, the country's youngest city, will become China's Maldives, attracting tourists for island-to-island trips in the near future. Mo, general manager of Meiya Air Co Ltd, said the company has purchased five amphibious aircraft to help realize that dream. Two Cessna planes, which can take 19 passengers each, are already in Sanya, and the rest will be delivered soon, he said.

"Meiya Air is planning to launch air express routes from Sanya to Sansha," Mo told *China Daily* on Sunday, adding that the 70-minute flight would attract tourists who are put off by the 10-hour boat trip. "Then flights between the islands of Sansha will be our next target," he said. However, he said the company is still waiting for government approval of its plans. Sansha is China's



Tourists arrive at Yongxing Island in Sansha, Hainan province, on Sunday. —XINHUA

youngest city, having been set up in July on Yongxing Island in the South China Sea region to administer the Xisha, Zhongsha and Nansha island groups and their surrounding waters. With a total area of 13 square kilometres and a maritime area of 2.6 million sq km, it is the smallest prefecture-level city in both population and land area.

On Friday, phase 1 of a port on Yongxing Island

for civil use was completed with nine berths built, for an investment of about 340 million yuan (\$55 million). A new supply ship, the Sansha No1, will be completed in early 2014 to help transport much-needed materials to the islands. Mo said seaplanes have an advantage in Sansha because they don't need a runway for take-off or landing and can fly about 1,500 kilometres before refueling.—Xinhua

## 'Smart' street-lamps light up only if people around

WASHINGTON, 22 July — An Indian-origin designer has developed unique 'smart' street-lamps which light up only in presence of people, an invention that

could slash energy costs by 80 per cent. The 'on-demand' streetlights only glow in the presence of a people, bicycle or car, and remain dim the rest of the time.

The system dubbed Twilight was invented by designer Chintan Shah while a student at Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.—PTI

## Two suspects detained over bomb threats

BEIJING, 22 July — Two men were detained at the weekend for making bomb threats over the telephone, Beijing Municipal Public Security Bureau has said. A man called police and threatened to blow up an airport at 9:50 pm on Saturday. He was detained at home at 11 am. No explosives were found at his home.

The 39-year-old suspect, a Beijing local surnamed Wang holding a grudge over a land dispute, confessed to making the false call after drinking, according to "Peaceful Beijing," the official microblog of the city police on Twitter-like Sina Weibo.

Another man dialed 110 at 10:48 pm on Saturday, saying he was on his way to explode a video game entertainment venue at Guangqumen, Chaoyang District. He was seized at midnight, with no explosives found on him.

The 31-year-old suspect, surnamed Liu from east China's Jiangsu Province, was upset after spending too much money at the venue and made the threatening call to let off steam.

Xinhua



A kid beats summer heat by covering the body with "watermelon clothes" in Wenzhou, East China's Zhejiang Province. —XINHUA

## Flight's emergency landing in Mumbai could not save this 7-month-old

MUMBAI, 22 July — A Chennai-bound IndiGo flight with 150 passengers onboard returned to city airport in Mumbai today after it was airborne for over an hour as there was a medical emergency on board involving a seven-month-old infant.

The infant, suffering from cardiac disease, was later declared dead by the doctor who examined him at the parking bay after the aircraft made an emergency landing.

The infant had three holes in his heart and was being taken to Chennai for a surgery, an IndiGo airline statement said.

"IndiGo flight 6E-431 to Chennai departed on time from Mumbai and was air-borne by 10:31 am. However, the flight had to return to Mumbai

due to a medical emergency on board involving a 7-month-old infant," the statement said.

While airborne, the cabin crew paged for any doctor on board but only a medical practitioner was available, the airline said, adding that the crew performed CPR on the infant and AED (automated external defibrillator) was also used to revive the pulse.

On arrival, the infant was immediately attended upon by a doctor, who declared him dead, IndiGo said. "We understand the sensitivity of such situations; hence our crew on-board ensured that the infant received all possible medical attention on board and from our on-ground staff," it added.

PTI



ENTERTAINMENT

## Yo Yo Honey Singh wants to rap in regional languages



Yo Yo Honey Singh has hit songs such as songs like *Angrezi beat, Dope shop, Brown rang and Achko machko* to his credit.

NEW DELHI, 22 July—Rapper-musician Hirdesh Singh, popularly known as Yo Yo Honey Singh, who made quirky Punjabi-Hindi rap songs, now wants to go regional and rap in local languages.

Songs like *Angrezi beat, Dope shop, Brown rang and Achko machko* have made the 30-year-old a big name in the music world.

“My target for this year is to sing in regional languages of India,” said Singh, who recently rapped in

Gujarati in the song *Achko machko*.

He added: “When I used to sing Punjabi songs, I saw people in Bangalore singing it, loving it, even though they did not understand it. So, I thought why not sing in their language and make things easier for them?” Singh’s music was slammed for being “vulgar”. He denies writing anything obscene or socially unacceptable, but accepts that certain things were mismanaged on his part.

PTI



Taylor has previously dated One direction member Harry Styles, Conor Kennedy and Taylor Lautner.

## Taylor Swift dating again?

LOS ANGELES, 22 July—Singer Taylor Swift is rumoured to be dating actor Matthew Gray Gubler, who is famous for playing criminal profiler Dr Spencer Reid on *Criminal Mind*.

33-year-old Gubler was a special guest at Swift’s bash in Rhode Island but she was apparently trying to keep the romance under wraps, reported *Showbizspy*.

“Taylor is nuts about Matthew. She posted photographs from the party on her blog that showed her backup dancers, but Matthew’s picture was conspicuously absent. It was as if Taylor was purposefully trying to keep his presence there on the downlow.

“Taylor’s trying to keep the whole relationship with Matthew secret for now. That’s why she’s saying they’re just friends. The truth is, she wants to get to know him better before they take the relationship public,” a source said.

The singer has previously dated One direction member Harry Styles, Conor Kennedy and Taylor Lautner.

PTI

## Brad Pitt feels Angelina Jolie completes him

LOS ANGELES, 22 July—Actor Brad Pitt has reportedly told his friends that his actress fiancée Angelina Jolie makes his life complete.

The 49-year-old Troy star, who raises six kids Maddox, Pax, Zahara, Shiloh, and twins Knox and Vivienne with Jolie, is said to have never been so happy with his

life, reported *Contactmusic*.

“Brad and Angie have found a fulfilment with each other that they’ve never had before. She’s spurred him on to greater things in his career and opened his world up to the joys of fatherhood. He’s admitted to pals he has never felt so complete,” said a source.—

PTI



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie



Cast member Vera Farmiga poses at the premiere of *‘The Conjuring’* at the Cinerama Dome in Los Angeles, California on 15 July, 2013. —REUTERS

## Farmiga fights demons in ‘The Conjuring,’ finds home in horror

LOS ANGELES, 22 July — Actress Vera Farmiga is now a full-fledged expert in the horror genre, but for the lead role in the film *‘The Conjuring’* she had to study hard to see the enigmatic inner workings of a clairvoyant.

“The *‘Conjuring,’* based on the true story of a paranormal investigation by demonologist and clairvoyant couple Ed and Lorraine Warren, follows a family tormented by supernatural phenomenon in their home, leading to the mother’s possession by a demonic entity. The Warrens, best known for their involvement in the “Amityville Horror” case in which a New

York couple said their house was haunted by a demonic presence, are portrayed in *‘The Conjuring’* by Patrick Wilson and Farmiga, who worked with Lorraine Warren for the making of the film.

“The most imperative thing for me was how to convey her clairvoyance and it had to do with how she perceives things, how she takes things in. What touched me

about her was her incredible empathy for others, and her dedication to help others,” Farmiga said.

Warner Bros’ *‘The Conjuring’* comes on the heels of a new influx of supernatural horror films waved in by the “Paranormal Activity” franchise, low-budget films that drum up big scares and revenue at the box office.

Reuters



There were rumours that George Clooney had attempted to pursue Eva Longoria while he was dating Stacy Keibler.

## Eva Longoria denies dating George Clooney

LOS ANGELES, 22 July—Actress Eva Longoria has shot down rumours about her dating superstar George Clooney.

The 38-year-old former *Desperate Housewives* star, took to micro-blogging site twitter to clarify that the two are just friends, reported *Ace Showbiz*.

“As interesting as the rumours are, they aren’t true,” she posted.

The rumours began to rise after it became public that the American actor had attempted to pursue Longoria while he was dating Stacy Keibler. Clooney, who ended his relationship with Keibler last month, has dated many popular beauties like Renee Zellweger, Lisa Snowdon and Elisabetta Canalis in the past.—PTI

## SPORTS

## MotoGP leader Marquez wins US Grand Prix

NEW YORK, 22 July—Spanish rookie sensation Marc Marquez outduelled pole sitter Stefan Bradl to win the US Grand Prix for Honda on Sunday and stretch his lead at the top of the MotoGP standings to 16 points.

It was the second consecutive win and third of the season for the 20-year-old, who becomes the youngest rider to win back-to-back races in the premier class.

The previous youngest was American 'Fast' Freddie Spencer, the 21-year-old winner of the opening two races of the 1983 season.

Bradl, the first German to start a premier class race on pole in the modern era, settled for second and his first podium in MotoGP.

Italy's seven-times world champion Valentino Rossi completed the podium places after holding off Spain's Alvaro Bautista to

take third for Yamaha.

"I could see that Marc had a good speed, he was behind me all the time," said LCR Honda rider Bradl. "But anyway I am very happy with my first podium in MotoGP."

"It's a great result for me and also for the team."

"It was so important because the pressure was high and all the last weekend we were close to it. We knew we had the speed and now we jump on the podi-

um and it's so nice."

Marquez has 163 points to compatriot and team mate Dani Pedrosa's 147 in the championship race.

"I am very happy not for that moment but for the 25 points because that race was very important for me," said Marquez. "At that circuit I expected to be struggling a little bit but in the end we take 25 points. I am so happy."

Reuters



Repsol Honda MotoGP rider Marc Marquez of Spain at the Sachsenring circuit, near the eastern German town of Hohenstein-Ernstthal, on 14 July, 2013.

REUTERS

## Ronaldo scores two as Real hit Bournemouth for six

BOURNEMOUTH, 22 July—Nine-times European champions Real Madrid fielded their big guns on Sunday for a friendly against Bournemouth that was all about a once-in-a-lifetime occasion for the English second tier club rather than the Spanish giants' 6-0 victory.

Fans had queued overnight for tickets to see the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo take to the pitch at their modest club's 12,000-capacity Goldsands Stadium and they were not disappointed as new Real manager Carlo Ancelotti named a strong lineup.

Ronaldo, the world's most expensive player after his 80 million pound move to Real from Manchester United in 2009, opened the scoring on 21 minutes with a free kick, adding another goal on 40 before Sami Khedira made it three on 43.

Substitute Gonzalo



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo scores with a free kick against Bournemouth during their friendly soccer match at Dean Court in Bournemouth, on 21 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Higuain got his name on the scoresheet in the 47th, while winger Angel Di Maria netted the fifth on 68 minutes and Brazilian midfielder Casemiro scored from close range eight minutes from time to finish the rout.

The hammering did not matter to Bournemouth fans, who having shelled out 60 pounds a ticket — well over double the price of a seat for a league game — were keen to savour the spectacle.

They applauded the skills of their big-name visitors in a match, arranged through mutual contacts, that was part of the south coast club's celebration for winning promotion to the Championship last season.

While the memories of the day Real Madrid came to town will be treasured for many years, it will be back to reality for Bournemouth on 3 August when they kick off their league campaign at home to Charlton Athletic.

Reuters

## US hammer El Salvador to reach Gold Cup semis

BALTIMORE, 22 July—The victory set up a meeting with Honduras, who edged Costa Rica 1-0 to reach the last four. Mexico meet Panama in the other semi-final in Arlington, Texas on Wednesday.

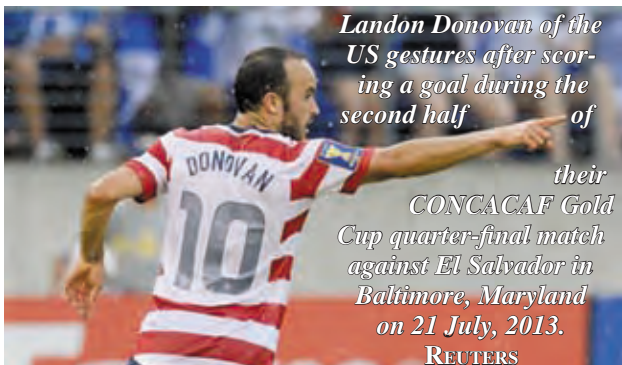
The Americans were rarely challenged in the tournament's opening stages and they carried their momentum to a ninth consecutive win.

The 31-year-old Donovan, who took a four-month

sabbatical around the start of the year, rallied the team with a second-half goal and three assists.

He set up Clarence Goodson's opening score in the 21st minute before Joe Corona gave the Americans a 2-0 lead just eight minutes later in front of an approving home crowd.

El Salvador's Rodolfo Zelaya converted a penalty to trim the lead before half-time but the US broke the match open after the break. Eddie Johnson and Mikkel Diskerud added goals aided by Donovan, who netted his own score late.—Reuters



Landon Donovan of the US gestures after scoring a goal during the second half of their CONCACAF Gold Cup quarter-final match against El Salvador in Baltimore, Maryland on 21 July, 2013. REUTERS

## Manchester United's Darren Fletcher to miss start of season

LONDON, 22 July—Manchester United midfielder Darren Fletcher admitted on Sunday that he will miss the start of his side's Premier League title defence as he continues to recover from a bowel operation.

Fletcher has been struggling with ulcerative colitis

for the past five years and underwent surgery in January in a bid to cure the problem.

Asked when he would be back in action for the champions, Scotland international Fletcher told BBC Radio Five Live: "Hopefully, not too long after the start of the season. I think I will just

miss the beginning of the season."

Fletcher spent nine months on the sidelines in 2012 to see if his symptoms settled down before returning last September.

The 29-year-old appeared in three games out of four matches at the end of November, but he was restricted to just two more brief substitute appearances — the last of which came in the 4-3 win over Newcastle at Old Trafford on Boxing Day.

He admits the strain of trying to deal with the illness has taken its toll at times.

"I've had it for five years but really struggled to control it for the last three years," Fletcher said. "It's had a big impact on my day-to-day life, never mind trying to play football".—PTI



Darren Fletcher

## Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho to reunite with Inter Milan in 2016, says club president

MILAN, 22 July—Inter Milan president Massimo Moratti revealed Jose Mourinho had promised to return to manage the Serie A giants in 2016.

Mourinho created his

tory with Inter in 2010 when he steered the team to the 'treble' and has always said he could return to San Siro in the future, reports Xinhua. "I called Mourinho to wish him the best for his

return to Chelsea," Moratti was quoted by La Stampa as saying.

"What did Jose say? He said we'll meet again at Inter in three years," he said.—PTI



Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho

GENERAL

## Longtime White House reporter Helen Thomas dies



Helen Thomas, dean of the White House Press corps, takes her seat after recovering from a long illness in the Briefing Room at the White House in Washington in this 11 Nov, 2008 file photo.— REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 22 July — Former White House correspondent Helen Thomas, a trailblazing journalist who reported on every US president from John Kennedy to Barack Obama, died on Saturday at the age of 92, the Gridiron Club and Foundation said.

Thomas, who broke many barriers for female journalists during her 49 years on the White House beat for *United Press International* and *Hearst* newspapers and died after a long illness, the Washington journalists' organization said in a statement.

As the senior news service correspondent at the White House, Thomas ended dozens of presidential news conferences with

the familiar phrase "Thank you, Mr President." She was known for her straight-to-the-point questioning of presidents and Press secretaries in a manner that some considered dogged.

Others, including many fellow reporters, considered her style in her later years to be too combative and agenda-driven.

President Barack Obama in a statement praised "her fierce belief that our democracy works best when we ask tough questions and hold our leaders to account," and noted that in her long tenure Thomas "never failed to keep presidents — myself included — on their toes." Former President Bill Clinton and his wife, former Secretary

of State Hillary Clinton, praised her as "a pioneering journalist" who added "more than her share of cracks to the glass ceiling." In the last 10 years of her career Thomas was a columnist for *Hearst*, a job that allowed her opinions to surface more than in her work as a hard-news reporter for *UPI*.

Thomas announced in June 2010 that she was retiring from *Hearst*, effective immediately, after comments she made about Israel and the Palestinians, including that Israel should "get the hell out of Palestine," were captured on videotape and widely disseminated on the Internet. Thomas later issued a statement: "I deeply regret my comments I made last week regarding the Israelis and the Palestinians.

They do not reflect my heart-felt belief that peace will come to the Middle East only when all parties recognize the need for mutual respect and tolerance. May that day come soon."

Thomas believed the Washington media had grown soft and was reluctant to challenge government, views she shared in her 2007 book "Watchdogs of Democracy? The Waning Washington Press Corps and How It Has Failed the Public."—Reuters

## MYANMAR TV

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| 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw       | 18. News   |
| <b>6:30 am</b>                               | <b>3:15 pm</b>                                     |
| 2. To Be Healthy Exercise                    | 19. India Drama Series                             |
| <b>6:40 am</b>                               | <b>4:00 pm</b>                                     |
| 3. Dance & Song of National Races            | 20. News/Weather Report                            |
| <b>6:50 am</b>                               | <b>4:15 pm</b>                                     |
| 4. Documentary                               | 21. India Drama Series                             |
| <b>7:00 am</b>                               | <b>4:30 pm</b>                                     |
| 5. News/Weather Report                       | 22. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) |
| <b>7:20 am</b>                               | -Second Year (Myanmar)                             |
| 6. People Talks                              | <b>4:45 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>8:00 am</b>                               | 23. Road to 27 <sup>th</sup> SEA Games             |
| 7. News/ International News                  | <b>5:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>8:25 am</b>                               | 24. News   |
| 8. Teleplay (SEA Games)                      | <b>5:15 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>9:00 am</b>                               | 25. SEA Games Go for Gold (ATHLETICS)              |
| 9. News/ International News                  | <b>6:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>9:20 am</b>                               | 26. News/Weather Report                            |
| 10. Mono Classical Songs                     | <b>6:20 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>10:00 am</b>                              | 27. Documentary                                    |
| 11. News                                     | <b>6:35 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>10:15 am</b>                              | 28. TV Drama Series                                |
| 12. TV Drama Series                          | <b>7:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>11:10 am</b>                              | 29. News   |
| 13. Cartoon Series                           | <b>8:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>12:00 am</b>                              | 30. News/ International News/ Weather Report       |
| 14. News/ International News/ Weather Report | <b>8:35 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>12:25 pm</b>                              | 31. Hit Song Of Stars                              |
| 15. Myanmar Video                            | <b>9:00 pm</b>                                     |
| <b>2:15 pm</b>                               | 32. News   |
| 16. Musical Program                          | 33. Bakery World                                   |
| <b>2:30 pm</b>                               | 34. Sing A Song                                    |
| 17. Traditional Boxing                       | 35. India Drama Series                             |

## MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- \* Local News
- \* A Journey To Southern Shan State (Episode-2)
- \* World News
- \* A Tea Business: Parkwan
- \* Local News
- \* The Legend of An ambulatory Surgeon (Episode-1)
- \* World News
- \* Taste of Myanmar (Milk Noodle)
- \* Local News
- \* Myanmar Social And Charitable Association (Episode-3)
- \* World News
- \* Modifying Natural Thanakha Bark into Ready-Made Skin Care Product
- \* Local News
- \* How to Extract Timber Using Elephants
- \* World News
- \* Myanma Traditional String Puppetry
- \* Local News
- \* Aesthetic Chinlone
- \* World News
- \* In the Studio: May Phyu Phyu
- \* Local News
- \* Buddha's Day in Rural Way
- \* World News
- \* Chanmyay Yeiktha Meditation Center (Chaw Dwin Gond)
- \* Local News
- \* Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA)
- \* World News
- \* Myanmar Masterclass: Portraiture
- \* Local News
- \* Let's Explore the Customs of Mindut
- \* World News
- \* A Simple And Peaceful Life

## Helicopter crash kills three in Russia's Murmansk

MOSCOW, 22 July — A helicopter crashed in Russia's Murmansk region in northwest Russia on Sunday morning, killing three people, local authorities said.

The private helicopter had set off its emergency beacon signal about 150 km from the city of Murmansk earlier in the day, *Itar-Tass* news agency quoted local law enforcement authorities as saying.

Two of the dead were British nationals and one was Russian, the Northwestern Transport Prosecutor's Office told local media. "Three people standing on the ground are most likely to have been killed by the

rotor of the helicopter as it tried to take off," a Press officer told reporters, adding the incident took place at a tourist camp.

An official from the Federal Air Transport Agency Rosaviatsia confirmed the death toll, saying a local search and rescue team left for the scene of the alarm signal which was received at about 9:50 am local time.

Rescuers and specialists arrived at the site and were examining the wreckage of the *Eurocopter-120*, which belonged to a Murmansk-based company. The helicopter's pilot survived the crash, local police said.

Xinhua

## Mickelson savours journey from agony to ecstasy

GULLANE, (Scotland), 22 July—Phil Mickelson reflected on the emotional roller-coaster of the last few weeks after timing his run to perfection to scatter the field and win his first British Open on Sunday.

Under the radar most of the week, the 43-year-old American shot a brilliant 66 at Muirfield to secure an emotional victory just over a month after finishing runner-up at the US Open for the sixth time.

"It's a huge difference in emotions as you can imagine," he told a news conference.

"Being so down after the US Open, to come back and use it as motivation, to use it as a springboard, it really feels amazing. It's a day that I'll always cherish, always remember."

Mickelson has learned

the importance of being resilient as a golfer — a useful attribute around a concrete-hard links course like Muirfield this week.

"After losing the US Open, it could have easily gone south, where I was so deflated I had a hard time coming back," he said.

"But I looked at it and thought I was playing really good golf. I had been playing some of the best in my career. I worked a little bit harder and in a matter of a month I'm able to change entirely the way I feel."

The big left-hander did not make a concerted effort to spark himself into life.

"The wow factor just kind of happened," Mickelson, who warmed up by winning the Scottish Open last week, told a news conference. "It wasn't like I was setting out thinking, I



Phil Mickelson of the US holds the Claret Jug after winning the British Open golf championship at Muirfield in Scotland on 21 July, 2013.—REUTERS

need to make birdies or I was trying to force birdies. I was just trying to hit good shots. And I made a bunch of putts today."

Mickelson, who started the day on two over, birdied the fifth, ninth, 13th, 14th, 17th and 18th holes and had just one bogey on his

card at the 10th. He holed a 10-footer on the final green to make virtually certain of victory even though several players were still out on the course and he raised his arms in the air before hugging his long-serving caddie Jim 'Bones' Mackay.

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# Pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw packed with devotees on Fullmoon Day of Waso

NAY PYI TAW, 22 July—NayPyiTawCouncil and Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees jointly organized a ceremony to offer Waso Shwekyar Robe to Buddha Padima Jade Image for the fifth time in the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda, here, this morning. The officials donated Waso Shwekyar Robe to the Image and Maha Hsutaungpyae Image.

Then, the congregation received Nine Precepts from Tatkon Township Ngwetaung Tawya Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Pyinna Sami and presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

After receiving a sermon delivered by Lew Township Paukmyaing Monastery Presiding

Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Zadainda, the congregation shared merits gained.

As today is full moon day of Waso (Dhammacakka), pagodas and stupas are being held Buddha Pujaniya festivals and crowded with merit-makers there.

The religious recitation associations from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters recited Dhammacakka and Parrita in the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda this evening.

The members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, pagoda board of trustees and religious recitation associations offered alms, fruits, flowers and water to the pagoda in the hill of Uppatasanti Pagoda.

Similarly, Datuzeya



*Uppatasanti Pagoda teemed with devotees on Fullmoon Day of Waso. —MNA*

Datpaungsu Pagoda and precinct, Hsutaungpyae Koesu and Koekhangyi are also packed with devotees.—MNA



*White elephants at Uppatasanti Pagoda drawing public attention. — MNA*

## 54 dead in N-W China quake

LANZHOU, 22 July— Fifty-four deaths have so far been confirmed after an earthquake in northwest China's Gansu Province on Monday morning, local authorities said.

As of 1 pm, the 6.6-magnitude quake, which happened at 7:45 am at the juncture of Minxian County and Zhangxian County in the city of Dingxi, has also left over 300 others injured, the publicity department of Dingxi city government.

As of noon on Monday, 371 aftershocks had been recorded in the quake-hit region, with the strongest measuring 5.6 magnitude, Chang Zhengguo, spokesman for the provincial government, said at a Press Conference in the provincial capital city of Lanzhou. Initial investigation showed that the quake had caused the collapse of over 1,200 homes and severe damage to 21,000 homes, he added.

Xinhua reporters arrived at the seriously-hit Meichuan Township, of Minxian County, around noon on Monday. A total of 31 people have been confirmed dead in Meichuan, according to rescuers.

Five rural residential buildings have been collapsed and cracks could be seen on many walls in Chagu Village, Meichuan Township. Communication in many villages in Meichuan Township and in 13 towns of Zhangxian County has been cut off. Power has been cut off in five towns in the eastern part of Minxian County as of 2 pm.

The epicenter of the quake, with a depth of 20 km, was monitored at 34.5 degrees north latitude and 104.2 degrees east longitude, the China Earthquake Network Center said.

The earthquake happened at at fault zone in the province, which has recorded 25 earthquakes with a magnitude of over 5 throughout history, the China Earthquake Administration said. The strongest quake recorded around the fault zone was measured with a magnitude of 8.0 on July 21, 1654. That one occurred about 121 km from the site of the latest quake, it added. Sources with the Minxian County government said most of the townships in the county have been affected by the quake.

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## Hair in high demand to make wig

*Maung Nway Thit*

*Photo Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)*

Hair business is booming due to a wig factory in Hlinethaya Industry Zone in Yangon Region, said a woman who buys hair from people and sell it to the factory.

"We collect hair from peddlers who buy hair as a door-to-door buyers in streets and sell them to the factory," said Ma Athay Lay, the hair business woman.

The wig factory in the industrial zone has exported its wig to its

market in the world.

The price of hair ranges from K 15000 to K 30000 for 10 tickle depending on quality and short and long hair, she said.

"I used to abandon my hair loose into a dust bin when I brush my hair, but, today I am wise enough to collect my hair loose in plastic bags to sell them as the new business is picking up," said Ma Win Win Mar who accumulates her hair loose.

Myanmar women who



wear long hair traditionally have earn extra income by accumulating their hair loose which is in high demand from the wig factory.

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