

President receives Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of China

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— President U Thein Sein received a delegation led by General Fan Changlong, the Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China, at Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here this afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed matters on measures for peace development and stability in border areas, reaching permanent peace with armed groups, further cooperation between the two governments and two armed forces of Myanmar and China as well, friendly relations between Myanmar and all countries both in the east and the west in the time of the new government and

implementation for promotion of comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries as a second step agreed by the two presidents.

Also present at the meeting together with the President were Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Soe Thein and departmental officials while the delegation comprising senior military officers of the PLA was accompanied by the ambassador of the People's Republic of China.

MNA



President U Thein Sein shaking hands with General Fan Changlong, the Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham meets Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham receives Mr. Robert Cooper, Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Mrs. Catharine Ashton.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July — Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham received a delegation led by Mr. Robert Cooper, Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign

Affairs and Security Policy Mrs. Catharine Ashton, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, this morning.

The Vice-President was accompanied by Deputy Ministers U Thant

Kyaw and U Aung Thein, member of Union Election Commission U Win Ko and officials.

The meeting focused on Myanmar's peace-making processes, provision of assistance to

tasks for implementation of peace and stability in Rakhine State and matters related to cooperation in preparedness measures to be taken in time of emergency.

MNA

Amnesty granted to 73 prisoners

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July — With the aim of placing emphasis on humanitarian grounds and encouraging them to be able to serve the national interest after understanding the goodwill of the State, President of Republic of

the Union of Myanmar has granted amnesty to 73 prisoners from respective jails in accord with Section 204 (a) of the Constitution and 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure as of today.

MNA

Ngawun River may reach danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July — According to the (09:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of the Ngawun River at Ngathaingyoung is observed as (17) cm

(about 0.6-foot) below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (3) days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

NLM

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (23-7-2013)

Kungyangon	4.92 inches
Pyapon	4.53 inches
Ye	4.45 inches
Kawthoung	4.13 inches
Launglon	3.54 inches
Thandwe	3.43 inches

Photo News

Pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon teemed with devotees on Fullmoon Day of Waso



Photo shows Botathaung Kyaikdaeat SandawU Pagoda teeming with devotees on Fullmoon Day of Waso, 1375 ME (Dhammacakka Day) in Botathaung Township.—KYEMON-KHIN MAUNG WIN



Photo shows Maha Wizaya Pagoda packed with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Waso, 1375 ME (Dhammacakka Day).
KYEMON-KHIN MAUNG WIN



Photo Shows pilgrims thronging into Aung Bawdi Hsutaungpyae Pagoda in Dagon Myothit (South) Township to offer alm, flowers, fruit, light and water to the Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Waso, 1375 ME (Dhammacakka Day).
KYEMON-KHIN MAUNG WIN



Photo shows congregation receiving a surmon delivered by a Sayadaw at Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw on Fullmoon Day of Waso, 1375 ME (Dhammacakka Day).
KYEMON-KHIN MAUNG WIN

Rollover crash kills one, hurts 23 garment factory workers on Yangon-Bago motorway

YANGON, 23 July—A road fatality happened to a light truck, TOYOTA, with U Aung Ko Latt at the wheel at about 7.15 am on 20 July on Yangon-Bago motorway in Hlegu Township.

The light truck came off the road and overturned as the driver lost control it at mile post No (32/2) near Minlwinkon village in Hlegu Township. Excessive speed was to blame for the rollover

crash. The accident resulted in Ko Than Zin, 18, of Yemon village who was among workers of Win May garment factory on board the light truck sustaining severe injuries to his head that led to his death on the spot. While 13 workers are being given intensive care at Yangon General Hospital with life-threatening injuries and the remaining 10 are



Accident

being treated as out-patient at Hlegu Township hospital. The driver survived and fled the scene, it is learnt.

Hlegu Township police station is investigating the case and the driver is still at large.

Kyemon-Soe Win-MLA

Crime

Mohnyin Man hands himself into police after stabbing adulterous wife and her lover

MANDALAY, 23 July — A man handed himself into police after stabbing his wife and an adulterer as he caught them while they were involved in social adultery at a rubber farm at about 12 pm on 22 July. Police said that Win Chit (a) Chit Htoo of Aung Thabye ward arrived at Mohnyin police station shortly after midnight and confessed that he stabbed his

wife, Daw Ja Taung (a) Ma Nyo and Naw Mai (a) Zaw Ya Naw, rubber farm guard, to death with a 12 inches long knife while he saw them committing adultery at the rubber farm of U San Mu.

Mohnyin police station charged Win Chit (a) Chit Htoo with murder of his wife and the other man.—Kyemon-K Sai Naw (Phakant)

Minor blast occurs in Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay

MANDALAY, 23 July — A minor blast occurred on the night of 21 July in Mahaangmye Township in Mandalay. The blast erupted near a saloon, TOYOTA COROLLA, which was parked in front of Aye Mitta clinic on 36th Street



between 84th and 85th Streets in Yadanabonmi west ward at about 9.30 pm on that day. Due to the impact of the blast, Shin Pyinna Thiha of Myataung monastery, Ma Pann Nu Aung and Daw Hla Min of Yadanabonmi west ward, Daw Aye Khin of Aungmyethazan Township and U Kyaw Oo of Pyigyidagun Twonship sustained minor injuries. The injured are being treated at Mandalay General Hospital, but they are not in critical condition. Shortly after the blast, Mandalay Region

Police Force, Battlefield Engineering Unit and officials concerned rushed there and made necessary investigations.

According to authorities concerned, two centimeters each long 10 iron pieces, four iron pieces near the vehicle, four marks which are thought to have been hit by iron pieces on the rear door of the vehicle and punctured tyres were found at the scene and the bomb is thought to be a local-made one made of iron pieces.

Kyemon-Maung Maung Mann

WORLD

Palestinians, Israelis play down chances of imminent talks

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK /JERUSALEM, 23 July—Israelis and Palestinians played down on Monday the prospects of their envoys meeting in Washington any time soon, and the White House said getting the two sides to agree a peace deal remained an “enormous challenge”. Palestinians said negotiations could not begin unless it was clear in advance that they would be about a future state based on pre-1967 borders, while an Israeli official said Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu would seek the approval

of his cabinet before going ahead.

US Secretary of State John Kerry, winding up months of intensive mediation, said on Friday that Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat and his Israeli counterpart, Tzipi Livni, would join him in Washington “to begin initial talks within the next week or so”. The talks would be aimed at resuming negotiations stalled since 2010 in a dispute over Jewish settlement building on land Palestinians seek for a state.

But an Israeli official



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivers a statement to the media at the Knesset, Israeli parliament, in Jerusalem on 22 July, 2013.—REUTERS

said “it looks like negotiations will begin only next week, not this week.” In Washington, White House spokesman Jay Carney said: “We are working on a date for the parties to come to Washington in the coming weeks to move that

process along.” Speaking of the prospects of a peace deal, he said: “This is an enormous challenge and has been an enormous challenge for Israelis and Palestinians, and for successive administrations here in Washington.”—Reuters

Four killed in continued Egyptian violence, as interim leader calls for reconciliation



Supporters of Egypt's ousted president Mohamed Morsi walk towards the opponents during clashes in Cairo, Egypt, on 22 July, 2013. The death toll of clashes between supporters and opponents of ousted Egyptian president Mohamed Morsi on Monday has climbed to four, the state TV reported.—XINHUA

CAIRO, 23 July—Continued clashes between supporters and opponents of ousted Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi killed at

least four people on Monday, while interim leader Adli Mansour called for reconciliation among all Egyptians and a new be-

ginning to the country's future. “In Tahrir Square in Cairo, one was killed and 26 were injured in clashes,” Mohamed Sultan, head of Egypt's Ambulance Authority, told Xinhua.

Protesters from both sides exchanged rocks and birdshots, while gunshots were also heard in the area, according to official MENA news agency. Security forces have deployed armoured vehicles and more central security personnel in neighboring areas of the US Embassy to prevent pro-Morsi protesters from reaching it. They also fired tear gas to disperse the crowds.

In Qalyubiya governorate near Cairo, two people were killed and four others wounded in clashes after

Morsi's loyalists blocked the main roads there, said Qalyubiya security chief Mahmoud Yousri. Yousri said another man in Qalyubiya was hit by a train when fleeing the bloody clashes and suffered serious fractures, and reportedly died later in hospital.

In Damietta governorate, at least four people were injured in clashes between the rival factions when Morsi's supporters attempted to occupy a well-known square for sit-in and crippled the traffic by burning fires. Also in the day, hundreds of women staged a march in Delta city of el-Mahalla el-Koubra in Gharbiya governorate to support the military's roadmap for the transitional period.—Xinhua

Landing gear on Southwest jet collapses at LaGuardia Airport, eight injured

NEW YORK, 23 July — Eight people were injured on Monday when the landing gear on a Southwest Airlines jet collapsed upon touchdown at New York City's LaGuardia Airport, officials said. LaGuardia, one of the area's busiest airports, was closed for more than an hour after the Boeing 737 jet landed with its 150 passengers and crew at around 5:45 pm EDT. Emergency vehicles surrounded the aircraft and emergency passenger exits were lowered, TV images showed. “The aircraft landed on runway 4 and the landing gear collapsed, the nose wheel collapsed,” Thomas Bosco, the airport's general manager, told reporters. Passengers on the flight described a rough touchdown.

“It was just a bang and a bounce and then just a slam on the brakes and then it was a skidding feeling. You could tell they were

trying to stop the plane,” Kathy Boles told CNN. “It was very clear as soon as we went down that something was really wrong.” Port Authority spokeswoman Lisa MacSpadden said those hurt during the landing suffered back and neck injuries. The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the incident.

Southwest said in a statement that all the passengers and crew had been evacuated from the plane, which took off from Nashville, Tennessee. Airline spokeswoman Whitney Eichinger said the jet had been inspected on 18 July. NTSB spokeswoman Kelly Nantel said the agency “will gather more information on the incident from the FAA and the operator and assess the damage to the airplane. From there, decisions will be made regarding any further investigative activity from the NTSB.—Reuters



A Southwest Airlines plane sits on the tarmac as passengers disembark at LaGuardia airport in New York, on 22 July, 2013.—REUTERS

US congressional hurdles lifted on arming Syrian rebels

WASHINGTON, 23 July—President Barack Obama will move forward with a plan for the United States to arm the struggling Syrian rebels after some congressional concerns were eased, officials said on Monday. “We believe we are in a position that the administration can move forward,” House of Representatives Intelligence Committee Chairman Mike Rogers told Reuters. The White House announced in June that it would offer military aid to vetted groups of Syrian rebels after two years of balking at directly sending arms to the opposition.

“We have been working with Congress to over-

come some of the concerns that they initially had, and we believe that those concerns have been addressed and that we will now be

able to proceed,” a source familiar with the administration's thinking told Reuters on condition of anonymity.—Reuters



Free Syrian Army fighters move through a hole in a wall in the northern town of Khan al-Assal, after seizing it on 22 July, 2013.

REUTERS

Gov't sees “recovery” in Japan's economy for 1st time in 10 months

TOKYO, 23 July—The government upgraded on Tuesday its basic assessment of Japan's economy for the third straight month as business investment has started to show signs of bouncing back, using the word “recovery” for the first time in 10 months. In its monthly economic report for July, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's administration, which has been making efforts to end nearly two decades of deflation since its launch in December, also gave a brighter view of the country's price situation.

“The Japanese economy is picking up steadily and shows some movements

on the way to recovery,” the Cabinet Office said in the report, making upward revisions to four of the 14 categories including capital spending and industrial production. In the June report, the government said the world's third-largest economy is “picking up steadily,” given that the weaker yen has helped exports, encouraging more companies to beef up output.

Earlier this month, the Bank of Japan also raised its assessment of the nation's economy for the seventh consecutive month, saying it is “starting to recover moderately.” As for prices, the office changed the phrase to describe them in July for

the first time in two months as inflation expectations among households have been rising with hopes for economic recovery growing. “Recent price developments indicate that the deflation is easing,” the report said. Economic data have suggested that prices may start to rise later this year on the back of Abe's policies dubbed “Abenomics,” centering on drastic monetary easing, and the depreciation of the yen that pushes up import costs.

Japan's May consumer prices were flat compared with a year earlier, leaving negative territory for the first time in seven months, the government said late last month. —Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Modern Etiquette: mobile manners for cellphone users

WASHINGTON, 23 July—Cellphones are ubiquitous and research shows that although most users think they have good mobile manners, many people report being irritated or annoyed by the use of the phones in public places. Clearly there's a lack of understanding of what is and isn't acceptable in terms of cellphone etiquette. Following is a list of do's and don'ts:

- Do respect those who are with you. When you're engaged face-to-face with others, either in a meeting or a conversation, give them your complete and undivided attention. Avoid texting or taking calls. If a call is important, apologize and ask permission before accepting it.

- Don't yell. The average person talks three times louder on a cellphone than they do in a face-to-face conversation. Always be mindful of your volume.

- Do be a good dining companion. No one wants to be a captive audience to



Brazilian punks use their mobile phones during a May Day demonstration on Labour Day in downtown Sao Paulo on 1 May, 2012. —REUTERS

a third-party cellphone conversation, or to sit in silence while their dining companion texts with someone. Always silence and store your phone before being seated. Never put your cellphone on the table.

- Don't ignore universal quiet zones such as the theatre, church, the library, your daughter's dance recital and funerals.

- Do let voicemail do its job. When you're in the company of others, let voice-

mail handle non-urgent calls.

- Don't make wait staff wait. Whether it's your turn in line or time to order at the table, always make yourself available to the server. Making servers and other patrons wait for you to finish a personal phone call is never acceptable. If the call is important, step away from the table or get out of line.

- Don't text and drive. There is no message that is so important.

- Do keep arguments

under wraps. Nobody can hear the person on the other end. All they are aware of is a one-sided screaming match a few feet away.

- Don't forget to filter your language. A rule of thumb: If you wouldn't walk through a busy public place with a particular word or comment printed on your T-shirt, don't use it in cellphone conversations.

- Do respect the personal space of others. When you must use your phone in public, try to keep at least 10 feet (three metres) between you and others.

- Do exercise good international calling behaviour. The rules of cellphone etiquette vary from country to country. Good cellphone etiquette is similar to common courtesy. Conversations and text exchanges have a tendency to distract people from what's happening in front of them. Cellphone users should be thoughtful, courteous and respect the people around them.—Reuters

Archaeologists discover dinosaur tail in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 23 July—A team of archaeologists have discovered the fossilized remains of a 72 million-year-old dinosaur tail in a desert in northern Mexico, the country's National Institute for Anthropology and History (INAH) said on Monday.

Apart from being unusually well preserved, the 5 metre (16 foot) tail was the first ever found in Mexico, said Francisco

Aguilar, INAH's director in the border state of Coahuila.

The team, made up of archaeologists and students from INAH and the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM), identified the fossil as a hadrosaur, or duck-billed dinosaur. The tail, found near the small town of General Cepeda, likely made up half the dinosaur's length, Aguilar

said.

Archaeologists found the 50 vertebrae of the tail completely intact after spending 20 days in the desert slowly lifting a sedimentary rock covering the creature's bones.

Strewn around the tail were other fossilized bones, including one of the dinosaur's hips, INAH said.

Dinosaur tail finds are relatively rare, according

to INAH. The new discovery could further understanding of the hadrosaur family and aid research on diseases that afflicted dinosaur bones, which resembled those of humans, Aguilar said.

Scientists have already determined that dinosaurs suffered from tumors and arthritis, for example.

Dinosaur remains have been found in many parts of the state of Coahuila, in addition to Mexico's other northern desert states. "We have a very rich history of paleontology," Aguilar said.

He noted that during the Cretaceous period, which ended about 65 million years ago, much of what is now central northern Mexico was on the coast. This has enabled researchers to unearth remains of both marine and land-based dinosaurs.

The presence of the remains was reported to INAH by locals in June 2012. After initial inspections, excavation began earlier this month. The remains of the tail will be transferred to General Cepeda for cleaning and further investigation.

Reuters

NASA releases images of Earth taken from Saturn, Mercury

WASHINGTON, 23 July—US space agency NASA on Monday released colour and black-and-white images of Earth taken by two of its interplanetary spacecraft last week that show our planet and its moon as "bright beacons" from millions of kilometers away in space.

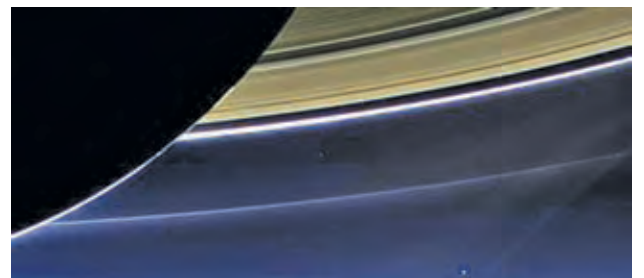
NASA's Cassini spacecraft captured the colour images of Earth and the moon from its perch in the Saturn system nearly 1.5 billion km away. MESSENGER, the first probe to orbit Mercury, took a black-and-white image from a distance of 98 million km as part of a campaign to search for natural satellites of the planet, the agency said.

In the Cassini images, the Earth and the moon appear as mere dots: Earth a pale blue and the moon a stark white, visible between Saturn's rings. It was the first time Cassini's highest-resolution camera captured Earth and its moon as two distinct objects, NASA said.

"We can't see individual continents or people in this portrait of Earth, but this pale blue dot is a succinct summary of who we were on July 19," said Linda Spilker, Cassini project scientist, at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "Cassini's picture reminds us how tiny our home planet is in the vastness of space."

NASA said pictures of Earth from the outer solar system are rare because from that distance, Earth appears very close to our Sun. A camera's sensitive detectors can be damaged by looking directly at the Sun, just as a human being can damage his or her retina by doing the same.

Cassini was able to take this image because the Sun had temporarily moved behind Saturn from the spacecraft's point of view and most of the light was blocked. In the MESSENGER image, Earth and the moon are less than a pixel, but appear very large because they are overexposed, NASA said.—Xinhua



The wide-angle camera on NASA's Cassini spacecraft has captured Saturn's rings and planet Earth and its moon in the same frame in this rare image taken on 19 July, 2013 courtesy of NASA.—REUTERS

Chinese submersible undergoes "body check"

ABOARD XIANGYANGHONG, 23 July—The Jiaolong, a Chinese submersible on a two-month scientific exploration in the Pacific Ocean aboard its mother ship, the Xiangyanghong-09, underwent a full-body performance test and maintenance on Sunday.

Tests have shown that all the parts of the Jiaolong, the country's most advanced manned submersible, which achieved a dive depth record of more than 7,000 meters, is now in excellent condition, said Hu Zhen, deputy field commander for the research voyage.

This is the first comprehensive "body check" for the Jiaolong since the submersible successfully con-

cluded an initial month-long experimental application diving mission in the South China Sea on 10 July, which brought the first scientists below the sea to collect samples.

Aboard the Xiangyanghong-09, the Jiaolong departed from the southeast port city of Xiamen on Friday. In early August, it is scheduled to arrive at a northeast Pacific seabed polymetallic nodule ore zone. Explorations of this zone have been contracted to China. The Jiaolong will undergo at least two more full-body checks before arriving at the target operation site on 6 Aug, a date that is foreseeable if weather is good, according to crew members.

Xinhua



A fossilized tail of a duck-billed dinosaur, or hadrosaur, is seen in the Municipality of General Cepeda, Coahuila in this handout picture by National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH) made available to Reuters on 22 July, 2013.

REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Western Australia remains top-performing economy in Australia

SYDNEY, 23 July—Western Australia remained Australia's best performing economy while the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) is the second strong-



est, overtaking the Northern Territory, according to CommSec's quarterly State of the States report released on Monday. The report showed that New South Wales is the fourth strongest on economic growth followed by Victoria and Queensland.

South Australia is still in the seventh place, while Tasmania has the nation's worst-performing econo-

China must deepen reforms to address economic challenges

BEIJING, 23 July—China must deepen reforms to address a slew of challenges confronting the world's second-biggest economy, President Xi Jinping said in comments published on Tuesday.

The official Xinhua news agency quoted Xi as saying during a trip to the central Province of Hubei this week that officials



A cleaner works at a newly built business building in Beijing on 16 July, 2013.—REUTERS

my. The report analyzed eight key indicators, including economic growth, retail spending, equipment investment, unemployment, construction work done,

population growth, housing finance and dwelling commencements. "We are going to see a passing of the baton—the mining sector is peaking in terms of new investment, but the housing sector is lifting," CommSec chief economist Craig James said in the report. "And after a long period of relative inactivity, a lack of building across the nation, we are seeing an improvement and that does have significant multiplier effects right through the broader economy."

James said the election was central to the current situation in the economy and the future outlook for the economy.—Xinhua

must hold high the spirit of reform and innovation when managing the country to propel sustainable and healthy development of the economy.

"To address the series of problems and challenges facing our country's development, the key is to deepen reforms in all aspects," Xi was quoted as saying.

Reuters

Skipping breakfast may increase heart disease risk

WASHINGTON, 23 July—Men who reported that they regularly skipped breakfast had a higher risk of a heart attack or fatal coronary heart disease, a US study said on Monday. The study, published in the US journal *Circulation*, analyzed food frequency questionnaire data and tracked health outcomes of over 26,000 men between the ages of 45 and 82, for 16 years, during which time nearly 1,600 had first-time cardiac events. It found those who regularly skipped breakfast had a 27 percent higher risk of heart attack or death from coronary heart disease compared with those who reported they didn't.

Breakfast skippers tended to be younger and were more likely to be smokers, employed full time, unmarried, less physically active and drank more alcohol, said the study. "Skipping breakfast may lead to one or more risk fac-

tors, including obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes, which may in turn lead to a heart attack over time," Leah Cahill, study lead author and postdoctoral research fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health, said in a statement.

Men who reported eating breakfast ate on average one more time per day than those who skipped breakfast. According to the researchers, it suggested that those who abstained from breakfast were not eating additional make-up meals later in the day. In addition, while there was some overlap between those who skipped breakfast and those who ate late at night, 76 percent of late-night eaters ate breakfast.

It also found men who reported eating after going to bed had a 55 percent higher coronary heart disease risk than those who didn't. But the researchers



were less convinced this was a major public health concern because few men in the study reported this behaviour.

The study collected comprehensive questionnaire data from the participants and accounted for many important factors such as TV watching, physical activity, sleep, diet quality, alcohol intake, medical history, body mass index, and social factors like whether or not the men worked full-time, were married, saw their doctor regularly for physical exams, or smoked currently or

in the past.

While the current study group was composed of men who were of 97 percent white European descent, the results should also apply to women and other ethnic groups, but this should be tested in additional studies, the researchers said. "Don't skip breakfast," Cahill said. "Eating breakfast is associated with a decreased risk of heart attacks. Incorporating many types of healthy foods into your breakfast is an easy way to ensure your meal provides adequate energy and a healthy balance of nutrients."—Xinhua

US pork industry increases funding to fight spreading pig virus

CHICAGO, 23 July—A leading US pork association said on Monday it will spend an additional \$350,000 to combat a virus that kills young pigs, bringing the pork industry's total outlay this year to nearly \$900,000.

The National Pork Board said the \$350,000 is in addition to the \$527,000 provided by the Pork Board and the Iowa Pork Producers Association in early June. As of mid July, 346 farm sites in 14 states have reported cases of Porcine Epidemic Diarrhea Virus (PEDV), with most in Iowa and Oklahoma, according to the National Animal Health Lab Network.

"Our No 1 priority is to contain spread of the virus with the goal of increasing the potential to eliminate the disease," Paul Sundberg, vice president of science and technology for the National Pork Board, said in the release. PEDV, a swine-only disease, it poses no threat to humans or other animals and pork from infected pigs is safe for human consumption.

It is not a trade-restricting disease. The vi-



rus, first reported in the United States in mid May, typically does not kill older pigs. But, mortality among young pigs is commonly 50 percent and as high as 100 percent, said veterinarians and scientists studying the outbreak.

How PEDV found its way to the United States is not yet known and no cases have been reported in Canada or Mexico. In late June, Mexico cited the spread of the virus in the United States for it restricting imports of US live hogs. No direct link has been found between the US cases and those found in Asia and Europe, according to scientists and researchers.

The total number of US pig deaths from the outbreak is not known. Still, some industry ana-

lysts and traders have speculated that at least 500,000 piglets have died, which could reduce year-end hog supplies.

Steve Meyer, president of Iowa-based Paragon Economics and a consultant to the National Pork Board, said in a client newsletter last week the disease may have claimed "60,000 to 100,000 (pigs) in each of the last three weeks of June." The shortfall would represent fewer hogs that would have come to market in December. "With about 2.35 million head of hogs expected each week in December, these losses could reduce supplies by 2.5 to 4.2 percent. Such reductions do not constitute a supply emergency but they may certainly have an impact," said Meyer.—Reuters

S Korea's trade terms improve on lower import costs

SEOUL, 23 July—South Korea's terms of trade improved last month as import costs fell at a steeper pace than export prices amid lower commodity prices, central bank data showed on Tuesday. The net terms-of-trade index for goods, a gauge of trade terms, rose 5.4 percent in June from a year earlier after gaining 6.1 percent in the prior month, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK). The index is calculated by dividing export prices by import prices. The continued rise came amid faster fall in import costs than export prices caused by a decline in prices for crude oil and steel products. The import price index tumbled 5.5 percent last month, while the export price index slid 0.4 percent.

The income terms-of-trade index, which measures how much can be imported with money earned via exports, rose 4 percent in June from a year ago after jumping 16.1 percent in the previous month. The slower growth was attributable to a fall in export volume, which declined 1.4 percent on-year in June on weak demand for oil products and primary steel products.—Xinhua

WORLD

US, Chinese, S Korean officials, academics hold talks on N Korea



Government officials and academics from the United States, China and South Korea meet in Seoul on 22 July, 2013, to coordinate policies to achieve North Korea's denuclearization. — KYODO NEWS

SEOUL, 23 July—Government officials and academics from the United States, China and South Korea held a meeting on Monday in Seoul aimed at coordinating policies to achieve North Korea's denuclearization.

The closed-door talks, being held at the Korea National Diplomatic Academy, are part of the so-called "1.5-track" dialogue advanced by South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung Se with the aim of stepping up trilateral policy

consultation on North Korea. Tensions on the Korean Peninsula rose in the wake of North Korea's third nuclear test in February and the latest UN sanctions imposed on the country.

South Korean President Park Geun Hye's government had reportedly wanted to hold a strategic dialogue involving only government officials from the three countries, but the United States and China were both lukewarm to the idea.

It gave rise to speculation South Korea sought to bypass Japan, with which bilateral ties are strained over divergent perceptions of history and a territorial dispute over a pair of South Korea-controlled islet in the Sea of Japan.

Kyodo News

Zimbabwe writes off residents' debts ahead of polls

HARARE, 23 July — The Zimbabwean government said on Monday it has decided to exempt residents' outstanding utility debts, a week after the finance minister claimed that the treasury has "no money" to hold crucial elections set on 31 July. Local Government, Rural and Urban Development Minister Ignatius Chombo told a Press conference in Harare that circulars had also been dispatched to the country's 92 local authorities informing them of writing off the debts owned by their residents from February 2009 to the end of June 2013.

The fees to be exempted include housing rentals, unit tax, development levy, refuse charges, water and sewer fees. Power supply authorities were urged to take similar moves. The exemp-

tion period coincides with the administration of the coalition government formed after disputes arose between veteran president Robert Mugabe and then opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai in the 2008 pre-presidential election.

The two political heavyweights are set to battle for the country's top post in the elections only ten days away. However Finance Minister Tendai Biti, a senior aide to Tsvangirai, last week cried for funding from neighbours as he said the treasury needs about 90 million US dollars for the elections. It is not yet immediately clear if the government has secured the funds. Chombo said the debt exemption is consistent with the pro-poor policies of Mugabe's Zanu-PF party. The minister said though

residents must pay their bills for the sustenance of effective and efficient service delivery, "economic sanctions had made it difficult for the generality of the citizenry to meet their obligations."

However, critics question the government's move, saying the policy will be seen as a punishment to those who pay utility bills on time and is likely to encourage people to delay paying their bills. "If they write off all these debts, how are they going to fund their operations (paying salaries and services)? Why do I have a feeling this is yet another 'electioneering' by the minister?" an Internet user named "curious George" commented below the report posted on the website of state newspaper *the Herald*.

Xinhua

US applauds EU's move to blacklist Hezbollah military wing

WASHINGTON, 23 July—The United States on Monday applauded the European Union (EU) for putting the military wing of Lebanese Shiite group Hezbollah on its terrorism blacklist. "With today's action, the EU is sending a strong message to Hezbollah that it cannot operate with impunity, and that there are consequences for its actions," US Secretary of State John Kerry said in a statement.

"This designation will have a significant impact on Hezbollah's ability to operate freely in Europe by enabling European law enforcement agencies to crack down on Hezbollah's fundraising, logistical activity and terrorist plotting on European soil," Kerry said. The United States and Israel, which have branded

Hezbollah as a terrorist group, have been calling on Europe to follow suit for years, and the group's

recent involvement in the conflict in neighbouring Syria, in support of President Bashar al-Assad, made



US Secretary of State John Kerry

some reluctant EU members change their positions.

Last week, Lebanon urged Brussels not to blacklist Hezbollah on the grounds that the group is an "essential component of Lebanese society." Jen Psaki, Kerry's spokeswoman, said Washington does not differentiate between different wings of Hezbollah. "The branches share common funding, personnel and leadership, but we still feel this is a positive step forward, applaud them for taking this important step, and think it will have an impact on the ground," she said at a regular press briefing.

Hezbollah functions both as a political party which is part of the Lebanese government and as a militia with thousands of armed guerrillas.

Xinhua

Al-Qaeda militants flee Iraq jail in violent mass break-out

BAGHDAD/MOSUL, 23 July—Hundreds of convicts, including senior members of al-Qaeda, broke out of Iraq's Abu Ghraib jail as comrades launched a military-style assault to free them, authorities said on Monday.

The deadly raid on the high-security jail happened as Sunni Muslim militants are gaining momentum in their insurgency against the Shi'ite-led government that came to power after the US invasion to oust Saddam Hussein.

Suicide bombers drove cars packed with explosives to the gates of the prison on the outskirts of Baghdad on Sunday night and blasted their way into the compound, while gunmen attacked guards with mortars and rocket-propelled grenades.

Other militants took up positions near the main road, fighting off security reinforcements sent from Baghdad as several militants wearing suicide vests entered the prison on foot to

help free the inmates.

Ten policemen and four militants were killed in the ensuing clashes, which continued until Monday morning, when military helicopters arrived, helping to regain control.

By that time, hundreds of inmates had succeeded in fleeing Abu Ghraib, the prison made notorious a decade ago by photographs showing abuse of prisoners by US soldiers.

"The number of escaped inmates has reached 500, most of them were convicted senior members of al-Qaeda and had received death sentences," Hakim Al-Zamili, a senior member of the security and defence committee in parliament, told *Reuters*.

"The security forces arrested some of them, but the rest are still free." One security official told *Reuters* on condition of anonymity: "It's obviously a terrorist attack carried out by al-Qaeda to free convicted terrorists with al-Qaeda."

Reuters

Germany to probe spy services' ties with US

BERLIN, 23 July—The German government announced a plan on Monday to look into the ties between its secret services and the United States intelligence agencies following mounting pressure as media reported over the weekend that Germany's intelligence services used a spying programme of the US National Security Agency (NSA). Merkel's spokesman Georg Streiter promised a "comprehensive review" into the claims made by *Der*

Spiegel magazine that the Office for the Protection of the Constitution, the German domestic intelligence agency, was equipped with a programme called XKey-Score that is a "productive espionage tool".

The report, citing leaked secret documents from the US intelligence service, said the tool is intended to "expand their ability to support NSA as we jointly prosecute CT (counterterrorism) targets," adding that the foreign in-

telligence service (BND) is tasked with instructing the domestic intelligence agency on how to use the programme. Germany's domestic intelligence service has said it was only testing the software and did not put it into full operation.

The spokesman said the chief of staff of the chancellery Ronald Pofalla has initiated an extensive review and probe results will be presented between Wednesday and Friday to the parliament's secret ser-

vices oversight committee. Streiter said the government takes very seriously the questions that arise from the weekend media coverage, reiterating that "German law applies on German soil, and that goes for everyone, including our intelligence services". But he also noted that secret services operate out of the public eye, saying that international terrorism can only be fought through international cooperation.

Xinhua



LOCAL NEWS

Sagaing Region gets new high school

KALAY, 23 July— Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, accompanied by region ministers and region/district/ township level departmental officials, attended the opening ceremony of Basic Education High School in Htaukkyant village on 12 July.

Region Development Affairs Minister U Tin Hlaing Myint, Assistant Director of Region Education Office U Min Zaw and Region Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Than formally opened the school. Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye unveiled the signboard of the school.

The chief minister delivered an address at the ceremony. Headmaster

U Win Maung presented commemorative flags to the chief minister and officials. The region chief minister donated one set of computer to the school; donors U Myint Naing Soe and wife Daw Aye Aye Than, two sets of computer; the region development affairs minister, stationery; and region Hluttaw representative sports gears. Thayawady villagers presented a traditional pot of good luck to the school.

Member of school board of trustees U Myint Lwin and village-tract administrator U Than Win accepted donations and gifts. Another member of school board of trustees spoke words of thanks.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Community-based TB care workshop organized in Nay Pyi Taw



NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—A workshop on community-based TB care was organized at 200-bedded People's Hospital in Pinyinmana of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 18 July.

Medical Superintendent of the Hospital Dr Daw Hla Hla Kyi delivered a speech at the workshop.

Myanmar was among 22 countries with highest TB rates and 41 countries with highest TB/HIV infection rates and 25 countries with

highest MDR rates.

Volunteers for the combat against TB are being trained since 18 July. The Ministry of Health is conducting surveys in the community each year.

The workshop was attended by members of Myanmar Medical Association, nurses, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, ward administrators, volunteers with the total attendance of 80.—MMAL-145



Self-reliant bridge opened in Tatkon Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—A self-reliant bridge crossing Hsinthechaung creek in Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area was opened on 21 July.

Sein & Shwe bridge linking Seinyaungchal bus stop and Shwe Myogyi east village was built under the leadership of the Township Monastic Education

Supervisory Committee chairman.

The bridge has the length of 135 ft and the width of 12 ft.

Shwe Myogyi monk Bhaddanta Nyannissaria, Township Administrator U Aye Lu and commander of local station Lt-Col Than Zaw Htoo formally opened the bridge.—MMAL-417



Sittway traditional medicines team provides free healthcare



SITTWAY, 23 July—Acting Medical Superintendent of Sittway Traditional Medicines Hospital and officials based at a school in Kyedaw village to provide healthcare to the villagers of Kyedaw village and surrounding villages free

of charge on 9 July under the guidance of Head of Rakhine State Traditional Medicines Department.

The team provided treatment to 137 patients and would continue to provide the free healthcare in field trips to the remote villages.

Drug stores of U Tha No Aung and U Soe Naing in Sittway provided the medicines needed for the trip.—MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun Saw Khaing

UMFCCI to start third batch of Global MBA soon

YANGON, 23 July—The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry will soon start the third batch of Global MBA course jointly conducted with University of Thai Chamber of Commerce.

The Master of Business Administration (Global MBA) course was opened for capacity building of staff from private sector and entrepreneurs and youths.

The third batch will start on 17 August at UMFCCI Office.

MMAL-UMFCCI

Myanmar wins China-ASEAN chess championship

YANGON, 23 July— Myanmar won the second China and ASEAN chess championship in Kunming in the People's Republic of China on 14-21 July.

Myanmar fielded five players—Ma Htet Htet Than Sein, Maung Kyaw Zaw Hein, Htet Naing and Ma Yadi Wint Wah—in under-14 games.

Myanma Alinn

Ten Japanese firms get go-ahead by MIC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— Ten Japanese companies are allowed to invest in Myanmar, according to Myanmar Investment Commission.

The companies include traditional medicines, cosmetics, footwears, Information Technology, automobile and clock manufacturing firms.

“The industrial zones near Yangon were mainly selected. Factories will be

established soon. Matters related to investment has been put on table,” according to an official of the Myanmar Investment Commission, the governing body of investment.

Mingaladon Industrial Zone, Shwe Paukkan Industrial Zone, South Dagon Industrial Zone, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone and Hlinethaya Industrial Zone will recruit new workers.

MMAL-Khin Yadana

Use of combined harvester demonstrated in Patheingyi

PATHEINGYI, 23 July— The demonstration of the use of combined harvester was organized at 70-acre summer Palethwe paddy plantation of farmer U Myo Thant in Yankintaung village-tract in Patheingyi

manager of AAE Company explained the use of combined harvester.

Farmer U Myo Thant's planted yielded 247.32 baskets per acre.

Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)



on 18 July.

It was attended by Mandalay Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Myint Than.

He delivered a speech at the ceremony. Head of Region Agriculture Department U Hla Myint Aung elaborated on Good Agricultural Practices for higher yield. The marketing

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 24 July, 2013

To be healthy

Most of us don't think about the state of our health until we are sick, but being mindful of your lifestyle choices and paying attention to the way you feel can help you take steps to ensure that you are doing everything you can to optimize your health.

Getting fit does not have to be an unpleasant experience. With just a small investment of time and energy it is easy to improve the average person's health. To use your energy, you are required to engage in weight training one or two times a week and endurance training two or three times. But illnesses such as influenza, DHF, TB and HIV/AIDS are caused by virus and bacteria. They are required health knowledge. There are also fatal diseases such SAR and avian flu which could pose a grave threat to man.

Physical inactivity such as a desk job could invite obesity that leads to heart disease, hypertension, stroke and cancer which are common in rich countries. The benefits of regular exercise are unrivalled. Physical activity can help you lost weight and prevent a host of illness, including heart disease, diabetes and osteoporosis. A little exercise a day helps the body to work better and keeps the doctor away. Being fit and healthy also can help you stay mentally sharp. Physical activities such as walking or jogging contribute a lot to a person's health.

To be healthy you should exercise regularly, eat wholesome foods and take care of personal hygiene and environmental cleanness. Sound sleep is also a driving factor. The important thing is that you exercise regularly and not how long you exercise. Walking is high recommended as it costs less but produces a great deal of benefits.

Lesu LCCC donates victims

MYITKYINA, 23 July— relief camp in Waimaw Lesu Literature and Township in Kachin State Culture Central Committee yesterday. Secretary U Sarki, joint-secretary U Sihudwe and treasurer U Phu Hu Taw made a donation to victims at Makhawyan

They donated blankets, longyis and Shwewah soaps worth K 0.3 million.

Kyemon-Moekya (Myitkyina)

**What the Term "Dukkha" Means to Buddhists**

The Pali term "dukkha" comes naturally to the lips of Myanmar people whenever they are faced with something unpleasant in their daily-life activities. At this, those who are conversing with them return a look of sympathy or understanding to them, sometimes with words of consolation or sometimes in silence signalling their shared sorrow over the referred curse. This denotes that this term conveys a negative meaning to those involved in the circle of conversation. Pali dictionaries also define it denotatively as "suffering, misery, unsatisfactoriness, pain, etc.. Thus does it become a word repellent to the Myanmar. However, the term referred to as dukkha by the Buddha in his first discourse called "Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta (Discourse on Turning the Wheel of the Dhamma) bears a far deeper and more profound meaning and connotes enormously wider senses. It is found that as the Buddha could, expounding the true nature of dukkha, make, Kodañña, leader of the five ascetics, a noble person (Ariyapuggala), understanding of dukkha can be said to convey a positive consequence. So it should be noted that the term "dukkha" bears a connotation contrary to that as has been comprehensible to most people.

Universally accepted physical and mental forms of suffering such as birth, ageing, diseases, death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, despair, separation from beloved ones, association with unbeloved ones, not getting what one wants, possession of five aggregates of attachment, etc are of ordinary suffering (dukkha-dukkha).

Dr. Saw Mra Aung

A happy mental state or a prosperous physical condition does not exist permanently. It changes sooner or later. When it changes, it produces pain or unsatisfactoriness. This impermanent nature of physical and mental phenomena is included in the dukkha as suffering produced by change (viparinama-dukkha).

The third form of dukkha as conditioned state (samkhara-dukkha) is the most important philosophical aspect of Buddhism. It requires some analytical explanation of what we consider as a being or as an individual or as I or as he or as she. What we call a being, according to Buddhist philosophy, is only a combination of ever-changing physical and mental forces or energy, which are divided into five groups or aggregates (pancakkhandha). In other words, five aggregates, physical and mental, is subject to an incessantly arising and dissolving process. Such kind of suffering is of dukkha as conditioned state (samkhara-dukkha).

Of the above kinds of dukkha, the first and the second are more easily discernible to us. But, to be able to see the third, we need to have analytical knowledge of the five

aggregates which can help us discern them into the ultimate sense. In light of Buddhism, there are two sorts of understanding: What we generally call understanding is knowledge, an accumulated memory, an intellectual grasping of a subject according to certain given data. This is called "Knowing accordingly (Anubodha)". It is not very deep. With this knowledge, we can see the first and

second kinds of dukkha. Real deep understanding is called "Penetration (Pativedha)", seeing a thing in its true nature, without name or label. This penetration is possible only when the mind is free from all mental impurities and defilements and is fully developed through meditation. When the Buddha expounded the Four Noble Truths of Suffering in the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta and the true nature of dukkha or the five aggregates in the Anattalakkhana Sutta (Discourse on Soullessness) to the group of five ascetics, they achieved the penetrative knowledge of physicality (rupa) and mentality (nama), that is, they saw the ever-changing process of physicality and mentality, which is the conditioned state of physical and mental phenomena (samkhara-dukkha) through their personal experience and became Arahats. Thus the Buddha, having recourse to the exposition of dukkha, could bring a positive consequence to the five ascetics.

In fact, the term "dukkha" would mean differently to us according to the religions we follow and the experience accumulated in our memory. However, dukkha in the context of Buddhism means every physical and

mental conditioned thing being impermanent and insubstantial. Here, the readers should not have a pessimistic point of view on dukkha when you come across something undesirable in your daily-life activities. Instead, you should try to look at it objectively, with the thought that every physical and mental phenomenon is impermanent and insubstantial. Then only you can avoid putting a blame on others or yourself for your dukkha and prevent anger, despair, unsatisfactoriness, etc, which are unwholesome mental factors (akusala-cetasika), from arising but achieve peace of mind (kusala-cetasika) to a certain degree. In fact, words are symbols representing things and ideas known to us and these symbols do not and cannot convey the true nature of even ordinary things. Language is considered deceptive and misleading in the matter of understanding of the truth. So it is very difficult to explain the term dukkha into the ultimate sense by using words, which are just symbols encoding what the writer wants to express. If the readers want to comprehend the nature of dukkha thoroughly, I would like to suggest you to practice meditation to achieve higher insight knowledges which can help you see the physical and mental phenomena into the ultimate sense, that is, samkhara-dukkha.

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3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 kicks off

YANGON, 23 July—The third round of the 3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 was held at Panhlaing Golf Course in Hlinethaya Township, here this morning.

A total of 50 young golfers under 24-year-old, 18-year-old, 14-year-old and ten-year-old took part in the com-

petition. Junior Golf Myanmar holds golf tournament monthly to turn out the talented golfers.

The second round of 18 "holes" competition continues tomorrow and prizes will be presented after the competition on the same day.—NLM

Low pressure area persists

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay has moved to over West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

NLM

NATIONAL

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker holds talks with Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the PLA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann held discussion with a delegation led by General Fan Changlong, the Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China, at Hluttaw Complex here this afternoon.

Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Zaw, Thura U Aung Ko, U Soe Naing, U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat, Committee Secretary U Maung Toe, Defence Services Hluttaw Representatives and officials from Hluttaw Office. The

visiting delegation was accompanied by the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar.

They discussed further strengthening Myanmar-China bilateral ties and cooperation.

Similarly, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann met a delegation led by Mr Rober Cooper, Special Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Mrs Catherine Ashton, at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Complex here in the evening.

Present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo and officials of Hluttaw Office.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives a delegation led by General Fan Changlong, the Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China.—MNA

Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye receives a delegation led by Mr Robert Cooper, Special Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy at Union Election Commission Office.—MNA

UEC Chairman holds talks with EU's Special Adviser

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— Before he met with Mr Robert Cooper, Special Adviser to EU High Representative for

foreign affairs and security policy, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye addressed the

opening of BRIDGE-Building Resources In Democracy, Governance and Elections Course, jointly conducted by the Union Election Commission and the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES-Myanmar), at the office of the commission here at 9 am today.

The BRIDGE Course is conducted with the aim of holding free and fair elections in Myanmar, the first objective of the UEC, said U Tin Aye, Chairman of the UEC in his opening speech.

Ethnic teachers from states and regions selected by Ministry of Education are attending the course as part of efforts for holding multiplier courses to disseminate knowledge on elections to peoples especially in rural and borders areas.

On behalf of the UEC, the chairman of the UEC expressed his delight for conducting the course which is the first of its kind in Myanmar.

The trainees will receive skills for holding elections such as registration of votes, settling disputes, educating eligible voters, IT, political finance, counting votes and declaring results.

The UEC chairman urged the trainees to make the best use of knowledge

and skills received during the course and to work hard to disseminate the knowledge on elections to the people by opening the multiplier courses in regions and states.

A total of 23 trainees including 14 teachers from Ministry of Education and six officials of the UEC office are attending the two-week course.

The Bridge is jointly founded by IFES, IDEA, UN, UNDP and Australian Election Commission (AEC).

Next, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye received a delegation led by Mr Robert Cooper, Special Adviser to EU High Representative for foreign affairs and security policy, at the Union Election Commission Office, here, at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were members of the UEC U Myint Naing, U Aung Myint, Dr Daw Myint Kyi, U Win Kyi and U Nyunt Tin and Secretary of the UEC U Tin Tun. During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters on providing assistance from the EU to the UEC to be able to hold a free and fair election in 2015 and sharing knowledge and experiences on elections by experts from the EU.

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Announcement on application for university entrance

Those who passed matriculation examination for 2013 are to draw applications forms for university entrance together with their score lists, report cards showing their grades and guidebooks for university entrance from examiners (heads of basic education high schools) of examination centers they sat as of 1 August (Tuesday) in person.

Their applications forms can be submitted to Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) till 25 August including weekends. For further details, contact Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), Thaton Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon (Ph: 537677 and 525612).

Kalay District Sports Ground given a facelift

KALAY, 23 July— The 8.2-acre lawns of Kalay District Sports Ground were mowed by the district and township level staff.

"I thank the staff from Sports and Physical Education Department for their participation in mowing the lawn. Now, we can play football very well

in the clean ground," said a football crazy youth.

If Kalay District Sports Ground can host the sport events again and turn out new generation outstanding athletes, the sport standard of Kalay Town will improve.

Kyemon-La Yeik Pya (Kalay Sub-Printing House)

Myanmar, China vow to boost strategic partnership



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China General Fan Changlong inspect the Guard of Honour.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing welcomed Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China General Fan Changlong of at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 10 am today.

While arriving at the welcoming ceremony, the CMC Vice-Chairman was cordially welcomed by the Senior General.

Next, the Senior General and the CMC Vice-Chairman went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Then, the CMC Vice-Chairman and the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services inspected

the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, they introduced each other to those present.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and the Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the PLA of China posed for documentary photos together with the party.

Next, they held discussions at the hall of Zeyathiri Beikman at 10.15 am. The Senior General said that Myanmar will continue to maintain strategic partnership with China. Closer cooperation between the two governments and the two armed forces on regional security issues will be of great benefit to

ensuring peace and stability in border region. Myanmar Tatmadaw is carrying out to establish good relations with armed forces of other countries. He called for further cooperation to ensure effective and efficient

administrative system and peace and stability in border regions and increased joint efforts in a fight against narcotic drugs.

While the government in cooperation with the Tatmadaw is striving for

bringing a lasting peace to the country, ceasefire agreements with 11 out of 12 national race armed groups have been reached. Laws and rights which are suitable for states and regions of national races were enshrined in the 2008 Constitution. Development cannot be realized without peace. Negotiation will be made in pursuit of peace, he added.

He stressed the need for further cooperation in eradication of narcotic drug. Main responsibility lies with the two countries not to allow any non-state armed groups in border regions between Myanmar and China, he continued. The Senior General called on the PRC to deal with the border issues in accord with the existing laws for ensuring peace and stability in border region.

The Chinese CMC

Vice-Chairman vowed to strengthen China-Myanmar strategic partnership, encouraging Myanmar to develop and to cooperate with Myanmar in the areas of border region stability, security and eradication of narcotic drugs.

After the meeting, the Senior General hosted a luncheon to the Chinese CMC Vice-Chairman and party.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, senior military officers of Commander-in-Chief Office, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, senior military officers of the PLA, the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, the military attaché and officials.

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Meeting between Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Liberation Army of China General Fan Changlong in progress.—MNA

Union Attorney General receives Special Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy



Union Attorney General Dr Tun Shin shaking hands with Mr Robert Cooper, Special Adviser to EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Union Attorney General Dr Tun Shin

received a delegation led by Mr Robert Cooper, Special Adviser to EU High

Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, at the office of the Union

Attorney General, here this afternoon.

Mr Robert Cooper said that EU was very pleased with Myanmar's reform processes. EU will also urge entrepreneurs to make more foreign investment in Myanmar, and arrange to give scholarship programme to lawyers in order to promote their skills.

The Union Attorney General explained the fairness of Foreign Investment Law; investment should be made in Myanmar in accord with the law; Myanmar's participation in Uncitral Rules and New York Convention; and protection of law for foreign investors.—MNA



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Zin Yaw being welcomed by Mr. Hany Riad Moawad at the reception of National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at Pun Hlaing Golf Course Estate on 23 July.—MNA

REGIONAL

Japan to make belated debut at TPP trade talks in Malaysia



Japan's chief negotiator Koji Tsuruoka speaks with reporters at Narita airport on 22 July, 2013, before leaving for Malaysia to take part in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks.—KYODO NEWS

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia), 23 July—Japan is set to make its belated debut as the 12th member of the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations on Tuesday in Malaysia after a four-month wait since announcing its intent to join the talks on creating one of the world's largest free trade areas.

After the United States,

Immigration law guide for foreigners published by nonprofit group

UTSUNOMIYA, (Japan), 23 July—A nonprofit organization in Utsunomiya, Tochigi Prefecture has published a guidebook written in simple Japanese aiming at helping foreigners living in Japan understand the latest revisions to immigration regulations.

Mieko Suzuki, 66, leader of the organization called Tochigi Times, published the book in May to inform foreigners about the changes that took effect in July last year to the revised immigration law and the resident registration law. "There were specialized books (on the subject), but I could not find guidebooks that were easy to understand for foreigners. So I thought I should create it myself," Suzuki said. Suzuki said she realized that many foreigners are not aware of Japan's new immigration

the leading TPP economy, completes its domestic procedures to start talks with Japan in the afternoon, Japan's chief negotiator Koji Tsuruoka and his team will be welcomed to the 18th round of talks, already under way since 15 July, according to Japanese officials. With only three days left of the latest round, being held

system. She said they should pay attention to provisions that could lead to the loss of their resident status, such as failure to report new addresses within a certain period of time and discontinuation of married status, which affects those who have gained their residency through marriage to Japanese nationals.

Since the publication of the book "Gaikokujin no tame no atarashii horitsu" (new laws for foreigners), Suzuki has received numerous inquiries from people such as volunteers working in the area of international exchanges and legal professionals, she said. The about 90-page book takes a Q&A format and uses many illustrations. To aid reading, phonetic letters are printed next to all Chinese characters.

Kyodo News

in the Malaysian resort of Kota Kinabalu, Japan will seek to fully use the time to negotiate its interests. TPP negotiations comprise 21 working groups covering 29 chapters, including market access covering tariff elimination, which has been the key topic of interest for Japan.

While Japan seeks to eliminate trade barriers to boost exports of cars and other manufactured goods, its government has also pledged to protect its sensitive farm products, namely rice, wheat, beef, pork, dairy products and sugar, by retaining tariffs it imposes on imports. The working group on market access, however, has already finished its negotiations for this round on Friday, and Japanese negotiators can only take part in the talks of some working groups, including intellectual property and the environment.

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Boats decorated with flowers sail on a canal in Ayutthaya Province, Thailand, on 22 July, 2013. People celebrated the arrival of Vassa with candles and flowers on Monday in Thailand. This day is also called "Candle Festival" in English by foreigners. Vassa is the three-month annual retreat observed by monks and Buddhist ascetics. The Vassa 2013 starts on 23 July this year.

XINHUA

Asian stocks hit six-week high, gold steadies after jump

SYDNEY, 23 July—Asian stocks rose to six-week highs on Tuesday, led by a rally in Chinese shares, while gold took a breather after its biggest one-day gain in more than a year. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan. MIAPJ0000PUS climbed 1.3 percent to their highest since early June, and Tokyo's Nikkei. N225 erased early losses to be up 0.8 percent. Among the best performers, Hong Kong's Hang Seng.

HSI advanced 2.1 percent and the CSI300 .CSI300 of the leading Shanghai and Shenzhen

A-share listings jumped 3.2 percent. Sentiment in China was boosted by separate media reports that the government would use



The logo of the Singapore Exchange (SGX) is pictured at its office in Singapore on 25 July, 2012.—REUTERS

railway projects to help cut gluts in steel, cement and other construction materials, and that Beijing would not permit economic

growth to sink below 7 percent.

The Chinese gains helped lift markets across Asia, with Japanese stocks rising for a second day following Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's weekend victory in upper-house elections.

That has strengthened Abe's mandate to push through painful economic reforms to end decades of stagnation, although he will still have to overcome opposition in his party. "People, especially long-onlys, are not overweight in Japan."

Reuters

UN chief offers condolences over NW China quake

UNITED NATIONS, 23 July—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Monday offered his "deepest condolences and sympathies" to the victims of a deadly earthquake that hit northwest China's Gansu Province on Monday morning.

The UN chief made the remarks at an event held at the Chinese Permanent Mission to the United Nations on Monday evening. "Let me express my deepest condolences and sympathies to many people who have been killed and wounded by yesterday's earthquake in Gansu Province [in China]," Ban said.

"Our thoughts are with the families of victims and wounded people," he said. The secretary-general also expressed his belief that under the leadership of Chinese President Xi Jinping, there will be a

speedy recovery for those who are affected by the earthquake. "I sincerely hope that the people of China will be able to overcome this very tragic [incident]," Ban added.

At least 87 people

in the city of Dingxi and two in the neighbouring city of Longnan have been confirmed killed in the 6.6-magnitude quake that jolted the border of Minxian and Zhangxian counties.

Xinhua



Rescuers work at Yongguang Village of Meichuan Town in Minxian County, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 22 July, 2013. The death toll has climbed to 89 in the 6.6-magnitude earthquake which jolted a juncture region of Minxian County and Zhangxian County in Dingxi City on Monday morning. — XINHUA

Support for Australian PM stalls: Newpoll

SYDNEY, 23 July—The surge of voter support for Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and the Australian Labour Party (ALP) since he reclaimed the Labour leadership appears to have stalled, according to the latest Newpoll.

The Newpoll published in the Australian newspaper on Tuesday showed support for Labour eased slightly, with the Coalition on 52 percent compared to Labour's 48 percent after preferences. The poll found that primary vote support for Labour slipped from 38 percent two weeks ago

to 37 percent, while the Coalition's rose from 42 percent to 45 percent. Kevin Rudd's support has fallen from 53 percent to 50 percent since the last poll, while Opposition Leader Tony Abbott's support has risen from 31 percent to 34 percent. Results from Newpoll and Nielsen two weeks ago showed the two major parties were tied on 50-50 in the two-party preferred stakes.

Since replacing Julia Gillard as Labour party leader and prime minister, Rudd has overhauled the Labour Party rules to firm up the position of prime minister.—Xinhua

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**MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER
DEPARTMENT OF HYDROPOWER
IMPLEMENTATION**
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following stores D.D.P (Paung Laung/Hlaw Gar) in Myanmar Kyats.

Tender No. 13/DHPI/Lining Form/2013-2014

Sr. No	Description	Qty	Remarks
1.	Lining Form	4 Sets	(Paung Laung-2 Sets, Hlaw Gar-2 Sets)
2. Technical Submission Date & Time: 13.8.2013 (12:00 Hrs)			
3. Tender Closing Date & Time: 27.8.2013 (12:00 Hrs)			
4. Tender Opening Date & Time: 27.8.2013 (13:00Hrs)			
5. Tender documents with detail informations shall be available at the following address. Department of Hydropower Implementation Office No. (38), Nay Pyi Taw Phone: 067 411415, Fax: 067 411081			

**Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Health**
Department of Medical Science
Inviting Application for Refresher Courses

1. Refresher courses leading to obtaining SAMA for medical graduates will be conducted at University of Medicine (2), Yangon and THAKHA for dental graduates will be conducted at the University of Dental Medicine, Yangon in August 2013.
2. Those who held M.B.,B.S. or B.D.S. degree before 2013, and have not had SAMA or THAKHA (OR) those who have been dismissed under one year service (OR) those who have been dismissed and out of service for more than three years are eligible to apply.
3. Closing date- 9-8-2013
4. Place for application - University of Medicine (2), Yangon for SAMA & University of Dental Medicine, Yangon for THAKHA
5. Enquiries can be directed to Department of Medical Science, Nay Pyi Taw University of Medicine (2), Yangon & University of Dental Medicine, Yangon
Contact Phone - 067-411237 (DMS), 01-9699852(UM 2), 01-571273 (UDM-Y)
Department of Medical Science

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MOROTAI VOY NO (213)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MOROTAI VOY NO (213) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CMA CGM**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

**Toyota opens major training
centre for domestic, overseas
mechanics**

NAGOYA, 23 July — facility in Aichi Prefecture. Toyota Motor Corp on Monday held a ceremony to mark the completion of the Tajimi Service Centre in Gifu Prefecture for training mechanics in and out of Japan, increasing the automaker's capacity to handle trainees to 4,800 per year from the 2,600 handled at its existing training

The new centre sports a 1.3 kilometre circuit course that incorporates road features in Japan and some overseas countries. A four-story training building has a floor space of around 17,600 square metres built on 187,000 square metre premises.

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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	(21) 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 Convertor (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 23rd July, 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph: +95 67 - 411097/411206

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MV KOTA RAJIN VOY NO (801)**

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV MANDARIN DALIAN VOY NO (001)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MANDARIN DALIAN VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2013 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD**

Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

A Boeing 787 Dreamliner, on a Japan Airlines flight from Boston, lands at Narita airport near Tokyo without using landing flaps on the main wings on 22 July, 2013. The plane did not use the flaps after instruments indicated malfunctions.—KYODO NEWS

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**Car equipment
dealer Autobacs
to establish
Indonesian unit**

Tokyo, 23 July— Autobacs Seven Co, a major dealer in car components and equipment, said on Monday it will establish a wholesale arm in Indonesia in late September jointly with a unit of the Indomobil group, a leading automotive service conglomerate in the country.

PT Autobacs Indomobil Indonesia, owned 49 percent by Autobacs, will start exporting, importing and selling automotive components and equipment by the end of this year, according to the Japanese company, which has also established a presence in neighbouring countries such as Singapore and Thailand.

Kyodo News



ENTERTAINMENT



Paris Hilton says family is a very important part of her life.

Paris Hilton keen on becoming a mother

LOS ANGELES, 23 July—Socialite Paris Hilton says she would love to become a mother soon as family is very important part of her life.

The 32-year-old is dating model River Viiperi. “I would love one day to have a family. That’s such an important part of life. I’d love to be a mum,” *Hello* magazine quoted Hilton as saying.

As of now, she is busy taking care of her pets, reports *contactmusic.com*.

“For now, I have so many pets; I’m like a mother to all my animals,” Hilton said.—PTI

Penelope Cruz parties with baby bump

LOS ANGELES, 23 July—Heavily pregnant actress Penelope Cruz attended the Los Veranos de la Villa Music Festival with actor husband Javier Bardem.

The 39-year-old actress, who was thought to be due to give birth back in June, looked a little on the uncomfortable side as she mingled with her fellow festival goers in Madrid on 20 July, reports *dailymail.co.uk*.

The Academy Award winner was spotted in a very tight white top teamed up with a matching long white blazer and a pair of jeans creating a very chic pregnancy look.

Cruz, who has a two-year-old son, Leo, is expecting her second child any day now.

PTI



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Selena Gomez: Justin Bieber is the one



Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez have been in relationship for the past two years.

LOS ANGELES, 23 July —Singer-actress Selena Gomez is not ready to give up on her on-off relation with Justin Bieber as she considers him to be “the one”.

The 20-year-old has reportedly told her friends that she is not going to give up on their love yet, reported *Hollywood Life*.

“She’s very stubborn when it comes to Justin. She’s got this idea that he’s ‘The One’ for her and that they’ll live happily ever after. She’s not ready to let go, and who knows, she could be right,” a source said. Although the singer still loves Bieber, it hasn’t stopped her from flirting with other guys as she recently confessed to have a crush on Union J singer George Shelley.—PTI

Robert Pattinson smitten by Elvis Presley’s granddaughter?



Robert Pattinson recently ended an on-and-off relationship with Kristen Stewart.

LOS ANGELES, 23 July—Actor Robert Pattinson has reportedly hit it off with late singer Elvis Presley’s granddaughter, actress-model Riley Keough.

The two have been trying to keep their relationship under wraps. Pattinson, 27, who recently ended an on-and-off relationship with his *Twilight* co-star Kristen Stewart, is enjoying getting to know Keough.

“Rob and Riley are having a really great time together, even though it’s very early. There is an attraction to each other. They just get each other,” *femalefirst.co.uk* quoted a source as saying.

“Rob thinks Riley has a cool level head and is not impressed by stardom at all. Rob just loves that about her,” the source added.

The couple also enjoy spending time at Pattinson’s house and are involved in doing typical stuff.

“He loves that she’ll go into his kitchen for like 10 minutes and come back with a delicious plate of pasta. They just do typical stuff that has pretty much started all his relationships. They get into debates about politics, human rights, things they had read in the papers that morning,” said a source.

“She’s pretty good on the piano and he’ll often pull out his guitar and they’ll have a mini jam session, making up silly songs and funny limericks,” added the source.—PTI

Russell Brand dating his stylist?

LONDON, 23 July—Funnyman Russell Brand is reportedly dating his stylist for 10 years, Nicola Schuller.

Brand was pictured kissing Schuller at a cafe in Hollywood last week, reported *Sun Online*.

Mother-of-one, Schuller, who has been Brand’s make-up artist and hairdresser for almost 10 years, is a London fashion graduate.

“Nicola’s been Russell’s good friend for years and was his shoulder to cry

on through his divorce from Katy Perry, and splits from other women. She created the style he’s best known for — his spiky back-combed hair. He has a lot to thank her for,” said a source.

“But in the last few weeks things between them have got a lot more hot and heavy than just friends. The way they were kissing in public speaks for itself,” the source added.

PTI



Russell Brand was earlier married to singer Katy Perry.

SPORTS



Giroud, Walcott.

Giroud, Walcott score as Arsenal win for Arsene Wenger on Japanese return

TOYOTA, (Japan), 23 July—French striker Olivier Giroud plundered his sixth goal in three Asian tour games as Arsenal marked manager Arsene Wenger's return to his former club Nagoya Grampus with a 3-1 win on Monday.

Giroud sent the visitors on their way after just three minutes at a packed Toyota Stadium before Japanese midfielder Ryo Miyaichi got his debut Arsenal goal from the penalty spot.

England's Theo Walcott added a third after half-time before Kisho Yano gave Nagoya reason to cheer with a consolation strike 18 minutes from the end.

"Of course it was a special event with almost a full crowd," Wenger said afterwards. "I think especially in the first half we played with great fluency, created many chances and the game was very interesting."

"In the second half, we were capable of maintaining the pace but we lost a bit of cohesion. Above all it was a very interesting game."

Arsenal had scored 14 goals in their games against the Indonesian Dream Team and Vietnam and there was no let-up in front of a record 42,919 fans — many of them red-shirted — in Toyota.

"We didn't give up, we

tried until the end to score a second goal," said Nagoya coach Dragan Stojkovic, who played under Wenger at the Japanese club.

"It was a memorable day, a memorable game. Of course, they can go home very satisfied."

Arsenal, hoping to end an eight-year trophy drought this season, now travel to Saitama where they will play Japan's Urawa Reds on Friday.

Wenger had an 18-month stint as Nagoya manager before joining Arsenal in 1996 and embarking on a run which has yielded three Premier League titles and four FA Cup wins.—PTI

Micah Richards wants to stay at Manchester City

HONG KONG, 23 July—Versatile defender Micah Richards wants to remain at Manchester City — but warned that he must be playing regularly.

The 25-year-old, who can play at full-back or in a central position, has been linked with a move away

from the Etihad and he has only two years remaining on his contract.

"Last season was a bit of a nightmare with injuries. I picked up the ankle problem at the Olympics and came back from that and then tore my cartilage," Richards told the Man-

chester City website, after touching down in Hong Kong on Monday.

"The main thing is to be playing. I know there are a lot of games and I don't expect to play every game but the season we won the title me and Zaba (Pablo Zabaleta) rotated really well together so if we can do that this season I'll be happy."

There has been speculation Richards could be tempted to move abroad, with Inter Milan reportedly interested.

But he said: "Manchester City is my club and I've never considered playing anywhere else."

PTI



Kevin de Bruyne to miss rest of Chelsea tour

LONDON, 23 July—Chelsea midfielder Kevin de Bruyne was forced to leave the Premier League club's tour of Asia due to injury on Monday.

De Bruyne suffered knee and ankle injuries while scoring during the first half of Sunday's 4-1 win over a Malaysia XI in Kuala Lumpur.

The 21-year-old was taken off on a stretcher but was able to join his teammates on the bench for the final quarter of the match at the Shah Alam Stadium.

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho said initial assessments suggested the injury was not as bad as first feared.

But de Bruyne underwent further tests in Malay-



Kevin de Bruyne is stretchered off during Chelsea's match against the Malaysia XI in Kuala Lumpur.

sia on Monday and it was decided he would return to London, ruling him out of the final match of the Asia tour in Jakarta.

"Leaving to London tonight. Fully medical check up there. Feeling ok. Hopefully a good result after

the check up," de Bruyne tweeted.

Chelsea added on Twitter: "Kevin de Bruyne will return to London overnight for an MRI, after which we'll have a clearer picture of his injury."

PTI



Guus Hiddink

Guus Hiddink resigns as Anzhi manager, linked with Barcelona

MOSCOW, 23 July—Guus Hiddink has resigned as manager of Anzhi Makhachkala, the wealthy Russian club said in a statement on their website (www.fc-anji.ru) on Monday amid reports he was favourite to take over at Barcelona.

Hiddink, former Dutch national team coach, joined

Anzhi in 2012 and resigned after only two games of the current season following a defeat against Dynamo Moscow.

Barcelona are looking for a coach to replace Tito Vilanova who was forced to step down last week as he undergoes continuing treatment for throat cancer.

Reuters

Ronaldinho bids for rare continental double

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 July—Although his World Cup dream looks distant, Ronaldinho is only one match away from joining a select group of players who have won the European Champions League and the Libertadores Cup, its South American equivalent.

The gifted 33-year-old returned to Brazil in January 2011 after a slump in his European career with two objectives — to win a place in his country's 2014 World Cup team and claim the club titles missing from his trophy cabinet.

On Wednesday, his Atletico Mineiro team will try to overturn a 2-0 first-leg deficit in the second leg of the Libertadores Cup final at home to Olimpia of Paraguay in Belo Horizonte.

Having inspired Barcelona to the Champions League crown in 2006, Ronaldinho hopes to join Brazilians Dida, Cafu and Roque Junior and Argen-



Ronaldinho of Brazil's Atletico Mineiro tries to evade Eduardo Aranda (back) of Paraguay's Olimpia during their Copa Libertadores first leg final soccer match in Asuncion, on 17 July, 2013.—REUTERS

tines Carlos Tevez, Walter Samuel and Juan Pablo Sorin as champions on the two continents.

The match is Ronaldinho's best chance to ensure his return to Brazilian football is not seen as a failure after a string of disappointments.

Flamengo brought the twice FIFA World Player of the Year back hoping the deal would have advantages

on the field as well as marketing benefits off it, but the project sunk.

Ronaldinho spent a troubled 17 months at the Rio club, where he suffered a loss of form blamed on his party lifestyle.

In that time, Flamengo only won the minor Carioca (Rio) state championship and Ronaldinho left in May 2012 with the club owing him back wages.—Reuters

GENERAL

Indonesians stage protest outside Japanese embassy over power project

JAKARTA, 23 July—About 120 villagers from Central Java Province staged a protest in front of the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta on Monday over the planned construction of a \$4 billion coal-fired power plant by an Indonesia-Japan consortium. Braving heavy rain, the villagers from Batang Regency formed a line in front of the embassy, carrying banners that say “Reject the Batang Power Plant! Choose a Clean Environment!”



About 120 villagers from Central Java Province stage a protest in front of the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta on 22 July, 2013, over the planned construction of a \$4 billion coal-fired power plant by an Indonesia-Japan consortium. — KYODO NEWS

“We want to tell the Japanese government to take back their investment from the Batang power plant project,” Karnyoto, a 40-year-old fisherman from Roban Village, said. Five villagers met embassy representatives and handed over a letter addressed to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe asking the Japanese government to halt the project.

The Batang power plant project, designed to supply electricity to 13 million people in Central Java Province, has been promoted by a Japanese consortium formed by the Japanese government-linked Electric Power Development Co and Japanese trading house Itochu Corp. Some Batang residents oppose the project over concerns about the environmental impact, while others are seeking to raise the purchase price for the land. Construction of the 2,000-megawatt power plant, one of the biggest of its kind in Southeast Asia, was initially to have started last year, with commercial operation expected by 2016. — *Kyodo News*

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Five bodies found in fire-gutted homes, nearby homes in Yamaguchi Prefecture

YAMAGUCHI, (Japan), 23 July—Three bodies were found in two houses gutted by separate fires on Sunday night and two other bodies with bruises and cuts were found on Monday in nearby houses in a hamlet in Yamaguchi Prefecture, police said.

serial murders in a mountainous area in the city of Shunan and are trying to locate a 63-year-old man who was living next to one of the burned houses, suspecting he may know something about the cases.

with a blunt instrument in the head. The police suspect the two homes were torched right after the three were killed. At the gutted home of Makoto Sadamori, 71, and his wife Kiyoko, 72, two bodies were found and believed to belong to the couple, according to the police.

Police said they are investigating them as arson and

Autopsies showed that all the five people died instantly after they were beaten

Kyodo News

Martino, Luis Enrique a good fit for Barca — Puyol



Barcelona's coach Tito Vilanova

BARCELONA, 23 July — Gerardo Martino and Luis Enrique are both suitable candidates to succeed Tito Vilanova as Barcelona coach as their philosophies chime well with the team's playing style, captain Carles Puyol said on Monday.

Martino, 50, who recently led Newell's Old

Boys to the “Final” title in his native Argentina, and the 43-year-old Luis Enrique, a former Spain and Barca player who joined Celta Vigo last month, have emerged in local media as the front runners for the coveted post.

Vilanova, 44, was forced to step down at the La Liga champions last week as his treatment for throat cancer means he will be unable to perform his duties.

Puyol told a post-training news conference he was sure sporting director Andoni Zubizarreta and the club's board would hire a coach able to adapt to Barca's possession-based ethic.

“We know about his career, he is a very good coach,” the shaggy-haired centre back said of Martino.

“He likes Barcelona's playing style,” he said, adding that he remembered

Spain's quarter-final against Martino's Paraguay at the 2010 World Cup, which they edged 1-0, as “a very difficult, very hard game”.

On Luis Enrique, who may be a more controversial choice given that he also had a stint playing for Barca's arch rivals Real Madrid, Puyol said: “Everyone knows that I have a very good relationship with Luis.

“I think he has what it takes but that's the same for the other candidates who have been mentioned.”

“I don't know who will come ... we are ready to help whoever comes in any way we can.”

Barca need to move swiftly to appoint a successor as they launch their bid for a fifth La Liga title in six years in less than a month.

Dutchman Guus Hiddink, 66, is also reportedly in the running after he un-

MYANMAR TV

(24-7-2013, Wednesday)

6:00 am	4:25 pm
1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	17. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Chemistry)
6:20 am	4:45 pm
2. To Be Healthy Exercise	18. Documentary
6:35 am	5:00 pm
3. Song & Dance of National Races	19. News
6:50 am	5:15 pm
4. Documentary	20. Road to 27th SEA Games (Yatching)
7:00 am	6:00 pm
5. News/Weather Report	21. News/Weather Report
7:20 am	6:20 pm
6. Pyi Thu Ni Ti	22. Shwe Yin Khone Than
8:00 am	7:00 pm
7. News/ International News	23. News
8:25 am	7:25 pm
8. Sing A Song	24. Kya Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than
9:00 am	7:45 pm
9. News/ International News	25. Pianist Kun Zaw Music Troupe
9:20 am	8:00 pm
10. Mono Classical Songs	26. News/International News/Weather Report
10:00 am	8:35 pm
11. News	27. People Talk
10:15 am	8:45 pm
12. TV Drama Series	28. Documentary
11:15 am	9:00 pm
13. Bakery World	29. News
12:00 am	30. My Mind Game My SEA Games
14. News/ International News/ Weather Report	31. Nostalgia to Myanmar Cultural Arts
12:25 pm	
15. Myanmar Movies	
3:15 pm	
16. India Drama Series	

MYANMAR INTERNATIONAL

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- * Food Trip (Episode-8) (Part-2)
- * World News
- * Myanmar Movie Review “Red Flower”
- * Local News
- * The Legend Of An ambulatory Surgeon (Episode-1) (Part-1)
- * World News
- * Lannakha Waterfall
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Social And Charitable Association (Episode-3) (Part-I)
- * World News
- * Myanmar Traditional Art Bronze Casting
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Puppet
- * 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) (Part-II)
- * World News
- * Taste Of Myanmar (Milk Noodle)
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Social And Charitable Association (Episode-3) (Part-II)
- * World News
- * Modifying Natural Thanakha Bark into Ready-Made Skin Care Product
- * Local News
- * How to Extract Timber Using Elephants
- * World News
- * Myanmar Traditional String Puppetry



Coach Gerardo Martino

player.

Luis Enrique's chances, meanwhile, may also be hampered by the fact he only recently agreed to join Celta as well as memories of an unsuccessful stint at Serie A side AS Roma during the 2011-12 campaign.

Puyol was also asked about his recovery from injury after he was forced to miss most of last season due to various ailments.

“I am getting better,” the 35-year-old said.

“I would like to get back to training with my team mates again but I cannot just yet.”

“I am not setting a date to return. I just want to get fit. It has been a very tough year with three operations and what I don't want to do now is rush things.”

“It's about getting properly fit and when I return I want to be at 100 percent.” Barca have said they want to sign another centre back before the transfer



Barcelona's captain Carles Puyol

expectedly quit as manager of Russian club Anzhi Makhachkala on Monday.

One reason Martino is seen as a likely candidate is that he is from the city of Rosario where Barca's World Player of the Year Lionel Messi was born.

Messi started out in the youth ranks at Newell's where Martino was also a

Burma Company Act-1914 to be amended



Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win answering queries.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July— At today's session of Pyithu Hluttaw, ten queries were answered,



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Maung Maung Soe raising queries.—MNA

two bills submitted and one approval made on being able to hold a workshop on Chin State's regional



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Win Sein questioning.

MNA

development. Regarding the query of U Kyi Myint from Latha Constituency whether



Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Sai Ngaung Seng Hein raising questions.—MNA

there is any plan to amend the provisions of Burma Company Act-1914, Deputy Minister U

Hset Aung of the National Planning and Economic Development Ministry replied that re-drawing the law was better than amending it for the sake of meeting international standard, convenience for businessmen in doing business and in applying company registration cards through online in the near future. Therefore, measures have been taken to re-draw the Burma Company Act-1914 with assistance of Asian Development Bank since it has taken about 100 years and it is not in conformity with the

current situation.

Next, the Hluttaw approved signing of an agreement on cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam parliaments.

Thanks to the agreement, mutual ties between the two governments and parliaments as well as peoples could be further cemented.

The 13th day session of the seventh regular meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw came to an end in the afternoon, and the 14th day session continues tomorrow.

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More surprise checks against car smuggling will be conducted at all possible routes

NAY PYI TAW, 23 July—Amyotha Hluttaw approved an agreement on cooperation between the two parliaments of Myanmar and Vietnam at its 13th-day seventh regular session of First Amyotha Hluttaw today.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan responded to the question raised by U Toe Win of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (12) that the ministry was convinced of smuggling unlicensed vehicles into the country via 40 routes and places

where security is weak in states and region and authorities concerned were interrupting illegal entry of unlicensed vehicles daily. Actions had been taken against smugglers and more surprise checks would be conducted at all possible routes.

Regarding the answer, U Toe Win said in an interview with him that he was not satisfied that the deputy minister did not tell what actions are being taken against those in service organizations at border checkpoints.



Deputy Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint Hsan answering question.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Toe Win of Taninthayi Region Constituency No (12) asking questions.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Than Myint from Taninthayi Region Constituency No. (10) questioning.—MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Aung Nyein from Magway Region Constituency No. (2) questioning.

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Next, the Speaker informed the lawmakers that Pyithu Hluttaw sent back the Amyotha Hluttaw-approved bill amending the National

Food Law to the Amyotha Hluttaw with amendments. Next, Amyotha Hluttaw carried out approving a bill and a proposal.

Today's session came to an end in the afternoon and the 14th day session continues tomorrow.

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World awaits first glimpse of Britain's new prince

LONDON, 23 July— The world was awaiting the first glimpse of Britain's new prince on Tuesday with camera crews poised to photograph Prince William and his wife, Kate, leaving a London hospital with their baby son. Kate, 31, gave birth to the couple's first child, who is third in line to the British throne, on Monday afternoon, ending weeks of feverish anticipation about the arrival and surprising royal watchers, who were widely expecting a girl.

The baby's name will be announced later but George and James, both traditional royal names, were favoured choices with British bookmakers for the child, who could one day be king. The popular couple sidestepped tradition by announcing the birth via



A town crier announces the birth of a son to Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge and Prince William, outside the Lindo wing of Queen Mary's Hospital in central London, on 22 July, 2013.—REUTERS

a Press release but were expected to adhere to protocol by giving the public the first sight of the royal baby on the steps as they leave St Mary's Hospital in west London. "All we will probably see is a glimpse

of the top of the baby's head but they will stick to this tradition," said Joe Little, managing editor of *Majesty* magazine. "After that we won't see them for some time.

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Ambassador Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn presents Credentials to President of the Republic of Peru

NAY PYI TAW, 24 July—Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Linn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the

Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Peru, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Ollanta

Moises Humala Tasso, President of the Republic of Peru, on 12 July 2013 in Lima.

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Public Announcement

1. A fault happened to SEA-ME-WE 3, underwater fiber cable link of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, connecting with international cable links at about 5 pm on 22 July 2013.
2. In order not to occur connection failures in Internet and incoming and outgoing trunk calls services provided the link, inland cross-border links are in operation.
3. The fault is thought to have been spotted 13 kilometer off the sea while conducting a search for it along the SEA-ME-WE 3 to Pyapon, Kyonkadon and Kalahtaik seashore.
4. Works are being carried out to repair the fault as quick as possible in coordination with Singapore-based underwater cable repair and maintenance team. It is expected to take about one month to complete the repair work. Public are informed of the Internet connection delay while repair works are in progress.

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications