

President U Thein Sein felicitates Maldivian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives which falls on 26th July 2013, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Dr Mohamed Waheed, President of the Republic of Maldives.—MNA

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3rd Waning of Waso, 1375 ME
(25th July, 2013)

Union Ministers reshuffled

Under the Section 232 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 12 of the Union Government Law, the following Union Ministers have been reshuffled to the ministries shown against each.

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| (1) | U Zeya Aung | Ministry of Energy |
| (2) | U Maung Myint | Ministry of Industry |
| (3) | U Aye Myint | Ministry of Labour,
Employment and Social
Security |
| (4) | U Than Htay | Ministry of Rail
Transportation |

Sd/ Thein Sein
President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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(25th July, 2013)

Appointment of deputy minister

Under the Section 234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 17 of the Union Government Law, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) has been appointed as the deputy minister of the Ministry of Border Affairs.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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3rd Waning of Waso, 1375 ME
(25th July, 2013)

Appointment of deputy minister

Under the Sub-sections (a) and (d) of the Section-234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Para (9), Sub-section (b) of the Section 16 of the Union Government Law, Rector Dr San Lwin of Institute of Economics (Yangon) has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Education.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Vice-President visits 200-bed People's Hospital, universities in Monywa

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham fulfilled the requirements of the 200-bed hospital and universities in Monywa during his tour of inspection today.

At the meeting with responsible personnel of the 200-bed People's Hospital, the vice-president has called on them not only to provide treatment to patients in towns but also to carry out health care services including treatment and prevention against disease in rural areas as the rural population makes up over 70 per cent of the country's total population.

He also urged the employees of the Ministry of Health to step up the surveillance, prevention and educative measures in the areas where they are posted in attempts to fight the preventable diseases

such as hypertension, diabetes and heart disease and infectious diseases while the government is giving priority both materials and human resource development as part of efforts for promoting the health standard of the people in urban and suburban areas.

At the meeting, donors contributed cash to the fund for construction of the 300-bed hospital in Monywa through Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye, Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint and regional ministers and the medical superintendent of the hospital.

During his tour of inspection, the vice-president attended a ceremony to launch a CT machine equipped at the hospital at the cost of about K400 million.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham inspects 200-bed hospital in Monywa.—MNA

Myanmar, Japan hold workshop on road technology

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Public Works under the Ministry of Construction and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism (MLIT) of Japan jointly organized a Workshop on Road Technology between

Myanmar and Japan at the meeting hall of the ministry on 23 July, with an address by Union Minister U Kyaw Lwin.

After extending greetings by Mr. Yuichi Ishikawa of MLIT, Managing Director U

Kyaw Lin of Public Works clarified road conditions, roads and bridges construction systems of Myanmar. Next, officials of MLIT explained road and bridge conditions of Japan, data for modern roads and bridges, maintenance

systems, construction systems which should use in Myanmar and construction of underground tunnels.

It was attended by Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint, departmental heads, officials from Yangon/Mandalay/Nay Pyi Taw Development Committees and MLIT of Japan.—MNA

Low pressure formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—According to the observation at 15:30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed

over Northwest Bay of Bengal, announced by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

MNA

Crime

Heroin hidden in umbrella seized in Tanai

MYITKYINA, 25 July — A tip-off led the police to the arrest of a heroin smuggler in Tanai Township of Myitkyina District at about 6.15 pm on 23 July. Police said they had received a tip-off and

intercepted vehicles to search for narcotic drugs at a tollgate at the entrance to Tanai. They discovered K 350,000 worth of five grams of heroin hidden in an umbrella from Kyaw Sein Win who put his foot on it while conducting a search

of a passenger van heading from Myitkyina to Tanai at about 6.15 pm on that day. Tanai Myoma police station charged the suspect over possession of heroin. *Kyemon-Moe Kya (Myitkyina)*

Three suspects taken into police custody in connection with fashion shop burglary



YANGON, 25 July — A total of more than K 72.9 million worth of various kinds of clothing and others were stolen in a burglary at a fashion shop on Inya Road in ward-10 of Kamayut Township, on 21 July. Police said they were informed of the theft of clothing from the shop by the shop owner who reported that he found different kinds of

menswear and ladies' wear, shoes and slippers, hats and belts and one mobile phone worth more than K 72.9 million stolen shortly after he noticed the door locks were damaged. Police made a quick response to the case, conducting a search for suspects and questioned Wailu (a) Ne Win, 47, of Thakayta Township,

Raja (a) Aye Lwin, 24, of Thakayta Township and Sein Theik (a) Babu, 31, of Dala Township in connection with the case. Following their statements saying that Kywat Hmyee (a) Kyaw Myint, Pal Phaw and Kyargyi (a) Myo Htay Maung hired a light truck from Wailu (a) Ne Win on 20 July and they arrived back with things they had stolen at about 5 am on 21 July and asked them to handle the stolen goods, police seized the stolen items and tools used in breaking the shop from them. Now, police are in pursuit of Kywat Hmyee (a) Kyaw Myint, Pe Phaw and Kyargyi (a) Myo Htay Maung who are suspected of committing burglary at the fashion shop on Inya Road and still at large. *Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)*

Business

Hoping for influx of foreign investors stokes up Yangon's property rental market boom



YANGON, 25 July — Yangon's rental market of flats and plots is booming and demand for apartment rental has risen sharply. According to property brokers, the rental market is more lively than previous years and the rental market boom thereby is driving up the rent for property in the commercial city of Yangon. "The rent of an apartment in Yankin has increased from K 100,000

to K 120,000 this year. House-hunting adventure is more difficult and it is rare to get even a flat on a tenancy", said a property agent. It is learnt that unavailability of places to rent and skyrocketing rents in the rental market are attributed to increasing numbers of settlers in Yangon year after year and Yangonites moving into the business districts to avoid traffic snarl-ups.

Based on rental market sources, even wealthy businessmen are entering the property market as the high jump in rents could result in bonanza for them. Real estate developers and property brokers commented that hoping to influx of investors following the emergence of new foreign investment law has stoked up rental market boom. *Kyemon-Kyi (Yankin)*

Speedster charged over dangerous driving in Lashio

LASHIO, 25 July — An accident which was attributed to excessive speed occurred at about 3 pm on 23 July on Hsenwi road in

ward-8 in Lashio. A light truck with Zaw Nan, 27, of Kutkai Township at the wheel swerved off the road and ended up hitting a three-roomed shop on the right side of the road as it veered out of control

before arriving Theikpan road corner. Due to the impact of the crash, two rooms of the shop were destroyed. The driver was charged with dangerous driving. —*Kyemon-Zaw Lwin (Lashio)*

Rural region development undertakings in Ayeyawady Region



NAY PYI TAW, 25 July — Rural Region Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs financed construction of two village-to-village concrete roads in Maubin Township of Ayeyawady Region during

2012-2013 fiscal year. The two roads— five miles long Aingwaing-Theikkon concrete road and 2.2 miles long Khanaunghtaw-Kyaungywa concrete road— had been put into service, thereby contributing towards better transport and

socio-economic development of 34 villages in the region. Thanks to the two concrete roads, local people who used to rely on waterway use motorized boats to reach Maubin, spending over three hours

Nation-building endeavour

on their trip and are able to transport from their villages to Maubin by road at any time. Moreover, inter-village bridges were commissioned into service in Pantanaw Township for enabling local people in O-bo and Pathwal village-tracts to be able to reach towns and cities like Pathein, Einme and Yangon within a short period of time. So far 11.6 miles of tarred road, 13 miles of gravel road, 25 miles of earth road, 1270 feet of wooden bridge and 365 feet of culvert have been built in Ayeyawady Region by the department with the use of the funds allotted by the ministry as a drive for rural region development tasks. *Kyemon-Ministry of Border Affairs*

Photo News



Photo shows houses at Aung Chantha ghetto in Yakhine Yoegy village-tract in Htantabin Township in Yangon Region where 400 houses were inundated due to torrential rains and flood waters on 24 July. **KYEMON-SHWE HTOO**

Sense of duty makes a person strong and tall.

WORLD

Obama seeks second-term jolt with economic speech



US President Barack Obama speaks about the economy during a visit to Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois on 24 July, 2013.—REUTERS

GALESBURG, (Illinois), 25 July — US President Barack Obama sought to inject momentum into his economic and domestic policy agenda on Wednesday with a speech designed to clarify his vision for his second term and hammer Republicans in the House of Representatives for getting in his way.

Obama defended his government's record managing the economy through the recession in his first

term and said new spending on infrastructure and education were needed now to grow the middle class, which he argued would boost the nation's economy. "As Washington prepares to enter another budget debate, the stakes for our middle class could not be higher," Obama said.

His speech was immediately criticized by Republicans for being long on soaring rhetoric, but short on details. "Americans

aren't asking the question 'where are the speeches?' They're asking 'where are the jobs?'" said John Boehner, the speaker of the House of Representatives. In coming weeks, Obama said he would give more details of plans to bring back manufacturers that have left America for countries with cheaper costs and to create jobs by investing in bridges, roads and ports.

He also said he wants to give new tax breaks to people trying to save for retirement. Obama promised an "aggressive" strategy to overhaul education, lower costs and help students gain more relevant skills. That pledge drew sustained applause from supporters in a gymnasium at Knox College in Galesburg. The Illinois town left a lasting impression on Obama who visited when he was first elected as a senator, a time when Galesburg was struggling after it lost its factories.—Reuters

Japan welcomes nomination of Kennedy as new envoy to Tokyo

TOKYO, 25 July — The Japanese government welcomes the nomination of Caroline Kennedy as the new Ambassador to Japan, and hopes the appointment will bolster its long-standing alliance with Washington, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said on Thursday.

"We understand that President (Barack) Obama has a great deal of trust in Ms Kennedy, and we believe that the nomination is a reflection of his administration's stance to place priority on the Japan-US alliance," Suga told a regular

Press conference. Kennedy, the daughter of late US President John F Kennedy, is set to become the first woman to take the high-profile post this fall after the Senate confirms the nomination. Japan's Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the government "will work closely and cooperate with Ms Kennedy to strengthen the bilateral alliance between Japan and the United States." The current US ambassador to Japan John Roos, a former corporate attorney, assumed the post in August 2009.

Kyodo News



File photo shows Caroline Kennedy, the daughter of the late US President John F Kennedy, holding a book signing in Kansas City, Missouri, on 2 April, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

Six killed as suicide bombers storm intelligence agency in S Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 July — At least six people were killed and over 35 others were injured when some unknown militants attacked Pakistan's Inter services Intelligence (ISI) in the country's southern District of Sukkur on Wednesday evening, local media and police said. Masood Bangash, the deputy superintendent of police said that a suicide bomber rammed his explosive laden vehicle into the ISI building complex, constituting of a number of

government offices in Sukkur, a main district in the country's southern Sindh Province.

The blast left a few feet long and deep crater outside the ISI complex. Followed by the vehicle blast, four suicide bombers sneaked into the building, three of them blew themselves up during the exchange of firing with the police while the fourth one was arrested by law enforcement agencies. Eyewitnesses said that the militants first hurled hand gre-

nades at the ISI complex, causing a few blasts, later some of them sprayed bullets at the building and one attacker hit his vehicle into the Intelligence Agency's building.

Following the blast, police conducted a door-to-door search operation in the nearby area as some police officials expressed fear that some militants might be hiding in the area where other government offices including Commissioner House and Rangers' headquarters are located.

The ISI building was partially collapsed in the blast while roofs of several nearby building also razed to ground due to the high intensity of the blast. Several government and private vehicles were also destroyed.

The injured people including ISI employees have been shifted to a nearby hospital where several of them were in a critical condition.—Xinhua



A man helps an injured man at the blast site in southern Pakistan's Sukkur on 24 July, 2013.—XINHUA

Snowden remains at Moscow Airport, exit date pending

MOSCOW, 25 July — Speculation that fugitive US intelligence whistleblower Edward Snowden had been granted approval to leave Sheremetyevo Airport's transit zone was quashed by his lawyer on Wednesday. Anatoly Kucherena told reporters after meeting Snowden in the Terminal E of the airport that the Federal Migration Service (FMS) had not yet granted the necessary certificate. "The issue is not resolved ... This situation is unique for Russia," he said, adding that "Snowden has expressed his understanding of this." The Public Chamber member said Snowden would not contact media representatives in the near future for security reasons. "Of course, he

intends to meet the press when the question of his status is finally clarified," he said, adding Russia was still Snowden's ultimate destination. Meanwhile, Kucherena did not rule out the possibility Snowden could receive approval for free movement in Russia "any time."

The most important thing for Snowden was to wait for the FMS's final decision, and he could appeal if the service rejected the application, he said. The former CIA contractor had been learning Russian, and could utter simple phrases during their talks, the lawyer said, adding Snowden wanted to find a job here. Kucherena said he had given Snowden some clothes and several Russian books,

including the Fyodor Dostoevsky classic novel, Crime and Punishment. He also told Snowden a number of Russian girls had a crush on him. The latter responded with laughter.

The lawyer said his next meeting with Snowden would depend on "when he

asks me to come." Eugeny Varshavsky, a former head of the FMS Department for Legal Support, told Xinhua that Snowden was eligible to request a political asylum, and the delay of the certificate did not necessarily mean that his application had been rejected.—Xinhua



Lawyer Anatoly Kucherena (C) speaks to the media after meeting with fugitive US intelligence whistleblower Edward Snowden at the Sheremetyevo Airport in Moscow, Russia, on 24 July, 2013.—XINHUA

S Korea, DPRK start 6th talks on reopening Kaesong complex

SEOUL, 25 July — South Korea and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) started the sixth round of working-level talks on Thursday on reopening a joint industrial park in DPRK's border town of Kaesong that has been suspended for more than three months. Three-

member delegations from both sides began the talks at 10 am local time as scheduled in Kaesong, just north of the heavily armed border.

Earlier this month, Seoul and Pyongyang agreed in principle to normalize operations of the joint industrial zone, but they have been at odds over

how to reopen the complex in the follow-up talks amid differences that blocked the normalization. Seoul has called on Pyongyang to take responsibility for its unilateral shutdown of the industrial park in April and provide a clear assurance to prevent recurrence of such an incident. The success

of the ongoing talks will depend on whether Pyongyang accepts such proposal.

In the latest round of negotiations, the DPRK showed positive stance on Seoul's another proposal to develop the Kaesong industrial complex into an international factory park.

Xinhua

Rosalind Franklin's 93rd birthday marked by Google doodle

NEW YORK, 25 July—Rosalind Franklin, best known for her work on the X-ray diffraction images of DNA which led to the discovery of the DNA double helix, is the subject of Thursday's Google doodle on the occasion of her 93rd birthday.

Franklin was born in Notting Hill, London on 25th July 1920. Her father was Ellis Arthur Franklin, a London merchant banker, and her mother was Muriel Frances Waley. Rosalind was the second child of the family of five children. From early childhood, Franklin showed exceptional scholastic abilities and it was no surprise when she went up to Newnham College, Cambridge, in 1938 and studied chemistry within the Natu-

ral Sciences Tripos. After finishing her education, she met the requirements of the National Service Act by working as an Assistant Research Officer at the British Coal Utilisation Research Association (BCURA). Her work with BCURA became the basis of her thesis The physical chemistry of solid organic colloids with special reference to coal for which Cambridge University awarded her a Ph.D. in 1945.

However, Franklin is best known for her work on the X-ray diffraction images of DNA which led to the discovery of the DNA double helix. Her data was the one actually used by to formulate Crick and Watson's 1953 hypothesis regarding the structure of DNA. Unpublished drafts of her papers

— written just as she was arranging to leave King's College London — show that Franklin had independently determined the overall B-form of the DNA helix and the location of the phosphate groups on the outside of the structure. Franklin's images of X-ray diffraction confirming the helical structure of DNA were shared with Watson without her approval or knowledge. However, her work was published third, in the series of three DNA Nature articles, led by the paper of Watson and Crick which only hinted at her contribution to their hypothesis.

After her work on DNA, Franklin led pioneering work on the tobacco mosaic virus and the polio virus. She died in 1958 at the age of 37 of ovarian cancer.—PTI



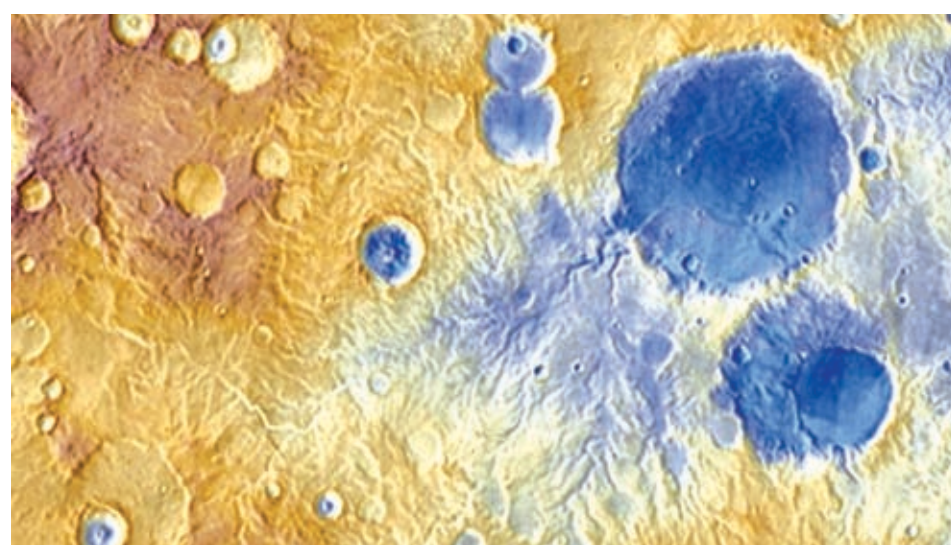
Ancient snowfall likely carves valleys on Mars

WASHINGTON, 25 July—Some valleys on the Martian surface appear to have been caused by ancient runoff from melting snow, US researchers said on Wednesday.

While the Martian valley networks provide strong evidence that water once flowed on the Red Planet, the source of that ancient water is still debated by scientists. Some of them thought it bubbled up from underground, while others claimed it fell as rain or snow.

Researchers at Brown University believed that some of the water-carved valleys were created by runoff from a geological phenomenon known as orographic precipitation—snow or rain that falls when moist prevailing winds are pushed upward by mountain ridges.

The researchers reported in a paper to be published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters* that they identified four Martian locations where valley networks were found along tall mountain ridges



or raised crater rims.

They then create a theoretical model to assess the direction of the prevailing winds at each location. The model simulates air movement based on the gas composition scientists think was present in the early Mars atmosphere.

Next, the team used a model of orographic precipitation to determine where precipitation would be likely to fall in each of the study areas.

Their simulations showed that precipitation would have been heaviest

at the heads of the densest valley networks.

"Their drainage density varies in the way you would expect from the complex response of precipitation to topography," said Kat Scanlon, a geological sciences graduate student at Brown University who led the study. "We were able to confirm that in a pretty solid way."

According to the researchers, the atmospheric parameters used in the study are based on models that predict a cold climate, so the precipitation

modeled was snow. But this snow could have been melted by episodic warming conditions to form the valley networks, and indeed some precipitation could have been rain during this period, they said.

"The next step is to do some snowmelt modeling," Scanlon said. "The question is how fast can you melt a giant snow bank. Do you need rain? Is it even possible to get enough discharge to carve the valleys with just the snowmelt?"

Xinhua

S African Internet users hit 14 mln



JOHANNESBURG, 25 July—The internet usage has significantly grown in South Africa this year, already involving 14 million people, a survey said on Wednesday.

"The number of people with access to the web is higher than thought," said the Digital Media and Marketing Association (DMMA) and Echo Consultancy in its latest survey report. The internet users were approximately 6.8 million in South Africa in 2010, jumping to 8.5 million in 2011.

Internet users in South Africa increased by 2 million in the past year, said the report.

The users include 39 percent of adults and the rest are mainly teenagers.

South Africa is the biggest economy in the continent, with a population of more than 52 million.

The survey said us-

ers are normally accessing the internet via their mobile phones or through their desk computers or laptops.

It is believed that the main drivers of the internet users growth are the decline of the cost of the mobile data and the growth of smartphones and other advanced mobile devices.

People could have more and more carriers to access the internet, the report said. With the use of the advanced technology and the fall of the data price, the internet demand would be further expanded.

The report was convinced that the growth of the internet usage would

Apple wobbles in China as rivals offer more, for less

SAN FRANCISCO/HONG KONG, 25 July—A sharp drop in Apple Inc's China revenue in April-June underscores the challenges it faces in its second-largest market as the technology gap with cheaper local rivals narrows and as Samsung Electronics keeps up a steady stream of new models across all price ranges.

While investors marked up Apple shares as the company sold more of its iPhones than expected, the stock rally may prove short-lived as demand for its products fades in China. Analysts predict Apple will lose market share in the world's leading smartphone sector.

"There's some cannibalization of Apple's market share from competitive mid-tier models that cost

promote the social and economic development, such as making cash payments and providing information on health, weather and jobs.

The World Bank figures indicated that every 10 percent rise in the mobile penetration would possibly mean a corresponding 0.8 percent increase in the country's gross domestic production.

The report suggested that there is a great potential for the rural areas to increase the internet users in South Africa. "The government could take the lead in pushing broadband into rural areas where there is often a chronic lack of access," said the report.—Xinhua

a lot less and perform as well, from vendors such as Xiaomi and Vivo," said Huang Leping, an analyst at Nomura in Hong Kong, referring to rival Chinese models.

Salespeople at several electronics shops in Hong Kong said South Korea's Samsung was a bigger hit with consumers as it offers more products. Some display counters didn't carry any Apple devices.

"Samsung products have enjoyed greater sales than Apple as many mainland (Chinese) tourists tend to buy Samsung due to a greater variety of models with a wider price range," said a saleswoman at a Hong Kong computer centre. "That's why we stock more Samsung products."

Reuters



A woman walks past a logo of Apple Inc in Wuhan, Hubei Province on 24 July, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH



China to suspend VAT for small businesses

BEIJING, 25 July— China will suspend the value-added tax (VAT) and turnover tax for small businesses with monthly sales of less than 20,000 yuan (3,226 US dollars) starting from 1 August.

The announcement was made in a statement released Wednesday after an executive meeting of the State Council presided over by Premier Li Keqiang.

The move will benefit more than six million small companies and boost the employment and income for tens of millions of people, the statement said.

VAT refers to a tax levied on the difference between a commodity's price before taxes and its cost of

production. Turnover tax refers to a levy on a business's gross revenues.

The State Council also discussed measures to facilitate foreign trade and stabilize exports, such as simplifying customs clearance procedures, cutting operational fees, increasing financial support for profitable companies, facilitating the exports of small and mid-sized private enterprises, increasing imports and maintaining a stable yuan exchange rate.

China's economic growth slowed to 7.5 percent in the second quarter of 2013, down from 7.7 percent during the first quarter. Officials attending Wednesday's executive

meeting, however, said the economy is still running within a suitable range.

They agreed that more efforts should be made to create a fair, open and convenient market environment, motivate market players and enhance construction in weak areas of the economy, so as to ensure that the economy can develop in a sustainable and healthy way, the statement said.

The statement also said the government will fully open up its railway construction market through reforms and give priority to railway construction in central and west China, as well as poor regions.

Xinhua

US government extends review of Shuanghui, Smithfield merger

WASHINGTON, 25 July— Smithfield Foods Inc said on Wednesday that the US government decided to conduct a second-phase review of its proposed merger deal with China's largest meat producer Shuanghui.

The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), an inter-agency committee within the US Department of Treasury, began to take an additional 45-day examination of the deal, which would be the biggest Chinese takeover of an American company, Smithfield

said in a statement.

CFIUS is in charge of scrutinizing deals involving foreign companies for potential national security concerns. It can conduct a subsequent investigation after a standard 30-day review. After the two phases, CFIUS will submit a confidential report to US President Barack Obama.

"Smithfield and Shuanghui International continue to expect the transaction to close in the second half of 2013," said the Virginia-based company.

Smithfield and Shuan-

ghui International remain committed to working cooperatively with CFIUS throughout the process, it said, adding that they do not intend to comment further on the confidential CFIUS process.

In late May, Shuanghui agreed to acquire Smithfield, the world's largest pork producer and processor, for about 4.7 billion US dollars. The Smithfield stock has risen 83 percent in the past 12 months and closed at 33.30 dollars per share Tuesday.

Xinhua

Seven nuts make you smarter



1. Peanut
2. Walnut
3. Cashew nut
4. Pecans
5. Pistachio nuts
6. Almond
7. Hazelnut

Smoking in pregnancy tied to kids' conduct problems

NEW YORK, 25 July— Children of women who smoked cigarettes during pregnancy are more likely to have behavioural problems than those whose mothers didn't light up, says a new analysis.

"The evidence is emerging that smoking in pregnancy and the frequency of smoking in pregnancy is correlated with developmental outcomes after (children) are born," said Gordon Harold, the study's senior author from the University of Leicester in the UK.

Previous research has tied smoking cigarettes during pregnancy to behaviour problems among children later on, but those studies couldn't rule out the influence of other factors, such as genetics or parenting techniques, researchers said.

For example, Harold and his colleagues write in *JAMA Psychiatry* that mothers who smoke during pregnancy are more likely to have parenting styles that condone acting out.

For the new analysis, the researchers pulled together data from three studies from New Zealand, the UK and the US that asked women whether or not they smoked cigarettes during pregnancy. Parents and teachers then reported on children's conduct problems—such as getting in fights or having difficulty paying attention—between age four and 10.

The analysis also compared children who were raised by adoptive mothers to children who were raised by their biological mothers in an effort to tease out the influence of genetics and parenting styles on any link between prenatal smoking and behaviour.

The researchers compared children's behaviour scores to an average of 100, where higher scores indicate more conduct problems.

In studies that looked at women who raised their own biological children, those who didn't smoke during pregnancy had kids who scored about a 99, on aver-



Workers roll cigarettes in a factory in Sidoarjo, East Java Province on 2 Feb, 2009.—REUTERS

age, compared to a score of 104 among children whose mothers smoked 10 or more cigarettes per day.

That difference, according to Harold, would be noticeable in daily life.

Similar results were observed for children who were raised by adoptive mothers when researchers surveyed their birth mothers about smoking.

While the new study cannot prove smoking in pregnancy caused the behavior problems, Harold told *Reuters Health* it helps rule out some other poten-

tial explanations.

"It's illuminating the prenatal period as having an ongoing influence on outcomes," Harold said.

"We're not saying life after birth is no longer relevant... Rather, both influences are clearly important," he said.

Harold said there are a few explanations for why smoking may influence later conduct, including that babies of mothers who smoke may be born smaller or have impaired brain development.

Reuters

Korea's GDP growth accelerates to 1.1 pct in Q2

SEOUL, 25 July —South Korea's gross domestic product (GDP) growth accelerated to 1.1 percent in the second quarter from the prior quarter as a turnaround in private consumption relieved a weak facility investment, central bank data showed Thursday.

Real GDP, the broadest measure of economic performance, expanded 1.1 percent in the second quarter from three months earlier after gaining 0.8 percent in the previous quarter, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

The reading was the highest since 1.3 percent tallied in the first quarter of

2011, beating market consensus of 0.8 percent. The economy eventually escaped from the eighth straight quarter of zero-percent growth.

From a year earlier, the real GDP increased 2.3 percent in the second quarter, up from a 1.5 percent expansion in the prior quarter.

Private consumption, a major growth engine of the economy, rose 0.6 percent in the second quarter from three months earlier, turning around from a 0.4 percent fall in the previous quarter. That led the economy to grow at a rate of more than 1 percent during the quarter.

Xinhua

ChiNext Index gains 0.19 pct at opening

BEIJING, 25 July— The ChiNext Index, tracking China's Nasdaq-style board of growth enterprises, opened at 1,205.62 points on Thursday, up 2.32 points, or 0.19 percent from the previous close.

The index, together with the Shenzhen Component Index and the Shenzhen SME (small and

medium-sized enterprises) Board Index, makes up the three core indices reflecting the performance of China's stocks listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

The ChiNext Board, which started trading on 30 Oct, 2009, mainly lists hi-tech companies and those with high growth potential.—Xinhua

WORLD

Japan vows 800 mil yen in grant aid to Palestine



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (L) holds talks with President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority in Ramallah on 24 July, 2013. During the talks, Kishida pledged that Japan will provide 800 million yen in grant aid to the Palestinian Authority to help infrastructure development in the Palestinian territories. —KYODO NEWS

JERUSALEM, 25 July—Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida pledged on Wednesday that Japan will provide 800 million yen in grant aid to the Palestinian Authority to help infrastructure development in the Palestinian territories, a Japanese official said. In a meeting with President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority on Wednesday evening in Ramallah, Kishida also called on the Palestinian Authority to refrain from unilateral

action so that stalled peace talks between Israel and Palestine can resume, the official said.

Kishida suggested the Palestinian Authority should halt its attempt to seek statehood by applying for membership of international organizations, according to the official. The Israelis and Palestinians reached a basic deal last week to revive the stalled peace process. The Japanese minister was quoted as telling Abbas that mo-

mentum toward a restart of peace talks stalled since fall 2010 has been increasing.

Abbas said he is positive about resuming the negotiations and that Palestine will make serious efforts toward peace once the talks are restarted. Earlier Wednesday, Kishida met with Israeli President Shimon Peres and agreed on the need to resume the peace talks, the official said. Kishida told Peres during their meeting in Israel that Japan is ready to support the peace process and hopes for a frank dialogue. The minister also asked Israel to stop its Jewish settlement activities in occupied territory.

Peres struck a positive note on the prospect for Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, saying the two sides should not miss out on the opportunity to start talking again, according to the official. Japan is hoping to use its good ties with both Israel and Palestine to urge them to restart dialogue as soon as possible and help the United States push forward the Middle East peace process. Kishida also held talks with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Kyodo News

South Africa wants Zimbabwe vote to reflect people's will: Motlanthe

PRETORIA, 25 July — With a big vested interest in the stability of Zimbabwe, South Africa is keen that next week's election in its northern neighbour should fairly reflect the people's wishes, Deputy President Kgalema Motlanthe said on Wednesday. Hundreds of thousands of refugees fled into South Africa after violence in the last election, in 2008, landing it with an expensive humanitarian crisis. But since it helped to broker a unity government, the economy has been recovering, creating opportunities for South African business.

However, preparations for the 31 July elections have been far from smooth, with President Robert Mugabe's rivals in the Movement for Democratic Change alleging that his ZANU-PF party is making it hard for their voters to register. Washington has said it is not convinced the vote will be free and fair.

In an interview with Reuters, Motlanthe said Pretoria had no preference as to the result.

"Whatever the outcome of the elections, it should be a free expression of the will of Zimbabwe. That is how we view it."

But he also said political stability was a precondition for economic development. "We have a vested interest as a country in ensuring that there is peace and stability in Zimbabwe. We can only benefit from that."

South Africa's major banks, retailers and mining firms have operations in Zimbabwe and positioning themselves to expand if the economy, estimated by the International Monetary Fund to be worth \$9.8 billion in 2012, continues to grow. Zimbabwe spends the equivalent of 20 percent of its GDP on imports from South Africa.

Yet two days of advance voting this month for 63,000 police officers and

soldiers suggested that fears of election chaos will be borne out, raising the prospect of a disputed result.

Motlanthe said that, so far, there were no indications that the widespread violence and intimidation surrounding the 2008 election would be repeated, but added:

"If anything causes an implosion in Zimbabwe, we would with immediate effect have to deal with the consequences".

Motlanthe said President Jacob Zuma spoke regularly with Mugabe, who has made disparaging public comments about Pretoria's interventions, even calling one of Zuma's top envoys "stupid and idiotic".

Reuters



A boy walks past election campaign posters in Harare on 17 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Colombia report reveals deadly extent of five-decade conflict

BOGOTA, 25 July—Almost a quarter of a million Colombians have been killed over the last 54 years of bloody strife, most of them civilians, a government-funded report revealed on Wednesday, providing fresh evidence of the vast scale of human rights violations since hostilities began. The study examined atrocities that have occurred since 1958, when radicals began to form the nation's two biggest insurgent groups and right-wing paramilitaries took up arms three decades later, said Gonzalo Sanchez, head of the investigation, which took six years to complete.

Colombia has been fighting a war with two leftist rebel groups since they were officially founded in 1964, after a long period of civil war known as La Violencia. The FARC, or Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, and ELN, or National Liberation Army, also battled paramilitary groups, leaving civilians caught in the middle. "We all deserve

to know the truth, we all deserve to understand what happened in our rural areas and cities, and only then will we be able to say with force: Stop!" Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos said at the presidential palace on Wednesday, when the study was released. "Only in a Colombia without fear and with truth can we begin to turn the page."

The government has been engaged in peace talks with the FARC since November. While human rights violations have receded, the report painted a grim picture of bloodshed from the height of the conflict until 2012. Colombia's armed forces, backed by billions in US aid, have used better intelligence and logistics over the last decade to combat the illegal armed groups, pushing their fighters deep into inhospitable jungle terrain.

"It's a war that has left most of the country mourning, but very unevenly. It's a war whose victims are, in the vast majority, non-com-

batant civilians. It's a depraved war that has broken all humanitarian rules," said Sanchez, who presented the report to Santos. In more than a half century, the war killed 220,000 Colombians, more than 177,300, or 80 percent, of whom were civilians, according to the report. Another 40,787 members of the armed forces, paramilitary and rebels groups were killed in combat.

The 400-page study, packed with shocking photos of victims, was conducted in some of Colombia's

most volatile areas, where communities have lived in fear for decades. It details the types of violence used by each group. The bloodiest period was between 1985 and 2002, when the paramilitaries formed to defend landowners and business leaders against rebel attacks.

The paramilitaries, known as the United Self-Defence Forces of Colombia, or AUC, were responsible for some of the most atrocious human rights violations.—Reuters



Defected members (with armbands) of Colombian guerrilla group ELN fall in at a military base during their surrender and the handover of their weapons, in Cali on 16 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Militants kill 14 Shi'ites after checking ID cards in north Iraq

TIKRIT, (Iraq), 25 July — Militants shot dead 14 Shi'ite tanker-drivers after checking their identity papers at a makeshift roadblock on the main route leading north from the Iraqi capital late on Wednesday, police said. The killings took place near Sulaiman Pek, 160 km (100 miles) north of Baghdad, following clashes inside the town between militants and the police and army. Sunni Islamist militants have been regaining momentum in their insurgency against the Shi'ite-led government in recent months, invigorated by the civil war in neighbouring Syria, which has inflamed sectarian tensions in Iraq and the wider region.

"All the victims were Shi'ite tanker drivers who were coming from Baghdad to Kirkuk," Talib Mohammed, the town's mayor, told Reuters by phone. "Militants blocked their way near Sulaiman Pek, checked their IDs and executed them by shooting them in the heads

and chest." Earlier, gunmen ambushed a minibus in western Tikrit, 150 km (95 miles) north of the capital, shooting dead four soldiers who were travelling on the road from Baghdad to Mosul. Nine policemen were also killed when militants riding on pickup trucks opened fire of a checkpoint in Shura, 50 km (35 miles) south of Mosul, Iraq's third largest city and capital of the Sunni-dominated Nineveh Province.

The steady deterioration of security in Iraq was highlighted by a mass jailbreak near the capital on Sunday when around 500 convicts, including senior al-Qaeda operatives, escaped after militants attacked two prisons. The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant, which was formed through a merger between al-Qaeda's Syrian and Iraqi branches, claimed responsibility for the raids and said it had freed its jailed comrades after months of preparation.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS



Waso robe offering ceremony in Zabuthiri Township in progress.

Waso robes offered in Zabuthiri Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—A Waso Robe Offering ceremony was held in Mingala Theiddhi Dhammayon in Mingala Theiddhi Ward in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at 9 am on 22 July on Full Moon Day of Waso.

The donors received Five Precepts from Abbot

of Aye Mya Shwe Pyi Monastery in Zeyathirit Township Bhaddanta Nyannasiri.

They then offered Waso robes and offertories to the members of Sangha.

The donations was organized by ward administrator UKhin Maung Kyi and attended by 200 wellwishers. They shared merits gained to conclude the ceremony.—MMAL-Ko Ko Rupa (Nay Pyi Taw)

Farming rights certificates presented to farmers in Thabeikkyin Tsp



THABEIKKYIN, 25 July—

Farmers in Warphyutaung village in Warphyutaung village-tract in Thabeikkyin Township in Mandalay Region received the farming rights certificates form-4 under Session 14 (a) of Farmland Management Rules at the village-tract administrator office on 23 July. The Chairman of Township Farmland Management Committee Township Administrator, Assistant Director U Ko Ko Hlaing and Township Land Records Department U Min Naing gave educative talks to the farmers to enjoy every rights entitled in the Farmland Management

Law enacted in 2012.

Staff Office of Township Agriculture Department UNyein Maung gave talks on agricultural development, Department of Township Veterinary Department Dr Aung Kyaw Moe on extensive breeding of cattles.

A total of 31 farming rights certificates were presented to villagers in Warphyutaung village.

A total of 250 farming rights certificates have been presented to farmers in wards and five village-tracts by Thabeikkyin Township Farmland Management Committee.—MMAL Township (IPRD)



Mini Book Corners opened in Haka

HAKA, 25 July—Mini Book Corners were opened in Chin State People's Hospital, Myoma Market, Women's Vocational Training School and Youth Training School in Haka on 23 July.

Chin State Information and Public Relations Department Assistant Director U Kham Hlyan Soom, Township Staff Officer U Shein Tam and staff opened the book corners on 23 July.

Palethwe seed production starts in Lashio

LASHIO, 25 July—A transplanting ceremony was held in one-acre seed producing plantation of farmer Daw Yan Kyaung in Lashio Township in northern Shan State on 23 July.

Deputy Head of State Agriculture Department elaborated on purpose of producing seeds. The district head discussed the seed production methods and the township staff officer the progress of works of seed production.

Palethwe-2 paddy strains will be produced from four-acre farms in Lashio District and from 12-acre farms in northern Shan State.

MMAL-Township (IPRD)



Waso flower offering ceremony held in Kyaukme

KYAUKME, 25 July—Market Dhammayon religious association in Kyaukme led the 83rd Waso flower offering ceremony of the entire Kyaukme on 23 July. Waso flowers were offered on Full Moon Day

of Waso, marking the start of Buddhist lent.

The offerings to members of Sangha in 37 monasteries in the Waso flower offering ceremony were worth more than K 20 million.—MMAL-090



Police-townselder meeting held: Tatkon Township Police in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area met townselders on 21 July morning at the Tatkon Myoma Police Station. Police Major Win Tin discussed the drug cases, gambling cases, crime cases, crime reduction measures and security. The local people participated in discussion and made some recommendations.—MMAL-021

Educative talks given for reduction of crimes

MYITKYINA, 25 July—Educative talk on crime reduction was organized in Lonkhin village-tract administrator's office in Phakant township in Mohnyin District on 22 July.

Commander of Township

Police Force Police Major Thein Win gave talks on traffic rules and other police officers on human trafficking and drugs. The talk was aimed at reducing the crimes in the area.—MMAL-Moe Kya

(Myitkyina)

Cascades completed in Yamethin District

YAMETHIN, 25 July—Construction projects of cascades for supplying drinking water and irrigating farmlands in villages in Yamethin District have been completed cent per cent.

The Mandalay Region government supported the construction of the cascades.

Region Industry and Electricity Minister Dr Myint Kyi, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Bo Ni and Region Hluttaw

Representative U Kyaw Myint visited the cascades and sluice gates in Pyawbwe Township.

They then visited the cascades in Yamethin Township and heard reports submitted by irrigation staff officers. A total of 46 cascades in Yamethin Township and 30 of 31 cascades in Yamethin Township have been completed.

MMAL-Nyunt Shwe

Dedaye downtown road being upgraded

PYAPON, 25 July—Upgrading of Pyidawtha road in Dedaye Township Development Affairs Committee has been completed by 90 per cent.

The upgrading is partly funded by the committee and the contributions of the local people.

The seven-furlong long road is being used by commodity trucks and students of Basic Education High School No (2) and Basic Education Primary

School. It has been in bad conditions for five years after devastating Cyclone Nargis.

The Development Affairs Committee of Dedaye Township funded more than K 30 million for 1637 ft of the road in addition to the contributions of the residents for repair of the downtown road for more 80 ft. The road will be expanded two feet in width and the new concrete road will have the height of seven feet.

MMAL-Chan Thar

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 26 July, 2013

Agricultural sector, main driving engine

World economists and businessmen unanimously say that agricultural sector is a main driving engine for Myanmar's economic development. Myanmar is blessed with fertile soils for swiftly becoming Asia's top country based on agriculture. Soon, Myanmar is likely to top the list of agricultural produces exporting country thanks to many acres of fertile lands called the virgin lands.

Nowadays, agricultural mechanized farming system has been introduced and centered Nay Pyi Taw: 500 acres of farmland near Nyaungpingyisu Village in Pobbathiri Township, 440 acres in Alyinlo Village of Pyinmana Township and 3000 acres near Hotel Zone of Dekkhinathiri Township.

The system is also introduced on 2000 acres of land irrigated by Khabaung Dam and 2000 acres by Chaung Dam in Toungoo Township.

The processes from growing to harvesting mostly use the machines. The use of machines can bring benefits such as swift processes, having systematic methods, minimizing wastes and high yields. Today is the age of science and technology. It is sure that wider use of agricultural equipments can make Myanmar become a leading country near future.

Thus, the country would become an affluent one in a short length of time by exporting agricultural produces, crops and vegetables. We all make efforts for boosting development of Myanmar agricultural sector, main driving engine.

Yangon Region Chief Minister meets Vietnamese National Assembly Chairman

YANGON, 25 July—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe met Chairman of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. NGUYEN SINHHUNG and

party at the meeting hall of Region Government Office, here, this evening.

It was attended by Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, Deputy Speaker U Tin Aung and the

region ministers.

Then, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win hosted a dinner to the Vietnamese delegation at Sedona Hotel.

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Workshop on holding ASEAN meetings held

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—An opening ceremony of workshop on holding ASEAN meetings was held at Wunzinminyarzar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here this morning attended by Director-General U Aung Lin of ASEAN

Affairs Department of the ministry.

The workshop continues to take place till 28 July for the capacity building of 37 officers who have been assigned to ASEAN Chairmanship in 2014.

The workshop covers

ASEAN and ASEAN diplomatic affairs, political, security and economic communities, social and cultural affairs, arrangement and management of the meeting, ASEAN agreement and statement and writing ideology.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham greets faculty members of universities in Monywa.—MNA

Vice-President visits ...

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Union Minister U Win Myint, Chief Minister U Tha Aye and Deputy Minister Dr Win Myint formally opened the CT unit and the Vice-President unveiled the signboard of the CT unit.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham also met with faculty members of the universities in Monywa at the convocation hall of the Monywa University.

At the meeting, he pledged to fulfill the

requirements of the universities, calling for sustainable learning of the faculty members and doing research on teaching and learning. As the development of the national economy depends on the education and human resource development, the

faculty members, he said. During the meeting, union ministers and donors presented sets of computers to be distributed to universities and colleges in Monywa and five sets of Sky Net receivers to the Vice-President.

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Leading Committee for Exploring Mineral Resources and Ensuring Transparency in Industrial Firms (2/2013) Meeting held

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—A meeting of Leading Committee for Exploring Mineral Resources and Ensuring Transparency in Industrial Firms (2/2013) was held at the President Office here this morning addressed by Chairman of the Committee Union Minister U Soe Thane.

To gain long-term benefit for everyone, measures are to be taken to become EITI member before the end of this year by forming Multi-stakeholder Group-MSG basing the experience on EITI Global Conference,

said the Chairman.

Secretary of the Committee Union Minister for Finance U Win Shein elaborated on EITI's working procedures and

on-going tasks.

Secretary of Work Committee Member of National Economics and Social Committee Adviser to the President Dr Zaw

Oo explained the weak and strong points while implementing EITI project followed by general rounds of discussions.

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Union Minister U Soe Thane makes a speech at the meeting.—MNA

Union Border Affairs Minister meets WFP Resident Rep

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win met with Resident Representative of World Food Programme (WFP) Mr Domenico Scalpelli at the hall of the Ministry,

here, yesterday.

They discussed matters on provision of foods by WFP in central regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Shan States; provision of aid not only to the victims but also to other people in Rakhine State

and the places which are in dire need of help and ensuring equal opportunity in enjoying assistance.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials.

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Bago Region Hluttaw, FNF Foundation of Germany hold workshop

YANGON, 25 July—1st workshop on budget between Bago Region Hluttaw and FNF Foundation of Germany was held at Kawbawzathadi Hall of Shwe Wah Tun Hotel in Bago,

yesterday morning. Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Tin and Project Director Ms. Katrin Bannach extended greetings.

Then, Mr. Richter of FNF explained matters

related to the foundation. FNF Foundation is providing necessities to strengthen the foundation of market economic system in Myanmar.

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NATIONAL

Vietnam National Assembly chair highlights friendship, cooperation as aid for success of each country's reform, development



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Chairman of Vietnamese National Assembly Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung today delivered address at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw seventh day session which had 13 agendas including the topic on Letpadaungtaung.

In his address, Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung pointed that Vietnam and Myanmar need to continue strengthening and expanding bilateral traditional friendship and multifaceted cooperation, adding, this represents an objective development need, the aspiration of the people and the responsibility of leaders. He went on to say that it is also conducive to the success of each country's reform and development as well as to the maintenance and consolidation of peace, stability, cooperation and prosperity in the region and the world. "Our recent achievements give us the ground to be confident in a thriving relationship between our two countries and two Assemblies", he noted.

Concerning the accomplishment of the Committee to implement Letpadaungtaung Copper Mine Investigation Report, Union Minister at President Office U Hla Tun said the four action committees are now at work starting to give 283.69 acres of land back to farmers. The work has been completed by 79 percent. Moreover they have already

presented nearly K 3000 million to 1037 farmers as compensation for over 2827 acres of seized land. The compensation for the remaining land will follow. Land cases inspection committee has settled 335 complaints out of 385. Up to now, a compensation of over K 134 million has been disbursed to 474 perennial crop farmers. The compensation for 161 wells is over K 25 million, and up to 17 this month over K 12.5 million have been disbursed.

Measures are being taken to cultivate grape and dragon fruits plantations in the reclaimed lands after seeking for supply of water. Besides, 35 farmers from 26 villages were invited to observe grape and dragon fruits plantations in Meiktila, Yamethin, Tatkon and Nay Pyi Taw. The environmental conservation working group signed an agreement on plans for examining environmental and socio economic impacts and implementing environmental conservation projects meeting set standard, with Knight Pie'sold (K.P) Consulting Co Ltd and Myanmar-Wanbao Co Ltd, and is striving for final reports of ESIA to be presented in September, 2013.

The socio economic implementation group is making efforts for getting ISO certificates, signing MoUs on amending previous agreements, reconstruction of houses

for villagers from removed villages, creating job opportunities for those villages, permission for construction of sulphuric acid plant by the Ministry of Industry and getting ISO, and promoting sectors of education, health care, social works in the project areas.

Though the committee is making all-out efforts for implementation of the Investigation Commission's suggestions on the rule of law, which is led by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, local people have remained unsatisfied with land confiscation and relocation of their villages. Due to it, they carried out 68 times of mass rallies at the instigation of those from other regions who want to take advantage of political gains from 3-3-2013 to date: 19 times in line with law and 49 against law

The committee is making efforts for implementation of Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR) and President's policy: "simultaneous implementation of development and social environment conservation by taking examples of Letpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project.

After that, Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung explained the signing of new production sharing contact in line with the suggestions of the Investigation Commission. According to the new contract, profit sharing ratio (including taxes) of the State, Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd, Wanbao Co is 51:19:30. On behalf of the State, Ministry of Mines would receive five million USD for the signing of new contract from Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd. In addition, Wanbao Co will use two million USD annually for mine reclamation by opening Escrow Account at Myanma Foreign Trade Bank or Myanmar Investment and Commerce Bank (MICB). Under the new contract, Wanbao Co will invest one million USD annually for CSR before running the production, and all members will use two percent of net profit for CSR as of the running of the project, he added. After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker explained the formation of Joint Committee for review of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The joint committee is formed with

Myanmar Gazette

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Professor Dr Tin Maung Han, Pro-Rector of the University of Medicine (Mandalay) of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health, as Rector of the same university on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

109 representatives from two Hluttaws. Hluttaw approved the Myanmar Citizens Investment Bill which was sent back along with President's comments. give encouragements to local entrepreneurs through Citizens Investment Law" said U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency. DrKhinShweofYangon

Chairman of Vietnamese National Assembly Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung.
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"There is few big business entities compared with small and medium enterprises which are being run by Myanmar citizens. Now, bankshaveno any plan to reduce the interest rates. In 2014, a flood of foreign companies is likely to flow into the country. Local companies can not compete with foreign companies. Domestic companies can compete with foreign companies with State's helps for local and foreign loans. The State should

Region Constituency No.9 said that it needs to help local businessmen to get loans from local and foreign banks. The country still not sees huge investments as only 40 percent of their belongings can be used for investments. Except Myanmar, other world countries give supports to their local companies. He called for support of middle class investments and proposed to help local entrepreneurs.

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Pyithu Hluttaw committee, commission meets



NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attended the work coordination meeting of the committee and commission at the meeting hall in Zabuthiri Hall of

Hluttaw Complex here this evening.

The Speaker delivered an opening speech on the occasion. Officials concerned, commission members and secretaries presented reports on previous

meeting's resolutions and undertakings.

After that, those present discussed miscellaneous matters. The meeting came to an end after the concluding speech by the Speaker.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairs and Secretaries, commission members and officials from Hluttaw office.—MNA

WORLD



Photo taken under water on 24 July, 2013 shows children swimming in an outdoor swimming pool of a park in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province. Local meteorological observatory issued a red alert for high temperature, warning that the highest temperature will reach 40.4 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, which also marked the hottest day on record. — XINHUA

China to protect endangered traditional theatres

BEIJING, 25 July — The Chinese government on Wednesday announced a programme to help troupes of endangered traditional theatres. The Ministry of Culture will select 40 troupes this year and sponsor performances and training of their artists over the next five years, said a ministry statement.

The programme is aimed to protect traditional drama and musical theatres which are struggling to survive the competition of modern entertainment, the ministry said. A 1983 survey showed that China had about 370 active traditional theatres, mostly having regional influences.

The number dropped to about 280 in 2012 and 74 of them only have one professional troupe each. In addition, audience numbers

have dropped and are now largely from rural areas.

According to the ministry's research on about 2,400 troupes of traditional theatres, about 79 percent of their audience were from the countryside in 2011.

"The situation of these traditional theatres is worrying and they need immediate assistance," the ministry statement said.

The ministry did not reveal the exact amount of money to be invested in the program but said it will discuss this with the Ministry of Finance.

According to the plan, money and resources will also be spent in collecting and researching historical documents of traditional theatres as well as training actors, playwrights, directors, musicians and stage designers. —Xinhua

UN envoy warns of worsening violence in Darfur

UNITED NATIONS, 25 July — The steady rise of inter-ethnic violence throughout Sudan's western region of Darfur in the past months was "particularly worrying," head of the African Union United Nations Mission in Darfur (UNAMID) said on Wednesday. Mohamed Ibn Chambas, special representative of the joint force, told the UN Security Council that an increased militarization and proliferation of arms among civilians has led to more deaths, injury and displacement than the fighting between the Sudanese government and non-signatory groups this year.

He warned that much more has to be done though "considerable progress was made throughout the years

to bring down the initially great casualty numbers and to craft a peace process."

"The parties to the conflict who have courageously embraced the path of peaceful settlement must be encouraged, supported and protected," Chambas said.

He stressed that the only solution to the conflict in Darfur "will be a political one," calling for intensified efforts to accelerate the peace process.

"UNAMID has continued to strongly encourage all parties to these inter-ethnic conflicts, and relevant civil society actors, to enter into dialogue with a view of addressing the root causes of the clashes and developing a common vision for their resolution," he said.

Xinhua

Pudong records hottest day of year

BEIJING, 25 July — It was 42 degrees Celsius in some parts of the Pudong New Area yesterday — the hottest day this summer.

The official high temperature in downtown touched 38.6 degrees soon after noon, which was also the highest this summer, and topped the record 38.4 degrees on Monday.

A netizen even posted a picture of a giant thermometer on Nanjing Road E, showing 42 degrees Celsius.

Both the hottest and coolest areas were in Pudong.

The Huanglou Obser-

vatory recorded a high of 41.9 degrees while the one in Lingang New City, a coastal area in southeastern Pudong, reported a low of 31.8 degrees.

It will be 39 degrees today, but should drop below 35 degrees over the weekend as the subtropical high is expected to weaken tomorrow.

"There will be 22 high temperature days, with highs above 35 degrees likely to last until Friday — seven days more than the usual 15 days," Wu Rui, a chief service officer at the Shanghai Meteorological Bureau, said.

"The hot days may be less in August," Wu added.

The maximum hot days - 23 - were recorded in July 1934.

The night temperature in the city is also the highest, compared to other major cities in China.

Residents who enjoy brisk walk late in the evening have been told to be careful.

"The humidity in the air is higher in the evening," Dr Zhao Yun at Huadong Hospital warned. "It is better not to do strenuous exercise when the night temperature is high."

Xinhua

Chinese Ambassador to Uruguay Yan Banghua (R) views photos in the "25 Years of Diplomatic Relations between Uruguay and China" exhibition in Montevideo, capital of Uruguay, on 23 July, 2013. The photo exhibition was organized by Uruguay's Presidency, the Foreign Ministry and the Chinese Embassy to Uruguay. —XINHUA



Cold weather sweeps southern Brazil, causing one death

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 July — A severe cold front dumped snow on more than 80 towns in southern Brazil, leaving one dead, local weather forecast reported on Tuesday.

According to the National Meteorology Institute, 87 towns in all three of the country's southern states saw snow and freezing rain late Monday and early Tuesday, with temperatures dipping below zero. Some towns registered temperature as low as minus 7 degrees Celsius.

It was the first time ever that it snowed in Florianopolis, capital of the Santa Catarina state, where a homeless person died.

The city, together with some others, declared a state of emergency. Snow is rare in Brazil, falling only in a handful of towns in the mountainous areas. Due to high risk of accidents, classes were suspended in the affected states, and several federal and state highways were closed. The cold front has also pushed temperatures down in other regions of Brazil and is expected to last until the end of the week, according to weather forecast. —Xinhua

Zambia gives 12 oil exploration firms default notice

LUSAKA, 25 July — The Zambian government has issued default notices to 12 local and foreign companies for failing to commence work within 90 days of granting the license, the *Post of Zambia* reported on Wednesday.

According to the country's law on petroleum exploration and production, a license holder should commence exploration within three months after being awarded the license and that the license holder should also give timely reports on the progress being made and challenges faced. The government had issued 17 petroleum exploration licenses to 12 companies that were currently carrying out explorations in

seven of the country's 10 provinces.

"But these companies have not been following the regulations and we think they are holding on to the licenses for speculative purposes, so we have written to them and if they will not provide adequate answers, we have a right to cancel the licenses and invite interested companies to bid," Deputy Minister of Mines, Energy and Water Development Richard Musukwa said.

Among the foreign firms given exploration licenses are Exile Resources of Canada, Petrodel Resources of France, Mineks International of Turkey and Rapid African Energy Holdings of Mauritius. The local firms include Barotse

Fine to Beijing street barbecue up to 20,000 yuan

BEIJING, 25 July — China's smog-ridden capital is considering new anti-pollution measures, including issuing a fine of up to 20,000 yuan to those who operate street barbecues in open areas where the activity is banned. A new draft regulation was deliberated at a meeting of the Beijing municipal People's Congress held on Wednesday.

According to the *Beijing News*, the fine was raised to four times the value of the original 5,000-yuan fine, as authorities scramble to respond to rising public pressure over the city's deteriorating air quality. The PM 2.5 levels, relating to the fine particulate matter which causes severe damage to one's lungs, around street barbecues in Beijing is sometimes about one thousand times higher than the readings taken before the charcoal starts to burn, according to a *Beijing News* report based on its own on-the-spot investigation. —Xinhua



Couples pose for wedding photos on the beach in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 24 July, 2013. XINHUA

REGIONAL

Abe leaves on trip to 3 Asian nations to deepen ties with ASEAN



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe waves before leaving Tokyo's Haneda airport on 25 July, 2013, on a trip to Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines.

KYODO NEWS

Abe adviser visited China before upper house election

TOKYO, 25 July — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's adviser Isao Iijima visited Beijing for four days from 13 July just days before Sunday's House of Councillors election, Japanese government officials said on Wednesday. Iijima and people close to him have not revealed the purpose of his visit, but he is believed to have made contact with North Korean officials to discuss Pyongyang's past abductions of Japanese nationals and find ways to improve bilateral ties.

The officials said Iijima, who made an unexpected visit to Pyongyang in May for talks with senior North Korean officials, did not take with him anyone from the government's abduction task force or from the Japanese Foreign Ministry who accompanied him in May. Since returning from North Korea, Iijima has called for top level talks between Abe and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un to make progress on the abduction issue.

Kyodo News

"Japan session" continues on final day of TPP talks in Malaysia

KOTA KINABALU, (Malaysia), 25 July — Countries involved in the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade negotiations continued a session to brief Japan on Thursday, the final day of the Malaysia round in which Tokyo made a belated debut as the 12th member of the talks.

At the second and final day of the "Japan session" that began on Wednesday afternoon, negotiators from the 11 prior members of the TPP talks were expected to give backgrounds and details of the negotiations of some working groups to ensure Japanese negotiators could make a smooth entry to the talks that are already over three years old.

The 18th round of talks in the Malaysian resort of Kota Kinabalu has been extended one day from the initial schedule at Japan's request, knowing its debut would come only toward the end of the round.

Japan's TPP debut came on Tuesday afternoon upon the completion of the domestic procedures of the United States, the leading economy of the TPP talks, which meant Japan missed

TOKYO, 25 July — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe embarked Thursday on a trip to Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines to deepen economic and security ties with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, his third visit to the fast-growing region since retaking the premiership late last year. The Japanese leader's three-day trip is part of his continuing efforts to build ties with countries that share with Japan such values as democracy and a market economy, a diplomatic initiative widely seen as aimed at containing China.

"I hope I can take in the energy of the ASEAN region to achieve the economic recovery of Japan," Abe told reporters before leaving Tokyo's Haneda airport on a government plane for Kuala Lumpur, where he will meet with Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak later in the day. Abe is also scheduled to meet with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in Singapore on Friday and Philippine

President Benigno Aquino in Manila on Saturday.

Also Friday in Singapore, Abe plans to meet with US Vice President Joseph Biden, who will be in the city-state after visiting India.

Abe, who became prime minister in late December, made his first trip abroad as the new Japanese leader in January, visiting three of the 10 ASEAN members — Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia. In May, he visited another ASEAN country, Myanmar.

Abe is keen on strengthening ties between Japan and Southeast Asia, partly because this year marks the 40th anniversary of friendship and cooperation between Japan and ASEAN.

A cooperative partnership between Japan and the regional body began in 1973 with the establishment of a forum on Japan's exports of synthetic rubber. A special Japan-ASEAN summit meeting is set to be held in Tokyo in mid-December.—Kyodo News

much of the 11-day round that kicked off on 15 July.

To help the world's third-largest economy catch up with the talks, TPP members had already briefed Japan the day before on seven working groups in which it has not been able to take part, including market access for deciding tariff eliminations Tokyo is keen to discuss.

Thursday's session is expected to deal with the remainder of the working groups that have not been covered among the over 20 fields of the TPP negotiation, with Japan given a chance to ask questions during the session.

All 12 TPP countries

Koji Tsuruoka, Japan's chief negotiator in the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade talks, answers a reporter's question on 25 July, 2013, in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, where the 18th round of talks is being held.

KYODO NEWS



Quake-affected patients receive medical attention

BEIJING, 25 July — China's top health authority on Thursday said the work of treating patients in the quake zone of the country's northwest Gansu Province is going smoothly. The National Health and Family Planning Commission said that as of 5 pm on Wednesday, 1,461 patients in the quake zone had received medical attention, including 194 patients in serious or critical conditions.

More than 800 of those patients received treatment at local county-level hospitals, and nearly 500 others were treated at township-level clinics, the commission said. Another 79 seriously or critically injured

patients were transported to provincial-level hospitals in Lanzhou, the provincial capital, for treatment. Another patient was sent to the city of Tianshui for medical treatment.

A total of 2,042 medical personnel are now working in the quake zone of Dingxi, including 36 health experts that were organized and dispatched by the commission, the commission said on Thursday. 6.6-magnitude quake jolted the juncture of Minxian and Zhangxian counties in the city of Dingxi on Monday morning, resulting in 95 confirmed deaths, as of Tuesday.

Xinhua



A child receives medical treatment in a makeshift clinic in Meichuan Town of Minxian County, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 24 July, 2013.—XINHUA

State Council gives approval to tough air emissions plan

BEIJING, 25 July — China's environment watchdog recently issued its most comprehensive and toughest plan to control and in some regions reduce air pollution by the year 2017, setting stricter limits on the levels of PM 2.5 particles. Zhao Hualin, head of the pollution prevention and control department of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, said on Wednesday that the State Council approved the plan last month. The Airborne Pollution Prevention and Control Action Plan (2013-17) will be the second plan to tackle pollution in the past two years and will be backed by 1,700 billion yuan (\$277 billion) in total investments from the central government.

Zhao announced the State Council's approval

during this week's 13th China International Environmental Protection Exhibition and Conference in Beijing. Wang Jinnan, vice-president of the Chinese Academy for Environmental Planning, who participated in drafting the plan, said the new programme will give priority to regions that have heavy air pollution and high levels of PM 2.5 — particulate matter that is 2.5 microns or less in diameter and that harms the respiratory system more than larger particles. The new plan specifically targets North China, particularly Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei Province. The plan's goal by 2017 is for a 25 percent reduction in air emissions from 2012 levels in that region. Zhao said more details will be released in late July at the earliest.—Xinhua

Invitation to Open Tender

- Sub-Committee of Accommodation and Catering Service for the 27th SEA Games hereby invites the Open Tenders to Service Providers, restaurant owners and business people from local and abroad for Cooking meals and Catering Service to the foreign athletes, Judges and Committee members and Housekeeping Service to the athletes' bedrooms with the followings:
 - Period of providing Catering service From (24) November to (25) December 2013. (about 30 days)
 - Type of food ASEAN, Chinese, Indian (Halal)
 - Number of people maximum (3500) pax, daily (due to daily accommodated people)
 - Number of times for Feeding 5 times per day
 - Service Type Breakfast Lunch, Coffee/Tea Break, Dinner, Supper Buffet
- The Tenders Document is available starting from (29) July, 2013 from the said Committee and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Office No (33) at the cost of (45000) Kyats for local and (50) US\$ for foreign service-providers (non-refundable). The delivery of the Tender shall not be later then 04:00 pm Myanmar Standard time on (19) August, 2013.
- Bidders shall submit the cost for catering and housekeeping not more than US\$ 35 per pax in their proposals.
- If the potential bidders offer the same amount of money for the tender, it shall be selected by fair competition. Tender must be submitted with the following points;
 - Name of the Person, Company, Association
 - Per Head Cost for Feeding a day and for Housekeeping Service per pax (Ks/US\$)
 - Name of Responsible Chiefs and Housekeeping Manager/Citizen/Working experience
 - Number of Staff
- Potential bidder enables to remit the deposit (Ks/US\$)
- Bidder who won the tender shall comply with the paragraph (1) for the 7th ASEAN Para Games which will be held from 11 to 21 January 2013.
- For further details, contact the sub-committee Tel No: 067-406104/067-406145/067-406459

**Sub-Committee for Accommodation and Catering Service
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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.

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Office No. (38), Nay Pyi Taw
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(4/2013)

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(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 Converter (C 245-125)	(3) Nos	US \$
(11)	DMP/L-016(2013-2014)	Nissan Engine & Gear Box (Recondition)	(1) Set	Kyat
(12)	DMP/L-017(2013-2014)	2" Pitch Double Roller Chain & Offset Link	(2) Items	Kyat
(13)	DMP/L-018(2013-2014)	10.00 x 20 Tyre, 11.00 x 20 Tyre, 12.00 x 20 Tyre, 7.50 x 16 Tyre, 7.00 x 16 Tyre & 20.5 x 25-24 Ply Tyre	(6) Items	Kyat
(14)	DMP/L-019(2013-2014)	Rubber Cushion For CAT-3512 Engine & Mitsubishi Generator	(48) Nos	Kyat
(15)	DMP/L-020(2013-2014)	Bearings, Oil Seals & O-Rings For EMSCO Drilling Rig	(1) Lot	Kyat

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

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 23rd July, 2013 at the Material Planning Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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A citizen reads books at the Hebei Provincial Library in Shijiazhuang, capital of north China's Hebei Province, on 23 July, 2013. Many citizens enjoy reading at libraries in hot summer days.

XINHUA

Road crash kills 15 in Mozambique

MAPUTO, 25 July—A mini-bus crashed with a speeding lorry loaded with logs in central Mozambique on Tuesday morning, killing 15 people and seriously injuring nine others, state media reported.

According to Radio Mozambique, the head-on

crash occurred at 9:00 am local time (0700 GMT) in the District of Ile in Zambezia Province.

The mini-bus was reduced to wreck, killing the driver and 14 passengers on board. Nine other seriously injured have been rushed to Macuba city hospital, the

report said, citing police sources. Over speeding, bad overtaking, drink and drive, as well as fatigue are some of the main causes of car crashes in Mozambique. On Tuesday, the government reported that 700 people have died in car accidents so far this year.—Xinhua



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William and Kate name Britain's new royal heir George

LONDON, 25 July—Britain's Prince William and his wife Kate have chosen three traditional royal names by calling their new-born baby boy George Alexander Louis, William's office said on Wednesday.

The baby, born on Monday to global media frenzy and third in line to the British throne, will be known as His Royal Highness Prince George of Cambridge, Kensington Palace said in a statement.

All three names had been among the favourites listed by British bookmakers, and the announcement was relatively quick by royal standards; it took a month for the name of Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, to be announced, and a week for William, his eldest son.

George has been the name of six British kings. The last, George VI, was the father of Queen Elizabeth and reigned from 1936 to 1952.

Alexandra, the female form of Alexander, is one of the queen's middle names, and was also the name of the queen consort of King Edward VII at the start of the last century.

Louis is one of William's middle names, and was the given name of Prince Charles's mentor and great-uncle Louis Mountbatten, who was assassinated by Irish nationalist IRA guerrillas in 1979.

The baby's arrival on Monday triggered frenetic coverage from global media who had camped for days on the doorstep of the London hospital where he was born, as well as celebratory gun salutes and the illumination of London landmarks in blue.

The choice of name, relatively short by royal standards, does not necessarily mean the baby will eventually become King George VII. The queen's father was christened Albert, but chose to be crowned as George VI.



Britain's Prince William and his wife Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge appear with their baby son, outside the Lindo Wing of St Mary's Hospital, in central London on 23 July, 2013. —REUTERS

tened Albert, but chose to be crowned as George VI.

"It's interesting that they chose to go with just three names. It's almost as if the royal family is coming down with ordinary people, who tend to have fewer middle names than monarchs," historian Suzannah Lipscomb, told Sky News.

"It is a name that none can find any problems with. George itself can't be shortened in any obvious offensive way ... They've probably gone for something that is safe."

Reuters

Nelson Mandela's biopic to premiere at Toronto International Film Festival

LOS ANGELES, 25 July—The biopic of anti-apartheid icon and ailing former South African president Nelson Mandela will premiere at the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) in September.

Titled *Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom*, the film features actor Idris Elba in the lead role and actress Naomie Harris in the supporting role as Winnie Mandela, reports contactmusic.com. "As soon as



Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom features actor Idris Elba in the lead role and actress Naomie Harris in the supporting role.—PIT

we saw it, we knew that it would set the right tone for opening night. It's a movie about what we thought is one of the most important issues of the day — information and who controls it," said Cameron Bailey, the festival's artistic director.

Piers Handling, chief executive officer and director of the gala, said the first round of films "offers a taste of the powerhouse line-up at this year's festival. These are the works that will have everyone talking because they capture the mood of the times".

PTI

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A 'lucky' break, literally, for a Cristiano Ronaldo fan

LONDON, 25 July—An 11-year-old fan felt the raw power of a famous Cristiano Ronaldo free-kick at a pre-season friendly when the Real Madrid star acciden-



Cristiano Ronaldo

tally broke the youngster's wrist.

Charlie Silverwood was sitting behind the goal in the weekend friendly between Bournemouth and the

Spanish giants at the English club's Goldsands Stadium when he parried the ball which came towards him at high speed.

"It was Ronaldo's first free-kick of the game. It went straight for me so I blocked the ball with the palm of my left hand and the force, I suppose, reverberated up my arm and broke my wrist," Charlie told the BBC.

"Real Madrid is a once in a lifetime opportunity—seeing them play your local club—so I watched the rest of the match, mostly in pain considering I still had the sling, and afterwards I then went to hospital. "If I hadn't blocked it with the palm of my hand I would have no front teeth." Real Madrid have told the youngster that a team shirt, signed by Ronaldo, will be sent to him as a gift.—PTI

Russian federation bans Guus Hiddink for six games



Guus Hiddink

Moscow, 25 July—Russia's football federation has imposed a six-game ban on Guus Hiddink for shoving a referee during his final match as coach of Anzhi Makhachkala.

The federation said on Wednesday the measure would apply to six Russian league games if Hiddink takes up another coaching job.

Hiddink, who had signed a one-year contract extension in June, resigned unexpectedly on Monday following a 2-1 loss to Dinamo Moscow. Hiddink was quoted by the *R-Sport* news agency as saying his shove of a referee in that game was not a factor in his resignation.—PTI

Luis Suarez should repay fans' faith: Liverpool coach Rodgers

MELBOURNE, 25 July—Manager Brendan Rodgers has urged want-away striker Luis Suarez to repay the faith placed in him by supporters after Liverpool's emotional 2-0 win on their pre-season tour in Australia.

Suarez, along with the Liverpool team, was idolised by the biggest crowd of

95,446 to watch a soccer game in Australia as the Reds downed two-time A-League champions Melbourne Victory with a goal in each half at the Melbourne Cricket Ground

of Liverpool has been unrivalled. In this period of time he's missed a lot of games for the club through various reasons," he added.

"The people have stood by him, like a son and really looked after him.



Luis Suarez

"What ever happens in the coming weeks that will be in his mind because it's something you can never forget." Reports say there is a clause in the contract Suarez signed last August that obliges the club to consider a bid in excess of 40 million pounds and inform the player of developments.

Suarez was playing for the first time for Liverpool since biting Chelsea's Branislav Ivanovic, which saw him slapped with a 10 game suspension, meaning he will miss the start of the Premier League season.

He showed glimpses of what he offers Liverpool in attack when he set up the team's second goal for new Spanish signing Iago Aspas with his clever leadup play and pass in the final moments of the game.

But the Uruguayan did not celebrate his part in the goal, which only fuelled speculation he is set to leave.

The team were scheduled to head to Bangkok Thursday where they will play the third and last game of their Asian pre-season tour against Thailand on Sunday.—PTI

Steven Gerrard delights Aussie crowd as Liverpool humble Melbourne Victory

MELBOURNE, 25 July—Steven Gerrard sent the 95,000 crowd home happy with a trademark goal in Liverpool's 2-0 win over Australia's Melbourne Victory at the Melbourne Cricket Ground on Wednesday.

The Liverpool skipper scored in the first half and Spaniard striker Iago Aspas got home in injury time off some Luis Suarez trickery, to seal a hard-fought win over the two-times A-League champions.

Despite an emotional rendition of "You'll Never Walk Alone" by the capacity red-clad crowd prior to the kickoff, Liverpool struggled to dominate the home side—even though they were missing all their Socceroo stars playing at the East Asian Cup in South Korea.



Steven Gerrard

Gerrard's goal gave Liverpool the half-time lead, but it took until deep into injury time before they added a second goal after some clever lead-up work from want-away Uruguayan striker Suarez.

New signing Aspas was there to score from close range off Suarez's pass with the last kick of the game.

Every touch made by Gerrard was greeted with a huge roar from the pro-Liverpool capacity crowd.

Gerrard had a long-range shot beaten away by goalkeeper Nathan Coe midway through the opening half, but Victory were comfortable on the ball, passing it around the pitch for long periods and not overawed.

The Victory produced a much stiffer, more composed performance than the A-League All-Stars thrown together and battered by Manchester United 5-1 in Sydney a few days earlier.

Liverpool got the breakthrough in the 32nd minute when Gerrard interchanged passes with Welsh midfielder Joe Allen before storming into the goal area and firing past Coe.

While Gerrard was hero-worshipped by the Australian Liverpool fans, a huge roar greeted Suarez when his face was shown on the big screen. Gerrard made way on the hour, and then Suarez made his way on to the ground among wholesale substitutions in the 72nd minute.—PTI

on Wednesday. While most of the cheering was for inspirational Liverpool skipper Steven Gerrard, who scored the opening goal, the Uruguayan also was feted by the massive red-clad crowd.

A huge roar greeted him sitting among the substitutes when his face was shown on the big screen before he made his way on to the pitch in the 72nd minute. Suarez is a 40 million pound (\$61 million) transfer target of Arsenal and has made it clear he is keen to move to a team playing Champions League football.

Rodgers, who was overcome by the emotional welcome Australia's massed Liverpool fans gave his team, said Suarez would have been left with an indelible memory of how much support he continues to receive from the club. Questioned by reporters on Suarez's future, Rodgers said: "There's nothing new to report. He's very much a Liverpool player and over the course of the next couple of weeks we've got to get him up to speed.

"The support he has received from the supporters and the people of the city

Mickelson's British Open win gives Couples a Cup boost

LOS ANGELES, 25 July—United States captain Fred Couples says he is excited by how his Presidents Cup team is shaping up, with Phil Mickelson's brilliant victory at last week's British Open the highlight among several recent eye-catching displays.

Mickelson clinched his fifth major title by three shots, closing with a stunning five-under-par 66 at Muirfield, while compatriots Hunter Mahan (joint ninth) and Brandt Snedeker (tied for 11th) also fared

well after contending for much of the week.

All three Americans are riding high in the points standings for automatic Presidents Cup selection, along with former major winners Tiger Woods, Keegan Bradley, Webb Simpson and Zach Johnson.

"Phil Mickelson, who has played in all nine Presidents Cups to date, won the Open Championship with one of the best rounds of golf you'll ever see," an admiring Couples wrote in his official captain's blog on

Wednesday. "Several players I expect to be on the US-Cup team this fall also impressed me with their play at Muirfield, namely Hunter Mahan and Brandt Snedeker. Both players have yet to win a major, but they continue to contend in these big events."

Mahan has recorded four top-10s in 19 starts on the 2013 PGA Tour, including a tie for fourth at the US Open and a share of ninth at Muirfield.

Reuters



Fred Couples of the US

GENERAL



People pray for those affected by the earthquake hitting northwest China's Gansu Province, in Loudi City, central China's Hubei Province, on 22 July, 2013.

XINHUA

Brazilian vacationer dies after shark attack

RIO DE JANEIRO, 25 July —A young Brazilian woman who was attacked by a shark while vacationing in the northeast beach resort of Recife has died, official sources said on Tuesday.

Bruna Silva Gobbi, 18, was attacked by a shark on Monday as she was swimming at the resort's famous Boa Viagem Beach south of Recife, capital of Pernambuco state and died in the hospital from her severe injuries.

Silva, who was vacationing with her family, had to have her leg amputated about 15 centimetres above

the knee.

According to hospital sources, the young victim "arrived with zero blood pressure, in extremely critical condition," and had already lost a lot of blood and suffered from several heart attacks.

A state committee charged with monitoring shark attacks (known by its Portuguese acronym Cemite) said Silva was the first woman to die from a shark bite in Pernambuco since the area began keeping records of such incidents in 1992.

Prior to Monday, the last known attack occurred

in 2004, when a shark bit the buttocks of a woman who survived.

Silva's is the 59th shark attack registered by Cemite in the past 21 years, 24 of which were fatal. Of those attacks, 23 took place at the same beach, Boa Viagem, and 17 took place at the neighbouring beach of Piedade.

The statistics show 70.2 percent of the fatal victims were between the ages of 14 and 25.

The waters off Pernambuco have the highest concentration of sharks of Brazil's entire coastline.

Xinhua

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Arsene Wenger's influence still echoes in Japan

TOKYO, 25 July — Nearly 20 years after his brief stay in Japan Arsene Wenger's influence still echoes, following its rise from a backwater of world football to one of its emerging powers.

The serious Frenchman left a lasting impression not only on his colleagues at Nagoya Grampus, where he was manager for 18 months in 1995 and 1996, but also on the Japanese game as a whole.

"Pass the ball to the future. The side pass is present and the back pass is past," Wenger was fond of saying at the time, according to former Nagoya midfielder Tetsuo Nakanishi, 43, who doubled as his interpreter.

"He advocated positive attacks with thrusts forward. It was entertaining to watch and the players enjoyed it," Nakanishi said.

When Wenger returned to Nagoya for the first time this week with Arsenal, a largely red-clad crowd of 43,000 turned out to greet him, waving banners such as "Welcome home, Benguru (Wenger)".

Before Arsenal's 3-1 win over Nagoya, former players of the club — including current manager Dragan Stojkovic — played a commemorative game in honour of the Frenchman.

"Manager Wenger remembered the name of everyone," mused former striker Takafumi Ogura, now 40. "I felt nostalgic when I saw them (Wenger

and Stojkovic) together. It's been 17 years already. How amazing!"

Excitement is understandable in Nagoya after Wenger transformed the club, in the early years of the J-League, from a foot-of-the-table outfit to trophy winners, and then went on to lead Arsenal to three English Premier League titles and four FA Cups.

"It was a great loss and disappointment to Japanese football that they abruptly decided on Wenger's transfer to Arsenal in the middle of the 1996 season," said veteran Japanese football writer Yoshiyuki Osumi.

"But he has since made a great success in England and become one of the most outstanding managers in football history. This does

Nagoya as well as Japan's football community proud."

Wenger's legacy extends beyond Nagoya after he wrote a book on football management, "Shosha no Esprit" (Spirit of Conquest) for the Japanese market.

While "the Professor" is not the only man to influence Japanese football, the attractive, short-passing game of their national team bears a resemblance to Arsenal's distinctive style.

And it's been successful for Japan, who won their fourth Asian Cup title in 2011 and will contest their fifth straight World Cup in Brazil next year. At the 2012 Olympics, Japan stunned "tiki-taka" experts Spain — the world and European champions — in the group stage.—PTI



Arsene Wenger

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Appointment of deputy minister

Under the Sub-sections (a) and (d) of the Section-234 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Para (9), Sub-section (b) of the Section 16 of the Union Government Law, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member Dr Than Aung has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Health.

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President
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**Appointment of Chief of Myanmar
Police Force**

Under the Section 208 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Section 6 of Civil Servant Law, Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win of the Ministry of Home Affairs has been appointed as Chief of Myanmar Police Force.

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**Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker
attends debate on federalism
theory and practice**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—The debate titled “Federalism Theory and Practice” took place at the auditorium of Amyotha Hluttaw Complex, here, yesterday afternoon. Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint made a speech and writer U Kyaw Win explained the purpose of writing the book under the title of Federalism Theory and Practice.

Then, Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives U Khin Maung Latt of Rakhine State Constituency No (6), U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Kayin State Constituency No (5), U Sai Thant Zin of Shan State Constituency No (4), Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon

State Constituency No (7), U Hla Swe of Magway Region Constituency No (12) and U Paw Hlan Lwin of Chin State Constituency No (9) took part in the debate.

Amyotha Hluttaw Representatives Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No (8), U Saw Ohn of Mon State Constituency No (9) and Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No (1) raised questions and the writer gave clarifications. International Relations Committee Chairman Defence Services Hluttaw Representative Col Maung Maung Htoo spoke words of thanks.

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Heavy falls warning

NAY PYI TAW, 25 July—According to the observations and analysis of meteorological conditions at 12:30 hrs MST today, under the influence of easterly wave in the upper troposphere and monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, fairly widespread to widespread rain in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States with likelihood of isolated to regionally heavy falls during the next 48 hrs commencing noon today, the Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced.—MNA

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**Resignation of deputy ministers
allowed**

Under the Sub-section (b) of Section-235 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-section (b) of Section-68 of the Union Government Law, the following deputy ministers have been allowed to resign of their own volition.

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| (1) U Aye Kyu | Ministry of Education |
| (2) Thura U Thaug Lwin | Ministry of Rail Transportation |

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Deputy Ministers Reshuffled

Under the Section 234 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Para (9), sub-section (b) under the Section 16 of the Union Government Law, the following persons have been appointed as deputy ministers of ministries shown against each.

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| (1) Dr Win Myint | President Office Ministry (1) |
| (2) Dr Zaw Min Aung | Ministry of Education |
| (3) U Htin Aung | Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security |
| (4) U Myint Thein | Ministry of Rail Transportation |
| (5) U Ba Shwe | Ministry of Science and Technology |

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Assigned duty as deputy minister

Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun who is concurrently serving as Deputy Minister for Home Affairs and Chief of Myanmar Police Force has been assigned duty as Deputy Minister for Home Affairs.

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Appointment of Deputy Minister

Under the sub-sections (a) and (d) under the Section 234 of the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Para (9), sub-section (b) under the Section 16 of the Union Government Law, Dr Aung Kyaw Myat, Director-General of the Advanced Science and Technology Department has been appointed as Deputy Minister for Science and Technology.

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President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Union FM sends message
of felicitations to Maldivian
counterpart**

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives which falls on 26th July 2013, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Dr Abdul Samad Abdullah, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives.—MNA

Death toll in Spanish train crash rises up to 78

MADRID, 25 July—At least 78 people have been killed and around 130 injured after a train derailed outside the city of Santiago de Compostela in the region of Galicia in northwestern Spain on Wednesday evening. Rescue workers have found 73 bodies from the wreckage of the train while four other victims died in hospital, a spokesman for the Galicia regional high court told media, adding that the numbers were still provisional.

All 13 carriages were derailed, and four piled into each other and overturned on the ground. Black smoke was seen billowing from a wagon. Bodies of the victims were dragged out from the smashed train and laid out covering white sheetings on the ground next



Rescue workers pull victims from a train crash near Santiago de Compostela, northwestern Spain, on 24 July, 2013.—REUTERS

to the wreckage. A survivor said that the train overturned after vibrating fiercely, then he lost consciousness. When he woke up, he found himself among the dead and injured.

Lots of bloodied survivors are waiting for treatment at the site.

Media speculates that speeding is the cause of the derailment. Earlier, families of the victims have arrived at the scene, waiting silently for further information.

Theresa Marin, a psychologist from eastern Spain, said she passed by

the site at evening when the derailment happened. After hearing about the accident, she initiated to offer psychological help for the injured and victims' families at a temporary settlement.

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