

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves four bills including Anti-Corruption Bill

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The Treasury Bond Exchange and Sale Bill, the Region/State Hluttaw Bill (2013), the Natural Disaster Risk Management Bill and the Anti-Corruption Bill were approved at today's Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Session.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint explained the extended formation of Kanyinkaing village in Hlwasar village-tract of Pyinsalu sub-township, Labutta Township, Labutta District as village-tract.

After that, Joint Public Account Committee

member U Moe Zaw Hein presented the joint committee's report for 2011-2012 FY. The actual receipts were much more than budgeted income although there was budget deficit in 2011-2012 FY. He also pointed out that it needs to have transparency in calculation of budget accounts as official exchange rates are relatively lower than market prices.

"My proposal is concerned with usage of Myanmar language. I submitted this proposal in order that some words of the bill can be amended,"



Union Minister U Win Shein.

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said Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn of Namkham Constituency with respect to the Natural Disaster Risk Management Bill.

It is difficult for



Hluttaw Representative U Kyi Myint.

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ordinary people to understand most of legal terms. The main point is aimed at avoiding the misunderstanding of Myanmar official



Hluttaw Representative Dr Sai Kyaw Ohn.

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language. According to my view, efforts are to be made for reducing losses and damages in case of disasters. There remain weaknesses and



Hluttaw Representative U Phone Myint Aung.—MNA

necessities in disaster management sector, he added.

The session came to an end in the afternoon.

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- The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has been striving with might and main to build a new peaceful, modernized and democratic nation in accordance with the desire of the entire people.
- In line with the State Constitution, all citizens of Myanmar have the right to religious freedom of choice in Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism. Throughout history, there has been peaceful co-existence and harmony among different religious groups.
- Based on a crime which occurred in May 2012 in Rakhine State, series of violence between the two communities in the months of June and October have caused dismay to the entire people of Myanmar. In March, 2013, an incident of violence occurred in Meiktila in Mandalay Region which was sparked by a quarrel among the seller and buyer leading to clashes between groups and series of violence in a few townships in Bago Region. Also in May, 2013, an incident of violence broke out in Lashio in the northern Shan State.
- The Government of Myanmar took immediate measures to put an end to these incidents of violence and to ensure the prevalence of law and order within a short period of time. In doing so, the Government not only paid serious attention to avoid using excessive force but also exerted legal measures on any person who committed the violence. Moreover, those who committed the crime were charged with appropriate legal actions according to the extent of crimes, regardless of their racial or religious origin. The information on the legal actions including arrests, verdicts and trials has already been mentioned in the State newspapers.
- The Government of Myanmar, in collaboration with the Ministries concerned, the Rakhine State Government, the United Nations agencies, INGOs and NGOs, has provided necessary humanitarian assistance to the affected people without discrimination of religion or race. Provision of assistance, which was channelled through the governments of donor countries were equitably distributed to both communities. Out of 960 houses and 1443 quarters to be constructed by the Union Government in Rakhine State, a total of 945 houses and 1413 quarters have been completed and these have been occupied by the affected people. Likewise, out of 937 quarters to be constructed by the United Nations and international organizations, a total of 538 units have been completed while all houses totaling 282 units have been constructed. Measures are continuing for resettlement and rehabilitation of the people who lost their homes.
- The Government of Myanmar, civil organizations, leaders of different religious groups are fully aware that trust and harmony between the Buddhists and the Muslims are of paramount importance for the lasting peace among the people, and hence, have paid serious attention to this issue. Equally important as the right to freedom of worship in Myanmar, all communities should preserve mutual respect, understanding, empathy and patience. Moreover, all should oppose hostilities of religious extremism and stand against those who are instigating for the escalation of religious divergence and instability.
- Today, although stability has been restored in Myanmar, certain organizations both at home and abroad are portraying as if there exists severe religious and racial discrimination. All should be cognizant of the fact that such fabrications will further complicate the situation.
- Upholding the tradition of high dignity of Myanmar in which all citizens and national races have been living with unity and amity, without any discrimination of religion and ethnicity throughout history, we must continue to maintain peaceful co-existence in the future. At the same time, all citizens are solemnly urged to strive for the successful establishment of a new system of politics and economy bearing it in mind as their main duty.
- The Government of Myanmar will continue to work in collaboration with benevolent States, the United Nations, international organizations and also well-wishers from home for the resettlement and rehabilitation of the affected people and ultimately for the lasting peace and harmony while reaffirming its commitment to religious and racial non-discrimination.

Workshop between "Eminent Persons" launched

YANGON, 26 July—A workshop between Eminent Persons of ASEAN Political and Security Community, was launched at the hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this morning, with an address by Director-General U Aung Linn of the ASEAN Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign

Affairs.

At the workshop, members of the eminent persons group (EPG); retired officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Labour,

Employment and Social Security and the Ministry of Immigration and Population; will discuss language matters as parts of preparedness of Myanmar to chair ASEAN in 2014, South China Sea dispute and transboundary crimes and migrant workers.

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Bay Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—According to the observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal still persists, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Crime

Kawthoung woman charged with two-digit gambling

YANGON, 26 July — Kawthoung police station conducted a search of the shop at about 1.30 pm on 23 July and arrested Ma Ei Nanda Chaw (a) Ma Chaw together with gambling vouchers, a mobile phone, a pocket calculator, two rubber stamps and K 577,000.

Kawthoung police station charged Ma Ei Nanda Chaw (a) Ma Chaw with gambling.

Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw (Kawthoung)

Man arrested in connection with 12 counts of rear-view mirror theft

YANGON, 26 July — A man was charged over 12 counts of theft of rear-view mirrors committed in Tamway, Mingala Taungnyunt, Yankin, Botahtaung, Ahlon, Dagon, Pabedan, Sangyoung, Kyimyindine, Hline and Mayangon Townships.

Police said that they received a report that rear-view mirrors of a vehicle parked in front of a company office on lower Kyimyindine street in Ahlon Township were stolen on 4 July.



Police detained Nyi Nyi Aung (a) Kyargyi in connection with the case near new Thiri Mingala market on 15 July and investigation revealed that he committed the theft.

According to further investigation that showed he committed thefts of rear-view mirror in other township, the suspect was charged over 12 counts of rear-view mirror theft.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

Man found dead near old Thakayta bridge

YANGON, 26 July — Police said they were informed of an unknown man's death at old Thakayta bridge in Kadot-seik ward in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at about 12.05 pm on 22 July.

The man was found dead with no serious external injuries except minor cuts and bruises on his forehead at the top of the road near the old bridge and he is thought to be 40 years old. Immediate information about the name of the man and cause of death were unavailable.

Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)

Road to SwunU Ponnya Shin Pagoda upgraded



The road to SwunU Ponnya Shin Pagoda in Sagaing has been upgraded, ensuring safety of the pilgrims at day and night.

For road safety, the road which is 6000 ft long from the foot of the mountain to the arch of the pagoda has been expanded and repaved with asphalt and LCD lamp posts have been erected along the road.

The Board of Trustees of the pagoda launched the work on upgrading the road in 2012, spending the cash donated by pilgrims in it.

Arrangements have been made to shuttle the buses from the Sagaing All-bus lines control society from the Sagaing Myoma Market to the pagoda which is believed to be built about 700 years ago.

Besides, the board of trustees has built eight new toilets for tourists.

Prize presenting, merits sharing ceremony held in Pakokku Tsp

PAKOKKU, 26 July — The ceremony to honour outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2012-13 academic year, to donate a vehicle and hold merit sharing for new school building was held at the hall of Sasanabyati Santisukha (Parahita) Parami monastic education school in Ward-1, here, this morning.

At the ceremony, Abbot of Mahawizayarama Pali Tekkatho, State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Neminda delivered a sermon. U Thaug Naing Oo+Daw Kyi of Anatedaw Ward in front of the Palace in Mandalay donated a TOYOTA Super Roof, Ko Maung Maung and Ko Hsan Thwin (Shwe Brother Gems) of Phakant Township in Kachin State, K

Shwe Kon Maw Cooperative Team gets loan

MYEIK, 26 July — A ceremony to present loan for implementing rural development and poverty alleviation survey program was held at Myeik Township Cooperative Department, on 20 July.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Myeik Township Cooperative Syndicate U Hla Kyi and Head of Myeik Township Cooperative Department U Tin Win presented loan amounting to K 5.17 million to Shwe Kon Maw Cooperative Society Chairman U San Maung.

A total of 85 members attended the occasion.

Kyemon-Moe Hein (Myeik)

Fire

Stove fire in Amarapura Township

MANDALAY, 26 July — A fire broke out at Hmandan ward in Amarapura Township in Mandalay Region. The incident occurred at about 6.15 am on 21 July. The fire is said to have started in the kitchen where a stove on which a pot of rice is cooking was left unattended by Kyaw Thu, repairman, at U Aung Gyi's car workshop in the compound of Shwegugyi pagoda. The kitchen caught fire that then swept through the bamboo house. Nearby empty engine oil barrels, old tyres, three vehicles which were under repair and two motorbikes went up in flames.

Kyemon-Maung Pyithu (Mandalay)



Distribution of K 1500 low-priced SIM cards starts in Mon State



MAWLAMYINE, 26 July — 12000 of GSM and CDMA 800 MHZ low-priced SIM cards were shared to Mon State and 3000 SIM cards will be distributed to the civil servants and 9000 SIM cards to the people starting 25 July, it was learnt.

The 3750 SIM cards will go to Mawlamyine Township, 850 each to Kyaikhto, Thaton and Mudon Townships, 800 to Thanbyuzayat and Bilin Townships, 1000 to Ye and Paung Townships and 1050 to Kyaikmayaw and Chaungzon Townships.

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Complaints for bribery and corruption

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

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

WORLD

US indicts hackers in biggest cyber fraud case in history



New Jersey Attorney Paul J Fishman speaks to the media during a news conference in Newark, on 25 July, 2013.—REUTERS

NEWARK, NJ/BOSTON, 26 July — Federal prosecutors said on Thursday they have charged five men responsible for a hacking and credit card fraud spree that cost companies more \$300 million and two of the suspects are in custody, in the biggest cyber crime case

filed in US history. They also disclosed a new security breach against Nasdaq, though they provided few details about the attack. Other companies targeted by the hackers include a Visa Inc licensee, J C Penney Co, JetBlue Airways Corp and French retailer

Carrefour SA, according to an indictment unveiled in New Jersey.

Authorities have been pursuing the hackers for years. Many of the breaches were previously reported, though it appeared the one involving Nasdaq OMX Group Inc was being disclosed for the first time. Prosecutors said they conservatively estimate that the group of five men from Russia and Ukraine helped steal at least 160 million payment card numbers, resulting in losses in excess of \$300 million. Authorities in New Jersey charged that each of the defendants had specialized tasks: Russians Vladimir Drinkman, 32, and Alexandr Kalinin, 26, hacked into networks, while Roman Kotov, 32, mined them for data. They allegedly hid their ac-

tivities using anonymous web-hosting services provided by Mikhail Rytikov, 26, of Ukraine.

Russian Dmitriy Smilaniets, 29, is accused of selling the stolen data and distributing the profits. Prosecutors said he charged \$10 for US cards, \$15 for ones from Canada and \$50 for European cards, which are more expensive because they have computer chips that make them more secure. The five hid their efforts by disabling anti-virus software of their victims and storing data on multiple hacking platforms, prosecutors said. They sold payment card numbers to resellers, who then sold them on online forums or to “cashers” who encode the numbers onto blank plastic cards.”—Reuters

Pakistani Taleban claim responsibility for attack in Sindh

ISLAMABAD, 26 July — A Pakistani Taleban group claimed responsibility on Thursday for the suicide attack on the Pakistani intelligence agency office in Sukkur, Sindh Province, on Wednesday evening.

The Jandola group of Tehreek-e-Taleban Pakistan claimed the attack was carried out to avenge the death of TTP Commander Wali-ur Rehman who was killed in a drone attack in the North Waziristan tribal area on 29 May. In a telephone call, spokesman Ahmad Marwat told local media in Peshawar that four suicide bombers were sent out because the Inter-Services Intelligence and the army are working for the United States.

At least two ISI personnel were killed and 35 people, including women and children, were wounded when a suicide bomber rammed an explosive-laden vehicle into the ISI office in Jinnah Colony. The vehicle was followed by three suicide bombers who ransacked the office compound, officials said. Wednesday's incident was the first militant attack on an ISI office in Sindh since militancy arose in Pakistan's tribal areas in the wake of the war on Afghanistan.

Kyodo News

Asiana crash families hire prominent New York law firm

NEW YORK/SAN FRANCISCO, 26 July — Families of the three passengers who died when an Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 crashed in San Francisco this month have retained the prominent New York law firm Kreindler & Kreindler to represent them as legal manoeuvring over liability and damages heats up. Kreindler & Kreindler, which specializes in aviation law, made a name for itself representing victims in catastrophic air disasters, including the 11 Sept, 2001, attacks.

Partner Jim Kreindler confirmed in an interview late Wednesday that he would handle the cases of the three Chinese teenagers who died, as well as 12 injury cases involving US, Chinese and Korean residents. He said he



Passengers walk away from Asiana Airlines Boeing 777 aircraft after a crash landing at San Francisco International Airport in California on 6 July, 2013 in this handout photo provided by passenger Eugene Anthony Rah, released to Reuters on 8 July, 2013. — REUTERS

intends to file lawsuits in the coming weeks. Dozens were seriously injured in the crash of Asiana Flight 214, which had 307 people aboard when it hit a seawall in front of the runway, lost its tail and caught fire after skidding to a halt.

Kreindler's clients

include the family of Ye Meng Yuan, who survived the crash but died after being run over by a fire truck.

Reuters

Proposals to resolve Egyptian crisis ahead of mass rallies

CAIRO, 26 July — Several leading Egyptian politicians on Thursday put forward proposals to resolve the country's ongoing crisis as the two rival camps in the country plan massive rallies for Friday. Hesham Qandil, Prime Minister under ousted President Mohamed Morsi, suggested that all political detainees arrested after 30 June be released and that the authorities suspend the decision to freeze the assets of the Muslim Brotherhood and other Islamist leaders.

He also called for an independent fact-finding committee to probe the killings of over 50 people outside the Republican Guard Club and for permission to visit

Abe, Biden agree to strengthen Japan-US alliance

SINGAPORE, 26 July— Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and US Vice President Joseph Biden agreed Friday to strengthen the security alliance between the two countries, with Abe stressing his efforts to improve Tokyo's security posture by reviewing its defence guidelines.

During a meeting in Singapore, where the two happened to be at the same time, Biden noted the importance of Japan's strategic role as the United States moves to “rebalance” its military assets toward the Asia-Pacific region, a Japanese official said.

The vice president also said he sees it as important for the ongoing Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations, in which both Japan and the United States are involved, to succeed given the growing importance of the region.

Biden also stressed the importance of moving forward expeditiously toward a high-standard agreement to deepen trade and investment ties bilaterally as well as across the region, the White House said.

Abe asked Biden to urge US senators to appropriate or unfreeze sufficient funds to enable the planned transfer of US Marine personnel to Guam from Okinawa prefecture, according to the Japanese official.

Abe noted that Japan is working to strengthen its security apparatus, including his government's legislative efforts to establish an institution similar to the US National Security Council.—Kyodo News

Syrian rebels kill dozens in offensives in north and south

BEIRUT, 26 July — Syrian rebels say they have overrun army positions in the north and south of the country this week, including an offensive in which a rights monitoring group said 51 soldiers were executed.

Insurgents have focused on taking isolated army outposts, mostly in rural areas while forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad have made gains in recent months around the capital Damascus and the central city of Homs.

One video, posted on YouTube on Wednesday by a rebel group calling itself the Supporters of the Islamic Caliphate, shows around 30 bodies of young men piled up against a wall. Blood is splattered on the wall and one corpse is smoldering.

“Tens of Assad's (militia) killed,” says a man off camera. He said the footage was filmed in the area of the northern town of Khan al-Assal which was taken by rebels last week.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an anti-Assad monitoring group, cited activists on Friday in Khan al-Assal who said that more than 150 soldiers were killed on Monday and Tuesday in and around the town.

Reuters



People stand on a road where houses were destroyed by the Way Ela dam burst from the Negeri Lima village, in Leihitu sub-district, Central Maluku, Indonesia, on 25 July, 2013. One person died and thousands have been evacuated according to the Indonesian National Board for Disaster Management (BNPB) agency's report. — XINHUA

detailed Morsi so as to learn about his health conditions. Qandil also asked the two rival camps — supporters and opponents of Morsi — to stop attacking each other in the media. As both camps vowed to stage massive rallies on Friday, Qandil asked protesters to stay at fixed locations instead of march in the street in order to avoid possible clashes.

Former presidential candidate Sellim al-Awa also proposed a roadmap in a televised speech on Thursday. He called for the immediate release of Morsi and the reopening of all Islamic broadcasting channels which were ordered to close after 3 July for allegedly inciting

violence. He said presidential duties should be handled by a consensus-based prime minister before things are ready for a presidential election within 90 days. The Liberal Doustour party, headed by Vice President Mohamed El-Baradei, said in a statement that weapons possessed by all political factions should be confiscated and all political parties should exercise utmost self-control for the sake of national interests.

Meanwhile, Abdel Mo-neim abou-Fotouh, former vice president of the Muslim Brotherhood, called on all political parties to sit for dialogue without preconditions to resolve the current political stalemate.—Xinhua

Scientists implant false memories in mouse brain

WASHINGTON, 26 July—US researchers reported Thursday they have successfully implanted false memories in the brains of mice for the first time.

Researchers hope that the study, published in the journal *Science*, will uncover why humans recall memories of experiences that never occurred.

“We have created a false memory in mice for the first time,” Liu Xu, research scientist at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and co-author of the study, wrote in an email. “Our study demonstrated that it’s possible to artificially modify the contents of memories.”

Memories are stored in assemblies of neurons, called engram-bearing cells. When we recall a sequence of events, our brains reconstruct the past from these bricks of data, but the mere act of accessing a memory modifies and distorts it, the researchers said.

In previous work, the

researchers had detected a single memory in the brain, genetically tagged the brain cells housing that memory with a light-sensitive protein called channelrhodopsin, and flickered pulses of light to “turn on” the memory at any given moment.

For the new study, the researchers used the same optogenetic technique to create a false memory in genetically modified mice.

They manipulated engram-bearing cells in the hippocampus, a seahorse-shaped part of the brain known to play a role in forming and storing memories of experiences.

First, the researchers placed the mice in a novel chamber, A, but did not deliver any shocks. As the mice explored this chamber, their memory cells were labeled with channelrhodopsin.

The next day, they placed the mice in a second, very different chamber, B, and pulsed light into their brains to reactivate the memory of chamber A.

They then gave the animals mild foot shocks, creating a negative association between the light-reactivated memory of chamber A and the foot shocks, which mice find highly aversive.

When the animals were placed back in chamber A, the researchers found that the animals now displayed heightened fear responses. In addition, after placing the animals in yet another new environment while shining light on the hippocampal cells that had been artificially associated with fear, the researchers found they could reactivate the false fear memory at will.

“Humans are highly imaginative animals. Just like our mice, an aversive or appetitive event could be associated with a past experience one may happen to have in mind at that moment, hence a false memory is formed,” Susumu Tonegawa, professor of biology and neuroscience and senior author of the study, said in a release.

Xinhua

Josh Thunder with 5.7-inch display launched for Rs. 15,999

MUMBAI, 26 July—Josh Mobiles, an Indian mobile handset maker has expanded its smartphone portfolio, launching the Josh Thunder at a price point of Rs. 15,999 for the Indian market.

The Josh Thunder smartphone features a 5.7-inch IPS HD display. It is powered by a 1.2 GHz quad-core processor. The device runs Android 4.2.1 Jelly Bean, which is not the latest iteration of the OS with the release of Android 4.3.

It’s not clear if the phone comes with a software update utility and will receive updates in the future.

The Josh Thunder comes with 2GB internal storage which can be expanded up to 32GB with the help of a microSD card. There is an 8-megapixel auto-focus rear camera at the back with a flash and a 5-megapixel front facing camera.

The rear camera can record videos with HD support with a resolution of 720p. It is a dual SIM device (GSM+GSM) with one SIM supporting 3G networks while the other one supporting 2G



networks.

The Josh Thunder is backed by a 2600mAh battery that the company claims, delivers a talktime of 5 hours and a standby time of 48 hours, which is less considering other handsets in the category. Connectivity options include Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, GPS, 3G and Micro-USB.

According to Deepak Gupta, director, Josh Mobiles, “Large screens and striking displays have become a must have. I’m positive that this phone’s

high resolution camera, latest android version and long lasting battery is going to provide remarkable performance and viewing experience and it’s users are going to be more than happy using it.”

Josh Mobiles had earlier launched a number of smartphones in India including the Josh Fortune, Josh Fortune A9, Josh Fortune HD and Josh Petal. The Josh Thunder will be the fifth smartphone offering from the company.

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Ariane 5 launches two satellites on 3rd mission in 2013

PARIS, 26 July—Heavy-lift launcher *Ariane 5* took off on Thursday in French Guiana, launching two satellites into orbit, including Europe’s largest mobile telecommunication satellite.

The liftoff took place at 4:54 pm local time (1954 GMT) at the French and European spaceport Guiana Space Centre near Kourou in French Guiana, said Arianespace, the French company undertaking production and operation of the rocket launcher.

The nearly 33-minute flight was the third launch of *Ariane 5* in 2013 and marked the launcher’s 56th consecutive successful mission.

The rocket carried two satellites: Europe’s *Alphasat* telecommunication satellite as its upper payload, and India’s *INSAT-3D* meteorological satellite as the lower one.

According to Arianespace, *Alphasat* was deployed into the target orbit 28 minutes after launch, and *INSAT-3D* was suc-



cessfully separated from the rocket five minutes later.

As Europe’s largest telecommunication satellite ever manufactured, *Alphasat* is loaded with a new-generation L-band

geo-mobile communications relay system that will provide voice and data transmission services across Europe, Africa and the Middle East.

Xinhua

Google, FICCI study highlights Web’s big impact on SMEs in India

NEW DELHI, 26 July—Google and FICCI have released new research that showed the Web makes a big impact on small to medium enterprises (SMEs) in India. The report, compiled and presented by Nathan Associates, showed that SMEs, who use the Web, fare much better than those that do not. On an average, Web-enabled SMEs boasted revenues 51% higher, 49% more profit, and customer bases 7% broader than their offline-only counterparts.

The study revealed significant opportunities both for India’s booming SME sector, where fewer than 5% of all businesses even maintain a Web presence, and for India’s economy: small medium enterprises are critical to the economic growth in India, where 47 million SMEs employ about 100 million people and contribute more than 8% of India’s GDP. According to the report, only 51 percent of online SMBs use the Web to advertise a mere 27 per-

cent use it for e-commerce. But with 95% of businesses yet to even establish a website, there’s a lot of room for growth.

Speaking about the key findings from the report, Mr. Sanjay Bhatia, Chairman, FICCI MSME Committee and Chairman and Managing Director, Hindustan Tin Works Limited said, “The Internet will play a vital role in narrowing the gap between Indian SMEs’ potential and their aspirations. India has all that it takes to compete with other developing and fast growing economies. With the success of e-commerce companies like Makemytrip and Flipkart in India, we believe that more Indian SMEs can benefit from the Internet and eCommerce. While the government has introduced policies that stress upon the development of SMEs, with this report we would like to highlight how Internet can play an instrumental role in driving growth of the SMEs in the country.”—PTI

Australian woman electrocuted while using iPhone

MUMBAI, 26 July—A 20-year-old Australian woman has been hospitalised in Sydney after she got

a shock from her iPhone, according to media reports.

The woman from Sydney’s north was taken to Royal North Shore Hospital in a stable condition, the spokeswoman of New South Wales (NSW) Ambulance was quoted as saying in reports. It is not known

if the phone was plugged in to a charger at the time, she said, adding that the paramedics had responded to a number of shocks from mobile phone chargers this year.

Inspector John Brotherhood said it only took a small shock to interfere with your heart.

“Basically, if the jolt moves you, if it takes your breath away or if it’s at all a cause for concern, you need to get it checked out,”

he said.

The incident comes a week after technology giant Apple announced it will launch an investigation into claims that an iPhone electrocuted a Chinese flight attendant who was making a call while charging her iPhone.

NSW Ambulance attended 232 Triple Zero calls for electric shocks between 1 January and 30 June this year, reports said.

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BUSINESS & HEALTH

Lower drug prices expected following GSK China investigations



Photo taken on 25 July, 2013 shows GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) China company at the Tianjin Economic and Technological Development Area in Tianjin, north China. As investigations into GSK China deepen, expectations are rising that the company's drug prices can be further lowered. —XINHUA

BEIJING, 26 July — As investigation into GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) China deepens, expectations are rising that drug prices can be further lowered.

The Ministry of Public Security (MPS) announced late Thursday that police investigations into GSK China's suspected bribery were being progressed with the GSK's cooperations.

Some senior executives of GSK China colluded with affiliated companies to offer large bribes to push up drug prices, expand sales and seek illegal profits, an MPS statement said on Sunday.

GSK said earlier it planned to restructure its operations so as to cut down operational costs.

According to current

investigations, the costs of GSK China's commercial bribery account for nearly 30 percent of its drug prices, which means prices could drop by 30 percent.

GSK said on 22 July that savings made as a result of proposed changes to its operational model will be passed on in the form of price reductions, ensuring medicines are more affordable to Chinese patients.

At the beginning of this month, the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) carried out probes into dozens of drug makers, including GSK China, concerning drug companies' production costs.

The NDRC, the country's top economic planning body, has also ordered price supervisors to keep a close eye on drug prices, conducting investigations and handing down punishment if the price for a drug is unreasonably high.—Xinhua

Activision in \$8.17 billion deal to buy back stake from Vivendi

PARIS, 26 July—Activision Blizzard Inc (ATVIO) and a management group have entered into an \$8.17 billion share buyback deal with France's Vivendi (VIV.PA) to become an independent company. The largest US video games publisher said early on Friday it would buy back 429 million shares from Vivendi for \$5.83 billion.

An investor group led by CEO Bobby Kotick and Co-Chairman Brian Kelly has agreed to separately purchase about 172 million Activision shares from Viv-

endi for \$2.34 billion. After the completion of the deal, Vivendi will no longer be the majority shareholder, but

will retain a stake of 83 million shares or about 12 percent of Activision.

Reuters



A logo of entertainment-to-telecoms conglomerate Vivendi is seen on the main entrance of the company's headquarters in Paris on 23 July, 2013. —REUTERS

Israel's SciVac eyes global expansion of 3G hepatitis B vaccine

REHOVOT, 26 July — Israeli drug company SciVac is seeking US approval for a widely used hepatitis B vaccine as part of a push for increased global sales of a product which it says could stem global growth in the disease.

Some 1.2 million people die each year from HBV, 100 times more than HIV, while as many as 400 million people are carriers.

SciVac — 45 percent owned by Opko Health, which is controlled by Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Chairman Phillip Frost — has applied to the

US Food and Drug Administration for distribution of its vaccine to dialysis and HIV sufferers in the United States. It is about to embark on a clinical trial in the United States that will take a year and a half. Should it get FDA approval, SciVac will then seek similar confirmation in Europe.

SciVac's Sci-B-Vac, already given to the majority of Israeli children just after birth, comprises all three native proteins of the virus, compared with just one protein in an older vaccine from GlaxoSmithKline's called Engerix-B

and cheaper copycats from China. Dosage of Sci-B-Vac is just a quarter that of Engerix. SciVac also says 10 percent of newborn babies and 25 percent of adults over 40 do not respond to the older products.

"It (Sci-B-Vac) looks the same as the virus itself. The immune system cannot ignore it, so it gives full protection," Michal Ben-Attar, chief executive of SciVac, told Reuters, adding that Sci-B-Vac is virtually 100 percent effective against HBV in newborns.

SciVac has distributed more than a half-million

doses of its vaccine since 2009. It is also registered for use in India, Hong Kong, Vietnam, the Philippines and some African countries.

Ben-Attar said SciVac is on the verge of signing a distribution agreement for the product in India. Although HBV is most prevalent in developing countries, Ben-Attar said it is tough to sell in such markets because they prefer cheaper alternatives.

She said Sci-B-Vac is being sold at prices that are competitive with Engerix despite it being expensive

Gold scores first gain in three sessions

CHICAGO, 26 July — Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange ended higher on Thursday, after statistics showed that more Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week, boosting investors' hope that the US Federal Reserve may maintain its stimulus measures to spur economic growth.

The most active gold contract for August delivery rose 9.3 dollars, or 0.70 percent, to settle at 1,328.8 dollars per ounce. Gold prices for the Au-

gust contract had tallied a two-session loss of 1.2 percent, according to MarketWatch.

Market analysts said that gold trading in the day was mainly about US data and the Fed, with the latest jobless numbers supporting gold prices. Statistics from the Labour Department showed that US jobless claims rose by 7,000 to 343,000 in the week ended on 20 July, compared with market estimates of about 340,000.

According to market reports, gold rallied 7.9 percent this month through

Wednesday, heading for the biggest monthly gain since January 2012, after Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke said it was still too early to decide whether to begin scaling back the central bank's bond purchases in September.

The ICE dollar index slipped to 82.118 from 82.285 late on Wednesday. A weaker US dollar is good for gold.

Silver for September delivery also rose 13.4 cents, or 0.67 percent, to close at 20.154 dollars per ounce.

Xinhua

Samsung to invest in chips, panels as smartphone outlook dims



A Samsung Electronics laptop computer is displayed at a shop in Samsung's main office building in central Seoul on 23 July, 2013.

REUTERS

SEOUL, 26 July — Samsung Electronics Co Ltd (005930.KS) announced a \$1 billion increase in investment on Friday, hoping a strong recovery in semiconductors will make up for weakening smartphone growth as it faces mounting pressure to produce eye-catching new gadgets.

The high-end smartphone market, which Samsung dominates along with

Apple Inc (AAPL.O), is slowing and the South Korean giant is struggling to convince investors it can crack the rapidly growing low-end segment, where its rivals include China's Huawei Technologies Co Ltd HWT.UL and ZTE Corp (000063.SZ).

Samsung on Friday reported a 47.5 percent rise in April-June operating profit of a record 9.53 trillion won

(\$8.54 billion), in line with its estimate.

But profits at its mobile division, which generates two thirds of its total earnings, slipped 3.5 percent from the previous quarter even with the launch of its flagship Galaxy S4 in late April, sparking concerns its mobile growth momentum may have stalled as competition intensifies.

Executives offered little to give investors hope that a new market-shifting breakthrough in high-end smartphone technology is around the corner, fueling uncertainty over a segment which appears to have peaked in the first quarter after driving a series of record profits for Samsung in recent years.

Mobile division profit was still up 52 percent from a year ago but even that fell short of expectations, as slower sales of old models like the S3 and the marketing bill for the S4 took their toll.—Reuters



An employee checks a Sci-B-Vac, a hepatitis B vaccine, at SciVac's laboratory in the central Israeli city of Rehovot on 14 July, 2013.—REUTERS

to produce.

SciVac had revenue of \$10 million in 2012 and Ben-Attar said it will break even by the end of 2013 before moving into the black in 2014. The CEO expects

the company to seek a public share offering — possibly on Nasdaq — after breaking even, at which point it could be valued at between \$600 million and \$1 billion.—Reuters

WORLD

There is no military solution to Syrian crisis



UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

UN chief calls for “maximum restraint” by all sides in Egypt

UNITED NATIONS, 26 July — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday urged all the parties in Egypt “to act with maximum restraint” and called on “the interim authorities to ensure law and order along with guaranteeing the safety and security of all Egyptians.”

“The secretary-general is following closely, and with growing concern, developments in Egypt,” said a statement issued here by

Ban’s spokesman.

“The secretary-general once again urges all sides to act with maximum restraint,” the statement said. “He supports the rights of all Egyptians to hold peaceful protests.”

Ban’s statement came as tensions were again rising in Egypt ahead of rival rallies by followers of ousted president Mohamed Morsi and the army on Friday.

Xinhua

US Navy to recover bombs jettisoned in Great Barrier Reef

SYDNEY, 26 July — The US 7th Fleet said on Friday it will retrieve and dispose of four bombs unloaded by jets into Great Barrier Reef Marine Park off the coast of Australia during a training mishap, Australia, which angered environmentalists. In a press statement, the 7th Fleet said it “will take the lead in the safe retrieval and disposal” of the ordinance unloaded on 16 July by two US AV-8B Harrier jets into the World Heritage site during what it described as an “emergency situation.”

“We are fully committed to redressing any potential adverse environmental impact in a timely manner,” it said. The statement came a day after the 7th Fleet said the Harriers, which were launched from an amphibious assault ship ahead of the start of a US-Australia military training exercise, jettisoned the bombs “for safety reasons” after civilian vessels were detected inside the preapproved drop zone and the jets ran low on fuel.

Kyodo News

UNITED NATIONS, 26 July — US Secretary of State John Kerry said here on Thursday that there was no military solution in Syria, only a political one was possible, and he was stepping up dialogue with all involved in the Syrian conflict that has claimed over 100,000 lives over the past two years.

Kerry made the statement here as he was speaking to reporters here after his meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Kerry came to UN Headquarters in New York for the first time as US secretary of states to preside over a ministerial level meeting on the Great Lakes region of Africa in the UN Security Council.

The United States is president of the 15-nation council for the month of July. Kerry and the UN secretary-general met later with reporters together to describe their discussion. “There is no military solution to Syria. There is only

a political solution, and that will require leadership in order to bring people to the table,” he said, adding that he spoke with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Wednesday.

“We remain committed to the effort to bring the parties to a Geneva 2 (conference on Syria) to implement Geneva 1, and we will try our hardest to make that happen as soon as is possible,” Kerry said.

For his part, Ban said “Military and violent actions must be stopped by all the parties and it is thus imperative to have a peace conference in Geneva as soon as possible, as initiated by Mr Kerry and Mr Lavrov,” adding that he and Joint Special Representative Lakhdar Brahimi would spare no effort to convene this meeting as soon as possible.

In May, following talks in Moscow between Lavrov and Kerry, the two countries announced they would work together to achieve a political so-

US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to reporters prior to his meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon at the UN headquarters in New York, on 25 July, 2013. XINHUA



lution to the Syria crisis, and agreed to convene an international conference aimed at achieving this goal. However, a date for the conference has not yet been set and talks are con-

tinuing on the best time for it to be held, who should participate, how it should be structured and some of the questions to be discussed.

Xinhua

Bombings and shootings kill 28 across Iraq

BAQUBA, (Iraq), 26 July — At least 28 people were killed in bombings and shootings across Iraq on Thursday, police said.

In the deadliest attack, a bomb in a parked car exploded in a busy market killing 14 people in central Muqadadiya, 80 km (50 miles) northeast of the capital Baghdad, police said. “I was sitting in my neighbour’s shop when suddenly we heard a big explosion,” said eyewitness Salim Aziz.

“I had no time to see anything, and when I opened my eyes, I found myself at the hospital and I was injured in my right hand and left leg, surrounded by dozens of wounded people,” he added. Iraq has been rocked by daily attacks that have raised fears of a return to full-blown sectarian conflict in a country where Kurds, Shi’ite and Sunni Muslims have yet to find a stable way of sharing power. 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 neighboring Syria, which has inflamed sectarian tensions in Iraq and the wider region.

A bomb placed in a garden where people were celebrating a wedding exploded killing four people the Amiriyah District of Baghdad on Thursday.

Gunmen using silenced weapons shot dead four young men in four separate incidents in Baghdad.

In Madaen, about 30 km (20 miles) southeast of Baghdad, a roadside bomb planted near a cafe went off, killing three people. Militants killed a police officer in the northern city of Mosul, while a child died in a roadside bombing, and a civil servant was also shot dead.

More than 750 people have been killed in militant attacks in Iraq so far in July, according to violence monitoring group Iraq Body Count. 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. One security official told Reuters on Tuesday that some of the escaped inmates were heading to Syria to join the ranks of the mainly Sunni rebels fighting to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad, whose Alawite sect derives from Shi’ite Islam.—Reuters



People walk beside the ambulance carrying the body of assassinated Tunisian opposition politician Mohamed Brahmi in Tunis on 25 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Turmoil hits Tunisia after secular politician slain

TUNIS, 26 July — Tunisian opposition politician Mohamed Brahmi was shot dead on Thursday in the second such assassination this year, setting off violent protests against the Islamist-led government in the capital and elsewhere. “This criminal gang has killed the free voice of Brahmi,” his widow, Mbarka Brahmi, told Reuters, without specifying who she thought was behind the shooting outside their home in Tunis.

Brahmi’s sister later accused the main Islamist Ennahda party of being be-

hind the killing. “Ennahda killed my brother,” Souhba Brahmi said. Ennahda has condemned the killing. The politician’s wife said Brahmi had left the house after receiving a telephone call. She heard shots and found his body lying on the ground outside as two men fled on a motorcycle.

Brahmi belonged to the secular, Arab nationalist Popular Front party, whose then-leader, Chokri Belaid, was killed in a similar way on 6 February. His death ignited the worst violence in Tunisia since President

Zine al-Abidine Ben Ali fell in 2011. Divisions between Islamists and their secular opponents have deepened since the popular uprising against Ben Ali, which unleashed unrest across the Arab world, unseating rulers in Egypt, Libya and Yemen, and leading to a civil war in Syria.

Brahmi, 58, was a critic of the Ennahda-led ruling coalition and a member of the Constituent Assembly that has drafted a new constitution for the North African nation of 11 million.

Reuters

NATIONAL & LOCAL NEWS

Winners in colonial buildings auction to be unveiled soon



YANGON, 26 July—Four colonial-style buildings which once housed the government offices near Sule Pagoda at the heart of Yangon will be transformed into hotels to satisfy the growing demand for hotel rooms as Myanmar sees flock of tourists and business travelers entering the country.

At 25 July press conference at the meeting hall of Myanmar Investment and Companies Directorate in Thitsar street in Yankin Township, the directorate made clear that it invited tenders for four government buildings which are at

least 100 years old. The successful bidders will be allowed to turn these buildings into hotels. The directorate has shortlisted five companies and the bid winners will be announced soon.

The firms that win contracts will have to repair the buildings giving considerable attention to its ancient architectures.

It would cut cost of the government to repair the ancient buildings and widen the number of hotel rooms at the same time, U Aung Naing Oo, Director-General of Myanmar Investment and Companies Directorate, said.

The buildings include the old building of Myanma Import/Export Enterprise at the corner of Maha Bandoola Garden street and Merchant street built since 1920, the building of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise at the corner of 32 street and Merchant street built since 1905, the former Ministry of Hotels and Tourism office at the corner of Sule Pagoda street and Maha Bandoola street built since 1908, and the former trading office in Bo Sunpat street built since 1930.

Winners in the auction will be announced soon.

MMAL-Myint Maung Soe

Plan to preserve Shwe Kyaung revealed

MANDALAY, 26 July—The Ministry of Culture of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Ambassadors Fund for the Cultural Preservation (AFCP) Project unveiled the plan to preserve landmark Shwe Kyaung, literally gold monastery, in Mandalay at the press conference at National Theatre in Mandalay on 25 July. Deputy Minister for Culture U Than Swe and US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek J Mitchell delivered addresses at the ceremony. Director-General of Historical Research Department Daw Nanda Hmon discussed the preservation of the ancient building.

The project period ranges from September, 2013, to June, 2015. The project is funded by US Ambassadors Fund for the Cultural Preservation.

The preservation will be carried out by US experts and experts of Archaeology, National Museum and Libraries Department.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

Preparatory meeting for (ASCC) 2/2013 meeting and national level workshop on ASCC Mid Term Review held

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The preparatory meeting for Myanmar ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) 2/2013 meeting and national level workshop on ASCC Mid Term Review took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar ASCC Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu in his address said that Myanmar needs to take lessons from previous ASEAN Summits host countries. Respective ten committees were formed in ASCC and committee-wise meetings will be held in coming October and it was scheduled to host over 40 meetings of eight ministries related to ASCC, the Union minister added.

National Workshop will be held on 29-30 July for ASCC Mid Term Review Regional Meeting to be held in Brunei in September and it needs to attend and discuss by respective SOM group leaders, he said.

As ASCC ministerial meeting was due to be held in September, it needs to review whether or not in conformity with national level undertakings and ASCC blueprint, he said. Out of 338 processes, only 14 processes have been completed and the remaining tasks are under implementation, he continued. National Level Workshop will be held in August to undertake Mid Term Review of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Roadmap, the Union minister added.

MNA

Substitution of natural gas pipe line completed

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The engineering works have been completed to substitute the 20-inch Kanpauk-Myaingkalay natural gas pipe line of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise of the Ministry of Energy for new one under the 2013 master

plan at 39-mile road section between Thanbyuzayat and Ye. The measures are being carried out to combine pipe line works starting from 6 pm today. The duration of combining pipe line may take 24 hours.

MNA

Traffic accidents reduction measures carried out in Haka

HAKA, 26 July—Traffic police in Haka are educating the road users in Bogyoke street, Clock Tower junction and other junctions in Haka on 24 July.

The campaign is aimed at enforcing the traffic rules in Chin State city, reducing traffic rules and

disseminating traffic rules education to students and public.

The efforts was led by Police Sub-Inspector Sai Nay Aung.

The traffic police in the town will continue to give educative talks on traffic rules.—MMAL-State IPRD

Torrents flood low-land areas in Ye



YE, 26 July—The torrents of mountain stream flooded low-land areas in Ye after heavy rain on 24 July.

Downtown wards, schools, Mya Thida market, Aung Thida market, paddy plantations and gardens were flooded as the river water level arose as well.

Those who were hit by

the flood were relocated by local authorities at People's Sports Ground in Ye. The authorities also got the rescue measures ready,

The water level has started to decline since 25 July and now it is under the danger water level.

MMAL-Nay Myo Htut (Ye)

Prize awarding for 3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 held

YANGON, 26 July—Under the supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation, organized by Junior Golf Myanmar, prize awarding for third round of 3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 was held at Pan Hlaing Golf Club on 24 July.

Pan Hlaing Golf Club General Manager Ma Yin Yin Aye awarded prize winners for under 10-year event. Then, Executives Daw Myint Myint Than of Junior

Golf Myanmar and U Myat Khaing of Myanmar Golf Federation presented awards to winners for 14-year-old and 24-year-old events.

The 3rd Junior Golf Myanmar Tournament 2013 was co-sponsored by Double Eagle Golf Co Ltd, Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, KM Golf Centre, Sam Par Oo Purified Drinking Water, Premier Coffee, CEO Co Ltd and Golf World.

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

THE CONCEPT OF ANATTA

(In commemoration of the Anattalakkhana Sutta preached by the Buddha on the 5th waning day of Waso)

Dr. Saw Mra Aung

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 27 July, 2013

Love Your Health

It has perhaps never been easier to contract an illness in this age of technological advancement which has but maintained the role of runner-up in each competition against growing number of dreadful diseases throughout successive periods. The globalization process has then acted as a travel agent for all kinds of diseases, regardless of its origin, posing grave threat to the global population.

Despite the sheer amount of funds being injected into medical research and experiment across the world, the birth rate of diseases seems has never been slower than that of medicines. Again, in spite of the huge amount of expenditure spent on treatment for common diseases like malaria and tuberculosis in developing countries, the target seems to be too challenging and the diseases appear too strong to be defeated.

Occupational diseases are prevalent among global working population, regardless of white-collar, pink-collar or blue-collar jobs. Despite the fact that technology is created to facilitate the works of humans, white-collar workers, the driving force of national economy, in most parts of the world seem to become slaves to technology rather than the master of it. Endless e-mail checks and replies, hourglass syndrome, marathon mouse miles, nomophobia, iPod oblivion—it is the Thousands and One Nights.

IT jobs can be categorized as well-paid jobs but prolonged sitting can increase health risks while reducing the lifespan. To contract a particular disease while working hard in the hope of Indian summer is not the option even to consider. Leaving the screen and walking for minutes at regular intervals during working hours would do a lot. But, most of us fail to do so once concentrated. In fact, things do happen without our notice.

Meanwhile, there needs to be a rethink in the way healthcare is delivered to people. Health education programmes should be launched on a wider scale across the country through all possible means that can draw public attention, increasing the budget for health care. Cure has never been better than prevention.



The educative talks on “census taking process” was given to locals at Minle Monastery in Katha Township on 21 July. At the ceremony, a group led by Chairman of Township Writer’s Association U Khin Maung Lay, a responsible person of district/township traffic rules enforcement committee, a police officer and the District IPRD Officer shared knowledge about traffic rules, crime reduction and census taking process and distributed pamphlets to locals.—Township IPRD

The Buddha’s denial of existence of atta through the exposition of the *Anattalakkhana Sutta* (Discourse on Soulessness) revolutionized whole history of man’s thoughts and ideologies. According to the teachings of the Buddha, so long as one cannot remove Sakayaditthi (personality belief), one will remain blind to the Truth. It is impossible to remove Sakayaditthi without the knowledge of anatta. Therefore, it stands to reason that understanding the nature of anatta is a must for our deliverance. The character of anatta can be evident to people only in the presence of and within the fold of the Buddha’s Sasana (Dispensation). All other religions base themselves on the idea of atta. So Donald Weston says, “Of the world’s major religions, only Buddhism denies or is agnostic about the existence of soul”. It is also the concept of anatta that popularized Buddhism and made it different from all other religions. However, this concept still remains a hard-nut to crack among philosophers, theologians and scholars.

Firstly, we should know what meaning the word “Anatta” conveys. Etymologically, the Pali compound “Anatta” is composed of two members: a negative prefix “An” meaning “not” plus “atta” corresponding to “atan” in Sanskrit which means “soul, self, ego, personality, etc.” So this Pali compound is literally translated as “No soul” or “Not-self”.

Some religions believe that there is a separate soul in every being. It is created by Supreme Being, Universal Soul, called Brahman. Like Brahman, the separate soul is immortal. When the body dies, the separate soul shifts to another body and makes it its new home, discarding the worn-out body. Liberation of this soul occurs only when it becomes completely purified, and finally united with Supreme Being or Universal Soul emanated. Dr. Walpola Rahula says

that this idea is conceived by man for self-protection and self-preservation. The Buddha spurned this untenable idea flatly by preaching the *Anattalakkhana Sutta* five days after he had expounded his first discourse” *Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta*. His new teaching was in complete antithesis to those of the then prevalent religions which were founded on the idea of atta. Hence, Buddhism is known as being against man’s selfish desire. For this teaching, the Buddha was denounced as an iconoclast by the leaders of other contemporary religions.

According to the teachings of the Buddha, there is no doer apart from doing. There is no sufferer apart from suffering. There is no being called, “I”, “he”, “she” etc. Beings are just a combination of mind (nama) and matter (rupa) or five aggregate—corporeality (rupakkhandha), feeling (vedanakkhandha), perception (sannakkhandha), mental formation (sankharakkhandha) and consciousness (vinnanakkhandha) which are in a state of constant flux, not remaining for two consecutive moments. No creator can bring this incessant arising and dissolution of corporeal and mental phenomena under control. Nothing permanent or substantial is there in a being, apart from this incessant arising and dissolution of corporeal and mental phenomena.

In the ultimate sense, our so-called body (rupa) is composed of particles of matter. Matter, in fact, is the visible complex of invisible qualities and forces known in Pali Mahabhuta, essential or great elements such as earth-element (pathavi), heat-element (tejo), water-element (apo) and wind-element (vayo). Depending on these four great elements, 24 derivatives also arise like a tree growing depending on the earth.

In addition, along with these four great elements, there also arise four secondary characteristics of matter,

i.e. colour (vanna) smell (gandha), taste (rasa) and nutritional quality (oja). Our whole physical body can be experienced only in terms of these eight elemental properties of matter. According to the Abhidhamma, our physical body is conditioned by action (kamma), mind (citta), season (utu) and nutrient (ahara), not by any creator. When our physical body is minutely analyzed into ultimate realities, no soul except the qualities and forces of these four great elements and its 24 derivatives can be found.

The so-called mind (nama) is nothing but a series of successive momentary thoughts or processes of consciousness which are the products of the impact between sense organs and sense objects. For example, due to the contact between eyes and the visible object, there arises eye-consciousness and simultaneously along with it, there also arise mental concomitants called cetasikas such as feeling (vedana), perception (sanna), mental formations (sankhara), contact (phassa) etc. In this case, the eyes and the visible object are matter (rupakkhandha), to feel the visible object is feeling (vedanakkhandha), to remember the visible object is perception (sannakkhandha), to motivate actions is mental formations (sankharakkhandha) and to incline to the visible object is consciousness (vinnanakkhandha). Thus, in our every action, the five khadhas (mind plus matter) work collectively and mutually, depending on one another. Therefore, Arahat Vajira said thus,

“When all constituent parts are there,

The designation ‘cart’ is used.

Just so, where the five groups exist,

Of ‘living being’ do we speak”.

Four conditions—the eye, the visible object, light and attention—must be present to make eye-consciousness arise. Eye-consciousness cognizes the visible object,

thereby making eyesight come into being. If one of these four conditions is absent, eye-consciousness can, by no means, arise. Consequently, we cannot see anything like a blind-man. This proves it evident that eye-sight is not created at all by any doer. Likewise, smelling, tasting, touching and thoughts are not created by anyone. They arise only due to the functioning of their respective conditions. In short, when the so-called being is analyzed in every detail, no soul or nothing substantial will be found, with the sole exception of the ever-changing particles of matter and processes of concomitants which are working side by side being dependent on one another. So it should be noted that beings do not dance to the tune of the creator. With regard to this, the following stanza is mentioned in the *Digha Nikaya*.

“..Just as a wooden puppet, though unsubstantial, lifeless, and inactive, may, by means of pulling strings, be made to move about, stand up, and appear full of life and activity, just so are mind or body, as such, something empty, lifeless and inactive, but by means of their mutual working together, this mental and bodily combination may move about, stand up and appear full of life and activity..”.

The Buddha professionally explained the idea of anatta in the *Anattalakkhana Sutta* that the five aggregates are not soul or one or one’s own property, for one cannot exercise authority over them because they always lead to affliction. They are impermanent (anicca). What is impermanent is unsatisfactory (dukkha) and what is both impermanent and unsatisfactory should not be regarded by any means as soul or one or one’s own property (anatta). Thus did the Buddha introduce his revolutionary idea.

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NATIONAL

MoU on 500 megawatt combined cycle power plant project inked



NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—The MoU signing to undertake feasibility study for 500 megawatt combined cycle power plant project in Ayeyawady and Yangon Regions between Department of Electric

Power and GMS Power Publish Co Ltd and Global Power Synergy Co Ltd of Thailand was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Soe said the ministry was carrying out power

generation and distribution by applying energy resources in the country, adding that construction of natural gas-fired power plants have potentials such as short construction period, full power generation

and less environmental impact. He pointed out that

THE CONCEPT OF ANATTA

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It is very difficult to see the nature of anatta. Only those who have developed at least Namaruparicched-anana, Paccayaparigghanana and Udayabhayanana can clearly discern the separate working of the five aggregates, the causes which condition nama and rupa and the nature of three characteristics anicca, dukkha and anatta. In actual fact, anicca is concealed by changing postures (while meditating) and anatta by compactness and solidity of things.

The heated debate on the concept of anatta between the Buddha and the great ascetic Saccaka makes it more clear that there is no atta. During the debate, Saccaka asked the Buddha if he had taught anatta. When the Buddha answered in the affirmative, Saccaka countered saying "No, there is atta. The five aggregates are atta." Then the Buddha cross-questioned him. "Do you really think that rupa is atta? If so, can you make your physical appearance (rupa) beautiful?" Thus Saccaka was finally forced to admit that rupa is not atta.

The following verse from the *Patisambhida-magga Pali* says that even Nibbana is anatta.

"...Sabbe sankhara

anicca;

Sabbe sankhara

dukkha;

Sabbe dhamma

anatta..."

The first line means "All conditioned things are impermanent, the second means "All conditioned things are suffering. The third, however is different. Here, the Buddha does not use "Sankhara" but uses Dhamma. Dhamma here means all things—both conditioned and unconditioned. So the third line means that all things, conditioned and unconditioned, are anatta and void of self or soul.

This means that even Nibbana which is Asankhata, unconditioned, is not atta or is void of atta. Thus does this verse deny the existence of atta.

The Buddha did not agree to the idea that when the body dies, the soul moves to another new body and continues from life to life. According to him, people are reborn with Patisandhi (relinking consciousness), a rebirth consciousness which does not transmigrate from the previous existence, but which comes into existence by means of conditions included in the previous existences, conditions such as kamma, etc. Thus a reborn

person is not the same as the one who has died nor is the reborn person entirely different from the one who has died. Most importantly, no metaphysical entity, no soul and no kind of spiritual self continues from one existence to another in the Buddha's teaching.

In conclusion, so profound is the concept of anatta that we cannot understand it easily. Only when we see the three characteristics - anicca, dukkha and anatta—clearly, we can comprehend the nature of anatta. Therefore, we should develop insight meditation (vipassana bhavana), the only practice which can guarantee us insight into the nature of the three characteristics.

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Vietnamese delegation concludes visits

YANGON, 26 July—A Vietnamese delegation led by Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung, Chairman of National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam visited Shwedagon Pagoda this morning. The Chairman signed at visitors' book.

He and donated 1000

USD for the Pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees and paid homage to the Pagoda.

After that, Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung delivered a speech at the meeting on information technology for banks and financial services between Myanmar and Vietnam at

the Sedona Hotel.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Sein Tin Win, officials, the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar and embassy staff.

MNA

Myanmar, Japan to cooperate in agriculture development sector



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views agricultural machinery.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing held a meeting with Japanese delegation led by Director Mr. Kenichiro KOBAYASHI of Rural Development Department from JICA and experts from MAFF at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Then, they observed thriving ground nut,

green gram, sunflower and Palethwe hybrid paddy, cucumber, maize, bitter gourd plantations in Pobbathiri Township, thriving Hitome Bore paddy plantation near Tegyigon Village in Zabuthiri Township. They also observed modern crops processing machines, combined harvesters and agricultural machinery

of Alliance Stars Co near Chaing Village in Dekkhinathiri Township, 440-acre Palethwe summer paddy plantations of Ngalike irrigated area in Pyinmana Township and inspected construction site of rice mill and completion of Satake rice mill in Aungthukha Village in Pobbathiri Township.

MNA



Visitors view an art work from artist Sara Wong in PearLam Galleries in south China's Hong Kong, on 25 July, 2013. An exhibition of multi-media art pieces from the 1990s kicked off on Thursday, showcasing various kinds of representative works from four contemporary Hong Kong artists.—XINHUA

Nigeria wins entrepreneurship competition hosting right

ABUJA, 26 July — Nigeria is to host the 2013 World Students' Global Entrepreneurship competition in Abuja on 6- 12 August, an official announced here on Wednesday.

The president of the Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE), Agwu Amogu, said Nigeria edged out Ukraine and South Korea to win the hosting rights.

Amogu said the competition, now in its 11th edition, was tagged "The SAGE World Cup".

"The SAGE mission is to create the next generation of entrepreneurial

leaders whose innovations and social enterprises are to address the major needs of our global community," he added.

"It engages young people in hands-on learning process on how to create wealth and also on how to help others and their communities," he said.

"This is an honour and opportunity for Nigeria and Africa, as some of the world's brightest young people will come to Nigeria and experience Africa's business environment, culture and hospitality," Amogu added.

He said SAGE was a transnational social move-

ment initiated to create a conscious effort to galvanize the enormous creative energies and resources in the world to eradicate poverty.

The programme will also help to make future dreams come true for Nigerian young people by teaching them entrepreneurship and financial literacy skills needed to be successful.

"We are expecting approximately 30 delegates of secondary school champion teams from USA, South Africa, Canada, Ukraine, South Korea, Britain, Uganda, Ghana, and Zambia," he said.

Xinhua

Millions sing, pray for Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, 26 July —As former South African President Nelson Mandela turned 95 on Thursday, South Africans from all works of life came out in huge numbers to celebrate his birthday by spending 67 minutes of their time assisting the less privileged Mandela's birthday, which falls on 18 July, was declared in 2009 by the United Nations Assembly as the Nelson Mandela International Day. On this day, people from over the world are urged to spend 67 minutes of their time doing good things.

The call is made in honour of Mandela who spent 67 years of his life fighting for social justice, human rights and freedom of South Africans from the oppressive apartheid regime.

This year's celebrations took place with the theme of Take Action, Inspire Change and Make Every Day a Mandela Day with a focus on shelter, literacy and food security. Students in South Africa had a unique way of celebrating Mandela's 95th birthday. At exactly 8:00 am local time, all schools

throughout the country sang happy birthday for Mandela. At a German international school in Johannesburg, about 972 students sang the birthday song in front of a big portrait on the podium, showing a smiling Madiba (Mandela's clan name).

Imaan Essop, a Grade 12 pupil at the school, said, "I just want to wish Madiba a very happy birthday and thank him so much for building (the country) and being the father of a beautiful nation in South Africa.—Xinhua

European court says Russia's Khodorkovsky case not political

STRASBOURG, 26 July—A European court ruled on Thursday Russia had a legitimate case against ex-oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky and business partner Platon Lebedev over alleged tax fraud, rejecting suggestions it had been political motivated.

But the European Court of Human Rights found that their trial had been unfair and that their

2005 sentencing to a remote jail near the Arctic Circle was unjustified.

Khodorkovsky, a staunch critic of President Vladimir Putin and once Russia's richest man, was arrested in 2003 and handed alongside Lebedev 13 years jail on charges of multi-million dollar tax evasion and money laundering.

"Charges against two

Russian business executives had a sound basis, but the hearing of their case was unfair, and their placement in remote penal colonies unjustified," the Strasbourg-based court said.

Judges from the court ordered Moscow to pay 10,000 euros (\$13,200) to Khodorkovsky in damages.

The punishment, which in December was reduced by two years allowing the two

men to walk free in October 2014, was seen by supporters as a politically-motivated act of revenge.

Thirteen people have been freed so far as part of an amnesty for Russia's jailed entrepreneurs intended to correct failures in Russia's legal system, which has often seen entrepreneurs jailed on trumped-up charges.

Reuters

Canada's crime rate drops to lowest level in 40 years

OTTAWA, 26 July—Canadian police services reported nearly 2 million criminal incidents in 2012, a 3 percent drop from 2011, or 36,000 fewer than in the previous year, Statistics Canada reported on Thursday. The crime rate is the lowest level since 1972, the report said.

The drop in the crime rate was due to decreases in non-violent crimes..

Among major urban centres, the Greater Toronto Area home to about 6 million people — reported a 7 percent decrease in its police-reported crime rate in 2012 and had the lowest crime rate in Canada for the

sixth consecutive year.

Kelowna in the western province of British Columbia with a population of about 185,000 experienced a 6 percent surge in its crime rate and had the country's highest crime rate in 2012. Canadian police services also reported just over 415,000 violence incidents last year, a decrease of 9,000 from 2011, said Statistics Canada. In 2012, Canada's violent crime rate fell by 3 percent to its lowest level since 1987.

In 2012, police reported 543 homicides, or 55 fewer than in 2011. Canada's homicide rate of 1.56 homicides per 100,000

people was the lowest since 1966.

Statistics Canada said that beyond homicides, the police-reported crime rate fell for most violent crimes, particularly major sexual assault, robbery, and assault on a peace officer.

There were also more terrorism-related incidents last year — an increase by 55 compared to 2011. Statistics Canada reported that the increase was mainly the result of "an unusually high number of hoax terrorism incidents", most of which occurred in Quebec during the student demonstrations in the spring of 2012.

Xinhua



People dressed as Santa Claus participate in a parade during the annual World Santa Claus Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 24 July, 2013. Santa Johnny from China's Hong Kong won the "World Best Santa Claus" on Wednesday.—XINHUA

Four sides launch joint efforts to promote West Bank industrial park

RAMALLAH, 26 July—Officials from Palestinian territories, Israel, Jordan and Japan met on Thursday in the West Bank City of Jericho over removing obstacles that prevent the opening of an industrial park in the city.

Ministers from the four states agreed on "special arrangements" to operate the agricultural park within four months, said the Palestinian Minister of Planning Mohammed Abu Ramadan.

Nearly three years of standstill political talks between Israel and the Palestinians caused the 200 million US dollars project to enjoy little work on the ground.

This meeting came after the US Secretary of State John Kerry said he succeeded in reaching an agreement allowing Israeli and Palestinian negotiators to meet directly next week for the first time since 2010.

Israel's Regional Cooperation Minister Silvan Shalom, who participated in the Jericho meeting, said he saw that 30 July meeting in Washington may bear "a good chance" that will lead to renewing direct talks.

"I believe it is better to talk than to fight," Shalom said, adding "That doesn't mean economy is a substitute for the political track, the two should go together."

Xinhua



REGIONAL

Pakistan's opposition party boycotts presidential elections

ISLAMABAD, 26 July — Pakistan's major opposition party on Friday announced boycott of the presidential elections as a protest against change in the election date.

The Election Commission of Pakistan had previously set on 6 August for the presidential elections, however, the Supreme Court ordered the elections to be held on 30 July on a request by the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (PML-N).

The PML-N had approached the apex court to change the polling date,

arguing that many lawmakers will be in Saudi Arabia on August for worship in the Muslim Holy Month of Ramadan and would be deprived of their right of voting. The opposition Pakistan People's Party (PPP) objected the court verdict and said that the party was not heard in the case and that the court delivered "one-sided" decision.

The PPP presidential candidate, Senator Raza Rabbani, announced boycott at an emergent press conference at the party's central secretariat in the presence of top leaders.

"The one-sided court verdict left no option with us but to boycott the presidential elections and this electoral process," Rabbani said.

The opposition leader said that the court verdict made it impossible for him to run election campaign in few days.

The PPP candidate had earlier refused to appear before the Chief Election Commissioner for scrutiny of the nomination papers within the stipulated time.

Candidate of the PML-N, Mamnoon Hussain, and candidate of another key opposition party Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf justice (retired) Wajihuddin Ahmed, appeared before the Chief Election Commissioner in Islamabad during the scrutiny of their nomination papers.

The Chief Election Commissioner, Fakhru-

din G Ebrahim, accepted nomination of the two candidates.

Rabbani said that he had filed nomination papers and had started campaign and also won support of some opposition parties but the ruling party knocked at the doors of the Supreme Court and accepted the date proposed by the ruling.

"It is mentioned in several courts verdicts that all stakeholders will be heard in cases but in this case the Supreme Court did not hear him and other presidential candidates," Rabbani complained. He also lashed out at the Election Commission of Pakistan for abdicating its right to the Supreme Court. The opposition boycott will be a huge embarrassment for the government as it could lead to political tensions between the ruling party and the opposition.—Xinhua

DPJ to suspend party membership of ex-PM Kan for 3 months



Former Prime Minister Naoto Kan

TOKYO, 26 July — The Democratic Party of Japan decided on Friday to suspend the party membership of former Prime Minister Naoto Kan for three months as he supported an independent candidate in Sunday's upper house election in defiance of a decision by the main opposition party.

DPJ President Banri Kaieda proposed the step at a meeting of the party's executive board, which immediately approved it, party lawmakers said. Kaieda had initially proposed earlier this week expelling the former leader from the party.

The DPJ suffered a major setback in the House of Councillors election, in which Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling bloc wrested control of the chamber from opposition parties.

Kan supported a candidate who had lost the party's endorsement in the Tokyo constituency.

The DPJ had initially planned to field two candidates in the capital but revoked its backing of one of them only two days before official campaigning started, in view of the slim chance of securing two seats there.

Neither candidate was elected, due apparently to a split in the DPJ's vote amid the confusion.

Kan apologized to the party when the executive board met on Wednesday. Some of its members then voiced reluctance to expel Kan, saying the punishment would be "too severe," and the board instead opted to suspend his membership, the lawmakers said.

Kyodo News

Singapore Q2 public housing resale prices register lowest growth since 2009

SINGAPORE, 26 July — Singapore's resale price index for public housing flats, which are built and sold by the government to local resident households, rose slightly by 0.5 percent in the second quarter after several rounds of cooling measures, the country's Housing Development Board (HDB) released on Friday.

The Q2 index is lower than the 1.3 percent growth in the previous quarter and the lowest quarterly growth since the first quarter in 2009. But resale transactions rose by 21 percent to 5,235 cases in Q2, up from 4,335 cases in Q1.

The city-state has in-

troduced several rounds of cooling measures to curb high level growth in property market, including increasing extra stamp duty for foreigners, permanent residents and also the citizens, and a cap on the size of bank housing loans.

On the other hand, the government also ramped up the supply side by increasing the units of public housing flats. The HDB said on Friday that it is "on track to launch 25,000 Build-To-Order (BTO) flats for the whole of 2013."

In the first half of this year, the HDB offered 12,144 new flats under its BTO exercises.

Xinhua

Alibaba, e-concierge, soon at your service

BEIJING, 26 July — Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group Holding Ltd plans to boost its presence in China's online market, and is adding services to ease consumers' daily lives, from ordering food to booking movie tickets.

The company expects the new business area to become a major revenue source in the future. Online shopping has become a new way of life for many Chinese consumers, said Zhang Jianfeng, vice-president of Alibaba Group. And the company has realized that customers are not satisfied with merely buying items on Internet. "Gradually, consumers are developing a strong demand for daily life services, in fields like catering, entertainment and travel," Zhang said at a Beijing news conference on Thursday.

Taobao Life, a platform owned by Alibaba that provides such services, has been receiving unprecedented attention from Alibaba's management since the beginning of the year. In

March, Alibaba's chairman Jack Ma said that "amazing" things will happen if everyday activities are combined with mobile Internet services.

Ma compared the growing importance of e-commerce in people's lives to "the rising sun at 5 or 6 am", and Alibaba expressed its ambition to develop the new business to reach a scale similar to its booming Taobao Marketplace. If so, investors who are eyeing Alibaba's possible initial public offering will find another bright spot for the company's future profitability, analysts said.

Alibaba is said to be planning to include its e-commerce platforms — Taobao Mall, Taobao Marketplace and eTao — into the planned IPO package. Last year, Taobao Mall and Taobao Marketplace posted about 1 trillion yuan (\$163 billion) in total transaction value. Zhang revealed that the Taobao Life platform has three strategic business sectors.

Xinhua



A chemist from the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA) looks at sacks full of expired medicines during the destruction of illegal drugs in Malabon City, the Philippines, on 25 July, 2013. A total of 772.4 kilograms of assorted drug evidence composed of shabu, cocaine, marijuana, valium, and other illegal drugs worth 964.94 million pesos (about 22.29 million US dollars) were destroyed by Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

XINHUA

Pakistan's 1st commercial mango consignment heads to Japan

ISLAMABAD, 26 July — An initial consignment of 550 kilograms of Pakistani mangoes is on its way to Japan, an official of the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan has said.

Usman Narejo, the authority's director general, told reporters in Islamabad this is the first commercial export of mangoes from Pakistan to Japan after years of negotiations and would be followed by a second consignment of 1,500 kg in August.

The export of mangoes from Pakistan to Japan, a longstanding issue, had languished since 2011 when a token consignment was allowed into Japan to introduce the Pakistani variety there.

Now, Pakistan has a special processing and preservation centre for mangoes to be exported to markets in Europe, the United States, Asia, including Japan and South Korea, and to Australia.

Kyodo News



A newly-born two-head baby sleeps at a hospital in Jaipur, India, on 25 July, 2013. Doctors said it would be the first case of its kind in the state and the 3rd such case in India. — XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Nepal government head refuses to resign from chief justice

KATHMANDU, 26 July — Despite the pressure from opposition parties, Chairman of Interim Election Government Khil Raj Regmi has refused to resign as chief justice. Regmi is holding the post of both government head and chief justice since 13 March but some opposition parties want his resignation from chief justice to ensure an appropriate environment for 19 November poll.

Furnishing a written reply to Supreme Court Thursday, Regmi argued that presidential decree to remove constitutional difficulties made new provision in the constitution, which states that the government would be headed by a sit-

ting chief justice.

A case has been filed at Supreme Court (SC) demanding Regmi's resignation from chief justice. "If I resign from the post of chief justice, I will no longer remain as the Cabinet chairman, who in turn could lead to new constitutional complexities," read the reply.

Opposition parties Madhesi Janadhikar Forum Nepal (MJF-N), CPN-Maoist, a splinter group of UCPN (Maoist) and Federal Socialist party Nepal (FSP-N) are demanding Regmi's resignation from chief justice, saying that holding both posts by an individual will affect the principles of separation of powers.

Xinhua

Jailed Russian female punk rock member loses parole appeal



Maria Alyokhina

PERM, (Russia), 26 July — A member of Russian female punk group Pussy Riot lost her appeal for parole on Wednesday after nearly a year in prison for performing a protest song against President Vladimir Putin in a Moscow cathedral. Maria Alyokhina's appeal against a previous decision to deny her early release from a two-year jail sentence was rejected by a court in the city of Perm,

where she is serving her sentence, about 1,500 km (940 miles) east of Moscow.

Alyokhina, 25, and two other Pussy Riot members were convicted of hooliganism motivated by religious hatred in August for bursting into the Russian Orthodox cathedral and belting out a "punk prayer" asking the Virgin Mary to rid Russia of Putin.

Madonna, Paul McCartney and Adele were



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

PRETORIA, 26 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.

Reuters



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

Syrian teenager hospitalized in Israel with amputated leg

JERUSALEM, 26 July — A 15-year-old Syrian girl who lost a leg in the ongoing conflict in her country was admitted on Tuesday afternoon to a hospital in the northern Israeli city of Safed, Israel Radio reported.

She was the fourth Syrian national to be evacuated to Safed's Ziv Medical Centre since the morning hours.

Earlier, army medics transferred for treatment a woman and her 8-year-old daughter, who were taken into surgery, followed by a man who sustained critical head injuries and was admitted to the trauma ward.

A total of 10 Syrians are presently hospitalized at Ziv, Israel Radio updated on its website.

Between 80 and 100 Syrians have been treated in Israeli medical institutions since the fighting in Syria erupted more than two years ago. —Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Why Jennifer Lawrence gave away her Oscar to parents

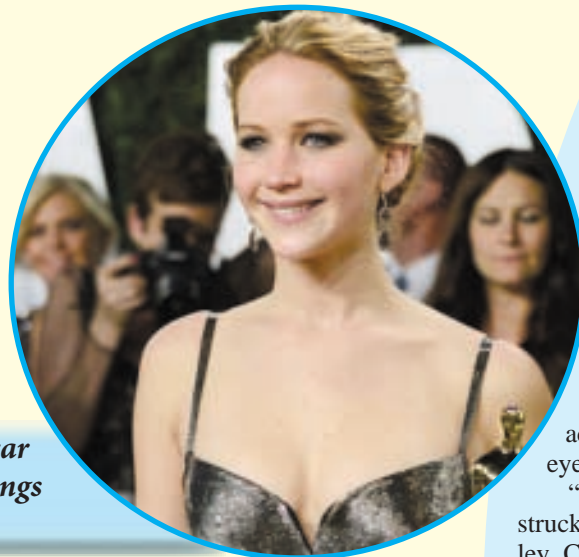
LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Actress Jennifer Lawrence has given away her Oscar award to her parents as she felt odd displaying the trophy in her house.

The 22-year-old actress, who won the best actress Oscar for her performance in the romantic comedy *Silver Linings Playbook*, which also had actor Bradley Cooper, struggled to find a suitable spot for the golden statuette in her house.

“My parents took it back to Kentucky, ‘cos I felt odd having it, like, on display in my house,” *accesshollywood.com* quoted Lawrence as saying.

“If anybody’s coming over to my house, I didn’t want them to remember that. Just kind of puts a weird energy out.

I put it in the hallway towards the bathroom, and my mum was like, ‘I’m taking it. It shouldn’t be here’. And now it’s on a piano in Kentucky!” she added.—PTI



Lawrence won the best actress Oscar for her performance in *Silver Linings Playbook*.

At 73, Tina Turner marries partner Erwin Bach



American singer Tina Turner

GENEVA, 26 July—American singer Tina Turner married her companion of 27 years, German music producer Erwin Bach, on the banks of Switzerland’s Lake Zurich.

The wedding was held on 21 July, 2013 at the 5,500 square-metre mansion in the town of

Kusnacht where the 73-year-old singer, who recently obtained a Swiss passport, has lived with her 57-year-old partner for the past 17 years.

The couple wed in a Buddhist rite, though they had been married in a civil ceremony several days earlier at the Kusnacht town hall, media reports said.

The villa where the lavish wedding took place and which they own was decorated with 70,000 pink and yellow roses. More than 120 guests were on hand for the occasion, all requested to dress in pure white.

Among them were singers Eros Ramazzotti and David Bowie, designer Giorgio Armani and TV show host Oprah Winfrey, all old friends of Turner. The singer, whose real name is Anna Mae Bullock and who retired after her 2008-09 farewell tour, has lived in Switzerland since 1995. Turner’s career kicked off in the 1960s when she formed a duo with her husband at the time, Ike Turner.

PTI

Bruce Willis’ wife does not mind his on screen kisses

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Bruce Willis says his wife Emma Heming does not mind his on screen kisses with other actresses.

Willis, 58, is featuring with actresses Catherine Zeta-Jones and Mary-Louise Parker in action-comedy *Red 2* and the actor believes he is lucky to get a chance to be romantic with women who he is not married to, reported *Us* magazine.

“I get to kiss two women in this film, which I seldom get to do in some of my other work. I get to kiss girls!” said Willis.

Willis has been married to Heming since 2009

and has a one-year-old daughter, Mabel with her.

“I think I’m very fortunate. I get asked to do a lot of different kinds of things. Some of them include weapons,



Bruce Willis kisses both his female co-stars in his latest flick *Red 2*.

include jokes, from time to time I get to make out with women that I’m not married to. How often does that happen?,” he said.—PTI

Actress Amanda Bynes

Actress Amanda Bynes placed under psychiatric care in California

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Troubled actress Amanda Bynes has been taken to a hospital for involuntary psychiatric care after the former teen star was involved in a disturbance in Southern California, authorities said on Tuesday.

Don Aguilar, a spokes-



Selena Gomez star struck by Bradley Cooper

LOS ANGELES, 26 July—Selena Gomez revealed that she is happier than ever since she became an elder sister.

Singer Selena Gomez was star struck by actor Bradley Cooper and can’t remember what she said when she met him.

The 20-year-old admits that she tried to speak to the *Silver Linings Playbook* actor but was blinded by his eyes.

“The last time I was star struck was when I met Bradley Cooper and I don’t even remember what I said, that’s how embarrassed I was. I wanted to say he was a great actor but he blinded me with his eyes,” *femalefirst.co.uk* quoted her as saying.

Gomez also revealed that she is happier than ever since she became an elder sister. Her younger sister, Gracie Elliot, was born on 13 June.

“I’m a relatively new big sister but it’s the best thing ever. My bliss is coming home and seeing her after I have been working,” she said.—PTI



Selena Gomez

man for the Ventura County Sheriff’s Department, declined to describe the incident that prompted deputies to take Bynes into custody and commit her for psychiatric evaluation.

But local media reported that the 27-year-old actress had started a fire in

the driveway of a home in the Los Angeles suburb of Thousand Oaks. Bynes was born in Thousand Oaks and grew up there.

The Ventura County Fire Department confirmed that it responded on Monday night to an incident involving a gas can that was

set on fire in a driveway and that Bynes was at the scene, but it would not say if she was accused of starting the fire.

The small fire, which scorched the driveway, was extinguished by local residents, the fire department said.—Reuters

Ronaldinho inspires Atletico Mineiro to first Copa Libertadores title

BELO HORIZONTE, (Brazil), 26 July— Former Barcelona, Paris Saint-Germain and AC Milan star Ronaldinho was instrumental in helping Brazilian side Atletico Mineiro defeat Paraguay's Olimpia in a penalty shoot-out on Wednesday to win the Copa Libertadores for the first time.

Trailing 0-2 from the first leg, Atletico opened the scoring through the tournament's leading scorer Jo in the 36th minute but had to wait until three minutes

from time to snatch the equaliser through defender Leonardo Silva.

After a goalless extra-time, the final went to penalties which the Brazilians won 4-3 in front of 60,000 fans at the Mineirao Stadium.

A World Cup winner with Brazil in 2002 and Champions League winner with Barcelona in 2006, Ronaldinho returned to his home country in 2011 with his top ambition being to win the South American

continental cup to go with his other honours.

"This is why I came back to Brazil," the two-time winner of the world player of the year award said. "Not long ago people were saying that I was done but we showed today that isn't the case."

Olimpia, aiming for their fourth Copa Libertadores title and first since 2002, were left rueing a host of golden goal opportunities.

"You can't miss so many chances in a Copa fi-



Ronaldinho

nal," coach Ever Almeida said. Atletico will now go on to represent South America

at the World Club championships in Morocco in December alongside teams

such as Bayern Munich and Mexican side Monterrey.

PTI



Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Germany's Daniel Brands during their Swiss Open second round tennis match in Gstaad on 25 July, 2013.—REUTERS

Federer stunned by Brands in Swiss Open

GSTAAD, 26 July — Top seed Roger Federer suffered a shock 6-3 6-4 defeat by Germany's Daniel Brands in his opening match at his home Swiss Open on Thursday - the latest setback for the former world number one.

The 17-times grand-slam champion was beaten in 66 minutes by the 55th-ranked Brands in the second round in Gstaad, a week after beating the same player in the Hamburg tournament.

"It helped that I already played him in Hamburg last week," Brands said on the ATP website (www.atp-

worldtour.com).

"Of course you are very impressed when you face him on the court for the first time. It's completely different from what you see when you watch him on TV once you see him on the other side of the court." Federer, 31, slipped out of the world's top four for the first time since 2003 following a shock defeat by journeyman Sergiy Stakhovsky at Wimbledon and last week lost in the Hamburg semi-finals to then 114th-ranked Argentine Federico Delbonis.

Reuters

Chelsea rout Indonesia All-Stars in friendly

JAKARTA, 26 July— Chelsea turned on the style in an 8-1 rout of Indonesia All-Stars on Thursday as they completed their Asian tour with a 100 per cent record under returning manager Jose Mourinho.

Two belters from Brazilian midfielder Ramires and another brace from back-from-loan striker Romelu Lukaku swelled the Chelsea scoreline, as Indonesia's lone score came from a late Tomas Kalas own goal. Belgian danger-man Eden Hazard got the opener with a penalty, captain John Terry nodded a trademark header, teenager Bertrand Traore scored a

beauty and Demba Ba was also on the scoresheet.

The emphatic score, in front of 80,000 fans at Jakarta's Gelora Bung Karno Stadium, and the crowd-pleasing performance of his emerging team buoyed Mourinho as he plots the season ahead. "We are talking about some of the best players in Europe against an inexperienced team, so the result was not the most important thing," said Mourinho. "But I was very pleased with the attitude of my players, trying always to play, trying always to improve, trying always to score goals, trying always to please the crowd."—PTI

Pep Guardiola's Bayern Munich defeat Barcelona in friendly

MUNICH, 26 July—Pep Guardiola's Bayern Munich enjoyed a 2-0 win at home to his former employers Barcelona in Wednesday's friendly as the Spaniards only played their stars until the break.

Although Barcelona left new Brazil signing

Neymar at home, first-team regulars Javier Mascherano, Adriano, Alex Song and Alexis Sanchez, plus Argentina's Lionel Messi played the first-half in Munich.

Goals by Philipp Lahm and Mario Mandzukic either side of half-time was

enough to give the Champions League winners victory over the Catalan giants at a sold-out Allianz Arena in front of 71,137 fans.

With the Uli Hoenes Cup on offer, in honour of Bayern's president, this was Munich's second pre-season title in four days having won Sunday's Telekom Cup final with a 5-1 win at hosts Borussia Muenchengladbach.

Barcelona had something to prove on their first return to Munich since their 4-0 drubbing in April's Champions League semifinal, which the Germans had backed up with a 3-0 win in Spain.

But with Gerardo Martino back in Spain, ahead of

Friday's official unveiling as Barcelona new manager, caretaker coach Jordi Roura had no qualms about blood-ing his entire bench of juniors at half-time.

Likewise, with the Bundesliga season a fortnight away, Guardiola gave both Brazil centre-back Dante and Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger, back from a minor ankle op, their first pre-season appearances.

Messi made a bright start with a run through midfield before blasting his shot wide, while at the other end, Germany's Toni Kroos forced Barcelona goalkeeper Jose Manuel Pinto into a diving save.

PTI



Pep in his step: former players look on as ex-Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola takes his seat at the Allianz Arena.

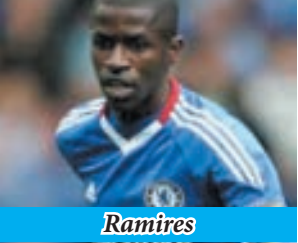
PTI

Tiger aims to regain winning ways at happy hunting ground

LOS ANGELES, 26 July— Frustrated after a wasted opportunity to win last week's British Open, Tiger Woods will be back in PGA Tour action for next week's WGC-Bridgestone Invitational at one of his favourite venues as he hunts a fifth victory this year.

American Woods has triumphed a record seven times at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio where he will also be looking to build momentum for the season's final major, the PGA Championship to be played the following week.

"This is one of my



Ramires

favourite courses," world number one Woods said on his website (web.tigerwoods.com/) about the tree-lined venue for the elite World Golf Championships (WGC) event.

"There is nothing tricky about it; everything is right in front of you. And the fans do a great job of supporting the event."

Woods will aim to return to the PGA Tour winner's circle, having tied for sixth in last week's British Open at Muirfield in Scotland where his bid for a 15th major title unravelled in the final round as he closed with a three-over-par 74.

He was happy with his overall game at Muirfield, though he struggled with his putting, especially in the final round.

"The whole week, I really hit so many good shots and really had control of



Tiger Woods of the US (L) shakes hands with his former caddie Steve Williams, after finishing his final round of the British Open golf championship at Muirfield in Scotland on 21 July, 2013.

REUTERS

my ball," the 37-year-old told reporters. "The frustrating part is I didn't get the (putting) speed."

"I'm very pleased with the way I'm playing, there's no doubt. I'm right there. We have the World Golf Championship here at (Firestone) a golf course I like, and I've had a little bit of success on it. I'm looking forward to that."

Woods has not won

a major title since his remarkable playoff victory at the 2008 US Open where he was severely hampered by a double stress fracture in his left shinbone.

However, he has displayed excellent form on the PGA Tour this year, winning four times in just 10 starts, and ranks first in FedExCup points, money earnings and scoring.

Reuters

GENERAL

Pope scolds rich, demands social justice in visit to Brazil slum

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 July— Pope Francis on Thursday issued the first social manifesto of his young pontificate, telling slum dwellers in Brazil that the world's rich must do much more to wipe out vast inequalities between the haves and the have-nots.

The pope also urged Brazil's youth, who have taken part in recent protests showing discontent with the status quo, to keep alive their "sensitivity towards injustice" and be a catalyst in the fight against corruption.

The first Latin American pope, who has rallied the Church on behalf of the poor and who lives more austere than his predecessors, called for a "culture of solidarity" to replace the "selfishness and individualism" prevailing in modern society.

"No one can remain in-

sensitive to the inequalities that persist in the world," he told residents of Manginhos, a sprawling shantytown, or favela, of ramshackle brick dwellings that until recently was overrun by violence and controlled by drug lords.

His speech, under rains that have persisted throughout most of his first trip abroad as pope, came halfway through a week-long visit around World Youth Day, a gathering of young Catholics that is expected to attract more than a million faithful to Rio de Janeiro and nearby sites.

Despite the downpours and unusually chilly weather, tens of thousands of rapturous Brazilians and foreign visitors have turned out to welcome the pope. The World Youth Day events are an effort by the Vatican

to inspire Catholics at a time when rival denominations, secularism and sexual and financial scandals continue to lead some to abandon the Church.

Brazil, home to the world's biggest population of Catholics with over 120 million faithful, is an apt locale for the pope to remind the world of inequality. A recent decade of economic growth in the country raised incomes for many, but tens of millions of Brazilians still live in poverty or with little more than the basics to get by.

In Manginhos, Francis, an Argentine known for frequent outings into the slums near Buenos Aires even as a cardinal, smiled and visibly enjoyed the chaotic close contact allowed with residents there.

Reuters

Bulgaria links Australian, Canadian citizens to 2012 blast in Burgas

SOFIA, 26 July— Bulgarian Interior Ministry on Thursday linked one Australian and one Canadian national to the blast at Burgas Airport last July that killed five Israeli tourists, their Bulgarian driver and the bomber himself.

"The authorities are sending an appeal for cooperation towards the society

regarding two individuals, who are suspected of having links with the bombing," the ministry said in a press release on its website.

"They are identified as: Meliad Farah (a.k.a Hussein Hussein) Australian national, and Hassan El Hajj Hassan, Canadian national," the ministry said.

Investigators suspected

the individuals registered themselves at hotels and accommodations and rented cars using fake identities.

"All citizens having information about the individuals are appealed to contact the nearest structure of the Ministry of Interior. Their anonymity is guaranteed," the press release said.

Xinhua

Man of Steele in charge at Canadian Open

OAKVILLE, (Ontario), 26 July— American Brendan Steele took full advantage of ideal early scoring conditions to forge a one-shot lead after the opening round of the Canadian Open on Thursday.

Playing the back nine first on a calm, sunny morning at Glen Abbey Golf Club, Steele mixed eight birdies with a single bogey for a seven-under 65 that left him a shot clear of compatriots Matt Kuchar and Scott Brown and Australian Scott Gardiner.

As breezes stiffened and conditions toughened for the afternoon starters no one managed to come close to nudging Steele, 30, from the top of the leaderboard.

Steele, whose has

just one PGA Tour win, had three birdies on his outward nine on the Jack Nicklaus-designed layout and picked up the pace after the turn with five birdies over seven holes before dropping his only shot of the day at the ninth.

Kuchar, the highest ranked player in the field at world number six, mixed an eagle with five birdies and a bogey while Brown turned in a flawless round with six birdies.

"It was perfect conditions," smiled Kuchar, who has made 20 consecutive cuts, including all 16 starts this season. "I feel like last week, conditions were so challenging and so difficult at the British Open to come here and play golf that is more friendly and more what we are use to

was great."

Gardiner, who has made the cut just twice in his last 16 events, began his day with a par then reeled off six consecutive birdies to race up the leaderboard.

The Australian's red-hot start cooled with seven consecutive pars before he picked up another birdie at 15 followed by his only bogey of the day at 16.

American Hunter Mahan and Swede David Lingmerth were a further shot back after returning 67s while Chez Reavie, whose only career PGA Tour win game at Glen Abbey in 2008, and former Masters champions Bubba Watson and Trevor Immelman were among a large pack three off the pace.

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Brendan Steele of the US hits his approach shot on the ninth fairway during the first round at the Canadian Open golf tournament at the Glen Abbey Golf Club in Oakville, on 25 July, 2013.—REUTERS

afternoon wave is going to be tougher for sure," said Mahan. "In the morning the greens are pure and the wind is not blowing quite as hard."

Indeed, some of the tournament's biggest names were left flounder-

ing in the breezy conditions with former world number one Luke Donald of Britain (73), twice Canadian Open champion Jim Furyk (72) and 2010 US Open winner Graeme McDowell (76) all failing to break par. American

Woody Austin, who fired four sub-par rounds of 70 last week at the Sanderson Farms Championships to claim his first PGA Tour title in six years, crashed to the bottom of the leaderboard with a 10-over 82.

Reuters

Committee to implement report of Latpadaungtaung Mining Project investigation commission committed to boosting country's economy, poverty alleviation

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July —Minister at the President's Office U Hla Tun, Chairman of the committee to implement the report of the investigation commission, has pledged today that the committee would take measures as pointed out in the investigation report in consideration of boosting country's economy and alleviation of the poverty in the mining area.

At the press conference at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Mines here today, he quoted the terms of the agreement as saying that the Wanbao Company will contribute every year for cooperate social responsibility and limiting the environmental impact in the mining area.

The new deal signed on 24 July has also given guarantees that the government will enjoy the percentage of the profits that it deserves, job opportunities for local people and ensuring the international standards of the environmental protection throughout the commercial production period of the project, he added.

The committee chairman promised that the committee will try its best to attend to

the needs of the local people in attempts to deal with their grievances.

While the government is working in the interests of the State and people, some people has done instigations causing hindrances to the project and instability in the area, he added.

He called the Latpadaungtaung Mining Project as "a model project" for the country, pledging that the State will enjoy a percentage of the profits it deserves in future projects and will be able to prevent the environmental degradation and create job opportunities for the peoples.

Member of the committee Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung clarified the amended profit-sharing contract.

To reach agreement, the responsible personnel of all stake holders held meetings for two times in April, three times in May, five times in June and three times in July and sought advices from the ministries concerned, reported the agreement to the Myanmar Investment Commission and sought resolution from the Union Government, he said.

According to profit



Minister at the President's Office U Hla Tun makes clarifications at a press meet being held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Mines.

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sharing ratio of the old contract, Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd got 51 percent and Wanbao Co, 49 percent after paying 16.8 percent of taxes for mines, trade and income. Under new contract, profit sharing ratio of the State, Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and Wanbao Co is 51:19:30.

Thanks to the new contract, the Ministry of Mines gets five millions USD from Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd. Handing over and stoppage of mines is not clearly stated in the old

contract. Wanbao Co will invest two million USD annually for mine reclamation by opening Escrow Account at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.

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.

Head of Seized Lands Scrutinizing Group Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than, head of Environmental Conservation Group Deputy Minister for Mines U Than Tun Aung, head of Socio-economic Implementation

Group Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung, head of Religious Buildings Moving and Reconstruction Deputy Minister U Soe Win presented the reports on their respective groups.

After that, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers and officials replied to the queries raised by the media.

Regarding the question of Xinhua News Agency on "How would the government create mutually-beneficial condition for the State and investors?"

Member of Investigation Commission Dr Aung Tun Thet replied that foreign investment is a must for the development of the country.

The new government has made amendments to the old Foreign Investment Law as well as to the procedures. The basic point for the enactment of new law is aimed at ensuring increase in investments, fast flow of investment and responsible investments. These three points are so crucial. We are making efforts for ensuring responsible investment. Responsible investment must be SRI. Businesses have Cooperate Social Responsibility (CSR). That is to say, the businesses should not target their profits alone like those in the past. It can be said that the new contact is a good example.

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Top DPRK leader meets Chinese vice-president on relations



Kim Jong Un (R), top leader of DPRK, meets with visiting Chinese Vice President Li Yuanchao in Pyongyang on 25 July to pay a visit to attend activities marking the 60th Anniversary of the Korea War Armistice.—XINHUA

PYONGYANG, 26 July — Kim Jong Un, top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), met here on Thursday with visiting Chinese Vice-President Li Yuanchao to discuss relations between their two countries. Li arrived here earlier in the day to pay a visit to the DPRK and to

attend activities marking the 60th Anniversary of the Korea War Armistice.

During the meeting with Kim, Li said the anniversary was a chance to remember the outstanding sons and daughters of China and the DPRK who sacrificed their lives to defend their homelands.

"Reviewing history, we deeply feel that today's peace is hard earned and should be cherished doubly," said Li, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

The China-DPRK relationship was entering a new period that built on the past and prepared for the future, Li said, adding China was willing to work with the DPRK to strengthen mutual trust and communications, expand exchanges and co-operation in various fields, and advance bilateral ties. Li noted that, as a neighbour of the Korean Peninsula, China persisted in the realization of its denuclearization and the maintenance of its peace and stability. China insisted problems should be solved by dialogue and negotiation, he said.—Xinhua

UEC Chairman leaves for Cambodia to observe general elections

YANGON, 26 July — Union Election Commission Chairman U Tin Aye and Yangon Region Election Sub-Commission Member

U Tin Htay left here by air this morning for Cambodia to observe general elections to be held there on 28 July.

They were seen off

at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Election Sub-Commission Chairman U Ko Ko and members.—MNA

Working Committee for Exploring Mineral Resources and Ensuring Transparency in Industrial Firms meets

NAY PYI TAW, 26 July — A meeting of Working Committee for Exploring Mineral Resources and Ensuring Transparency in Industrial Firms (1/2013) was held at the Ministry of Energy here this afternoon.

Chairman of Working Committee Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Maung Maung Thein said measures are to be carried out to

become Extractive Industries Transparency Initiatives-EITI member before the end of this year in accord with international norms in order to perform effective management of local natural resources. Moreover, it is aimed not only to improve socio-economic status of the people but also to get fruitful results of the country ensuring long-and-short

term benefits. As a second step, arrangements are to be carried out to form Multi-stakeholder Group-MSG with added momentum.

Secretary of Work Committee Member of National Economics and Social Committee Adviser to the President Dr Zaw Oo elaborated on work procedures of EITI and on-going tasks.—MNA