

Exact data needed for national development: President Country-wide census-taking (2014) process clarified



President U Thein Sein attends the meeting to clarify country-wide census-taking (2014) process.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Country-wide census-taking (2014) process was clarified at the meeting hall of the Union Government Office in the Presidential Palace here this afternoon. It was attended by

President U Thein Sein, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, and Chairmen of the Union Election Commission U Tin Aye, the Union Ministers, Pyithu Hluttaw

and Amyotha Hluttaw Committee Chairmen U Htay Oo, U Thein Zaw, U Zaw Myint Pe, the Union Attorney-General and officials. Union Minister for Immigration and

Population U Khin Yi said that Myanmar started census taking process as of 1891. Till 1941, it was carried out 10 years per time. Nation-wide census-taking processes were taking place in 1973 and

1983. According to the census, Myanmar had a population of 28.92 million in 1973 and 35.30 million in 1983, he added. Those present gave suggestions. President U Thein Sein said that it needs to have

exact data for country's development. The country could not take census for 30 years since 1983 resulting in lack of exact facts and figures. Country's development projects did (See page 8)

Vishnu ancient city poised to be included in World Heritage List

Ancient city Vishnu, located north of Kokkogwa Village in Taungdwingyi Township of Magway Region, was nominated in the last week of January 2013 to the UNESCO to be included in World

Heritage List, and the result would be announced in June 2014, said Assistant Director U Khin Zaw of Beikthanoe Branch of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department. Vishnu, an ancient

city of Myanmar, was civilized from 1st Century to 5th Century AD. City characteristics such as layout plans, moats, city buildings, silver coins, stone beads, ornaments in artistic works and Buddha images were unearthed

in the area of the ancient city. That is why efforts are being made for putting Vishnu city, which is one of three ancient Pyu cities, in the World Heritage List. In October this year, officials of UNESCO will make field trips to the ancient city to see how about preparations of designating the city as the World Heritage List have been made in line with the UNESCO rules.

“At present, we have made preparations for the city in accord with the rules of UNESCO such as facilities of roads, accommodation, road signs and directions. In June 2014, we may know whether the city will be included in the world index,” said Assistant Director U Khin Zaw. From 1958 to 1962, a total of 25 mounds were

discovered at the ancient city of Vishnu and these mounds were designated as KKG. More 63 mounds found from 1995 to 2012 were named as BTO. Two layers of charcoal were found that it might be outbreak of fire at mound No 9 and No 11. According to the investigation made by International Dating Association in 1962, the layer of charcoal was estimated to be about 1950 years.

In the city, Pyu pagodas, temples in significant architectural works, images, ground oil lamps, bronze oil lamps and footprint works of the Lord Buddha were excavated. These evidences indicate Buddhist civilization works which play a key role in the development process of Southeast Asian region, remarked U

Khin Zaw. If the ancient Hanlin, Vishnu and Sri Khesra cities be included in the World Heritage List, those interested in the archaeology at home and abroad would visit the ancient city sites. In consequence, the tourism industry and other production industries of the nation would develop and then job opportunities would be created for the people.

At present, Vishnu Pyu ancient city is divided into three parts—ancient building zone, ancient area zone and preserved zone. Only two digits of tourists visit Vishnu ancient city yearly, and most of them are researchers.

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BRT's 40 km long commute into downtown Yangon to be in operation soon



YANGON, 1 Aug— According to a member of technical supporting committee of the Myanmar Railways, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system will be launched in the near future, allowing BRT buses to run on No (1) Pyay Road in Yangon.

In order to introduce the public transport bus service under the BRT system, new passenger buses have been arrived at Pansodan jetty so far.

Concerning the recently-arrived new passenger buses, experts are choosing to change design and colour of buses to be attractive ones with the aim of catching the attention of passengers from a distance, it is learnt.

BRT buses will be

allowed to use the separate lane, middle lane among three lanes which are currently used, in Yangon roads. Although the middle lane will be used for BRT buses, other vehicles can share the lane before traffic lights where the BRT buses will be given priority. Other passenger buses will not be permitted to stop at the BRT stations.

The Technical Supporting Committee will have to supervise and organize the running of BRT buses to be more effective in the speed of bus service than the conventional buses.

The aim of opening a new chapter at the public transport bus service is to get people to and from their destinations in good time, to allow all walks of life to

use the high performance service at a reasonable fare, to improve Yangon's public transport bus service for the convenience and safety of passengers and to get back the public trust in the bus service.

BRT buses will make its layovers at designated stations, not every bus-stop. YCDC will extend the area of bus-stops later for the use by BRT buses and other buses at the same time.

At the press meets about the launching of BRT system, officials explained that BRT buses would be introduced initially along Pyay Road and the bus route would be Khayaybin

intersection to Strand road to Khayaybin intersection; that a total of 40 buses would be operated on the 40 kilometers long route. Other proposed bus routes had been presented to the Yangon Region government.

The BRT system is designed to speed the city's commuters on their way smoothly and safely without the current problems of traffic congestion. For strict adherence to traffic rules, educating and taking actions against violators will be employed as a long term plan, it is learnt.

Kyemon-Saw Thein Win

Natural Disaster

Flash flood in low-lying areas of Monghsat Township

MONGHSAT, 1 Aug— More than 20 houses were under emergency evacuation at about 5 pm on 29 July after flash floods entering the low-lying areas of Maehsut north ward and Honar village in Monghsat Township of Shan State. Water level of the sudden flood had reached two feet.

Families were evacuated to safer parts of the township and provided with foodstuff and necessary assistance by local authorities.

"Monghsat experiences flash floods caused by torrential rains in every monsoon," said a local.

Kyemon-Wai Yan Lin (Monghsat)



Crime

Man arrested for slaying young woman and her infant in South Dagon

YANGON, 1 Aug—A young man was taken into police custody in connection with slaying of a 21-year-old woman and her newborn baby three days after the victims were found dead in a field near the road to December Housing in Ywathagyi ward in South Dagon township, here, at 9 am on 23 July.

The victim was identified as Ma Aye Aye Aung, a worker from a cold storage, of Dagon Myothit (East) Township. Police said they were called to the scene where the bodies of the mother and son had fallen into decay. After receiving the post-mortem result on the dead persons, police investigated the case as homicide. Investigation revealed that the victim had disappeared after going outside together with Pyae Wa Aung who is said to be



her boyfriend. According to further investigation, the suspect fled to Wetlet Township in Sagaing Region. South Dagon Myoma police station in cooperation with East District special crime curbing division arrested Pyae Wa Aung, a factory worker, of Ywathagyi in Dagon Myothit (East) Township at Hladaw village of Wetlat Township. Actions are being taken against the suspect in connection with first-degree murder for killing of the young woman and her infant.

Kyemon-Soe Win-MLA

Accident

Unidentified man struck by two vehicles while crossing Strand Road

YANGON, 1 Aug— Pabedan Myoma police station said that a man was found dead sustaining serious injuries in his head and both arms and legs that led to his death at the corner of Bo Aung Kyaw Road and Strand Road in Kyauktada Township at about 7 pm on 29 July. According to eye witnesses, the man was struck at a place between 27th street and Konzaydan street by a passenger bus of 226 Bus Line driving along Strand Road from Latha Township to Pabedan

Township first while he was walking cross the road. He was flung to the ground by the impact and then hit by a taxi that dragged him in its front bumper to the corner of Bo Aung Kyaw Road and Strand Road.

Police charged over taxi driver U Kyi Soe and the bus driver whose name was immediately.

Police are trying to identify the victim and investigation remains to arrest the bus driver who is still at large.

Kyemon-Soe Win-MLA



Boats collide head-on, killed one in the sea off Kyunsu Township

YANGON, 1 Aug—A head-on collision between the two boats occurred in the sea near Wekyun village in Kyunsu Township on 26 July. The incident left a boat sunk and one fisherman killed, it is learnt.

A fishing boat steered by U Htay Aung, 39, of Launglon Township was hit by a small tanker on its way to fish camp in Kyunsu Township from Myeik. The incident occurred when the two boat were trying to avoid each other from a face-to-face situation in

the sea. U Htay Aung and four among six fishermen on board the boat were flung to the water due to the impact. Nyi Nyi Zaw of Myeik Township, one of the two remaining fishermen, was pronounced dead as the roof of the fishing boat collapsed while he fell asleep on it.

Kanmaw police station in Kyunsu Township opened a case and the salvage of the sunken boat had been carried out on that day.

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Sense of duty makes a person strong and tall.

WORLD

Kerry: US, Pakistan agree to re-establish full partnership

ISLAMABAD, 1 Aug — US Secretary of State John Kerry agreed with Pakistan on Thursday to re-establish a “full partnership” hurt by US drone strikes and a 2011 NATO air attack in which 24 Pakistani soldiers were killed.

Speaking after talks with Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in Islamabad, Kerry said the two sides were serious about overcoming past irritants. He invited Sharif to visit the United States for talks with US President Barack Obama.

“What was important today was that there was a determination by the United States and by Pakistan

to move this relationship to the full partnership that it ought to be, and to find the ways to deal with individual issues that have been irritants over the course of the past years,” Kerry said. “And I believe that the Prime Minister is serious about doing that. And I know that President Obama is also.”

Kerry arrived in Pakistan late on Wednesday on an unannounced visit.

Both sides are keen to put behind past tensions and start afresh, a shift in priorities they hope is possible with a new government in Pakistan and a new secretary of state in the United States.



US Secretary of State John Kerry (C) walks with US Ambassador to Pakistan Richard Olson (L) and unidentified Pakistani officials upon his arrival in Islamabad on 31 July, 2013.

REUTERS

But continued US drone strikes against militants in Pakistan’s northwest remain a big hurdle. Speaking alongside Kerry, Sartaj Aziz, Sharif’s adviser on foreign affairs, said Pakistan wanted the United States to end the strikes. “Drone attacks are counterproductive to our

relationship,” he said.

As for the future of US-led troops in neighbouring Afghanistan, Kerry said he was confident the United States would reach agreement on future troop levels in a timely way. “We are drawing down, not withdrawing,” he said.

Reuters

Counting underway for “free and fair” Zimbabwe election



The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) Deputy Chairperson Joyce Laetitia Kazembe (R) answers questions during a Press conference in Harare, capital of Zimbabwe, on 31 July, 2013. The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission concluded on Wednesday that the general elections were conducted free and fair.—XINHUA

HARARE, 1 Aug—The Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) said Wednesday general elections were conducted free and fair and that counting of the vote has begun.

ZEC chairperson Rita

Makarau told a Press briefing held after the polls were closed that she believed the elections were free and fair based on reports filed by ZEC officers on the ground.

About 6.4 million people, about half of the population, were registered to vote in over 9,000 polling stations to choose between the 89-year-old veteran President Robert Mugabe and his long-time political rival Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai for the country’s top post for the next five years.

Voter turnout was high as queues were still long in the provinces of Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland West, Mashonaland East and Matabeleland North by 6 pm local time, an hour before the polls were officially closed, Makarau said. Voters who were already in

the queues were allowed to proceed even until past mid-night.

Statistics can only be available on Thursday as earliest, Makarau said.

Meanwhile, vote counting has started in places where the polls were closed. The electoral body said results can be expected in five days.

Makarau said some minor glitches were reported during the one-day vote, including the arrest of 20 people in Harare for trying to use fake registration slips to vote, but the impact was minimal.

Earlier in the day, Finance Minister Tendai Biti, the third-ranking official in Tsvangirai’s MDC-T party, alleged irregularities in the polls including the voters’ lists and ballot paper.

Xinhua

UN panel to begin N Korea cargo probe in Panama on 13 August

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—Members of a UN panel will travel to Panama to begin an investigation 13 August into allegedly banned cargo discovered there on a ship bound for North Korea from Cuba, the chair of the North Korean sanctions committee said on Wednesday.

“They (Panamanian authorities) have invited the Panel of Experts to come and assist in this investigation. So they will actually now go there from the 13th to the 15th of August,”

Luxembourg’s Ambassador Sylvie Lucas told reporters at the United Nations after a meeting of the committee.

The Panamanian government had initially requested the panel arrive on 5 August, but then asked for more time to unload the cargo, which is buried in bags of sugar.

“They actually have to take it out sack by sack,” she added, noting that the entire ship was covered by “tons and tons of sugar.”

The envoy said that five or six of the eight panel

members would travel to the Latin American country, but did not identify them.

The panel consists of a representative from each of the permanent five members of the Security Council — Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States — as well as members from Japan, South Korea and South Africa.

Once the panel completes its investigation, they will report back on their findings and make recommendations.—Kyodo News



A crane hoists a bus which fell into a canal in the northwest Indian state of Punjab, on 31 July, 2013. A tourist bus carrying more than 30 passengers plunged into a canal on Wednesday morning in the northwest Indian state of Punjab, local police said.—XINHUA

Japanese negotiators promised not to delay TPP

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Aug—Japan’s trade negotiators have pledged not to cause any delay to the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade agreement negotiations, Malaysia’s deputy chief negotiator said on Thursday.

“Japan said that they are committed to the schedule that we have set and they promised not to delay the TPP negotiations,” Isham Ishak said at a TPP open day forum organized by Malaysia’s Ministry of International Trade and Industry to engage with the public and address their concerns about the TPP.

He said Japan made the commitment during the last round of negotiations in Kota Kinabalu last month.

Japan joined the meeting for the first time 23 July toward the end of that nine-day meeting.

Isham said only 13

chapters were negotiated among the TPP members in the Malaysia round as other chapters has already come to a close. Japan was involved in only four chapters, he added.

On market access, he said, “As we are already in the tail end of TPP we have established a programme to ensure that those members who have not yet given their confirmed offers on market access place their offers as soon as possible.”

The TPP will hold its next round in Brunei from 22 to 30 August. Sources told *Kyodo News* a meeting of TPP ministers is expected in the first two days.

With Japan’s participation, the TPP now involves 12 countries — the United States, Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Singapore, Brunei, Vietnam, Chile, Peru, Canada, Mexico and Japan.—*Kyodo News*

Egypt’s rulers want to break up Brotherhood vigils

CAIRO, 1 Aug—Egypt faced the prospect of fresh bloodshed on Thursday after the country’s army-backed rulers signaled they would move soon to disperse thousands of supporters of deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi.

With no sign of a negotiated end to weeks of violent confrontation, Egypt’s interim government said two Cairo vigils by Mursi supporters posed a threat to national security, citing “terrorism” and traffic disruption.

It ordered the Interior Ministry to take steps to “address these dangers and put an end to them,” but gave no time frame.

The announcement set up a showdown with the Muslim Brotherhood,



A supporter of deposed Egyptian President Mohamed Mursi holds a poster of him as he rides on a scooter during a march from the Al-Fath Mosque to the defence ministry, in Cairo on 30 July, 2013.—REUTERS

which refuses to leave the streets until Egypt’s first freely elected president is

reinstated. Deposed by the army on 3 July, Mursi remains in military detention at a secret location.

A move against his supporters could bring a new round of bloodletting after security forces shot dead 80 Brotherhood followers at dawn on Saturday and plunged the Arab world’s most populous nation deeper into turmoil.

The crackdown, coupled with criminal probes against Mursi and other Brotherhood leaders, has fuelled global concern that the military plans to crush the Islamist movement, which spent decades in the shadows before winning power in repeated elections after a 2011 uprising toppled autocrat Hosni Mubarak.—*Reuters*



Australia to rejuvenate River Murray system by commonwealth environmental water

CANBERRA, 1 Aug—Around 300 billion liters of commonwealth environmental water will flow into the River Murray Valley in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia over the next seven months, helping rejuvenate natural assets like the Lower Lakes in South Australia, Minister for the Environment Mark Butler announced in a statement Thursday. Water entitlements acquired by the government's water recovery programs are managed by the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder. Each

year, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Office undertakes planning for the use of environmental water based on the best available science and advice of local communities and state-based agencies. The Commonwealth environmental water is to be used within the River Murray Valley including the river channel between Hume Dam to the Murray Mouth in South Australia, the lower Darling River channel below Menindee Lakes to Wentworth and associated low level floodplain and wetlands. According to

Mark Butler, this measure will support a broad range of environmental outcomes within the River Murray system including flows to the river channel, low-level floodplain wetlands, the Coorong and Lower Lakes.

And Mark Butler said the use of Commonwealth environmental water will help to improve water quality and flush salt and nutrients from the River Murray, improving conditions for vegetation, fish and water birds particularly in the Lower Lakes and the Coorong.

Xinhua

Ex-NCAA athletes score court victory over EA video games

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—A divided US federal appeals court rejected Electronic Arts Inc's (EA.O) effort to throw out a lawsuit by former collegiate athletes who accused the company of using their images in video games without permission.

By a 2-1 vote, the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals said EA's use of the athletes' likenesses in its NCAA Football and NCAA Basketball games did not deserve protection as free expression under the First Amendment of the US Con-

stitution.

Samuel Keller, the former Arizona State University quarterback, and eight other plaintiffs had claimed that EA used their identities and likenesses without compensation.

The decision upheld a ruling by US District Judge Claudia Wilken in Oakland, California and sets the stage for Keller to seek class-action status on behalf of other athletes.

"It says that athletes do have a right of ownership in their images, even after they



leave college," said Robert Boland, a sports law professor at New York University's Tisch Centre. "While it doesn't change the status of athletes now in college, it begins to shape their financial rights in their images." EA plans to appeal. Wilken also oversees a four-year-

Attendees at the Electronic Entertainment Expo visit the Electronic Arts booth on the first day of E3 in Los Angeles, California on 5 June, 2012.—REUTERS

As solar panels pile up, China takes axe to polysilicon producers

HONG KONG, 1 Aug—Three quarters of China's solar-grade polysilicon producers face closure as Beijing looks to overhaul a bloated and inefficient industry, resulting in fewer but better companies to compete against Germany's Wacker Chemie AG and South Korea's OCI Co Ltd.

The polysilicon sector, which has around 40 companies employing 30,000 people and has received investment of 100 billion yuan (\$16 billion), suffers from low quality and chronic over-capacity as local governments poured in money to feed a fast-growing solar panel industry, for which polysilicon is a key feedstock.

Demand for solar panels has eased since the global financial crisis, forcing governments worldwide to slash solar power subsidies, and leaving China sitting on idle capacity and mounting losses. To help prop up

the solar industry, Beijing plans to more than quadruple solar power generating capacity to 35 gigawatts (GW) by 2015 to use up some of the huge domestic panel glut. It has also said it will accelerate technological upgrades in polysilicon to weed out inefficient producers and "nurture a batch of internationally competitive producers."

People in the polysilicon industry say the moves will halve China's produc-

tion capacity to 100,000 metric tons (110231 tons) a year, leaving around 10 relatively strong firms with better technology and cost efficiency.

"Most producers will be eliminated rather than acquired. This may sound cruel, but is the reality as they are technologically uncompetitive," Lu Jinbiao, a senior official at China's top polysilicon producer GCL-Poly Energy, told Reuters.—Reuters



Workers install a solar panel in Jiuquan, Gansu Province, in this on 14 July, 2013 file photo.

REUTERS

Mothballed NASA telescope may get new life as asteroid hunter

HOUSTON, 1 Aug—NASA is considering re-activating a mothballed space telescope to help find asteroids that could be on a collision course with Earth, according to a senior US space agency official.

Launched in December 2009, the Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer, or WISE, telescope spent about a year taking pictures for an all-sky map. With its infrared detectors, WISE was able to peer through thick layers of dust and see even relatively dim objects such as cool brown dwarf stars in great detail.

NASA then put WISE to work on another mission looking for asteroids and comets in the solar system.

Of particular interest were objects in orbits that pass relatively close to Earth.

WISE found about 150 near-Earth asteroids, including 20 that were potentially hazardous, before funding for the project ran out. The telescope was put into hibernation in February 2011.

NASA is now reviewing options for enhancing its asteroid-hunting efforts including bringing WISE out of hibernation, Lindley Johnson, who oversees the agency's Near-Earth Objects observations program, said this week. This follows February's explosion of a small asteroid in the skies above Russia and the near-Earth passage of a larger one the same day.—Reuters

Fidelity Contrafund sours on Apple, bolsters Tesla bet

BOSTON, 1 Aug—Fidelity Contrafund (FCNTX.O) manager Will Danoff cut his stake in Apple Inc (AAPL.O) 28 percent during the first half of the year, citing the iPhone maker's "slowing growth profile."

The star stockpicker remained bullish on Google

Inc (GOOG.O) and on Tesla Motors Inc's (TSLA.O) "disruptive technology and superior business model," according to his latest monthly commentary for investors.

Danoff remains Apple's largest active shareholder, only passive index and exchange-traded

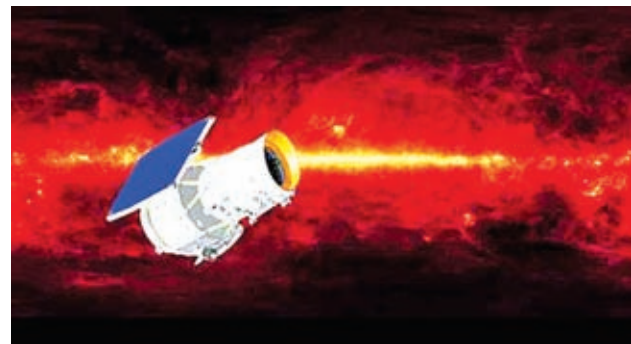
funds have larger stakes. His Contrafund owned 8.3 million shares of Apple at the end of June valued at \$3.3 billion, according to Thomson Reuters data. He owned nearly 11.6 million shares at the end of 2012.

"Reflective of the company's slowing growth profile, Apple moved from

the fund's top position a year ago to the third spot as we reduced our stake in the company," said Danoff, who runs the \$94 billion Contrafund for Fidelity Investments in Boston.

Danoff has been trimming his stake in Apple since last year.

Reuters



An artist's concept of Wide-field Infrared Survey Explorer (WISE) is shown in this publicity illustration released to Reuters on 17 Nov, 2009.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

DBS drops deal of Indonesia's Bank Danamon



SINGAPORE, 1 Aug—DBS Group, one of Singapore's biggest local banks, announced on Wednesday that it has dropped a bid to purchase of Indonesia's PT Bank Danamon Indonesia Tbk. The purchase could be one of the largest deal in Southeast Asia, with 7.24 billion US dollars.

The bank said its agreement to purchase Te-

masek Holdings' 67.37 percent stake in Danamon, will lapse after 1 August.

The DBS first announced its plan to purchase the Danamon last April.

At that time, it agreed to the conditional agreement with Fullerton Financial Holdings to buy Asia Financial (Indonesia), a subsidiary of Temasek's Fullerton Financial Hold-

ings that currently holds a 67.37 percent stake in Danamon.

Upon the completion of the proposed acquisition, DBS will launch a mandatory tender offer to acquire the remaining listed shares in Danamon for a cash offer price of 7,000 Indonesian rupiahs (0.6825 US dollar) per share.

DBS would have to pay a total of 66.4 trillion Indonesian rupiahs (7.24 billion US dollars) at that time.

However, the deal encountered problems with Indonesia's regulation. Bank Indonesia, the country's central bank, had earlier ruled that bidders can first take only a 40-percent stake in a local bank.

Xinhua

CIT cuts off credit to some JC Penney vendors

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—Commercial lender CIT Group (CIT.N) abruptly stopped funding some future shipments to J.C. Penney Co (JCP.N), a source familiar with the situation said on Wednesday, in a move that could disrupt the retailer's holiday shipments and hamper sales.

CIT met with Penney officials on Tuesday and is in talks with the department store chain to resolve the issue, the source said.

Finance companies such as CIT, known in the industry as factors, provide short-term loans to suppliers while they are waiting to be paid by those receiving their goods or services.

The news sent Penney shares down more than 10 percent on Wednesday and



The entrance of a JC Penney store is pictured in Arcadia, California in this 1 March, 2013, file photo.

REUTERS

created another setback for Chief Executive Mike Ullman, who has been trying to rebuild the company since returning in April.

His predecessor, Ron Johnson, had tried to remake Penney into a more fashionable department store, but

shoppers rejected the concept and sales fell 25 percent last fiscal year.

Ullman, who was brought back to succeed Johnson, has largely restored Penney's original strategy focused on deep discounts and coupons.—Reuters

China HSBC PMI dips to 11-month low in July

BEIJING, 1 Aug—China's factory activity shrank for a third straight month in July to its lowest level in nearly a year as new orders fell, a private survey showed on Thursday, signaling the persistent pressure on the economy has extended into the third quarter.

The HSBC Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), compiled by Markit Economics Research, fell to 47.7 in July from June's 48.2. It was the weakest reading since August 2012, and matched a preliminary figure published last week.

A reading below 50 indicates a contraction of activity while one above shows expansion.

"With weak demand

from both domestic and external markets, the cooling manufacturing sector continued to weigh on employment," said Hongbin Qu, China chief economist at HSBC.

While keeping the door shut for big stimulus, the government has unveiled a series of policies to boost spending in social housing, urban infrastructure, high-speed rail and energy-saving industries, while offering tax breaks for small firms.

"These targeted measures should boost confidence and reduce downside risks to growth," Qu added.

Reflecting weak demand at home and abroad, new orders declined to 46.6 in July, a third straight con-



A labourer cuts scrap steel at a factory of Dongbei Special Steel Group Co, Ltd, in Dalian, Liaoning Province on 24 July, 2013.—REUTERS

traction that took the sub-index to its lowest since August 2012.

New export orders shrank for a fourth month in July at a rate that was the fastest since last October, as exporters struggle to cope with weakening demand, especially from Europe and the United States.

A sub-index measur-

ing employment contracted for a fourth month to be at its weakest since March 2009, according to the survey.

A separate PMI survey released by the National Bureau of Statistics earlier on Thursday showed the index rising to 50.3 in July from 50.1 in June.

Reuters

Mobile health service reaches 100,000 subscribers across Bangladesh

DHAKA, 1 Aug—A global partnership of donors that aims at providing mobile phone aided health service this month reached 100,000 subscribers across Bangladesh under a programme called Aponjon.

Aponjon, the first-ever nationwide maternal and child health mobile messaging service in Asia, is an initiative of the Mobile Alliance for Maternal Action (MAMA), a public-private partnership between United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Johnson & Johnson, the

mHealth Alliance, the United Nations Foundation, and BabyCentre.

Aponjon delivers stage-based essential health messages to expectant and new mothers and their families across Bangladesh via mobile phones.

USAID is the primary founder of the Aponjon service while D.Net, a Bangladeshi non-profit social enterprise, is the lead implementer of the service, working in close collaboration with dozens of local and international public and private sector partners.

"This month Aponjon reached another mile-

stone when it registered its 100,000th subscriber in Bangladesh," said USAID in a statement on Monday.

It said the Bangladeshi government has endorsed the service and actively promotes the registration of new subscribers through Ministry of Health community health workers and through non-governmental organizations.

According to USAID statement, Aponjon messages are designed to dispel common misconceptions, inform expecting and new mothers of potential health dangers and warning signs, help them find local health-

care services and explain the advantages of family planning.

The service design of Aponjon includes not only pregnant and new mothers, but also other key decision-makers in the family such as husbands, mothers and mothers-in-law, it said.

The service is now available through a common number on the South Asian country's cell phone companies —Grameenphone, Banglalink, Robi, Airtel and Citycell mobile operators, said the statement.

Xinhua

Job cuts loom as EADS changes name to Airbus

PARIS, 1 Aug—EADS (EAD.PA) will take the name of its flagship brand Airbus and target higher profits by combining defence and space units, Europe's top aerospace group confirmed on Wednesday, in a move that could involve job cuts.

Nine months after bowing to political opposition to his attempt to merge with UK arms firm BAE Systems (BAES.L), Chief Executive Tom Enders declared civil jets the main "growth engine" for EADS investors, who pushed shares to new highs.

After unveiling a strong batch of commercial earnings that included a rise in Airbus order targets, Enders did not rule out job cuts in the group's 45,000-strong defense and space operations, which will be based in Germany.

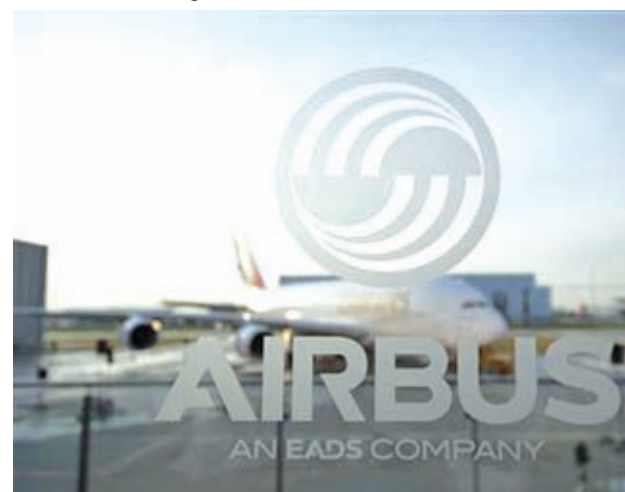
"It (the reorganization)

means some real restructuring, but we are forced to do it: the defence business is ... shrinking in Europe," he said.

The company warned the move could lead to restructuring charges later in the year — a standard sign of layoffs ahead. But it also deferred politically sensitive decisions until after German elections in September by promising a detailed review.

The changes will come into affect starting from 1 January, allowing time for what could be lengthy talks with unions.

"To keep the company economically successful, the restructuring must take place in a socially acceptable way," Ruediger Luetjen, head of the company's European works council and a representative of trade union IG Metall, told Reuters.—Reuters



File photo of an A380 aircraft seen through a window with an Airbus logo during the EADS / Airbus 'New Year Press Conference' in Hamburg on 17 Jan, 2012.

REUTERS

Vice-President U Nyan Tun visits relief camps, provides necessary assistance to flood victims in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Chairman of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Vice-President U Nyan Tun accompanied by Union Minister U Win Myint, deputy ministers and officials arrived in Hpa-an in Kayin State this afternoon.

First, the Vice-President heard reports on rainfalls and water level in the rivers in Kayin State, record-breaking rainfall the state has seen within 30 years, preparedness measures, rescue and relief works, opening of temporary relief camps, situation of flooded paddy farmlands, temporary closure of schools and traffic discretion on Kawkareik-Myawady road presented by Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min at Station Hall.

Next, the Vice-President coordinated the matters, saying that natural disasters occurred across the globe were evidence of climate change; that National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee was formed in Myanmar and works were under-



Vice-President U Nyan Tun presents relief aid to a flood victim at the relief camp.—MNA

way; that four steps—prevention, preparation, risk response and rehabilitation—were laid down and measures were being taken by the state governments and Union government; and that the committee was here to take effective measures and provide necessary assistance to flood

victims.

Save the Children donated non-food items for 230 families who are taking shelter at Shweyinmyaw relief camp in Hpa-an and the item for each family is worth K 82,000.

Then, the Vice-President presented 1000 bags of rice and 3000 units of

household items donated by the Union Government through the State chief minister.

Next, Union Minister U Win Myint presented K 200 million donated by Kanbawza Co and Shwethanlwin Co to the chief minister.

Afterwards,

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party visited temporary relief camps in Shweyinmyaw Pyidawaye Pagoda and No (1) Basic Education High School and encouraged the flood victims and presented relief supplies to them.

Vice-President U Nyan Tun and party en-

couraged flood victims at makeshift relief camps in Hlaingbwe Aung San Hall and Myoma Monastery, and provided them with rice and relief aids.

After that, Vice-President U Nyan Tun paid homage to the Sayadaw U Visuddhacara of Myoma Monastery and donated cash.

Upon arrival at Kamawkachu temporary relief camp in Hlaingbwe, the Vice-President donated relief aids to the flood victims.

At the briefing hall of Yayboke Dam project near Hteelon village of Hlaingbwe Township, the Vice-President heard the reports by Director U Phone Tin of Construction (6) of Irrigation Department and the State chief minister.

The dam measuring 4960 feet in length and 34 feet in height is earthen-type one. The dam with 36,000 acres feet of water storage area and 2,900 acres of water surface can irrigate 5452 acres of land. Now it has been completed by cent per cent.

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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Speaker of the House of Commons of Britain Mr. John Bercow gave lecture titled “Democracy and Parliament” to the students at Diamond Jubilee Hall of University of Yangon this morning.

In his speech, he said: Both on behalf of the British Parliament and as a long-time friend of this country personally, I join others in welcoming the changes that expression for the media, increased space for civil society, greater participation in the political process by opposition parties, and the establishment of preliminary ceasefires with most of the ethnic nationalities.

But, I am under no illusion whatsoever about the challenges ahead. These changes, these signs of openness, these glimmers of hope, represent a welcome change of atmosphere, but they need to go much further and deeper if there is to be a fundamental change of system. There is, as you

will know far better than me, a very very long way still to go. You are just at the very beginning of the path towards democracy and peace—and the international community must remember that. We must welcome positive steps when they occur; we must encourage deeper reform; but we must be vigilant in guarding against premature euphoria which is as misplaced as it is desperately dangerous.

I welcome the Government's efforts to engage in talks with the ethnic armed groups, and I welcome the establishment of ceasefires with many of the armed groups.

As this country develops the institutions of democracy, strengthening the role of Parliament is vital. Parliament exists in a democratic society to represent the people, to scrutinize the executive, to ensure not only the rule of law but good law, and to hold those who govern to account.

In our Parliament in

Speaker of House of Commons of Britain meets students at Diamond Jubilee Hall of University of Yangon

Britain—known as the ‘Mother of Parliaments’—we do not claim to get it all right. On the contrary, we make plenty of mistakes. But we have the advantage of experience and history, of lessons learned from our mistakes. We would never presume to suggest that our system is the only model for parliamentary democracy, nor the best, nor the model that you should emulate.

There is an Asian saying to the effect that a journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step. You have embarked on a new path in your journey towards freedom, democracy, justice and peace.

It was attended by faculty members and students from University of Yangon, Yangon University of Foreign Languages and



Speaker of the House of Commons of Britain Mr. John Bercow giving lecture to students at Diamond Jubilee Hall of University of Yangon.—MNA

Yangon University of Distance Education, guests and enthusiasts totaling over 200.

Former US Secretary

of State and Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms. Madeleine Albright also met with social and religious associations,

faculty members and students of international relations department from Dagon University at the same venue on 4 June.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

HEALTH

Station hospital in Budalin Tsp gets radiology dept

MONYWA, 1 Aug—Thakhuttha Station Hospital in Budalin Township in Monywa District in Sagaing Region has got a new radiology department.

At the opening ceremony of the department on 27 July, region Development Affairs Minister U Tin Hlaing Myint, region TB specialist Dr Aye Thein and donor U Sein Hlaing formally

opened the department and the region Chief Minister unveiled the signboard of the department.

The station hospital is providing healthcare to the villagers of Thakhuttha and nearby villages.

Local people expressed their satisfaction over the opening of the new department as it would extend the capacity of the hospital.—MMAL



Police officers of Yangon City Development Committee acted on undisciplined vendors that caused traffic congestion in 34th street in Kyauktada Township in Yangon on 30 July as the city is seeking every possible measure to reduce the traffic jams.—MMAL-MAUNG (KYAUKTADA)

NATURAL DISASTER

Flood hits Myanmar-Thai border town



TACHILEK, 1 Aug—Flood ravaged the Myanmar-Thai border town Tachilek as the Mae Sai creek on the very border between the two countries swelled after two days of heavy rains on 29-30 July.

Torrents from Nant Yun creek, Hsanhsai creek and Mae Khaung creek also flooded the low-land areas of the town. Talot, Wamkaung, Makahokham and Mae Khaung wards and Pahlyan village are deluged by flood.

“It is natural that the

torrents flooded due to heavy rain on the mountains. Especially, there are floods in August and September.

Interestingly, there are floods once in three years. Due to the flood in 2004, we had seen a huge tide that swayed cars and animals along.

Mae Sai creek was wide when we’re young. It might have the width of 180 ft. Due to the encroachment, the creek now has, as you see, the width of about 30 ft. That’s why the creek spills over,” a local said.

Educative talks on taxation given in Monywa

MONYWA, 1 Aug—An educative talk on taxation was organized in Monywa.

Talks on taxation were given to students at No (1) Basic Education High School in Monywa of Sagaing Region on 27 July.

The event is aimed at instilling the sense of paying taxes as a duty of citizens.

Asked about the event, the township tax department

staff officer said, “Talks were given twice in the previous year. We have organized essay and cartoon contests. Students are so passive in the previous year’s talk. This year, they began to understand taxation and participate in discussion.”

He said the impact is “encouraging”.—MMAL-District (IPRD)

Kinda Dam water level at record low

KUME, 1 Aug—Kinda Dam east of Kume in Mandalay is tackling with less water to irrigate than any year before.

It was the first time in 20 years that the dam is facing difficulties to supply adequate irrigation water.

The reduction in the stored water was largely caused by the less rainfall in the dam area. The water level nearly reached a serious low that it would not be possible to irrigate the farmlands.

The farmers in the region would face the difficulties to irrigate their farmlands provided that there is no enough rain.

The Irrigation Department has raised the



alarm that the water in the dam is running out and to best utilize the creek and other water resources nearby with the use of water pumps.

The dam provided the adequate irrigation water systematically in the

Magway region minister visits dams

MAGWAY, 1 Aug—The government is focusing on building and repairing dams and reservoirs for development of agricultural production.

Magway Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Aung Naing, accompanied by the Director of Irrigation Department, inspected Koyingyi Dam in Pwintbyu

Township on 30 July morning.

The region minister also inspected the conditions of Kye Ohn-Kye Wa Dam and Yinshae Dam in Yinshae village in Ngaphe Township.

Kye Ohn-Kye Wa dam could feed irrigation water to 69,777 acres of land.

MMAL-Khin Malar (Magway)

IRRIGATION

previous year.

It was built on Pan Laung river since 1981.

The dam could irrigate 61,423 acres of farmlands in Myittha Township, 28,385 acres of farmlands in Wundwin Township, 4500

acres of farmlands in Tada U Township and 16,087 acres of farmlands in Kyaukse Township.

It is irrigating 110,395 acres of farmlands through its left and right tributaries.

MMAL-012

Nay Pyi Taw junction needs traffic light

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—Residents of Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area said they want a traffic light at the junction of Pankhin road and Thabyay road in Pyinmana and Yangon-Mandalay Road.

Pankhin road is one of the major roads in Pyinmana, leading to Pyinmana and Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station. It is also the most busiest road. But there are still two traffic roads at Pali junction and Pankhin Yazahtani junction, Pankhin

ward. It is also connected with Nay Pyi Taw District Road. The junction is one of the busiest junction in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area as the roads are major transportation routes of Pyinmana. Lack of the traffic

light increases the risk of traffic accidents.

The roads now have been upgraded. But the junction has yet to have a traffic light.—MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)



One dies in boat and oil tanker collision

MYEIK, 1 Aug—A fishing boat was sunk after hitting with a vessel in the sea off Kyauklaik coast near Wegyun village in Yekanaw village-tract in Kyunsu Township on 26 July, killing one man on the boat.

The boat boarding six marine workers bound for Kyunsu Township fishing station from Myeik was destroyed in a head-on collision with an empty oil tanker bound for Myeik from

Kawthoung.

The marine worker killed in the incident was identified to be Nyi Nyi Zaw, 17. He was killed as the debris of the boat fell over him while he was asleep. Others managed to escape after diving into the water.

The Kanmaw police station in Kyunsu Township filed a lawsuit as regards the incident on 27 July. The boat has been restored on the same day.—MMAL-014

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 2 August, 2013

Floods and natural disasters

Recent days, there occurred a lot of natural disasters such as floods and river erosions in most parts of the country due to incessant monsoon rains. The water levels of Ayeyawady, Sittoung, Thanlwin and Chindwin Rivers and their tributaries remained above their danger levels.

According to the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, rain conditions are likely to be above normal in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, and about normal in the remaining Regions and States in the first dekad of August. The water levels of Ayeyawady River and Chindwin River are forecast to be above current danger levels.

The people living near the banks need to take necessary preventive measures against the floods. Due to the river floods, those regions along the rivers may face river erosions and bank slides.

People also need to be aware of the dangers of electric shocks, snakes, landslides and collapse of trees.

All those who live in delta region and at either side of the rivers are urged to take necessary preventive measures against the natural disasters as there may be incessant rains in the coming days.

**Republic of the Union of
Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Nay Pyi Taw**

**Notification (No. 19/2013)
10th Waning of Waso, 1375 ME
(1st August, 2013)**

**All Nationalities Democracy
Party (Kayah State) allowed
to register as political party**

It is hereby announced today that All Nationalities Democracy Party (Kayah State) headquartered at No. Na/101 on Thiridaw Street in Naungya Ward-1, Loikaw Township, Kayah State has been allowed to register as a political party as of 1 August, 2013 in accord with Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law. The party's registration number is 64.

By Order,

**Tin Tun
Secretary**

Union Election Commission

Warning of high tide

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug— The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from (20.0) feet to (20.4) feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon river during the period 2nd August to 12th August 2013.

That it is not serious

because the high tide has reached up to 21.7 feet high above datum in the year 2011-2012 and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum, announced Myanmar Port Authority.

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Exact data needed for...

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not achieve successes as targeted as there were big variances in facts and figures. Census taking process is essential for getting exact figures.

He touched upon Government's efforts and preparations for nation-wide census taking, technical and cash assistance from UN and

international organizations. He pointed out that census taking process calls for ensuring peace and stability throughout the country. The peace talks with all armed national races groups are being held for reaching nationwide ceasefire.

Census-taking process needs to be regarded as a national duty. He called

for all participations in the process under the leadership of the government and Tatmadaw.

The 12-day census-taking process will be carried from 30 March to 10 April in 2014 with expected costs of 58.5 million USD. The State will contribute US dollars 15 million and UN, five millions US dollars for materials and course. Donation of 2.8 million US

dollars by AusAID and 16 million US dollars by the British Government have been received. Coordination is being made for receiving donations from Norway and Switzerland.

Experts from 11 countries and UN Statistics Division, UNFPA, ESCAP and the World Bank will help Myanmar's census-taking process.

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Decentralization and Restructuring Administration Debate held

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint delivering address at Decentralization and Restructuring Administration Debate.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug— Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint attended the Decentralization and Restructuring Administration Debate at the assembly hall of the Amyotha Hluttaw, here, this afternoon.

Writer U Saw Myint Maung explained matters related to Decentralization

and Restructuring Administration.

Amyotha Hluttaw representatives U Zon Hle Htan of Chin State Constituency No.2, Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No.1, Dr Banya Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7, Dr Myint Kyi of Yangon Region Constituency No.8, U Khin

Maung Yi of Ayeyawady Region Constituency No.6, U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No.3 and U Tin Yu of Yangon Region Constituency No.11 participated in the debate.

The writer responded to Hluttaw the discussions of the participants and replied to queries raised by Defence Services Personnel

Hluttaw Representative Col Khin Maung Aye and U Khin Maung (a) U Aung Kyaw Oo of Rakhine State Constituency No.3.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker gave necessary instructions. Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein spoke words of thanks.

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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Press Release Team
Press Release (11/2013)**

**10th Waning of Waso, 1375 ME
(1st August, 2013)**

**Press release on progress in
implementation of relief and
rehabilitation works in flood-hit regions**

1. Heavy rains pounded and flash floods occurred in some townships of Kayin and Mon States as of 27 July 2013.
2. As a total of 33409 people from 6733 households in Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe, Kya-in Seikkyi and Myawady Townships and Kamamaung sub-township had experienced the ravages of flood, they are being accommodated at 79 relief camps. Flash floods in Kayin State left three people dead and one still missing. Loss and damage of properties are as follow:-
 - (a) Traffic disruption caused by landslides on Thingan Nyinaung-Kawkareik motorway 25 places
 - (b) Damaged bridges one bridge
 - (c) Schools which are temporarily closed 245 schools
 - (d) flooded paddy farmlands 30907 acres
3. Likewise, inundations happened to Bilin, Kyaikmaraw and Ye Townships in Mon State where 4680 flood victims from 1050 households were evacuated to 34 relief camps. As floodwater receded this morning, flood victims in Bilin and Ye Townships returned to their homes. One relief

camp in Bilin Township and three in Kyaikmaraw Township are being kept open and continued providing necessary assistance to the remaining flood victims.

4. The President, as soon as he was informed of the flash floods, sent a supervisory committee comprising Union ministers, deputy ministers and officials concerned led by Vice-President U Nyan Tun on 31-7-2013 to the flood-stricken regions to carry out relief and rehabilitation works for quick resumption of normal situation.
5. Mon State Government in cooperation with departments concerned, Tatmadaw battalions and companies, social organizations and local people performed quick response to flooding, carrying out rescue and relief works and providing emergency assistance to flood victims. As a neighborly country, social organizations from Thailand are delivering relief supplies to flood victims in Myawady in Kayin State.
6. The Vice-President-led supervisory committee in Hpa-an in Kayin State is undertaking rescue and relief works, health care services and rehabilitation works with added momentum in cooperation with the state government, Tatmadaw, social organizations and local people.
7. Those wishing to donate cash and kind to flood victims may contact the Secretary of Kayin State Government (Ph: 058 21182, 058 23216 and 09 8720898) and the director-general of Relief and Resettlement Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (Ph: 067-404050 and 09-8600025).

Press Release Team

NATIONAL

Violence could result in loss of lives and properties...

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker holds coord meeting, receives US guests

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In his speech, Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said that Myanmar has diverse national races and religions. The Constitution clearly states that all citizens shall have freedom of religions. All religions have long been living happily and peacefully for many years. The country has never seen outbreaks of sectarian violence and attacks before. All know that people of Myanmar profess the religions they want to take faith in. People of different religions do everything together.

He continued that fights and violence between two groups occurred in Rakhine State religion and race as pretext. Such violence could result in loss of lives and properties on both sides.

He highlighted that those victims themselves suffer the consequence of it. Sharing of some

documentary photos is aimed at letting people from other regions know the plights of those victims.

It is impossible to turn a blind eye to the Rakhine issue as well as to resolve this problem only by one group or individual. This issue can spread to other regions, thereby reaching into regional and international agenda. It could deprive all citizens of rights and liberty. He called for participation of all including the Interfaith Friendship Group in dealing with current issues.

Those from the Group discussed extended formation of the group, programme for avoiding the reoccurrence of conflicts and follow-up programme.

After that, the Vice-President coordinated the essentials. After the meeting, the Vice-President cordially greeted those present.

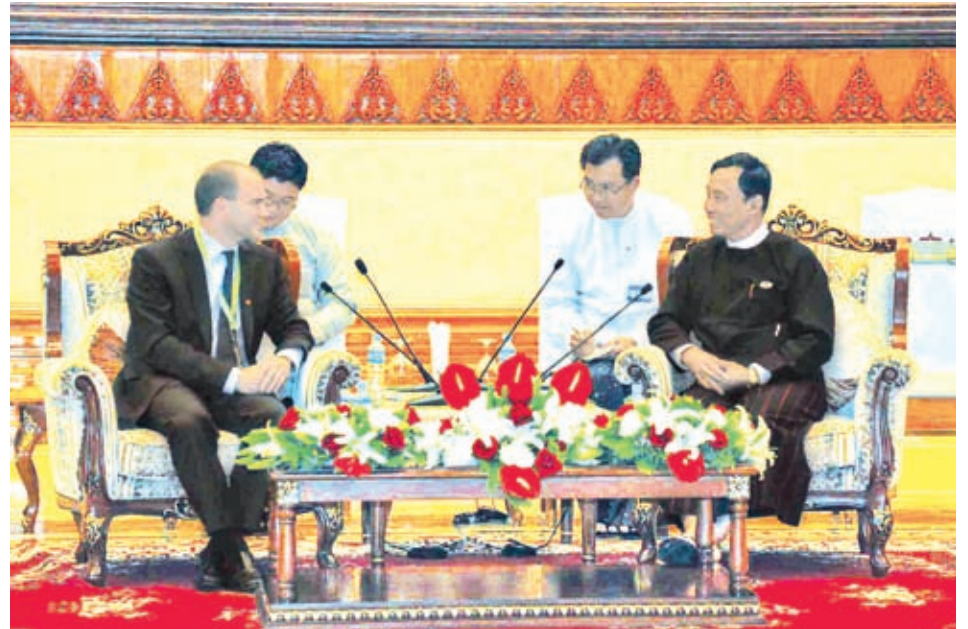
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NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug— Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attended the coordination meeting between the committees and commission of the Hluttaw at Zabuthiri hall of Hluttaw Building, here, this afternoon.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered an address. The officials reported on minutes of last week's meeting. Then, the members of the commission clarified work progress and the committee chairmen and secretaries, the activities of the committees.

Present on the occasion together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Pyithu Hluttaw committee chairmen, secretary, commission members and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

In the evening, the



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives US Senior Adviser to the US President.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker received a delegation led by Mr Benjamin James Rhodes, Senior Adviser to the US President at the same avenue.

They frankly discussed further strengthening

friendly relations and the matters of cooperation between Myanmar and the US. Also present at the call together with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker were Pyithu Hluttaw committee chairmen U Thein Swe,

U Hla Myint Oo and U T Khun Myat, and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The US delegation was accompanied by the US Ambassador to Myanmar.

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Nay Pyi Taw

Announcement No. (20/2013)

10th Waning of Waso, 1375 ME

(1st August, 2013)

36 Defence Services Personnel

Region and State Hluttaw

representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Region or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute 36 Defence Services Personnel Region and State Hluttaw representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in the first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw representatives under the Notification No. 3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2012, the Notification No. 4/ 2012 of the commission dated 13-1-2012, the Notification No. 35/2012 the commission dated 11-7-2012, the Notification No. 36/2012 the commission dated 1-8-2012, the Notification No. 40/2012 the commission dated 12-10-2012, the Notification No. 43/2012 the commission dated 16-10-2012, the Notification No. 44/2012 the commission dated 5-11-2012, the Notification No. 48/2012 the commission dated 15-11-2012, the Notification No. 9/2013 the commission dated 12-3-2013 and the Notification No. 10/2013 the commission dated 10-4-2013 with personnel shown against them.

Kachin State Hluttaw

- (1) BC 28324 Major Kyaw Win BC 24329 Major Aung San Win

Kayah State Hluttaw

- (2) BC 39213 Captain Dipa Maung BC 31640 Captain Myo Myint

Kayin State Hluttaw

- (3) BC 29764 Major Kyaw Kyaw Oo BC 31579 Major Myint Win Shwe
 (4) BC 36529 BC 30745

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| Captain Zaw Min Tun Chin State Hluttaw | Captain Oo Kyaw Aye |
| (5) BC 33163 Major Nyi Nyi Oo | BC 35419 Major Akar Kyaw Moe |
| Sagaing Region Hluttaw | |
| (6) BC 25235 Major Win Nyunt | BC 18699 Major Tint Swe |
| (7) BC 24861 Major Aye Zaw | BC 32224 Major Phyo Wai Kyaw |
| (8) BC 28746 Major Aye Win | BC 33404 Major Aung Thura |
| (9) BC 33169 Major Zarni Min Pike | BC 27511 Major Thant Zin Htwe |
| (10) BC 32577 Captain Zaw Win Oo | BC 32670 Captain Naing Win |
| Bago Region Hluttaw | |
| (11) BC 26989 Major Naing Aung Win | BC 23958 Major Ko Ko Latt |
| (12) BC 33185 Major Kyaw Htet | BC 29148 Major Phyo Min Thant |
| (13) BC 45417 Captain Aung Aung Myo | BC 33772 Captain Kyaw Min |
| Magway Region Hluttaw | |
| (14) BC 27003 Major Bo Ye Win | BC 29564 Major Ye Myint |
| (15) BC 28668 Major Min Han Zaw | BC 33358 Major Thant Zin Oo |
| (16) BC 21455 Major Than Naing Oo | BC 31366 Major Thein Htoo |
| (17) BC 42582 Captain Tun Tun Naing | BC 47179 Captain Wai Phyo Aung |
| (18) BC 36507 Captain Tin Ko Ko | BC 47456 Captain Kyaw Ko Oo |
| Mandalay Region Hluttaw | |
| (19) BC 27425 Major Hla Tun Aung | BC 34334 Major Zaw Zaw Yi Mon |
| (20) BC 33173 Major Zeya Win | BC 28325 Major Thein Htay Maung |
| (21) BC 33175 Major Than Soe | BC 24882 Major Tin Hlaing |

Rakhine State Hluttaw

- (22) BC 31988 BC 30582
Major Nan Htet Win Major Tun Tun Latt

Yagon Region Hluttaw

- (23) BC 13932 BC 33626
Lt-Gen Wai Lwin Major Min Aung Zaw
 (24) Navy 3969 Navy 3937
Lt-Cdr Aung Myo Lt-Cdr Ko Ko Maung
 (25) Navy 4028 Navy 4012
Lt-Cdr Min Thu Lt-Cdr Than Naing

Shan State Hluttaw

- (26) BC 31930 BC 20580
Major Win Zaw Latt Major Zaw Lwin Oo
 (27) BC 33060 BC 30089
Major Maung Maung Latt Major Zaw Lin Htwe

- (28) BC 29789 BC 27488
Major Moe Kyaw Major Zaw Moe Lwin
 (29) BC 35539 BC 32469
Captain Myint Kyaw Naing Captain Than Myint

- (30) BC 28947 BC 35132
Captain Aung Kyi Captain Khin Maung Win
 (31) BC 36367 BC 43210
Captain Aung Latt Captain Kyaw Khant

- (32) BC 35717 BC 53640
Captain Zeya Linn Captain Kyaw Nyi Nyi Thaw
 (33) BC 36515 BC 45378
Captain Aung Thu Win Captain Phyo Moe Aung

Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw

- (34) BC 29751 BC 25072
Major Soe Naing Major Myint Naing
 (35) BC 33211 BC 28521
Major Kyaw Swa Tun Major Maw Thurain

- (36) BC 42523 BC 48352
Captain Wai Phyo Captain Kyaw Thu

By order,
 Tin Tun
 Secretary
 Union Election Commission

LOCAL NEWS

HRD



Trainees leave for Israel to attend agriculture course

YANGON, 1 Aug—Under the arrangement of Myanmar Rice Producers Association and Rama Negiv Institute in Tel Aviv of the Republic of Israel, a total of 45 Myanmar trainees left here by air on 29 July afternoon.

They will attend the agricultural training course in Israel that will last 11 months.

The trainees were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Myanmar Rice Producers Association U Sein Win Hlaing, Central Executive Committee member U Soe Win, Chairman of Yangon Region branch U Wai Yan Tint Hsan and executives.

Kyemon-Aung Thura



The tentatively selected Myanmar hockey team comprising 20 members left for Malaysia on 31 July to take joint training together with Malaysian hockey teams. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Hockey Federation U Htin Zaw Win, vice-presents and executives. The team plans to take part in the Pre-SEA Games hockey tournament in Bangkok of Thailand in September and the invitation tournament in Theinbyu Pitch in October.

REPORTER THAN SWE (PABEDAN)

ANTI-NARCOTIC DRIVES

Opium worth K 7.2 million seized

HSIPAW, 1 Aug—Members of Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad of Shan State (North) together with witnesses searched a motorcycle driven by Nyi De near rubber plantation on Lashig-Mongtin Road on 29 July morning.

They seized five packets of opium weighing nine kilos. According the in-

vestigation, Nyi De said he bought the opium to be re-sold.

Lashio Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Nyi De, 24, son of U Aung Pan, residing in Lwekan Village in Tamoenge Township, under Section 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Kyemon-072



Opium worth K 5.6 million seized



HSIPAW, 1 Aug—Members of Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad of Shan State (North) led by IP Nyein Chan together with witnesses acting on tip-off discharged duties near the rubber plantation on the road leading to Mongtin from Lashio on 29 July morning.

When a motorcycle driven by Aik Man arrived there, the police squad searched it. They seized four

packets of opium weighing seven kilos.

In his confession, he said that opium were bought for sales.

Lashio Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Aik Man, 18, son of U Nyi Lar from Lwekan Village of Namkanlon Village-tract in Tamoenge Township, under Section 15/19(a) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Kyemon-072

Japanese NGO visit fire stations in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 1 Aug—A delegation led by Executive Director Mr Totsue Yosumuro, Mr Stogeru Ishio, Mr Isao Yagi of Minzoku Forum which is one of the NGOs together with Director U Thin Htay Shwe of Fire Services Department observed fire engines and fire extinguishing works at Central Fire Station of FSD in Mandalay Region on 29 July morning.

Also present were Deputy Director U Than Zaw Oo of No. 1 State and Region Fire Services Departments Control Branch, Head of

Mandalay Region FSD U Kyi Toe, heads of district and township FSDs and members of regional auxiliary fire brigade supervisory committees.

Officials reported on outbreak of fire in arid zone, recruitment, fulfillment of fire engines and fire extinguishers and extended establishment of fire stations under the year-wise plans.

The Japanese NGO delegation members then visited the local auxiliary fire stations.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

NATIONAL SPORTS

Cooperative University kicks off first sports competition

SAGAING, 1 Aug—The First Sports Competition of Cooperative University (Sagaing) was opened for the first time at the sports ground on 30 July morning.

Rector-In-charge Dr Yi Yi Win made an opening address.

The competition com-

prised football (men's and women's events), badminton, volleyball, Sepak Takraw and table tennis events.

A total of eight teams participated in the competition.

Among the spectators at the opening ceremo-

ny were Sagaing District Deputy Commissioner U Myint Wai, Township Administrator U Tun Win Aung, Chairman of the townsenders committee U Zaw Win and party and students from various majoring subjects.

Kyemon-225



Workshop on IT applications in banking jointly-organised by two large Vietnamese enterprises, AVIM in Myanmar

YANGON, 1 Aug—A workshop on "Application and development of information technology in banking and finance in Vietnam and Myanmar" was co-organized by the Association of Vietnamese Investors in Myanmar (AVIM), the Bank for Investment and Development of Vietnam (BIDV) and FPT Corporation, at Sedona Hotel, here, on July 26.

The workshop were attended by 130 representatives who were State leaders and those from major enterprises in banking and finance and the IT sector of both countries. Mr. Nguyen Sinh Hung, the President of the National Assembly of

the Socialist Republic of Vietnam also attended the workshop, along with a National Assembly delegation and those from various ministries of Vietnam.

Representatives from the Ministry of Telecommunications, Ministry of Finance, The Central Bank of Myanmar, MCF and UMFCCL, also participated in the workshop.

The event was an opportunity for State leaders and Vietnamese and Myanmar entrepreneurs to discuss prospects of cooperation, in order to facilitate information technology development at foundation for banking and finance and the Myanmar economy.

IT is playing an essential role in economic sector in today's society, especially in finance and banking sectors. IT functions such as core banking applications, retail banking systems, ATM's systems and Internet banking systems have significantly contributed to the development of banking. Myanmar is said to be a new emerging economy in Southeast Asia, with many promising investment opportunities for foreign enterprises. According to a recent report by the International Monetary Fund, Myanmar has the potential to quadruple the value of its economy to \$200 billion by 2030.

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Cambodian PM announces talks with opposition party for new parliament

PHNOM PENH, 1 Aug — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen announced on Wednesday afternoon that his ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) is ready to talk with the main opposition party on the establishment of a new parliament after the Sunday poll.

According to the initial unofficial results, the CPP of Hun Sen won the victory with 68 parliamentary seats and the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) got the remaining 55 seats in the poll.

"The CPP is ready to negotiate with the party that wins seats in parliament towards the preparations of the National Assembly's new apparatus," Hun Sen told reporters during his first public

appearance since the election. "We have to solve the issues between Khmers and Khmers, we cannot take foreigners to solve them instead of us," he said.

The premier said he has tasked deputy prime minister and interior minister Sar Kheng, deputy prime minister and cabinet minister Sok An, and Cambodian People's Party's Secretary General Say Chhum to negotiate with the CNRP on the new parliament.

He said as he is mourning his father, who died on 12 July, he cannot talk directly with CNRP president Sam Rainsy. "But in important case, I will avail my mourning time to discuss with him."

CNRP leader Sam

Rainsy said on Wednesday morning that the party did not recognize the results of Sunday's general election, claiming widespread fraud.

He said that about 1.3 million voters were unable to vote because their names were not on the voter lists.

"If those people had voted for the CNRP, we would win easily because the ruling CPP won us only 200,000 votes on the Sunday's election," he said. In addition, Rainsy claimed that there were about 1 million ghost names on the voter lists and about 200,000 duplicate names. "These are the irregularities. The CNRP has to find justice for Cambodian people," he said, calling on Prime Minister Hun Sen to step down.—Xinhua



Naha Mayor Takeshi Onaga shows the city's soon-to-be-launched portal site NAHAPO, offering up-to-date local information, at Naha city hall in Okinawa Prefecture in July 2013. The Okinawa Prefecture capital will start offering free Wi-Fi service, available in English, Chinese and Korean as well as in Japanese, at major tourist destinations at the same time as it launches the portal site on 4 August.—KYODO NEWS

Six rebels killed in clash with Philippine troops

MANILA, 1 Aug — Six leftist rebels died and one was wounded following an eight-hour gunbattle with the government troops in the northern Philippine Province of Tarlac. Col Henry Sabarre, commander of the 703rd Brigade, said on Wednesday the fighting broke out Tuesday night, around 10 pm, local time, in Camiling town.

He said the soldiers were fired upon as soon as they got near the position of the New People's Army rebels. Sabarre said the operation ended on Wednesday morning when the troops occupied the rebel position. Six rebels died from the attack. Another rebel was injured and surrendered to the soldiers.—Xinhua

Japan, Mongolia to accelerate efforts for Mongolian PM's visit

TOKYO, 1 Aug — Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and Mongolian Economic Development Minister Nyamjav Batbayar agreed on Thursday to accelerate efforts to arrange a visit to Japan by Mongolian Prime Minister Norov Altankhuyag by year-end, Japanese officials said.

At a meeting in Tokyo, Kishida welcomed almost monthly high-level exchanges taking place between the two countries following Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit to Ulan

Bator in March.

"By making use of the momentum, I hope to compare notes with the minister to deepen our strategic partnership and make efforts to realize Prime Minister Altankhuyag's visit to Japan," Kishida said. Altankhuyag is expected to visit Japan in the fall.

Kishida and Batbayar also confirmed plans to strengthen coordination between the two sides in developing mineral resources in Mongolia, the officials said.—Kyodo News

Abe holds telephone talks with Vietnam's Dung

TOKYO, 1 Aug — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe held telephone talks with his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung on Thursday, during which he is believed to have asked for Vietnam's cooperation in resolving the long-standing issue of Japanese nationals abducted by North Korea.

The telephone talks came after Keiji Furuya, state minister in charge of the abduction issue, visited Vietnam earlier this week to seek help from the Southeast Asian country, which has diplomatic ties with North Korea.

"I understand we won

support for our stance toward the abduction issue when Mr Furuya visited there, and the two countries have agreed to cooperate further by sharing information," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a Press conference when asked about the telephone talks.

During the 15-minute telephone talks, Dung also congratulated Abe for his election victory last month that allowed the Abe-led Liberal Democratic Party to regain control of the upper house with its coalition partner New Komeito party, the officials said.

Kyodo News



A visitor views art works at the exhibition "The Strength of Natural Impulses" in Beijing, capital of China, on 30 July, 2013. Jointly contributed by French artist Francois Bossiere and four Chinese artists Zhang Sen, Zhang Yuqing, Sun Qianwei and Xie Hong, the exhibition concerned with visual art will be held from 30 July to 6 August in Beijing.

XINHUA

Thai authorities sue oil company over spill

BANGKOK, 1 Aug — Thai authorities have sued a chemical company for the oil spill it caused in the Thai Gulf, which led to an estimated loss of more than 100 million US dollars.

Thailand's Marine Department on Tuesday filed a complaint with the local police in eastern Rayong Province against the PTT Global Chemical Plc (PTTGC), a subsidiary of PTT Plc, Thailand's state-owned oil and gas conglomerate, for the oil spill from its offshore pipeline in Royong.

The move was aimed at requesting the company to take responsibilities in cleaning up the oil spill and paying compensations.

Marine Director-Gen-

eral Sornsak Saensombat said the complaint is part of a normal legal procedure, adding that the department has set up an office to receive complaints and reports of losses from local people.

He said the severity of the leak was at the intermediate level which requires state intervention in the clean-up operation.

The spill took place early on Saturday about 20 kilometre southeast of the Map Ta Phut seaport in Rayong, and about 35 kilometre from the popular holiday island of Samet, also in Rayong.

Crude oil from an offshore Omani tanker was being transferred to a pipe-

line, operated by PTTGC, for a refinery when a leakage was detected. About 50 tonnes, or 50,000 liters of oil was poured into the sea.

More than 500 staff from PTTGC and Thai Navy have been working continuously for more than 48 hours to clean the oil slick on the picturesque sand beach of Phrao Bay of Samet island.

Sornsak said on Wednesday that only 20 to 25 percent of the slick is still on the beach, adding that the clean up of oil spill on Phrao bay should be complete on Wednesday, while the clean up of sand and rocks could be finished in a week.

Chemicals will not be

used for the clean-up near beaches, he said, adding that the collected oil residues from the slick will be later shifted to a processing facility for treatment, he said.

Sornsak said the PTTGC must submit a rehabilitation plan within August and all parties concerned would be invited to discuss the measures to restore affected areas of the environment.

He attributed the slow process in tackling the problem in the first few days to delays in delivering clean-up equipment to the site, adding that strong wind was another factor that hampered the cleanup mission.—Xinhua



French Pierrick Renou is focusing on cooking his "carpaccio, scallop and spring roll" dish at "Chopsticks and Beyond" Cantonese Cuisine Competition in Beijing, on 27 June, 2013.

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Nigeria arrests 42 Boko Haram suspects in Lagos, Ogun

LAGOS, 1 Aug — Nigerian authorities have arrested 42 suspected members of Islamist sect Boko Haram in Lagos and the neighbouring southwest state of

Ogun, a police spokesman said on Tuesday. During a four-year insurgency Boko Haram's attacks have been focused mostly in the Muslim north, far from the commercial capital Lagos and the southern oil fields which provide more than 2 million barrels per day to world markets.

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Uganda arrests soldier who queried Museveni's son on promotions



Uganda's President Yoweri Museveni arrives for an anniversary parade in Kasese town, 497km (309 miles) west of Uganda's capital Kampala, on 30 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

KAMPALA, 1 Aug — Uganda has arrested an army captain who publicly questioned President Yoweri Museveni's son over why some soldiers were

being promoted faster than others, an issue some Ugandans say is linked to Museveni's succession plans. The career progress made by Muhoozi Kainerugaba, 39, now a brigadier in charge of the army's elite unit, has been criticized as too rapid by the president's critics who believe the 68-year-old Museveni is grooming his son to succeed him. The Daily Monitor newspaper reported on Tuesday that Captain Moses Asimwe, serving in Somalia as part of an African Union peacekeeping force, asked Kainerugaba about

promotions during his visit to the troops last week. Kainerugaba told Asimwe that he was using the wrong forum to ask for a promotion for himself, the Monitor reported, adding that the soldier was taken back to Uganda and put in detention.

Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT

Angelina Jolie highest earning US actress: Forbes

NEW YORK, 1 Aug—Angelina Jolie, who will next be seen on the big screen in the film “Maleficent,” is Hollywood’s highest paid actress with estimated earnings of \$33 million in the last year, according to *Forbes*.

She easily surpassed this year’s Best Actress Oscar winner Jennifer Lawrence, who came in second with \$26 million, and pushed Kristen Stewart of the “Twilight” series, who topped the list last year, into third place with earnings of \$22 million.

“Hollywood hasn’t shied away from Jolie. She’s still one of the few actresses who can demand a paycheck north of \$15 million for the right movie — like Disney’s retelling of the old Sleeping Beauty story, *Maleficent*,” reporter Dorothy Pomerantz, wrote on *Forbes.com*.

Jolie, 38, made headlines earlier this year when

she revealed she had a double mastectomy after learning she had inherited a high risk of breast cancer. “Maleficent” will be released next summer.

The celebrity mother, who has three biological and three adopted children with her fiancé, actor Brad Pitt, rose from third place on 2012’s list.

Jennifer Aniston, whose newest movie “We’re the Millers” will be released in US theatres next week, captured fourth place with earnings of \$20 million and Emma Stone, who appeared in “The Amazing Spider-Man” with real-life boyfriend Andrew Garfield was No. 5 with \$16 million.

Forbes talked to agents, managers and other people with knowledge of the film industry to compile the ranking based on estimated earnings from June 2012 to June 2013.

Sandra Bullock, who was third in last year’s



Actress Angelina Jolie poses at the 84th Academy Awards in Hollywood, California, on 26 Feb, 2012.—REUTERS

list, dropped to No 7 with estimated earnings of \$14 million and Julia Roberts slipped from sixth to 10th place this year, taking home \$11 million.

Oscar-winner Bullock wowed audiences with the female buddy comedy “The

Heat.” Her 2009 film “The Blind Side,” in which she won a best actress Academy Award, earned \$309 million on a budget of \$30 million, according to *Forbes*.

Mila Kunis, at No. 9, was a newcomer to the ranking this year with

earnings of \$11 million. Two films she starred in, “Ted” and “Oz: The Great and Powerful,” earned a combined \$1 billion at the global box office. The full list can be found at www.forbes.com.

Reuters

Pop star Miley Cyrus says she’s no “twerk queen”

LONDON, 1 Aug—US pop singer and former Disney television child star Miley Cyrus brushed off any suggestions that dropping her squeaky clean image was a sign she was “going off the rails”.

Cyrus, who starred in Walt Disney Co’s 2006-11 “Hannah Montana” TV series about a high school student with a double life as a famous musician, told *Reuters* her newly cropped hair, tattoos and adult music videos don’t mean she is following the well-worn path to perdition trodden by other child stars.

She’s just growing up. “I’m selling records and that’s all I’m here to do,” Cyrus told *Reuters* television this month. “I don’t care if people don’t like my



Miley Cyrus poses on arrival at the 53rd annual Grammy Awards in Los Angeles, California on 13 Feb, 2011.—REUTERS

haircut or think I dress too this way or my video’s too provocative.”

The 20-year-old singer, whose latest “We Can’t Stop” single is currently No 2 on the Billboard charts, said she was not like other young celebrities who become obsessed with public image and self-destruct under the pressure of media scrutiny.

“If I knew what people were saying, I’d probably hate myself,” she said. “I don’t look at that kind of stuff.”

Cyrus said she was exasperated by the media focus on her new image, which includes a video packed with drug and sexual references, provocative poses and in which she jiggles her buttocks in a dance move known as “twerking”.

Reuters

Katy Perry quits alcohol to get glowing skin for magazine cover

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—Pop star Katy Perry went on a “cleansing” spree to prepare her skin for the cover shoot of US *Vogue* magazine’s July issue. She gave up alcohol for three months and increased vitamin intake to make her face glow.

Since Perry featured on the cover of the fashion magazine for the first time, she put in a lot of effort to make sure that her skin glows.

“I did a lot of my own prepping. I kind of went on



Katy Perry has made regular appearances on magazine covers in the past.

a cleanse. I did a lot of stuff like vitamins and supplements, I changed my coffee to green tea, I didn’t drink alcohol for three months,” femalefirst.co.uk quoted the 28-year-old as saying.

“I was really in the zone, I just wanted to be glowing for that cover,” she added.

The singer has been on the cover of magazines like *Seventeen*, *Glamour*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Elle* and *Vanity Fair*.

PTI

Peter Jackson finishes shooting The Hobbit sequels in New Zealand

LOS ANGELES, 1 Aug—Director Peter Jackson invited his fans to the final shooting of *The Hobbit: There And Back Again* by uploading pictures of the final scene with actor Martin Freeman.

“Smiles and happiness... And sadness. Yikes, very sad,” is how Jackson, 51, summed up his journey of shooting three back-to-back movies, based on JRR Tolkien’s fantasy books, a world he first entered through the hugely successful *The Lord Of The Rings* trilogy.

Freeman plays the pro-

tagonist Bilbo Baggins in *The Hobbit* series, a prequel to *The Lord Of The Rings* and follows Baggins’ adventure as he tries to help a group of dwarves to reclaim their wealth from the dragon Smaug. “The last shot. Big monitors, main unit. Small screens bottom right, splinter. We’re neck

and neck... Shooting our final shots at the same time. 10.32 pm 4 or 5 takes so far. No, wait ... Done! While I was typing this, we shot more takes and finished! Richard was fantastic. Splinter almost done. Minutes away,”

Jackson wrote on his Facebook page.

PTI



The director announced the final take of the movie via Facebook.



The singer is known for hits such as *Gangnam Style* and *Gentleman*.

Psy to release new album in September

SEOUL, 1 Aug—South Korean Gangnam Style rapper Psy plans to release a new album in September and says he has already recorded three songs for the project.

“Already done with three songs and they are kinda nice,” the singer announced on his Twitter account on 31 July, 2013.

His agent said the singer was working on the as-yet untitled album in Los Angeles. *Gangnam Style*, released a year ago, made Psy an international star, and is the most popular video of all time on YouTube with 1.7 billion views.

His follow-up video and single *Gentleman* was inevitably less successful,

but still managed to top the charts in a host of countries and has racked up 500 million views since its release in April.

In a recent interview with *the Sunday Times* magazine, Psy hinted at an alcohol dependency, describing soju — a Korean liquor brewed from sweet potatoes — as his “best friend” and “vice partner”.

“If I’m happy, I’m drinking, if I’m sad, I’m drinking. If it’s raining, I’m drinking, if it’s sunny, I’m drinking. If it’s hot, I’m drinking, if it’s cold, I’m drinking,” he told the British newspaper.

He takes a break from liquor “when I’m hungover,” he added.—PTI

Sun, Missy gleam on golden day for South Africa

BARCELONA, 1 Aug—Sun Yang broke down in tears after claiming the second of a possible three distance golds with victory in the 800 metres freestyle and American teenager Missy Franklin captured her third title of the world swimming championships on Wednesday. Olympic champion over 400 and 1,500 metres in London last year, Sun followed up Sunday's world 400 title with an imperious performance at the hilltop Palau Sant Jordi, leading from the buzzer and pulling inexorably away in the final 150 metres.

The giant, long-stroking 22-year-old, who was unable to control his emotions at the medal ceremony, touched in a time of seven minutes 41.36

seconds with American Michael McBroom taking silver in 7:43.60 and Ryan Cochrane of Canada bronze in 7:43.70. "Before the race I felt huge pressure," Sun, who beat his chest as he saluted his supporters in the crowd on claiming victory, told reporters. "When I touched first I was relieved and, yes, a bit over-excited," he added. "The time was in the range I expected so I am totally satisfied."

Sun is the second man only after Australian Grant Hackett to win world titles at 400, 800, a non-Olympic distance, and 1,500 metres. While his triumphs have come at two different championships — Sun won the 800 and 1,500 in Shanghai two years ago and was second in the 400 — he

remains on course to match Hackett's three golds from the 2005 edition in Montreal. The 1,500 metres freestyle final is on the final day of the championships on Sunday. In her earlier race, Franklin showed why she has become the successor to Michael Phelps as the face of American swimming when she swept to victory in the 200 metres freestyle.

The 18-year-old with the bubbly persona and the beaming smile, who won four golds and a bronze in London, finished in one minute 54.81 seconds, adding to her golds in the 100 meters breaststroke and 4x100 freestyle relay. Italy's Federica Pellegrini, the 2009 and 2011 champion and world record holder, made a late charge but could



Gold medalist Sun Yang (C) of China poses with silver medalist Michael McBroom (L) of the US and bronze medalist Ryan Cochrane of Canada at the men's 800m freestyle victory ceremony during the World Swimming Championships at the Sant Jordi arena in Barcelona on 31 July, 2013.—REUTERS

not overhaul the American and took silver in 1:55.14. Camille Muffat of France won bronze in 1:55.72. Franklin was delighted with her 200 freestyle triumph

after she missed an Olympic medal by the narrowest of margins in 2012. "I'm so happy, I couldn't be happier," she told reporters after beating her previous best

of 1:55.06. "I missed the podium in London last summer by one one hundredth of a second so to win gold here and go a best time is absolutely incredible."—Reuters

Hingis rules out playing singles despite doubles return

CARLSBAD, (California), 1 Aug—Switzerland's former world number one Martina Hingis said her renewed hunger for competition inspired her forthcoming comeback in doubles but she has no plans to return in singles. Hingis is teaming up with Slovak Daniela Hantuchova at this week's Southern California Open with the pair slated to play an evening match on Wednesday against Julia Goerges of Germany and Darija Jurak of Croatia. Hingis, who was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of fame just two weeks ago, has not played a WTA-level match since 2007. She and Hantuchova are also intending to compete at Toronto, Cincinnati and the US Open but have not made any plans beyond that.

"If it's a complete disaster, I would not want to continue, but I hope that's

not the case," Hingis told reporters. "I don't have any expectations, but I wouldn't put myself in this position if I didn't feel that I couldn't compete at this level. "In (world) Team Tennis I was good enough, but is it good enough to be able to compete at this level? We'll see." Hingis retired in 2002 with five Grand Slam singles titles to her credit only to launch a full-scale comeback in 2006. She called it quits for the second time in 2007, but said she always had it in the back of her mind that she might return again. She barely picked up a racket from 2008-2011, but has played a lot of exhibitions and senior doubles during the past two years and has also coached, mostly notably world number 25 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia, whom she stopped coaching after this year's French Open.

Reuters



Martina Hingis takes shelter under an umbrella as rain falls during the Tennis Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Newport, Rhode Island on 13 July, 2013.

REUTERS

Jack Nicklaus course to host 2015 Cup in Korea



PGA Tour Commissioner Tim Finchem speaks to the media at the Memorial Tournament at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio on 2 June, 2010.—REUTERS

AKRON, (Ohio), 1 Aug —The Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea in Incheon, South Korea has been chosen to host the 2015 Presidents Cup when the biennial team competition will be played in Asia

for the first time. The layout, located 40 miles west of Seoul in the country's largest economic development zone, was opened for play in 2010 and has since staged the over-50s US Champions Tour's

Songdo Championship, in 2010 and 2011. It was also the venue for the KLPGA Tour's Korea Women's Open in 2012.

"Like Muirfield Village, Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea is Jack's vision and an impressive venue in its own right," PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said in a statement on Wednesday ahead of this week's WGC-Bridgestone Invitational.

"We are thrilled to take the Presidents Cup there, which is not only a milestone in the event's history, but also a significant step in further elevating the game of golf in Korea," Finchem was referring to the Jack Nicklaus-designed Muirfield Village Country Club in

Dublin, Ohio, which will host this year's Presidents Cup from 3-6 October.

"As we looked at different golf courses, different venues in Korea, we kept coming back to Songdo as a place that had the capability to host the Cup," Finchem told reporters. "And also because we had the competitive experience of the Champions Tour, we knew that it was going to be an outstanding venue to stage the matches of the Presidents Cup, as well."

The Ryder Cup-style competition, which pits a 12-man team from the United States against a lineup of international players from outside Europe, has been played away from US soil on four occasions.

Reuters

Colombia's Orlando Duque becomes first world champion of high diving

BARCELONA, 1 Aug—Colombia's Orlando Duque won on Wednesday gold medal in high diving at the World Championships in Barcelona, becoming the first world champion of this discipline as it is the first time in history it is part of the FINA World Championships. After Monday first and second rounds, in which Duque scored the highest mark with 217.10 points, Tuesday saw round third, fourth and fifth.

Duque got the highest score with 590.20 points in the second day of competition, ahead of Britain's Gary Hunt, 2012 World Series champion, who was also favorite to win gold especially

after he dove using the triple quad in the fourth round of Wednesday competition. Hunt scored a total of 589.30 points which allowed him to take silver medal, followed by the youngest man in the competition, the 23-year-old Mexico's Jonathan Paredes who had 578.35 points.

The competition was attended by more than 8,000 people as high diving is being held at the Moll de la Fusta, at the Port of Barcelona, in the city centre of the Mediterranean city, very close to the famous street of Las Ramblas. Organizers built a 27-metre provisional tower at the Port of Barcelona. Men high divers jumped



from a height of 27 metres while women did it from a height of 20 metres.

A total of 13 divers took part in men's high diving competition, while five women competed on Tues-

day with the United States' Ginger Huber taking gold medal, Germany's Anna Bader winning silver and the American Cesilie Carlton claiming bronze.

Xinhua

Colombia's Orlando Duque

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Egypt allows EU envoy to see deposed president

CAIRO, 1 Aug — Egypt allowed Europe's top diplomat to meet deposed Islamist President Mohamed Mursi on Monday, flying her after dark to Mursi's secret detention facility but ruling out any role for him in ending the turmoil convulsing the country.

Catherine Ashton, the European Union's foreign policy chief, became the first outsider to see Mursi since he was deposed by the army on 3 July, taken into detention and placed under investigation on charges including murder.

His fate — and a deadly crackdown by security forces on his supporters — has raised global anxiety about a possible bid to crush Mursi's Muslim Brotherhood, a movement that emerged from decades in the shadows to win power in elections after the 2011 uprising against Hosni Mubarak. The state's



Egypt's interim Vice President Mohamed ElBaradei (R) speaks at a news conference with EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton at El-Thadiya presidential palace in Cairo on 30 July, 2013.—REUTERS

MENA news agency reported early on Wednesday that an African delegation headed by former Malian President Alfa Omar Konari held a one-hour meeting with Mursi.

The agency gave no details on the visit nor when it took place but said some of the delegation's members will host a news con-

ference later on Wednesday after meeting with Arab League officials to discuss the latest developments in Egypt. Ashton had revealed little about what she called a "friendly, open and very frank" two-hour conversation with the deposed president. An aide said they had "in-depth" talks.

Reuters

Iran seeks key position on UN disarmament committee



Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad waves after addressing the 67th United Nations General Assembly at UN headquarters in New York, on 26 Sept, 2012.

REUTERS

UNITED NATIONS, 1 Aug — Iran is campaigning for a key position on a UN General Assembly committee that deals with disarmament and international security amid strong criticism from Israel and others who accuse Teheran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons. Iran is competing against Kuwait to be the rapporteur of the UN General Assembly's First Committee for its 68th session, which begins in October, UN diplomats said.

The rapporteur reports on the proceedings of the 193-member committee.

A spokesman for Iran's UN mission confirmed the country's bid on Tuesday. Asked why Teheran was in-

terested in the position, he said: "It's a normal routine by a member state." The First Committee considers all disarmament and international security matters, cooperation in the maintenance of international peace and security, as well as principles governing disarmament and the regulation of armaments.

Western powers accuse Iran of seeking to develop nuclear weapons. Teheran says its nuclear programme is for generating electricity and other peaceful purposes. Iran says UN sanctions imposed over its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes are illegal and refuses to comply with them.

"Allowing Iran to be on

the UN committee dealing with nuclear disarmament and weapons proliferation is like inviting Assad, the Syrian dictator responsible for the death of 100,000 of his own people, to be the head of the population census bureau," Israeli UN Ambassador Ron Prosor said in a statement.—Reuters

Spain and Australia through to women's final

BARCELONA, 1 Aug — Hosts Spain came from behind to edge a thrilling contest with Hungary while Australia saw off Russia to book a place in Friday's women's final at the water polo world championships in Barcelona on Wednesday.

The Spanish side, known locally as "the warriors" and silver medalists behind the United States at last year's London Olympics, thrilled the home supporters at the hilltop pool on Montjuic when they came through 13-12 after trailing by a goal going into the final quarter.

Australia, who finished third in London ahead of the Hungarians, were 2-1 down after the first quarter before coming through 9-6 as they seek a repeat of their triumph at the 1986 world

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| 6:55 am | 4:35 pm |
| 4. Pyi Thu Ni Ti | 22. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Maths) |
| 7:00 am | 4:50 pm |
| 5. News | 23. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies |
| 7:25 am | 5:00 pm |
| 6. Teleplay | 24. News |
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| 7. News / International News | 25. Road to 27 th SEA Games (Judo) |
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| 9:00 am | 6:00 pm |
| 9. News/ International News | 27. News/Weather Report |
| 9:30 am | 6:20 pm |
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| 18. Myanmar Series | 33. People Talks |
| 12:00 pm | 8:45 pm |
| 16. News/International News/Weather Report | 34. Documentary |
| 12:30 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 17. Myanmar Movies | 35. News |
| 2:40 pm | 36. Mono Classical Songs |
| 18. Documentary | 37. Traditional Boxing |
| | 38. TV Drama Series |

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Violence could result in loss of lives and properties on both sides: Vice-President

YANGON, 1 Aug—A meeting between Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and patrons, chairmen and executive members from Interfaith Friendship Group was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Region Government Office, here, this morning.

It was also attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint, Dr Maung Maung Htay, U Kyaw Kyaw

Win and U Zaw Win, Yangon Region ministers Patrons of the Interfaith Friendship Group Retired Ambassador U Hla Maung, U Maung Shwe and Rev Dr Saw Mar Gay Gyi and Chairman Retired Ambassador U Sein Win Aung and executive members and departmental officials.

The Chief Minister introduced the Vice-President to the patrons, chairmen and executive members.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially converses with patrons, chairmen and executive members from Interfaith Friendship Group.—MNA



Myanmar to award 1557 medals, 460 gold, 460 silver and 637 bronze to athletes at 27th SEA Games



Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik responds to question.

MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—“A total of 1557 medals— 460 gold, 460 silver and 637 bronze— will be presented to the athletes at the 27th SEA Games,” said

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik in his



Deputy A & I Minister U Khin Zaw replies to questions.

MNA

answer to the question about the upcoming SEA Games by U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency at the 16th day

seventh regular session of First Pyithu Hluttaw today.

He added that Myanmar sports contingents had



U Aung San of Pabedan Constituency asking the question.

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been awarded 175 gold, silver and bronze medals while taking part in 33

international sports events as preparations for the 27th SEA Games. During the period from October in 2012 to June this year, Myanmar athletes were



U Hla Tun of Khamti Constituency raises a question.—MNA

129 medals at nine test matches ahead of the 27th SEA Games. Moreover, joint-trainings for 12 sports were conducted in 11 countries. A total of 10 local companies and two foreign companies will sponsor US\$ 3,033,644 and K 1975 million worth of sports gear, sports events equipment, foodstuff, medicines and commemorative gifts to Myanmar sports contingents. So far USD 70,000 and K 10 million had been handed over to fund-raising and prize-giving committee. What's more, the committee made US\$ 1.6 million worth of sponsorship deal with three local and foreign companies.

Concerning the question raised by U Hla Tun of Khamti Constituency, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Khin Zaw replied that the respective state governments would have to ask for budgets to be allocated for reclamation of farmlands in hilly regions after formulating plans which are suitable for the respective regions. He vowed to provide necessary assistance and technologies for the success of the farmland reclamation plans.

Today's session ended in the afternoon and the 17th session continues tomorrow.

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Amyotha Hluttaw approves National Food Law

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug— Sixteenth day of seventh regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw continued under seven agenda today.

Regarding the question of U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency No (2), Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Htay responded that as Loilem Township was constituted with 20 midwives and 35 auxiliary midwives at present, it needs 204 midwives to fulfill the requirements of the township. Plans are underway to turn out new auxiliary midwives by Loilem District Health

Department in cooperation with Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in 2013, she added.

With regard to the question of U Than Myint from Taninthayi Region Constituency No (10), the deputy minister replied that a proposal was submitted to construct extended patient's ward and staff quarters at Taninthayi Township People's Hospital for 2014-15 FY and it will be carried out with the allocated fund.

Then, the Hluttaw speaker approved bill amending National Food Law which was sent back by Pyithu Hluttaw with its amendment.

Regarding the bill,



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Thein Htay responds the question.

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Hluttaw Representative U Phone Myint Aung said that Pyithu Hluttaw discussed it and will submit it to



Hluttaw Representative U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region Constituency No (3).—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and it is very important. The authorities should inspect the food shops in the market

regularly and if the owners violate the rules, they must be dealt with the laws. So, the law will facilitate and protect



U Than Myint from Taninthayi Region Constituency No (10) raising a question.

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the consumers he said. The meeting ended in the morning and 17th day session continues tomorrow.—MNA



U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than of Shan State Constituency No (2) shooting a question.

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