

National reform leading committee led by the President has been formed separately to direct efforts on reform programme



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivering speech at the meeting with Union ministers, region/state chief ministers, and deputy ministers at the hall of the Presidential Palace. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug— President U Thein Sein met Union ministers, region/state chief ministers, and deputy ministers at the hall of the Presidential Palace here this morning.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-Presidents Dr Sai Mauk Kham and U Nyan Tun, the Union ministers, the Union

attorney-general, the Union auditor-general, the chairman of Union Civil Service Board, the region/state chief ministers, deputy ministers, deputy attorney-general and deputy auditor-general, members of Union Civil Service Board, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council and guests.

The President said in his address:

The following are major purposes of meeting between Union ministers, region/state chief ministers and deputy ministers working in each sector and region for the development of the country socio-economic development of the people:-

* The first 30 months of five-year term of our government is the period we laid foundations for remarkable democratic transitions to create a new democracy. We have created better

political environment inside the country, improved international relations and continued dialogue for national reconciliation in this period. We have made a host of changes and relaxations in laws and rules and regulations in economic and social reforms and have started to integrate into the global market.

* During the second 30 months, we have to give the basic needs of the people higher priority and ensure the socio-economic profits reach them. We need to give high

priority to the people-centered development approach. We have to draft and implement Integrated Action Plan for the remaining 30 months. The need to draft the plan in cooperation so as to cover fundamental needs of the people avoiding overlap of tasks between the Union ministries and region/state governments.

The government initiated four reforms— political reforms, economic and social reforms, administration mechanism

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Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra hugs the children during her visit with cabinet ministers to chair a railway development plan in Nakhon Pathom Province of Thailand, on 8 Aug, 2013.

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Tasks for socio-economic development

1. Electricity
 - to manage electrification at full capacity in Yangon and Mandalay where most of the industries are being run
 - to raise number of households in all regions and states that consume electricity
2. Drinking water
 - to ensure sufficiency of drinking water in Yangon and Mandalay
 - to remarkably increase percent of drinking water sufficient townships in regions and states
3. Agriculture
 - to ensure sufficiency of water for agricultural purpose
 - to produce and distribute adequate volume of quality crops strains
 - to fulfill capital requirement of farmers
4. Job opportunity
 - to remarkably develop industrial zones and SMEs
 - to generate jobs by building infrastructures in urban and rural regions
 - to implement special economic zone projects soonest
5. Tourism
 - to place emphasis on development of tourism industry
6. Monetary Affairs
 - to give priority to development of banking service, stability of monetary market, improvement of microfinance industries, and smooth and swift flow of money, loans and cash assistance from abroad by forming work groups
7. Trade and Investment
 - to constitute sector-wise work groups for achieving significant development

LOCAL NEWS

Business

Myanmar, Thai companies to join in rubber, oil palm cultivation

YANGON, 9 Aug—Foreign investors put their investment in Myanmar while seeking markets. As part of their investments, Myanmar Maha Dhana Company and Thr Holding Pte Ltd of Thailand held a ceremony to sign the agreement to carry out

cultivation rubber and oil palm plantations at MICT Park, here, on 8 August morning. The companies will carry out cultivation of rubber and oil palm plants in Myanmar and its related projects soon.

Kyemon

Loss of over K 90 million exposed in Hlinethaya Tsp within two days

YANGON, 9 Aug—Manager Daw Mya Mya Win of East Development Garment Co opened a file at Hlinethaya Myoma Police Station that the packet of money worth K 98,480,000 lost from the chest drawer of the cashier room of the company in Hlinethaya Township at about 9 am on 4 August.

Police members of the Reserved Force of Yangon Region Police Force, Administration Company, Reserved Crime Unit and No. 2 Security Company and those of Yangon North District Police Force and Hlinethaya Police Station joined hands in exposing the offenders and arrested crime brokers Kyaw Ye Lwin (a) Kyaw Zin Hein who was mechanic of the company, sewing machine

operator Aung Ko Ko (a) Than Hlaing of Hlinethaya Industrial Zone No 4.

According to the investigation, the two persons met at the factory while repairing a sewing machine in the afternoon and they hid in the factory it was over. They opened the door with the use of screwdriver and moved back the CCTV outside the door.

They put money from the cashier room into two polyethylene bags. They carried the money bags through a gate with no security guards into the thatch groove. After that, they carried bags of money by motorcycle to the house of Kyaw Ye Lwin (a) Kyaw Zin Hein in Twantay Township.

They bought gold

Knowledge about taking census shared in Thaton Township

THATON, 9 Aug—The talks on census-taking process and role of people in participation of taking census were held at Basic Education Post-Primary School in Taungsun Village and the administrator office in Thayettaw Village in Thaton Township of Mon State on 5 August.

Staff of District

Information and Public Relations Department explained the role of the people in the process. They performed the mobile library and wall magazines as public service media.

The staff then replied to queries raised by local people for the 2014 census taking process. The talks were attended by 60 people from Taungsun Village and another talks could attract about 50 local people.

In cooperation with the local people, staff of the District IPRD explained census taking process in villages of Thaton Township.—Kyemon-Thet Oo (Thaton)

wares by the stolen money of K 90,980,000.

After that, the police members could seize two gold chains, two gold lockets and two mobile phones.

Kyemon-Division MPF

Crime

Thief from Yebyu arrested in Thakayta

YANGON, 9 Aug—A squad led by Police Captain Aung Win of No.2 Security Company of Reserved Branch of Yangon Region Police Force, while performing surveillance for crimes, arrested Maung Win (a) Naw Ngaik (a) Ngaik Ngaik, 29 of Kalasu Ward in Yebyu Township of Taninthayi Region at the house of No 2137/A of Zeyawady 2nd Street in Ward 13 of Thakayta Township in Yangon Region on 27 July.

According to the investigation, he

committed crime in the area of Kanbawk Police Station and seized nine ticals and 10 Pe of gold and one motorcycle from him.

The case is that, while U Ye Nyunt, 67 of Maggin Wad in Kanbawk Village-tract in Yebyu Township was sleeping at 3.45 am on 20 July, the wife saw their property in disorder in the chest drawer. She checked their property and saw loss of gold wares worth K 6,590,000. So she opened a file at Kanbawk Police Station.

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Illegal two-digit lottery gamblers arrested in Mahlaing

MAHLAING, 9 Aug—A special crime combating squad led by IP Kyi Shein of Meiktila District together with policemen from Mahlaing Police Station and local authorities searched the house of Ma Yamin (a) Ma Nyunt Khaing at region 6 in Ward 1 of Mahlaing at 12.15 pm on 6 August.

They seized materials used in gambling and K 82300.

On the same day, they also seized documents related to gambling materials and K 27,300 from sales of illegal two-digit lottery at the house of Ma Hsan Hsan, 40 in

region 11 of Ward 2.

Mahlaing Police Station opened files of lawsuit against gamblers under Section 15(a) and 16(a) of the Gambling Act.

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Ministry of H&T to organize colour photo contest

YANGON, 9 Aug—The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is implementing the all-round development projects to promote the hotels and tourism industries in leap and bound.

With the aim of showing off the scenic beauties of regions, the colour photo

Natural Disaster

People of Ahlon Tsp face inundation



YANGON, 9 Aug—The heavy rain hit Yangon Region on 3 August. In Ahlon Township, roads were inundated and drains blocked.

Hence, Nguwah Street section between Hninzi and Hsinmin roads lied under

overflowed water for many days.

The local people and those using vehicles, trishaws and bicycles are facing difficulties in transport.

Kyemon-Shwe Taing Lwin

Accident

Telephone technician falls from phone post



YAMETHIN, 9 Aug—While repairing the connection of telephones, Technician Grade V of Myint Lwin, 46 years old, dropped from the phone post near Technological University at the corner of Khwanyo Street and Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Thilawa Ward of Yamethin in Mandalay Region at 1.10 pm on 6

August. A local rushed him to the hospital in his car. However, the technician died at the hospital at about 2 pm. In the incident, the technician was electrocuted due to ties of power line at the phone post.

According to the opinion of the medical officer, the technician might fall from the post due to electrocution.

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Tourism

K 200,000 for the third, ten consolation prizes will be award K 100,000 each.

Entries must be sent to U Ohn Myint (Principal) of Tourism Training School, Tel: 01-385017, Yangon Region, and Daw Su Su (Staff Officer) of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Yangon Region, Tel: 01-375194, not later than 3 pm on 6 September.

MNA

National Sports

Myanmar Wushu team leave for Philippines



YANGON, 9 Aug—A Myanmar sports team comprising 30 players of Wushu event led by Secretary of Myanmar Wushu Federation U Tun Tun Oo who is discharging duty as Assistant Director of the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports left here by air for Manila of

the Philippines on 5 August.

The team will take part in the 7th Asian Junior Wushu Championships to be held in Manila of the Philippines from 5 to 12 August.

About 30 countries will participate in the championships.

Khin Maung Win (Kyemon)

WORLD

“No doubt” in sincerity of Obama’s words on visit to Hiroshima: Roos

TOKYO, 9 Aug—US Ambassador to Japan John Roos said on Thursday he has “no doubt” in the sincerity of President Barack Obama’s words regarding the possibility of his visiting Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which suffered US atomic bombings in World War II.

“Obviously, there are tremendous demands on the president’s time, and I think that scheduling and everything is up to the president and the White House. But I have no doubt in the sincerity of his words that he would be honoured to do so during his presidency,” Roos said in an interview with *Kyodo News* and other

media when asked if he would advise the president to visit the cities.

In November 2009, Obama said just before his first visit to Japan, “I would be honoured to have the opportunity to visit those cities at some point during my presidency.”

As for the ambassador’s past attendances at ceremonies to commemorate the atomic bombings of the cities in 1945, Roos said, “The president was fully supportive of my going to Hiroshima and Nagasaki.” Roos, whose term will end shortly, attended an annual ceremony in Hiroshima on Tuesday and will go to Nagasaki’s ceremony on Friday. He became the first US ambassador to attend the Hiroshima ceremony in 2010, which fell on the 65th anniversary, and attended the ceremony in Nagasaki last year.



US Ambassador to Japan John Roos speaks in an interview with *Kyodo News* and other media at the US Embassy in Tokyo on 8 Aug, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

“My personal view is that not only all Americans, but I think everyone in the world should visit Hiroshima and Nagasaki,” Roos said.

“I strongly believe in the president’s goal of eliminating nuclear weapons,” he said, referring to Obama’s speech in Prague in April 2009 in which he expressed his desire to create “a world without nuclear weapons.”

Kyodo News

Two British women injured in Zanzibar acid attack



One of the two British teenage victims of an acid attack disembarks from a vehicle at the airport in Zanzibar, on 8 Aug, 2013 in this still image taken from video.

REUTERS

DAR ES SALAAM, 9 Aug—Men riding a motorbike threw acid at two British teenage girls in Tanzania’s semi-autonomous Zanzibar region, leaving them with facial, chest and back injuries, a senior police official said on Thursday.

NSA to cut system administrators by 90 percent to limit data access

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The National Security Agency, hit by disclosures of classified data by former contractor Edward Snowden, said on Thursday it intends to eliminate about 90 percent of its system administrators to reduce the number of people with access to secret information.

Keith Alexander, the director of the NSA, the US spy agency charged with monitoring foreign electronic communications, told a cybersecurity conference in New York City that automating much of the work would improve security.

“What we’re in the process of doing — not fast enough — is reducing our

system administrators by about 90 percent,” he said.

The remarks came as the agency is facing scrutiny after Snowden, who had been one of about 1,000 system administrators who help run the agency’s networks, leaked classified details about surveillance

programmes to the Press.

Before the change, “what we’ve done is we’ve put people in the loop of transferring data, securing networks and doing things that machines are probably better at doing,” Alexander said.

Reuters



A view from helicopter of the National Security Agency at Ft Meade, Maryland, on 29 Jan, 2010.—REUTERS

Israel, Palestinians to resume talks in Jerusalem on 14 August

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—The Israelis and Palestinians will have their second round of peace talks in Jerusalem on 14 Aug and then a third in Jericho of the West Bank, the US State Department said on Thursday. “Negotiations between the Israelis and Palestinians will be resuming 14 Aug in Jerusalem, and will be followed by a meeting in Jericho,” spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters at a daily Press briefing.

She said US peace envoy Martin Indyk and his deputy Frank Lowenstein will travel to the region to “help facilitate” the negotiations, and Secretary of State John Kerry will not make any announcement after the talks. The Palestinians and Israelis agreed to meet further to discuss all the final status issues — Jerusalem, security, the Jewish settlements, borders and refugees, after their chief negotiators met late last month in Washington for two-day initial talks. Kerry said after the initial talks that the United States and the parties seek to “achieve a final-status agreement over the course of the next nine months” through direct negotiations. He also highlighted that he would be the only one authorized to comment publicly on the talks, as the parties had agreed to keep the content of the negotiations confidential.

Xinhua

Nagasaki urges gov’t to do more to eliminate nuclear weapons

NAGASAKI, 9 Aug—Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue criticized the government on Friday for its recent inaction in opposing nuclear weapons and urged it to show leadership as the world’s only atomic-bombed country, as Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed to push for the abolition of nuclear weapons on the 68th anniversary of the US bombing of the city.

“I call on the Japanese government to consider once again that Japan is the only country to have suffered a nuclear bombing,” Taue said twice in his latest Peace Declaration delivered at a ceremony in the city’s Peace Park, attended by representatives of 44 countries.

He also said Tokyo’s

failure to sign a statement rejecting the use of nuclear weapons under any circumstances at an international meeting in April is “betraying the expectations of global society” and “implies that the government would approve of their use under some circumstances.”

Taue also expressed worries over the resumption of Japan-India negotiations for a nuclear cooperation agreement, saying such cooperation with India, a de facto nuclear power which has not signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, would render “meaningless” the NPT regime and give North Korea “an excuse to justify” its nuclear development.

Kyodo News



Candles are lit at a concert in Peace Park in Nagasaki on 8 Aug, 2013, the eve of the 68th anniversary of the US atomic bombing of the city.—KYODO NEWS

Snowden case not worth hurting Russia-US relations

MOSCOW, 9 Aug—Russia’s granting of temporary amnesty to former US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden should not be allowed to affect Moscow-Washington ties, a Russian lawmaker said on Thursday.

“Snowden’s activity isn’t worth cooling relations between our countries,” Mikhail Margelov, head of the International Committee of the Federation Council (upper house of the parliament), said.

Margelov said, even during the Cold War, neither Soviet dissidents flying to the West nor US dissidents supported by Moscow hampered summits.

Great powers understood their responsibility over nuclear arms control, regional conflicts, militarization of space and other global issues, the politician told *Interfax* news agency.

“Now there are no fewer global problems requiring face-to-face meetings of the US and Russian leaders than it used to be during the Cold War,” Margelov said.

He added the upcoming so-called “2+2” meeting of the two countries’ defence and foreign ministers due in Washington on Friday could “hopefully” minimize the damage incurred by the US pulling out of next month’s scheduled summit between US president Barack Obama and Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

According to Margelov, the value of these summits lie not only in the decisions made but in the very fact that they take place.

“They send signals to the international community that dialogue between two leading powers remains ongoing,” the senator said.

Xinhua

SpaceX adds German satellite network to launch calendar



CAPE CANAVERAL, (Florida), 9 Aug—Privately owned Space Exploration Technologies won a two-flight contract to launch a radar satellite network for Germany, the company announced on Thursday.

German satellite manufacturers OHB-System AG and Astrium GmbH selected the California-based firm, also known as SpaceX, to launch a trio of spacecraft that comprise a radar reconnaissance network for Germany's defence department.

The OHB-System's two smaller radar satellites will ride together aboard a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket, while Astrium's larger spacecraft will solo on a

second Falcon booster. The launches are targeted for 2018 and 2019. The contract award is SpaceX's first for a European government.

"We appreciate their confidence in SpaceX to reliably deliver these satellites to orbit," SpaceX President and Chief Operating Officer Gwynne Shotwell said in a statement. The three-satellite constellation will replace a current OHB-built, five-satellite orbital network.

The new contracts boost SpaceX's launch manifest to more than 50 missions. The company's Falcon 9 rocket so far has flown five times — all successfully — including three missions to launch cargo capsules to the

International Space Station for NASA.

The privately owned firm, founded and operated by Internet entrepreneur Elon Musk, also is competing to provide flight services for NASA astronauts to and from the station, a permanently staffed research outpost that flies about 250 miles above Earth.

The company's customers also include the US military, Canada, Thailand, Argentina, Taipei and several commercially owned and operated communication satellite operators including Iridium, Intelsat SA, Orbcomm, Europe's SES, Hong Kong's Asia Satellite Telecommunications

and Israel's Space Communication Ltd. SpaceX currently flies from a leased and renovated launch pad at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, located just south of NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. The firm plans its debut launch from a second pad at California's Vandenberg Air Force Base on 5 September.

The company also wants to take over maintenance and operations of a moth-balled space shuttle launch pad in Florida and is looking for a fourth launch site that would be commercially owned and operated.

NASA also received a bid from privately owned Blue Origin, a Kent, Washington-based startup owned by Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos, for the shuttle's launch pad. Blue Origin is proposing to operate the pad as a multi-use facility for launching its own, as well as its competitors' rockets.

Reuters

16,000 computers suspected infected with virus to steal bank IDs

TOKYO, 9 Aug — At least 16,000 computer terminals in Japan may be infected with the same type of virus used in a series of online bank fraud in the past few years involving stolen user IDs and passwords, an investigative source told *Kyodo News* on Thursday.

The National Police Agency said it handled around 600 confirmed cases of unauthorized money transfers from 2011 through July this year. Investigators suspect that a single group may be responsible for many of about 400 cases reported this year.

"It is possible that the number of cases will increase," an NPA official in charge of the matter said. The virus, which has been spreading since early this year, is even programmed to steal one-time passwords that are issued by financial institutions for use in a single transaction. Computers

may well have been infected after PC owners perused certain websites, according to investigators. After the police authorities analyzed the virus with the help of an anti-virus software company, the investigators found that the stolen IDs and passwords were sent to multiple servers located in the United States and Europe. The authorities identified computer terminals possibly infected by the virus from access records left in some of the servers, the sources said.

The NPA has provided information on affected terminals to Internet service providers, asking them to notify users of possible virus infection and to remove the virus. The perpetrators apparently used the IDs and passwords aggregated in the servers to unlawfully access online bank services, sending money to their bank accounts. — *Kyodo News*

China Unicom tests 4G network

BEIJING, 9 Aug — China United Network Communications Co Ltd, known as China Unicom, said on Thursday that it has started testing a TD-LTE 4G network, which it will use if the government doesn't allow it to use its favoured FDD-LTE technology in the upcoming 4G licensing process. China's second-biggest mobile operator by subscribers is said to have taken the preemptive action because it expects the government to follow a similar strategy as in its 3G auction, when it first awarded licenses for TD-LTE networks, a technology which is mostly backed by its arch-rival China Mobile Ltd, which has the most subscribers in the country. The government is widely expected to award 4G licenses before the end of the year. And if it licenses TD-LTE networks first, it

will give China Mobile a big edge in the 4G market over its competitors. After reporting a 55 percent jump in its first-half profit, Chang Xiaobing, the company's chairman, said investment on TD-LTE technology has already started and testing will begin in major cities.

Funds will come from Hong Kong-listed China Unicom, rather than from its controlling company China United Network Communications Corp Ltd, which previously funded some of

China Unicom's network tests. "I expect Beijing to license TD-LTE first, so we have to prepare," Chang told a news conference in Hong Kong on Thursday. Beijing favors TD-LTE, or Time-Division Long-Term Evolution, because the network's core technologies are developed by Chinese companies. The technology was developed specifically for the Chinese market and is expected to serve a quarter of the global market by 2016. — *Xinhua*



LG G2 with 5.2-inch full-HD display, 2.26GHz Snapdragon 800 processor unveiled

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug — LG G2 comes with a 5.2-inch full-HD (1080x1920) display impressive 423 pixels-per-inch (PPI). It is powered by Qualcomm's quad-core Snapdragon 800 processor capable of speeds up to 2.26GHz. The device comes with 2GB RAM and offers 16GB and 32GB storage options.

The LG G2 comes with a 13.0-megapixel rear camera with Optical Image Stabilization and a 2.1-megapixel front shooter. LG's latest flagship runs Android Jelly Bean 4.2.2 and is powered by a 3,000mAh battery. LG G2 sports dimensions 138.5 x 70.9 x 8.9mm and will be available in Black and White colour options. The LG G2 will be rolled out in over 130 wireless carriers in the



LG has announced the launch of its brand-new flagship device, the LG G2.

next eight weeks starting in South Korea followed by North America, Europe and other key markets.

LG G2 comes with a unique design that features the power buttons and the volume rocker at the back of the phone, below the rear camera, instead of the sides of the phone, as is usually the case. LG believes this will work better on a large phone like the G2. It also comes with bezels as thin as 2.65mm. Commenting on the launch of the G2, Dr Jong-seok Park, President and CEO of the LG Electronics Mobile Communications Company, said, "Our definition of innovation today is technology that truly resonates with consumers. We have always listened to and learned from consumers in pursuit of innovation. We took these insights to new

heights in developing LG G2, the most exciting and ambitious mobile phone in our company's history."

LG G2 also comes with some software features like Answer Me, Plug & Pop, Text Link, Slide Aside, and a Guest Mode. Answer Me automatically answers the call after lowering the ringtone when the phone is raised to one's ear.

Plug & Pop recommends options or related features to choose from when the earphone or USB cable is detected. Text Link allows information embedded in text messages to be selected and easily saved in a memo or calendar and searched on a map or the Internet.

Slide Aside enables easier multi-tasking by simply "sliding" open apps off to the side using a three-finger swipe. — *PTI*

Researchers resurrect 4-billion-year-old fossil protein

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — Spanish researchers reported on Thursday they had resurrected the structure of 4-billion-year-old proteins in the laboratory. The findings, described on Thursday in the US journal *Structure*, may offer novel insights into the evolution of proteins on this planet, researchers at the University of Granada said.

Modern proteins exhibit an impressive degree of structural diversity, which

has been well characterized, but very little is known about how and when over the course of evolution 3D protein structures arose. "So far, attempts to understand protein structure evolution have been based on the comparison between structures of modern proteins. This is equivalent to trying to understand the evolution of birds by comparing several living birds," senior study author Jose Sanchez-Ruiz of the

University of Granada said in a statement.

"But it is most useful to study fossils so that changes over evolutionary time are apparent. Our approach comes as close as possible to 'digging up' fossil protein structures," Sanchez-Ruiz added. In the study, the researchers recreated fossil proteins known as thioredoxins in the laboratory and characterized their features. Thioredoxins were

chosen because they are found in organisms from the three domains of life including bacteria, archaea and eukaryotes.

By analyzing their X-ray crystal structures, they found that present-day thioredoxin structures are remarkably similar to those that existed at a time close to the origin of life, even though their amino acid sequences are very different. — *Xinhua*

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Mitsui Fudosan to open major shopping mall in Shanghai in 2017



TOKYO, 9 Aug — Mitsui Fudosan Co will open a commercial complex housing roughly 200 shops, chiefly fashion outlets, and restaurants in Shanghai City's Pudong District in 2017, according to the Japanese real estate developer.

Construction of the planned facility, tentatively named Lalaport Shanghai Jinqiao, will start in

December 2014, it said. The planned site is around 7 kilometres from the central Pudong New Area, close to upscale residential areas.

It is the firm's second project of its kind in China following a shopping facility in Ningbo, Zhejiang Province that opened in September 2011, the company said.

Kyodo News

GSK plugs into bioelectronics with \$50 million venture fund

LONDON, 9 Aug — GlaxoSmithKline raised its bet on using electrical signals in the body to target diseases on Thursday with the launch of a \$50 million strategic venture capital fund. Britain's biggest drugmaker hopes to have the first medicine that effectively speaks the electrical "language" of the body ready for approval by the end of this decade. GSK said the new fund's first investment would be a \$5 million stake in SetPoint Medical, a California company working on implantable devices to treat inflammatory diseases.

In all, SetPoint has secured \$27 million in fresh financing. Aside from GSK, it has also received cash from Boston Scientific, the venture capital arm of Covidien and existing investors. As reported in April, GSK is also offering a \$1 million prize to stimulate innovation in the new field, known variously as "bioelectronics" or "electroceuticals". These initiatives represent a long-term gamble on the promise of a novel kind of medicine that uses electrical impulses rather than the chemicals or biological molecules found in today's drugs. GSK believes it is ahead of rivals in the area.

By tapping into electri-

cal signals that form the language of the body's nervous system, scientists hope to address a range of diseases from high blood pressure to breathing problems and, eventually, brain disorders. In the case of SetPoint, the research and development work is focused on new therapies for immune system disorders like rheumatoid arthritis and Crohn's disease. These autoimmune diseases are typically treated with immunosuppressant drugs, while SetPoint uses an implantable pulse generator to stimulate the vagus nerve, which runs from the head to the abdomen, producing a systemic anti-inflammatory effect.

The company presented positive results from a proof-of-concept clinical trial in rheumatoid arthritis last November, and believes its system could provide a more convenient and potentially safer alternative to drugs. The idea of treating serious disease with electrical impulses is not completely new. Large-scale electrical devices have been used for years as heart pacemakers and, more recently, deep brain stimulation has been applied to treat Parkinson's disease, severe depression and certain neurological movement disorders.—*Reuters*



Android's smartphone marketshare rises to nearly 80 percent

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Smartphones powered by Google's Android software increased their global market share as iPhones lost ground in the absence of new models being unleashed by Apple, the International Data Corporation reported on Wednesday. Android's share of the smartphone market grew to 79.3 percent in the second quarter while that of iPhone slipped to 13.2 percent from 16.6 percent in the same three-month period last year, according to IDC figures.

"The iOS decline in the second quarter aligns with the cyclical nature of iPhone," said IDC mobile phone research team manager Ramon Llamas, referring to the software platform on which the Apple handsets are built. "Without a new product launch since the debut of the iPhone 5 nearly

a year ago, Apple's market share was vulnerable to product launches from the competition."

Apple is "well positioned" to recapture market share with the release later this year of a new iPhone and the next-generation iOS mobile operating system, according to Llamas. IDC reported that 187 million Android-powered smartphones were shipped in the second quarter of the year as compared to 31.2 million iPhones. Smartphones powered by Microsoft Windows software showed the biggest jump, hitting 3.7-percent of the market in a 77.6 percent rise that "re-enforced" the mobile platform's third-place position, according to IDC.

The gain was driven by Nokia, which released hot new Windows smartphones and accounted for just shy of 82 percent of



the 8.7 million Windows phones shipped worldwide during the quarter. "Last quarter we witnessed Windows Phone shipments surpassing BlackBerry and the trend has continued into the second quarter," said IDC mobility tracker program manager Ryan Reith. "Nokia has clearly been the driving force behind the Windows Phone platform, and we expect that to continue." Ailing BlackBerry saw its share of the global smartphone market shrink to 2.9 percent from 4.9 percent in the second quarter last year, IDC reported.

A total of 236.4 million

smartphones were shipped during the quarter in a 51.3 percent rise from the 156.2 million shipped in the same period a year earlier, according to IDC. Android retained its crown as the top smartphone platform in the United States in the quarter with 59 percent of the market, the same as the prior quarter, a report released on Tuesday by comScore indicated. California-based Apple remained the most popular smartphone maker in US and its share of that market was up slightly to 39.9 percent from the first three months of this year, according to comScore.

PTI

Investigational vaccine proves protective against malaria



WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — An investigational vaccine has been found to offer "complete protection" against malaria infection in healthy adults in an early-stage clinical trial, US researchers reported on Thursday. Although the vaccine, known as PfSPZ Vaccine, can only be administered intravenously, a rare delivery route for vaccines, it does pave the way for broadly applicable ma-

laria prevention, researchers from the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and other organizations said. In the Phase I clinical trial described in the journal *Science*, volunteers received two to six intravenous doses of PfSPZ Vaccine, which consists of live but weakened sporozoites of the species *Plasmodium falciparum*, the most deadly of the malaria-causing parasites.

The researchers found that the higher dosages of PfSPZ Vaccine were associated with protection against malaria infection. The vaccine protected all six volunteers who received the highest doses from malaria infection. Of the 15 participants who received higher dosages of the vaccine, only three became infected, compared to 16 of 17 participants in the lower dosage group who became infected. Among the 12 participants who received no vaccine, 11 participants became infected after mosquito challenge. "In this trial, we showed in principle that sporozoites can be developed into a malaria vaccine that confers high levels of protection," Robert Seder, chief of the Cellular Immunology Section of the NIAID Vaccine

Research Centre and principal investigator of the trial, said in a statement.

"These trial results are a promising first step in generating high-level protection against malaria, and they allow for future studies to optimize the dose, schedule and delivery route of the candidate vaccine," Seder added. "The researchers said that a number of follow-up studies are planned, including research to evaluate the vaccine's different dose schedules, possible protection against other Plasmodium strains and the durability of protection."

The researchers may also evaluate whether higher doses administered subcutaneously or intradermally provide the same level of protection as that found in this study.—*Xinhua*

Flu vaccine not tied to pregnancy complications

NEW YORK, 9 Aug — Pregnant women who get flu shots are at no greater risk for complications like high blood pressure, urinary tract infection or gestational diabetes, according to a new US study. The results are not surprising in light of previous research, said lead author Dr Elyse Kharbanda of Health Partners Institute for Education and Research in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "Studies of several thousand pregnant women in scientific litera-

ture have assessed the safety of using the flu vaccine during pregnancy," Kharbanda told *Reuters Health*. "These studies have shown no evidence of harm to pregnant women, to the unborn child, or to newborns of vaccinated women."

Routine monitoring of adverse events by the US Food and Drug Administration and Centres for Disease Control and Prevention also have not raised safety concerns, she noted. Doctors already recommend

that pregnant women get the shot, but not all women agree. Surveys indicate that many women are unsure of the safety of the vaccine despite evidence there are no dangers. During the 2010-2011 US flu season, for example, only about half of pregnant women reported getting a flu vaccine, Kharbanda and her colleagues point out in their report, published in the journal *Obstetrics and Gynecology*.

For the new study, they looked back at data on

74,000 women who had received a flu shot while pregnant, in any trimester, and compared them to 300,000 women who were similar in age, pregnancy start dates and other characteristics but had not received the shot. Vaccinated women were more likely to have health problems, like high blood pressure or diabetes, before becoming pregnant, they found, and more likely to be hospitalized before and after the shot than the other women.—*Reuters*

WORLD

Assad shown unharmed after Syria rebels report attack

AMMAN, 9 Aug — Syrian rebels said on Thursday they targeted President Bashar al-Assad's motorcade heading to a Damascus mosque to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr, but state television showed him unharmed and the government denied he had been attacked. The Tahrir al-Sham rebel brigade, a unit of the Free Syrian Army, said it fired several artillery shells towards Assad's convoy in the heart of the capital and that at least some hit their target.

If confirmed, the attack would be one of the most direct against Assad in two years of conflict which have pitched mainly Sunni Muslim rebels against the Alawite president. Rebels

have targeted Assad's residences in Damascus and a bombing in the capital last year killed four of his inner circle, but there have been no reports of Assad himself coming under fire.

Video footage distributed by the Tahrir al-Sham rebels showed smoke rising from what it said was the Malki District, where Assad and his close aides have homes. Other activists also reported rocket fire into the area. Syria's government denied the reports. "The news is wholly untrue," Information Minister Omran Zoabi said.

Firas al-Bitar, head of the Tahrir al-Sham brigade, said his fighters had carried out reconnaissance of the route of Assad's motorcade

and fired 120 mm artillery towards the president's convoy early on Thursday.

"The attack rattled the regime, even if Assad was not hit," he told *Reuters* from an undisclosed location in the capital. "There were two motorcades, one containing Assad and a decoy. We targeted the correct one." Bitar's brigade operates mainly in the Ghouta region on the eastern outskirts of the capital. Another official in Tahrir al-Sham said Assad's forces fired rockets and artillery "like rain" on the region in response to the reported attack.

Following the statement, Syrian state television showed footage of Assad praying alongside ministers and other top officials. It



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

said the footage was from Thursday's Eid prayers at the Anas bin Malek Mosque in Malki. Assad appeared unharmed and smiled at the worshippers as he entered the mosque.

Islam Alloush of the Liwa al-Islam, another rebel brigade, told *Reuters*

earlier on Thursday that rebels fired rockets which struck Assad's motorcade.

"Assad was not hit but the information we have based from sources within the regime is that there were casualties within his entourage," Alloush said.

Reuters

Merkel challenger vows to rein in banks, hike taxes on wealthy



Social Democratic party (SPD) top candidate Peer Steinbrueck laughs before his speech during an election campaign in Hamburg on 8 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

HAMBURG, 9 Aug — Launching the final phase of his long-shot campaign to oust German Chancellor Angela Merkel, leftist challenger Peer Steinbrueck called on Thursday for higher taxes on the wealthy and tighter rules for "gambling" bankers.

Analysts and pollsters see no chance of Steinbrueck's Social Democrats (SPD) catching Merkel's conservatives, who have a 15 point lead in opinion polls six weeks before the 22 September election.

But Steinbrueck is hoping he and his Greens allies, who together are polling around 38 percent, can catch Merkel's centre-right alliance, currently on 45 percent, or at the very least deny them a parliamentary majority. To do that, he knows he needs to lure back many of the 10 million, mostly ordinary working class voters, who abandoned the SPD since 1998,

disillusioned with its pro-business economic policies that squeezed low incomes.

So Steinbrueck, who was finance minister in Merkel's "grand coalition" government between 2005 and 2009, has lurched to the left in the campaign.

On Thursday, he held a townhall-style meeting in the northern port city of Hamburg. Under a giant tent, a couple thousand people got the chance to ask the 66-year-old candidate questions, a format the tightly-controlled Merkel campaign is expected to avoid.

"I'm not going to hold a long boring hour-long speech up on a stage talking down to you and then leave without anyone getting the chance to ask questions," Steinbrueck said at the first of 28 "Straight Talk" rallies before the vote. His feisty attacks on Merkel as a "do-nothing" leader who has "lulled the country asleep" went down especially well.—*Reuters*

Japan, US officials discuss preventive steps after helicopter crash

TOKYO, 9 Aug — Japanese and US government officials met on Thursday in Tokyo to discuss steps to prevent a recurrence of the fatal crash of an HH-60 helicopter in Okinawa that forced the US military to suspend flights by other choppers of the same type.

The US delegation was led by Peter Lavoy, acting assistant secretary of defense for Asian and Pacific security affairs, while Koji Tomita, head of the North American Affairs Bureau in Japan's Foreign Ministry, and Hideshi Tokuchi, director general of the Defence Ministry's Policy Bureau, represented the Japanese side.

"We had a very good meeting today," Lavoy told reporters after the meeting but did not elaborate.

At the closed-door meeting, officials from Japan's foreign and defence ministries are believed to have asked the US side to put safety first as the accident took place near a residential area.

The meeting at the director-general level came as Tokyo urged Washington to share information about why the crash happened, and to put preventive measures in place amid local concerns about US military operations in Okinawa, home to the bulk of US bases.

"We will continue to ask the US side to place priority on safety, and reduce base-hosting burdens on Okinawa," Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida said at a Press conference before the meeting.

The US military has been looking into the case and told the Defence Ministry it will question the surviving three crew members of the HH-60 helicopter about the situation leading to the crash.

Tokyo and Washington had originally planned to hold a regular meeting of the US-Japan Joint Committee, a framework to discuss issues related to US bases in Japan.—*Reuters*

British warship to visit Gibraltar amid border row with Spain

LONDON, 9 Aug — A British navy warship will sail to Britain's overseas territory of Gibraltar in the coming weeks, coinciding with a diplomatic row with neighbouring Spain, although officials said on Thursday the trip was a routine and long-planned visit.

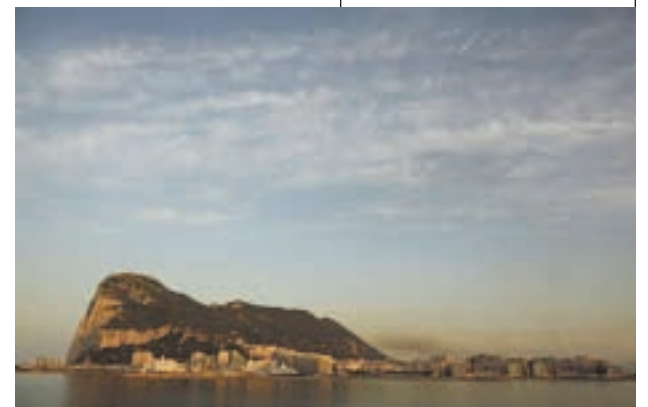
A centuries-old conflict over the British outpost boiled over in late July when boats from Gibraltar dumped concrete blocks into the sea to make a reef, and Spain created long delays at the border days later, with lengthy car checks.

Three British navy ves-

sels, including the frigate *HMS Westminster*, will visit the outpost as part of an annual deployment known as "Cougar", Britain's Ministry of Defence (MOD) said.

"The forthcoming visit by ships making up Cougar 13, including *HMS Westminster* and the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ships *Lyme Bay* and *Mounds Bay*, are business as usual," an MOD statement said.

An MOD spokesman stressed the visit was not related to the border issues and said he was unable to confirm exactly when the ships would arrive at Gi-



braltar. Spain's foreign ministry also called the visit "routine" and said the British government had asked for permission to stop over in Rota, southwestern Spain, where the Mediterranean country has a naval station.

"They asked for permission for the operation and in our relationship as allies, we granted it," a

UN chief stresses need to seek political solution to Syrian conflict

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Aug—UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on Thursday met with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and "underscored the need to find a political solution to the conflict" in Syria, UN spokesman Martin Nesirky told reporters here.

The secretary-general made the remarks when having a working dinner with the visiting Russian foreign minister "to discuss the conflict in Syria, including the escalating humanitarian crisis and the disconcerting rise in sectarian violence," Nesirky said in a readout to the Press here.

"The Secretary General underscored the need to find a political solution to the conflict and to urgently renew momentum behind the Geneva Conference on Syria," the spokesman said.

Lavrov made a stopover in New York on Thursday before his Friday talks with his US counterpart John Kerry on the Syrian issue, among others, in Washington.

Xinhua

The rock of the British Colony of Gibraltar (back) is seen during sunset from La Linea de la Concepcion, southern Spain on 25 May, 2012.
REUTERS

Spanish foreign ministry spokesman said.

British Prime Minister David Cameron and his Spanish counterpart Mariano Rajoy spoke on Wednesday and agreed to try and calm tempers over the disputed territory, though both sides were reluctant to back down on their positions.

Reuters

LOCAL NEWS

www.27seagames2013.com for sports information

According to the XXVII SEA Games Organizing Leading Committee, the organizing committee has posted an official website namely www.27seagames2013.com for enabling the international communities and the entire people of the nation to know information about the XXVII SEA Games and competition information in time.

Farming rights certificates presented to farmers in Pyinmana



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Pyinmana, 9 Aug—Farming rights certificates were presented to farmers in Taungtha village-tract in Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area at the Taungtha village-tract administrator office on 6 August afternoon.

Village-tract administrator U Than Tun Aung delivered an address

MMAL-Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

COMMUNICATION

Chin State MPT to sell 2000 more SIM cards

Haka, 9 Aug—Chin State Myanma Posts and Telecommunications said it would sell more 2000 CDMA-800MHz SIM cards in Haka and Falam.

Since July, a total of 2500 CDMA-800MHz low-priced SIM cards have been sold in these towns.

The transmission towers of CDMA-800 MHz have been installed in Haka and Falam.

MMAL-State IPRD

ANTI-HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Myanmar, Thailand meet in anti-human trafficking meeting



Ninth anti-human trafficking consultation between Myanmar Police Force and Thai Justice Department in progress.

Nay Pyi Taw, 9 Aug—Myanmar Police Force Anti-Human Trafficking Special Squad, Thai Justice Department and Special Branch organized ninth anti-human trafficking consultation in Bagan on 6 and 7 August as per MoU signed between Myanmar and Thailand at Greater Mekong Sub-region Anti-Human Trafficking Ministerial Meeting in 2009.

A total of 25 representatives attended the meeting. The meeting focused on human trafficking information sharing and the effective action against human trafficking.

Myanmar delegation was led by Myanmar Police Force Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Khin Maung Si. The 13-member Thai delegation was led by deputy

Schools reopen in Myawady



Myawady, 9 Aug—Schools closed due to flood in Myawady in Kayin State since 28-29 July have been reopened. The flood water has subsided as the water level of Mae Sai River has decreased.

The schools in the border have reopened since 7 August and students are returning to the schools.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Clean-up follows as flood wanes

Kawkareik, 9 Aug—Clean-up efforts started in lakes and wells in Kawkareik Township in Kayin State as the flood water decreased on 6 August.

Under supervision of the district deputy commissioner, the clean-up measures were carried out by ward administrators, members of Township Development Affairs Committee, district/township-level personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders.

Dump water seeped into the lakes and wells were pumped out in seven downtown wards in the township during the flash flood caused after heavy rains on 28-30 July.

The waters were then

MMAL-District IPRD

NATURAL DISASTER

Heavy rain causes flood in Hsipaw



Hsipaw, 9 Aug—Due to heavy rain for several days since 4 August, water level of river and creek in Hsipaw Township in northern Shan

State increased and deluged the township with flood. Some plantations and 20 houses in Namakhaw Village in Hsipaw Township were

flooded. Despite no casualty, some livestock were lost and one house was destroyed in the flood.

MMAL-Sai (Hsipaw)

Meeting on architecture of Kachin State Hluttaw held

Myitkyina, 9 Aug—Kachin State Hluttaw met four winners in design contest for the state Hluttaw building at the state government office in Myitkyina on 5 August.

Kyaw, State Finance and Revenue Minister U Nyunt Aung and Hluttaw representatives.

by eight architects elaborated on each design.

It was attended by State Hluttaw Speaker U Rawan Jone, Deputy Speaker U Sai Myint

The state Hluttaw speaker delivered an address at the meeting. Managing Director of Manaw Ayeya Construction Company U Htet Aung reported on designing the Hluttaw building. The four winners in the contest participated

The speaker, the deputy speaker, the minister and the lawmakers raised questions and participated in discussion. The speaker and the deputy speaker presented gifts to the architects. The speaker spoke words of thanks and attended to the needs.

MMAL-District IPRD

HRD

Indian Consulate-General organizes painting, essay contests

Mandalay, 9 Aug—Indian Consulate-General in Mandalay organized painting, quiz and essay contests for kids at Indian Villa on Theikpan road in Chanmyathazi Township on 4-6 August.

Myanmar's Department of University of Foreign Languages (Mandalay) will judged the essays in Myanmar and the Consulate-General itself will scrutinize the English essays.

Artists from Mandalay Art Club acted as judges of painting contests. Essay contests were organized in two languages—Myanmar and English. Lecturers of

There were more than 600 participants in the contests. Winners will be awarded at Dhammasala Hall on 15 August.

MMAL-Aye Mya (Mann Myay)

BEWARE OF DHF

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 10 August, 2013

Balance of power

Over two and a half years into his administration, the President has repeated his assurance for introduction of good governance and clean government, which is instrumental in democratization process Myanmar is undergoing with great strides in her bid to stand back on the international stage with her head held high after decades of isolation and underdevelopment.

Despite the recent gains made toward the goal of a democratic nation, the public perception of the government's performance has not altered at all with a great deal of speculation about the apparent influence of executive branch over judicial branch, raising question over the practice of checks and balances between the three estates.

It is a welcome move that the Parliament has approved the anti-corruption bill, signed into law by the President who described the law as a result of the joint efforts of the executive and legislative branches toward the common goal of elimination of bribery and corruption, proving the legislature is not the rubber stamp parliament.

However, enactment of laws is still nothing unless and until their effectiveness is achieved, in other words, laws without effective and proper enforcement is nothing but words in black and white. Each and every law has two aspects, described as spirit of the law and letter of the law. It is a long time some and certain people have abused the letter of law for personal gains, leading to a constant decline in public trust in judicial system and police force which are often dubbed "corrupt bureaucracy."

It is the law enforcement personnel who are assigned and obliged to assure law and order and advance the rule of law. When even law enforcement personnel can't be trusted, one can imagine extent of the problem, which suggests revival of public confidence is a must, not only in legal but in administrative and political institutions. Here comes the role of the parliament, which is made of people's representatives, to serve as the balance of power to grease the wheel of democratization process.

While the two branches are directing their ambitious efforts towards ending corruption, one point needs to be considered is the large part of the public service delivery system is overstretched and under-resourced, something often takes the role of breeding ground for corruption and collusion.

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

Notification No. 23/2013

3rd Waxing of Wagaung, 1375 ME
(9th August, 2013)**Kayah National Race Democracy Party
allowed to register as political party**

The Union Election Commission today announced that Kayah National Race Democracy Party headquartered at No.47, Bawgyi Street, Mingalar Ward, Loikaw Township, Kayah State, has been allowed to register as a political party as of 9 August, 2013 in line with Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law. The party's registration number is 65.

By order,

(Tin Tun)

Secretary

Union Election Commission

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reforms and private sector reforms—as a strategic scheme in the transition. These reforms reflect desires of the people. The desires of the people are the desires and objectives of the government as well.

To ensure tangible results in political, economic and social reforms among four reforms, the government mechanism needs to perform well. The performance of the private sector is also necessary as 90 percent of the entire economy is under private ownership.

It is natural, according to international experiences of reforms, that the government would face barriers and challenges from inside and outside. Committed to ensuring the good governance and clean government, the government has to retire and transfer some senior government officials including Union ministers, deputy ministers and directors-general and take other actions against them due to poor performance, lack of transparency, lack of responsibility and accountability in dealing with the public, non-compliance with rules and regulations and corruption by some government departments and regional administration bodies over the past 30 months.

The Union ministers and the deputy ministers are cabinet members and ones responsible to translate the objectives and duties of the government into reality through cooperation and coordination. Some personnel still have a strong hand on the authority of the ministry they are responsible and fail to cooperate with other ministries. They also fail to decentralize the authority to regions and states and continue to adopt centralization. I would like to urge you to change your mindset to make the works being implemented by your ministries more effective. Only then, would you become the good civil servants who could best serve the public.

In the second 30 years we would give high priorities to fulfilling the following basic and socio-economic needs of the people:-

- Electricity supply;
- Adequate drinking and irrigation water and
- small and medium enterprises and industrial development for creating more job opportunities.

These tasks would be carried out by the Union ministers and the region/state governments for ensuring more profits to the people.

The driving forces for quick win are as follows:-

- Boosting the agricultural industry on which the majority of population rely and poverty reduction by increasing incomes of the farmers;
- Tourism industry as a catalyst for rapid economic development;
- Setting trade and investment targets which are engines for economic development.

The capital investment and technology would make the development of the country and the socio-economic development of the people possible.

The Ministry of Finance, the Central Bank and related organizations need to form special sector-wise and region-wise task forces and make field trips to coordinate banking and micro-financing development and monetary development and stability to ensure foreign and domestic investment flows.

For ensuring smooth and swift flow of not only banking services, trade and investment but also the whole government and private mechanism, the priority is to be given to communications and information technology sector through investments and technological transfer. The President urged the Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministry to take the leading role in realization of e-government within a year for introduction of ASEAN Single Window, in cooperation with all line departments.

It is the lack of capital and technology that has made the country to lag behind in development. Like all developed countries attempt to draw capital and technology for national

development inviting foreign investments, Myanmar which is behind other countries in terms of development is to strive to attract investment to create jobs for citizens. Infrastructural development efforts are a must as local and foreign investment would increase only when there are enough infrastructures including electric power.

Road, sea, air transport services and infrastructure are to be improved to ensure smoothness in trade and investment and decline in transaction costs for market competitiveness not only in ASEAN Free Trade Area but also in international market.

Human resources development works are to be carried out region-wise and sector-wise at the same time both for the present and the future in response to the intellectual capital demand in respective business models for economic development drive. Special attention is to be placed on sorting out the priorities to ensure effectiveness of the increased expenditure on health care service. The education and health sectors need radical reforms to help the future generation of the entire nation keep pace with changing global situations and to keep abreast of international peers.

It would be difficult to fulfill the socio-economic requirements of the people if the Union ministries and region/state governments still stick to old procedures in undertaking four-point reform plan and above-mentioned prioritized

tasks within the remaining 30 months of its term. Grim determination and strenuous endeavours plus collaborative efforts in spirit of coordination and cooperation are a must to reach this goal.

Therefore, the national reform leading committee, led by the President has been formed separately to direct efforts on reform programme instead of tasking the project commission with designing and guiding reform plans in the past.

Union ministries and region/state governments are urged to form delivery unit/task forces and working groups to implement the policies on the ground through cooperation and coordination. In so doing, enough time is to be taken in sketching plans and making decision rather than holding coordination meeting for a day. They are urged to complete the prioritized tasks to the people, cooperating closely with local and foreign academicians, private organizations, and civil society organizations, listening to the wishes and voices of people, in the remaining 30 months.

Union ministers, region/state chief ministers are to give extra attention to improve the effectiveness of delivery units/task forces, which are required to coordinate the works for results sector-wise activities as prioritized tasks and areas for public interests must be sorted out through coordination and

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implemented manpower and huge expenses like allocated budget, foreign loans and assistance and assistance rather than implementing the separate action plans of respective Union ministries and region/state governments.

In allocating budget, coordination is to be made to grant increased budget shares for region and states which are obliged to bring about socio-economic development of people on the ground depending on their unique conditions and nature of the work to be done.

The profitability of government enterprises must be reviewed for improvement of government administrative mechanism

and enterprises which have plan for corporatization and privatization are to submit their financial plans to the coming Financial Commission Meeting in December.

In the national economic development drive, measures must be taken to assure regional security, peace and stability and the rule of law. The region/state governments are to directly command township security forces of Myanmar Police Force as it is important to preemptive measures in controlling the argument and crowd violence learning from the past conflicts. The Home Affairs Ministry is to reinforce the security forces with the police force under its direct control when the

township police force alone is not capable of handling the conflict.

Following points must be followed to smooth administrative matters between region/state governments:—

- (1) The region/state governments are to manage, direct, supervise and check the government departments in their municipal regions instead of Union ministries directly controlling them;
- (2) The region/state governments are to compile civil servants performance evaluation report and submit to Union government and present copies to Union ministries for efficiency of departmental personnel and staff

and promotion and transfer to be decided on performance evaluation report;

- (3) The Education Ministry is not to directly appoint primary education level teachers and such appointments are to be made by region/state governments;
- (4) The Health Ministry is to continue training nurses and midwives at central level but to make coordination with region/state governments in assigning them to their home regions; the region/state governments to appoint medical staff in remote regions through vacancy announcement in newspapers as the direct appointment by the Health Ministry

doesn't work;
(5) Out of the business which need direct permission of Union ministries, businesses region/state government can permit are to be allowed to local people to engage in, to create jobs for them;

In his advice to Region/State Chief ministers, he said it needs to train those from Township Development Supporting Committees which are formed with the Township Management Committee and town selders and the Township Development Affairs Committees in order that they can deal with townships' prioritized works.

Township-level work is a basic level for the development of Region/State. It needs to have exact facts and figures on the ground so as to effectively implement the tasks for individual income, drinking water supply, power supply, unemployment rate, creation of job opportunity, town and village development plans and collecting of facts and figures of sizes of towns and villages and increasing population and the homeless and the farmers without own farmlands. He called for swift implementation of farmland registration and issuance of farmland work permits, bringing about socio-economic development of the farmers.

He said the respective township committees need to invite Hluttaw representatives to their

meetings in order to make coordination with them on submitting people's prioritized needs to the administrative bodies ranging from township levels to the Hluttaws.

He continued that special emphasis should be placed on full implementation of people-centered development tasks for ensuring the transparency of government's administrative mechanism, effective implementation of people's voices and desires, fight against corruption and bribery, peace and tranquility and regional development.

He said in his conclusion speech that the countries that did not suffer the consequences of economic sanctions had to take 15-20 years to hit their goals. According to report by the McKinsey Global Institute at the World Economic Forum, the size of Myanmar's economy could reach 200 billion USD by 2030 if Myanmar doubles its production. He called for implementation of prioritized sectors in every township that can double the production.

Priority should be given to promoting livelihoods of farmers, workers, blue-collar workers and the poor, creation of job opportunities and development of farm sector and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). He urged those present to make all-out efforts for to bring about tangible results in the remaining 30 months of its reign.

MNA

Liaison office at Latpadaungtaung project area



Union Minister U Hla Tun addresses the coordination meeting of the committee.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—The committee will open a liaison office in Latpadaungtaung project area to tackle the problems of locals, said Chairman of the Committee for Implementation of Investigation Report on Latpadaungtaung Copper Mining Project Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun at the coordination meeting of the committee at the meeting hall of the President Office, here, this afternoon.

The project is an important model project for the State and the revised contract has been clarified to the Hluttaw, media and local people, said the Union minister. Local people were given compensation in accord with designated fare of the investigation commission and the Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands needs to explain again to understand by the people, he added.

The Union minister

urged the officials from the Ministry of Mines, Region government, Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and Wenbao Co to fulfill the necessities of the region and pledged to create job opportunities for the locals.

After that, Committee Vice-Chairman Region Minister U Tha Aye, Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, the Union ministers, officials from respective groups, union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and Wenbao Co reported on regional development, land compensations, environmental conservation, job creation and the follow-up programme. After that, the Committee Chairman coordinated the essentials.

The Chairman pledged that the committee would effectively implement the facts described in the report.

Regarding the regional development tasks, the Sagaing Region government

spends 1 million USD on power supply, water supply, construction of schools and sport grounds, said U Than Htike, Sagaing Region Forestry and Mines Minister. Some local people are not satisfied with the project. But now many come to realize that it is for their regional development. Plan is under way to constantly carry out socio-economic development and regional development there, he added.

The project would

Kanyutkwin upgraded to town

PYU, 9 August—Kanyutkwin in Pyu Township of Bago Region was upgraded from the village to the town in a ceremony held at Aungdawhmu Hall on 2 August morning.

Wards were formed and administrators were elected at the same ceremony.

The election was attended by Township Administrator U Than

employ 1300 local people in the construction period. Land compensation of K 2982.5 million, perennial crops compensation of K 144.1 million and wells compensation of K 22.6 million have been paid. The remaining compensations are to be taken out by 30 September.

The Land Dispute Investigation Group has dealt with 359 of 385 complaint letters.

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Aung, Staff Officer U Kyaw Zin, No (1) ward administrator U Chit San and town selders.

The township administrator briefed on the election and answered queries raised by those present at the ceremony.

U Sein Win and U Wai Moe were elected as administrators of Nos. (1) and (2) wards.

MMAL-Khin Swe

Authorities defusing violence following from a body of drowned person

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Police dispersed a crowd of about 500 Bengalis while they were investigating a body found at the mouth of Hmansi Creek in Hmansi Village, Sittway Township, Rakhine State at 8 am today.

Arlan, 16, began to attack Police Captain Htay Win. The police opened rubber bullet firing as others intended to attack them.

Three of the crowd got minor injuries in the attack. On their way home, those receding from the scene set fire on Ohntawgyi Police Outpost and four temporary tents. Eight were detained in

connection with the offense. It is learnt that the body was supposed to be drown. Aduyawshi, 34, missed out of seven on the board after a fishing boat capsized at the mouth of the sea, three furlongs from Kawkardi Village in Bumay Village tract, at about 9:45 am on 4 August.

Rakhine State Security and Border Affairs Minister, State Police Commander, those from UNHCR and officials are controlling the crowd in and around Bawdupha Village near the scene.

MNA

Inter-village bridge commissioned into service in Twantay Tsp



TWANTAY, 9 Aug—A ceremony to inaugurate Tarpaw-Ngwepansu bridge and Ngwepansu bridge linking Tarpaw Village in Twantaywa Village-tract and Ngwepansu Village of Shwehlaychaung (Twantay) in Twantay Township, Yangon Region was held at the bridge on 6 August morning.

The engineer-in-charge of the construction company and the village administrator formally

opened the bridge.

The old bridge was made of bamboo. So the local people faced difficulties in passing it. Now, the new bridge serves the local people safety.

Ngwepansu Bridge is of RC bridge, 65 feet long and six feet wide, built at a cost of K 3.4 million.

Tarpaw-Ngwepansu Bridge is 80 feet in length and six feet in width, costing K 6.2 million.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Natural Disaster

Bank erosion damages Aung Mingala Market in Taninthayi



MYEIK, 9 Aug—The heavy rain rose water level of Taninthayi River exceeding the danger level in urban areas and villages at 11 am on 4 August.

As of 4.30 pm on 4 August, the water gradually subsided at the town. At 1 pm on 5 August, the water level at the river reached the 20 feet height under the ordinary water level.

Due to short-term floods, Aung Mingala Market located on the Strand Road in Chaungge Ward was damaged in bank erosion. Some of the foots of the market were destroyed the violence erosion. That is why the market was tilted against other side.

The market comprising

about 30 rooms was built many years ago. The Taninthayi Region Government plans to rebuilt it as a new one.

As the river water level subsided, the departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people led by the township administrator cleaned the Basic Education High School (Taninthayi) and cleared debris around the school. They also participated in unblcking the drains.

The flooded schools in villages and urban areas were reopened on 7 August. The people from the relief camps returned home and worksites.—*Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*

Workshop on community assistance members for child protection held in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 9 Aug—The workshop on community assistance members for child protection, jointly organized by Committee of the Child Rights and MyanmarRedCrossSociety, was held at Anawrahta Hall in NyaungU Township on 6 and 7 August.

Chairman of the Township Committee of the Child Right Township Administrator U Phyo Zaw Nyein made an opening speech.

At the workshop, participants discussed chronical of CRC and Myanmar child law, judicial procedures for juvenile, rights of live and development, abuse,



ignorance and exploitation topics on 6 August.

The second day workshop continued the workshop on 7 August.

They focused on community-based child protection system, right of accepting the chtizenship

(ID registration), review on danger, management at various levels, incident of children, solving the current problem and other topics.

The workshop came to an end at 4.45 pm.

The workshop was attended by departmental

heads, representatives of social organizations, 10 members of Township Child Right Committee, 45 members of Township Support Committee, and 13 staff of child project.

Kyemon-Ye Thura Aung (NyaungU)

The director of the department explained the outbreak of floods and purpose of donation.

After that, the director handed over seven big bags of feedstuff, 200 small bags and medicines to Township Administrator U Min Maung Maung.

Next, the Township Administrator explained systematic use of feedstuff and medicines for the animals of the flood victims in coordination with the Township Management Committee.—*Kyemon-Township IPRD*

L&F Ministry donates feedstuff, medicine to flood victims of Bilin Township

BILIN, 9 Aug—Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries donated feedstuff and animal medicines for animals from flood victim families in Bilin Township of Mon State.

The donation ceremony was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department at 2 pm on 5 August.

Present on the occasion were Mon State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo



Nyunt, Director Dr Than Naing Tun of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary

Department, heads of Mon State, Thaton District and Bilin Township LBVDs, the township administrator, departmental officials and flood victims.

Floods destroy some paddy fields

MONGPHYAT, 9 Aug—Due to torrential rains on 4 and 5 August, Mehok Creek and Ponpha Creek overflowed in Monghe Village-tract in Mongphyat Township.

The flood hit 100.35 acres of paddy plantations in the township.

After subsiding the water level on 6 August, 29.40 acres of farmlands owned by 13 farmers were covered with sand in Hokhant,

Shekhin, Namhweyun and Namhwelon villages.

On 7 August, Township Administrator U Zaw Myo Nyunt, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Than Htut Lwin and Assistant Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Kaung Myat Min made field trips to the villages for cultivation of paddy in the water-subsidied farmlands.

Kyemon-Than Zaw (Mongphyat)



Charity Affairs

Cash donated to flood victim farmers in Bilin Township



BILIN, 9 Aug—A ceremony to donate cash assistance to farmers who faced floods of 29 July was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Bilin Township on 7 August morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Min Maung Maung explained

flooding condition, relief and rescue works and assistance of cash and kind to the victims.

CEC member of Union Solidarity and Development Party U Maung Shein donated K 1 million for farmlands of the flood victim farmers through the township administrator.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

REGIONAL

BOJ maintains ultraeasy monetary policy, keeps economic assessment



Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda enters the BOJ head office in Tokyo for a policy board meeting on 8 Aug, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 9 Aug—The Bank of Japan on Thursday maintained its ultraloose monetary policy introduced in April and left unchanged its assessment of the national economy that it is “starting to recover moderately,” after upgrading the view for seven consecutive months.

On Japan’s consumer prices that turned higher in June for the first time in one

year and two months, the central bank said the size of the year-on-year increase in the index is likely to expand gradually. The BOJ is aiming to achieve an inflation target of 2 percent in about two years.

“Inflation expectations appear to be rising on the whole,” the BOJ said in a statement, revising its previous expression that some indicators suggest a rise in inflation expectations.

In June, the consumer price index excluding fresh food marked a 0.4 percent increase from a year earlier on higher energy prices amid a weaker yen. Some other economic data point to Japan’s economic recovery, with department store sales increasing 7.2 percent in June from a year earlier.

The jobless rate improved to 3.9 percent in June, falling below 4 percent for the first time in four years and eight months. But the BOJ apparently refrained from upgrading its economic assessment as a recovery in basic wages

remains sluggish despite resilience in consumer spending, while a pickup in corporate investment seemed not strong enough to upgrade the view.

The prospects for overseas economies remained uncertain due to slowing growth in China and other emerging economies as well as possible negative impact stemming from possible tapering of the US Federal Reserve’s quantitative easing measures.

“With regard to the outlook, Japan’s economy is expected to recover moderately on the back of the resilience in domestic demand and the pickup in overseas economies,” the BOJ said.

“Regarding risks, there remains a high degree of uncertainty concerning Japan’s economy, including the prospects for the European debt problem, developments in emerging and commodity-exporting economies, and the pace of recovery in the US economy,” it said.—Kyodo News

Injured passengers receive medical treatment at a hospital in Vietnam’s central Quang Tri Province, on 8 Aug, 2013. A passenger bus carrying 31 people overturned on a bridge and plunged into a river on Thursday afternoon in Cam Lo District of Vietnam’s central Quang Tri Province. 17 people were injured, the Vietnam News Agency reported.—XINHUA



Taipei nuclear power plant may be leaking radioactive water

TAIPEI, 9 Aug—Storage pools for spent fuel rods at Taipei’s First Nuclear Power Plant located in the densely populated north of the island may be leaking radioactive water, the island’s government watchdog said on Thursday.

The Control Yuan said in a report that the storage pools for plant’s two reactors in Chinshan, New Taipei City, may have been leaking since 2009.

The operator of the facility, Taipei Power Co, has been unable to determine the cause of the leakage, which the Control Yuan said has increased over the years.

The report quoted Chen Yi-pin, Director of the Atomic Energy Council’s Department of Nuclear Regulation, as saying that he could not be sure whether the water is coming from the storage pools, but neither could he rule out such a possibility.

Taipower spokesman Chai Fu-feng told *Kyodo News* on Thursday that the water collected in the reservoir next to the storage pools of spent fuel rod pools does not pose any threat as it has been recycled back to the storage pools.

Chai said the water did not come from the storage pools but instead may have come from condensation or water used for cleaning up the floor.

The Control Yuan also

censured Taipower in the report for failing to complete the interim dry storage facilities for spent fuel rods at the reactor site of the No. 1 and No 2 nuclear power plants.

Taipower had originally planned to complete the above-ground facilities by 2000 and 2001, respectively.

Taipei has three operational nuclear power plants and six reactors, while a fourth one is still under construction.

Reactor fuel rods need to be replaced with fresh ones every 18 months. Discharged fuel assemblies must be continually cooled in water pools for many years after they are no longer useful for generating electricity.—Kyodo News

Singapore’s PM raised growth forecast

SINGAPORE, 9 Aug—Singapore’s Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Thursday that the country’s economic growth is expected to be between 2.5 percent and 3.5 percent this year, higher than the previous growth forecast of 1 percent to 3 percent.

In the first half of 2013, the economy grew by 2 percent.

Besides revealing the revised forecast in his national day message, Lee also touched on how the government has been responding to the long-term and short-term challenges that had featured most prominently since the general election in 2011.

The queues for public housing flats, built and sold by the Housing and Development Board, have been cleared and the build-to-order flat prices have stabilized, he said.

In terms of public transport, Lee said more buses have been added and Singapore is trying out free early morning rides into the city on its train network that carries a significant part of the commuters.—Xinhua

Thai Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra hugs the children during her visit with cabinet ministers to chair a railway development plan in Nakhon Pathom Province of Thailand, on 8 Aug, 2013. XINHUA



ASEAN cooperation important pillar in Vietnam’s foreign policy

HANOI, 9 Aug—Vietnam’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs held a ceremony to hoist the flags of Vietnam and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) here on Thursday to mark the 46th founding anniversary of ASEAN and 18th anniversary of Vietnam’s admission to the organization, local Press reported.

Participants to the event included heads of foreign diplomatic missions from ASEAN member countries and heads of the Vietnamese ministries, reported state-run *Vietnam News Agency*.

Since the first five

countries signing the Bangkok Declaration to set up the association in August 1967, ASEAN has now encompassed 10 countries in the Southeast Asian region, enjoying increasing consensus, close connection and strong cooperation for mutual development.

Solidarity and cooperation for mutual development have always been the main trend in ASEAN throughout its 46-year existence, which closely connects its member countries.

Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh has affirmed that ASEAN solidarity and consensus has been clearly demon-

strated, especially when dealing with sensitive issues and priorities during the final stage of the formation of the ASEAN Community by 2015.

During its 18-year journey with the ASEAN after joining the association on 28 July, 1995, Vietnam has actively, positively and responsibly participated in the association’s activities, the reports said.

ASEAN cooperation will be an important pillar in Vietnam’s foreign policy of independence, self-reliance, diversification, multilateralization and active regional and international integration, it added.—Xinhua

Narita Airport accommodates overnight travellers for early flights

CHIBA, 9 Aug—Narita International Airport, which serves Tokyo, has been accommodating an increasing number of travellers staying overnight to catch early morning flights run by budget airlines that inaugurated domestic services a year ago.

Narita International Airport Corp (NAA), the airport operator, used to ban overnight stays by passengers inside the airport for security reasons but started allowing them in designated areas in Terminal 2 this spring and even opened a convenience store in July that remains open 24 hours a day for travellers.

NAA says that as many as 150 passengers stayed overnight at the airport on some days and it expects more people to do so in the future.

In late July, a group of young people travelling on budget airlines were sitting before dawn on benches inside the Terminal 2 building. “Early morning flights are very convenient because

I can make better use of the time on the day I travel,” said a 19-year-old male college student flying to Kagoshima Prefecture in southwestern Japan.

Early morning flights started serving the airport in July to August last year with the launches of Jetstar Japan and AirAsia Japan services. They have flights to Sapporo and other destinations just after the curfew-bound airport opens at 6:00 am.

The airport operator has also lobbied bus companies to increase the number of services from central Tokyo to arrive at the airport by 6:00 am.

For Narita, which is in growing competition with Haneda airport located closer to central Tokyo, budget carriers are seen as the trump card for passenger growth.

Takeshi Arakawa, 57, an NAA executive, said, “In order to become the airport of choice, we want to continue indirectly supporting budget airline travellers.”

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Announcement of Successful Tenderer for Yangon International Airport Project

1. The Department of Civil Aviation had announced eleven prequalified firms selected by the Prequalification Evaluation Committee for the Yangon International Airport Project on 8 February 2013.
2. The Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the tenders submitted by seven prequalified firms and recommended to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport on 20 May 2013, a shortlist of four firms based on the results of financial and technical evaluations.
3. The Tender Selection Committee duly considered the financial and technical strengths and other relevant factors of the shortlisted tenderers and has selected the tenderer to implement the Yangon International Airport Project and one other tenderer as back-up candidate.
4. Accordingly, the Tender Selection Committee, Ministry of Transport hereby announce the successful tenderer and back-up tenderer for the Yangon International Airport Project as follows:

No.	Reg. No.	Leading Firm	Consortium	Country
1.	014	Pioneer Aerodrome Services SUCCESSFUL TENDERER	Pioneer Aerodrome Services Co., Ltd.	Myanmar
			China Harbour Engineering Co., Ltd.	China
			CPG Consultant Pte Ltd.	Singapore
			Malaysia Airport consultancy Services Sdn. Bhd	Malaysia
2.	025	Yongnam-CAPE_JGC BACK-UP TENDERER	Yangnam Holdings Limited	Singapore
			JGC Corporation	Japan
			Changi Airport Planners and Engineers Pte Ltd	Singapore
			Pac Link Trading Ltd	Myanmar

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Announcement of Successful Tenderer for Mandalay International Airport Project

1. The Department of Civil Aviation had announced eleven prequalified firms selected by the Prequalification Evaluation Committee for the Mandalay International Airport Project on 17 December 2012.
2. The Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the tenders submitted by four prequalified firms and recommended to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport on 3 July 2013, a shortlist of two firms based on the results of financial and technical evaluations.
3. The Tender Selection Committee duly considered the financial and technical strengths and other relevant factors of the shortlisted tenderers and has selected the tenderer to implement the Mandalay International Airport Project and one other tenderer as back-up candidate.
4. Accordingly, the Tender Selection Committee, Ministry of Transport hereby announce the successful tenderer and back-up tenderer for the Mandalay International Airport Project as follows:

No.	Reg. No.	Leading Firm	Consortium	Country
1.	001	Mitsubishi-Jalux Inc. (Japan) SUCCESSFUL TENDERER	Mitsubishi Corporation	Japan
			JALUX Inc.	Japan
			SPA Project Management Ltd.	Myanmar
2.	011	VINCI Airport (France) BACK-UP TENDERER	VINCI Airports	France
			VINCI Concession	France
			VINCI Construction Grands Projects	France
			Muhibbah Engineering(M) BHD	Malaysia
			Shwe Taung Development Co., Ltd.	Myanmar

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Announcement of Successful Tenderer for Hanthawaddy International Airport Project

1. The Department of Civil Aviation had announced eleven prequalified firms selected by the Prequalification Evaluation Committee for the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project on 31 October, 2012.
2. The Tender Evaluation Committee formed by the Ministry of Transport has evaluated the tenders submitted by seven prequalified firms and recommended to the Tender Selection Committee of the Ministry of Transport on 25 June 2013, a shortlist of four firms based on the results of financial and technical evaluations.
3. The Tender Selection Committee duly considered the financial and technical strengths and other relevant factors of the shortlisted tenderers and has selected the tenderer to implement the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project and one other tenderer as back-up candidate.
4. Accordingly, the Tender Selection Committee, Ministry of Transport hereby announce the successful tenderer and back-up tenderer for the Hanthawaddy International Airport Project as follows:

No.	Reg. No.	Leading Firm	Consortium	Country
1.	060	Incheon Airport (Korea) SUCCESSFUL TENDERER	Incheon Airport Consortium	Korea
			Kumho Kumho Industrial Co., Ltd.	
			Halla Engineering and Construction	
			Lotte Engineering and Construction Co., Ltd.	
			Posoco Co., Ltd.	
2.	001	Yongnam-CAPE-JGC BACK-UP TENDERER	Yongnam Holdings Limited	Singapore
			JGC Corporation	Japan
			Changi Airport Planners and Engineers Pte, Ltd.	Singapore

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Leonardo DiCaprio to play a Viking in King Harald



The Warner Bros project will also allow Leonardo to produce alongside his Appian Way partner Jennifer Davison Killoran.

LONDON, 9 Aug—Vacancy screenwriter Mark L Smith has written a film in which Leonardo DiCaprio will be seen playing Viking conqueror Harald Hardrada.

The 38-year-old has been put forward to portray Harald Hardrada, the 11th century conqueror hailed by some historians as the last great Viking king, reported *Deadline*.

Warner Bros has made a pre-emptive acquisition of the project, which would also allow DiCaprio to produce alongside his Appian Way partner Jennifer Davison Killoran.

The movie, speculatively titled King Harald, is being billed as Braveheart-style story. Harald ruled Norway for 20 years, but his ruthless quest for power led to his exile in Russia before he eventually returned in triumph. History buff DiCaprio is fascinated by the Vikings and previously wanted to star in a film about Viking warriors that Mel Gibson was supposed direct. The 2009 film, spearheaded by The Departed producer Graham King, was expected to be a violent and awe-inspiring story, but never made it to the big screen.—PTI

Sylvester Stallone fights with Bruce Willis, casts Harrison Ford in The Expendables 3

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—Action star Sylvester Stallone has slammed his Expendables co-star Bruce Willis via Twitter while announcing that Harrison Ford will be his replacement in the third film.

The film's head honcho took to Twitter to announce the casting news and to vent his frustrations about the Die Hard actor, reported E! News.

"WILLIS OUT... HARRISON FORD IN!!!! GREAT NEWS!!!! Been waiting years for this!!!!," wrote Stallone on the micro blogging website.

Willis appeared in the first two Expendables films alongside Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason



Sylvester wrote "WILLIS OUT... HARRISON FORD IN!!!! GREAT NEWS" on Twitter

Statham and many other actors, but it seems that the two action stars have parted ways following a feud.

Stallone addressed the issue that led to the split in a not so subtle tweet.

"GREEDY AND LAZY... A SURE FOR-

the star-studded cast.

The film is expected to hit the big screens on 15 Nov, 2014.

MULA FOR CAREER FAILURE," Stallone wrote.

His representative later confirmed that the tweet was indeed made in reference to Willis.

Production for The Expendables 3 is slated to begin later this month with Jackie Chan, Wesley Snipes, Nicolas Cage and Milla Jovovich joining

PTI



Actor Harrison Ford

LOS ANGELES, 9 Aug—After five decades of playing iconic characters — swinging a whip as Indiana Jones, saving Luke Skywalker as Han Solo, escaping from prison as a fugitive — Harrison Ford shows no signs of slowing down.

Ford, 71, has had an active year. After starring in the Jackie Robinson biopic "42" this spring, the actor now plays a tech bil-

lionaire in the thriller "Paranoia," due out Friday.

The actor will also star in the big-screen adaptation of Orson Scott Card's novel "Ender's Game," and rumours persist that he may be back as Han Solo in JJ. Abrams' new "Star Wars" reboot.

Ford spoke to Reuters about his film projects, his love of flying and why social media is just not his thing.

Harrison Ford on flying and new film 'Paranoia'

Q: At this point in your career, you've probably played just about every type of role. What drew you to "Paranoia" and what keeps you going?

A: This was a character that I hadn't played before and I enjoy working. I'm not good at sitting still. For me it's the intellectual exercise. The real fun comes in solving problems - massaging a line into shape, making the rhythm of a scene work, getting the right blocking so it feels natural and easy. When I don't get to do it, I feel kind of edgy.

Q: You might be participating in the new "Star Wars" film. Will it be an original movie?

A: I'll let you be the judge of that. Whether I'm involved or not, I'll make judgments about it if I'm involved. I'll try to do the

best job I can. Certainly there are people that are interested in seeing what JJ. Abrams, out of his experience and understanding, might bring to the table.

Q: Are you?

A: Maybe.

Q: If you were simply a fan of the franchise, a viewer of the films, would you like to see Harrison Ford back?

A: I'm not simply a viewer. I'm not. I work here. I know how the sausage is made.

Q: In November, you star in "Ender's Game." Your character mentors a child who is training to be a military specialist and fight future alien invasions. Were you familiar with the book?

to be involved. The book was written 28 years ago and is remarkably pressing in terms of the things that are part of modern warfare. Also the questions of moral responsibility for military leadership, the questions involving young people in warfare, manipulating children possibly for the good of mankind — that's pretty heady stuff.

Q: Do you have any thoughts about those things as they relate to today's world news?

A: I'm real interested in what's going on in the world. I have personal feelings and opinions, but it's not the opinions that drive my participation. I participate in things because I have an emotional recognition in the scenes that I'm reading about that's beyond subject and is about human

behaviour.

Q: You're a pilot. What do you love about flying?

A: Challenge. Freedom. Responsibility. I'm always learning a new airplane and a new situation. I enjoy perfecting and maintaining those skills. It's just something different to my day job and I love being up in the air and seeing the world in three dimensions. It's a different kind of perspective. I love flying out in the backcountry, in the desert, in nature. It really refreshes me.

Q: Do you engage in social media at all?

A: No, I don't want to put myself out there that way. I also don't want to be distracted from my real life. I don't want to have a virtual life. I want to invest in my actual life.—Reuters

SPORTS

Murray shocked by Gulbis in Montreal

MONTREAL, 9 Aug—Andy Murray's US Open preparations suffered a setback when he was upset 6-4, 6-3 by an inspired Ernests Gulbis in the third round of the Rogers Cup on Thursday.

Playing just his second match since his Wimbledon triumph, Murray surrendered in less than 90 minutes to the Latvian world number 38, who produced some breathtaking shots on the Montreal hardcourt.

The loss leaves Briton Murray with only the Cincinnati Masters to fine-tune his game before the defence of his US Open title, having enjoyed a long lay-off in the wake of his second grand slam crown.

"The goal is to try and

peak at the US Open," Murray told reporters. "But to do that you need to make sure you prepare yourself well and obviously I would have liked to have done better here."

Gulbis will now face Canadian Milos Raonic in the quarter-finals.

Rafa Nadal, also back in action for the first time since Wimbledon, was given a tough workout by Poland's Jerzy Janowicz but survived to win 7-6, 6-4.

Janowicz served for the set and led 3-0 in the second but was unable to capitalise on his chances.

"It was a very good victory against a very difficult opponent," Nadal told reporters.

"He played a little up

and down but I'm pleased with the way I played ... It's a great victory for me."

Nadal's next opponent is Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic, who celebrated his 28th birthday with a 7-6(7), 6-7(10), 6-3 victory over Benoit Paire of France.

World number one Novak Djokovic had to come from a set down to beat a free-spirited Denis Istomin under the centre court lights.

The Serbian was out of sorts at the beginning of his second match as Istomin went for his shots and found the lines with some scintillating tennis.

Djokovic, however, recovered and produced some of his own magic in the sec-

ond set before he celebrated a hard fought 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 victory by thrilling the late night crowd with another dancing routine on the centre court, this time wearing a 1970s styled wig.

Djokovic's quarter-final opponent will be French number one Richard Gasquet, who similarly staged a comeback to send Japan's Kei Nishikori home.

Canada's challenge in the tournament reached heights not seen by the locals in over 20 years when 11th seed Raonic joined his 71st ranked compatriot, wildcard Vasek Pospisil, in the last eight.

Raonic ended Del Potro's impressive recent run with a 7-5, 6-4 victory while Pospisil chalked up



Andy Murray of Britain serves to Ernests Gulbis of Latvia at the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Montreal on 8 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

his first ever win over a top 10 player when he held his nerve in a thrilling deciding tiebreak to shock Czech fifth seed Tomas Berdych.

Pospisil had already beaten in-form American John Isner and another Czech in Radek Stepanek

to reach the third round.

He will meet another experienced campaigner, Russia's resurgent former world number three Nikolay Davydenko, in his debut Masters series quarter-final.

Reuters

Furyk and Scott share Oak Hill lead, Tiger toils



Jim Furyk of the US looks at his putt on the sixth green during the first round of the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 8 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

ROCHESTER, (New York), 9 Aug—Jim Furyk and Adam Scott took advantage of rain-softened conditions to surge into a tie for the PGA Championship lead on Thursday as Tiger Woods double-bogeyed his final hole to finish six strokes adrift.

American Furyk, whose only major victory came at the 2003 US Open, fired a five-under-par 65 to set the

early pace on a mainly sunny day at Oak Hill Country Club, before being caught at the top in the early evening by Masters champion Scott.

Scott surged into contention with a sizzling run of five consecutive birdies from the par-five fourth on a receptive East Course ripe for plundering but his momentum was halted by a weather delay of 70 minutes due to the threat of lightning.

After returning to the course, Australian Scott also birdied the par-four 14th to briefly snatch the outright lead at six under before bogeying the 16th to rejoin Furyk in a tie at the top.

"It was a dream start after kind of a nervous first couple of holes," Scott said of his red-hot outward nine of five-under 30. "Probably the best (birdie) run I've ever had and I just hit really nice shots and didn't leave myself too much work.

"And then after playing so well, I was starting to feel it slip coming in on the last three holes. To make one on 18 and get something out of the round that I felt could have been special was a nice feeling. I did play very well today."

Scott, who led last month's British Open by a shot with seven holes to play before a run of four straight bogeys dropped him back into a tie for third, remained level with Furyk by sinking a 15-foot par putt on the final hole.—Reuters

TORONTO, 9 Aug—Top seed Serena Williams avenged her older sister's defeat by Kirsten Flipkens with a 6-0, 6-3 pounding of the Belgian to move into the quarter-finals of the Rogers Cup on Thursday.

Flipkens put down Venus Williams in three sets in the first round as Serena watched from the stands, but the 13th seed struggled for rhythm in the face of the 31-year-old's monster serve and fierce returning.



Serena Williams of the US hits a return to Kirsten Flipkens of Belgium during their women's tennis match at day four of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament in Toronto, on 8 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

"I definitely thought about Venus, and I thought what a good comeback Kirsten had, so I thought, 'I'm not going to get overconfident,'" Williams, who next faces Slovakia's Magdalena Rybarikova, told reporters.

"She's obviously a really good player, so I was just trying to stay focused as well as intense."

Surprise Wimbledon champion and seventh seed Marion Bartoli suffered a

blow before the US Open, retiring when trailing 7-6, 1-0 to Rybarikova.

Bartoli said she felt pain while serving and hitting backhands and thought she had suffered an abdominal injury to her right side.

"It took me so much energy to win my first grand slam that at some point I will have a kind of low, and it's normal," she said.

It was smooth sailing for most of the seeds, however, with Pole Agnieszka Radwanska and China's Li Na advancing, but tempers frayed during fifth seed Sara Errani's tight 7-5, 7-6 defeat of Frenchwoman Alize Cornet.

Italian Errani took exception to her opponent encouraging herself in Spanish rather than French and let Cornet know about it.

"I just said to her, 'why are you saying 'Vamos' and not 'allez?'" Errani said. "Normally she says 'allez,' so I thought, why you say 'Vamos'?"

Reuters

Selling Suarez to Arsenal 'ludicrous'—Liverpool owner

LONDON, 9 Aug—Liverpool owner John W Henry has ruled out selling unsettled striker Luis Suarez, adding that to let him go to Premier League rivals Arsenal would be "ludicrous".

Uruguayan Suarez, who scored 29 goals in all competitions last season, is desperate to play in the Champions League and insisting Liverpool stand by what he says was a commitment to let him leave if they

failed to qualify.

Arsenal have had two offers for the 26-year-old forward turned down and Henry made it clear that any further bids from the North London club, or elsewhere, would be similarly rebuffed.

The American, whose reaction to Arsenal's second bid was to tweet, "What do you think they're smoking over there at Emirates?", said he was "unequivocal" that Suarez would not be

leaving.

"We are not going to sell Luis," Henry, who also owns Major League Baseball's Boston Red Sox, told British newspapers.

"For all the top clubs it's extremely important (not to sell to a rival) but especially for Liverpool because we're not in Europe this year and have not been in the Champions League for a while.

"To sell to a rival for those positions, or one of

them, would be ludicrous. Liverpool needs to be playing in Europe. It needs to be playing in the Champions League. That's what Liverpool football club is about."

Henry said offers from clubs outside the Premier League would not be considered because there was too little time before the end of the transfer window on 2 September for manager Brendan Rodgers to replace him.—Reuters



Luis Suarez

GENERAL



With the aim of developing breeding of milch cows in Kachin State to carry out rural development and poverty alleviation, enabling the local people to consume better milk and milk products and increasing income of livestock breeding entrepreneurs, officials of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department bought 59 milch cows from Mandalay Region and distributed eight of them to livestock breeding entrepreneurs in Mohnyin Township on 30 July.

NLM-001

World's largest art show

“Art Everywhere” launched in London

LONDON, 9 Aug — The world's largest art show was launched on Thursday in London by the artist who designed the album cover to one of the most famous albums in rock and roll history.

Artist Sir Peter Blake, who designed the instantly recognizable cover to The Beatles' 1967 album “Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band”, launched the “Art Everywhere” event in West London this morning.

The “Art Every-

where” event will see huge reproductions of famous paintings and art works chosen by the British public displayed on tens of thousands of advertising hoards across the country between 12 and 25 August.

Blake launched the event by unveiling a giant reproduction of his painting “The Meeting or Have a Nice Day Mr Hockney” on an outdoor billboard at a shopping centre.

The works chosen for reproduction were selected

in a popularity vote by the public. Those works are from paintings held in various national collections in British art galleries.

The top five works as chosen by the public are: 1, John William Waterhouse, “The Lady of Shalott” (1888); 2, Sir John Everett Millais, “Ophelia” (1851-2); 3, Francis Bacon, “Head VI” (1949); 4, John Singer Sargent, “Gassed” (1919); 5, Lucian Freud, “Man's Head (Self Portrait I)” (1963).

Xinhua

Vietnamese FM ends visit to Angola with training memo

LUANDA, 9 Aug — Vietnamese Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh left here on Thursday after a two-day visit to Angola to promote bilateral cooperation.

During the visit, the Vietnamese minister met with his Angolan counterpart Georges Rebelo Chikoti to discuss ways to strengthen political and diplomatic cooperation, Angola's official news agency Angop said.

Minh also paid a courtesy visit to Angolan Vice President Manuel Vicente and met with Angolan Minister of oil Botelho de Vasconcelos and Minister of Public Administration, Employment and Social Security Antonio Pitra Neto.

Before leaving Luanda,

Minh said he was satisfied with his visit to Angola, describing the bilateral ties as excellent and developing satisfactorily in accordance with the interests of the two countries. He said his visit was an evidence of Vietnam's interest in increasing and diversifying cooperation with the African country.

Besides the oil sector, Vietnam wants to convey to Angola its experience in education, health, construction and agriculture, especially the production of rice, the Vietnamese minister said. Minh also called for an increase of bilateral trade. During his visit, the two countries signed a memo on vocational training.—Xinhua

‘Asia’s John Daly’ makes splash at PGA Championship

ROCHESTER, 9 Aug — He is known as Asia's version of John Daly but little-known Kiradech Aphibarnrat of Thailand made a name for himself by storming into contention at the PGA Championship on Thursday.

The 24-year-old's hefty physique and big-

hitting, go-for-broke style of play have drawn comparisons to that of Daly and he lived up to the billing, finishing his opening round three shots ahead of world number one Tiger Woods.

Aphibarnrat, who changed his name for good luck and gave up car racing three years ago to appease

his worried mother, showed no nerves while playing in only his second major, where he hopes to improve on his missed cut at last month's British Open.

“It was great golf for me and a good start for my second major,” Aphibarnrat told reporters after carding a two-under-par 68 at sunny Oak Hill Country Club.

“I was doing good in the (British) Open but struggled in the second round. I was a bit nervous, but I have learned from the experience of that major and will just try to work it out on the game tomorrow.”

Calling car racing too dangerous, Aphibarnrat decided to give up the sport after four years, a decision that sent his pleased mother into tears of joy on her birthday.

But the adrenaline

Aphibarnrat enjoyed while racing Subaru Impreza in Thailand has not carried over to the golf course, where he has recorded one victory on the European Tour and two wins on his home Asian Tour.

“It's a big difference,” said Aphibarnrat, who won the Malaysian Open in March. “All sports are the same, you have to focus, but golf and racing are different. Golf is like shot by shot but racing you have to go and go, it's more intense.”

Aphibarnrat, who started golfing when he was eight and is one of the most exciting young players to emerge from Thailand, welcomes the comparisons to Daly, who won the 1991 PGA Championship at Crooked Stick in Carmel, Indiana.—Reuters



Thailand's Kiradech Aphibarnrat tees off on the 11th hole during the first round of the 2013 PGA Championship golf tournament at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, New York on 8 Aug, 2013. —REUTERS

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| 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw | 20. Round Up of The Week's Hlut Taw News |
| 6:20 am | 2:50 pm |
| 2. Physical Exercise | 21. Musical Programme |
| 6:30 am | 3:00 pm |
| 3. Dance & Song of National Races | 22. News |
| 7:00 am | 3:15 pm |
| 4. News | 23. TV Drama Series |
| 7:20 am | 4:00 pm |
| 5. Documentary | 24. News |
| 7:40 am | 4:15 pm |
| 6. Business News | 25. Business News |
| 8:00 am | 4:35 pm |
| 7. News | 26. Song of National Races |
| 8:25 am | 4:45 pm |
| 8. India Drama Series | 27. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Zoology) |
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| 9. News/International News | 28. News |
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| 10. Mono Classical Songs | 29. Documentary (SEA Games) |
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| 11. Documentary | 30. Game For Children |
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| 14. Shwe Yin Khone Than | 33. News |
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| 15. Game For Children | 34. TV Drama Series |
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| 16. News/International News/Weather Report | 35. News |
| 12:25 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 17. Round Up of The Week's TV Local News | 36. News |
| 12:50 pm | 37. Business News |
| 18. Teleplay | 38. Myanmar Series |
| 1:30 pm | 39. TV Drama Series |
| 19. Documentary | 40. Gitadagale Phwintbaohn |

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- * A Memorable Trip
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- * Wagaung...A Festival For Presenting Offertories by Lot
- * Local News
- * Snow Flakes...Scenic Confluence...To Kachin State
- * World News
- * Myanmar Traditional Identity (Episode-3)
- * The Sphinx of Egypt and The manousiha of Myanmar
- * Local News
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Renaming of Union Ministry

In accord with the agreement of the Seventh Regular Session of First Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries has been renamed Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development.

Sd/ Thein Sein
President
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Rakhine State Ministers reshuffled

Under Sub-section (f), Section 262 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Sub-section (g), Section 8 of the Region or State Government Law, the following Rakhine State ministers have been reshuffled to the ministries shown against them.

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| (1) Dr Aung Kyaw Min | Ministry of Finance and Revenue |
| (2) U Tha Lu Chay | Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Breeding |
| (3) U Kyaw Thein | Ministry of Forestry and Mines |
| (4) U Maung San Shwe | Ministry of Planning and Economic |
| (5) U Hla Han | Ministry of Transport |
| (6) U Aung Than Tin | Ministry of Electric and Industry |
| (7) U Mya Aung | Ministry of Development Affairs |
| (8) U Kyaw Khin | Ministry of Social Affairs |

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker
attends work coord meeting of
committees, commissions**



*Work
coordination
meeting
between the
committees
and
commission
in progress.*
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NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attended a work coordination meeting between the committees and commission at Zabuthiri Hall of Hluttaw Building,

here, this morning. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker made an opening speech and responsible personnel reported on the resolution of the previous meeting. The committee chairmen, secretaries and

commission members clarified works progress of the committee and commission.

Those present took part in the discussions and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker made a concluding remark.

It was attended by Deputy Speaker U Nanda Kyaw Swa, the Pyithu Hluttaw Committee chairmen, secretaries, commission members and officials of the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

**Myanmar-China to
cooperate in science and
technological sector**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—A meeting on science and technological cooperation between the Ministries of Science and Technology of Myanmar and China took place at Sedona Hotel in Yangon this afternoon.

On the occasion, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo and Chinese Minister for Science and Technology Mr. Wan Gang discussed the establishment of Myanmar-China science and technological joint laboratory, sharing information sent by satellites, cooperation in

work programmes, sending Myanmar scholars to China for research, opening China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Center (branch) in Myanmar, and potential for cooperation in science and technology sectors of the two countries.

Next, they signed an agreement on remote sensing satellite data sharing and cooperation in work programmes between Mandalay Technological University and China Center for Resources Satellite Data and Application (CRESDA) of China.

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**Union Health Minister attends GMS
meeting in Thailand**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin attended WHO's Greater Mekong Sub-region high-ranking officials is meeting between South East Asia and West Pacific Region at Thailand on 7 August.

It was also attended by the ASEAN Secretary-General, the Minister of

Public Health of Thailand, Deputy Minister of Health of Laos, high-ranking officials from Greater Mekong Sub-region countries and representatives from the WHO's South East Asia and the West Pacific Region and the UN.

The Union Minister chaired the meeting and discussed promoting cooperation in health

sectors of the border regions of the Greater Mekong Sub-region and development of health sector with other related ministries.

Yesterday, the Union minister visited distribution and storage of medicine and medical equipment at Diethelm Keller Siber Hegner (DKSH) in Bangkok.

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**Sanitation carried in flood-affected urban
area of Hlaingbwe**

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min on 5 August inspected completion of repairing bridge No 3/12 on Hpa-an-Hlaingbwe road damaged

in floods in Hlaingbwe Township of Kayin State. The Chief Minister also viewed collective sanitation tasks in Ward B and Myoma Market in Hlaingbwe where the

people participated.

He then presented rice, instant noodle packets and eggs to flood victims at the new school in Kaso Village.

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Union Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo and Chinese Minister Mr. Wan Gang sign agreement on remote sensing satellite data sharing and cooperation in work programmes between Myanmar and China.—MNA

Record rainfall in YeU

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug—According to observation at 9:30 am hrs MST today, new rainfall

record was set at YeU Station for the month of August. YeU set new record with 5.91 inches exceeding

0.32 inch more than 5.59 inches that was set on 4 August 1997, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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