

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham fulfills requirements for development of Shan State (North)



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham cordially greets local people in Lashio.—MNA

NAYPYITAW, 25 Aug— Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham this morning attended the handover of fire engines at the District Fire Services Department in Lashio, Shan State (North) and inspected the fire engines.

At the ceremony, altogether five fire engines were donated by Shwe Than Lwin Media Co.Ltd— two for Lashio, one for Hsenwi, one for Nanlan Village in Hsipaw Township, one for Mansan Village in Namtu Township.

Next, the Vice-President attended the opening of the X-ray unit of the People's Hospital in which Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung and State

Social Affairs Minister Dr Myo Tun formally opened the facility.

Afterwards, the Vice-President attended the opening of the MMA's building held at the auditorium of MMA and unveiled the signboard of the building. In meeting with member doctors of MMA and health staff at the new building, the Vice-President said that it was rural people who have least access to health care, adding special tour had therefore been introduced to be able to provide health care services to rural people. As only with suitable persons will the special tour work well, it thus needs the cooperation between service personnel and those

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun presents cash assistance for re-cultivation of flood-hit farmlands in Kayin, Mon States

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Vice-President U Nyan Tun, accompanied by Union ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads, met farmers at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an yesterday morning and attended the ceremony to present cash and quality paddy saplings to the farmers for re-cultivation of paddy in the flood-hit farmlands in Kayin State.

Kayin State Chief Minister U Zaw Min reported on occurrence of flood for the second time as of 21 August, opening of relief camps and assistance for flood victims.

Union Ministers U Myint Hlaing and U Ohn Myint explained undertakings of Union ministries and assistance for the relief victims.

In his address, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that the President has given guidance to the authorities concerned to systematically use the government's human resources and financial sources for relief,

supply, resettlement and rehabilitation in the natural disaster-hit regions after reviewing the daily reports. He said that his trip was aimed to provide cash assistance for purchasing quality paddy saplings to be cultivated in flood-hit farmlands and necessary assistance for basic needs, education and health care of the victims.

Although natural disaster could not be avoided, preparedness should be made for disaster risk reduction as much as possible. Depending on the previous year's experiences, the nation could overcome the disasters with least loss and damage due to better preparations and flood awareness of the people. Concerted efforts could be seen among the local authorities, civilian bodies, NGOs and social organizations in unity for surveillance of rainfall and floods, issuance of warnings and evacuation of victims in time.

He urged the local



Vice-President U Nyan Tun meets the flood victims at the relief camp in Hpa-an of Kayin State.—MNA

farmers to seek the best ways for soonest re-cultivation of new saplings in the flood-ravaged farmlands. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development will provide necessary assistance for cultivation

and rural development.

He praised the strenuous efforts of the people Kayin State in overcoming the floods in July and August this year.

He explained that the Union government is striving for prevalence of peace and stability of

the State and economic development with might and main. Peace and stability of the nation and economic development are interrelated, he said. With regard to economic development, he said that an aim was set to modernize the agriculture sector and

establish an industrialized nation. It is necessary to conduct reform process for development of agriculture sector in conformity with the present situation. Changes are a must for development. Only when the nation is industrialized,

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Natural Disaster

Floods in Yangon Region



YANGON, 25 Aug— Heavy rains hit some townships of Yangon Region, causing floods on 23 August.

A total of 63 people from 18 households out of 50 houses from Inpauksu Village of Shwepyitha Township were evacuated to the Dhammayon of Shwemyowin Monastery in Zigon Village. Likewise, a total of 950 people from 300 houses in Ward 1/58 of the same township were moved to Koenawin Dhammayon in Ward 1 of the township

and 2300 people from 610 houses in Da/17 ward to Basic Education Middle School No 6.

Officials provided necessary assistance to the flood victims.

In Hline Township, a total of 103 houses from Tatmyo Development Affairs Committee Compound in Ward 15 and from Maga 10th Street were flooded. Although there was no damage and loss in the flood, the people were in trouble of cooking due to inundation. Therefore,

the local people provide packets of rice and foods to the victims.

In Insein Township, No 4 Basic Education High School on Thiri Yadana Street in Middle Kanna Ward, BEMS No 6 and BEPS No 7/9/15/20/25/32 were temporarily closed because of inundation.

In addition, floods hit Thaunggyi Police Station and office and markets in Hlinethaya Township. Likewise, roads and streets were covered with heavy rain water in No 2 Ward, Kha, Ga, Gha, Nga, Sa, Hsa, Za and Ta wards in North Okkalapa Township, according to the release of the Yangon Region Police Force.—*Kyemon-Soe Win (MLA)*

Transport

City buses to ply South Dagon and Htantabin, routes in other areas

YANGON, 25 Aug— City bus lines run along the routes from Dagon Myothit (South) Township and Htantabin Township. A plan is underway to ply the lines of city buses to other regions, according to the media briefing of Yangon City All Bus-line Control Committee (Central) on 21 August.

As of 16 August, G-2000 city bus line was launched with over 20 city buses long the route from University of Culture in Dagon Myothit (South) Township to the TB Hospital in Htantabin Township through South-North Junction, Thanthuma Road, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Sawbwagyigon, Pauktawwa, Yangon-Nyaungdon Road and Meekhwet Market.

The bus line designates one section of the route per

K 50 and the route from end to end per K 300.

Now, arrangements have been made for seven city buses of Moe Kaung Kin passenger transport service to ply from Dagon University to Kyongyi Road and six buses from No 53 bus line from Hmawby (Myaungdaga) to 30th street. The plans are waiting to approvals under the rules and regulations.

As of 2 July, 10 city buses from No 146 Bus Line (Kandayawady) run from TB Hospital to Wireless (Mingaladon Market). Fifteen buses of Shwemyinbyan (129th Bus Line) started the runs of Hlinethaya (Yoegy/ Yoelay) to Sanpya Market in Thingangyun Township as of 20 June.—*Kyemon-Htet Khaing (Sangyoung)*

Saplings directly distributed to local people in Lewe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—A programme to directly distribute saplings to the people was held at Thiri Yadana Market in Lewe on 22 August as part of efforts for public-based activity for monsoon greening tasks in 2013.

Under the supervision of Nay Pyi Taw Forest Department Assistant Director U Tet Toe, Staff Officer U Win Myint-5 of Lewe Township Forest Department and staff distributed 2000 saplings of teak, ironwood and other species to the local people free of charge.

The people wishing to grow trees took the saplings



happily.

The personnel of the department also distributed 700 saplings to the local people in Patta and Siteaung villages.

Under the rural housing

establishment programme in 2013 monsoon, Lewe Township Forest Department has distributed 100,000 saplings to the local people.—*Kyemon-Township Forest*

Stimulant tablets seized in Htigyaing, Namsang

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug— Members of Monywa Anti-Drug Squad searched the motorcycle rode by Ko Ko Zaw (a) Maung Ko, 39 of Myawady Ward in Monywa and Naung Naung, 33 and Kyaw Hsan Win, 35 of Myataung Village in Htigyaing Township on 22 August morning and seized 1590 stimulant tablets and two mobile phones.

Monywa Police Station opened files of lawsuit against them under the law.

Likewise, members of Taunggyi Anti-Drug Squad searched the motorcycle driven by Htein Lin Maung



(a) Pi Tu, 32 of Ward 2 in Namsang on Namsang-Mongsaik Village road in the evening.

They seized 198 stimulant tablets from him.

Namsang Township Police Station opened a file of lawsuit against Htein Lin Maung (a) Pi Tu under the law.

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Township authorities visit allegedly encroached ghetto in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 25 Aug— Yangon North District's Hlinethaya Township Police Force and Development Affairs Committee made a field trip to allegedly

encroached ghetto near Ohndaw monastery and by Shwelinban creek in Hlinethaya Township on 21 August.

When authorities dealt with the encroachment,

there had been about 20 houses built in the areas.

A 20x60 square ft land plot was sold by a group named Water Foundation at the rate of K 2 million.

Some people, virtually

all are living hand-to-mouth life, risked their money for the property.

The group that sold the lands in contracts has been prosecuted.

The group would submit a report to the region department and would wait for directives to take further actions.

There are about 15000 encroached houses in Hlinethaya Township which would be cleared in various installments, Head of Township Development Affairs Committee U Htay Aung said.

The actions would affect around 60,000 squatters according to a social activist working on land disputes.

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WORLD

Japan eyes new law to define steps toward collective self-defence

TOKYO, 25 Aug— Japan is considering creating a new law that will set legal procedures and make it mandatory to gain Diet approval before exercising the right to collective self-defence, a government source said on Saturday.

The new law would be designed to serve two purposes, the source said. One is to give the Diet the power

to block military action. And the other is to help the ruling Liberal Democratic Party win support from its junior coalition partner, the New Komeito party, which has expressed concern that Japan could be dragged into a war fought by other countries, as well as understanding from opposition parties.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is aiming to change the

current interpretation of the US-drafted Constitution so Japan can come to the aid of an ally under armed attack. For decades Japan has observed a self-imposed ban on exercising the right to collective self-defence, in keeping with Article 9 of the Constitution which forbids the use of force to settle international disputes.

Kyodo News

Japan, Bahrain agree to restart strategic talks with GCC nations



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe waves before boarding an aircraft at Tokyo's Haneda Airport on 24 Aug, 2013 and leaving on a six-day trip to three member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council — Bahrain, Kuwait and Qatar — as well as Djibouti.

KYODO NEWS

MANAMA, 25 Aug — Leaders of Japan and Bahrain agreed on Saturday to resume a strategic dialogue between resource-poor Japan and a regional grouping of oil-producing Gulf countries, Japanese officials said. The accord was reached between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, prime minister of Bahrain, on the first day of a trip by Abe to four Middle Eastern and African countries. Abe is the first Japanese prime minister to visit Bahrain.

“Japan hopes to strengthen and develop the friendly and cooperative relations with Bahrain,” which is important to security of the Middle East and Gulf region, Abe said at the outset of their meeting.

Kyodo News

Brotherhood leaders to go on trial in Egypt

CAIRO, 25 Aug — Three leaders of Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood go on trial in Cairo on Sunday on charges of inciting lethal violence during unrest that preceded the army's overthrow of President Mohamed Mursi. Mohamed Badie, the Islamist movement's “General Guide”, and his two deputies, Khairat al-Shater and Rashad Bayoumy, will not attend the High Court session, the state news agency MENA said.

The trial signals the determination of Egypt's new army-backed rulers to crush an organization they have portrayed as a violent, terrorist group bent on undermining the state. The Brotherhood, which won five successive votes after the fall of former President

Hosni Mubarak in 2011, says it is a peaceful movement unjustly targeted by the generals who ousted Mursi, Egypt's first freely elected leader, on 3 July.

The military contends it was responding to the people's will, citing vast demonstrations at the time against the rule of a man criticized for accumulating excessive power, pushing a partisan Islamist agenda and mismanaging the economy.

Mursi has been in detention in an undisclosed location since army chief Abdel Fattah al-Sisi deposed him. Charges against Badie and his aides include incitement to violence and relate to an anti-Brotherhood protest outside the group's Cairo headquarters on 30 July in which nine people were killed and 91 wounded. The

70-year-old Brotherhood leader was detained last week. Shater and Bayoumy were picked up earlier.

The trial opens only three days after Mubarak, who was arrested in April, 2011, left prison following a court order to release him. He faces a retrial on charges of complicity in the killing of protesters during the revolt against him, but judges have ruled there are no legal grounds to keep him behind bars. The army-installed government has used its powers under a month-long state of emergency to keep Mubarak, 85, under house arrest, apparently to minimize the risk of popular anger if he had simply walked free.

He is now in an up-scale military hospital in a Cairo suburb.—*Reuters*

Obama studies options after Syria gas attack, consults UK's Cameron

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug — President Barack Obama and his top military and national security advisers hashed out options on Saturday for responding to the alleged use of chemical weapons in Syria amid “increasing signs” that the government used poison gas against civilians.

Obama spoke with British Prime Minister David Cameron, a top US ally, and agreed that chemical weapon use by Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces would merit a “serious response,” a spokesman for the prime minister said in a statement.

Syrian opposition accounts that between 500 and well over 1,000 civilians were killed this week by gas in munitions fired by pro-government forces, and video footage of victims' bodies, have stoked demands abroad for a robust,



French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius (1st, R) waves to media upon his arrival in the West Bank city of Ramallah, on 24 Aug, 2013.

Laurent Fabius held a meeting with Palestinian Prime Minister Rami Hamdallah on Saturday.

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US-led response after 2 1/2 years of international inaction on Syria's conflict.

Syria sought to avert blame by saying its soldiers had found chemical weapons in rebel tunnels. US Secretary of State John Kerry called his Syrian counterpart on Thursday to chide the government for not allowing UN inspectors access to the site.

Obama has been reluctant to intervene in Syria's civil war, but reports of the killings near Damascus have put pressure on the White House to make good on the president's comment a year ago that chemical weapons would be a “red line” for the United States.

The United States is repositioning naval forces in the Mediterranean to give Obama the option for an armed strike.

The White House declined to list what options

were discussed on Saturday and said Washington was still gathering details about the attack.

“In coordination with international partners and mindful of the dozens of contemporaneous witness accounts and record of the symptoms of those killed, the US intelligence community continues to gather facts to ascertain what oc-

curred,” it said in a statement.

American and European security sources have said US and allied intelligence agencies made a preliminary assessment that chemical weapons were used by Syrian forces in the attack. The United Nations has requested access to the site.

Reuters



Free Syrian Army fighters run for cover from snipers loyal to Syria's President Bashar Al-Assad in Deir al-Zor on 23 Aug, 2013.—*REUTERS*

Four people killed after helicopter crash in Britain

EDINBURGH, 25 Aug — Four people were killed after a helicopter with 18 people on board ditched in the sea west of Shetland at north-east of the British mainland, local police said on Saturday.

The other people have been rescued, according to the reports, adding that those on board the helicopter included 16 workers and two crew.

The incident happened two miles (about 3.22 kilometers) west of Sumburgh airport at 6:20 p.m. local time (1820 GMT) on Friday and the Super Puma L2 aircraft was transporting people from oil and gas platforms in the North Sea back to Shetland, re-

ported the Sky TV news. “The bodies of three people have been recovered and work is underway to recover the body of the fourth person,” said a Police Scotland statement.

A total of 14 people were rescued from the sea, including the two crew in a search operation involving coastguard, police, the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force and local lifeboats, said the report.

Five were discharged from hospital and nine detained overnight either for observation or suffering from exposure, added the police statement.

The helicopter lost communication as it approached the airport on the southern tip of Shetland, said the Helicopter

operator company. In a following statement, Scottish First Minister Alex Salmond expressed sympathies with the families, friends and colleagues of those who lost their lives in this tragic incident, expecting the result of a full investigation by the relevant authorities.

Two Super Puma helicopters ditched in the North Sea separately in May and in October last year, and all passengers and crew were rescued in both incidents.

Helicopters are often used by Energy companies to ferry workers back and forth from rigs to explore large deposits of oil and gas in the North Sea.

Xinhua

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Huawei, ZTE win bulk of China Mobile's \$3 billion 4G bonanza

SINGAPORE, 25 Aug—China Mobile Ltd has awarded initial 4G contracts worth around 20 billion yuan (\$3.2 billion), with Chinese firms securing more than half of the biggest prize in the global telecoms industry this year and foreign firms winning about a third, industry sources said.

Telecoms equipment makers, such as global leader Ericsson and Huawei Technologies Co Ltd, have been waiting for China Mobile's 4G tender to lift the fortunes of an industry that has been hit by a lack of spending worldwide.

The development of a 4G network by the carrier, which with more than 700 million mobile customers is the world's largest by subscribers, is also regarded as key to it clinching an agreement with Apple Inc to carry its blockbuster iPhone.

"This is the tender that global telecom equipment vendors have been vying for this year," said an industry source.

"Even though we see Huawei and ZTE getting the bulk of the contracts and foreign vendors getting around a third, I'm sure



A man looks at a Huawei mobile phone as he shops at an electronic market in Shanghai on 22 Jan, 2013.

REUTERS

they will keep going back to China Mobile and get a bit more share."

Shenzhen-based Huawei and crosstown rival ZTE have obtained about 25 percent each of the total 4G procurement in China Mobile's tender this year, said the sources, who are familiar with the negotiations but declined to be identified because they are not authorized to speak to the media.

European vendors Ericsson, Alcatel-Lucent SA and Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN) have obtained a share of around 10 percent each, the sources said.

The first wave of 4G investments that began in

2010 in Japan and Korea favoured Ericsson and NSN, while the second in the United States went largely to Ericsson and Alcatel-Lucent. Huawei won a chunk of Europe's 4G contracts last year.

Some western markets have been wary of using Huawei and ZTE equipment on their networks.

The European Union has been considering launching an investigation into whether both Chinese firms benefit from illegal government subsidies, while a US congressional committee is probing whether their equipment poses national security risks.—Reuters

Intel Media opens offices in LA, New York in TV push

SAN FRANCISCO, 25 Aug—Intel Corp's media arm is opening offices in New York and Los Angeles as the company pushes ahead with an Internet television service that it plans to launch later this year, an Intel spokesman said on Friday.

Setting up shop in Los Angeles' Santa Monica and New York's Nolita brings Intel closer to the major TV networks and production studios that the world's biggest chipmaker must strike deals with to gather content for its live and on-demand service, Intel spokesman Jon Carvill said.

Opening the offices is a sign that Intel is committed to moving ahead with the venture even though progress making deals has been slow. Some industry insiders have expressed doubts about Intel's ability to successfully create a business to challenge traditional cable operators.

"It suggests that there's an ongoing level of interest, maybe an incremental positive to their commitment," said Cody Acree, an analyst at Williams Financial Group. "They have to continue down this path

or there's no hope of being successful."

Intel plans to introduce the TV service, to be delivered through the Internet and a set-top box, this year in a phased rollout in regional markets, Carvill said.

In July, Intel Media hired Moe Khosravy, a cloud-computing expert who previously worked at Microsoft Corp and VMWare Inc, as head of software and user experiences. Intel has about 375 people working on the TV business, most of them based at Intel's headquarters in Santa Clara, California.

Doubts about Intel's commitment to the venture emerged in June after newly appointed Chief Executive Brian Krzanich warned he was taking a cautious approach to television, far

from the company's core business of chip manufacturing.

Some content providers have agreed with Intel about how their content would be distributed, but as of June the chipmaker had yet to sign any deals despite offering to pay sizeable premiums over traditional cable rates.

Carvill declined to comment on Intel's negotiations. Intel is not the only technology company trying to revolutionize the TV industry, where Comcast Corp, Time Warner Cable Inc and DirecTV are players and have much to lose from potential new entrants.

Apple Inc, Google Inc and Amazon.com Inc are believed to be working on their own new TV services and products.

Reuters



Showgoers visit the Intel booth on the first day of the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas on 8 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

Apple, Samsung do not have to disclose profit details

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—Apple Inc and Samsung Electronics Co Ltd do not have to make public the financial details submitted to a US court during high-profile patent litigation, a federal appeals panel ruled on Friday.

The Federal US Circuit Court of Appeals in Washington reversed a lower court ruling that ordered the two companies to disclose portions of documents that contain profit and sales information. "We

recognize the importance of protecting the public's interest in judicial proceedings and of facilitating its understanding of those proceedings," the three-judge appeals panel decided. "That interest, however, does not extend to mere curiosity about the parties' confidential information where that information is not central to a decision on the merits."

Representatives for Apple and Samsung declined to comment.

Peter Scheer, executive director of the First Amendment Coalition—an advocacy group that argued in the appeals court to have the information disclosed—said he was disappointed in the outcome for the Apple/Samsung case. However, Scheer said the ruling is not all bad for public access to court records. For instance, the ruling says companies cannot keep information secret in court merely by calling it a trade secret, and judges must scrutinize those secrecy requests, Scheer said.

"If all the cases that come after this one adhere loosely to the legal requirements articulated in this decision," Scheer said, "then those trials will be infinitely more open and transparent than otherwise would have been the case."

Apple and Samsung have been waging patent litigation across the globe since 2011, climaxing in a high-profile trial last year in San Jose, California. A jury awarded Ap-

ple over \$1 billion, but US District Judge Lucy Koh later slashed the award and ordered a retrial on some of the damages.

In the run-up to trial last year, attorneys for both sides submitted several documents to the court that contained financial details in order to calculate damages.

The details were redacted, and Reuters filed motions in the court to unseal the documents. Koh ruled against Apple and Samsung, saying the public's interest in understanding the proceedings outweighed the companies' rights to keep the information secret. However, the appeals court unanimously disagreed.

"While protecting the public's interest in access to the courts, we must remain mindful of the parties' right to access those same courts upon terms which will not unduly harm their competitive interest," Judge Sharon Prost wrote.—Reuters

Dinosaur excavation sites inundated by China flood

HARBIN, 25 Aug—Flooding in northeast China has inundated famous dinosaur excavation sites and a local museum as workers worry dinosaur fossils may be swept away.

All four dinosaur excavation sites, located at the foot of the mountains in Jiayin County, Heilongjiang Province, have been immersed in flood water from the Heilong River, Liu Min, director of the Dinosaur National Geology Park's administration center, told Xinhua on Friday.

There are still dinosaur fossils under the excavation sites, which could turn loose and be washed away after being soaked for a long period of time, said a park keeper.

The fossils are not regenerative and the losses caused by the flood would be inestimable, said the worker.

In recent years, the

county built dikes near the mountains, but they failed to resist the current flood, said Liu.

With an area of 38 square km, the park opened to visitors in 2002. Several hundred fossilized dinosaur skeletons are believed to be buried underground.

Flooding from the river has also inundated the Heilong River Basin Museum, which is located on an island in Luobei County.

Flood water began to enter the museum on 17 Aug and reached over one meter deep in some first floor rooms on Friday.

More than 2,000 articles on the first floor have been moved to the second floor, said Zhao Yong, curator of the museum.

The water level of the Heilong River in Luobei was 2.01 meters higher than the warning level, surpassing the previous 1984 record by 24 cm.—Xinhua



Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S4 (L) and Apple's iPhone 5 are seen in this picture illustration taken in Seoul on 13 May, 2013.—REUTERS

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Central bankers debate risks of withdrawing global liquidity

JACKSON HOLE, Wyoming, 25 Aug—Global financial stability is at risk as central banks draw back from ultra-easy policies that have flooded the world with cash, because emerging markets lack defences to prevent potentially huge capital outflows, top officials were warned on Saturday.

Central bankers from around the world, devoting the second day at their annual Jackson Hole policy retreat to the threats posed by global liquidity, heard two academic papers on the challenges, sparking a debate on actions and on coordination.

Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda told the audience, which included top officials from advanced as well as emerging economies, that the bold measures he had championed to spur his nation's moribund economy were bearing fruit.

"The bank's (policy) has already started to exert its intended effects," Kuroda said. The Bank of Japan has embarked on an aggressive bond-buying campaign to lift inflation in his country to 2 percent.

Easy money policies used to depress interest rates in Japan, Europe and the United States had sparked a flood of capital into emerging markets as investors sought higher returns. Now, however, the US Federal Reserve has said it plans to reduce its bond-buying stimulus by year end, with an eye toward drawing it to a close by mid-2014.

Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta President Dennis Lockhart made clear that tapering could begin next month, provided the economic news between now and then was not dramatically bad.

"I can get comfortable with September, provid-



The Federal Reserve building is seen in Washington on 19 June 2012.—REUTERS

ing we don't get any really worrisome signals out of the economy between now and the 18th of September," he told *Reuters* in an interview, referring to the Fed's next meeting, which is on 17-18 September.

Emerging countries must be able to control capital flows

JACKSON HOLE, Wyoming, 25 Aug—Emerging market nations can be adversely affected by large swings in investment and, therefore, must develop tools to control credit flows or risk relinquishing any independent monetary policy, a study shows.

These findings were presented at the Kansas City Federal Reserve's monetary policy symposium at Jackson Hole, which highlighted the global impact of the unconventional monetary policy of the United States and other major central banks. Many countries, including India and Brazil, have recently experienced steep sell-offs in their currencies, linked in part to the prospect that the Fed might soon dial down the pace of its bond-buying monetary stimulus.

The Jackson Hole study highlights a shift in conventional economic thinking, which used to champion an open flow of money between countries, regardless of the consequences.

"Macprudential policies are necessary to restore monetary policy independence for the non central countries," wrote Helene Rey, professor at the London Business School. "They can substitute for capital controls, although if they are not sufficient, capital controls must also be considered."

Reuters

Liver cells transplanted to baby for 1st time in Japan

TOKYO, 25 Aug—The National Centre for Child Health and Development in Tokyo said on Friday it has successfully transplanted liver cells to a baby for the first time in Japan.

"We have safely conducted an operation that could develop into regenerative medicine using embryo-stem or induced pluripotent stem cells," said NCCHD hospital chief Akira Matsui.

In the globally rare

case, the centre used some surplus liver cells left frozen after 14 living liver transplantations it conducted in and after May 2011. The baby boy, whose liver failed to function properly, underwent the transplantation 10 Aug, when he was 11 days old, and on 13 Aug.

The boy could be discharged from the hospital in a month and a half, the centre said.

Kyodo News

US defends study of blood transfusions for premature babies

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—A government-supported study of blood transfusion levels in premature infants adheres to the highest ethical and clinical standards, the National Institutes of Health said this week in response to advocacy group Public Citizen, which has called for the study to be stopped.

The Transfusion of Premature (TOP) trial aims to determine the best way to treat anemia in premature babies, most of whom will need blood transfusions during their care. Public Citizen, in a letter sent on Thursday to US Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, said the clinical trial exposes the infants to risks without fully informing their parents.

The NIH said it is committed to ensuring that prospective research participants — and the people

who speak for and love them — are given clear complete, and accurate information about the risks and benefits of participating in research.

The NIH said in an emailed statement that all consent forms have been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Boards (IRB) at the research institutions conducting the study, but the agency did not respond to the specific concerns raised by Public Citizen. The group said that of 17 IRB-approved consent forms it had obtained, only one mentions the foreseeable risk of death or disability, five say the research poses no risk and 16 equate the risks of the research to the risks of routine medical care.

The trial randomly assigns half of the infants in the study to receive transfusions at a high hemoglobin level and half at

a low hemoglobin level. Hemoglobin are the red blood cells that carry oxygen throughout the body.

Public Citizen said the best available evidence suggests a restrictive transfusion strategy is more likely to cause neurological injury or other harm to extremely premature infants, and the trial exposes more than 900 infants to the inferior treatment.

Earlier this year, Public Citizen called for an investigation into an NIH-funded study from 2005 to 2009 that was designed to test the effectiveness of different oxygen levels in the treatment of very premature infants.

Public Citizen said that study exposed infants to an increased risk of blindness, brain injury and death, without properly disclosing the information to parents.

Reuters



Imaarl Duprey, from Lewisham, suffers from Kleine-Levin Syndrome, a rare neurological disorder that causes patients to fall into a sleep. Last year, she slept almost continuously for 59 days when this attack came on.—XINHUA

Argentina says to continue paying debts on same terms

BUENOS AIRES, 25 Aug—Argentina will continue paying bondholders on the same terms, its economy minister told state news agency *Telam* on Saturday, after losing an appeal in its legal battle with creditors who rejected past restructurings of the country's defaulted debt.

The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a judge's order on Friday requiring Argentina pay \$1.33 billion to hedge funds still fighting the country over its record sovereign

debt default more than a decade ago.

"We're going to keep paying as we have until now, on the same terms," Economy Minister Hernan Lorenzino told *Telam*, calling the court ruling "an attempt to bring the country back to 2001."

The appeals court held off enacting its decision while the US Supreme Court weighs whether to take up the case, bringing short-term relief to investors concerned about another default.

Reuters



A seven-star hotel is under construction in Wuhan, Central China's Hubei Province, on 22 Aug, 2013. The hotel is said to be one of only a handful so-called "seven-star" hotels in China and is being run by the investor Dalian Wanda Group. It will have 25 storeys and 411 guest rooms when completed in December.

XINHUA

Colombia peace talks with FARC rebels to resume



Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos gives a speech during promotion ceremony at a police school in Bogota on 7 Dec, 2012.—REUTERS

BOGOTA, 25 Aug—Colombia's government and FARC rebels will resume peace talks on Monday, the chief government negotiator said, a day after both sides cast doubt on the process by suspending negotiations.

President Juan Manuel Santos will send his team back to talks hosted by Cuba after verifying that the FARC was prepared to head back to the negotiating table, former Vice President Humberto de la Calle said on Saturday.

"The president has instructed us on the decision to return tomorrow to

Havana to continue talks on a search for an end to the conflict," de la Calle said, reading a prepared statement.

"It was carefully noted that the FARC had taken the decision to return on Monday at half past eight in the morning to the talks table to continue deliberations as normal."

Santos' decision on Friday to recall his team in Havana came after the FARC declared a pause in talks to study a government proposal on how to ratify a final peace accord. The suspension was a setback after nine months of difficult dis-

cussions. While the walkout was short-lived, such interruptions may become more common as talks progress through the tough five-point agenda. Under discussion now is the FARC's incorporation into the political system, one of the thorniest issues. Santos has said he wants talks concluded by the end of the year.

Both sides have much at stake. Santos has bet his political legacy on bringing peace to the Andean nation, while a military victory for the FARC rebels now looks less likely after a 10-year US-backed military offensive that slashed their numbers to about 8,000 from 17,000.

Colombians are desperate to see an end to the war that has killed more than 200,000 people and displaced millions since it began in 1964. Santos is also eager to begin negotiating with the National Liberation Army, a smaller rebel group known as the ELN, to cement peace.

Santos called his negotiators back to Colombia on Friday after the FARC said hours earlier it would take time out to study the government's draft bill that

would require any peace deal with the guerrillas to be put to a popular vote.

The FARC, considered a terrorist organization by the United States and European Union, has insisted a constituent assembly be formed and be charged with incorporating the content of the peace deals into the country's constitution. The government has rejected that demand.—Reuters

TPP leaders' summit set for 8 Oct

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 25 Aug—Leaders of the 12 countries participating in Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade negotiations are expected to hold a summit meeting on 8 Oct, a source involved in the talks said on Saturday.

The summit, to take place on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum lead-

ers' meeting in Bali, Indonesia, is not expected to produce a free trade agreement but could come up with a basic outline of the agreement, the source said.

The summit would be held less than three months after Japan joined the US-led free trade initiative in late July.

Kyodo News

Kerry calls Syrian foreign minister, regional counterparts



US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at the Diplomatic and Political Joint Coordinating Committee meeting with Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari at the State Department in Washington on 15 Aug 2013.

REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug—US Secretary of State John Kerry spoke to Syrian foreign minister Walid al-Moualem on Thursday and told him the Damascus government should have let UN inspectors have access to the site of an alleged gas attack, the State Department said on

Saturday.

Kerry called "to make clear that if, as they claimed, the Syrian regime has nothing to hide, it should have allowed immediate and unimpeded access to the site rather than continuing to attack the affected area to block access and destroy

evidence," a State Department official said.

"The secretary further emphasized ... that he had received full assurances from Free Syrian Army commanders that they would ensure the safety of UN investigators into the targeted areas," the official said.

Kerry, who participated remotely in a White House meeting on a potential US response to the alleged use of chemical weapons in Syria, made a round of diplomatic calls on Saturday to his counterparts in Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Turkey, the official said.

"In all these calls, the secretary emphasized the importance of quickly determining the facts and underscored the seriousness and gravity of any chemical weapons use," the official said.

Reuters

Pakistan hands over 337 prisoners to India



Released Indian prisoners show their documents while waiting to cross the Wagah border in eastern Pakistan's Lahore on 24 Aug 2013. Pakistan on Saturday released 337 Indian prisoners, most of them fishermen, as a goodwill gesture, local media reported.—XINHUA

ISLAMABAD, 25 Aug—Pakistan on Saturday released 337 Indian prisoners, most of them fishermen, as a goodwill gesture, local media reported.

According to the reports, all the freed Indian prisoners had completed their jail terms and were handed over to Indian officials at Wagah border, a crossing between Pakistan's eastern city of La-

hore and India's Amritsar.

All the prisoners were released from the country's southern port city of Karachi on Friday.

At least 329 prisoners were freed from Malir Jail while eight minors were released from the Youthful Offenders Home in Landhi Jail of the city.

All the freed prisoners were shifted to Lahore through eight air-condi-

tioned buses.

Earlier in a statement on Thursday, Pakistan's Interior Ministry announced to release 365 Indian prisoners as a goodwill gesture, but later it was later renumbered to 337 for unknown reasons.

Pakistan released Indian prisoners at a time when both nuclear rival neighbours are facing a surge in tension due to cross-border firings and shellings that claimed lives on both sides.

Pakistan and India routinely arrest and jail each other's fishermen after they mistakenly violate the other's boundary. There are no maritime boundaries between the two countries and both countries have held a series of talks but no agreement have been finalized yet.

According to Pakistan's Foreign Ministry, there are at least 485 Pakistanis jailed in India, including 172 fishermen and 313 other civilians.

Xinhua

Macedonian PM threatens early election over political deadlock

SKOPJE, 25 Aug—Macedonia's Prime Minister threatened on Saturday to call a snap election unless the main opposition party did more to resolve a political deadlock that is damaging its European Union membership prospects.

Nikola Gruevski said the prospect of opening EU entry talks could be withdrawn if the conservative government and the centre-left Social Democrats failed to produce an agreed report on an incident last December when opposition legislators were thrown out for brawling.

A joint government-opposition commission, formed under EU pressure, said on Friday it was unable to agree on what had hap-

pened in the incident, when police evicted journalists and opposition deputies during parliament's budget debate.

Gruevski told the Social Democrats that if they did not help by Sunday to adopt the report requested by the EU, he would call a snap election to try to main-

tain Macedonia's standing in Brussels.

"The second option is to convene parliament on Monday and vote to disband it and call an early election for October," he told a news conference. He said he had enough support in parliament to win the vote.

Reuters



Macedonian Prime Minister Nikola Gruevski addresses the media after the International Court of Justice announced their verdict in Skopje on 5 Dec, 2011.

REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS

Farming rights certificates granted in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Farmland management committees have been formed at various levels and are granting farming rights certificates in accord with rules and regulations, enabling farmers to own the farmlands they are engaging.

The ceremony to grant farming rights certificates in Nerinzara village-tract in Patheingyi Township was held at No. 35 Basic Education Primary School

in Khemabaya village in Patheingyi Township on 21 August morning.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint said in his address at the ceremony that it was the first of its kind in Mandalay Region to grant farming rights certificates directly to the farmers.

The chief minister called for making the most of the farming rights certificates which would enable them use the certificates as mortgages in applying for

Agriculture

bank loans.

He also urged farmers to study Farmland Management Law and Rules thoroughly.

Township Administrator U Kyaw Soe briefed on issuance of farming rights certificates.

The certificates were presented to 289 farmers in Nerinzara village-tract at the ceremony.

The ceremony was

also attended by Region Agriculture and livestock Breeding Minister U Myint Than, Head of Region Land Records Department U Myint Thein, Head of Region Myanmar Agriculture Department U Hla Myint Aung, District Deputy Commissioner U Zaw Tin Moe and district/township level officials.—MMAL-Tin Maung Mandalay



Natural Disaster

Flood in Kalay displaces hundreds



KALAY, 25 Aug—Wards and farmlands in upper Sagaing Region and Chin State were inundated on 20 August as the Nerinzara Creek and Myitthar River swelled after several days of heavy rain since 18 August.

Chanmya aung si, Aungmyay hman,

Aungmyingala and Nyaungbinthawards, Pinyintha village and farmlands were deluged with flood.

A total of 536 people from 100 households were relocated at Aungmyingala Theatre, Sagarhla Pagoda Dhammayon and No (15) Basic Education Primary

School.

The rescue efforts were supervised by District, Township and Ward Administration Committees.

There were no casualties but more than 4800 acres of farmlands were damaged in the flood.—MMAL-Ju Nine

Seminar on reproductive health organized

MANDALAY, 25 Aug—Myanmar Red Cross Society and United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) organized a seminar on reproductive health at Mandalay Region Red Cross Supervisory Committee Office on 21 August.

The event was organized to raise public awareness

for the reproductive health project.

Deputy Head of Region Health Department Dr Myo Thant Khaing delivered an address at the ceremony.

Dr Yamin Yi of UNFPA elaborated on the project and project coordinator U Zaw Htoo Oo on the cooperation between Myanmar Red

Cross Society and UNFPA for the project.

It was attended by officials of Myanmar Medical Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Social Welfare Department, Region Red Cross Department and Fire Brigade.

MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Socio-economy

Socio-economic development in Pyu Township discussed

PYU, 25 Aug—Under aegis of Township Administrator U Than Aung of Pyu Township in Bago Region, a coordination meeting for socio-economic development of people living in Thadukan village-tract at the village-tract administrator office on 18 August.

It was attended by the village-tract

administrator, the village-tract development support committee, departmental personnel, intellectuals and townsenders.

The village-tract administrator discussed matters related to rule of law and order, transportation and socio-economic development.

Members of the village-

tract socio-economic development support group and intellectuals participated in discussion.

The meeting also focused on construction of Natsin bridge. The government provided the budget of K 42 for construction of the bridge.

MMAL-Pyu Myint Oo

Telecommunications

400 low-cost SIM cards sold in Pauk

PAUK, 25 Aug—A total of 400 low-priced SIM cards were sold in Pauk in Magway Region in August.

A total of 20 SIM cards were distributed to local battalion, 120 to

departmental personnel and 260 to the public.

The GSM SIM cards were sold by lots to prevent arguments.

MMAL-Township IPRD

Complaints for bribery and corruption

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

No., address and firm evidence.

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

Passenger bus plunges off the road on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway

YANGON, 25 Aug—A passenger express bound for Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon slipped off the road on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway near Kayinchaung village in Yedashe Township, Bago Region, on 24 August afternoon.

The express was with 27 passengers on board when it plunged and headed into a cliff at 1.45 pm, but no one was hurt.

The accident happened as he avoided the collision with a luxury car that slowed down unexpectedly. It hit a car of Public Works repairing the road.

Thagara Expressway

Police Station has filed a lawsuit against driver U Aung Myint Tun of

Taungpawthar Express Bus from Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, according

to Police Sub-Inspector Banyar Aung.

MMAL-Thura (Toungoo)

Traffic Accident



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 26 August, 2013

For every success

Sometimes everything goes well, and sometimes not. That's what happens in our daily life. Anyhow what really matters is the goal. We will win only if we can realize our aspiration or in other words reach our goal.

We need harmonious efforts as life is something like a regatta. If all the oarsmen row the boat in harmony and unison and with full energy they will reach their destination faster than others and win the race. If they lack harmony and energetic efforts they will certainly lose. What if some boatmen try hard while others are shrinking? The answer is simple. They will lose. So victory calls for the peak action of all boatmen in tandem with one another.

Like in a boat race the best way for the accomplishment of a mission in life is hard work and unity of each and every concerned person. Only then will the aspiration be realized. But we cannot proceed fast and reach the goal before others only with limited efforts as a combination of reluctance and dedication will not do the job well. Here, dutifulness in every sector coupled with commitment and unanimity is the backbone of success and progress.

In fact, unity, efforts and dedication are the key to success in every work. Success has no place for perfunctory. Like the saying which goes "the force of ten thousand, not the force of one will do the job", cleanly, we need unity, efforts and dedication for every success.

Preparations for archery event of SEA Games inspected



Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win views display of sports gear at Gold Camp Training Center.—MNA

Monesi TV Retransmission under repair

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—The 10 W TVTX (ABE, Ch-7) transmission of Monesi TV Retransmission Station in Lashio Zone failed to transmit the programmes due to lightning on 20 August evening.

Now, MRTV programmes are being

transmitted regularly starting from 6pm yesterday as 10 W TVTX (ABE, Ch-7) transmitter was replaced with 10 W TVTX (CTEF, Ch-5). It is learnt that after repairing the transmitter, the programmes will resume through the original transmitter (Ch-7).

MNA



Vice-President U Nyan Tun greets the townselders at the ceremony to provide cash assistance for re-cultivation of flood-affected farmlands in Mon State at the Mon State hall in Mawlamyine.—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun presents cash...

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will job opportunities come out and per capita income increase. In consequence, the poverty of the people can be alleviated and the nation will be worthy, he added. In so doing, all the people are to join hands with the government in implementing the goals.

The Vice-President

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—Vice-President of World Archery Federation and Asian Archery Federation and President of SEA Archery Federation Mr Sanguan Kosavinta, together with Deputy Minister for Sports U Zaw Win looked into emergency medical unit, medical record and dispensary, physiotherapy centers and hostels of athletes at Gold Camp Medical Center, here, this morning.

At Wunna Theikdi Stadium, they viewed display of sports gear, preparations for the stadium and the athletes at the archery event.

MNA

presented K 200 million for re-cultivation of paddy in flood-hit farmlands.

The Union ministers and deputy ministers provided 2152 baskets of quality paddy seeds, 500 bags of fertilizer, bean and sesame seeds, foodstuff and agricultural machinery to the farmers.

The Vice-President comforted flood victims at the relief camps at Shweyinhmyaw Pagoda and No 3 Basic Education High School in Ward 5 in Hpa-an and presented cash assistance, rice, blankets, treated mosquito nets, instant noodle and eggs to the victims.

He viewed round Hpa-an and flooded areas of Thanlwin River and met farmers from inundated Htaungpi and Ngahsu fields.

Due to heavy rains, flood hit houses and farmlands in townships of Kayin State from 23 July to the first week of August for the first time. As of 21 August, the heavy rain continuously showered there, and Thanlwin River and Hlaingbwe Creek

in Hlaingbwe Township exceeded the danger levels, causing floods in Hpa-an, Hlaingbwe townships and Paingkyon Sub-township.

The flood victims were evacuated by the State government, departmental personnel, Tatmadawmen, peace groups, associations and local people to the safe places. They provide basic needs and health care services to 7665 people from 1455 households at 13 relief camps in Hpa-an, 1870 people from 417 households at 11 relief camps in Hlaingbwe and 53 people from 10 households at 11 relief camps in Paingkyon Sub-Township.

He attended the ceremony to provide cash assistance for re-cultivation of flood-affected farmlands in Mon State at the Mon State hall in Mawlamyine this morning after meeting with local farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-President U Nyan Tun said that at a time when natural disaster strikes, it is necessary to carry out preventive measures for mitigation of loss and damages and respond to the natural disasters. After the event of natural disaster, rehabilitation must be undertaken. To do so, the government formed the Natural Disaster Management Committee and different levels at regions and states, districts and townships and assigned duties to them.

He praised the local authorities, social organizations and local people for their concerted efforts in systematic response to the natural

disasters in Mon State. He said that the Union government, the state government and local people are to cooperate in rehabilitation for the flood victims through immediate plan and long-term plan. Again, he praised the unity and strong spirit of local people in Mon State in overcoming the floods for nation-building endeavours.

Next, the Vice-President presented K 150 million for re-cultivation of flood-hit farmlands in the State. The Union ministers and Deputy Minister U Phone Swe presented 500 bags of fertilizers, animal medicines, chickens, ducks, milk, fish paste, dried fish and salt, 50 sets of Sky Net receivers, clothes and utensils to the flood victims.

In this rainy season, some villages and monsoon paddy plantations were flowed in Ye, Bilin and Kyaikmaraw townships of Mon State due to heavy rains as of 29 July.

A total of 1895 people from 662 households in Bilin Township were evacuated to safety, 898 people from 203 households in Ye Township and 17282 people from 4130 households in Kyaikmaraw Township. As water has subsided there, they have returned home. Departmental personnel, social organizations, political parties and wellwishers provided food, drinking water and personal goods to them.

The flood destroyed over 9000 acres of farmlands out of 66000 acres of inundated farmlands in the state.—MNA

Water level of Sittoung River at Madauk may remain above its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—According to the observation at 12:30 hrs MST this afternoon, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk rose 62 cm (about 2 ft) above its danger level. It may fall

30 cm (about 1 ft) and may remain above its danger level during next three days commencing this afternoon, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham fulfills...

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from the health field. He called for a link between those from MMA and service personnel for success of the mission.

Next, the State Chief Minister on behalf of a donor presented K 50 million for Lashio MMA.

In the afternoon, the Vice-President met with local people at the town hall and fulfilled the requirements and presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the 2012-2013 matriculation exams with flying colors.

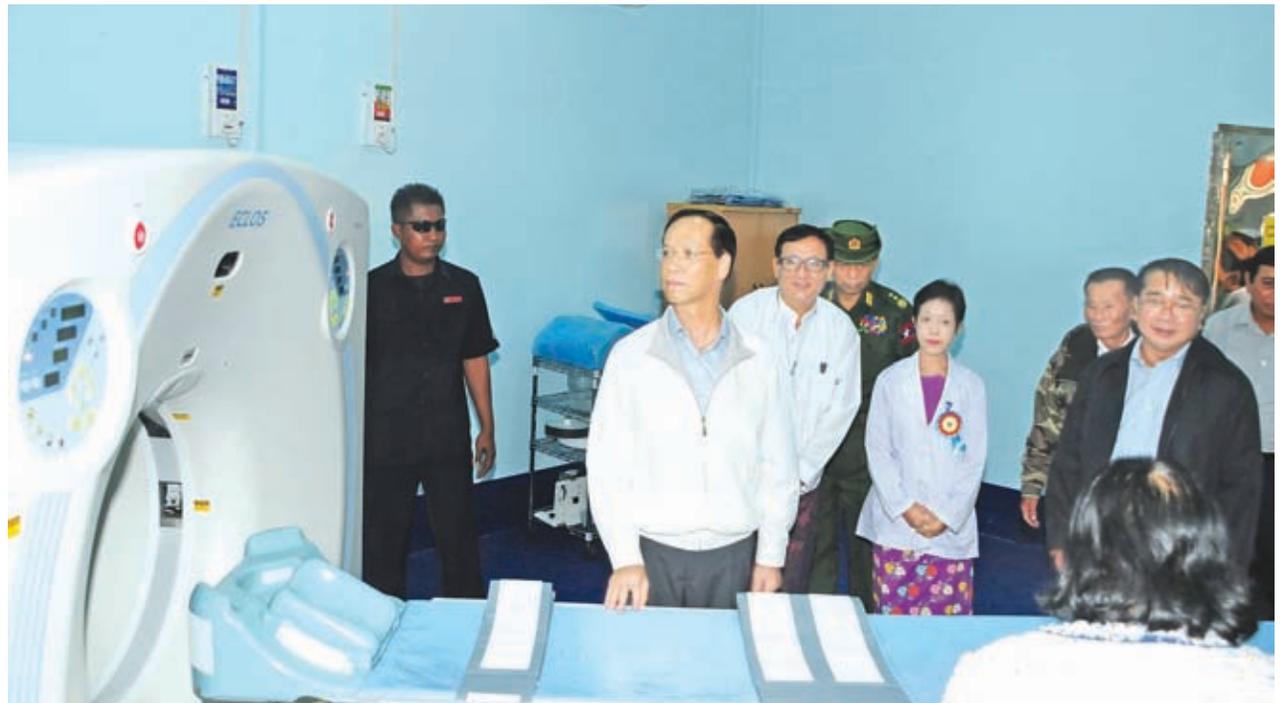
In meeting with local people, the Vice-President said that he was there to help solve their difficulties, to make public democratic reforms being launched by the government, to know the desires of Lashio people, to deal with what can be resolved in conformity with the law through the people-centred system. Matters related flooding were addressed last year and those related with fire prevention were handled this morning with the provision of two fire engines. A bypass is being constructed to ease traffic congestion, to wind down traffic accidents and

to avoid damages to roads. The yearly inundation at the AT gate which was triggered by swollen Namyang Creek will also be tackled.

National development depends largely on higher education standards. Thus, it has been planned to honour students who passed the matriculation exams with flying colors. Those who are to shape the future of the State should be the holders of higher degrees.

The government is making political, economic and administrative reforms in line with democratic practices while creating a great deal of job opportunities for the people. In order to ensure a strong administrative machinery, management committees and development supporting committees were formed with community leaders who are highly respected. It was learnt that development affairs of Lashio were handed over to private sector. As electrification is in the process of being handed over to private sector, there will be a great deal of job opportunities in the very near future.

So, the people are to cooperate with the



Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views CT Scan at the people's hospital in Lashio.—MNA

government in its tasks and to give good idea through prescribed ways, he added.

The Vice-President viewed tasks for proper flow of water in Lashio. He heard reports on reclamation of Maukkaungwady 2 ward projected by officials at the project site.

He viewed along Lashio's earthen detour by car.

The Vice-President provided K 30 million to national race cultural troupes at Shan national literature and culture troupe office.

In his address, the Vice-President said that in the

changing order, national races can enjoy the rights of organizing culture festivals and new year festivals and teaching respective

literature under the rules and regulations. However, he stressed the need to avoid the acts of giving priority to racism. National race

literature and cultural groups in Lashio are to emphasize development of each groups and create unity among them.—MNA

Attempted sexual assault ...

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They then set fire to shops and some houses beside rail tracks.

The chairman of the Township Management Committee, the Township Police Commander and officials arrived at the scene at about 8 pm and tried to control the situation. But the mob continued setting fire to one poultry farm, two shops, one rice brokerage and a house at about 9 pm.

At about 10.30 pm, as the mob set fire to tea shop and rice brokerage and betel shop in Ward 1, the Region Security and Border Affairs Minister and the District Police Commander rushed to the scene and contained the violence.

As the mob at about 1 am together with 1000 people from nearby villages arrived in Ward 3 and attempted to continue setting fire to houses, the Region Security and Border Affairs Minister and security members rushed there. When the Shwebo District Police Commander dispersed the mob he was

catapulted, and at about 1.15 am a shot was fired to disperse the crowd.

The mob resorted to a variety of ways to deter fire engines from putting out the fire. As a result, a second warning shot was fired to enable the fire engines to put out the fire.

The Police Battalion members arrived in at Htangan Village at 3 am and helped put out the fire together with 70 firefighters from ten fire engines and the fire was put under control at about 3.30 am. Altogether 44 houses, nine stalls and four shops were destroyed in the incident along with one firefighter and one people got injured.

Soon after the incident, the Region Chief Minister dispatched the Region Development Affairs Minister to Kanbalu and the Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister to YeU to control the situation. The Region Chief Minister together with the Region Finance Minister, the Region Chief

Justice, the Region Law Officer, the Region Religious Affairs Head at about 11.50 pm arrived at Shwebo for necessary arrangements, and at 6.30 am proceeded to Htangan Village via Kanbalu.

The Chief Minister together with officials and local authorities formed sub-committees and met with local people and religious associations in order to deter the violence from happening again. He then made arrangements for opening of relief camps for fire victims.

Beginning this morning, the situation returned to normal and the Region Chief Minister and party planned to provide eight kinds of relief items for 50 households in Htangan Village and continued efforts are being made for relief and rehabilitation.

One offender and eleven people suspected to get involved in the incident were arrested and are being interrogated and action will be taken against the law breakers under the law.

MNA

Coord meeting on allotting compensation rate for job suspension held



Union Minister U Aye Myint addresses the meeting to allot compensation rate.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Aug—According to Section 35 of Labour Dispute Law, the coordination meeting on allotting compensation rate for job suspension was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security on 23 August morning, with an opening address by Union Minister U Aye Myint.

Deputy Ministers U Htin Aung and Daw Win Maw Tun, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Htay Win of Farmer, Labour and Youth Affairs Committee, the reps from Supreme Court of the Union and Union Attorney-General Office, members of jury, employer reps from UMFCCI, chairmen of industrial zone management committees

from Dagon (South) and Hlinethaya Townships and representatives from employee organizations took part in the discussions.

The meeting was aimed at allotting compensation rate for job suspension to benefit both employer and employee in accord with the provision of International Labour Organization (ILO).

MNA

Road sections blocked in heavy rain in Chin State

KALAY, 25 Aug—Haka-Kalay and Haka-Tiddim road sections have been blocked due to several days of heavy rain in Chin State since 18 August.

Landslides are happening on the road although the machinery

and staff of the Ministry of Construction are working to cope with it.

A local road user suggested fellow drivers to check their vehicles before taking on the road.

The road sections are in good conditions in summer,

but are not easily accessible in monsoon.

According to the Ministry of Construction, they are working on the roads in Chin State to make them accessible in all weathers.

MMAL-Shin Nay Min

Prevention against human trafficking, taking census lectured in Singaing

SINGAING, 25 Aug— Singaing Township Information and Public Relations Department makes field trips to grassroots level in the township so as to implement public service media.

The department held talks in the villages and gave lectures on prevention against trafficking in person and taking census in 2014.

On 21 August, the educative talks were held in East Ywathit Village and Kangyi Village of the

township.

Head of Township IPRD Daw Tin Tin Htwe explained the purpose of holding talks on anti-human trafficking.

She then explained the role of the people in participating in taking census in 2014 for the first time during the 30 years period.

Later, she distributed pamphlets to the people and donated books and publications to the village library.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing



Trade promotion, exceeding target discussed

MYEIK, 25 Aug—A meeting on trade promotion and exceeding target of trade was held at the hall of Myeik District Chambers of Commerce and Industry on 23 August.

It was attended by departmental personnel, merchants and entrepreneurs, edible oil and fuel oil dealers, export and import entrepreneurs and guests.

At first, the Myeik District Deputy Commissioner explained smooth flow of trade promotion and exportation of sector-wise goods. The Assistant Director of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department exceeding the export and import for trade promotion and trading the commodities

through illegal route.

Head of Myeik District Immigration and National Registration Department U Hla Soe lectured prescriptions on traveling of foreign tourists, Head of Myeik District Fisheries Department U Myint Shwe exportation of marine products and Head of Myeik District Internal Revenue Department U Kyaw Hoe Hlaing export and import matters.

Vice-Chairman of Myeik District CCI U Tun Tun Win and entrepreneurs raised questions and officials replied to them. They focused on smooth and swift trade, trade promotion, more production of export goods and solving problems of trade.—*Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD*



NATMAUK, 25 Aug— Chief Minister of Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe, together with Region Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Aung Naing and regional level departmental officials, heard reports on plan to grow monsoon paddy with the use of irrigated water, progress of cultivation presented by the Township Administrator of Natmauk Township at the Township General Administration Department on 23 August morning and attended to the needs.

At Thiri Mingala rural development dam near Kalashin Village, the Chief Minister inspected inflow of water and repairing of spillway and viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation on model plot in Sitha Village.

The Chief Minister looked into monsoon paddy plantations in Ale Village and Bantkon Village. At Kyauktada Dam, he viewed

Disaster

Regional development tasks, cultivation of monsoon paddy inspected in Natmauk



inflow of water and supply of irrigation facility. He then fulfilled the requirements.

Magway District has

so far put 140,422 acres of land under monsoon against the target of 227,353 acres through various water-fed systems.

The whole region has

grown monsoon paddy against the target of 833,672 acres of paddy, accounting for over 60 per cent.

Kyemon-Magway District IPRD

Greening tasks undertaken at University of Computer Studies (Myeik)

MYEIK, 25 Aug—The weeding of saplings and feeding of fertilizers on the campus of University of Computer Studies (Myeik) in Myeik was held on 23 August.

It was participated by servicemen and family members of regiments and units under Coastal Region Command Headquarters, departmental personnel, members of social

organizations and local people.

Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Htay presented fertilizers to those present.

The participants fed fertilizers to saplings planted at University of Computer Studies in 2012 and then carried out sanitation and weeding at the saplings.

Kyemon-Khaing Htoo



Livestock Breeding

Fingerlings released into farmlands in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 25 Aug—A ceremony to release fingerlings into 300 acres of farmlands was held at Alawkway model plot in Shanywa Village of Nyaunglebin Township on 6 August with the aim of developing rural region and ensuring increase of per capita

income of the local people.

It was attended by Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing, Head of Nyaunglebin Township Fisheries Department U Hsan Win and staff, Chairman of Township Fisheries Federation U Kyaw Htoo and party, NGO members and

local farmers who released 150,000 saplings to the farmlands and distributed pedigrees of fingerlings to 40 farmers.

Head of Bago Region Fisheries Department U Kyaw Min explained the purpose of releasing fingerlings.

Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)

Business

Generalized Scheme of Preferences and Rules of Origin Seminar



MYEIK, 25 Aug— School No 6 in Myeik of Myeik District Chambers of Commerce and Industry and International Management Group jointly conducted the Generalized Scheme of Preferences and Rules of Origin Seminar at the hall of Basic Education Primary

School No 6 in Myeik of Taninthayi Region on 23 August morning.

Assistant Director U Aung Zaw Moe of Commercial and Consumer Affairs Department made a speech.

Adviser Mr Stefan Moser of International Management Group explained the purpose of the training course.

At the course, the instructors gave lectures on necessary information in exporting goods to the European countries and matters related to smooth and swift exportation.

Altogether 60 trainees attended the course that run 23 and 24 August.

Kyemon-Myeik District IPRD

REGIONAL



Models present a Mongolian ethnic costumes during the costume contest of the 10th China Mongolian ethnic costume arts festival in Tongliao City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, on 24 Aug, 2013. A total of 68 delegations including more than 1,000 contestants countrywide attended the two-day festival which opened on Saturday.—XINHUA

Philippine gov't calls on more action to save threatened Coral Triangle

MANILA, 25 Aug — The Philippine government is seeking more action to save the reefs in the region known as the Coral Triangle amid threats to its ecosystems, ranging from overfishing and pollution to impacts of climate change, a senior government official said on Saturday.

Philippine Environment Secretary Ramon Paje said that although the country had already taken important steps to protect its own reefs and marine life, more needs to be done in developing sustainable solutions for the threatened reefs in the Coral Triangle, a global hotspot of marine bio-diversity in the Asia Pacific region.

"We face a crisis on the continued degradation of our fragile ecosystems and resources that could endanger the survival and quality of life of future generations," he said.

"Investing in coastal and marine protection can certainly help ensure a better future for our children and a better environment for all," he added.

The Philippines, being at the apex of the Coral Triangle, is a partner-nation of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF).—Xinhua

N Korea blasts blocking of its import of ski resort equipment

BEIJING, 25 Aug—North Korea on Saturday condemned unnamed countries for blocking its efforts to import cableway equipment for a ski resort being built under the orders of young North Korean leader Kim Jong Un.

Kim, who was partly educated in Switzerland, has taken a personal interest in the ski resort project, visiting the construction site and turning the project into a symbol of modernization of the country.

"Cableway equipment for the ski resort does not produce any rocket or nucle-

ar weapon," the North Korean Skiers Association said in a statement, while blasting "some countries" for blocking the transaction. According to news reports in Europe, North Korea's efforts to import cableway equipment have been blocked under UN sanctions aimed at punishing North Korea for conducting rocket launches and nuclear tests.

"Such base act can never be justified," the North Korean statement, carried by the official *Korean Central News Agency*, said.

Construction of what

the North Korean statement called the "world's leading" ski resort on Masik hill in Wonsan began last year, with construction scheduled to be completed this year.

According to the *KCNA* report, construction of ski courses was completed and construction of associated facilities, including hotel, service building and lodging quarters, is nearing completion.

"A sure guarantee has been provided for finishing the construction of the ski resort within this year," the report said.—*Kyodo News*

Abe to decide on sales tax before APEC meeting

TOKYO, 25 Aug—Economic and fiscal policy minister Akira Amari said on Sunday that Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will make a final decision on whether to raise the consumption

tax next April before attending the APEC leaders' meeting from 7 October in Indonesia. "While it has not yet been decided when the premier will reach the final decision, and it depends on

him, I think the timing will be between late September and early October," Amari told an NHK programme.

He also indicated Abe is likely to refer to the Bank of Japan's Tankan business sentiment survey due out 1 October before making up his mind.

After the programme, he told reporters that key Cabinet members have been sharing the view that the premier will come to a decision before the APEC meeting.—*Kyodo News*

Emperor, empress take summer rest in Karuizawa

KARUIZAWA, (Japan), 25 Aug—Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko arrived Saturday in a central Japan town for a weeklong summer rest.

The imperial couple will stay in the Nagano

Leftist rebels free kidnapped soldier in S Philippines

DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 25 Aug—Leftist rebels released on Saturday a soldier they have kidnapped early this month in Southern Philippines in an incident that insurgents claimed was preceded by a bomb attack that killed several soldiers.

Rodrigo Duterte, mayor of the regional centre Davao City, helped in facilitating the release by the New People's Army of Private First Class Rodelio Rigonan in the hinterlands of Mindanao's Compostela Valley Province, said Captain Severino David, spokesperson of the military's Eastern Mindanao Command (Eastmincom). "He is now being de-briefed

at the Eastmincom headquarters (in Davao)," David said, even as he denied claims by the NPA that the military had prevented the freed soldier to meet with his wife.

Rubi del Mundo, NPA spokesperson in southern Mindanao region, said Rigonan's release was on "humanitarian grounds."

The military said the soldier, an electrician assigned at an army base in Maco town, also in Compostela Valley, was abducted by armed NPAs at his village in Langgam last 3 Aug while helping a neighbor install a downed electrical connection. "He was unarmed and off-duty but

the bandits still took him," said David, adding that the victim had also tried to stop NPA guerrillas who were attempting to plant an improvised bomb in the village when he was taken at gunpoint.

Earlier this week, the NPA had claimed 11 soldiers were either killed or wounded when they set off an improvised bomb last 5 Aug. The military denied the NPA's casualties claim.

The 4,000-strong NPA, armed wing of the Communist Party of the Philippines, has been fighting a leftist insurgency in 60 Philippine provinces since 1969.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 24 Aug, 2013, shows a house destroyed by mudslides in Hamada, Shimane Prefecture following torrential rain.—KYODO NEWS

Indian police to produce 2nd suspect in Mumbai gangrape in court

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug—Indian police will bring the second suspect arrested in the case of gangrape of a woman photographer on Thursday in Mumbai to court later on Saturday, while looking for three other suspects. Police nabbed Vijay Jadhav, a school dropout in Mumbai's Dombivali District, from a video parlor early Saturday. On Friday afternoon, police arrested the first suspect, Chand Abdul Sattar, and brought him to court Saturday, said police.

A 22-year-old photojournalist was gangraped by five men in a deserted textile mill in central Mumbai

on Thursday. Her colleague was tied by the assaulters.

Twenty police teams, including 10 from the crime branch, are tracking down the other three suspects, all identified and aged between 18 and 20. The gangrape triggered anger in India as it was reminiscent of the horrific gangrape and killing of a 23-year-old medical student on a moving bus in Delhi last December.

The Delhi gangrape saw similar scenario as the victim's boyfriend was also tied and beaten up by the rapists. The case is still pending in court and none of the six accused has been tried yet.—Xinhua



Photo taken on 24 Aug, 2013 shows steamed bun-like carvings at a fruit carving contest in Xinbei City, southeast China's Taiwan. The two-day contest kicked off here on Saturday, attracting fruit carving masters worldwide.—XINHUA

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**

(8/2013)

Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
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(2)	IFB -070(2013-2014)	Spares for National Drive Group (Bearing & Oil Seal)	(5) Items	US \$
(3)	IFB -071(2013-2014)	Spares for National Drive Group (Air Clutch)	(6) Items	US \$
(4)	IFB -072(2013-2014)	Spares for National Drive Group (Rotor Seal & Valve)	(5) Items	US \$
(5)	DMP/L-031(2013-2014)	Sucker Rod Coupling & Change Over Coupling	(4) Items	Kyat
(6)	DMP/L-032(2013-2014)	Wire Cables for Solar Cell	(3) Items	Kyat
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Madagascar president said to respect electoral court decision

ANTANANARIVO, 25 Aug —Madagascar’s transitional president Andry Rajoelina said on Friday he will respect the Special Electoral Court (CES)’s decision to remove him from the list of presidential candidates.

“It is legitimate if the Malagasy people can choose the president they want, but I respect the decision of CES,” said Rajoelina in a national address broadcast on TV. “My patriotism is higher than my

ambition to be candidate to the presidential election,” said 39-year-old Rajoelina.

“I call on all Malagasy people to do effort for the realization of elections following the calendar announced by the Independent National election Commission (CENIT),” Rajoelina said.

“I’m ready to do a peaceful power transfer to the elected president after the election,” Rajoelina added. The CES approved

on Thursday 33 candidates for the presidential election while precluding Rajoelina and his rivals—former president Didier Ratsiraka and former first lady Lalao Ravalomanana.

The first round of presidential election will be held on 25 October and the second round, if necessary, on 20 December, along with the legislative elections, according to the CENIT. The Southern African Development community (SADC)

on Friday welcomed Madagascar’s decision on the list of candidates and the date for the much-delayed presidential elections.

SADC mediator Joachim Chissano, who ended a three-day mission here, told a Press conference that SADC urges Madagascar’s international partners to “provide financial, technical, material and logistical support” for the elections.

Xinhua

Turkey condemns twin bomb attacks in Lebanon’s Tripoli

ANKARA, 25 Aug—Turkey strongly condemned the twin bomb attacks which rocked Lebanon’s northern city of Tripoli on Friday, killing at least 29 people and wounding over 500 others.

“We strongly condemn the explosion which took place today in Tripoli,” said the Turkish Foreign Minis-

try in a statement published on Friday.

The Turkish Foreign Ministry offered condolences to the Lebanese nation and victims’ families, and wished “a speedy recovery” to the wounded ones in this atrocious attack. The attacks, perpetrated near the holy places of worship in Tripoli after Friday prayers,

increase the concerns that “an act is being staged to upset the stability and internal peace in Lebanon,” said the statement. Turkey is determined to maintain its solidarity with Lebanese state and people, and “stands ready to provide every kind of support to the people of Lebanon,” said the statement.—Xinhua

Iran, Russia urge political solution to Syria crisis

TEHERAN, 25 Aug—Iran’s Foreign Minister Mohammad- Javad Zarif and his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov have underlined the need for a peaceful settlement of the Syria crisis through political means, Press TV reported on Friday.

In a telephone conversation, the two ministers condemned what they called “use of chemical

weapons by terrorists” in Syria. They also expressed “deep concern” over the escalation of tensions in the Arab country, according to the report.

On Thursday, Zarif dismissed claims that the Syrian government has used chemical weapons against civilians. The main Syrian opposition group claimed that the Syrian government used chemical weapons on

Wednesday and killed as many as 1,300 people. But Damascus denied the accusations.

Iran is a main ally of the Syrian government in the region and has encouraged the Lebanese Shiite Hezbollah to fight on the side of the governmental forces against the opposition groups, which it considers as “terrorist groups.”—Xinhua

Two foreign soldiers killed in Afghan explosion

KABUL, 25 Aug —Two foreign soldiers killed in an explosion in Afghanistan on Friday. “Two International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) service members died following an improvised explosive device attack in eastern Afghanistan today,” the NATO-led ISAF confirmed in a statement.

It did not disclose the nationalities of the victims under ISAF, but majority ISAF troops in eastern central Asian state are Americans. More than 110 foreign soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan this year.

Xinhua



Representative of UN Children’s Fund Ayman Abulaban (C) speaks during a Press conference in Ankara, Turkey, on 23 Aug, 2013. The number of Syrian children refugees out of the country has reached one million, according to the announcement of UN High Commissioner for Refugees Representative to Turkey Carol Batchelor and representative of UN Children’s Fund Ayman Abulaban.

XINHUA

Vietnam’s CPI increases 0.83 pct in August

HANOI, 25 Aug — Vietnam’s Consumer Price Index (CPI) in August increased by 0.83 percent over July and 7.5 percent over the same period last year, the General Statistics Office (GSO) announced on Saturday.

The figures made the CPI to rise by 3.53 percent over the level of last December and drove the 8-month CPI to increase by 6.9 percent year-on-year, said the office.

Except for postal services and telecommunication sector, other 10 out of the 11 goods categories saw price rises between 0.22 percent and 4.11 percent, with medicine and health-

care posted the highest hike.

The petrol price adjustments in June and July had resulted in a 0.08 percent increase in the CPI.

The price hike in food and foodstuff were attributed to the heavy rains and rainstorms nationwide.

Although not calculated in the CPI, the US dollar rose by 0.06 percent while gold prices saw an increase of 0.32 percent over July, said the GSO.

The country’s two major economic hubs, capital Hanoi and southern Ho Chi Minh City, posted a CPI increase of 3.16 percent and 0.36 percent, respectively.

Xinhua



People mourn for flood victims during a memorial service in Qingyuan County, Fushun, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, on 24 Aug, 2013. The death toll climbed to 76 while 88 remained missing, about a week after the city of Fushun was ravaged by the worst flooding in decades, Fushun mayor Luan Qingwei said at the mourning ceremony.—XINHUA

German drivers want more money spent on road maintenance

FRANKFURT, 25 Aug—While 86 percent German drivers want money spent on roads, more than two-thirds of them reject the idea of additional cost pressure for the drivers, a German drivers’ association said on Friday.

According to a survey commissioned by ADAC, the largest motorists association in Germany, 20 percent of the highways is in poor condition and 25 percent of the bridges needed to be replaced or repaired.

The result of the survey showed that only 28 percent of the respondents were in favour of raising additional funds from drivers such as road toll for the purpose of road maintenance or repairment.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Heart of Sarajevo Award for the Best Feature Film goes to the Georgian film "In Bloom" by Nana Ekvimishvili (C) and Simon Grob (R) at the closing ceremony of the 19th Sarajevo Film Festival (SFF), in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 24 Aug, 2013. The 19th SFF ended here on Saturday. The SFF, first launched in 1995, has become one of largest and best organized cultural events in the Balkan region.—XINHUA

Georgian movies wins top prize at SFF

SARAJEVO, 25 Aug—A film from Georgia, on Saturday won the Heart of Sarajevo award at the 19th Sarajevo Film Festival (SFF).

"In bloom," directed by Nana Ekvimishvili and Simon Grob, told a story about two young girls in 1990s when Georgia was faced war and violence.

Lika Babluani and Mariam Bokeria, who played in film, were awarded best actresses. Bogdan Diklic won the award for the best actor for his role in "Stranger", a film which won the special jury award.

The SFF also an-

nounced awards for short film, documentary, human rights and special jury mention.

SFF director Mirsad Purivatra handed and honorary Heart of Sarajevo to Robert Olli, Executive Director of Eurimages, the council of Europe support fund for European cinema.

The SFF, which opened on 16 Aug, closed on Saturday after the awarding ceremony. The film festival began in 1995 and has grown up to be the largest and best-organized film gathering in the Balkan region.—Xinhua

Feminist stand-up show wins top British comedy award

LONDON, 25 Aug—Women's rights campaigner Bridget Christie won one of Britain's most prestigious comedy awards on Saturday for a polemical stand-up show against men's lifestyle magazines.

The Foster's Comedy Award for best act at the annual Edinburgh Festival Fringe brings with it 10,000 pounds (\$15,600) and has been the launch pad for many stars.

Christie, 41, said she almost gave up comedy to look after her two children before the show, "A Bic for Her", drew sell-out crowds and critical acclaim.

"It's bloody typical isn't it! Just when I wanted to take it easy everyone starts coming and the show's full," she told Reuters by telephone on Thursday after becoming the only woman to make the shortlist for the prize.

Christie's show mainly targets "Lad's Mags", British magazines full of scantily-clad women and sports articles that can sit on the lower shelves of newsagents' stores because they are not classified as pornography.

In her show, Christie recounted how she would enter a shop, grab the magazines off the shelf and throw them in the bin.

"That's not theft... That's just ethical filing," she said.

Christie plans to write a book later this year and is working on a second radio series.—Reuters

'Short Term 12' explores love amid the turmoil of foster care

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug—America's foster care system is the unlikely setting for a love story in "Short Term 12," an independent film that examines a young couple's relationship amid the troubles, trauma and camaraderie of teenagers in foster care.

Written and directed by filmmaker Destin Cretton, "Short Term 12," which opened in US theatres on Friday, follows social workers at a foster care facility as they confront the everyday challenges of working with abandoned and abused children.

The film is centred on Grace, played by Brie Larson, a social worker who finds her own trauma from sexual abuse creeping up as she connects with the adolescents in her care.

Cretton, 34, told Reuters that he wanted a central character who shared not just a similar background to that of the children, but "something so intense that

she has not even come close to dealing with it."

"All the ancillary storylines all serve one single purpose, to see how they affect Grace and to see how she reacts to them. Every scene with a kid is either pushing Grace to feel that she can do this, or causing her to feel she can't," Cretton said.

The director, who was inspired to write "Short Term 12" from his experiences of working in a California group home facility in his first job after college, told Reuters he wanted to avoid casting judgment on foster homes.

"This movie is not meant to be an umbrella statement on the current state of the foster care system. There are definitely highlights of certain complications there, but our hope is that anybody can connect to this movie and relate it to their own life," the director said.

Reuters



Cast members Brie Larson and John Gallagher Jr pose for a portrait while promoting their upcoming movie "Short Term 12" in Los Angeles, California on 6 Aug, 2013. —REUTERS

Singer Linda Ronstadt says she has Parkinson's disease

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—Grammy-winning singer Linda Ronstadt is suffering from Parkinson's disease and says she can no longer "sing a note," the group AARP said on Friday.

In an interview with AARP to be published next week, Ronstadt, 67, said the Parkinson's diagnosis she received eight months ago had given her an answer to why she couldn't sing.

"No one can sing with Parkinson's disease," she is quoted as saying in her interview with the lobbying group for older Americans. "No matter how hard you try."

AARP said she has poles to help her walk on uneven ground and uses a wheelchair when travelling.

"Parkinson's is very hard to diagnose, so when I finally went to a neurologist and he said, 'Oh, you have Parkinson's disease,' I



Linda Ronstadt performs at the 19th annual Bridge School Benefit Concert in Mountain View, California on 29 Oct, 2005. The Bridge School is a non-profit educational organization for children with severe speech and physical impairments.—REUTERS

was completely shocked. I wouldn't have suspected that in a million, billion years," she says in the interview.

Ronstadt has won nearly a dozen Grammy awards and sold more than 100 million albums worldwide, according to Simon & Schuster, which is due to publish her memoir this year.

The Arizona-born sing-

er's 1974 record, "Heart Like a Wheel," yielded hits including "You're No Good," "When Will I Be Loved" and "It Doesn't Matter Anymore."

The soft rock album soared to No 1, selling more than 2 million copies, according to the AllMusic reference website.

Reuters

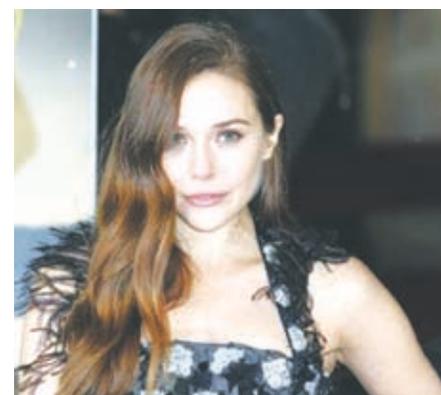
Elizabeth Olsen in Negotiations to Play Scarlet Witch in Marvel's 'Avengers: Age of Ultron'

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug—In the wake of "Martha Marcy May Marlene" and the recently-wrapped "Godzilla," Elizabeth Olsen is looking to continue her blockbuster-indie balancing act, as she's nearing a deal to join Joss Whedon's "The Avengers: Age of Ultron," an individual familiar with the Marvel sequel has told TheWrap.

If negotiations lead to a deal, Olsen would play the Scarlet Witch, one of two new characters being introduced in the sequel along with her brother Quicksilver, whom Aaron Taylor-Johnson ("Kick-Ass") is in negotiations to play, as first re-

ported by TheWrap. Olsen's potential casting was first reported by Bleeding Cool, which noted that she was offered the role after Whedon's first choice, Saoirse Ronan, passed.

The Scarlet Witch is the daughter of "X-Men" villain Magneto, though that relationship will be tough to allude to in "Avengers," as 20th Century Fox owns the rights to the X-Men franchise. The character has several superpowers, including ability to reshape reality. She does wear a cape and cowl, though her red tights aren't expected to make it from the comicbook to the bigscreen.



Elizabeth Olsen poses as she arrives for the British Academy of Film and Arts (BAFTA) awards ceremony at the Royal Opera House in London on 10 Feb, 2013 file photo. REUTERS

Olsen would also be expected to don an English accent, according to one insider.

This isn't the first time Olsen has been linked to a superhero movie, as she has also been rumoured for the role of Sue Storm in Fox's

"Fantastic Four." A deal for "Avengers" is expected to take her out of contention for the female lead in Josh Trank's upcoming reboot, which is still searching for its titular quartet.

Reuters

SPORTS

Juventus labour to win over Sampdoria while Milan upset in Verona

ROME, 25 Aug—Juventus toiled to beat Sampdoria 1-0 thanks to a goal from Carlos Tevez after AC Milan was upset 2-1 in Verona at the Serie A new season opener on Saturday.

Tevez, who joined Juventus this summer from Manchester City, scored the winner in the 58th minute after the defending champions' numerous attacks were thwarted by Sampdoria's well-organized defence.

The craft came from Arturo Vidal, with a cute pass to Paul Pogba, who showed great awareness to flick a pass to his right for Tevez, who could hardly fail to beat Sampdoria's goalkeeper from close quarters.

Sampdoria completed an unlikely double over Juventus last season, spoiling their title celebrations with a 3-2 win at the Stadio Luigi Ferraris on the final day.

So the win meant special to Juventus and their head coach Antonio Conte cut a happy figure after the match.

He praised Tevez for his work rate and believes Pogba "can become the best in the world."

"Tevez is working very hard, not just on the field but also off it. He's a wonderful person," he said.

"And Pogba is eclectic and a modern player, as he is



Luca Toni (C) of Hellas Verona scores during the serie A football match against AC Milan in Verona, on 24 Aug, 2013. Verona won 2-1.—XINHUA

strong, fast and has stamina. He's also humble, so listens to the advice given by me and by his teammates," he said. "We started working on him a year ago and his progress has been incredible. I saw his interviews in which he said he wanted to become the best in the world. I am happy with that, because in my view he can be the best," he said. Compared with Conte, the head coach of AC Milan Massimiliano Allegri was left disappointed by his side's 2-1 loss at Verona.

"We played badly at football, badly as a team," he

said. Andrea Poli put Milan 1-0 ahead at the 14th minute, and from then they stopped, only to see Verona perform.

Despite having failed to significantly test their visitors, the hosts drew level at the 30th minute when Luca Toni met a corner from the right and headed it in from six yards. The winner came in the 53rd minute after Toni nodded in a perfectly weighted cross from Bosko Jankovic.

Allegri appeared to angry with his side's performance.

"We reanimated Ve-

rona, who had until then been struggling. We played badly and Verona amply deserved the victory, so this has to make us reflect. We must play with more determination to bring home the results," he said.

The 46-year-old went on to praise veteran striker Toni, who marked Verona's first Serie A game in 11 years with a classy double. "I offer congratulations to Toni," he said. "He fought like a lion between the two central defenders and he serves as an example to our kids," he added.—Xinhua

Murray unfazed by prospect of defending grand slam title

NEW YORK, 25 Aug—Andy Murray strolled into the US National Tennis Centre on Saturday without a care in the world, brimming with confidence and self-belief as he prepares to defend his US Open title.

Signing autographs and joking with the media, the Scotsman's relaxed demeanor could not have been any different than when he arrived at Flushing Meadows a year ago.

And this time he plans to do something he forgot to last year. He wants to enjoy himself.

In 2012, Murray arrived in New York still searching for his first grand slam title. He had won the Olympic gold medal but the grand slams had eluded him and he continued to be pestered about why he had not broken through.

That all changed un-

der the bright lights of New York when he defeated world number one Novak Djokovic in a nerve-tangling five-setter, to end his own drought and become the first British man in 76 years to win the US Open.

Returning this year as the defending champion has rekindled those memories though he confessed his emotions last year were somewhat stifled.

"I was so relieved that night that maybe I didn't have the chance to maybe enjoy it maybe as much as Wimbledon or the Olympics, for example," he said.

"There was so much relief last year that I wasn't necessarily enjoying it as much as I should have.

"So when I came back and practiced on the Arthur Ashe court, you know, the memories came back, and that was nice."—Reuters

Tennis player Andy Murray of Britain speaks during a news conference after Arthur Ashe Kids' Day at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York on 24 Aug, 2013. REUTERS



Woods hopes shorter Sunday works to his advantage



Tiger Woods of the US tees off on the 15th hole during the third round of the Barclays PGA golf tournament in Jersey City, New Jersey on 24 August, 2013.—REUTERS

JERSEY CITY, (New Jersey), 25 Aug—Tiger Woods said he hopes a normal work day on Sunday at The Barclays will enable him to ward off the effects of a sore back and challenge for victory in the opening event of the FedExCup playoffs.

Woods complained of back and neck discomfort earlier this week which he blamed on a soft hotel bed

and the world number one looked uncomfortable at times on Saturday at Liberty National.

"I just hung in there and that was a grind," Woods told reporters after the third round, in which three late birdies lifted him to a 69 that put him tied for fourth, four shots behind co-leaders Matt Kuchar and Gary Woodland. Due to

weather delays on Thursday that threw the tournament schedule out of whack, Woods and 39 other players had to return to the course early Saturday morning to finish their second round before the scheduled third round of play.

Woods had to complete five holes before heading out for round three. He finished up a two-under 69 and stood five shots off the pace at the halfway mark.

After sticking his approach shot for a one-foot, tap-in birdie at the first hole of the third round, Woods struggled with bogeys at the third and fourth holes.

"I got off to a sweet start. Stuffed it at the first and gave two right back at three and four and kind of just hung around, hung around, hung around, and had a nice finish," said the American, who birdied two of his last three holes.

Reuters

Hamilton keeps Vettel in his sights with Spa pole

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, (Belgium), 25 Aug—Lewis Hamilton turned the screw on Formula One championship leader Sebastian Vettel at the Belgian Grand Prix on Saturday by chalking up his fourth pole position in a row.

Not since Damon Hill with Williams in 1995 has a British driver started four races in a row from pole, and the 31st of Hamilton's career left him eight short of

his Red Bull rival's tally. The Mercedes driver is narrowing the gap in the statistics but he needs to do so in the standings on Sunday to make it a real championship duel between two rivals still separated by 48 points with nine races to go. Hamilton did not need reminding of that and was confident he could do so.

"He's had so many pole positions but I am slowly catching up. I've caught four



Mercedes Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain drives during the qualifying session for the Belgian F1 Grand Prix at the Circuit of Spa-Francorchamps on 24 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

up on him but it's not important. Wins are more important," said Hamilton.

The Briton has translated only five of his poles so far this season into a win, his first for Mercedes coming at the Hungarian Grand Prix before the start of the August break, but he is gaining momentum. Mercedes have now chalked up eight poles in 11 races, with Vettel taking the other three, and Hamilton — currently fourth overall — is moving into contention after a difficult start to the year.

A bad day for Red Bull's triple champion could change everything as quickly as the Spa weather goes from sun to rain. "I really feel that I am getting everything out of the car," said Hamilton. "I'm getting everything out of every opportunity that I have. I know there's a lot of pressure for everyone but I feel in a good place.

Reuters

GENERAL

Bayern hold pace with front-runners Dortmund in German Bundesliga



Mario Mandzukic (centre R) of FC Bayern Munich is challenged by Javier Pinola of FC Nuremberg during their German first division Bundesliga soccer match in Munich on 24 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

BERLIN, 25 Aug — German giants Bayern Munich reaped a hard earned 2-0 over Nuremberg thanks to Ribery and Robben, meanwhile Leverkusen down Monchengladbach in a goal festival on Saturday.

The Bavarians keep their perfect start with three consecutive wins as Nuremberg were unable to keep the hosts on distance for more than one half.

As expected, Bayern took reins with the opening whistle whilst Nuremberg kept their team behind the ball to chance it on counter attacks. However, it were the visitors that fired off a warning shot when Daniel Ginczek hit the bar with a long range effort, fifteen minutes into the game.

Bayern dominated the ball and the visitors but

yet they were incapable to turn their possession into a tangible reward. With 33 minutes on the clock the record champions had the chance to open the scoring from the penalty spot as Per Nilson brought down Arjen Robben inside the box.

Nevertheless, David Alaba were unable to score the opener as Nuremberg keeper Raphael Schaefer denied the penalty into the bottom right.

The hosts increased the pressure at the second half to overcome Nuremberg's bulwark at the 69th minute when Franck Ribery headed home a cross by Philipp Lahm at the far post. The visitors were incapable to put up some resistance as Arjen Robben's solo run and goal made the game safe at the 78th minute.

Leverkusen extend

their 100% start as they defeated Monchengladbach 4-2 in an entertaining match. Both teams staged a slow start but the handball penalty for Leverkusen stimulated the action on the pitch as Stefan Kieling scored his 100th goal for Leverkusen at the 23rd minute.

The "Werkself" made use of their momentum to double the lead five minutes later when Sidney Sam slotted home into the open goal thanks to the build up by Kieling.

Unlike in the first half Leverkusen seemed content with the 2-0 lead and handed over the reins to Monchengladbach that reduced the lead. Martin Stanzl utilized the build up by Patrick Herrmann in the box to make it 2-1 at the 54th minute.

Reuters

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| 11:10 am | 8:00 pm |
| 16. New Melody | 34. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 12:00 pm | 8:35 pm |
| 17. News/International News/Weather Report | 35. People Talks |
| 12:25 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 18. Myanmar Movies | 36. News |
| | 37. Present Songs |
| | 38. India Drama Series |

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- * Local News
- * Karaweik Palace-A Symbol Of Glorious Myanma Culture
- * World News
- * Les's Enjoy Fish Crispy
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Traditional Wicker Ball (Chinlone)
- * World News
- * Pyu Burial Urns and Custom of Pyu People
- * Local News
- * Journey To Unimaginable Spots (Episode-10)
- * World News
- * Products of the Loom
- * Local News
- * Maha Myatmuni Buddha Images in Rakhine
- * World News
- * Continuation in rural tradition
- * Local News
- * History Of Wishfulfilling Mai-Lamu Pagoda
- * World News
- * Colonial Buldings and a New Yangon
- * Local News
- * Shwe Bo Township bearing five names (Part-1)
- * World News
- * Marvelous Solo Cane Ball Playing
- * Local News
- * Myanmar Mega Factory (Episode-2)
- * World News
- * Myanmar Weaving
- * Local News
- * Travelling In Shan Mountain Ranges (Htan San Cave & Mwetaw Kakku)
- * World News
- * Myanmar Movie Review "Superb"

Train derails in Texas

HOUSTON, 25 Aug — A train carrying 46 passengers derailed in the US state of Texas due to an engine problem, with no one hurt in the accident, local media reported on Saturday.

The derailment happened on Friday night when the lead engine of the Texas Eagle train lost contact with the track about three km from its scheduled stop at a station near downtown San Antonio, the second largest city of Texas, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

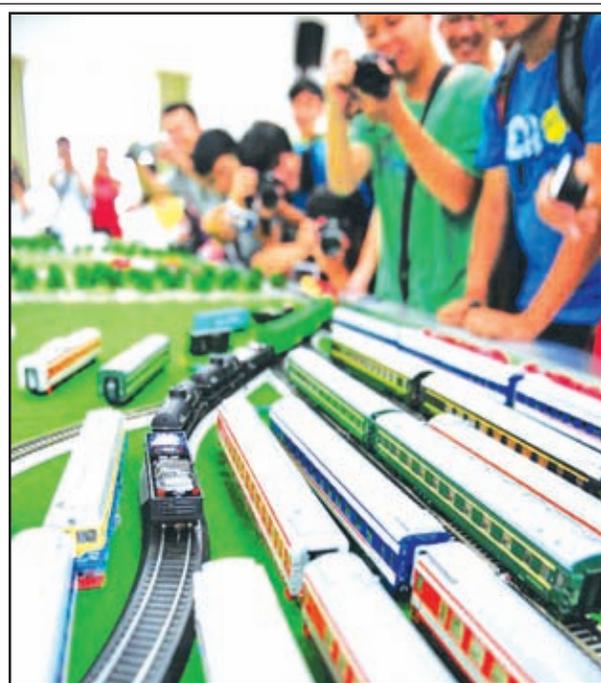
The train was headed from Chicago to San Antonio. Amtrak, the US na-

tional railroad passenger corporation, confirmed the accident on Saturday and said no one was injured.

Its spokesperson Cliff Cole told the media all passengers were provided alternate bus transportation so that they could continue their travel.

Cole said the exit to the station was blocked off as crews worked on the train. Union Pacific, the host railroad, will evaluate the track for damage. Damaged equipment was removed from the scene and the cause of the derailment is under investigation.

Xinhua



Miniature trains are displayed at an exhibition in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 24 Aug, 2013. The exhibition, held by local railway department, introduces the nation's railway development and culture by showing train models and conducting simulated operation.—XINHUA

Kennedy wins 2nd title after final round canceled

MIKI, 25 Aug — Overnight leader Brad Kennedy of Australia captured his second title on the Japan tour Sunday after the final round of the Kansai Open was called off due to heavy rainfall.

Kennedy had returned to play in Japan after a lay-off of nearly seven weeks as he vacationed in Australia. He finished at 10-under 206 for a one-stroke win over South Korean Park Sung Joon. Azuma Yano, who was in 110th place after the first round, finished a stroke further back in third at 8 under.

Kennedy received 9 million yen in prize money — 75 percent of the origi-

nal purse — since the event was shortened to 54 holes. He also earned a two-year exemption on the JGTO tour.

"It feels great to win my second JGTO event," said Kennedy, whose previous victory was at last year's Mizuno Open.

"There's real excitement to the amount of work I've been putting in with my coach. I just love playing out here. It's great to win on such a tough tour," he added. Yuta Ikeda finished four strokes back in fifth, while national amateur champion Yujiro Ohori, who led after the second round, closed at 5 under in a share of ninth place.—Kyodo News

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends Myanmar parliamentary committee meeting



Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann addresses coordination meeting of Myanmar parliamentary committee.—MNA

NAYPYITAW, 25 Aug— Myanmar parliamentary committee meeting was held at Zabuthiri hall in the compound of Hluttaw complex, here, this afternoon.

Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Secretary Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa and members Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, the speakers from Region and State Hluttaws and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann made an opening speech. Then, Myanmar parliamentary committee Secretary U Nanda Kyaw Swa reported on work progress on the minutes of previous meeting.

State Hluttaws participated in the discussion.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann gave concluding remarks.

The meeting continues tomorrow.—MNA

12 Yemeni air force cadets die in bombing attack by al-Qaida

SANAA, 25 Aug— Al-Qaida affiliates launched a bombing attack on a bus near the air force base in Yemen's capital Sanaa on Sunday, killing at least 12 air force cadets aboard, officials and witnesses said.

"A bus carrying at least 24 air force cadets was blown up on a main road while heading toward the air force base in Sanaa, killing at least 12 cadets," an air force official told Xinhua, saying al-Qaida carried out the attack.

"Initial investigations

showed that an intensified explosive device was either planted inside the bus or thrown on the road in front of the bus while it was driving, which totally destroyed it," the official said, on condition of anonymity. The official said the wounded were in critical conditions and the death toll might be increased.

Meanwhile, al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) claimed responsibility in an exclusive statement received by Xinhua.

Xinhua



Security forces collect evidence inside the bus after the bombing attack in Sanaa, Yemen, on Aug. 25, 2013. Al-Qaida affiliates launched a bombing attack on a bus near the air force base in the capital Sanaa on Sunday, killing at least 12 air force cadets aboard, officials and witnesses said.—Xinhua

Attempted sexual assault in Kanbalu Township stirs violence

NAYPYITAW, 25 Aug— Stalls, houses and poultry farm were set fire on 24 August as the crowd had been informed that a woman in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region was sexually assaulted by a man. The authorities concerned are trying to rein in the situation in order to avoid the reoccurrence of violence and made arrangements to take actions against those who got involved in the

incident. The incident is that a woman of Zipintha Village, Htankon Village-tract, Kanbalu Township who was on her way home from the sales/purchase of hairs at about 6.30 pm on 24 August was physically harassed by Hsan Min Oo, son of U Hsan Win, of Htantaw Village who attempted to rape her. Hsan Min Oo, seeing a man coming to them, fled the scene but was later arrested.

Hsan Min Oo was transferred to Kanbalu Myoma Police Station from Htankon Police Station for detention, and thence sent to Shwebo Prison in the late evening to avoid the occurrence of undesirable problems.

At 7.30 pm, about 150 villagers from Htankon and Zipintha Villages arrived at Htankon Police Station and demanded that Hsan Min Oo be handed over to them. (See page 9)



Fire brigade members putting out fire caused by violence in Kanbalu.—MNA

MMPO awards outstanding students



Union Minister U Aung Kyi addresses eighth prize presentation to outstanding students for 2012-13 academic year. MNA

Min (Mingala), Junction Cineplex, U Win Maw (Forever Group), U Nyunt Lwin (Family Entertainment), artists and wellwishers.

Chairman of MMPO U Lu Min, film Director U Nyi Nyi Tun Lwin, U Aye Kyu Lay and U Tin Aung presented prizes to outstanding students.

Then, six-distinction winner Ma Pwint Malar Thaw spoke words of thanks on behalf of outstanding students and MMPO Chairman U Lu Min made a conclusion remark.

The ceremony was also

YANGON, 25 Aug— The eighth prize presentation to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours in 2012-2013 academic year of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization was held at the office of MMPO on Wingaba Road, here, this morning with a speech by U Aung Kyi, Union Minister for Information. At the ceremony, Prize Presentation Committee Chairman U Tin Aung reported on the purpose of the ceremony.

Then, Patrons of

Chairman of MMPO U Lu Min awards prize to an outstanding student. MNA



MMPO U Sein Tin, U Soe Moe, U Hnin Moe and U Zin Waing accepted K 9.75 million donated by enterprises, departments and the ministry, U Zaw

attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe, Region Ministers, departmental heads, artistes, parents of students and guests.—MNA