

Dr Sai Mauk Kham urges Hsenwi, Kutkai dwellers to attract tourists

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham met with townsenders at Aung Mingala Hall in Hsenwi Township in Shan State (North) this morning.

At the meeting, the Vice-President urged them to join hands with the State in carrying out development tasks in the township.

The meeting was attended by the Hluttaw reps, townsenders, departmental officials, culture and social organizations, ward/village administrators and officials from development supporting committee.

The Vice-President said that he settled the problems of education, health, road and bridge and agriculture during previous visit and pledged

to fulfill the needs as much as he can. Although Hsenwi Township lies on border trade road, the livelihood of locals depend on agriculture and trade, the Vice-President said. He suggested to promote tourism industry in the township to create job opportunities for locals. The Vice-President also invited those present to practise good agriculture pattern in Nay Pyi Taw.

He presented K 16.35 million for students who passed matric exam for 2012-13 academic year and national race cultural troupes. Next, the Vice-President went to Kutkai where he inspected the condition of old runway of airport.

Then, he met local people at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kutkai and said that
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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham greets townsenders at Aung Mingala Hall in Hsenwi Township in Shan State (North).—MNA

Vice-President U Nyan Tun inspects SME Development Centre, One Stop Service for Investment



Vice-President U Nyan Tun visits Lens Factory in Mingaladon Industrial Zone.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Vice-President U Nyan Tun visited SME Development Centre of Ministry of Industry on

University Avenue in Bahan Township this afternoon.

The Vice-President heard reports on formation

of the centre, mission and vision of the centre and progress of works presented by Deputy Minister for Industry U

Thein Aung and officials. The centre was established in April 2012 with the aim of effectively
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Heavy rains in Sagaing Region, Chin and Rakhine States

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—According to the observations and analysis of meteorological conditions at (12:30) hrs M.S.T today, under the influence of vigorous monsoon in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, widespread rain or

thundershowers will be in Sagaing Region, Chin and Rakhine States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls during the next (36) hrs commencing this noon, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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Drains dredged for proper flow of water in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 26 Aug—Workers of Sanitation Department under Mandalay City Development Committee carried out sanitation and dredging the drains along 73rd Street between 34th to 38th streets in Chanayethazan Township and Mingala

canal in Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay with the use of heavy machinery for proper flow of water at drains on 23 August.

As MCDC is cleaning and dredging the drains for proper flow of water, the local people are reminded

against the undisciplined throwing of garbage, especially plastic bags and polyethylene bags into the drains and urged to throw them into the designated places.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Water let out from emergency gate

PADAUNG, 26 Aug—As heavy rain showered in Padaung Township violently, Khawa Dam was in danger of breakdown at the embankment on 19 August.

The departmental officials informed administrators of Chinywagyi, Tonkin, Kongale, KyaO, Tawma and Sanma villages of danger of embankment breakdown.

On 20 August morning, the emergency gate of the dam was opened to flow out the water from the dam. So, the villages were inundated with 2.5 feet deep water. There was no loss and damage till today.—Kyemon-578

KYANGIN, 26 Aug—As flood hit Betye and villages near Kyangin on 20 August, members of Red Cross Brigade helped the local people.

In the floods period, Kyangin and Betye in Ayeyawady Region suffered inundation over the roads and villages.

Members of Kyangin Township Red Cross Brigade together with members of social organizations participated in evacuation of the local people to the safe places on 21 August.

Kyemon-Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)

Disaster

Red Cross members help flood victims



Students join Debate Contest in Mohnyin



MOHNYIN, 26 Aug—A debate under the title “Men

have more capacity than women in preserving Myan-

mar culture” was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Mohnyin on 1 August.

Ten ninth standard students from BEHS in Mohnyin District took part in the debate and they won the applauds of the students.

Moreover, the middle school level extempore talks contest and primary level story telling and poem recitation contests were organized with the participation of 30 students.

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Agriculture

Cultivation of monsoon paddy late, summer paddy boosts per-acre yield



PATHEINGYI, 26 Aug—Although cultivation of monsoon paddy turned out to be late in Mandalay Region because of bad weather in the early monsoon, summer production increased in the region.

Patheingyi, Madaya, Singaing and Kyaukse regions in Mandalay are engaged in cultivation of paddy.

The remaining town-

ships of the region put the farmlands under crops as main business.

In the last season, Madalay Region grew 157,000 acres of summer paddy and its production boosted to over 90 baskets of paddy per acre.

In Madaya, Patheingyi, Kyaukse and Singaing townships, summer paddy plantations were irrigated by the dams. Thus, Hsinthweyin

paddy strain could rise production with over 100 baskets per acre.

At present, summer paddy are being harvested in Yekyi, Ainggyi, Gywaygyigon and Shintawgon villages in Patheingyi Township, Yenantha and Kyauktada villages in Madaya Township. A total of 100 baskets of paddy fetches K 430,000.—Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Yayle (checkpoint) building collapses in Kawthoung

KAWTHOUNG, 26 Aug—The collapse of the building of Yayle (checkpoint) for border immigration between Myanmar and Thailand in Kawthoung took place on 21 August afternoon.

The checkpoint is a unit where departmental officials of Myanmar side perform their tasks to check and inspect the Myanmar travellers wishing to visit Thailand and the Thai people wishing to tour Myanmar. It was built at the beach of Mwedaw Island, east of Kawthoung.

The building was constructed with timber posts with corrugated iron sheets roofing. The posts of the buildings became decaying in the sea water.

The right side of the building was not used for any thing, and preparations are being made for rebuild it.

Unexpectedly, the building tilted against the right side on 21 August afternoon. The collapse caused no injuries to service personnel and travellers at the building.

Kyemon-Kyaw Soe

Photo shows collapse of checkpoint building in Kawthoung.



WORLD

Japan mulls sending patrol aircraft for int'l antipiracy mission

MANAMA, 26 Aug—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Sunday Japan will consider sending P-3C patrol aircraft for multinational antipiracy operations off Somalia, Japanese officials said. In a meeting with Vice Adm John Miller, commander of the US Navy 5th Fleet, in Bahrain, Abe said it is very important to contribute to the international community's efforts with the dispatch of the Maritime Self-Defence Force aircraft. Miller lauded the plane's capabilities, the officials said.

The Japanese government decided in July that an MSDF escort vessel will join a combined operation from December involving

countries such as the United States, Britain and Australia to prevent pirates from approaching commercial vessels in the Gulf of Aden.

The government maintains that MSDF participation in the joint mission will not contravene its longstanding interpretation that Japan cannot exercise the right to collective self-defence under the pacifist Constitution, as antipiracy activities are limited to "the use of police authority."

Japan's antipiracy mission off Somalia began in 2009. Two MSDF escort vessels and two P-3C patrol planes are deployed in the operation.

In his talks with Miller, Abe also said ensuring sta-



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (L) talks with Vice Adm John Miller (3rd from R), commander of the US Navy 5th Fleet, in Manama, Bahrain, on 25 Aug 2013. —KYODO NEWS

bility in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz is vital to Japan and the world economy. The strait is one of the busiest shipping lanes for crude oil and Japan heavily depends on the Middle East for crude oil imports.

Abe is in Bahrain on the first leg of a six-day trip through Thursday that also includes visits to Ku-

wait, Qatar and Djibouti. On Saturday, Abe met with his Bahrain counterpart Prince Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa and agreed to resume a ministerial strategic dialogue between Japan and the six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly meeting in September, the officials said.—Kyodo News

Bombs, shootings kill at least 47 across Iraq

BAQUBA, 26 Aug — Car bombs, roadside bombs and shootings killed at least 47 people in Iraq on Sunday, police and medical sources said, as tensions intensify between Sunni and Shi'ite Muslims across the Middle East. Sunni Muslim insurgents and the al-Qaeda-affiliated Islamic State of Iraq have significantly increased their attacks this year. More than 1,000 Iraqis were killed in July, the highest monthly death toll since 2008, according to the United Nations.

More than two years of civil war in neighboring Syria have aggravated deep-rooted sectarian divisions and shaken Iraq's fragile coalition of Shi'ite, Kurdish and Sunni factions.

The renewed violence,

eighteen months after the last US troops withdrew from Iraq, has sparked fears of a return to the scale sectarian slaughter in 2006 and 2007. Iraqis have suffered extreme violence for years, but since the start of 2013 the intensity of attacks on civilians has dramatically increased. Bomb attacks have increasingly targeted cafes and other places where families gather, as well as the usual targets of military facilities and checkpoints.

The biggest of Sunday's attacks took place in central Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad when a car bomb blew up near a housing complex, killing at least 11 people and wounding 34, police said.—Reuters



Residents pass by a damaged vehicle a day after a bomb attack in central Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad, on 25 Aug, 2013.—REUTERS

UN ready to support S Korea's offer to build peace park in inter-Korean border

SEOUL, 26 Aug—UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon on Monday said the United Nations is ready to support South Korean President Park Geun Hye's offer for establishment of a peace park in the Demilitarized Zone that divides the Korean Peninsula

into the North and the South. "UN is ready to offer full support when there is a progress after North and South Korea agree on that," Ban told a news conference, noting that he conveyed that position to Park when they met last week.

Park made the offer in

a speech on 15 Aug.

Promoting a world peace park in the DMZ was one of Park's campaign pledges before she came to power in February.

She has since voiced it on multiple occasions, including during her address to the US Congress in May and in a recent speech to

mark the 60th anniversary of the armistice agreement that ended the combat phase of the Korean War.

Park has said such a project would serve as a "starting point for peace and unification on the Korean Peninsula" and "send a message of peace to all of humanity."—Kyodo News

Mexico migrant cargo train 'La Bestia' derails, at least six dead



Soldiers stand near the overturned wagons of a derailed train in Huamanguillo, in this 25 August, 2013 handout photo provided by Diario Presencia.—REUTERS

MEXICO CITY, 26 Aug—At least six people were killed when a cargo train nicknamed "La Bestia," or "The Beast," on which would-be migrants hitch rides toward the US border, derailed in a remote area of southern Mexico on Sunday, state officials said.

Ambulances were un-

able to reach the accident scene in Huamanguillo in the southern state of Tabasco because of the difficult terrain.

Images from the scene showed freight cars overturned and wheels separated from their base. Officials said eight of the 12 cars overturned and that a

Honduran man was among the dead.

"This train carries a lot of (illegal) migrants from Central America," Cesar Burelo, emergency services director in Tabasco, told local television. "(Those five) were the visible dead. It could be that as the structure of the train is removed ... more bodies could appear."

Engineers were planning to move the overturned wagons on Monday.

Burelo said it would be difficult to determine the total number of people aboard the train at the time of the pre-dawn accident.

"It's very likely that (surviving travelers) have left the scene." A spokesman for Tabasco state government said the death toll had risen to six, with 22 injured. He said 16 people were being treated in hospitals in nearby Choapas, Veracruz.—Reuters

Russia warns US not to repeat in Syria past mistakes in region

MOSCOW, 26 Aug—Russia warned the United States on Sunday against repeating past mistakes, saying that any unilateral military action in Syria would undermine efforts for peace and have a devastating impact on the security situation in the Middle East.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said its statement was a response to US actions to give it the option of an armed strike against Syria.

It drew a parallel between reports Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces had used chemical weapons and Washington's 2003 intervention in Iraq following accusations by then-President George Bush's administration that Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's government possessed weapons of mass destruction.

"We once again de-

cisively urge (the United States) not to repeat the mistakes of the past and not to allow actions that go against international law," the ministry said.

"Any unilateral military action bypassing the United Nations will ... lead to further escalation (in Syria) and will affect the already explosive situation in the Middle East in the most devastating way."

Moscow said any military action would severely hamper joint US-Russian efforts for an international peace conference to end a civil war that has killed more than 100,000 people.

"The threat to use force against the Syrian regime sends the (Syrian) opposition conflicting signals," the ministry said. "All sponsors of the opposition, which have influence over it, must seek the fastest possible agreement from Bashar al-Assad's

opponents to hold talks." US President Barack Obama met his security advisers on Saturday to debate options following reports of the alleged chemical attack. US naval forces have been repositioned in the Mediterranean to give Washington the option of an armed strike.

Syria's opposition accused Assad's forces of gassing many hundreds of people — by one report as many as 1,300 — on Wednesday. Syria said earlier on Sunday it had agreed to let the experts visit the site.

Russia, which has suggested that Syrian rebels may have carried out the attack, also said on Sunday that assigning blame too soon over the alleged poison gas strike would be a "tragic mistake", before a UN investigation on Monday.

Reuters

Archaeologists use drones in Peru to map and protect sites

LIMA, 26 Aug—In Peru, home to the spectacular Inca city of Machu Picchu and thousands of ancient ruins, archaeologists are turning to drones to speed up sluggish survey work and protect sites from squatters, builders and miners. Remote-controlled aircraft were developed for military purposes and are a controversial tool in US anti-terrorism campaigns, but the technology's falling price means it is increasingly used for civilian and commercial projects around the world.

Small drones have been helping a growing number of researchers

produce three-dimensional models of Peruvian sites instead of the usual flat maps — and in days and weeks instead of months and years. Speed is an important ally to archaeologists here. Peru's economy has grown at an average annual clip of 6.5 percent over the past decade, and development pressures have surpassed looting as the main threat to the country's cultural treasures, according to the government.

Researchers are still picking up the pieces after a pyramid near Lima, believed to have been built some 5,000 years ago by a fire-revering coastal so-



A drone flies over the archaeological site of Cerro Chepen as it takes pictures in Trujillo on 3 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

ciety, was razed in July by construction firms. That same month, residents of a town near the pre-Incan ruins of Yanamarca reported that informal miners were damaging the three-story stone structures as they dug for quartz. And squatters and farmers repeatedly try to seize land near important sites like Chan Chan on the

northern coast, considered the biggest adobe city in the world.

Archaeologists say drones can help set boundaries to protect sites, watch over them and monitor threats, and create a digital repository of ruins that can help build awareness and aid in the reconstruction of any damage done.—Reuters

New rocket Epsilon to be launched on Tuesday

TOKYO, 26 Aug—The state-run Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said Sunday it will launch its new solid-fuel rocket Epsilon from the Uchinoura Space Centre in Kagoshima Prefecture at 1:45 pm on Tuesday.

It will be the first launch of a new type of rocket in Japan since an H2A rocket was launched in 2001.

The three-stage Epsi-

lon, which is 24.4 meters long, 2.6 meters in diameter and weighs 91 tons, is a successor to the M-5 rocket that was retired in 2006.

One hour after launch, the rocket will release a spectroscopic planet observatory called SPRINT-A, the world's first space telescope for remote observation of planets including Venus, at an altitude of around 1,000 kilometres.

Kyodo News

Xolo Q1000S with 5-inch HD display launched

KOLKATA, 26 Aug — The Xolo Q1000S features a 5-inch HD IPS display with OGS display technology and boasts a resolution of 720x1280 pixels with 294ppi pixel density. It runs on Android 4.2 Jelly Bean. The device is powered by 1.5GHz quad-core MediaTek 6589T processor paired with 1GB RAM. It also comes with 16GB of internal storage which is non-expandable and measures 6.98mm in thickness.

The Xolo Q1000S sports a 13-megapixel rear

camera with BSI 2 sensor with LED flash and a 5-megapixel front-facing camera. The rear camera is capable of recording full-HD videos and also comes with image stabilisation technology. Other features of camera are scene detection and tuning, high dynamic range (HDR), low-light enhancement, face recognition, burst mode feature to capture up to 99 shots, Panorama and geo-tagging. The handset packs in a 2500 mAh battery that can give up to 327 hours of standby time and about 23 hours of talk time, as per the company. Connectivity options include GPRS, EDGE, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi and 3G.

Earlier this month, the company had launched the Xolo A500S. The Xolo A500S features a 4-inch WVGA display that has a resolution of 480x800 pixels and pixel density of 233 Pixels Per Inch (PPI). The device is powered by a 1.2GHz dual-core processor with 512MB of RAM and a Mali-400 MP GPU. It includes a 5-megapixel rear camera accompanied by an LED flash and a VGA front facing camera.—PTI



Xolo has launched the Xolo Q1000S in India at a price point of Rs. 18,999.—PTI

Microsoft, Motorola set for second round of trial over patents



The Microsoft logo is seen at their offices in Bucharest on 20 March, 2013.—REUTERS

SEATTLE, 24 Aug—Microsoft Corp takes on Google's Motorola Mobility unit this week in the second of two landmark trials between the companies that delve into hot disputes over the patents behind smartphone and Internet techno-

logy. The jury trial, starting Monday in federal court in Seattle, is set to resolve whether Motorola breached its contract with Microsoft to license on reasonable terms its so-called standard essential patents, covering wireless and video techno-

logy used in the Xbox game console.

The proceeding comes days after Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer unexpectedly announced his retirement. It also follows a complex trial last November that decided what the appropriate fee for Microsoft's use of Motorola-patented technology should be. After five months of deliberation, US District Judge James Robart came down heavily in Microsoft's favour, saying it owed only a fraction of the royalties Motorola had claimed, suggesting the appropriate rate was about \$1.8 million, above Microsoft's estimate of \$1 million, but well below Motorola's demand for as much as \$4 billion a year.

Motorola cannot appeal Robart's April ruling until after the jury decides the second phase of the case. In a court filing, Microsoft said it had offered to pay Motorola \$6.8 million in past royalties, based on its application of Robart's order.

However, Motorola rejected the money, the filing said. In the forthcoming trial, starting with jury selection on Monday, Microsoft will argue that Motorola's initial demand was exorbitant and a clear breach of its agreement to charge reasonable and non-discriminatory terms — commonly referred to as 'RAND' — for technology that is an industry standard.

Microsoft and Google declined comment on the trial. After the result of the first trial, Motorola may have an uphill task in persuading a jury that it did not breach its contract.—Reuters

Al Jazeera accuses AT&T of wrongly terminating contract

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—AT&T unfairly terminated an affiliation agreement with Al Jazeera America, the cable network says in a recently unsealed lawsuit that highlights AT&T's subscriber base in conservative states. Under a heavily redacted description of the alleged "bad faith scheme," Al Jazeera notes in its complaint that "AT&T has a large subscriber base in Texas and other conservative states in the South and Southwest.

"Upon information and belief, it then began to cast around for an excuse to unilaterally terminate the Affiliation Agreement," the lawsuit says of AT&T. Al Jazeera America launched on Tuesday, but AT&T's U-verse pay-TV service did not carry the network, which in January bought Current TV, the network founded by former vice president Al Gore, because of a contract dispute, according to AT&T spokesman Mark Siegel.

"Al Jazeera has mischaracterized the facts," Siegel said in an e-mail on Friday. "Due to certain breaches by Al Jazeera, AT&T terminated the agreement and will no longer carry Current TV on U-Verse." Globally, Al Jazeera is seen in more than 260 million homes in 130 countries.

Reuters



The AT&T logo is pictured by its store in Carlsbad, California, on 22 April, 2013.

REUTERS

US scientists claim to have built world's most accurate clock

BEIJING, 26 Aug—US scientists have built the world's most precise clock, whose ticking rate varies less than two parts in one quintillion, or 10 times better than any other, according to National Institute of Standards and Technology physicist Andrew Ludlow.

The clock, made from the element ytterbium, could be used for technological advancements beyond timekeeping, such as navigation systems, mag-

netic fields and temperature. "The stability of the ytterbium lattice clocks opens the door to a number of exciting practical applications of high-performance timekeeping," Andrew Ludlow said in a statement.

However, some other said, although scientists have proclaimed that this is the world's most stable clock, they do not yet know as much about its accuracy. While mechanical clocks use the movement of a pen-

dulum to keep time, atomic clocks use an electromagnetic signal of light emitted at an exact frequency to move electrons in caesium atoms.

According to UK Telegraph, the physicists built the ytterbium clocks using about 10,000 rare-earth atoms cooled to 10 microkelvin (10 millionths of a degree above absolute zero) and trapped in an optical lattice made of laser light.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH

Asian stocks, currencies start new week on calmer note



A visitor walks past logos at the Tokyo Stock Exchange in Tokyo on 13 June, 2013.—REUTERS

SYDNEY, 26 Aug—Asian stocks rose and gold hit a near three-month high on Monday, extending a move started late last week when a steep drop in US new home sales tempered expectations the Federal Reserve will soon reduce stimulus. Trading was subdued, particularly in the currency markets, as investors awaited fresh offshore leads amid a lack of market-moving economic news out of Asia. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan .MIAPJ0000PUS climbed 0.7 percent, adding to Friday's 0.8 percent gain. Tokyo's Nikkei. N225 was little changed.

Hong Kong's Hang Seng index. HSI advanced 1.0 percent, Australia's S&P/ASX 200 index .AXJO edged up 0.2 percent and South Korea's KOSPI. KS11 put on 0.9 percent. Monday's gains came as a welcome relief after the MSCI index suffered a hefty 2.9 percent

drop last week. Much of the heat was felt in the region's emerging markets as investors pulled out of crowded trades in preparation for a post-stimulus world. Last week Indonesian stocks. JKSE posted an 8.7 percent slide in their biggest fall since September 2011. They were up 0.5 percent on Monday.

India, Indonesia and Brazil have scrambled to try to stem the destabilizing outflows that have slammed their currencies sharply lower, with the rupee skidding to record lows recently. Global central bankers at the Fed's annual Jackson Hole policy conference were warned that global financial stability is at risk as ultra-easy policies that have flooded the world with cash are slowly unwound. Uncertainty about when and how these policies will be phased out meant that market volatility will likely remain high, analysts said.

Reuters

Flying high-altitude spy planes tied to brain lesions

NEW YORK, 26 Aug—High-altitude pilots in the Air Force have a poorly understood type of brain lesion three times as often and four times as large as those seen in the brains of other military personnel, according to a new study. The lesions appeared on brain scans of an elite group of U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft pilots, of whom there are fewer than 200 in the US.

"Normal young healthy adult brains have few (lesions), as we have demonstrated in our control group," said lead author Dr. Stephen McGuire of the University of Texas in San Antonio and the US Air Force School of

Aerospace Medicine at the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio. The pilots in the study had lesions called white matter hyperintensities, which appear as bright spots on brain scans and may be caused by reduced blood flow, similar to those seen with head trauma, McGuire said, though none had experienced such injuries.

The reconnaissance planes regularly fly at 64,000 feet and can go higher than 70,000 feet, where pilots can see the curvature of the Earth and the dividing line between night and day, while commercial flights typically cruise at about 40,000 feet. At high

altitude, the spy planes maintain cabin pressure of 28,000 to 30,000 feet, compared to the average of 8,000 feet in a commercial flight. High-altitude pilots are at increased risk of decompression sickness, or "the bends," in which decreasing pressure allows bubbles of gas to form in the blood and can lead to temporary slowed mental processing or permanent cognitive decline.

With heavier use of the U-2 planes between 2006 and 2010, the number of incidents of pilots experiencing decompression sickness rose somewhat, McGuire's team writes in the journal *Neurology*.

Reuters

Fruits, vegetables may lower women's bladder cancer risk: US study

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug—US researchers said on Friday that a greater consumption of fruits and vegetables may reduce the risk of developing invasive bladder cancer in women.

Researchers from the University of Hawaii wrote in the *Journal of Nutrition* that they analyzed data collected from 185,885 older adults over a period of 12.5 years. Overall, 152 women and 429 men were diagnosed with invasive bladder cancer. After adjusting

for variables related to cancer risk, such as age, the researchers found that women who consumed the most fruits and vegetables had the lowest bladder risk.

The researchers said women consuming the most yellow-orange vegetables were 52 percent less likely to have bladder cancer than women consuming the least yellow-orange vegetables. The study also suggested that women with the highest intake of vitamins A, C and E had the lowest risk of



bladder cancer. There were, however, no associations between fruit and vegetable intake and invasive bladder cancer in men, it said.

"Our study supports the fruit and vegetable recommendation for cancer prevention," researcher Song-Yi Park at the Uni-

versity of Hawaii Cancer Centre said in a statement. "However, further investigation is needed to understand and explain why the reduced cancer risk with higher consumption of fruits and vegetables was confined to only women," Park added.—Xinhua

More Chinese go under the knife



Zhejiang Province's Jiaxing Shuguang cosmetic Surgery Hospital's physician prepares an artificial insert for a nose job. China ranked first in Asia and third in the world, after the United States and Brazil, in the number of cosmetic procedures conducted in 2011.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 26 Aug—A growing Chinese willingness to go under the knife for cosmetic purposes cuts to core questions about the changing national psyche. Many are facing the ugly side of beauty's pursuit — addiction, disfigurement and self-esteem problems.

Liu Zhihua reports.

The public hasn't seen the face of the woman who's perhaps China's most famous cosmetic surgery recipient. That's because Pink Baby wears a surgical mask when she appears on TV — not only to protect her identity but also

because she claims to have been disfigured by more than 200 plastic surgeries since age 16.

The 31-year-old Jiangsu Province native has become the public (although unseen) face of an increase in botched cosmetic procedures and plastic surgery addiction in China, as modernity is reshaping the body of traditional beliefs opposing plastic surgery. More people are going under the knife for cosmetic purposes, as entertainment and celebrity obsession have carved a new national psyche, slicing through long-held conceptions against modifying one's body because it's a shrine to one's parents.

The country ranks first in Asia and third in the world, after the United States and Brazil, in the number of cosmetic procedures — more than 1 mil-

lion in 2011, the US-based International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery reports. But the figures include only operations performed by certified professionals. Many Chinese undergo procedures at illegal cosmetology hospitals, clinics and beauty salons. Some are discovering the ugly side of beauty's pursuit.

While many are concerned about failed procedures, few fathom the possibility of becoming addicted to plastic surgery. "I can't stop," Pink Baby explains. "It's irresistible. I feel compelled to keep getting operations." Whenever the surgeries went awry, she'd rush to undertake corrective procedures — plus entirely new surgeries. She has undergone virtually every procedure available, she claims.

Xinhua

Too much aluminum in third of Chinese diets

BEIJING, 26 Aug—More than 30 percent of Chinese people's diets contain more aluminum than recommended, research has found. Excessive ingestion of aluminum can lead to neurological and respiratory problems and affect bone development. Some 40 percent of excess aluminum in Chinese diets is found in flour, according to research by nutritionist and food safety expert Chen Junshi for a food safety forum.

Baking powders, such as alum, added to flour are mainly to blame, say experts. While they help make flour products look and taste better, they are over-

used by some Chinese food manufacturers. However, as aluminum-free baking powders are more expensive, many manufacturers are reluctant to change. While the World Health Organization recommends a weekly intake of no more than 2 milligrams per kilogram of body weight, 32.5 percent Chinese people ingest levels above this, researchers found.

Some 44 percent of the excess amount comes from flour, followed by steamed bread (24 percent) and fried dough sticks (10 percent) — a traditional snack for breakfast. People in northern China — who traditionally prefer flour-based products such

as noodles — absorb four times as much aluminum as those in the south, the study found. Northern Chinese have an average aluminum consumption of 2.9mg/kg of body weight — almost 1.5 times the recommended amount.

And 43 percent of children aged between four and six eat 2.6 times the maximum recommended amount, Guangzhou Daily reported. Research was based on 6,600 samples of 11 kinds of food. The China National Center for Food Safety Risk Assessment aims to reduce the average weekly intake of aluminum from 1.8mg/kg of body weight to less than 0.8mg/kg.—Xinhua

US, Malaysia vow to increase military cooperation

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Aug — US and Malaysian defence officials said on Sunday that the two countries would continue to boost military ties and eyes on more areas for cooperation.

Speaking at a joint Press conference with his Malaysian counterpart Hishammuddin Hussein, US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel said the United States is committed to strengthening the military partnership with Malaysia. “US is committed to continuing to assist Malaysia’s

military, as it increases its capability in areas like humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, peace keeping, maritime security and counter terrorism,” he said.

The United States will conduct more than 75 activities, exchanges and visits with the Malaysian military this year. “All designed to boost its capability, and help it become a more professional and flexible force,” he added.

Hagel said he and Hishammuddin discussed future areas of cooperation, such as expanding defence



US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel (R) exchanges gifts with his Malaysian counterpart Hishammuddin Hussein at the end of a Press conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 25 Aug, 2013.—XINHUA

trade and technology collaboration as well as information sharing. Hagel is on a week-long trip to Southeast Asia, during which he

will also visit Indonesia, the Philippines and attend the ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting in Brunei.

Xinhua

Britain warns against fake NZ manuka honey

WELLINGTON, 26 Aug — Britain’s Food Standards Agency has issued a nationwide warning about misleading and illegal claims on the labels of New Zealand honey, after tests revealed many manuka honey products have none of the claimed active properties, Radio New Zealand reported on Sunday.

Some of the companies selling mislabelled honey are New Zealand producers and some are foreign. But even the most reputable New Zealand honey producers now face heightened surveillance in Britain.

The honey industry is estimated to be worth 120 million NZ dollars (96 million US dollars) a year in New Zealand.

But tests by reputable British, Chinese and Singaporean laboratories reveal many manuka honey products have none of the claimed active properties —some of the honey is not

even manuka — prompting industry leaders to demand a crackdown on “potentially huge fraud”.

The New Zealand Unique Manuka Factor Honey Association, which represents New Zealand manuka honey processing companies, said it is well known that New Zealand sells more manuka honey than it produces, but the industry has failed to deal with that.

The head of the association John Rawcliffe said a crackdown on the fake manuka had to happen.

He said after much delay, his organization has come up with a testing regime that will help consumers identify the real thing from a fake.

A spokesperson of the Ministry for Primary Industries said it will come up with a definition of manuka honey that is internationally agreed on and backed up by robust science.—Xinhua

UN experts in Syria to visit site of poison gas attack



Free Syrian Army fighters walk past damaged buildings and debris in Deir al-Zor on 20 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

BEIRUT, 26 Aug — UN weapons experts are due on Monday to inspect a site where poison gas killed many hundreds of people in Damascus suburbs, amid calls from Western capitals for military action to punish the world’s worst apparent chemical weapons attack in 25 years.

Syria agreed on Sunday to allow the inspectors to visit the site. The United States and its allies say evidence has been destroyed by government shelling of the area over the past five days, and the Syrian offer to allow inspectors came too late.

Washington has faced

calls for action in response to Wednesday’s attack, which came a year after President Barack Obama declared use of chemical weapons to be a “red line” which would require a firm response.

Obama has been reluctant to intervene in Syria’s 2-1/2-year-old conflict and U.S. officials stressed that he has yet to make a decision on how to respond. A senior senator, Republican Bob Corker, said he believed Obama would ask Congress for authorization to use force when lawmakers return from summer recess next month.

Secretary of State John

Kerry said in a round of phone calls to his foreign counterparts that there was “very little doubt” the Syrian government had gassed its own citizens.

The State Department said Kerry emphasized this in calls to the foreign ministers of France, Britain and Canada as well as to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

Russia, a major ally of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, has suggested rebels may have been behind the chemical attack and said it would be a “tragic mistake” to jump to conclusions over who was responsible.

The White House said Obama and French President Francois Hollande “discussed possible responses by the international community”.

British Prime Minister David Cameron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed that “such an attack demanded a firm response from the international community,” Cameron’s office said.

Syria watchers said the government’s decision to allow the inspections may have been an attempt to

stave off intervention.

“My view is that the Syrian government’s apparent agreement to the UN inspection has been triggered by the growing possibility of military action,” said Malcolm Chalmers, Research Director at the Britain’s Royal United Services Institute.—Reuters

US spy agency edges into the light after Snowden revelations



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

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug — There was a time when the US National Security Agency was so secretive that government officials dared not speak its name in public. NSA, the joke went, stood for “No Such Agency.”

That same agency this month held an on-the-record conference call with reporters, issued a lengthy Press release to rebut a newspaper story, and posted documents on a newly launched open website — icontherecord.tumblr.com (which stands for intelligence community on the record).

The steps were taken under pressure as President Barack Obama’s adminis-

tration tries to calm a public storm over disclosures by former NSA contractor Edward Snowden that the surveillance agency and its British counterpart scoop up far more Internet and phone data than previously known.

The NSA’s moves out of the shadows were meant to show that it operates lawfully and fixes mistakes when they are detected, but not everyone is convinced that it is a fundamental shift toward more openness at the intelligence agencies.

Some steps toward openness were unprecedented.

The government for the first time released opinions —previously labelled Top

Secret — from the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, which never publicly airs its decisions on the electronic eavesdropping and communications collection by the NSA.

The move came despite resistance from some Justice Department lawyers and some NSA and CIA officials concerned about the amount of unredacted material going public in the three FISA Court opinions released, US sources told Reuters.

In the end, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper made the decision on how much material was released from the previously secret court opinions.

Reuters

US prepares military options on Syria over chemical weapons claims

KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Aug — The United States has prepared military options on Syria over its alleged use of chemical weapons, but action will only be taken once intelligence is verified, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Sunday.

“We and our allies are continuing to assess the intelligence and the specifics of the intelligence on the use of chemical weapons. I won’t go further on that

until we have more intelligence based on facts,” Hagel told a Press conference after meeting with his Malaysian counterpart Hishammuddin Hussein. “President (Barack) Obama has asked the Defence Department to prepare options for all contingencies and we have done that and we are prepared to exercise whatever options if he decides to enforce or not,” he added.

The Syrian crisis has

worsened as reports claimed that chemical weapons have been used. The opposition pointed to President Bashar al-Assad’s government as the culprit although the Syrian military has denied using such weapons.

Hagel arrived in Malaysia on Saturday for a three-day visit, the first stop on his Asian tour that will also take him to Indonesia, Brunei and the Philippines.

Kyodo News

LOCAL NEWS

Health Care Activity

Anti-DHF measures carried out in Insein Township



YANGON, 26 Aug—General Administration Department and Health Department in Insein Township in Yangon North District of Yangon Region organized anti-Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever campaign in each ward in the township. Authorities in east

Ywama ward and NGOs jointly carried out sanitation and sterilization measures in the ward on 20 August.

Staff of Township Development Affairs Committee and Health Department participated in the activities.—MMAL-District IPRD

Fingerlings released into 10-acre farm in Putao

PUTAO, 26 Aug—Fisheries Department in Putao District in Kachin State released fingerlings into 10-acre monsoon paddy

seed production farm in Htaungkahtaung ward in Putao on 22 August.

The campaign is aimed at providing example to

farmers in the region for integrated farming.

The ceremony was attended Putao District Deputy Commissioner U

Judicial staff quarters opened in Myitkyina

MYITKYINA, 26 Aug—The opening ceremony of staff quarters for judicial officers of High Court of Kachin State was held at the staff quarters in Thida ward in Myitkyina on 23 August

morning.

Head of state judicial department explained the purpose of the construction of the new staff quarters.

Managing Director U Myo Chit Swe (a) U Chit of

Fashion View Construction Co Ltd handed over documents related to the staff quarters to the head of state judicial department.

Kachin State High Court Chief Justice U Tu

Ja, Judges of High Court U Zaw Win and Daw Pyone Pyone Aye and head of state judicial department Daw Aye Aye Mon formally opened the building.—MMAL-Township IPRD

Myanma Agricultural Bank disburses loans to farmers in Pale Township

PALE, 26 Aug—Myanma Agricultural Bank in Pale in Sagaing Region disbursed loans to farmers in the area for monsoon paddy from 20 June to 17 August.

They granted loans to farmers from 43 village-tracts or wards.

Bank manager U Htein Win said, “We have granted loans of K 2853.38 million to 7564 farmers from 43

village-tracts and wards in Pale Township to date.”

The loans were disbursed on six days a week except in Sunday.

There are 60 village-tracts in Pale Township.

Farmers from remaining 18 village-tracts would receive loans by the end of this month, according to the bank official.—MMAL-Myint Thein Soe (Pontaungmye)

Integrated Farming

Hlaing Tun of General Administration Department, Putao Township Administrator U Soe Myint Thein, Machanbaw Township Administrator U Tin Myo Aung, Staff Officer of Putao Township Fisheries Department U Tin Maung Oo, district/township departmental personnel and farmers.

A total of 5000 fingerlings were released into the 10-acre farm.

MMAL-Phonkan (Putao)

Natural Disaster

Flood hits Shwepyitha Township in Yangon Region

SHWEPYITHA, 26 Aug—Due to heavy rain in two consecutive days on 22-23 August, Shwepyitha Township in Yangon Region is deluged with flood.

Wards and villages in the township were affected by flood as the rainwater could not flow into the river and is stuck in the low-land wards of the township.

The flash flood forced 10 schools in the township to close.

A total of 2357 people from 822 households from 646 houses were affected by the flood and have been relocated at nearby

Charity

Needy patients provided assistance in Muse

MUSE, 26 Aug—Muse District Women’s Affairs Organization Chairperson Daw Nilar Aye and members, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Pa Pa Min and members donated cash and refreshments to 16 needy patients at Muse District General Hospital in Muse on 20 August

afternoon.

The chairperson of the District WAO donated cash for five-day refreshment for the patients.

Moreover, they also donated books and stationery to Thuwunna Theingi Nunnery at Mongyu 105th-Mile.

Kyemon-Thein Zaw Oo (Shweli)

Zabu Hteinlin Monastery organizes medical treatment

PYAPON, 26 Aug—Zabu Hteinlin Monastery in Pyapon Township of Ayeyawady Region is providing health car services to over 200 patients at Zabuthukha Clinic weekly.

The clinic has been opened since 1 January this year. Up to the end of July, the clinic has provided health care to over 5000 patients.

Doctors from urban area and hospital joined the clinic of their own accord to give health care to over 200 patients a day. The clinic bears the cost of medicines, ECG, laboratory and X-ray charges for the patients, said Ko Wi Chaing (Gyogya Electronics).

“I have received medical treatment at the clinic for

two times. I thanked the responsible persons for their arrangements to provide health to needy persons,” said a patient from Thayetpinseik Village of Pyapon Township.

The clinic costs K 300,000 to K 400,000 a week. Wellwishers donate cash and kind to the clinic.

In addition, some persons donate cash to the clinic in commemoration of birthday and wedding receptionies, said Ko Wunna Tun of the clinic.

Patients from Poapon, Bogale, Dedaye and Kyaiklat townships also receive medical treatment at the clinic that provide health care to patients regardless of national or religion free of charge.—MMAL-Thuza Nwe (Pyapon)

International Sports

World Series of Martial Arts Championships 31 August

YANGON, 26 Aug—Organized by Ministry of Sports, World Series of Martial Arts Championship will be held at Indo or Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, Yangon Region, on 31 August with the sponsorship of Forever, Bec-Tero and Myanmar Media Group.

The championship will be for the first time for the Indo-China region.

Famous boxers from nine countries namely the US, England, Australia, Pakistan, Iran, Japan, the Philippines, Thailand and Myanmar will take part in the championship.

The championship will be classified into seven weighing classes.

In addition, two world championship matches, four Indo-China championship matches and one Myanmar championship match will be included.

Each match will last five minutes for three times.

The draw match will not be decided, and jury members will make decisions for win and loss.

Akbar Karimi of Iran



Ashley Byrne of Australia



Kristoffer Shaw of England

and Pak Attack will meet in the world heavyweight championship match.

In the middleweight class, Samuri of Japan and John Malbrough of the US will fight for securing champion title.

In the Indo-China weltherweight class, Ashley Byrne of Australia will fight against Kristoffer Shaw of England.

In the Indo-China Lightweight class, Mark Gittins of England will meet with Will Choep of the US.

In Featherweight class, Jitsadapong Thong of Thailand will attack Dean Bermudez of the Philippines.

In Bentanweight class, Majid Hamid of Iran will fight against Jesse Fafols of the Philippines.

For clinching the title for Myanmar Champion in the event, Htet Aung Oo (Taungale) will fight against Po Tha Gyi (Mandalay).

The US, China and Myanmar TV channels will broadcast the championship live.

The fans may buy ticket at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna by dialing 01-549297.

Ticket fee for the championship is fixed at K 8000 for ordinary stand and K 15000 for grandstand.

Kyemon-Min Htet



Local wellwishers provide foodstuff to flood victims in Shwepyitha.

NATIONAL

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 27 August, 2013

Pandora's Box

Like all other countries around the world, Myanmar is also facing the ill consequences of climate change such as droughts, floods, heat waves, cold waves and abnormal temperatures.

But the decline in forest areas also has a hand in this adverse climate change as the country's tree coverage at present is just 24 percent of her total land area down from 47 percent in 2000, 52 percent in 1998, 59 percent in 1989 and 60 percent in 1975 respectively.

Last year, the monsoon came lately and said goodbye earlier than usual activating droughts in some places and floods in others, shortening the cold season and extending the dry season of Myanmar all of which were related to climate change.

On the contrary some countries including neighbors are witnessing increase in their forest areas resulting from termination of log exports, rigorous forest conservation and protection for greening and climate regulation.

As for Myanmar, she has been in a tough mission of regeneration, reforestation, tree protection and plantation and anti-logging and trafficking. Anyhow greater efforts are still needed.

One of the main causes may be the continued existence of illegal tree cutting and cross-border trafficking. For example, combined force acting on information seized 50 heavy trucks of illegal sawn timber bound for other country in Bhamo District, Kachin State, on 6 August. Four more heavy trucks loaded with illegal sawn timber were caught the next day. Of the trucks, 31 alone were carrying over 2600 tons of various sizes of sawn teak and other hardwoods. This may be the tip of an iceberg. So we can imagine the total volume of trees the country is losing to illegal cross-border trade every day.

Beyond doubt, forest depletion may be somewhat like opening the Pandora's Box. Illegal loggers and traders think only about profits, but the losses and consequences are severe and far-reaching.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham urges ...



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infrastructures in Kutkai are changing increasingly except development and pointed out to attract tourists through traditional customs and lifestyle of national races. He affirmed to establish international standard economic zone near Muse-Namhkam-Kutkai based on Muse border trade. A plan is underway to export value-added products of agriculture and livestock to neighboring country that possessed enormous market, he added. He also invited participation of those present for peace and tranquility and

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash to national race cultural troupes.—MNA

development in the region. The Vice-President heard reports on health, social and education presented by the township administrator and locals and attended to the needs. Afterwards, The Vice-President and party presented K 22 million for national race cultural troupes and outstanding students who passed matric exam with distinctions in 2012-13 academic year.

In the evening, he attended a dinner hosted by Shan State government at the office of Shan national race literature and cultural troupe in Lashio. Shan, Kachin, Palaung, Kokang, Lahu, "Wa" and Lehsu national race troupes performed entertainment to those present. Then, the Vice-President presented K 5 million award to Lehsu cultural troupe.

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Vice-President U Nyan Tun ...

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contributing to SMEs, emerging successful SMEs and transforming the SME into the heavy industries.

At One Stop Service for Investment in Yankin Township, the Vice-President heard reports on tasks of cooperation work group presented by Director-General U Aung Naing Oo of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. The Vice-President urged the cooperation work group to give services to the investors.

One Stop Service for Investment was opened on 10 April 2013 for promoting foreign investments, ensuring smooth process of tasks and supervising the progress of works. It comprises Central Bank of Myanmar, Electric Power Ministry, DICA, Customs Department, Directorate of Trade, Labour Department, Immigration and National Registration Department, Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department, Internal Revenue Department, Mines Ministry, Environmental Conservation and Forestry

Ministry and Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry.

At Mingaladon Industrial Zone, departmental officials reported on matters related to the zone. The Vice-President stressed the need to systematically build the industrial zone and invite investors in line with the Investment Laws and then viewed lens and accessories production of Myanmar Asia Optical International Co Ltd.

Mingaladon Industrial Zone was established by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and Mitsui Co

of Japan on over 220 acres of land as of 1996. Reclamation of industrial plots is aimed at leasing them to foreign investors for the long run. As of 2006, the department cooperates with Kepventure Pte Ltd of Singapore in implementing the zone. So far, 18 industries are being run at the industrial zone.

On arrival at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, the Vice-President heard reports on preparations for the XXVII SEA Games and security measures by Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaug Htaik and attended to the needs.

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Daw Nan Shwe Hmon views activities of social organizations in Lashio



Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, presents gift to a mother at maternity ward.
MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, wife of Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, and party yesterday morning attended

the ceremony to present membership cards and badges to Kokang women at the District Women's Affairs Organization in Lashio.

Patron of Shan State WAO Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt made a speech and presented membership cards and helped the members on

with brooches. Chairperson of Kokang Women's Affairs Organization Daw Sherry spoke words of thanks. The wife of the Vice-President viewed Yoga training of female trainees at the District WAO Office.

She then presented nutrition, medicine and baby utensils to 15 expectant mothers and one mother at the delivery room of Lashio MCWA.

While in Lashio, she paid homage to Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Mansu Monastery Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Punnananda and made donations.

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Can you explain about the SEA Games Myanmar is going to host?

Well! SEA Games will be from 11 to 22 December this year. There will be 33 sporting events.

Thank you.

Wait! There is more! All the 11 regional countries will take part in the Games. The last time Myanmar hosted the Games was 44 years ago.

Cartoon Tha Byay

NATIONAL

Fire victims in Kanbalu provided with relief items

KANBALU, 26 Aug—A ceremony to take advice from inter-faith was held at Myole monastery in Htangan Village in Kanbalu Township of Sagaing Region this morning. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs U Soe Win supplicated on religious matters, peaceful coexistence among inter-faith and prevention of violence to the Sayadaws.

The Sayadaws from Mezaligon and Myole monasteries gave admonition. Then, the deputy minister, Sagaing Region Border Affairs Minister Col Kyi Naing and Region Finance Minister U Tin Win donated alms to the Sayadaws. Patron of

victim care association from Mandalay U Thein Win presented K 480,000 for fire victims through Village Administrator U Myo Min Than and relief committee chairman U Aung San.

Islam leader U Maung Maung and townselder U Myint Thein explained matters on peaceful coexistence of inter-faith. Sagaing Region Police Commander Police Col Nay Dun clarified security measures and rule of law and the deputy minister made a concluding remark.

The deputy minister also attended a ceremony to present relief items to fire victims at the relief camp in the same village in this afternoon. It was also



Deputy Minister U Soe Win attends donation ceremony to fire victims.—IPRD

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker attends meeting on National Races' Rights Protection Bill

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—A meeting on National Races' Rights Protection Bill took place at the meeting hall of Office No. 20 of the Hluttaw Office here this afternoon.

In his address, Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaws Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that it needs to draw the bill to protect the national races' rights, adding perpetuation of sovereignty requires the national unity that can be realized from peace. Only when there is a law to protect national races' rights, will there be national unity. Only when there is national unity, will there be prevalence of peace

attended by the chairmen of district/township management committee, departmental officials and fire victims.

Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Kyi Naing presented 10 bags of rice and Region Police Commander Police Col Nay Dun edible oil, donated by the region government to fire victims. The deputy minister gave encouragements to the fire victims and attended to the needs.—Aung Nyein Win (Township IPRD)



Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaws Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends meeting on National Races' Rights Protection Bill.—MNA

and rule of law, which are a prerequisite for perpetuation of sovereignty. And he called on the participants to step up their involvement in the drawing of the bill, he noted.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint for his part said that the main objective of National Races' Rights Protection Bill is to build trust and foster friendship among national races. He stressed the need for all the national races to live in amity and unity setting aside the differences. Towards this end, a pragmatic approach is to be employed to be able to forge national unity,

bring about mutual trust and respect and ward off suspicion among them, he disclosed.

Next, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U T Khun Myat touched upon matters related to the bill. Afterwards, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Races Affairs and Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw clarified matters on national races affairs and peace-making process.

Next, Union Minister U Hla Tun, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, Judge of Supreme Court of the Union U Tha Htay, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen

Kyaw Kyaw Tun and Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, the Region/State Hluttaw speakers, national race affairs ministers and MPs took part in the discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw speaker.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu and Pyithu Hluttaws U Nanda Kyaw Swa, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Mya Nyein, the Region/State Hluttaw speakers, deputy ministers, reps from political parties and officials from the Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Publication of the actions of the ministries concerned in response to complaints sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee

1. Regarding the complaint that Asia World Company is charging K 300 toll per Light Truck at Aung Zeya bridge in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon and the amount is more than that of toll at Thanlyin and other bridges, the Construction Ministry replied that it has set the amount of toll depending on the grades of bridges—defined as project-level bridges and ordinary bridges—on Union Highway in Yangon Region. Twnatay, Panhlaing, Dagon No. 2, Aung Zeya and Shwepyitha bridges are project-level C grade bridges and Bayintnaung is just ordinary one, D grade bridge.

2. The cabinet meeting 42/2012 held on 22 December 2012 fixed the toll rate for Light trucks at project-level C grade bridge K 300 and ordinary D grade bridge K 100, in setting toll rates for project-level and ordinary bridges in regions and states.

3. Though the K 100 toll is to be charged at Bayintnaung Bridge, ordinary D grade bridge, the toll is reduced to K 50 for Saloon and Van vehicles under two and three tons as large numbers of vehicles are using the bridge.

4. The rate Asia World Company charges at Aung Zeya Bridge is in compliance with the rates set by the Construction Ministry and not overcharging.

5. The Ministry of Rail Transportation replied the complaint that Thanlyin Bridge in Yangon Region is owned by Myanma Railways and according to grade levels of the Construction Ministry, it is project-level B grade bridge and the toll for a Light Truck vehicle is charged K 300.

6. The Myanma Railways put the Thanlyin Bridge toll collection business out to tender annually, notifying private businessmen through state-run newspapers. Under

the supervision of Yangon Region government, highest bidder is chosen for the toll collection. Currently, the MR has signed a year's contract from 1-11-2012 to 30-9-2013 with the operator that is charging K 300 toll per Light Truck vehicle.

7. Regarding the complaint that a foreigner spouse of Myanmar citizen needs the clearance letter of a departmental head in applying for stay permit visa, the Immigration and Population Ministry replied that Myanmar embassies in foreign countries issue six kinds of visas to foreigners wishing to enter Myanmar. The complaint said so because the applicant thinks he needs to have clearance letter from a departmental head to apply for visa. If a foreigner spouse of Myanmar citizen has entered Myanmar with entry visa (social) wishes to extend his stay permit, he can do so for unlimited times and does not need to seek the approval of any departmental head.

8. For those who were born in Myanmar and later changed their nationalities (or) official spouses of Myanmar citizens, they are given 28-day entry visa (social) if they apply for entry visa at Myanmar embassies in foreign countries. If they want to extend their stay permits for various reason, they need to apply to division immigration department through township immigration department concerned according to their address. If the documents are complete, the head office of immigration department allows three-month stay for the first time application charging USD 36 and for the second time application, it allows six-month stay charging USD 90 and stay permits can be extended unlimitedly.

9. Regarding the suggestion about Immigration and

Population Ministry's issuance of visas to foreigners, the ministry replied that except for those holding entry visa (social) and entry visa (travel), other visa holders are granted single journey special re-entry visa and multiple journey special re-entry visa with the approval of the Immigration and Population Ministry according to the coordination of ministries concerned. Re-entry visa is not issued to those with entry visa (social) and entry visa (travel) and if they want to re-enter Myanmar after leaving, they can apply for re-entry visa at Myanmar embassies concerned.

10. Regarding the suggestion that in-charge should be assigned in time of the absence of the head of immigration department in North Dagon Township head to avoid unnecessary delays in applying for new citizenship scrutiny card, the department is required to check whether office records about the citizenship scrutiny card applicant are right not. Now the procedures for applying citizenship scrutiny cards have been released and under the new procedures, at least the township head of immigration department (staff officer level) needs to check the background of the applicant if he belongs to a national race, the region/state head of immigration department (director level) if he belongs to mixed blood.

11. As the township head of immigration department has to concurrently assign duties at township level local authority, he needs to leave his workplace for duty. On such occasions, the assistant head of immigration department and staff take responsibility for checking the documents of applicant and filling the forms, but the departmental procedures oblige the township level head of immigration department to check and approve the nationality of the applicant, said the Ministry of Immigration and Population.

12. Further complaints and enquiries about the actions of the ministries concerned can be sent to Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

Public Service Capacity Assessment Committee.

HRD

Magway Region Chief Minister presents prizes to outstanding students

MAGWAY, 26 Aug—The prize presentation to outstanding students by the Magway Region Chief Minister was held at the convocation hall of Magway University yesterday morning.

It was attended by Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe and region ministers, region level departmental officials, members of social organizations, school heads and teachers, students and parents.

Students of Magway Basic Education High School No. 1 opened the ceremony by singing the Myanma School. The Chief Minister delivered an address at the ceremony.

Region Education Officer U Hla Thein reported on matters related to the prize presentation.

The Chief Minister and party presented prizes to schools with best pass



rate in the matriculation examination for 2013 academic year and outstanding students who passed the matric exam with flying colours. On behalf of the

students, one distinction winner spoke words of thanks. Later, the students entertained the attendees with the song.—Kyemon-Tin Tun Oo

Livestock Breeding

Chicken meal factory to emerge in Mandalay soon

MANDALAY, 26 Aug—Livestock Breeding Development Co will build an advanced chicken meal factory in Kapaing Village of Patheingyi Township in Mandalay District with the technological assistance of an Indian company.

The factory can produce meat from 3000 to 5000 broilers per day on 10.50 acres of land and it will satisfy the demand of the local consumers with fresh chicken.

CP broilers and domestic broilers markets are flourishing in Mandalay.

The domestic broilers come from Yamethin, Taungtha, Myingyan, TadaU and Meiktila townships by car. Each broiler can be sold at K 5000 at the farm and K 7000 at the Mandalay market.

During the period of Taungpyone Festival, price of chicken rose to K 8000 per viss.

CP broilers are sold at K 4000 per viss in PyinOoLwin Township and K 6000 per viss in Mandalay market. Avian influenza news from

China affected decline of price of chicken in Mandalay market. In 2012, the breeders faced loss in chicken trading due to higher prices of feed-stuff.

Kyemon-Thiha Ko Ko

Development of meat and fish sector lectured

MOHNYIN, 26 Aug—Head of Bago District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Maung Maung Oo gave lectures on control of farming cattle and Staff Officer Dr Win Oo of Mohnyin Township LBVD breeding of milch cow, DYL pig and insemination and nurturing of pasture land at Basic Education Primary School in Ywathitgon Village of Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, on 22 August morning.

Pamphlets on prevention against rabies disease were distributed to those attendees and gave animal medicines to 33 pigs.

NLM-001

Women's Affairs

Talks on protection of girls against violence given in Taikkyi

TAIKKYI, 26 Aug—A talks on protection of girls against violence, organized by Township Women's Affairs Organization, was held at Myoma Basic Education Middle School No. 3 (Branch) in Shansu Ward of Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region, on 23 August morning. Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Nu Nu Wai made a speech.

Higher Grade Pleader Daw Ohnma Naing gave lectures on the laws protection of girls against violence and penalties. Secretary of

Township WAO Daw Thein Thein Phyu human traffickers and matters related human trafficking in persons, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw San Kalyar Khaing reading for broadening horizon of the young people and

consideration on dos and don'ts through the benefits from reading so as to avoid violence.

The talks was attended by members of Township WAO, teachers, ward administrator and members, students totalling about 200.—Kyemon-Tha Nyunt



Environment

Plan underway to establish community forests around Indawgyi Lake

MOHNYIN, 26 Aug—The third module of the Community Forest Establishment Technology and Management Capability Enhancement Course concluded at Bilu Village of Mohnyin Township on 3 August.

Altogether 20 trainees attended the five days course.

The first module was opened in October 2012 and the second in May 2013.

Nurturing of forests and establishment of co-

munity forests will be carried out by BANCA, FFI and Forest Department in five villages from Indawgyi Lake environs, 10 villages from Indawgyi Lake watershed area in Mohnyin Township. A plan is underway to establish 4836 acres

of community forest from 2011 to 2013, said Project Manager U Ngwe Lwin.

In addition to Community Forests, social forests are under establishment at six villages around Indawgyi Lake. Mainly, they planted 75 per cent of firewood trees and 25 per cent of perennial crops with the assistance of EU, said the project manager.

NLM-001

Eel breeding course commences in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 26 Aug—With the aim of alleviating poverty and developing rural development and enabling the local farmers to earn secondary

income, the eel breeding course on a manageable scale was opened at the office of Nyaunglebin Township Fisheries Department in Bago Region on 22

August.

Head of Bago Region Fisheries Department U Kyaw Min explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

Principal (Lower Myanmar) U San Aung of Fisheries School gave lectures to the trainees in practical and theoretical works with the use of documentary films and breeding of eel on a manageable scale.

Township Fisheries Department distributed pamphlets bearing knowledge and technology on breeding eels.

The ceremony was attended by Head of Bago Region Fisheries Department U Kyaw Min, Principal (Lower Myanmar) U San Aung of Fisheries School, Township Deputy Administrator U Kyaw Thiha, Head of Township Fisheries Department U Hsan Win and staff, Chairman of Bago District Fisheries Federation U Thein Myint and party and 50 trainee farmers.—Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)



REGIONAL

Japan foreign minister visits Chernobyl to apply insight to Fukushima



Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (far L) visits the decommissioned Chernobyl nuclear power plant in northern Ukraine on 25 Aug, 2013. —KYODO NEWS

CHERNOBYL, 26 Aug— Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida visited Chernobyl, site of the 1986 nuclear disaster in Ukraine, on Sunday to observe the nuclear power plant and areas surrounding it.

Kishida is expected to apply the lessons of the postdisaster work being

conducted there to Japan's ongoing efforts to deal with the aftermath of the crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan, triggered by the massive earthquake and tsunami in March 2011.

"I directly saw that the battle to contain the

accident still continues 27 years after the disaster. Ukraine's experience and knowledge serve as a useful reference for workers coping with the Fukushima nuclear crisis," Kishida told reporters accompanying him.

Japan and Ukraine signed an agreement in April last year to cooperate in dealing with nuclear disasters.

The foreign minister viewed the No 4 reactor at the Chernobyl plant, which exploded in April 1986 and is now enclosed in a concrete sarcophagus, from a distant point guided by the head of the plant.

He also visited a deserted town near the plant from which around 50,000 people evacuated following the disaster.

Kyodo News

Language promotes world peace, says India-based Japanese translator

NEW DELHI, 26 Aug— Tomoko Kikuchi, a Japanese translator who has been living in India over the past 21 years, says languages break international barriers, increase people-to-people contacts and promote world peace.

Kikuchi, 43, translates books from Japanese to Hindi. Her most recent work is the translation of the prize-winning Japanese manga, "Yunagi no Machi, Sakura no Kuni" ("Town of Evening Calm, Country of Cherry Blossoms"), written and illustrated by Japanese manga artist Fumiyo Kono.

The one-volume manga, the story of a family of survivors of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, has won international acclaim since it was published in 2004 and has been translated into English and adapted as a movie

and radio drama. Kikuchi's Hindi version of the comic book was released in India by the Japan Foundation and the Indian publisher Vani Prakashan on 6 Aug, the 68th anniversary of Hiroshima atomic bombing.

Kikuchi says when people of each other's country get to know more about each other's country, culture and values. This, she says, would erase hatred and promote peace and brotherhood.

"If a child gets knowl-

edge about different countries at an initial age, they get connected to that country and see them as a friend," she said. Kikuchi, who hails from Fukushima Prefecture, took her first Hindi lessons in Japan and moved to India after falling in love with the Indian language. She successfully completed a Ph D programme in Hindi literature at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi and has translated three books from Japanese to Hindi.

Kyodo News



Mongolian wrestler Kyokutenho (R) lifts a boy during a sumo practice session for children during a tournament held by the Japan Sumo Association in Jakarta on 25 Aug 2013. —KYODO NEWS

Majority want slower pace of life in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 26 Aug— A recent survey shows that Singaporeans are generally optimistic about the future, but the majority of them also want a slower-paced life, a less competitive education system and fewer foreigners, local media reported on Monday.

The findings of a survey of 4,000 citizens conducted in January as part of the Our Singapore Conversation also showed that they are even willing to trade off economic growth for that, the *Straits Times* said in a report.

Some 65 percent of the respondents said that they were optimistic about

the future five years ahead, and 78 percent said that the government was managing Singapore well.

The respondents were picked randomly in proportion to the demographics of Singapore society, and the interviews were conducted face to face. When asked to pick among competing national priorities, respondents showed more consensus than observers expected. That consensus pointed to a desire for an easing of Singapore's pace of growth and development.

Over 60 percent said they preferred the preservation of green spaces over infrastructural development,

compared to the 19 percent who picked infrastructural development; 53 percent wanted the preservation of heritage spaces over infrastructural development, while only 27 percent went the other way. Asked to choose between career advancement and a comfortable pace of life, 59 percent chose the latter. This number swelled to 62 percent among those married with children.

Half of the respondents said they wanted to reduce the intake of foreign workers even if it translated to slower growth and fewer jobs. Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong recently noted a shift in the direction of nation building, saying that the government would do more to strengthen the social safety net, among others.

Paulin Straughan, a sociologist at the National University of Singapore, said Singaporeans want a "more balanced approach from the government to ensure that in terms of quality of life, we are not always obsessing about saving for the future. They want everyday life to be rewarding too." But she noted that where they stood on these compromises were a reaction to what they felt was already "in place" now.

"Because all the hard factors like infrastructure, a high employment rate and a competitive education system are already in place, they are yearning for more," she said. "People can ask for more work-life balance only if you have work."

Xinhua

11 people rescued as boat capsizes in southern Philippines

DAVAO CITY, 26 Aug—At least 11 people have been rescued after a motorized boat they were on board capsized in rough sea in southern Philippines over the weekend, authorities said on Sunday.

Two persons were pulled out of the waters off Carrascal town in Mindanao's Surigao del Sur province on Saturday, said Martin Gamba, spokesperson of the Caraga police regional office.

The remainders were

rescued in succeeding hours as maritime police from Carrascal town and local mining companies helped in the search and rescue, Gamba said.

The survivors were immediately rushed to local hospitals, Gamba said.

The latest boat accident came as the country was reeling from a deadly collision between an interisland ferry and a freighter in central Philippines that has so far killed 80 people.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 25 August, 2013 shows flooded oil wells at Daqing Toutai Oilfield Exploitation Company in Daqing City, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province. The recent flood of Songhua River has forced over 500 oil wells of the company to shut down. —XINHUA

Australia unveils India Country Strategy

CANBERRA, 26 Aug— Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd has outlined Australia's blueprint for future engagement with India through the Australia in the Asian Century Country Strategy for India. "Australia's relationship with India has perhaps the greatest potential to grow out of all of Australia's significant bilateral relationships in Asia," Rudd said in a Press release.

There are 450,000 people of Indian descent in Australia, the fourth largest migrant community in Australia.

"There is no greater symbol of the ties we share with India than the contribution and successes of the Indian diaspora who have made Australia home," Rudd said.

With a current population of 1.2 billion, India is projected to overtake China as the world's most popu-

lous nation by 2028.

The India Country Strategy launched on Saturday outlines a vision of where Australia's relationship with India should be in 2025 across community, business and government.

It outlines a plan for deepening cultural understanding by increasing fluency of Hindi in Australian schools and working with the significant Indian community in Australia.

The strategy aims to achieve a threefold increase of two-way trade by 2025, with India becoming one of Australia's top five trading partners. India is currently Australia's 10th largest trading partner, with bilateral trade worth 17.5 billion AU dollars (15.79 billion US dollars). India's growing middle class, estimated to reach 606 million by 2030, is creating new opportunities for Australian exporters.—Xinhua

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Japan Post to launch elderly support services

TOKYO, 26 Aug—Japan Post Co will begin support services for the elderly utilizing its mail delivery network from October in the fast-graying country, people familiar with the plan said Monday.

Under the envisioned program, postal workers are expected to visit houses of the elderly to check on their

health status or act as personal shoppers for them on a monthly basis. The move marks a further diversification of services with Japan Post already involved in banking and insurance, they said. Japan Post is planning to launch the new services at 103 post offices in six of the 47 prefectures in Japan, and eventually expand it through-

out the country by April 2015, they said. The company is expected to announce the plan later Monday. Japan Post Group, which is aiming to get listed around spring 2015, is trying to strengthen its business by utilizing its nationwide network of around 24,000 post offices as well as banking and insurance businesses.—Kyodo News

Residents thresh cobs to prepare different typical food for the Corn Festival 2013 in the city of Suchitoto, El Salvador, on 25 Aug, 2013. The Corn Festival was created in 1989 as an initiative of the Suchitoto congregation to give thanks for the harvests and the received favors during the year.

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"The Butler" extends
No 1 ranking into 2nd
weekend

LOS ANGELES, 26 Aug —Popular US talk show hostess and businesswoman

Oprah Winfrey has proven she is a real draw as her latest film "Lee Daniels' The Butler" ruled the North America box office for the second straight week.

The emotional civil rights epic starring Winfrey and Forest Whitaker is on track to take in 17 million US dollars worth of tickets revenue in the second weekend of release, distributor The Weinstein Company said. The drama, based on the real life story of a black White House butler who served eight presidents, is projected to gross

52.27 million dollars during 10 days of business.

"We Are the Millers," a screwball comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Sudeikis, also held up well this weekend, taking in an estimated receipt of 13.5 million dollars to finish at the second place. The Warner Bros release is expected to rake in 91.7 million dollars through 19-day screenings.

This week's third and fourth slots were occupied by a pair of new releases. "Mortal Instruments: City Of Bones," a Sony/Screen Gem adaptation of "The Mortal Instruments" fantasy book series, debuted and

Father fears
2007 movie
inspired
missing son to
flee into
Oregon woods

OLYMPIA, (Washington), 26 Aug—An Arizona teenager who appears to have vanished into the remote woods of Oregon may have been inspired by the 2007 movie "Into the Wild," based on the true story of a young man who ventured into the Alaskan wilderness and died there, his father said on Sunday.

Missing 18-year-old Johnathan Croom's 2000 Honda CRV was found a week ago on a road near the small town of Riddle, Oregon, with his identification and money inside it, his father, David Croom, said in a telephone interview from a search site.

The father said he became concerned that his son may have gone missing after he failed to return last Monday to resume classes at Mesa Community College in Arizona, after driving to visit a friend in Washington state.

Croom said his son sent a text message to a friend more than a week ago saying: "I'm going adventuring." Croom described his son as a happy young man with an electric smile who had — in the past six months — grown fascinated by the true story of Christopher McCandless.—Reuters



Kennedy Centre Honoree, actress Julie Harris, arrives at the Kennedy Center for the evening's gala performance in Washington in this on 4 Dec, 2005 file photo.

REUTERS

Celebrated
US actress
Julie Harris
dies at age
87

MASSACHUSETTS, 26 Aug—Julie Harris, the diminutive actress who won five Tony Awards for her stage performances and was also honoured for her work in television and film, died on Saturday at age 87, a Massachusetts funeral home said.

Bill Collins, a funeral director at the Nickerson Funeral Home in Chatham, Massachusetts, confirmed the death of Harris, who lived in nearby West Chatham.

Aside from her widely acclaimed theatre work, Harris was known to television audiences in the 1980s for her role in the prime-time soap opera "Knots Landing," in which she played a country music singer and the mother of another key character.

Harris was also nominated for an Oscar and appeared in more than 30 films, including "East of Eden" in 1955, in which she played James Dean's love interest.

She was born in Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Her father was an investment banker and her mother a nurse. Harris attended the Yale School of Drama for one year before leaving in 1945 to begin acting on Broadway. After appearing in a number of productions, she was catapulted to fame at age 24 for her role in Carson McCullers' American stage hit "The Member of the Wedding."

Later in her career, Harris for many audiences would come to epitomize 19th century American poet Emily Dickinson, in her performance of William Luce's 1976 one-woman play "The Belle of Amherst."—Reuters



Actors Oprah Winfrey and Forest Whitaker, cast members of the film "Lee Daniels' The Butler", pose at the film's premiere in Los Angeles on 12 Aug, 2013.

REUTERS

ranked the third, with an estimated tickets revenue of 9.3 million dollars from three days' screenings. The film, debuting Wednesday, is on pace for a tickets revenue of 14 million dollars by Sunday.

"The World's End," the latest Edgar Wright directed comedy starring Simon Pegg and Nick Frost, will garner 8.9 million dollars in receipt to finish the fourth. The R-rated comedy

was released by Focus Features.

Rounding out the 10 most popular films in North America this weekend, as estimated by studios, were "Planes" (8.5 million US dollars), "Elysium" (7.1 million), "You're Next" (debuting at 7 million), "Percy Jackson: Sea Of Monsters" (5.2 million), "Blue Jasmine" (4.3 million) and "Kick-Ass 2" (4.3 million).—Xinhua

Bayern Munich's Thiago Alcantara suffers injury



BERLIN, 26 Aug—Bayern Munich's new arrival Thiago Alcantara suffered an injury to be sidelined for seven weeks, the club said in an official statement on Sunday.

Bayern's midfielder Alcantara suffered a tore ligament in his right leg in their hard earned 2-0 victory over Nuremberg on Saturday.

Thus, the Spain international will undergo a surgery to miss the action on the pitch for at least seven weeks.

He will miss out several Bundesliga matches, the UEFA Champions League group stage and the second round of the German Cup.

The injury of Alcantara is a big setback for coach Pep Guardiola, as the midfielder was his desired candidate for the upcoming season. The 22-year-old new arrival suffered a kick on his leg and had to be replaced by Thomas Mueller at the second half.

The former Barcelona midfielder was signed this summer to stay with the German record champions Bayern Munich until 2017.—Xinhua

Bayern Munich's Thiago Alcantara

New boys Cardiff hand Man City chastening lesson

CARDIFF (Wales), 26 Aug—Fraizer Campbell scored twice in eight minutes to inspire Cardiff City to a shock 3-2 win over Manchester City in the Premier League on Sunday as they enjoyed a memorable first top-flight home match in 51 years.

There was no such joy for fellow Welsh side Swansea City who were beaten 1-0 by Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane as the north London team kept up their perfect start to the season thanks to a second Roberto Soldado penalty in as many games.

In Cardiff, Edin Dzeko had given the big-spending and ambitious visitors the lead on 52 minutes but Aron Gunnarsson levelled for the Premier League newcomers eight minutes later when following up a Joe Hart block.

Despite struggling to get

the ball, Cardiff went ahead in the 79th minute when Hart failed to clear a corner, allowing Campbell to nod the ball home and he repeated the feat from another corner on 87 minutes.

Alvaro Negredo pulled one back for Manchester City in stoppage time, but despite a couple of half-chances they were unable to snatch a point



Cardiff City's Fraizer Campbell (10) scores a goal, during their English Premier League soccer match against Manchester City at Cardiff City Stadium, Cardiff, Wales on 25 August, 2013.—REUTERS

at the death.

"I spoke to my players about how proud they should be, because they deserve to be here and deserve to be playing against those top, top players," Cardiff manager Malky Mackay told Sky Sports. "It wasn't so much passion but discipline, discipline to do your job, to be organised, to do your job for

the guy next to you.

"It was something we did to a man and when we got the ball back we showed some ability." Cardiff lost their first ever Premier League match against West Ham United last Saturday but appeared determined from the outset to get a result in front of their home fans.

They showed few nerves against a City side who had brushed aside Newcastle United 4-0 in their opening game and who have spent around 90 million pounds (\$140.34 million) on attacking talent in the close season as they seek to reclaim the league title they lost to Manchester United last season. Campbell had a chance within 30 seconds but went down instead of getting in a shot, and was later crowded out by the makeshift centre back pairing of Javi Garcia and Joleon Lescott.—Reuters

Benfica defeats Gil Vicente 2-1 to win first victory in Potugal League

LISBON, 26 Aug—Benfica earned a 2-1 win over Gil Vicente on Sunday as they secured their first victory in the Portuguese Zon Sagres League in the five-minute extra time of the match. Markovic scored at the minute 90+2 and Lima at the minute 90+3, making

it possible to win a game, which everyone thought to be lost for the home side.

The match, which had Paulo Baptista as a referee, was full of energy and high tension, especially when the home side suffered a goal from Gil Vicente at the 69th minute from Di-

ogo Viana, after a clamorous fail by Maxi Pereira of Benfica.

It was a difficult game for Benfica but they were able to win after all, thanks to the extra time given. Benfica started the game with a bad omen, Gaitan was the first to miss the goal which

hit the right goal post. Salvio did the same and Lima also failed in a goal by kicking the ball right up the post. This was the first match broadcasted by Benfica TV, the exclusive broadcaster for the club's Portuguese Premier League home matches.—Xinhua



Benfica's Lazar Markovic

Murata TKOs Shibata in 2nd round of pro debut



London Olympic gold medalist Ryota Murata (R) lands a blow on Akio Shibata, the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation middleweight champion, sending his opponent down in the first round of his pro debut nontitle match at Ariake Colloseum in Tokyo on 25 Aug, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 26 Aug—London Olympic champion Ryota Murata scored a second-round stoppage of Akio Shibata, the Oriental and Pacific Boxing Federation mid-

dleweight champion, in his pro debut nontitle match in Tokyo on Sunday.

Murata stunned Shibata with a right jab that sent his opponent down in the

first round and the referee waved an end to the bout at 2 minutes, 24 seconds after another crushing right in the second at Ariake Colloseum.

"I feel happy to be able to stand in this ring. He hit me with a dangerous punch in the first round," said Murata, who has been receiving instruction from Cuban Ismael Salas, who has worked with several world champions in the past.

Asked how he would have rated his own fight, Murata quipped to the fans gathered to see him, "Can I give it about 80 percent?" drawing rapturous applause.

The 27-year-old became the second Japanese to win Olympic gold before turning pro in April this year.

The late Takao Sakurai won gold in the bantamweight class at the 1964 Tokyo Olympics but lost a 15-round decision against Lionel Rose in 1968 in his only world title bout.

Kyodo News

NZ amateur Ko no closer to going pro after Canada triumph

TORONTO, 26 Aug—Lydia Ko's successful defence of her Canadian Open title on Sunday will make her "think" more about turning professional, but the trophy and \$300,000 in foregone prize money would not hasten her decision, New Zealand's 16-year-old golf sensation said.

Ko became the first amateur to defend an LPGA title with a commanding five-stroke win at Royal Mayfair Golf Club in Edmonton, but second-placed Frenchwoman Karine Icher will take the winner's cheque. Ko has had four other top-10 finishes on the tour this season, giving up hundreds of thousands of dollars in prize money, but said in February this year she would take another two years before going pro.

"You know, I've al-

ways said I'm thinking about it and that's the same answer right here," Ko told reporters after winning her second LPGA title on Sunday with a sparkling final



Fifteen-year old Lydia Ko of New Zealand tees off on the 12th hole during the third round of the Kraft Nabisco Championship LPGA golf tournament in Rancho Mirage, California, on 6 April, 2013.—REUTERS

round six-under 64. "Nothing has changed within the last 72 hours. I'm happy at the moment.—Reuters

GENERAL

Obituary

**Hajeema Fatima Wali Shafee (a)
Rosalind Khin Ma Ma (Taunggyi)
Rtd Teacher (Gandhi School)
Annian (Taunggyi)
Age (78)**

Hajeema Fatima Wali Shafee (a) Rosalind Khin Ma Ma (Taunggyi), daughter of late Mr. Ahmed Wali Mohammad and late Daw Daw Tin of Taunggyi, daughter-in-law of late U Tin and late Daw Ma Ma Lay of Thibaw, beloved wife of late Dr. Al-Haj Shafee Than Win (AMS, Muslim Free Hospital), beloved mother of George Win Maung Oo (Win Theingi Engineering Co. Ltd.) - Daw April Theingi Lwin (Peace Garment), Dimple Win May Than (Summit International Learning Centre) - U Khin Zaw, Dr. Win May Htway (ChildFund Myanmar) and beloved grandmother of six grandchildren, answered the call of Almighty Allah at 7:55 pm on 25th August 2013 at her Kandawgyi Tower Residence, Tamwe, Yangon. Funeral was held on 26th August 2013 at Yeway Muslim Cemetery, Yangon.

Bereaved Family



Children compete to eat crackers tied on the ropes during fun games in Tangerang, Indonesia, on 25 Aug, 2013. Children participate in the fun games every year in order to celebrate Indonesia's Independence Day.—XINHUA

Jordan rejects all interference in Egypt's affairs

AMMAN, 26 Aug — Jordan on Sunday voiced rejection of any attempt to interfere in Egypt's internal affairs, asserting its support for efforts to restore stability in the country.

"Jordan fully backs Egypt's efforts to enforce the law on all and to stand up to all bids that seek to harm solidarity and civil peace in the country as well as its security," Jordan's Foreign Minister Nasser Judeh said in a joint press conference with his Egyptian counterpart Nabil Fahmy.

"The Kingdom is looking forward to restoring stability fully and quickly in Egypt and that Egypt is back on the track to resume its pivotal and indispensable role in the Arab world and the international arena," he said.

On Syria, Judeh reiterated his country's condem-

nation of the use of chemical weapons in Damascus, saying perpetrators should be held accountable.

Jordan, he said, still supports a political solution to the Syrian crisis.

Judeh said that talks with Fahmy touched on the latest developments related to the peace process, warning that Israel's unilateral measures concerning settlement construction undermine peacemaking efforts.

The Egyptian minister voiced appreciation of Jordan's support for Egypt.

He added that the security conditions in Sinai are hindering the resumption of pumping natural gas supply to Jordan.

An attack against a gas pipeline in the Egyptian city of Arish in North Sinai led to a complete halt of natural gas supply into the Jordan early July.

Xinhua

Iran, Oman call for bolstering ties

TEHERAN, 26 Aug — Iranian President Hassan Rouhani and Oman's ruler Sultan Qabus called on Sunday for bolstering ties in all areas, according to Press TV. "The senior officials of both countries must try to further expand and deepen the bilateral relations," the Iranian president said at a meeting with Sultan Qabus who arrived in Iran's capital of Teheran on Sunday for a three-day official visit.

Rouhani highlighted the importance of Oman in the region, calling for more bilateral cooperation to restore regional peace.

"Teheran-Muscat co-operation is very effective and important in order to restore peace and stability to the region and the Islamic Republic of Iran seeks to pursue this policy in cooperation with other regional countries," Rouhani said.

For his part, the Omani ruler hailed friendly ties between Teheran and Muscat, calling for bolstering trade and economic cooperation, particularly trade ties through the North-South Corridor to be established by Iran, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Afghanistan.

During his stay in Teheran, Sultan Qabus, heading a high-ranking delegation, will also meet senior officials of the country, including Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Xinhua

Bartoli opens slight possibility for comeback

NEW YORK, 26 Aug — Wimbledon champion Marion Bartoli offered the first hint that her shock retirement may not be quite as final as she first indicated when she hinted on Sunday she could make a comeback. The 28-year-old stunned the tennis world earlier this month when she announced she was quitting just months after breaking through to win her first grand slam.

The Frenchwoman, speaking in New York, left open the possibility that she could possibly make a return next year. "You never know what is going to happen," she told reporters.

"It's pretty hard to say I will never come back."

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| 7. Documentary | 26. News |
| 8:00 am | 5:15 pm |
| 8. News/International News | 27. SEA Games Go for Gold (ATHLETIC) |
| 8:25 am | 6:00 pm |
| 9. Teleplay (SEA Games) | 28. News/Weather Report |
| 9:00 am | 6:25 pm |
| 10. News/International News | 29. "traffic" (an mtv exit special) (Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein) |
| 9:25 am | 7:00 pm |
| 11. Mono Classical Songs | 30. News |
| 9:45 am | 7:30 pm |
| 12. Business News | 31. Documentary |
| 10:00 am | 8:00 pm |
| 13. News | 32. News/International News/Weather Report |
| 10:20 am | 8:35 pm |
| 14. Teleplay | 33. People Talks |
| 11:10 am | 8:45 pm |
| 15. Documentary | 34. Documentary |
| 11:35 am | 9:00 pm |
| 16. Tamyethnar Takwetsar | 35. News |
| 12:00 pm | 9:30 pm |
| 17. News/International News/Weather Report | 36. Bakery World |
| 12:25 pm | 37. Sing A Song |
| 18. Myanmar Video | 38. India Drama Series |
| 2:30 pm | |
| 19. Traditional Boxing | |

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- * Local News
- * Flying Without Wings-My Great Limitless Adventure (Mandalay & Sagaing)
- * World News
- * Secret Places For Yummy Food (Min Lane Mont Tee) (Episode-3)
- * Local News
- * Enchanting Rakhine Land
- * World News
- * Porcelain and Glass
- * Local News
- * Preserving Myanmar Handicrafts
- * World News
- * Myanmar Masterclass: Fantastic Art
- * Local News
- * Come and Visit, no matter the distance (Pathein)
- * World News
- * Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace
- * Local News
- * Karaweik Palace-A Symbol Of Glorious Myanmar Culture
- * World News
- * Let'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 Image in Rakhine
- * World News
- * Continuation in rural tradition



Marion Bartoli of France holds her winners trophy, the Venus Rosewater Dish, after defeating Sabine Lisicki of Germany in their women's singles final tennis match at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships, in London on 6 July, 2013.—REUTERS

had ruined the first six months of her season.

She said her body needed a break and she wanted to try new things in life but would remain involved in tennis in some capacity. She will attend the US Open, starting on Monday, as a television

commentator.

"It's hard for someone from outside to understand, starting from six years old and when you have to hit, probably, two million balls before being a pro tennis player. I'm the only one who can make the call," she said.—Reuters

No plan to raise monthly cash award for honorary title winners



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun.

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NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—Myanmar embassies, Myanmar permanent representative offices and Myanmar consulates collect euro 11,179,902 (US\$ 13,486,779) from issuance of visas yearly, said Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Tin Oo Lwin at Pyithu Hluttaw session in responding to the question on **collection of fees from issuance of visa at Myanmar embassies abroad** raised by U Win Oo of Yebyu Constituency.

The deputy minister continued that the embassies hand over various kinds of foreign exchange obtained from issuance of visa to Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank once every three months and then the money in kyat had to be

transferred to the accounts of Ministry of Immigration and Population.



Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Tin Oo Lwin.—MNA

The collected money from income tax are handed over to the accounts of Ministry of Finance and that from issuance of recommendations to Ministry of Foreign Affairs and that from renewal and issuance of passports to Ministry of Home Affairs, he added.

“My question emphasizes how to use the income obtained from issuance of visa. In fact, embassy is facade of the State. The reply of the deputy minister means the embassies are not entitled to spend such income. I think the principles should be amended,” said MP

U Win Oo. With regard to the question **whether there is a plan to maintain telegraphic cables and posts of Myanma Railways** raised by U Tin Htwe of Okpo Constituency, Deputy Minister for Communications and



Deputy Minister U Win Than.—MNA

Information Technology U Win Than replied that as Myanma Railways is using I-Coms because block lines and magneto telephones could not be used. After scrutinizing the cables and posts, unusable cables will be taken out from the lines.

U Saw Ba Thein of Thaton Constituency raised a question on **increasing monthly cash award for honorary titles presented by the State**. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun responded that if the

government wants to raise monthly cash award for honorary title winners in conformity with the current situation, the honorary titles and medals scrutiny committee must submit report to the President and then take necessary measures. At present, there is no plan to raise the monthly cash award for them, he said.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial, Legal and



Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin.—MNA

Complaint and Appeal Scrutiny Committee submitted the Writ Application Bill 2013 and the Bill Committee read the report on the former bill. The session came to an end at noon.

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Rural development strategic plan under implementation

YANGON, 26 Aug—A consultation meeting with donor countries, development partners, INGOs, NGOs, business partners and government organizations organized by Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development was held at Myanmar Peace Center in Kamayut Township, here, yesterday afternoon.

As rural development plays a crucial role in development of the nation, social organizations and NGOs are invited to take part in the government's rural development tasks, said Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Thane.

Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint said that a consultation meeting was held on 17 August with the active participation of INGOs, NGOs, business partners and government organizations. The meeting brought about 17 critical suggestions. Based on these suggestions the ministry has set up three immediate priority areas. There are:

(a) Supplying of safe drinking water at all the villages across the

country,

(b) Undertaking rural electrification, and
(c) Implementing and assisting food security measures.

Moreover, the Union minister also pays serious attention on its main duties of construction and maintenance of rural road and bridges, undertaking rural sanitation, undertaking of rural housings for IDPs, carrying out rural livelihood supportive activities, and co-raising dairy cows, pigs, goats, chicken and duck.

He urged the donor countries, development partners, INGOs and NGOs to join hands with the ministry in implementation of the rural development strategic plan and invited suggestions from those present. The attendees took part in the discussions.

Union Minister U Soe Thane reviewed the discussions of those present.

Also present at the meeting were Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Aung Min and U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Aung Myat Oo, departmental officials, donor organizations, INGOs, NGOs, experts and media persons.—MNA

Work coord meeting held for International Day of Democracy-2013

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—A work coordination meeting to organize International Day of Democracy-2013 was held at the meeting hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw Building, here, this morning.

Chairman of the central committee for holding International Day of Democracy-2013 U Htay Oo delivered an address.

He urged those present to cooperate among them to accomplish their tasks for successfully holding the International Day of Democracy-2013 that falls

on 15 September.

Next, Deputy Director-General of the Hluttaw Office U Kyi Thein presented reports on preparations being carried out, and the work committee chairmen, on their respective work progress.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the chairman of the central committee.

The International Day of Democracy-2013 with paper-reading sessions would be held at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Complex on 15 September.—MNA

Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill approved

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—At today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw, the Hluttaw sought approval from the MPs and decided to discuss the **Bill Amending Political Parties Registration Law** submitted by Dr Aye Maung of Rakhine State Constituency No 1.

Bill Committee member U Myint Tun read the report of the committee on **Printing and Publishing Enterprise Bill** sent by Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments, and the Hluttaw approved it.

The report stated that the bill was discussed by seven MPs on 23 August. Of them, MP U Phone Myint Aung said that as printers do not need to abide by the provisions and regulations of the bill, the expressions related to printing and printers should be cancelled. However, printing and publishing are interrelated in work process. Thus, not only publishing industries and publishers



Today's session of Amyotha Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

but also printing industries and printers should abide by provisions of the bill. The Bill Committee agreed with it. As such, approval should be sought from the Hluttaw.

Discussions of MPs do not need any amendment for the law. Therefore, the Hluttaw agreed to approve amendments of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee for the bill.

The Hluttaw sought the approval from the MPs and cancelled the submission of MP U Phone Myint Aung of Yangon Region

Constituency No 3 to revoke the expressions related to printing and printers in the bill as printers do not need to abide by the provisions and regulations of the bill

Member of Amyotha Hluttaw's Government Pledges, Guarantees and Undertaking Vetting Committee U Sai Kyaw Zaw Than submitted the report on questions raised by MPs at the sixth regular session of the First Amyotha Hluttaw. The report stated that the Union ministries and Union level

organizations replied to 374 questions in the sixth regular session.

As the Hluttaw has been held during the two and a half years period, the MPs cooperate with the committee to raise the questions. Some ministries responded short to the point answers to questions and proposals raised by MPs but delay implementation for the replies. The committee will push the ministries concerned to implement their pledges concerning the questions.—MNA

Water level of Thanlwin River may fall under its danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Aug—According to the observation at 12:30 hrs MST today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an rose 36 cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger

level starting from 1:30 pm on 20 August and it may fall under its danger level during next three days, announced Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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