

President says continuity of political process will help democracy thrive

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—President U Thein Sein said in his radio message on Friday that his government appreciates the gathering of leaders of ethnic groups in Laiza, Kachin State, last month in a bid to enter a comprehensive ceasefire agreement, with necessary assistance being provided to make the gathering a success.

Speaking of the country's transitional period, President U Thein Sein said efforts are being made to keep peace talks moving amid scores of obstacles and challenges facing political reforms.

Despite differences in political points of view, political groups entertain a shared attitude that the continuity of this political process will help the democratic system take root and thrive, the president noted.

President U Thein Sein

admitted that his government has encountered political hardship and received complaints over the past three years, noting that this kind of hardship is not new during the period of transition to a new system from an old one.

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President U Thein Sein's radio message to be broadcast on 1-3 August

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — A radio message by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will be broadcast on radio on 1, 2 and 3 August. Myanmar Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm and 8 pm.

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No corruption cases sent to Anti-Corruption Commission: Supreme Court Judge

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—No cases have been referred to the Anti-Corruption Commission since the adoption of the Anti-corruption Law on 7 August 2013, Supreme Court Judge U Soe Nyunt told the Lower House on Thursday.

The Supreme Court Judge was responding to a question raised by a representative concerning complaints about bribery.

The Action Committee Against Corruption had sent three corruption complaints to the Office of the Chief Justice of the Union, he added.

Regarding a complaint against the township justice and joint township justice of South Dagon Township with accusations of bribery, no evidence or irregularities

were found, according to the union chief justice.

There was also no "eye-witness" as requested by the government for another complaint accusing the office assistant of Kyaukdaga Township Court of taking K 100,000 bribe for a gambling case, but the assistant was transferred to another post as a warning, he said.

The union chief justice said there was no proved wrong doing in another case that accused Kyaukdaga Township Justice of irregularities, but the justice was transferred to another township.

A total of 13 complaints were received by the Office of the Union Chief Justice between 7 August 2013 and 22 April 2014. Out of them, seven com-



plaints were found to have accused wrongly while the rest are still under investigation. As a result, no cases

were sent to the Anti-Corruption Commission which would take legal action (See page 2)

The Lower House hears that the Anti-Corruption Commission has not received any case, which observers say may be due to the fact that eye witnesses are required for proof.—MNA

Free show to mark 5th anniversary of Cherry FM in mid-August in Taunggyi

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 31 July—A free show to commemorate the fifth anniversary of Cherry FM will be held

on 15 August at 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Taunggyi, the capital of Southern Shan State, with fifteen popular

vocalists, aimed at providing special presentation to audiences in Taunggyi. U Than Htwe Zaw, General Manager of Cherry FM said on Thursday at the media

conference in Yangon.

The fifteen popular vocalists are Sai Sai Kham Leng, R-Zar Ni, Han Htoo Lwin, ThaO, G-Latt, AR-T, Ye Yint Aung, Waing Su Khaing Thein, Thiri Swe, Nge Nge, Sandi Myint Lwin, Mi Sandi, Khin Su Su Naing, Htun Yati and Po Po Hay Tha.

The general manager said Cherry FM chose those vocalists who may present in the show in Taunggyi which is the native town of many famous artists, including popular vocalist Sai Sai Kham Hlaing, adding that the officials of the FM arranges to release new album as of 7th August by the Sun Music distribution.

Composer Za Wah, Production Director of Cherry FM, said those vo-

calists feel very excited to perform the show.

Cherry FM, one of the broadcast media in Myanmar, has been broadcasting its news and entertainment for 18 hours daily to about 27 million people in eleven states and regions of the country.

U Than Htwe Zaw said Cherry FM has a plan to extend a relay FM radio station in Bago Region this year on the fans' requests and that plans are underway to provide 24/7 services at the end of 2015.

At the media conference, participant singer R-Zar Ni and AR-T also spoke words of gratitude to the attendees and made clarification on their preparations to perform the show.

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Vocalists of a free show at a media conference celebrating the 5th anniversary of Cherry FM at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has transferred the following heads of service organizations from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Kyaw Ngwe	Director-General
Director-General	Cooperative Trade Promotion Department
Small-scale Industries Department	Ministry of Cooperatives
Ministry of Cooperatives	
(b) U Hla Moe	Director-General
Director-General	Small-scale Industries Department
Cooperative Trade Promotion Department	Ministry of Cooperatives
Ministry of Cooperatives	

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed appointment of Rector of the University of Medicine (Mandalay) Professor Dr Tin Maung Han of the Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Win Aung	Managing Director
General Manager	Myanma Microfinance
Myanma Microfinance	Supervisory Enterprise
Supervisory Enterprise	Ministry of Finance
Ministry of Finance	

(b) Dr Hla Tint	Pro-Rector	Yangon University of Distance Education	Higher Education Department	(Lower Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(c) Dr Tin Maung Tun	Pro-Rector	Sittway University	Higher Education Department	(Lower Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(d) Dr Thet Tun Aung	Pro-Rector	Pyay University	Higher Education Department	(Lower Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(e) Dr Kyi Soe	Pro-Rector	Bago University	Higher Education Department	(Lower Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(f) Dr Thura Oo	Pro-Rector	Sagaing University	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education

(g) Dr Tin Win	Pro-Rector	Meiktila Institute of Economics	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(h) Dr Tin Maung Hla	Pro-Rector	Mandalay University of Distance Education	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(i) Dr U Cho	Pro-Rector	Pakokku University	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(j) Dr Win Naing	Pro-Rector	Monywa University	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(k) Dr Maung Maung	Pro-Rector	Lashio University	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
(l) Dr Daw Tin Mar Kyi	Pro-Rector	Panglong University	Higher Education Department	(Upper Myanmar)	Ministry of Education

Union Energy Minister meets US-ASEAN Business Council delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung called on US firms to make more investments in the energy sector and open training centers for human resource development in Myanmar on Thursday.

In a meeting with a delegation led by Mr. Alexander C Feldman, Chairman of the US-ASEAN Business Council at his office in Nay Pyi Taw, the Union minister said the ministry and business entities are conducting Environmental Impact Assessment and Social Impact Assessment and Cooperate Social Responsibility to minimize a negative impact on local people, ensuring improvement of their living



Union Minister U Zeyar Aung holds talks with Mr. Alexander C Feldman, Chairman of the US-ASEAN Business Council about development of the energy sector.—MNA

standard due to inland and offshore oil and natural gas blocks. During the meeting, he also held talks with a delegation on the ministry's up-

stream and downstream sectors, tender invitation for oil and gas exploration and production and prospects for co-operation with international companies. Also present

at the meeting were deputy ministers and officials and representatives from Exxon Mobil, Chevron, Caterpillar, GE, ConocoPhillips and Baker & McKenzie. — MNA

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against offenders under the Anti-Corruption Law, the union chief justice concluded.

Other topics discussed at the Lower House on Thursday included food safety and amendments of bills, including the Inland Water Transport Bill.

The Upper House session on Thursday focused on vehicle licenses, trans-

fers of teachers to rural areas, and amendments of bills.

The ninth sessions of the Upper House and the Lower House concluded on Thursday, with remarks of speakers urging the representatives to keep in touch with local people in their constituencies and fulfill their needs even during the parliament holidays.

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Course in Diplomacy wraps up

YANGON, 31 July—The graduation ceremony of a Course in Diplomacy conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at the ministry in Yangon on Thursday.

A total of 25 officers of the ministry attended the 11 weeks course.

The course was aimed at enhancing the ability and knowledge of the newly re-

cruited junior officers of the Ministry. The curriculum included subjects related to political and security issues, international and domestic economies, cultural and social issues, protocol, consular and legal matters, communication skills, administrative and budgetary matters, diplomacy and ASEAN related matters.

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Buildings constructed without permission to be demolished when new rules and by-laws of the City of Yangon Development Law passed

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 31 July—Buildings, which are constructed without permission of the Yangon City Development Committee, will be demolished when the rules and by-laws of the City of Yangon Development Law are passed by the Yangon Region parliament, according to a press release of the YCDC.

The YCDC exposed 2,021 cases of buildings which contravened the building regulations of the 2013-City of Yangon Development Law, the press release said.

Though the YCDC has issued contractor licenses at one-stop services, the number of buildings which are constructed in contra-

vention of the 2013 City of Yangon Development Law is increasing, an official of the YCDC said.

As courts have been giving minimum penalties to the offenders, the number of offenders is increasing, said an official of the YCDC.

Under Section 68 of the City of Yangon Development Law, someone who erects buildings in contravention of YCDC orders may face a minimum fine of K10,000 to a maximum fine of K500,000 per day from the day they are found guilty for contravening the law to the day the building is completed. Offenders could also face a prison sentence of up to one year or both, the fine and prison sentence.

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Commission formed to choose suitable democratic system

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — A delegation led by Mr Alexander C Feldman, chairman of the US-ASEAN Business Council (US-ABC), called on Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Lower House, at Zabuthiri Hall of the Parliament Building on Thursday, sources said.

They discussed matters related to investments and cooperation for economic growth.

The speaker of the Lower House formed a 24-member commission in line with the authority entrusted to him to ensure the emergence of a democratic system deemed attuned to the country.

The Commission for Observation of the Electoral System Fit for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held a meeting at the



Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Lower House Thura U Shwe Mann and Alexander C Feldman, chairman of the US-ASEAN Business Council, discuss investments and cooperation for economic growth for development of the nation.—MNA

Lower House Building here on Thursday, sources said.

According to officials, the commission has ap-

pointed U Tin Maung Oo of Shwepyitha constituency as chairman, U Thein Tun Oo of Amarapura consti-

tuency as secretary, and U Than Win of Taungdwingyi constituency as joint secretary.—MNA

Retaining walls constructed to save MyoU Pagoda in Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, encouraged military personnel who were rendering voluntary services in constructing re-

taining walls at the Yonpin Creek near MyoU Pagoda in Lewe township here on Thursday, sources said.

Following a briefing, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave instructions on measures to restrain soil

from erosion and make the most use of labour and machinery to ensure durability and speedy completion.

He also called on Bhaddanta Kovida, a monk aged 96, at Gainghtauk Monastery in Ywama

ward, near Lewe, and paid homage to the monk with offertories.

Last year, the MyoU Pagoda suffered from a soil erosion that destroyed a small stupa and a Bodhi Tree.—MNA

Ms. Yanghee Lee expresses her recognition and applause for progress in sweeping and far-reaching reforms dramatically achieved in landscape of political, economic, social and human rights in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July—The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release on Thursday. The full text of the press release is as follows:-

Press Release

Myanmar sets the promotion and protection of human rights of its people as one of her priorities while dramatically and speedily undertaking the reforms on the political, socio-economic, administrative fronts and on enhancing the role of private sector. It was in line with this priority that the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar invited Ms. Yanghee Lee, the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar to the country. Accordingly, she made a 10-day trip from 16 to 26 July 2014 as her first ever visit to Myanmar.

The Government of Myanmar has fully facilitated and arranged for places and persons Ms. Yanghee Lee wanted to visit and meet. As such, she visited Yangon, Sittwe, Maungdaw, Bhamo, Myikyina,

Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw as requested. She met with Union ministers, government senior officials, members of Union Election Commission, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Committees, Parliamentary Constitutional Amendment Committee, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Rule of Law and Tranquility Committee Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. She also had meetings with Interfaith Friendship Group of Myanmar, Interfaith Dialogue Group, Civil Society, media persons, Lawyers, the 88 Generation Student Group, released prisoners of conscience, prisoners as requested by her, Diplomatic Corps, United Nations Country Team and Humanitarian Country Team.

In the press conference at the conclusion of her vis-

it, she expressed her recognition and applause for the progress in sweeping and far-reaching reforms dramatically achieved in the landscape of political, economic, social and human rights in Myanmar. At the same time, she also expressed her observations and recommendations on various issues including the need to check and prevent the possible backtracking signs, the use of the judicial system and law to criminalize and impede the activities of civil society and media, the necessity for the enjoyment of freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly of Myanmar democracy in the run-up to the 2015 elections and the need to review and amend the outdated laws and to withdraw the bills related to race and religion.

It is a prerequisite and essential to maintain

peace and rule of law in the country while Myanmar is moving its reform agenda towards a democratic society. In this process, it is necessary to take legal action against any persons who violate any existing domestic laws. No action is taken against anyone who simply exercises his or her rights to freedom in accordance with the existing law. There is also no exception for Media Freedom. But whosoever violates the existing laws, will be penalized according to the laws of the land.

At the same time, Myanmar is amending outdated laws and drafting new one in line with the State Constitution, taking into consideration of the public aspiration, and to serve the interests of its people. In this respect, transparency is prioritized and fully exercised but also the desire of people is emphasized.

President U Thein Sein felicitates President and Head of Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Swiss Confederation

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Didier Burkhalter, President and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, on the occasion of the foundation of the Swiss Confederation, which falls on 1 August 2014.—MNA

Union FM felicitates Swiss President and Head of Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Didier Burkhalter, President and Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of the Swiss Confederation, on the occasion of the foundation of the Swiss Confederation, which falls on 1 August 2014.—MNA

U Aung Khin Soe presents his Credentials to Iranian President

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Aug—U Aung Khin Soe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Iran, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on 22 July 2014 in Teheran.—MNA

In the existing 1982 Citizenship Law, it has been clearly mentioned that nationals such as Kachin, Kayah, Karen, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and ethnic groups who settled in any of the territories included in the States as their permanent home from a period prior to the year 1823 are Myanmar citizens. Myanmar does not accept and recognize the term 'Rohingya' which has never existed in the country's history. The question of citizenship will be settled in accord with the 1982 Citizenship law.

As Myanmar is sparing no efforts in building a democratic society with the people-centered policy, the people of Myanmar, enjoying their democratic rights, are also joining their hands with the Government. In the meantime, accountability and responsibility should

be progressively developed and matured in proportion so that the goal of democratic society will be achieved smoothly and peacefully. Myanmar has determined to continue to march unwaveringly towards this goal and to conquer any difficulties and challenges on the path.

The international community should be in a position to see and understand the difficulties and challenges which a young democratic State has to face and overcome. The situation on the ground in Myanmar should also be viewed in a balanced and objective manner. It is also necessary to constructively support Myanmar's reform process momentum particularly on further promoting and protecting human rights for its people.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw

Buildings to mark establishment of ancient Yadanabon city under construction in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 31 July—Myanan Sankyaw Golden palace, the moats, Maha Lawkamarazein Kuthodaw and Maha Atula Waiyan Atumashi Monastery were included in the list of seven great buildings in establishment of the Yadanabon Royal Palace.

Of them, Thudhamma public rest house, Golden Ordination Hall and Pitakat Chamber were destroyed in the bomb blasts

of the Second World War. Wellwisher Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Kyaw Win and family of Mandalay rebuilt these three buildings by driving stakes for construction on 21 April 2013.

The wellwisher rebuilt the Thudhamma public rest house and Golden Ordination Hall without losing their original styles.

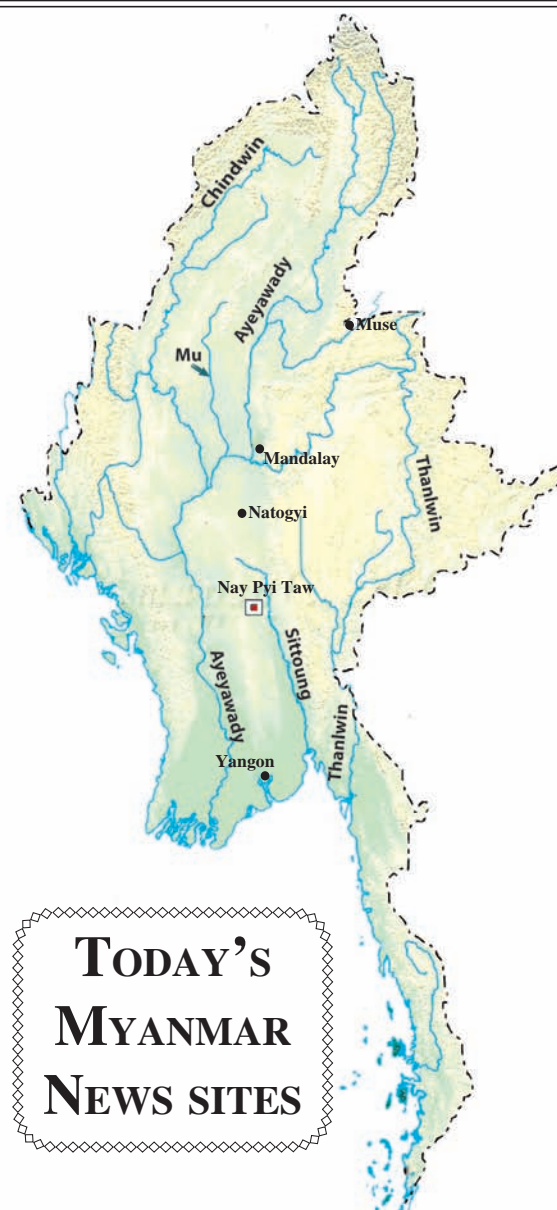
Concrete posts were

built in the places of ancient teak posts at the rest house. The posts were decorated with Myanmar handicraft works. Power lines have been installed at the buildings and streets have been constructed around the buildings. Upon completion, the seven significant buildings of Mandalay will attract globetrotters.

So far, construction of buildings has been com-

pleted by 80 per cent.

*Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)*



Plans underway to sink 15 tube-wells in Natogyi Township

NATOGYI, 31 July — Officials of the Department of Rural Development have chosen sites for sinking tube-wells in Natogyi Township of Mandalay Region for local water sufficiency with the assistance of the international community.

Under the arrangements of the Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA, the department

will sink five four-inch diameter tube-wells spending K101.31 million in Kyaungnan, Kyaungkangyi, Aungpagan, Htandaw and Nyaungchaypaw villages.

Likewise, UNICEF will assist in sinking four four-inch tube-wells and one water tank in five villages, spending K108.40 million.

Plans are underway to sink five two-inch diameter

tube-wells in five villages spending K20 million from the union budget.

Natogyi Township is included in Myingyan District of Mandalay Region, and it is one of the hot and dry townships in central Myanmar. The UN agencies and international communities have been providing hot and dry townships with water supply facilities.

Htay Myint Maung

Ooredoo SIM cards available at mobile shops in Mandalay District

MANDALAY, 31 July — Ooredoo Communication Company allotted its SIM cards to mobile shops in Mandalay on 29 July.

The mobile shops depending on sizes sold 1,000 SIM cards in a few hours. However, some mobile shops sold K2,000 per card although the company fixed the cards worth K1,500.

Call charge is fixed at K25 per minute for Ooredoo SIM cards, K35 for Ooredoo card and SIM cards of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and Myanma Economic Corporation and K25 per 1 MB data for applying for the Internet.

From 2 to 15 August

for the test-run period, Ooredoo SIM card users will enjoy 900 minutes free communication service between Ooredoo SIM cards and 900 SMSs, 90 minutes free from mobile phones with Ooredoo SIM cards to MPT or MEC cards and Internet service with 20 MB and facebook free of charge.

Customers need to show copy of citizenship scrutiny cards for buying the SIM cards. Ooredoo SIM cards are fitted with 3G handsets. The company sells top-up cards worth K1,000, K3,000, K10,000 and K20,000 to the users.

*Maung Pyi Thu
(Mandalay)*



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Vietnam, China to witness stronger military ties

HANOI, 31 July — The relations between the Armies of China and Vietnam will continue to witness new developments, a senior Vietnamese defence official said here on Wednesday.

The friendly military ties between the two countries will be important pillars for the relationship between the two parties and the two nations, which accords with the expectation and interests of the people of the two countries, said Le Huu Duc, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Defence.

Duc made the remarks at a reception held by the Chinese Embassy in Vietnam on Wednesday to mark the upcoming 87th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA).

Duc hailed the continuous development of China's PLA in the past 87 years, as well as the PLA's participation in both domestic disaster relief as-

sistance and international humanitarian activities, as well as UN peace-keeping operations.

Over the past 60 years since the two countries officially established diplomatic relations, the bilateral ties withstood the test of time. The more hardship that the two countries have gone through, the more respect should be paid to the efforts on peace, stability, cooperation and mutual development, said Duc.

Speaking at the reception, Zhen Zhongxing, military attache of the Chinese Embassy in Vietnam, said China will adhere to the principles of "amity, sincerity, mutual benefit and inclusiveness" and deepen mutually-beneficial cooperation with neighbouring countries.

China will also continue to pursue a national defence policy which is purely defensive in nature, as well as oppose all forms of hegemonism and power politics.



Le Huu Duc, the deputy minister of national defence of Vietnam, addresses the reception to mark the upcoming 87th anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 30 July, 2014. —XINHUA

Fuel, food shortage
N Korea's

"Achilles' heel"

WASHINGTON, 31 July — A US official handling North Korean issues suggested on Wednesday that exploiting its dependence on China for fuel and food procurement could be a way to encourage Pyongyang to scrap its nuclear programmes. "This is the Achilles' heel of North Korea," Glyn Davies, special US representative for North Korea policy, told a congressional hearing.

The shortages of fossil fuels and food are "some of the ways that we can use" to put pressure on North Korea, Davies told the Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific of the House of Representatives' Foreign Affairs Committee. Davies ruled out the possibility of meeting North Korea's call to resume the long-stalled six-nation talks on its denuclearization which also involve China, Japan, South Korea and Russia. —Kyodo News

"In the new period, China's PLA is willing to strengthen friendly cooperation with other countries' armies and enhance mutual trust to contribute to maintaining world peace and promoting common development," Zhen added.

Zhen said China highly appreciates the efforts of the Vietnamese government and army in searching for the missing Malaysian jetliner MH370, and China is willing to expand and deepen the exchange and cooperation between the two armies in related fields.

Zhen expressed belief that the two countries are able to deal with differences and existing issues through dialogues and negotiations with a spirit of mutual understanding, thus continue to contribute to maintaining the traditional friendship and comprehensive strategic cooperative partnership between the two countries.

Xinhua

Indian army gets new chief



General Dalbir Singh Suhag

earlier the vice chief of the 1.3 million-strong Indian Army.

Earlier in the day, during his farewell ceremony, General Bikram Singh said: "At the centre of any combat power is the soldier and our soldiers are the finest." General Suhag, a Gorkha soldier who took part in the 1987 Indian Peace Keeping Force operation in Sri Lanka, has a distinguished career record.

However, he got mired in a controversy in 2012, following a vigilance ban on him by then Indian Army chief General VK Singh in connection with an intelligence operation in Assam.

The ban was removed after General Bikram Singh took over in May 2012.

Xinhua

NEW DELHI, 31 July — The Indian Army on Thursday got a new chief, General Dalbir Singh Suhag, after the incumbent General Bikram Singh retired from service.

The 59-year-old became the 26th Indian Army chief who will have a tenure of 30 months. He was

S Korea's main opposition party leaders resign for defeat in by-elections

SEOUL, 31 July — Co-leaders of South Korea's main opposition party resigned on Thursday for a crushing defeat in the parliamentary by-elections seen as a mid-term referendum on the Park Geun-hye administration.

Kim Han-gil and Ahn Cheol-soo offered to step down from top posts of the New Politics Alliance for Democracy (NPAD), which won only four out of the 15 seats at stake in the parliamentary by-elections held a day earlier.

The ruling Saenuri Party won a landslide victory, raising the number of its parliamentary seats to 158 in the 300-member parliament.

Kim told reporters that he decided to resign to assume all responsibilities for

the defeat, noting the party should have won the election. Ahn said he will quit the top post, which he held with Kim for four months, to take the responsibility, adding he will do his best for the party as one of ranks and files. —Xinhua



Picture taken on 31 July, 2014 shows Stung Meanchey overpass in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen opened the third overpass for traffic on Thursday to meet growing number of vehicles and to ease traffic congestion. —XINHUA

5.7-magnitude quake hits off Panguna, Papua New Guinea

HONG KONG, 31 July — A 5.7-magnitude earthquake jolted 119 km Southwest of Panguna, Papua New Guinea at 00:00:58 Beijing Time on Thursday (16:00:58 GMT on Wednesday), the US Geological Survey (USGS) said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10.0 km, was initially determined to be at 7.1854 degrees south latitude and 154.8418 degrees east longitude.

Xinhua

John Kerry arrives at New Delhi's airport for 3 days visit to India



US Secretary of State John Kerry gestures upon his arrival at the airport in New Delhi, India, on 30 July, 2014. Kerry is on a three-day visit to India.

XINHUA

Taiwan ready to defer construction of 4th nuclear power plant

TAIPEI, 31 July — Taiwan is ready to defer construction of its problem-plagued fourth nuclear power plant after the builder cleared the first hurdle to obtain permission from one of its supervisory bodies, the island's Ministry of Economic Affairs said on Thursday.

Vice Minister of Economic Affairs Woody Duh told reporters that while the ministry approved Taiwan Power Co's proposal to defer construction of the facility, the company known as Taipower still needs the consents of the Atomic Energy Council and the Executive Yuan (or Cabinet) to go ahead with the plan.

Duh said Taipower proposed to defer construction of the two reactors for three years, which is estimated to cost between NT\$1 billion (US\$33 million) and NT\$1.5 billion annually or less than NT\$4

billion in total, he said.

If a referendum is to be held three years later, Taipower will honor the decision of the people, he said.

Taiwan President Ma Ying-jeou said on 25 April that his government would let the public decide the fate of the plant in a referendum to be held after a safety check is completed, but he refused to halt construction.

However, following antinuclear protests in Taipei that drew tens of thousands of people, Premier Jiang Yi-huah announced the suspension of construction pending a public referendum on whether to resume it and whether to load fuel rods.

Legislative approval of the proposed referendum is pending.

While Ma's second four-year term will expire in 2016, the main opposition Democratic Progres-

sive Party has accused Ma of aiming to leave the decades-old problem for his successor to tackle since his term might well end before a safety check is completed.

The Ministry of Economic Affairs said on Wednesday that one of the two reactors at the fourth facility, which is still under construction, has passed all safety checks following a yearlong scrutiny.

The other reactor at the plant is still in an early stage of construction, which for the most part has been suspended pending the public referendum.

Antinuclear activists consider this year to be crucial as Taipower had originally planned to begin loading fuel rods in 2014 and start operating the plant next year.

Taiwan has three operating nuclear power stations — two in the north

and one in the south. All have operated safely for many years, while providing nearly 20 percent of the island's electricity.

Construction of the fourth plant began in 1998 in New Taipei City on the northeast coast. But various shutdowns due to engineering problems and policy reversals have delayed its completion, pushing the cost to nearly NT\$300 billion, almost double initial projections.

Concerns about the safety of nuclear power flared up again in the wake of the 11 March, 2011, Fukushima nuclear disaster in Japan.

Apart from apprehension over the growing stockpile of nuclear waste, critics say adding a new nuclear power facility in earthquake-prone Taiwan's heavily populated north will only make matters worse. —Kyodo News

Japan railway reinvents image with anime-designed trains, sumo goods

KANAZAWA, 31 July — Hoping to attract more visitors to Noto Peninsula on the Sea of Japan coast, a local railway has been reinventing its image by decorating its trains with pictures of Japanese animation heroines and selling goods related to a popular local sumo wrestler.

Since railway operator Noto Tetsudo in 2012 introduced trains with pictures of female characters in popular Japanese animation series "Hanasaku iroha," fans have flocked to the countryside station in

Ishikawa Prefecture to take photos of the train.

The animation, set in Ishikawa, tells the story of a 16-year-old high school girl who starts to live in and work at an "onsen" hot spring inn operated by her grandmother.

Yunosagi Station in the series was modeled after Nishigishi Station on the Noto Tetsudo line after the animation production staff fell in love with the station's Showa era (1926-1989) charm.

Kazuyuki Hachisuka, a director of the railway op-

erator, was initially doubtful that the trains would become popular but he was eventually proven wrong.

Visitors to the station have increased since the anime was aired on TV in spring 2011. When the operator decided to put up a signboard for "Yunosagi Station" there, more than 300 people came on the first day.

Taking its cue from the popularity of the "Hanasaku iroha" train, the railway operator will introduce from Friday new trains with illustrations from two

more TV anime series — "Glasslip," whose story is set in Fukui Prefecture, and "True Tears," set in Toyama Prefecture, both neighboring Ishikawa Prefecture.

Noto Tetsudo has also tapped into the crowd-drawing appeal of popular sumo wrestler Endo, who hails from Ishikawa's Anamizu town. Anamizu Station, the last stop on the Noto Tetsudo line, began this month selling goods related to Endo such as a teacup with his portrait. —Kyodo News

N Korea rejects US claim of religious repression, suggests action

BEIJING, 31 July — North Korea's official news agency on Wednesday dismissed the latest claim by the United States that Pyongyang sharply limits religious freedom, suggesting that those violating the country's law "under the mask of religion" will face tougher punishments, a possible allusion to detained Americans.

The Korean Central News Agency said the assertion in the US State Department's International Religious Freedom Report for 2013 is groundless, saying "religious belief and freedom are fully guaranteed" in the country and "believers can freely practice religions at will."

The State Department designated North Korea as among the "countries of particular concern" in the report released on Monday, saying that Pyongyang in practice "severely restricted religious activities, except for some officially recognized groups that it

tightly supervised."

KCNA said, "As long as the US persists in its hostile acts against the DPRK, the latter will inflict harsher punishment on those who commit crimes against the law of the DPRK under the mask of religion."

The DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the official name of North Korea.

North Korea is known to have detained three US citizens. Kenneth Bae, Matthew Miller and Jeffrey Fowle. Two of their arrests could be linked to religious grounds.

Bae, arrested in November 2012, is a Korean American missionary. Fowle was detained in May for leaving a Bible in his hotel before his departure, according to diplomatic sources.

Miller's detention since April is related to "his rash behavior" when entering the country, according to KCNA.

Kyodo News

Lebanon detains 8 Syrians suspected linking with terror group

BEIRUT, 31 July — The Lebanese army detained eight Syrian nationals on Wednesday for illegally entering Lebanon and being suspected of having links with an offshoot of al-Qaeda, the military said in a statement.

The army "seized eight Syrians in the eastern border town of Aarsal for illegal entry. Some of them were driving unregistered cars and motorcycles and are suspected of belonging to terrorist groups."

Later, the state-run National News Agency reported that the detained Syrians were suspected of having links to the al-Qaeda affiliate "Al-Nusra Front," a group that has spearheaded the rebels' fighting in Syria since 2012.

Aarsal, a predominantly Sunni border town, backs the war against Assad and has been a conduit of weapons and rebels into Syria. It's also known to have harbored a huge number of displaced Syrians fleeing the conflict.

Syria has been gripped by deadly conflict since March 2011.

Over 160,000 people have reportedly been killed and millions displaced. —Xinhua

Greek embassy in Libya evacuated amid clashes

ATHENS, 31 July — An operation was launched on Thursday to evacuate the Greek Embassy in Libya amidst spiraling violence in the country, according to the Greek Foreign Ministry.

Greek navy frigate "Salamis" was en route to Tripoli to evacuate Greek Embassy employees and Greek nationals living in Libya.

The approximately 80 members of the Greek community in the country were notified that they can board the ship, as clashes between militias in the area escalate. —Xinhua

WORLD

US resupplies Israel with munitions as Gaza offensive rages

WASHINGTON, 31 July — The United States has allowed Israel, waging an offensive in the Gaza Strip, to tap a local US arms stockpile in the past week to resupply it with grenades and mortar rounds, a US defence official said on Thursday.

The munitions were located inside Israel as part of a programme managed by the US military and called War Reserves Stock

Allies-Israel (WRSA-I), which stores munitions locally for US use that Israel can also access in emergency situations.

Israel, however, did not cite an emergency when it made its latest request about 10 days ago, the defence official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The United States allowed Israel to access the strategic stockpile

anyway to resupply itself with 40mm grenades and 120mm mortar rounds to deplete older stocks that would eventually need to be refreshed.

“They didn’t ask for it from there but we gave it to them so we could rotate our stocks,” the official said.

Additional Israeli requests for US-manufactured ammunition were also being processed in



Mortar bombs are seen in containers at an Israeli military staging area near the border with Gaza on 30 July, 2014.—REUTERS



Smoke and flames are seen during Israeli offensive in the east of Gaza City on 30 July, 2014.—REUTERS

Afghan police kill 25 militants in 24 hours

KABUL, 31 July — Units of Afghan police backed by the army have killed more than two dozen Taliban militants during series of operations across the country over the past 24 hours, a statement of Ministry of Interior released here on Thursday said.

“Personnel of police backed by the army during series of operations conducted in parts of Wardak, Nangarhar, Faryab and Kandahar provinces over the past 24 hours have left dead 25 Taliban insurgents,” the statement said.

Six militants have been injured and five others captured during the operations.

Taliban militants who have intensified activities since May this year, have yet to make comment.

Xinhua

Shi’ite militia hangs up 15 executed Sunnis in Iraqi square

BAGHDAD, 31 July — Iraqi Shi’ite militia forces executed 15 Sunni Muslims and then hung them from electricity poles in a public square in the town of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad, on Wednesday, police said.

With Iraq sliding ever closer to all-out sectarian civil war, a car bomb exploded near restaurants and shops in the capital’s Shi’ite district of Sadr City, killing 16 people, while another car bomb killed five in Baghdad’s Ameen district, police said.

A police officer at the scene in Baquba, a mixed Sunni and Shi’ite town 65 km (40 miles) from Baghdad, said he believed the

gruesome display of the bodies was designed to warn Sunnis off supporting the Islamic State, an al-Qaeda offshoot that has seized swathes of land in an advance through northern Iraq.

The victims, who had been kidnapped over the last week, were shot in the head and chest and then hung up by cables.

“The militia forces are preventing the medical crew from taking down the bodies,” the police officer said.

“They are following a new tactic of keeping bodies hanging for a longer time to deter the Sunni population from backing the Islamic State. We asked

them to let us evacuate the bodies but they refused.”

Even before Islamic State’s dramatic advance, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki’s Shi’ite-dominated government had already alienated many in the Sunni minority with what they saw as authoritarian government biased towards Shi’ites, prompting some to find common cause with Sunni militants.

The US-funded and trained Iraqi army unravelled in the face of the Islamic State’s sweep through the north, and violence in other parts of Iraq has increased since then, raising fears that the OPEC member will relapse into the dark days of sectarian

civil war that peaked in 2006-2007.

Maliki is currently ruling in a caretaker capacity, having won a parliamentary election in April but failed to win enough support from the Kurdish and Arab Sunni minorities as well as fellow Shi’ites to form a new government.

On the battlefield, Shi’ite militias have stepped in to challenge the Sunni insurgents after Iraq’s top cleric called on his compatriots to take up arms against the Islamic State.

Maliki promised in his weekly speech to the nation on Wednesday to end the threat from Islamic State.

Reuters

the United States, the official said. The official did not offer further details on quantities or costs of ammunition already supplied or requested.

Israel’s embassy in Washington declined comment about the re-supply request, including whether it asked for the ammunition because of its operations in Gaza. Separately, US lawmakers

were working in Congress to provide millions of dollars in additional funding for Israel’s “Iron Dome” missile shield.

The US Senate Appropriations Committee added \$225 million for Iron Dome to a spending bill intended mainly to provide money to handle an influx of thousands of Central American children across the US-Mexico border.

According to the Gaza Health Ministry, 1,346 Palestinians, mostly civilians, have been killed since Israel began its offensive on 8 July with the declared aim of halting cross-border rocket fire and destroying the tunnel network of the Islamist group Hamas.

On the Israeli side, 56 soldiers and three civilians have been killed.

Reuters

Hezbollah commander killed in Iraq

BEIRUT, 31 July — A Hezbollah commander has died during a mission in Iraq, sources familiar with the incident said on Wednesday, indicating the Lebanese group that is already fighting in Syria’s civil war may be involved in a second conflict in the region.

Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Shi’ite Islamist group, has not previously announced any role in the conflict in Iraq, which escalated last month when radical Sunni militants seized large areas of territory from the Shi’ite-led government in Baghdad.

Four sources in Lebanon named the Hezbollah commander as Ibrahim al-Haj, a technical specialist involved in training. They said he was “martyred” in a battle near Mosul, a city in northern Iraq seized from government control last month by an al-Qaeda offshoot known as the Islamic State.

His funeral was held

on Wednesday in the village of Qilya in the Bekaa Valley. A Hezbollah official contacted by Reuters declined to comment.

Hezbollah’s deployment in Syria has helped President Bashar al-Assad’s government firm up its grip on power by reestablishing control over a strategic corridor of territory stretching north from Damascus. The group says it is fighting in Syria against the threat posed by radical Sunni militants.

Assad is an ally of Iran and a member of the Alawite sect that is an offshoot of Shi’ite Islam. Tehran also has longstanding ties to Shi’ite politicians in Iraq.

Hezbollah was founded with Iranian help in the early 1980s and fought to drive out Israeli forces that occupied southern Lebanon until 2000. The most powerful group in Lebanon, it also fought a war with Israel in 2006.

Reuters

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 1 August, 2014

Job creation for young women is vital

By Myint Win Thein

Job creation for young women is an important issue in Myanmar, as some women have to support their families alone because their husbands have left them or their parents are seriously ill or too old to work. They

have to work to support their family members by taking whatever jobs they can get.

However, almost all of them do not earn enough to support their families and have to work in the sex industry like massage parlours, night clubs, karaoke lounges and brothels.

According to a recent news report, there are many sex workers in Yangon. Many of them are from other towns or villages across the country and they lie to their families that they are working in factories or companies in Yangon when sending the money home.

In the booming such industry in cities across the country, they earn more than in their previous jobs but they are subject to sexual harassments by their customers. Some of them who go to work in or are trafficked into neighbouring

countries like China and Thailand are more cruelly exploited and tortured.

Most of them do not want to work in the sex industry but they have to work there because of the lack of education or jobs to support their families. They should be provided with capacity enhancement trainings so that they can work with dignity. These women should not be neglected and they must be properly protected by enacting laws and creating jobs in which they can earn enough.

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Union Minister inspects research facilities

NAY PYI TAW, 31 July — Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo told researchers and officials of the Myanmar Science and Technology Research Department in Yangon to build more research facilities on 28 July, without specifying details on finances or other support from the authorities.

The union minister

urged officials, researchers to conduct research “responsibly and accountably.”

On 29 July, the union minister visited West Yangon Technological University and met with the rector and heads of different departments. He urged the faculty members to teach students in accordance with international standards before

inspecting the class rooms and labs at the university.

MNA

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo explains conducting research and technology at West Yangon Technological University.—MNA



Concentration

Kyí Mun

- **Concentration** : The ability to direct all your effort and attention on ONE thing, without thinking of other things.
- **Concentrate** : To give all your attention to something and not think about anything else.
- **Concentrated** : Showing determination to do something.
-The Oxford Dictionary
- **Focus** : To give attention, effort, etc. to **one particular** subject, situation or person, rather than another.
- **Focused** : With your attention directed at what you want to do, with very clear aims.
-The Oxford Dictionary

The Importance of Concentration or Single-Mindedness

In religion we have got to single-mindedly concentrate our MIND on SOME ULTIMATE POWER; in Meditation we have got to concentrate our Attention and Effort on Some Universal Truth; in Warfare, we have got to concentrate all our resources on the Cutting Edge for winning the War; and in Business, our Passionate Focus must be on ADDING VALUE and Creating Wealth for all the Stakeholders.

Focus On Letting Go & Letting Flow

When we are relentlessly FOCUSED on Letting Go & Letting Flow, we tend to lose ourselves-our I-centered PRIDE together with HURRY, WORRY and SORROW, seem to FLOW AWAY. We just REMAIN with our Focused Concentration on LETTING Go. All the DISTRACTIONS of our mind Flow Away by LETTING FLOW.

A Concentrated Mind Is A Strong Mind

A Concentrated Mind is a Made-up Mind which cannot but be STRONG and CLEAR. A made-up mind has POWER. A totally made-up mind has a tremendous ENERGY and POWER in the forms of :

The FOUR POWERS of a Concentrated MIND

- 1.) The Power of Desire
- 2.) The Power of Spirit
- 3.) The Power of Energy
- 4.) The Power of Insight

Please note that DESIRE can be of different kinds. Here, we mean the Desire to be unconditioned by being CARE-FREE. We must be CAREFREE not to hanker after the POSITIONS, POSSESSIONS AND POWER that we have not really earned and thus we do not truly deserve to get them.

A Concentrated Mind Is a FREE MIND

By focusing our mind on letting go and letting flow, nothing that binds our mind remains. The mind, when clearly concentrated is FREE from all forms of BONDAGE. The concentrated mind becomes unburdened, and thus unconditioned by all kinds of external forces. The mind, when fully concentrated, is invulnerable to outside influences. It remains CALM in FREEDOM.

The WIND IS A FREE FORCE

The wind is free, independent and powerful, because it is always FLOWING. The WIND never STOPS at ANYTHING. It always flows on without being attached to anything or any place. So also the HUMAN MIND can be free, independent, and powerful if it is FOCUSED on Letting Flow.

Concentrate on LETTING GO & LETTING FLOW

Concentrating our mind on Letting Go & Letting Flow means unburdening and untying our mind. By letting go and letting flow, we can attain a state of mind in which every burden is dropped, and every bondage is burst asunder.

Single-minded Concentration Leads to ENERGY, POWER and FREEDOM

Concentrating our mind on Letting Go & Letting Flow is a Supreme Strategy for the attainment of our objective of being CAREFREE, ANXIETILESS and SORROWLESS. Here, it should be noted that being CARE-FREE is not being CARELESS. Please take the example of “The Mother CAREFULLY teaches her son to be able to walk CAREFREELY.

By Concentrating our whole being on Letting Go & Letting Flow, we will be able to:

- Drop all the BURDENS
- Lay down all the CARES & SORROWS, and
- Live CAREFREELY with ENERGY, POWER and FREEDOM, while we are still living, moving and having our beings, in a workaday world.

This categorically means that so long as we are doing the right things, we don’t have to hurry and worry. This we can do, so long as we do the right things, by CONCENTRATING our innermost mind or the subconscious mind or life continuum on LETTING GO and LETTING FLOW. We can, mind you, do three things simultaneously without a care in the whole world, walking, talking and chewing gum or paan, if only we, Let Go & Let Flow all the hurry and worry.

Practicing SINGLE-MINDED CONCENTRATION means that you TOTALLY FOCUS your MIND ON ONE THING WITHOUT ANY TENSION, HURRY, WORRY AND ANXIETY. This you will be able to do when you LET GO AND LET FLOW.

When you are thus relaxed in mind and body without a care in the whole wide world, you can follow your dream, you can concentrate on your goal and you can focus on tackling your task with energy and earnestness. Whenever distractions appear, you only have to do ONE thing — i.e, CONCENTRATE on LETTING GO AND LETTING FLOW AGAIN.

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LOCAL NEWS

Singaing Township team wins championship trophy in U-20 football tournament

MANDALAY, 31 July — Singaing Township emerged as champions with a 1-0 victory over Madaya Township in the final match of the Mandalay Region Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-Township Men's U-20 Football Tournament.

The final match took place at Bahtoo Stadium on Wednesday afternoon.

Both teams could not

break the deadlock of a goalless draw in the first half. Players of Singaing Township were in football possession more than Madaya Township in the second half, with Singaing Township winning the match.

Officials presented the fair play award to the Chanayethazan Township team, best player awards

in respective places to the winners, silver medals to players of Madaya Township team and gold medals to those of Singaing Township team.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint awarded the championship trophy to first prize winner Singaing Township team.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



People receives medical treatment from health staff

SHWEPYITHA, 31 July — A health care team gave free medical treatment to local people in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region on 28 July.

Township Medical Officer Daw Mi Mi Khaing and health staff visited villages that are far from the

hospitals and clinics in the township.

In Zigon Village, they performed medical check-up on 95 children and adults with the assistance of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations.

Thar Sein Daing



First prize winner Singaing Township team with championship trophy in Mandalay Region Chief Minister's Cup football tournament.

Priority given to traffic safety for people, students

MANDALAY, 31 July — Deputy Head of No 11 Traffic Police Squad (Mandalay) Police Major Thein Ko Ko explained instructions of the Union Minister for Home Affairs, the Mandalay Region Chief Minister, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force and the Commander of Traffic Police Corps

to his 205 subordinates on Tuesday.

The head of the squad explained that members of the traffic police are to take action against owners of unlicensed vehicles, to be free from bribery, and give priority to traffic safety of the people and students.

Tin Maung

Muse market fire destroys over 300 shops

MUSE, 31 July — A fire broke out at the development market in Monepaw Village of Panghsai (Kyukok) Sub-Township of Muse in northern Shan State at 4.30 a.m. on Wednesday.

An electric shock caused an outbreak of fire at the noodle shop, blazing

65 shops in the outer wing and 240 inside the market. Although there were no casualties, the fire led to a K8.3 million loss.

Thirty members of the auxiliary fire brigade, local authorities and 30 Monepaw militia participated in putting out the fire at 7.15 p.m.—*Muse District IPRD*

Earthen and glaze wares sold at toy pots festival in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 31 July — A toy pots festival is held with the sales of small earthen pots for children in Ohbo Shwegyin and Padamyataw wards of Aung-

myethazan Township of Mandalay from 2 pm to 7 pm on 8th Waxing of Wagaung, which this year falls in early August.

The festival is held

before the Taungpyone festival.

Sellers from Nwenein region of Singu Township from Mandalay Region, Inwa of TadaU Township,

Khinthin and Sheinmaka regions of Shwebo Township, Myaung and Myinmu townships of Sagaing Region bring toy pots in various sizes, earthen wares, water pots, vases and glaze wares by boat along Ayeyawady River and sell the products one week ahead of the Taungpyone festival.

They also sell glaze and earthen wares at Taungpyone festival in Madaya Township and Yadana-gu festival in Amarapura Township. Moreover, they put the toy pots on sales at the three-pagoda festival on 82nd street between 29th and 30th streets in Chanayethazan Township.—*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*



Moscow fights back after sanctions; battle rages near Ukraine crash site

Moscow, 31 July — Russia fought back on Wednesday over new US and EU sanctions imposed over Ukraine even as G7 leaders warned of further steps, while Ukraine's government accused pro-Russian rebels of placing land mines near the site of a crashed Malaysian airliner to prevent a proper investigation.

Russia announced a ban on most fruit and vegetable imports from Poland and said it could extend it to the entire European Union, a move Warsaw called Kremlin retaliation for new Western sanctions over Ukraine imposed on Russia on Tuesday.

Moscow called the new EU and US sanctions “destructive and short-sighted” and said they would lead to higher energy prices in Europe and damage cooperation with the United States on international affairs.

The confrontation between Russia and the West entered a new phase this week, with the United States and European Union taking by far the strongest international steps yet



A woman takes a photograph of wreckage at the crash site of Malaysia Airlines Flight MH17 near the village of Hrabove (Grabovo), Donetsk region on 26 July, 2014. —REUTERS

against Moscow over its support for Ukraine's rebels. The new EU and US sanctions restrict sales of arms and of equipment for the oil industry, while Russian state banks are barred from raising money in Western capital markets.

G7 leaders issued a joint statement on Wednesday warning Russia that it

would face added economic sanctions if Moscow does not change course on its Ukraine policy.

The statement from the leaders of the G7 countries — the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Britain — was a show of solidarity among allies. They expressed grave

concern about Russian actions that have undermined “Ukraine's sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence.”

“Russia still has the opportunity to choose the path of de-escalation,” the statement said. “If it does not do so, however, we remain ready to further intensify the costs of its

adverse actions.”

In addition, the European Commission published the names of eight Russians, including some of President Vladimir Putin's associates, and three companies that will have their assets frozen as part of the sanctions. The people on the list include Arkady Rotenberg, who is Putin's

long-time judo partner and has been on a US sanctions list since March.

Yury Kovalchuk and Nikolai Shamalov — the two largest shareholders in Bank Rossiya, a St Petersburg company that expanded rapidly after Putin moved to Moscow and became president in 2000 — were also blacklisted.

The companies named include Russian National Commercial Bank, which was the first Russian bank to go into Crimea after the region's annexation by Russia this year. The other two firms are anti-aircraft weapons maker Almaz-Antey and airline Dobrolyot, which operates flights between Moscow and Simferopol in the Crimea.

On the ground in Ukraine, heavy fighting between government forces and separatists has been taking place near the site where Malaysian flight MH17 crashed into wheat and sunflower fields on 17 July, shot down by what Washington and Brussels say was a missile supplied by Russia.

Reuters

Dutch, Australian experts attempt to reach Ukraine crash site

AMSTERDAM, 31 July — Experts from the Netherlands and Australia tried on Thursday to reach the crash site in eastern Ukraine of downed Malaysia Airlines flight MH17 after several failed attempts this week.

Members of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) were also part of a team that was trying to navigate a safe route to the area where the plane went down on 17 July, killing all 298 passengers and crew.

“The goal is to reach the spot where MH17 crashed and evaluate safety on the route from Donetsk,” the Dutch team said in a statement.

Although most of the bodies have been recovered from the site, there are still human remains and personal belongings to be secured. *Reuters*

Russia says US accusations over nuclear treaty “unfounded”

Moscow, 31 July — Russia on Wednesday dismissed Washington's accusations that it has violated the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Treaty as “unfounded”, and said it had its own complaints against the United States over the treaty.

“We have amassed many complaints to the US in the context of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Treaty. This includes... production of armed drones by the Americans, which...fall into the category of ground-based

cruise missiles as defined by the Treaty,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

The ministry was reacting to Washington's allegations that Moscow had violated the 1988 accord.

The exchange of the accusations took place amid the deepest East-West rift since the end of the Cold War over Moscow's role in the Ukraine crisis and the EU and United States economic sanctions against Moscow. The treaty was designed to eliminate ground-launched

cruise missiles with ranges of 500 to 5,500 km (310 to 3,400 miles).

The United States has called for senior-level talks, while Russian Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday that the problems over the treaty should be resolved “in working regime”. On Wednesday, NATO said the United States had briefed ambassadors from the 27 other NATO countries on its determination that Russia was in violation of its obligations under the treaty.

Reuters

Putin still welcome to G20 leaders summit: Australian PM

SYDNEY, 31 July — Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott said on Thursday he would like Russian President Vladimir Putin to attend the upcoming G20 leaders summit in Australia despite the constant hampering of international investigators trying to reach the MH17 crash site. The suspected shooting down of

the Malaysia Airlines plane by pro-Russian rebels has triggered calls for Putin to be banned from the Brisbane meeting in November. But Abbott believes it would be better Russia that attended the important international event.

“I would like to be in a position for him to continue to attend,” he told local

radio. “There will no doubt be a lot of water flow under the bridge between now and November.” Australian Opposition Leader Bill Shorten said recently that Putin should be uninvited from the Brisbane G20 meeting because of his government's “reckless and stupid” actions leading up to the MH17 disaster.—Xinhua

US envoy Kennedy to attend Hiroshima A-bomb ceremony

HIROSHIMA, 31 July — US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy will attend the annual ceremony in Hiroshima next week to mark the anniversary of the 1945 US atomic bombing of the city, sources familiar with the matter said on Thursday.

Kennedy previously visited Hiroshima during her first trip to Japan in 1978 with her uncle, then US Sen Edward Kennedy. It will be her first visit to the city since assuming her post in November.

Her predecessor, John Roos, became the first US representative at the 6 August ceremony in 2010. He also attended the event in 2012 and 2013.

Kennedy's attendance at the annual ceremony in Nagasaki marking the 9 August atomic bombing of the city is also under consideration, according to the sources, who asked not to be named.

Last December, the envoy visited the



Undated photo shows US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy. Kennedy will attend the annual ceremony in Hiroshima on 6 August to mark the anniversary of the 1945 US atomic bombing of the city, sources familiar with the matter said on 31 July, 2014.—KYODO NEWS

Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum and listened to A-bomb survivors' accounts of the attack.

Kyodo News

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

European regulators training sights on Google's mobile software

BRUSSELS / SAN FRANCISCO, 31 July — European regulators are preparing what could be a stern challenge to Google Inc's (GOOGL.O) (GOOG.O) mobile software business in the coming months after a nearly four-year investigation into the company's Web search practices left rivals and European politicians dissatisfied.

Two sources with direct knowledge of the matter said that with a new antitrust chief taking over in November, European regulators are laying the groundwork for a case centered on whether Google abuses the 80 percent market share of its Android mobile operating system to promote services from maps to search.

The Commission has stepped up inquiries just in recent weeks, sending companies questionnaires that seek far more details than previous queries on the matter in 2011 and 2013.

In one questionnaire seen by *Reuters*,

respondents were asked whether there was a requirement set by Google, written or unwritten, that they not pre-install apps, products or services on mobile devices that compete with Google software like its search engine, app store and maps.

Companies must provide emails, faxes, letters, notes from phone calls and meetings, and presentations stretching as far back as 2007 related to such deals with Google, suggesting the European Commission wants to know if Google's behavior has been long-term. Respondents have been given until early September to reply to more than 40 questions.

While any company is free to use the open-source Android as they choose, mobile handset makers that want to use the newest version must sign a contract that stipulates a minimum number of Google services be pre-installed on devices, according to a third source, a



Google Chairman Eric Schmidt speaks at a Motorola phone launch event in New York, in this file photo taken on 5 Sept, 2012. —REUTERS

former Google executive with knowledge of the matter. The impending Android inquiry adds to a growing list of regulatory challenges that complicate the Internet company's ambitions in a vital market. Europe accounted for more than \$30 billion in digital advertising spending in 2013.

The European Commission is likely to start a formal probe into Android once it wraps up an investigation into whether

Google ranks its own services higher than those of its rivals in search results, according to the two people with knowledge of the matter.

One of the sources said going after Android would help stem a growing chorus of complaints.

Google struck a deal with Almunia in February by agreeing to display rivals' links more prominently, but the preliminary settlement was criticized as inadequate by rivals

such as Microsoft Corp, US consumer review site Yelp Inc and German and Spanish publishers, as well as some European politicians.

Outgoing European Commission antitrust chief Joaquin Almunia may decide to open a second case against Google at the same time he announces the closing of the first, the source said. "It's a political game. Can Almunia afford not to bring a case? He has to bring a case," the source said.

Google faces criticism in Europe about everything from privacy to tax policies, and is wrestling with a European court's ruling that requires it to remove links from search results that individuals find objectionable.

Android's 80 percent market share is at a level akin to Microsoft's Windows, itself the target of a long-running European investigation.

At the same time, the company has grown so large as to inspire distrust

in some corners, with a chorus of public criticism from politicians and business executives. Mathias Dopfner, the Chief Executive of German publisher Axel Springer said he was "afraid" of Google in an April open letter published in German newspaper *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Axel Springer is a member of the Open Internet Project, which has submitted a complaint against Google to the EC.

"They are in a stormy patch at the moment" in Europe, says Alasdair Young, a professor at Georgia Tech's Sam Nunn School of International Affairs. "It's pretty unusual for a company to be hit by so many big policy threats at the same time."

The search investigation is not a done deal, with the Commission having indicated it may seek more concessions from Google before making a final decision in September.

But the real fight may be shifting to mobile.

Reuters

Microsoft board adds mobile savvy with Stanton

SEATTLE, 31 July — Microsoft Corp named wireless industry pioneer John Stanton to its board on Wednesday, adding a director with experience in the mobile sector it has struggled to crack.

The move to appoint Stanton, 58, who until last year was the chairman of wireless broadband company Clearwire Corp, comes six months into the leadership of new Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella, whose motto for the company is "mobile-first, cloud-first", veering away from its historical strength in PC software.

Investors have applauded Nadella's forward-looking stance, but still have concerns about the \$7.2 billion purchase this year of Nokia's handset business, which thrust Microsoft directly into the phone market, but has yet to deliver results with only about 4 percent of smartphones globally running Windows software.

Two weeks ago, Nadella announced 18,000 job cuts at Microsoft, with most coming from the phone business it acquired from Nokia.

"John's insights into mobility around the globe

and his expertise in working with organizations as CEO and as a board member will be invaluable as we transform Microsoft for growth and leadership in the mobile-first, cloud-first world," said Nadella in a statement.

In the 1980s, Stanton was a senior executive at McCaw Cellular, which led the way in the nascent wireless industry, later becoming part of AT&T. Between 1995 and 2003, he led VoiceStream Wireless, which was bought by Deutsche Telekom and later renamed T-Mobile USA. He went on to become a director and then chairman at Clearwire from 2008 to 2013.

Microsoft now has 11 board members, including former CEOs Steve Ballmer and Bill Gates. Gates stepped down as chairman earlier this year to be replaced by lead independent director John Thompson. In March, the company's board added Mason Morfit, a president of activist investor ValueAct Capital, which has been skeptical of Microsoft's forays into the hardware market.

Reuters

Octopus mom protects her eggs for an astonishing 4-1/2 years

WASHINGTON, 31 July — If someone were to create an award for "mother of the year" in the animal kingdom, a remarkably dedicated eight-limbed mom from the dark and frigid depths of the Pacific Ocean might be a strong contender.

Scientists on Wednesday described how the female of an octopus species that dwells almost a mile below the sea surface spends about 4-1/2 years brooding her eggs, protecting them vigilantly until they hatch while forgoing any food for herself.

It is the longest known egg-brooding period for any animal, they wrote in the scientific journal *PLOS ONE*.

The scientists used a remote-controlled submarine to monitor the deep-sea species, called *Graneledone boreopacifica*, off the coast of central California.

They tracked one female, recognizable by its distinctive scars, that clung to a vertical rock face near the floor of a canyon about 4,600 feet (1,400 meters) under the surface, keeping the roughly 160 translucent eggs free of debris and silt



A deep-sea octopus (Graneledone boreopacifica) is shown on a ledge near the bottom of Monterey Canyon, California, about 1,400 meters (4,600 feet) below the ocean surface in this undated handout photo provided by Eurekalert.org on 30 July, 2014. —REUTERS

and chasing off predators.

This mother octopus never left the oblong-shaped eggs — which during the brooding period grew from about the size of a blueberry to the size of a grape — and was never seen eating anything. The octopus progressively lost weight and its skin became pale and loose. The researchers monitored the octopus during 18 dives over 53 months from May 2007 to September 2011.

Bruce Robison, a deep sea ecologist at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute in Moss

Landing, California, said this species exhibits an extremely powerful maternal instinct. "It's extraordinary. It's amazing. We're still astonished ourselves by what we saw," Robison said.

Most octopus females lay a single set of eggs in a lifetime and die shortly after their offspring hatch. The newborn of this species are no helpless babies. The long brooding period enables the hatchlings to come out of their eggs uniquely capable of survival, emerging as fully developed miniature adults able to capture small prey. —*Reuters*



A shadow of a man using his mobile phone is cast near Microsoft logo at the 2014 Computex exhibition in Taipei on 4 June, 2014. —REUTERS

George W Bush writes biography of his father

HOUSTON, 31 July — Former US President George W Bush has authored a biography of his father, George H.W Bush, another former White House occupant, it was announced on Wednesday.

Crown Publishing Group said in a Press re-

lease that the book, currently untitled, will be released in the United States and Canada in print and digital formats on 11 November — the Veterans Day holiday in the United States.

According to Crown, the book will cover Bush Senior's whole life, in-

cluding his political career, role as CIA director, work in the Texas oil industry and service in the Navy during World War II, as well as his influence on Bush Junior's childhood and own political career.

"George H W Bush is a great servant, statesman, and

father," George W Bush said in a statement issued by Crown. "I loved writing the story of his life, and I hope others enjoy reading it."

Bush Junior's previous book, "Decision Points," is considered the bestselling presidential memoir of all

time, selling over 3 million copies in the US since its release in late 2010.

As the only father and son to have both won the presidency since John Adams and John Quincy Adams — the second and the sixth presidents respectively — George H W Bush,

the 41st president, and George W Bush, the 43rd president, occupy a unique position in recent US history.

Bush Senior, who turned 90 in June, is one of the few presidents in modern times to have not written a memoir. — Xinhua

Major fire breaks out at historic seaside resort in southeast England

LONDON, 31 July — A major fire has broken out at a historic pier in the seaside resort town of Eastbourne in East Sussex of southeast England, leading to quick evacuation and traffic control around the popular tourist site, local authorities said Wednesday.

Around 60 firefighters were called out at 15:13 local time (1413 GMT) on Wednesday to tackle the fire. "They are attacking the fire from the coastal side of the building, from the beach and from underneath the Pier," the East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service (ESFRS) said in a statement.

The fire was believed to have started in wall paneling in a part of the Pier which houses arcade games. A large plume of



Fire rips through Eastbourne Pier in SE England

smoke could be seen above Eastbourne.

Local police confirmed that the pier was safely and quickly evacuated and there was no one trapped in the fire when it broke out. No injuries or casualties

have been reported so far.

Police were called to the seafront to assist fire service colleagues with traffic control and the large number of people who were on the seafront at the time or who have turned up

to watch, according to Sussex Police.

A one-way system was put in place in the area around Eastbourne Pier to assist firefighting vehicles attending the major fire that has broken out on the his-

toric structure.

"Police are asking drivers to stay away from the area and to be prepared for diversions or other traffic control measures if they have to use roads locally," Sussex Police said, adding "The fire is not believed to be suspicious at this time."

The ESFRS noted that a two-storey building on the Pier measuring around 30 metres by 50 metres was well alight. The building is about 50 metres from the shoreline.

Firefighters were also being assisted by the Coastguard, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI) and the South East Coast Ambulance at the scene.

Opened in 1870, Eastbourne Pier has a popular resort for tourists in the coastal town. — Xinhua

Seven killed, 13 missing in boat sinking in North Sumatra, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 31 July — Rescuers have found seven bodies and are searching for 13 missing people after a boat with 47 passengers on board capsized in Labuhan Batu Utara district of North Sumatra on Thursday, official said here.

The accident took place after midnight in Berombang river in Panai Hilir sub-district when the boat carrying people returning from a tour to visit their relatives in Kuala-Ledong sub-district, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, spokesman of national disaster agency.

"The boat was running out of fuel and was swept by the current. It hit a stake that make it destabilized and sank," he told Xinhua via phone.

"Seven bodies have been identified and the 13 missing persons are being searched," Sutopo said.

Visiting relatives are a tradition for Muslims in Indonesia during the Islamic festivity of Eid al-Fitr.

Rescuers from local search and rescue office, soldier and police are searching for the missing, he added.

Boat, with its low cost, is a favourite transport mean in Indonesia, an archipelago country, but low safety standard has often led to fatal accidents. On Tuesday, a wooden boat with 60 people on board capsized in Kapuas river of Central Kalimantan, leaving 15 people dead, three missing, rescuer said.

Xinhua

Diggers try to reach more than 100 feared trapped in India landslide; 21 dead

MALIN VILLAGE, (India), 31 July — Rescuers in India were digging through swirling mud to uncover dozens of submerged homes on Thursday and find more than 100 people swallowed up by a landslide that flattened almost an entire village, with the confirmed death toll at 21.

Seven teams of 42 rescue workers each worked through the night at Malin village, 60 km (35 miles) from the city of Pune in Maharashtra state. But incessant rain, mud and poor communications in the remote area slowed their efforts to make their way into engulfed thatch huts and brick houses.

Four earth moving machines scooped out mud spread over an area the size of a football pitch. The frame of a motorbike floated by on a torrent of mud, an indication that bodies could well be underneath.

Small streams flowed into the area from surrounding hills.

The hillside above the village collapsed on Wednesday and heavy rain raised fears of another landslide.

The head of rescue operations at the National Disaster Response Force said 21 bodies had been recovered, with 129 people feared trapped under the mud that covered dozens of houses.

"We have mapped the 46 houses and are trying to remove the mud from the most densely populated areas," said operations chief Alok Avasthy.

The local school, one of the only roofed buildings to survive, was put into service as a makeshift shelter for rescue workers, while police were stationed in trucks to provide back-up.

Rainy season down-



Rescue workers and volunteers clear the debris from the site of a landslide at Malin village in the western Indian state of Maharashtra on 30 July, 2014. — REUTERS

pours, though vital for India's agriculture, can often bring disaster.

Unprecedented rain

in June last year wreaked havoc across Uttarakhand state in the Himalayas, causing rivers and lakes to

burst their banks, inundating towns and villages and killing thousands.

Reuters

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(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(16/2014)**

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(3)	IFB -074(14-15)	Steel Wire Ropes for Sand Line and Casing Line (3) Items	US\$
(4)	IFB -075(14-15)	Spares for KB 150 Well Servicing Truck (10) Items	US\$
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Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 30th July, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.
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Technical and Financial Proposals shall be submitted to the Procurement Committee at Ministry Office No. 36 in person from 0800 to 0900 on August 14, 2014. Proposals submitted after 0900 shall be rejected. All proposals will be opened at 1000 on the same day in front of all attendees.

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PLA, Armed Police back graft probe of Zhou Yongkang

BEIJING, 31 July — The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) and Armed Police fully support the decision to investigate Zhou Yongkang, the latest and highest-ranking "tiger" in the anti-corruption campaign, a military newspaper said on Thursday.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) announced on Tuesday an investigation into Zhou, a former Standing Committee member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, for suspected "serious disciplinary violations."

The decision reflects the CPC's political resolve to purify and reform itself, the *PLA Daily* said on its official microblog on Thursday.

Officers across the army support the investigation, as it shows the resolution of the CPC Central

Committee to operate with strict discipline and on the principle that all people are equal under the law and regulations, the newspaper said.

There will be "no exceptions" and no leniency meted out, no matter who is involved in violating laws and regulations, it said.

China's top leadership has resolved to target both high-ranking "tigers" and low-ranking "flies" in the current anti-corruption efforts. The PLA and the Armed Police officers should always remain clear-minded and strictly observe discipline to guarantee a strong military.

Officers are reminded that Party members must resist the lure of power, money and beauty. Otherwise, ignoring discipline will eventually lead to crimes, the paper said.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 30 July, 2014 shows water level in Xianhe reservoir in Shangnan County, northwest China's Shaanxi Province. Shangnan County has suffered from drought since late July.

XINHUA

Typhoon Nakri to move into East China Sea

BEIJING, 31 July — Typhoon Nakri is moving from waters southwest of Taiwan Island into the East China Sea at a speed of 20 to 25 kilometres per hour (kph), said China's National Marine Environmental Forecasting Centre on Thursday.

The storm is packing winds at speeds of up to 64.8 kph and is expected to get stronger. It will cause gusts and waves as high as six metres off China's southeast coastal areas.

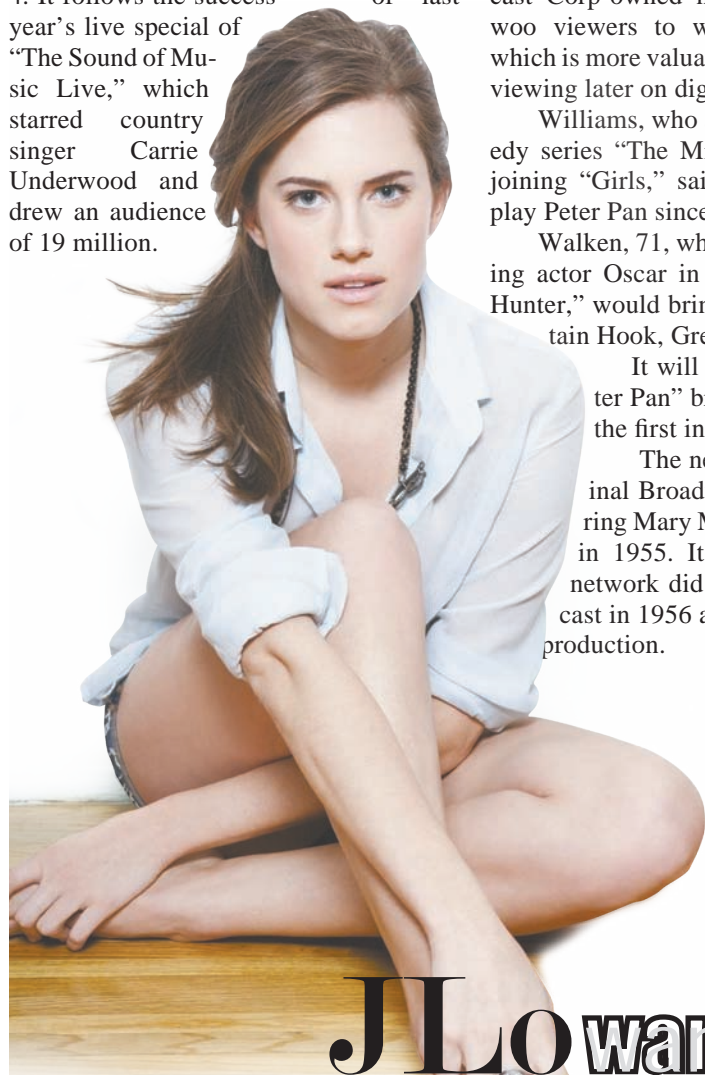
The centre has issued an alert to vessels near Taiwan, Shanghai and Zhejiang.

Xinhua

Allison Williams to star in NBC's live 'Peter Pan' musical

NEW YORK, 31 July — Allison Williams, who stars in the HBO comedy "Girls," will play Peter Pan opposite Christopher Walken as Captain Hook in the TV musical special "Peter Pan Live! on NBC," the television network said on Wednesday.

The live television production of JM Barrie's tale about a boy who can fly and never grows up will be broadcast on Dec. 4. It follows the success of last year's live special of "The Sound of Music Live," which starred country singer Carrie Underwood and drew an audience of 19 million.



"We think she will bring the perfect blend of boyish vulnerability and bravado to save the day against Christopher Walken's powerful Captain Hook," Robert Greenblatt, the chairman of NBC Entertainment, said in a statement.

Williams, 26, is the daughter of "NBC Nightly News" anchor Brian Williams.

The live musical is part of the Comcast Corp.-owned network's strategy to woo viewers to watch programs live, which is more valuable to advertisers than viewing later on digital video recorders.

Williams, who appeared in Fox comedy series "The Mindy Project," before joining "Girls," said she has wanted to play Peter Pan since she was a child.

Walken, 71, who won a best supporting actor Oscar in 1979 for "The Deer Hunter," would bring a new spin to Captain Hook, Greenblatt said.

It will be the third live "Peter Pan" broadcast by NBC, but the first in nearly 60 years.

The network aired the original Broadway production, starring Mary Martin in the title role, in 1955. It was so popular the network did a second live broadcast in 1956 and later aired a taped production.

Reuters

Actress
Allison
Williams

Beyonce posts Jay Z, Blue Ivy pictures to slam break-up rumour



Beyonce and Jay Z

LOS ANGELES, 31 July — Beyonce, who has been at the centre of break-up rumours, assured fans that all was well in her universe by posting a cute picture of her husband Jay Z holding their daughter Blue Ivy.

Beyonce often takes to Instagram to post pictures about her family life whenever she is hit with a rumour and when a new story that she was house hunting alone came up, Beyonce took to the photo sharing website again.—PTI

Paramount Pictures apologises for tweeting Ninja Turtle 9/11 poster

SYDNEY, 31 July — Paramount Pictures film studio apologised on Wednesday for a poster for its upcoming film "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles",

showing the four characters jumping down from an exploding skyscraper underscored with a 11 September release date.

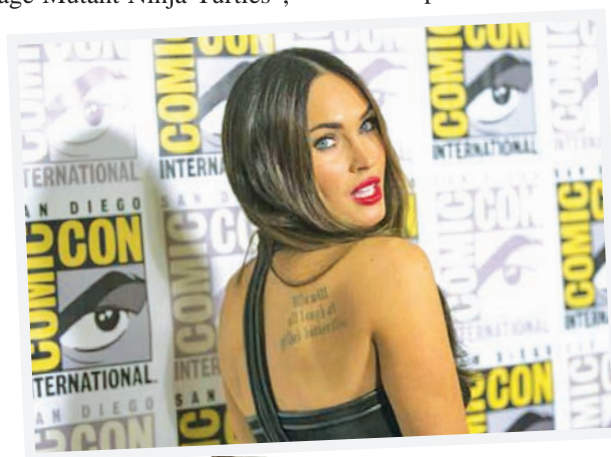
The poster went out

in a tweet posted by the Australian Paramount Pictures Twitter account and also appeared on its official Facebook page, which has more than six million fans.

Both posts received a barrage of criticism and were deleted, though some screenshots were still being shared on social media.

"We are deeply sorry to have used that artwork for the marketing materials promoting the September 11 opening in Australia," Paramount Pictures Australia said in an emailed statement to Reuters.

Reuters



JLO wants to date Maksim, but is cautious?

LOS ANGELES, 31 July — Singer Jennifer Lopez reportedly wants to get serious with Ukrainian choreographer Maksim Chmerkovskiy but is no mood to hurry things up.

The 44-year-old star and Maksim, 34, who was seen on an Indian dance reality show, have been linked with each other from past few months but the dancer has repeatedly denied any such possibility.

The pair is now contemplating taking the

friendship to the next level, reported E! Online. The have been talking a lot and she thinks he is great, but she is being very careful. She does not want to get her kids involved in meeting another guy yet," a source said.

Lopez has just been out of a relationship. She broke up with Casper Smart a month ago. Since then, the singer and Maksim have been spending time with each other. "There has been a date here and there, but

really they are good friends before anything else. Maks asks her for advice and she thinks he is super-talented and very hot. Obviously that is hard to ignore," the source added.—PTI



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Glazers to raise \$150 million by cutting Manchester United stake



Manchester United board members Avram (L) and Brian Glazer attend the English Premier League soccer match against Manchester City at Old Trafford in Manchester, northern England, on 23 October, 2011. — REUTERS

LONDON, 31 July — The Glazer family will make around \$150 million (£88.6 million) by selling part of its stake in Manchester United although the deal will leave the Americans firmly in control of the English soccer club.

The Glazers, who bought United for 790 million pounds in 2005, are

selling 8 million of their shares in the club which amounts to a stake of about five percent. Once the shares are sold, the six children of the late Malcolm Glazer will still own more than 80 percent of the club's total shareholding.

None of the proceeds will go to the club itself, a fact that is likely to annoy

some fans who have long campaigned against owners they accuse of burdening United with excess levels of debt following their takeover. The sale of the shares would create a more liquid market for United stock after a flotation on the New York Stock Exchange two years ago.

The shares were listed

at \$14 and have risen to a price of \$19.31 on Wednesday, valuing the club at almost \$3.2 billion.

United, English soccer champions a record 20 times, are seeking to rebound after a poor season in which they finished only seventh in the Premier League, missing out on a place in lucrative European club competition in the coming season.

Optimism has been fuelled by the arrival of a new team manager, Dutchman Louis van Gaal, and the signing of a new sports equipment deal with Adidas worth a record 750 million pounds over 10 years. General Motors Co made a \$559 million seven-year sponsorship deal with the club for GM's global mainstream auto brand, Chevrolet, to appear on team jerseys.

The Glazers also own the NFL team The Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Family patriarch Malcolm Glazer died earlier this year.

The book-running managers for the share offering are Jefferies, BofA Merrill Lynch, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank and Nomura.

Reuters

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AMC Networks in talks to buy slice of BBC America—WSJ

NEW YORK, 31 July — AMC Networks Inc is in talks to take a minority stake in BBC America, the *Wall Street Journal* on Wednesday cited people familiar with the matter as saying, in a deal that will team two smaller production houses known for high-quality programming.

AMC, known for "Breaking Bad" and "The Walking Dead," and BBC America have been in talks for several months, the paper cited the unidentified sources as saying.

Under a deal being discussed, AMC would represent BBC America in distribution negotiations with pay-TV operators, the *Journal* cited one of the people as saying, giving BBC America the chance to increase its presence in US households and raise the fee it receives from operators.

BBC America's shows include "Doctor Who" and "Orphan Black."

AMC and BBC America were not immediately available for comment.

Reuters

Temporary ceasefire in Tripoli, 75 bodies found in Benghazi

BENGHAZI/TRIPOLI, 31 July — Rival Libyan militias fighting for control of Tripoli's airport agreed to a temporary ceasefire on Wednesday to allow fire-fighters to try to control a huge blaze at a fuel depot hit by a rocket.

Meanwhile in Libya's second city, Benghazi, at least 75 bodies, mostly soldiers, were found after two days of fighting in which Islamist fighters and allied militiamen overran an army base.

The past two weeks of fighting have been the worst since the civil war that ousted Muammar Gaddafi in 2011, prompting Western governments to follow the United States and the United Nations in pulling their diplomats out of the North African country.

Two brigades of former rebels, mainly rooted in the towns of Zintan and Misrata, have pounded each other's positions in Tripoli with Grad rockets, artillery fire and cannon, turning the south of the capital into a battlefield. But except



A general view shows fire burning at a fuel depot near the airport road in Tripoli on 29 July, 2014. — REUTERS

for sporadic shelling away from the ceasefire zone near the international airport, Wednesday was the quietest day in the capital for two weeks.

"Many mediators have succeeded in convincing the militias to stop fighting, at least temporarily," government spokesman Ahmed Lamin said. "They are trying to get them to the

negotiating table, we hope they will agree."

France nevertheless closed its embassy on Wednesday, and evacuated 30 French nationals from Tripoli, a few days after the US Embassy evacuated its staff across the Tunisian border under heavy military escort. It was unclear if the blaze at the airport depot, which supplies millions of

liters of gasoline and gas to the capital, was under control on Wednesday, although the volume of smoke had lessened.

A spokesman for the state-run National Oil Corporation (NOC), owner of the tanks' operator, Brega Oil company, said he did not yet have any update on the situation.

Reuters

Grenada's James lights up Glasgow with emphatic 400 win

GLASGOW, 31 July — Olympic champion Kirani James lit up the Commonwealth Games with a devastating and graceful run to win gold in the men's 400 metres on Wednesday.

In a Games hampered by big-name withdrawals and weakened fields, the arrival of the powerful Grenadian was a welcome sight at a wet and windy Hampden Park. James took charge of the final from the start and looked in complete control as he finished in a Games record time of 44.24 seconds ahead of South Africa's Wayde van Niekerk and Trinidad and Tobago's Lalonde Gordon.

"I expected to have a great performance," James told reporters. "I can't predict the outcome of the event but all I can do is come out here and try my best. "Every champi-

onship, every accolade, is unique in its own way and these Games are no different. I think the crowd really makes it special; the stadium was full at 10am, that says something about Scotland and how much they appreciate track and field."

The 21-year-old James has won Olympic and world championship gold, but he said talk of breaking American Michael Johnson's world record time of 43.18 was premature.

"I'm going to be 22 in September," James said. "Michael Johnson set the record when he was nearly 32 so I've got 10 years to work with."

Greg Rutherford, England's Olympic long jump champion, provided further delight for the Hampden Park crowd when the self-proclaimed "Ginger Wizard" posed for selfies

after leaping 8.20 to win his first Commonwealth gold.

"It's never an easy road and after what happened last year with injury I wasn't sure if I could carry on jumping. Now I've managed to come away with another title," Rutherford told the BBC.

"I think a few people had written me off thinking I was a one-hit wonder. But I'm here again and will be here again many more times. I want to keep going out there jumping far and winning medals."

JAVELIN TITLE

New Zealand's double Olympic shot put champion Valerie Adams claimed her third Commonwealth gold medal with a throw of 19.88 and Australia's Kim Mickle won the women's javelin title thanks to a Games record throw of



Kirani James of Grenada (2nd R) crosses the line to win the men's 400 metres at the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland, on 30 July, 2014.—REUTERS

65.96.

With England's Olympic champion Jessica Ennis-Hill recently giving birth and Katarina Johnson-Thompson pulling out of the Games with a foot

injury, Canada's Brianne Theisen-Eaton had little trouble in claiming the women's heptathlon title.

Theisen-Eaton, wife of Olympic decathlon champion Ashton Eaton, finished

with 6,597 points ahead of compatriot Jessica Zelinka, while Derek Drouin ensured Canada won double gold after clearing 2.31 to win the men's high jump.

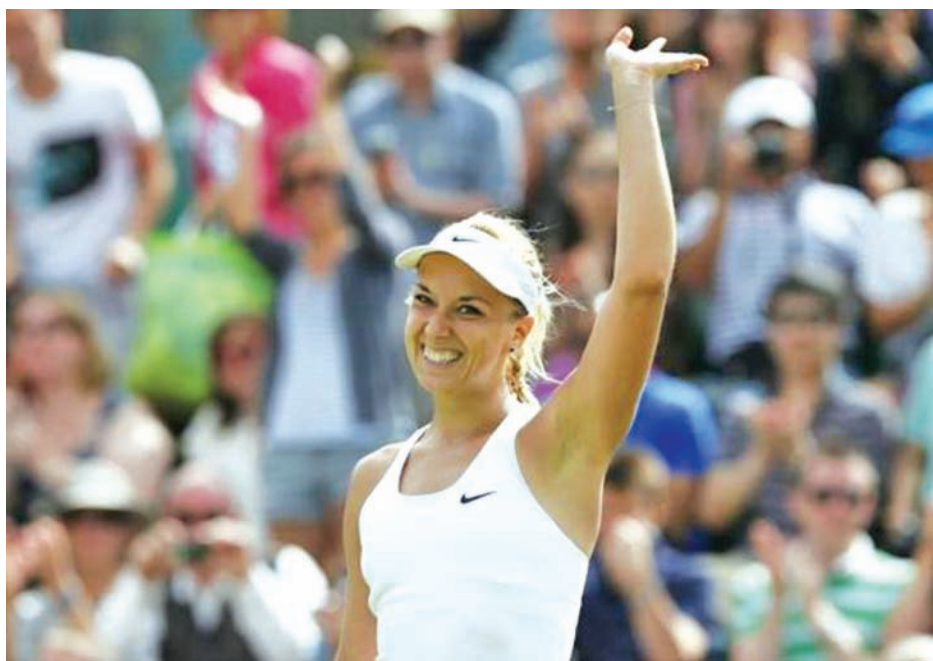
Reuters

Lisicki fires fastest ever serve in Stanford defeat

SAN FRANCISCO, 31 July — German Sabine Lisicki fired the fastest serve ever recorded at a WTA event on Tuesday, unleashing a 210.8 kph (131 mph) bomb in her first round loss to Ana Ivanovic at the Stanford Classic.

Lisicki, who lost 7-6(2), 6-1, unleashed the serve in the opening set of their match on the plexipave hardcourt surface at Stanford University. She won the point despite former world number one Ivanovic getting her racket to the ball.

The WTA said the serve bettered the previous record of 207.6 kph set by American Venus Williams



Sabine Lisicki of Germany

at the U.S. Open in 2007.

"Well ... at least I broke the world record for fastest serve on @WTA ...," Lisicki tweeted after her defeat.

Defending champion Dominika Cibulkova was another first round loser in Stanford on Tuesday, going down 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 to 20-year-old Spaniard Garbine Muguruza.

The fastest serve ever recorded on approved equipment in professional tennis was the 263.4 kph (163.7 mph) rocket hit by Australian Sam Groth at an ATP Challenger event in Busan, South Korea in May 2012. He too lost the match.—Reuters

Lukaku leaves Chelsea to join Everton in £28 million deal



Belgium's national soccer players Romelu Lukaku

LONDON, 31 July — Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku has completed a 28 million pounds move from Chelsea to Premier League rivals Everton, the Goodison Park club said on Wednesday. The transfer fee is a club record for Everton, and Lukaku has signed a five-year deal.

The 21-year-old enjoyed a successful loan spell at Everton last season, scoring 16 goals in 33 appearances. "I am really excited about rejoining Everton," Lukaku told Everton's website (www.evertonfc.com).

"I had a fantastic experience last season and a great relationship with the manager, the chairman, the staff, the players and the fans. I can't wait to get started again and I'm looking forward to a successful season." Lukaku, who joined Chelsea from Anderlecht for 18 million pounds in 2011, helped Everton finish fifth last season and qualify for the Europa League.—Reuters

South Korea short-lists three foreign coaches

SEOUL, 31 July — South Korea have narrowed the search for a new national team football coach to three foreign can-

didates, the head of the Korea Football Association's technical committee said on Thursday.

Lee Yong-soo told re-

porters at the national training centre in Paju, north of Seoul, the committee had considered 17 local and 30 foreign coaches to come up with their shortlist.

Hong Myung-bo resigned as coach after South Korea's woeful World Cup campaign in Brazil, where they earned only one point and finished bottom of their group.

"We came up with a list of candidates and selected three coaches to give priority to," said Lee, who also headed the committee in 2002 when Guus Hiddink coached the Koreans to fourth place at the World Cup on home soil.

"All three are foreign coaches. One Korean

coach met the requirements but after the technical committee discussion we have decided to rule him out this time.

"The KFA will begin contacting the three foreign coaches starting next week. We won't disclose their names."

Lee said earlier this week that experience, whether at international or domestic level, would be a top priority for South Korea's new coach.

Neil Lennon, the former manager of Celtic, has been linked with the post in various media reports.

Lennon worked with South Korean players Ki Sung-yueng and Cha Du-ri at the Scottish champions.

Former Dutch international Frank Rijkaard and the former Tottenham Hotspur and Fulham coach Martin Jol have also been reported as possibilities.

South Korea have enjoyed mixed success under foreign coaches, with Hiddink and compatriot Dick Advocaat getting the best out of them while others such as Pim Verbeek, Humberto Coelho and Jo Bonfrere have failed to deliver.

Dutchman Verbeek was the last foreigner to coach Korea.

He resigned after leading them to third place at the 2007 Asian Cup.

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South's Korea's national soccer players sing the anthem behind their flag before the 2014 World Cup Group H soccer match between Belgium and South Korea at the Corinthians arena in Sao Paulo on 26 June, 2014.—REUTERS