

President U Thein Sein meets foreign ministers from PRC, DPRK, India

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—President U Thein Sein met delegations from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and the Republic of India on Monday at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting with Wang Yi, China's minister of Foreign Affairs, both sides discussed further strengthening relations and promoting them to a comprehensive strategic partnership, stability and development of cross-border areas, the internal peace-making process and matters related to a China-India-Bangladesh-Myanmar Economic Corridor.

They also discussed establishing the Kyaukp-yu Special Economic Zone, development of infrastructure in Myanmar, the microfinance sector,



President U Thein Sein with Foreign Minister Wang Yi of People's Republic of China for talks about further strengthening relations and promoting them to a comprehensive strategic partnership, between Myanmar and China. —MNA

rural development, poverty alleviation, development of agriculture and industry

sectors and border affairs. The president received Mr Ri Su Yong, Foreign

Minister of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and party at the Credentials

Hall of the Presidential Palace at 2 pm.

The president and Sushma Swaraj, India's External Affairs minister, discussed rapid implementation of projects between Myanmar and India, issues along the China-India-Bangladesh-Myan-

mar Economic Corridor, construction of a highway network to link India, Myanmar and Thailand, Kaladan course project, trade and security of border regions and promoting relations between the two countries.

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Political parties call for nationwide ceasefire through tripartite dialogue

YANGON, 11 Aug—Political parties on Monday issued a joint announcement which emphasizes on the necessity of lasting ceasefire agreement in Myanmar.

A total of 150 representatives from 66 parties attended clarification of peace-making processes

by Myanmar Peace Center which was founded in October 2002.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Aung Min, vice-chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee, said President U Thein Sein invited all the groups concerned for nationwide peace dialogue on

August 2011, with the establishment of peace committees for negotiation with ethnic armed forces.

The peace-making work committee has hold 250 informal dialogues and more than 50 formal dialogues with armed groups, as well as at least 150 discussions with civil

societies, political parties, political bodies and ethnic groups.

The government has signed ceasefire agreements with 14 armed groups out of 16 which have called a truce to move forwards to nationwide ceasefire agreement.

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Union Minister U Aung Min, vice-chairman of Union Peace-making Work Committee, explains lasting ceasefire in meeting with political parties. —MNA

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Reshuffle of member at Union Peace-making Work Committee

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Maung Ohn, Member of the Union Peace-making Work Committee, re-constituted under Order No. (48/2013) of the President Office dated 28-10-2013, has been replaced with Maj-Gen Tin Aung Chit, Deputy Minister for Border Affairs as member of the Work Committee.

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President

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Curfew lifted in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug —Curfew imposed in seven townships in Mandalay District due to riots on 1 and 2 July has been lifted on Monday, according to Mandalay District General Administration Department.

The curfew was im-

posed to maintain community tranquility and the rule of law in the district and it was eased step by step as the community tranquility improved, the order issued by the department said.

The order came into force at 6 pm on Monday.

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Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar), KOICA celebrate handover ceremony of research laboratory on communicable diseases

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 11 Aug — The Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) of the Ministry of Health on Monday received an advanced molecular research centre from Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to improve its research capacity on eradication of three communicable diseases—malaria, viral hepatitis and tuberculosis.

The ceremony marking the handover of the Communicable Diseases Research Laboratory (Advanced Molecular Research Centre) took place at the department in Yangon, with Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea Yun Byung-se delivering speeches.

Thanks to the opening of the disease lab, there will be improvements to molecular-based diagnostic methods in Myanmar, thereby contributing towards reduction in mor-



KOICA-funded Communicable Disease Research Laboratory (Advanced Molecular Research Centre) is opened at Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar) on Monday for enhancement of research capacity on communicable disease eradication.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

bidity and mortality of communicable diseases, the Union minister said in his address. Moreover, he added, it will enable the two countries to further conduct joint research on communicable diseases.

In his speech, the South Korean foreign affairs minister said improved relations between

Myanmar and South Korea during the past five year led to tangible results for both sides, adding that the ceremony proved the two countries have a strong interest in further cooperation.

According to a press release from KOICA, the project implemented in close collaboration with the medical research department from 2011 to 2014 includes the establishment of the Advanced Molecular Research Centre on Communicable Disease, including a Bio Safety Level 2+ Laboratory, transfer of advanced medical and technical knowledge and experience for the enhancement of research capacity in Myanmar, conducting joint

research and organizing study tours for Myanmar medical staffers.

Beyond the KOICA project, there will be a continued and strengthened bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and South Korea via people-to-people exchanges, joint research and organizing research seminars, the release added.

Following the signing of the record of discussions on 19 August in 2011 between KOICA and Department of Medical Research (Lower Myanmar), construction of the laboratory for research on communicable diseases began in 2012 with a \$3 million contribution from KOICA.—NLM

Public announcement for remonstrance

1. The Karen National Party headquartered at No. (636) on 1st Khawegyan Street in West Gyogon Ward in Khawegyan in Insein Township of Yangon Region, submitted its application to register as a political party under the Article 5 of Political Parties Registration Law. In its application, it is mentioned that the party will use its name, flag and seal described hereunder.

2. It is hereby announced in accord with Political Parties Registration Rules 14 (d) that if there is anyone who wants to remonstrate about the name, flag and seal of the party, they may remonstrate with the Union Election Commission with firm evidence within seven days from the day of the announcement.

Union Election Commission



The flag of the Karen National Party



The seal of the Karen National Party

Political party applies for registration

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug — The Union Election Commission scrutinizes and allows application for registration of political parties.

On Monday, Karen National Party applied for registration as a political party at the Union Election Commission.

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GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (11-8-2014)

Yangon Gold Price

Buying K673,500 per tical: Selling K674,300

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K673,500 per tical: Selling K674,300

FE RATE

USD Buying K969 - Selling K974
SGD Buying K775 - Selling K782
Euro Buying K1292 - Selling K1310

Myanmar Development Summit 2014 held in Yangon

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 11 Aug — Myanmar Development Summit 2014, jointly hosted by Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA), Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), took place Sunday in Yangon.

The conference also commemorated the launch of the 91st branch of ACCA in Myanmar that is located at No. 129 on 36th Street in Kyaukdata Township in Yangon.

In a speech, U Thein

Htaik, auditor-general of the Union, said he hopes that not too far off, with the rapid growth of the econo-

my, the country will have a fully developed capital market where capital will flow freely for the benefit of all entrepreneurs. He added that he firmly

believes this summit will make significant progress for all participants on all aspects of the topics the speakers dealt with extensively.



Opening ceremony of 91st branch of ACCA in Myanmar takes place at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon.—PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

more qualified accountants as it is paving the way for overseas businesses to invest in economic sector, U Kyaw Lwin Oo, head of the ACCA in Myanmar, said.

He added ACCA has a plan to cooperate with the ministries of Myanmar to promote skills of their accountants.

The role of finance and accountancy in supporting business growth in emerging markets; the impact of international financial reporting standards on economic development; the role of international standards on auditing in boosting market confidence; and creating sustainable markets and financial systems were topics at the summit.

“We are assured that ACCA will continue to endeavour more actively towards evolving efficient human resources in this field to meet the increasing needs of our new era of economic development,” said U Win Aung, president of the UMFCCI.

Helen Brand, chief executive of the ACCA, said, “ACCA has signed MoUs with national stakeholders in Myanmar to work in partnership to advance the finance and accounting profession in Myanmar, and build capacity and capacity to support Myanmar’s economic aspirations and social development goals.”

The country needs

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NATIONAL

Vice President U Nyan Tun urges NESAC to develop strategies for human resources development



NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Myanmar invites foreign investment as there is no doubt that foreign investment plays an essential role in economic development but it is important to adopt policies to prevent excessive exploitation of natural resources, Vice President U Nyan Tun said at the meeting of National Economic and Social Advisory Council held at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday. It is necessary to avoid negative consequences in other countries caused by foreign investment, the vice president added.

The vice president pointed out that human resources development is important for Myanmar as it cannot rely on foreign

investment as a solution to problems in the long run.

In conclusion, the vice president urged the participants of the meeting to develop strategies that will contribute to human resources development of Myanmar through foreign investment, international trade and international development assistance.

After the vice president's speech, the meeting discussed programmes to solve economic problems facing Myanmar.

Dr Ha Joon Chang of the University of Cambridge, Mr Rick Rowden of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Director-General U Aung Naing Oo of the Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration, Deputy Governor

Vice President U Nyan Tun with union ministers and members of National Economic and Social Advisory Council.—MNA

U Set Aung of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Director Daw Wai Wai Thit Lwin of TMW Enterprise Ltd, Dr Armin Bauer of the ADB, Urban Development and Poverty Reduction Advisor Mr Michael Slingsby of Yangon City Development Committee and NESAC members U Moe Kyaw, Dr Daw Yin Yin Nwe and Dr Thant Myint Oo participated in the discussions. After the discussions, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw made concluding remarks for the first ever meeting of the NESAC.

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Union FM hold talks with DPRK, Chinese and Indian Foreign Ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin held a talk with Mr Ri Su Yong, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and party about promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries, at the ministry at 8 am on Monday.

The Union minister hosted a dinner to the

DPRK Foreign Minister at Aureum Palace Hotel. He also received Mr Wang Yi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China at 9 am the same day talking about further strengthening bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries. The Union minister hosted a luncheon to the Chinese Minister at Hotel Max.

Indian Minister of External Affairs Mrs Sushma

Swaraj called on Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin at the ministry at 12 noon to discuss enhancing the existing ties of friendship and cooperation as well as regional and international affairs in a cordial manner.—MNA

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PSC signed for inland oil block



President U Thein Sein felicitates Singaporean counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug— On the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2014, U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Dr. Tony Tan Keng Yam, President of the Republic of Singapore and His Excellency Mr. Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore.—MNA

Union FM felicitates Singaporean counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug— On the occasion of the 49th Anniversary of the National Day of the Republic of Singapore, which falls on 9 August 2014, 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. K Shanmugam, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Law of the Republic of Singapore. —MNA

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives journalists, FMs

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug— Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Lower House Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann on Monday met local and foreign journalists at the Hluttaw building here.

The speaker answered the questions of journalists from Ji Ji Press, NHK, Sankei Shimbun, Wall Street, Channel News Asia, AFP, DVB, RFA, Mizzima, Kumudra, Union Daily and MRTV-4.

In the afternoon, Thura U Shwe Mann individually received a Chinese delegation led by foreign affairs minister Mr. Wan Yi, foreign minister Mr. Ri Su-yong of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and foreign minister Mrs Sushma SWARAJ of India.

The meetings were attended by MPs and representatives of parliamentary committees.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Lower House Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann greets Mrs Sushma SWARAJ, External Affairs Minister of India at the meeting.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—The production sharing contract for inland oil block EP 4 in Mayaman area in Bago Region was signed by Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Bashneft International BV of Russia and Sun Apex Holdings Ltd of Myanmar at the Max Nay Pyi Taw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission and Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, Union Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and officials attended the signing ceremony.

Myanmar will receive US\$ 4 million signature bonus for the contract and foreign oil companies are required to conduct environmental and social impact assessments before drilling.

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Political parties call for...

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The representatives from political parties urged all the groups concerned for lasting peace agreement followed by political dialogues in line with ceasefire agreement.

They also called for

a tripartite discussions among union peace-making committee, the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team (NCCT) which include ethnic armed groups and political parties.

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Buddhist monk, disciples donate foods to flood victims



BAGO, 11 Aug — A ceremony to donate dry rations to flood victims and poor families of Bago was held at the monastery in Shandan Ward in Bago on Sunday. Abbot of the monastery Agga Maha Gantha-vacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Punnananda and disciples donated rice and edible oil to the flood victims and poor families.

As of 4 August, they donated rice, egg and packet of rice to flood victims in Shandan and Kyaukkyeesu wards, Kalitakalay, Pyidawtha and Okpo Kyonyoe villages in the township.

So far, they have donated 150 bags of rice, over 2,500 eggs, 1,500 bottles of edible oil and over 2,000 packets of instant noodle worth K12 million to the people.—*Ko Latt (Bago)*

Performers to entertain globetrotters for tourism promotion in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 11 Aug — A coordination meeting on performance of Myanmar culture for attracting globetrotters and sales of Myanmar traditional foods was held at the National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay recently.

According to the meeting, the traditional arts performances for tourism promotion and sales of Myanmar traditional foods will be held at the National Theatre in Mandalay on 17 August.

The artistes will perform music of Myanmar traditional orchestra, choral dances, harp and traditional songs in addition to Anyeint troupe at the theatre from 7 pm to 8.30 pm. The entertainment will be held twice a month.

Admission fee is fixed for US\$ 5 per foreigner and K1,000 per local people. The income from the performance will be shared to the maintenance fund of the theatre and to performers.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Philanthropic group refuses teaching arrangements of Mandalay Region government

MANDALAY, 11 Aug—Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing met with responsible persons from Panpyothu teaching session at the office of Mandalay City Development Committee in Mandalay on Saturday morning, attended by Mandalay University Rector Dr Maung Thin, Mandalay Region Education Officer Dr Soe Myint Tun and media persons.

The region minister explained education tasks of the region government, informal education in the region and a plan to take responsibility for providing teaching to the children who missed the learning chance of basic education due to various reasons.

The responsible persons of the teaching session said the children prefer supplies to be provided to them to pursuing education. They



said that if officials teach them at the schools, school furniture may be damaged and lost. They refused offer of the region government for

providing teaching arrangements for the children under shelter.

The people criticized that the persons willing to

give teaching opportunities to the children should accept the offer of the region government.

Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

Dhamma Schools train students in Myingyan Township

MYINGYAN, 11 Aug—The deputy commissioner of Myingyan District and party visited Dhamma Schools opened in Myingyan of Mandalay Region on Saturday.

The Dhamma Schools were opened across the nation with the aim of enabling the youths to understand and abide by Buddhism and traditional culture based on Buddhist Sasana.

Deputy Commissioner U Myint Thin Aung and officials visited the schools in Sankyatawya Monastery in Myingyan and in Chaungdaung Village.

He gave words of encouragement to the trainees. Myingyan Township opened eight Dhamma Schools in urban area and 12 in rural area, totalling 20.

Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Education promotion of basic education discussed in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 11 Aug—No 2 Department of Basic Education under the Min-

istry of Education held a meeting on education promotion programme and role of teacher at the hall of No 14 Basic Education High School in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay from 9 to 11 August.

Patron of Myanmar National Education Promotion Implementation Committee U Than Oo made a speech on the occasion. The groups of the committee discussed implementation for five tasks of 2014 basic education seminar, drawing the basic education plan, basic education law and education promotion programmes.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Magway University students climb up Natyaygan Hill

MAGWAY, 11 Aug—Magway University hiking and mountaineering team climbed up Natyaygan Hill in Ngaphe Township of Minbu District in Magway Region on Saturday.

On their way, the team comprising 185 students left Magway and donated 60 pairs of slippers, one bag of rice and

Waso robes to the monastic education school in Padan Village of Ngaphe Township.

The team members could climb at the tea plantations, 4500 feet high at Natyaygan Hill.

The mountaineering team was welcomed by Rector Dr Aye Kyaw and officials on Sunday.

Nyi Min Thar



REGIONAL

Cambodian PM says state's institutions to be strengthened after opposition ends parliament boycott



Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen

PHNOM PENH, 11 Aug—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said on Monday that the state's institutions will be further strengthened after the opposition ended

a 10-months long boycott of parliament over disputed election results in July last year. "The normalcy of all state institutions in the legislative, executive

and judicial bodies will be further enhanced after the opposition completely ended its parliament boycott on Friday," he said during the graduation ceremony of 2,500 students at the Norton University. "There is no more the words 'one-party parliament'." "We are happy together. It opens a new chapter to further develop the nation," he said.

All 55 Members of Parliaments (MPs) from the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP) sat in the parliament with the ruling party's 68 MPs for the first time on Friday last week after boycotting the parliament for 10 months following a disputed election results in

July last year.

The opposition group ended their boycott after Prime Minister Hun Sen of the ruling party and CNRP's president Sam Rainsy reached an agreement on 22 July. Under the deal, the CNRP will hold four of nine seats on the National Election Committee, possess the position of the first vice-president of the parliament, among other roles, and own a television channel.

During the post-election crisis, the opposition had staged many street demonstrations and led to violent clashes between demonstrators and government forces.

Xinhua

Scores of ethnic Khmer Krom hold fresh rally against Vietnamese diplomat

PHNOM PENH, 11 Aug—About 500 ethnic minority Khmer Krom monks and activists on Monday staged a fresh protest here to demand a Vietnamese diplomat to recognize the "true history" of the former Kampuchea Krom provinces.

It was the third rally in the last two months after Trung Van Thong, a spokesman for the Vietnamese Embassy in Cambodia, reportedly said in June that the former Kampuchea Krom provinces belonged to Vietnam long before France's official transfer of the land in 1949.

Protesters gathered at the Freedom Park, a protest-designated site, in Phnom Penh City before marching through streets in the city to deliver a petition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and embassies of ASEAN countries in order to seek their help to press the Vietnamese diplomat to recognize the true history. "The purpose of our protest is still the same — demanding an apology from the Vietnamese spokesman and urging him to accept the 'true history' of the former Kampuchea Krom provinces," Thach Sitha, president of the Khmer Kampuchea Krom Association, told reporters while leading the rally.

After handing their petition to the ministry and those embassies, the group continued marching to the Vietnamese Embassy, where security has been tightened.

There was no any report of violence during the protest. According to the history, French protectorate officially turned over the former Kampuchea Krom, once Cambodian territory, to neighbouring Vietnam on 4 June, 1949. The Vietnamese Embassy in Cambodia on 8 July issued a statement to condemn the protest, considering the move an act of intervention into the sovereignty and internal affairs of Vietnam. "Southern Vietnam (Kampuchea Krom) is an integral part of the territory of Vietnam, in compliance with international law, fully recognized by the United Nations, international organizations and all countries in the world," the statement said.—*Xinhua*

Modi to commission home-made stealth destroyer into navy this week

NEW DELHI, 11 Aug—Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi will commission a naval warship this week, local media reported on Monday.

INS Kolkata, a home-

made stealth destroyer, will join the Indian Navy on 16 August. It will be commissioned into the naval fleet by Modi, the reports said.

The warship, with an

operating range of 15,000 kms, will be the first Indian ship to be armed with anti-ship *Brahmos* missile, apart from an integral hanger and a landing deck for a helicopter.

Two months back, the prime minister had commissioned India's biggest warship, the aircraft carrier *INS Vikramaditya*, into the Indian Navy.

Xinhua

US to monitor South China Sea, talks with Australia on regional defence

SYDNEY, 11 Aug—The United States will monitor actions in the South China Sea to see whether "deescalate steps" are being taken, a senior State Department official said on Monday, a day after Beijing repelled US pressure to rein in its actions in the disputed waters.

The official spoke as US Secretary of State John Kerry arrived in Sydney for a meeting with Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel and Australian officials to discuss increased defence and cyber security cooperation.

A US proposal for a freeze on provocative acts in the South China Sea got a cool response from China and some Southeast Asian nations at a regional meeting at the weekend, an apparent setback to Washington's efforts to thwart China's assertive actions.

The state department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that close ally Australia had supported a US proposal



US Secretary of State John Kerry steps off his aircraft alongside Australia's Foreign Minister Julie Bishop (L) in Sydney on 11 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

put forward at the ASEAN meeting in Myanmar which called for a voluntary freeze on provocative actions in the disputed sea.

Tensions spiked in

May when China parked a giant oil rig in waters claimed by Vietnam. The US and Philippine proposals aimed to prevent such actions, as well as building

and land reclamation work on disputed islands being carried out by China and other claimants.

The rancour over the disputed sea has split

ASEAN, with several states including some of the claimant nations reluctant to jeopardize rising trade and investment ties with China. Beijing has been

able to use its influence to block regional action on the maritime issue, most notably in 2012 when an ASEAN meeting chaired by Chinese ally Cambodia broke down in acrimony.

Kerry and Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop attended the Nay Pyi Taw meeting before traveling to Australia together. The pair planned to explore follow up actions to the Myanmar talks including an upcoming meeting between ASEAN members and China, the official said. Bishop is hosting the annual Australia-United States Ministerial Consultations (AUSMIN) in Sydney, where defence and security cooperation is expected to be high on the agenda along with developments in Iraq and Ukraine.

Talks will include discussions on cooperation in ballistic missile defence, cyber security and maritime security, the official added.

Reuters

Ukrainian forces encircle rebel-held city, talk of truce collapses

KIEV / DONETSK (Ukraine), 11 Aug — Artillery shells slammed into the outskirts of the Ukrainian city of Donetsk on Sunday as government forces tightened the noose around the rebel-held redoubt and called on pro-Russian separatists to surrender.

To the east of Donetsk, government forces and the separatists were fighting for control of the town of Krasny Luch, a rail and road junction through which Kiev says the rebels are receiving supplies of Russian military equipment.

Talk of a ceasefire, a possibility raised by a separatist leader on Saturday, evaporated as Kiev government forces kept up an offensive to crush the rebels.

Ukrainian military spokesman Andriy Lysenko said if the rebels wanted a ceasefire this meant “raising white flags and putting down their guns”.

There would be no truce while the Ukrainian army continued “punitive” military action, the rebels retorted in a statement.

Donetsk, a major industrial hub in Ukraine’s Russian-speaking east, resonated with the crash



A Ukrainian military convoy moves along a road near Donetsk on 9 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

of shells on its outskirts for about eight hours up to mid-day on Sunday, a Reuters witness in the town said. In the city’s northern district of Putilovka, a building housing the offices of Ukrtelecom telecommunications company was ablaze, apparently hit by a shell.

Residents had come out to watch, while one

man was putting up corrugated metal to protect the windows of his home.

Lysenko said in the past 24 hours, the military had “continued successful offensive operations, considerably tightening the circle around the capital of the Donbass, Donetsk”.

He added: “The (separatist) fighters are in panic and chaos. There are nu-

merous cases of desertion among the terrorists.” Neither he nor the rebels gave any indication of casualties in the fighting over the weekend.

A statement on the Facebook page of rebel commander Igor Girkin, known as Strelkov (The Shooter), said: “They have been bombing all morning. There are explosions, some

close, some far off. There is news coming in all the time by phone. Just now, we had a fire near hospital No 18, a woman has been killed ...”

Accusing the Ukrainians of maintaining “punitive” operations that endangered the people in Donetsk and threatened a humanitarian catastrophe, a later rebel statement said: “As long as the Ukrainian

army is continuing military action there can be no ceasefire.”

Ukraine and its Western allies accuse Russia of orchestrating the separatist revolt which erupted in April after Russia’s annexation of Ukraine’s Crimea peninsula.

It says Russia is funneling tanks and missile systems to the rebels, who have declared independent “people’s republics” in the two main industrial regions. Moscow denies involvement.

Donetsk, a once bustling metropolis of nearly one million people, is facing an increasing shortage of food, water and electricity. Few people are on the streets, though groups of armed separatist fighters can be seen, and few cars. Most people are staying indoors or have left the city for the countryside.

Most shops are closed but the municipal authorities said bakeries were still producing bread despite a lack of electricity.

Fuel supplies had run out and few chemists are operating. Banks are closed and pensions and social allowances are not being paid.— Reuters

Iraqi Shi’ite coalition close to nominating prime minister

BAGHDAD, 11 Aug — A bloc comprising Iraq’s biggest Shi’ite parties is close to nominating a prime minister, the deputy speaker of parliament said on Monday, directly challenging Nuri al-Maliki who has refused to give up his bid for a third term.

Haider al-Abadi’s comments in a tweet came after police sources said special forces and Shi’ite militias loyal to Maliki had been deployed in strategic areas of Baghdad after he made a defiant speech on television suggesting he would not cave in to pressure to drop his bid for another term. Abadi is one of the people that has been mentioned as a possible successor to Maliki. In his tweet Abadi said government forces were moving around the capital in anticipation of security breaches. Maliki accused Iraq’s



Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) fighters participate in an intensive security deployment against Islamic State (IS) militants on the front line in Makhmur on 9 Aug, 2014.— REUTERS

Kurdish President Fouad Masoum of violating the constitution by missing a deadline for him to ask the biggest political bloc to nominate a prime minister and form a government.

“I will submit today an

official complaint to the federal court against the president of the Republic for committing a clear constitutional violation for the sake of political calculations,” Maliki said in the televised speech. Serving in a care-

taker capacity since an inconclusive election in April, Maliki has defied calls by Sunnis, Kurds, some fellow Shi’ites, regional power broker Iran and Iraq’s top cleric to step aside for a less polarising figure.— Reuters

Riot erupts following shooting death of unarmed black teen in Missouri

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug — Rioting and looting erupted in Ferguson, Missouri, late on Sunday as protests over the killing of a black teenager by a police officer turned violent, law enforcement officials and media reports said.

Crowds broke the windows of cars and stores following a day of demonstrations over the death of Michael Brown, an unarmed 18-year-old shot dead on Saturday by a Ferguson police officer.

“We are currently experiencing a riot,” a Ferguson police dispatcher said.

About 150 officers in riot gear from throughout St. Louis County, along with canine units, were sent to the area, a dispatcher for the St. Louis County Police Department said.

There was no immediate word on injuries. Police said Brown was shot after a struggle over a gun in a police car. It was not im-

mediately clear why Brown as in the car. At least one shot was fired during the struggle, and then the officer fired more shots before leaving the car. The officer, who was not identified, is a six-year veteran and has been put on administrative leave, St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar told a news conference.

“It is our understanding at this point in the investigation, that within the police car, there was a struggle over the officer’s weapon,” Belmar said.

Protests erupted soon after the shooting in Ferguson, a town of about 23,000 people some 20 miles (32 km) north of St. Louis. Some demonstrators shouted “kill the police”. Sunday’s protests turned violent after dark, according to news station KMOV-TV, with rioters smashing the window of a store and damaging cars.—Reuters

WORLD & UN

Israel, Palestinians launch new three-day truce

GAZA / JERUSALEM, 11 Aug — Israel and the Palestinians held their fire early on Monday at the start of a new 72-hour ceasefire proposed by Egypt that took effect at 2100 GMT.

There were no immediate reports of breaches of the ceasefire although Hamas claimed it fired rockets as far as the Tel Aviv area for the first time since a previous truce expired on Friday, just minutes before the new truce took hold.

The Israeli military had no comment but Israeli media said a rocket exploded in an open area in the Tel Aviv metropolitan area and at least two other rockets were intercepted in a town just south of that region. A senior Israeli government official said on Sunday Israeli negotiators would return to Cairo to resume indirect talks with the Palestinians, if the truce held, also confirming the Jewish state had accepted Egypt's proposal for the new truce.

The Israeli team had flown home on Friday when the sides failed to reach a deal to prolong a previous three-day truce, and hostilities in the month-old conflict resumed.

A Hamas official said Palestinian factions had accepted Egypt's call and



Palestinians react as they put out a fire in an apartment which witnesses said was hit by an Israeli air strike in Beit Lahiya in the northern Gaza Strip on 10 Aug, 2014.— REUTERS

that the Cairo talks would continue. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said that these new negotiations would be “the last chance” for a deal.

Egypt's Foreign Ministry urged “both sides to exploit this truce to resume indirect negotiations immediately and work towards a comprehensive and lasting ceasefire agreement”.

The new truce won the praise of United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon who, in a statement, urged both sides to “avoid any steps which would lead to a return to violence.”

Ban expressed a

“strong hope” the truce might lead to a “durable ceasefire for the benefit of all civilian populations and as a starting point to address the underlying grievances on both sides.”

Hamas has demanded an end to Israeli and Egyptian blockades of the coastal territory and the opening of a Gaza seaport — a project Israel says should be dealt with only in any future talks on a permanent peace deal with the Palestinians.

Israeli air strikes and shelling on Sunday killed nine Palestinians in Gaza, including a boy aged 14 and a woman, medics said,

in a third day of renewed fighting since the last truce ended.

One air strike destroyed the home of Gaza City's mayor, Nezar Hijazi, across the street from the *Reuters* bureau where reporters and cameramen hit the floor as the explosion occurred. There were no casualties in the attack because Israel telephoned warnings to residents in the house and neighbouring buildings.

The Israeli military said it targeted 11 “terror squads” in Gaza, among them gunmen involved in or preparing to fire rockets.— *Reuters*

UNSG's message for International Youth Day

12 August 2014

A new publication from the United Nations shows that 20 per cent of the world's young people experience a mental health condition each year. The risks are especially great as they transition from childhood to adulthood. Stigma and shame often compound the problem, preventing them from seeking the support they need. For this year's observance of International Youth Day, the United Nations wants to help lift the veil that keeps young people locked in a chamber of isolation and silence.

The barriers can be overwhelming, particularly in countries where the issue of mental health is ignored and there is a lack of investment in mental health services. Too often, owing to neglect and irrational fear, persons with mental health conditions are marginalized not only from having a role in the design and implementation of development policies and programmes but even from basic care. This leaves them more vulnerable to poverty, violence and social exclusion, and has a negative impact on society as whole.

Young people who are already considered vulnerable, such as homeless youth, those involved in the juvenile justice system, orphaned youth and those having experienced conflict situations, are often more susceptible to stigma and other barriers, leaving them even more adrift when they are most in need of support. Let us remember that with understanding and assistance, these young people can flourish, making valuable contributions to our collective future.

We have just about 500 days to reach the Millennium Development Goals. We must support all young people, especially those who are vulnerable, to succeed in this historic campaign.

Wide-ranging efforts at all levels are needed to raise awareness about the importance of investing in and supporting young people with mental health conditions. Increased education is crucial in reducing stigma and in changing how we talk about and perceive mental health.

Mental health is how we feel; it is our emotions and well-being. We all need to take care of our mental health so that we lead satisfying lives. Let us begin to talk about our mental-health in the same way we talk about our overall health.

As we mark International Youth Day 2014, let us enable youth with mental health conditions to realize their full potential, and let us show that mental health matters to us all.

UNIC/Yangon

Human Rights Watch executive director, other member, denied entry to Egypt



Kenneth Roth, Executive Director of Human Rights Watch speaks during a keynote panel discussion at the International CTIA wireless industry conference in Orlando, Florida on 24 March, 2011. REUTERS

CAIRO, 11 Aug, — The executive director of Human Rights Watch and another senior staff

member were denied entry to Egypt for “security reasons” after being held at the Cairo airport for 12

hours, two of the group's staff said on Monday. Kenneth Roth and Sarah Leah Whitson had flown

to Cairo to take part in the launch of a report to be released on Tuesday on the mass killings of protesters by security forces last year.

Whitson tweeted on Monday morning that she had been held for 12 hours before deportation for “security reasons”.

Omar Shakir, author and principle researcher of the group's report on the mass killings, confirmed to *Reuters* that Roth and Whitson had been denied entry after landing in Cairo and being held by authorities since on Sunday night.

He said the two would be leaving the airport on separate flights within hours.

Government officials were not immediately available for comment.

Reuters

Japan determined to go ahead with US base relocation plan

TOKYO, 11 Aug — Japan will move forward with strong determination to relocate the US Marine Corps' Futenma Air Station in Okinawa to a less populated coastal area within the prefecture as planned, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said on Monday.

He made the remark in a meeting in Tokyo with Howard McKeon, chairman of the US House Armed Services Committee, and McKeon welcomed the Japanese government's stance, Japanese officials said.

McKeon also expressed strong support for Japan when Suga explained Prime Minister Shinzo

Abe's attempt to make the country a proactive contributor to peace and his Cabinet's decision to allow Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence, the officials said. The two also confirmed that the United States and Japan will continue to work closely amid an increasingly severe security environment in the Asia-Pacific region, according to the officials.

Last December, Okinawa Gov Hirokazu Nakaima approved landfill work to build a replacement facility in the Henoko district of Nago to accommodate the functions of the US air base in Ginowan amid strong local opposition.— *Kyodo News*

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 12 August, 2014

The older, the wiser

By Aung Khin

A study of scientists has found that although the brains of older people are slowing down, they possess many experiences and knowledge that can help them make better decisions in daily life.

A research has revealed that the older group of aged between 60 and 82 fare better than younger counterparts of 18 to 29 in eco-

nomics tests. Although the younger generations have easy access to information technology that helps them acquire global knowledge, the older ones have their own experience in facing challenges.

Some developing countries are now passing laws to increase the minimum retirement age of people, intending to allow older people who have professional skills continue to work until later in life, especially in leadership roles.

Without being brushed aside, the talent and wisdom of older people should be brought into modern times. But their contributions should be supported with modern technology.

The combination of experience of older people and the modern education of younger adults could overcome many difficulties. Young people

should have knowledge to understand the physical and mental problems of the senior citizens in working together with them.

Many older people have experienced economic crises, political turmoil and natural disasters in life. On many occasions, they could provide a lot of valuable advice to tackle problems. Experience is the best teacher, whose lessons are very practical for us.

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Staff quarters, female and male hostels inspected



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw visits staff quarters of NPED Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Aug—Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Dr Kan Zaw viewed round staff quarters and female

and male hostels of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Sunday.

The Union minister looked into cultivation of vegetable plantations and

flowering plants around the staff quarters, keeping the quarters pleasant and clean, sanitation and prevention against dengue haemorrhagic fever and proper flow

of water at drains at Khayay, Bukwe and Bawgatheikdi staff quarters. Officials of the quarters reported on maintenance of the buildings and security measures.

The union minister gave instructions on electric safety, installation of power lines for lamp-posts to officials.—MNA

Thein Zaw Myint (Mizuno) champions in 4th Leg of Myanmar Golf Tour

PYIN OO LWIN, 11 Aug—Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Soe Htut awarded prizes to first prize winner Thein Zaw Myint (Mizuno) with 277 strokes, second prize winner Myo Win Aung with 282 and third prize winner Min Naing (Srixon) in the professional golfer division in the fourth leg of

Myanmar Golf Tour (PyinOoLwin) on Sunday.

Deputy Minister for Sports U Thaung Htaik and officials presented prizes to the winners in the men's amateur division and women's golfer division.

Professional Myo Tun

won K1 million and K400,000 for hole-in-one award on the third round. Deputy Managing Director U Yu Lwin of Myawady Bank Ltd presented a prize cheque to Thein Zaw Myint (Mizuno).

Nyi Nyi Soe Nyunt



Myanmar Aesthetic literature, Appreciation of Artistic Works, Feelings that literature gives, Poetic license and Literary techniques

Kin Mg Oo

(Continue from yesterday)

A hundred ducks and a lone hyacinth. She is jostled and kicked but holds her lips tight and keeps wearing her flower.

We managed to take moral lessons from books throughout our lives. From the literatures we read, we learnt to love heroes and men of power, and simultaneously we learnt to hate villains and mischievous people. Biographies and auto-biographies inspired us to emulate them. Detective stories gave us sense of reasoning and different lines of reasoning. And it taught us that crime

does not pay. What was conceived in our minds was that violation of the law would lead us to being punished for sure. Most parents did not encourage their children to read love stories, regarding these as a forbidden literature. But reading this kind of book was a thing of the past for nearly all of us in our younger days. These novels mostly made us love to read books, and they gave us tender feelings. It is just a matter of time before the world comes to extinction if we are void of love.

Nowadays, there is a

place which attracts most of the populace. It is none other than TV channels that are broadcasting foreign, especially Korean movies. Most of us are the language illiterates, so we can enjoy the movies by courtesy of Myanmar subtitles. We seldom miss our favorites. When the time comes, we automatically seat ourselves before televisions. We cannot deny that TV audiences outnumbered literature readers presently. Generally speaking, we like these movies for many features—their plots, characters, settings, themes, etc.,. Their dialogues are also good. In translating a foreign movie into our mother tongue, a translator plays an important role. Some were amazingly good at rendering because of their

excellent bi-lingual knowledge while some seemed to be less arduous in their works. Sometimes we find it difficult to translate humorous dialogues into our own. It may be attributed to the difference of cultures and traditions between the two languages. For example, generally we know that anatomy is defined as the scientific study of the structure of human or animal bodies. Just by seeing the sentence, "Various parts of his anatomy were clearly visible", we cannot feel the sense of humor in it. Anatomy is also defined as a person's body. So as to be able to give the readers sense of humor, we need to search for the same word in our tongue. Once, it was heard that it took Sayar Mya Than Tint several days to find a

Myanmar word for the word, "plump". This depicts Sayar's Cetana towards his readers. Here I would like to advise our translators of youth to read books, magazines, journals and newspapers written in our own language as many as possible. In my opinion, the entertainment media will give effectiveness to our Myanmar literature development, to some extent.

As the penultimate conclusion, let me say a little about the poetic license. Poetic license is defined as the freedom to change facts, the normal rules of language, etc. in a special piece of writing or speech in order to achieve a particular effect. Sometimes we use poetic license to embroider an interesting story but we need to be free

from a hint of grudge and envy. In the world of Myanmar literature, there were many literary works which were tremendously remarkable for their skillful use of poetic license. So far, we cherish a liking for our favorites. How influential they are!

Ultimately, as a layman, I want to apologize authorities, literary experts, writers, financially reliable entrepreneurs who are eager to support for public welfare, non-governmental organizations, academicians, teachers and all interested persons to actively take part in launching the campaign for the continual progress of our Myanmar language and literature.

May our literature live long forever!

(concluded)

LOCAL NEWS

Friendly cultural competition marks 67th Anniversary Independence Day of India



MANDALAY, 11 Aug— No 2 Department of Basic Mandalay based Indian Education jointly organized the Myanmar-India cultural exchange and friendly dancing contest in commemoration of the 67th

Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of India at the National Theatre on 66th Street in Aungmyethazan Township of Mandalay on Sunday.

Director U Than Aung Kyi of Fine Arts Department and the Indian Consul-General lit the oil lamps at the opening ceremony.

The contest was supervised by Staff Officers Daw Nyo Nyo Win and Daw Sein Poe Ti of Fine Arts Department.

The Indian Consul-General and officials presented prizes to the winners in the dancing contest.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Floating hotel for globetrotters to enjoy scenic beauty of Mandalay

MANDALAY, 11 Aug—A Karaweik floating hotel is under construction near the dockyard of Inland Water Transport on the strand road in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay.

Construction of the ho-

tel started in early 2014. So far, the building has been completed by 80 per cent.

GC Myanmar Company is building the hotel with the aim of enabling the globetrotters to enjoy scenic beauty of Mandalay, Sagaing, Mingun,

Shwekyetyet jetty, and pagodas on Minwun mountain range.

The rooms of the hotel are being decorated with Myanmar handicrafts. The upstairs of the hotel will be hall type as the view desk to en-

joy the beach beauty of Ayeyawady River.

Members of the Sangha from four corners of Mandalay were invited on board to recite Maha Pathana treatise on Sunday.

Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

Tractors ready for ploughing of farmlands in Bilin Township

MAWLAMYINE, 11 Aug—A total of 10,503 acres of paddy fields were flooded in heavy rains on 6 and 7 August in Kyaikto, Bilin and Thaton Townships of Mon State.

On 8 August, the flood subsided from 10,174 acres

of farmlands.

Mon State Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Myo Nyunt, Head of Mon State Agricultural Mechanization Department U Maung Maung Hsan and party met local farmers from Naingpun and Thittokyun village

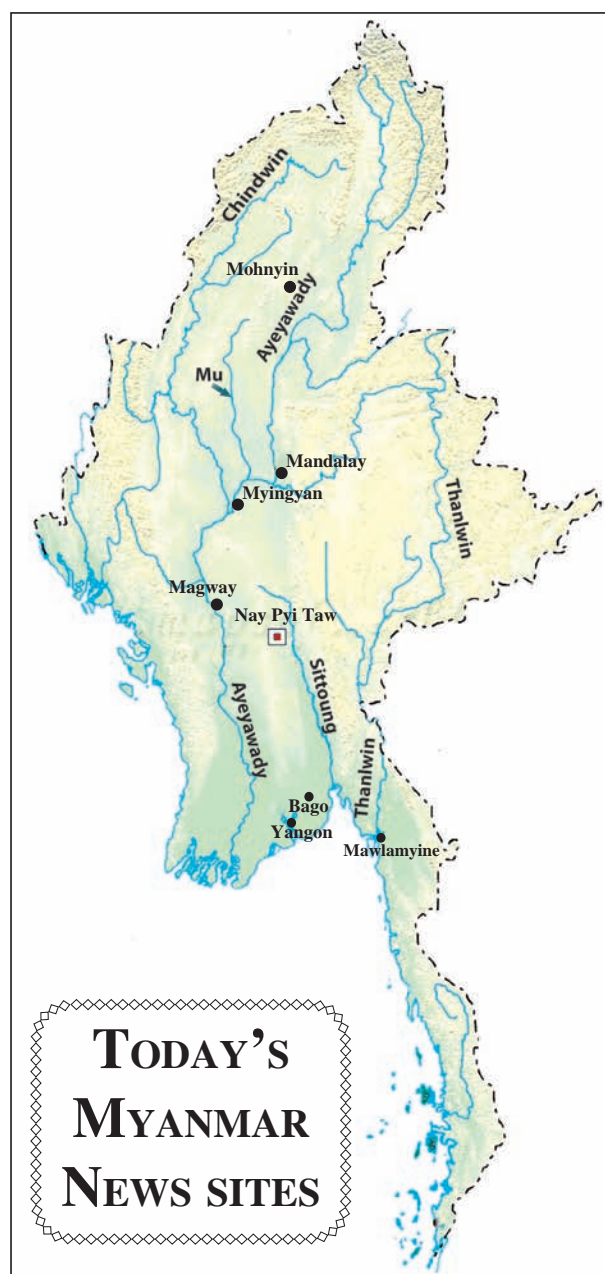
of Bilin Township on 8 August to provide necessary assistance for timely cultivation of monsoon paddy and other crops on the flooded lands.

Officials pledged to give agricultural machinery, quality paddy seeds and

fertilizers to the farmers for their cultivation.

A total of 20 tractors from Agricultural Mechanization Department are ready to be used in ploughing of farmlands in Naingpun Village of Bilin Township.

Min Min Latt (Physics)



REDD+Climate Change course conducted



MOHNYIN, 11 Aug—The multiplier course on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Climate Change was conducted at the office of Mohnyin Township Forest Department in Kachin State on Saturday, aimed at enhancing capacity of forest staff and broadening the horizon of local people with regard to prevention against forest degradation and deforestation.

It was attended by staff of the Forest Department and members of community forests.

Senior Forester U Zaw Win Aung gave lectures on Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation and Climate Change to the trainees for two days.

Similar courses have been conducted in Myitkyina, Mogaung and Waingmaw Townships of Kachin State.—NLM-001

New Zealand, Japanese defence chiefs discuss regional security

WELLINGTON, 11 Aug —The most senior military officers of New Zealand and Japan met on Monday to discuss security issues in the Asia-Pacific region and expanding bilateral defence cooperation.

New Zealand Chief of Defence Force Lieutenant General Tim Keating said he and visiting Chief of Staff of Japan's Self-Defence Forces General Shigeru Iwasaki agreed to promote cooperation in areas such as humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, international peace-keeping and counter-piracy operations.

"Japan is an important international partner for New Zealand. Our common values and shared perspectives on regional security are important building blocks underpinning what is a broad and multi-faceted relationship," Keating said in a statement.

In August last year, the two forces signed a Memorandum of Intent concerning Defence Cooperation and Exchanges to provide a framework for the defence relationship and to establish parameters for enhancing engagement.—Xinhua



Residents read books at Sanlian Taofen Bookstore in Beijing, capital of China, at night of 10 Aug, 2014. The 24-hour Sanlian Taofen Bookstore attracted many readers in the hot summer.—XINHUA

Chinese army urged to support reforms

BEIJING, 11 Aug—The People's Liberation Army (PLA) and armed police have been urged to support and implement major reforms to the defence system and the armed forces that are critical to improve the military's war capacity.

The PLA General Political Department has issued a circular on the issue, urging the military and armed police to contribute to the reforms, according to a report by Monday's *PLA Daily*.

It said soldiers and officers should carefully

study and implement the policies and directives of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the Central Military Commission and its Chairman Xi Jinping.

The military should understand that the reforms are needed to ensure the army is capable of fighting and winning in modern warfare, to break current constraints on military development and to increase military preparedness, the report said, quoting the circular.

"The absolute lead-

ership by the CPC over the armed forces must be upheld," said the circular, adding that the reforms should be carried out without prejudice to the army's original nature and purpose.

The circular stressed that the military reforms should focus on enhancing the army's capability to fight and win battles.

Special efforts should be made to reform the system of command, optimize the army's size and structure and more closely integrate the army with ci-

vilians.

The document warned that the overhaul may touch on deep-seated interests and structural problems in the national defence and military systems.

"Individuals should be amenable to the comprehensive interests of the entire army and adapt to the changes," the circular urged.

It urged military personnel to "resolutely oppose misconceptions that may confuse or disturb the reform efforts,"

The military should

"always be vigilant and staunch on political issues and strictly abide by disciplines regarding politics, organization and secrecy."

The circular also told soldiers and officers not to comment or spread hearsay on such matters. In a key policy document approved by the landmark Third Plenary Session of the 18th CPC Central Committee last year, the CPC vowed to advance reforms and strive to clear obstacles hindering the development of national defence and the army.

Xinhua

S Korea offers high-level talks with N Korea on 19 August

SEOUL, 11 Aug—South Korea on Monday made an offer to North Korea to hold a second round of high-level talks on 19 August at the truce village of Panmunjeom, according to South Korea's Unification Ministry. The offer for the talks, the first round of which was held in February, was conveyed to the North earlier Monday, the ministry said in a statement.

As for the date for the talks, it said South Korea prefers 19 August but is open to accepting a different date that suits the North.

"Our side told the North in the message we want to use the talks to discuss matters of mutual interest, including arranging the reunions of separated families around Chuseok holiday or (Korean Thanksgiving holiday)," the ministry said. The Chuseok holiday falls on 8 September this year.

The two Koreas agreed in the first round of the high-level talks to hold an additional round of the family reunions, and also to stop acts of vilifying each other to pave the way for a second round. But the two sides have so far failed to convene the second round due to heightened tensions on the Korean Peninsula. At the first round, Kim Kyu Hyun, chief of the secretariat of South Korea's National Security Council, headed Seoul's delegation while his counterpart was Won Dong Yon, vice director of the United Front Department of North Korea's ruling party.

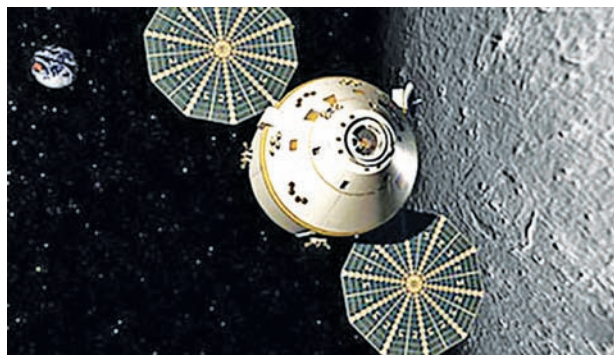
Since the two Koreas first arranged temporary reunions after the landmark inter-Korean summit in 2000, more than 20,000 family members who had not seen each other since the war have been brought together.—Kyodo News



People pose for photos during the Dominican Day Parade in New York, the United States, 10 Aug, 2014. Dominican Day is a festive occasion celebrating Dominican tradition, heritage and folklore in the streets of New York.—XINHUA

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China to test recoverable moon orbiter



BEIJING, 11 Aug — China is preparing for the launch of an experimental recoverable moon orbiter, said the State Administration of Science, Technology and Industry for National Defence on Sunday.

The orbiter arrived in Xichang via air in southwest China's Sichuan Province on Sunday and then transported to the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre, according to a statement from the administration.

The launch will take place before the end of this year, it said.

The plan is for the orbiter to be launched into lunar orbit and return to Earth at an escape velocity of 11.2 km per second.

The orbiter is one of the test models for China's new lunar probe *Chang'e-5*, which will be tasked with landing on the

moon, collecting samples and returning to Earth.

The launch is aimed at testing the technologies that are vital for the success of *Chang'e-5*, the statement said.

China launched the *Chang'e-3* lunar probe with its moon rover, Yutu, in late 2013. *Chang'e-3* successfully landed on the moon and Yutu operated well until its control mechanism failed in January.

As the backup probe of *Chang'e-3*, *Chang'e-4* will be adapted to verify technologies for *Chang'e-5*.

The more sophisticated *Chang'e-5* mission, including unmanned sampling and returning, requires technological breakthroughs in moon surface takeoff, sampling encapsulation, rendezvous and docking in lunar orbit, as well as high-speed Earth reentry. — *Xinhua*

Amazon stops some Disney movie preorders — WSJ

NEW YORK, 11 Aug — Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O) has halted pre-orders of some Disney movies, the *Wall Street Journal* reported, in what appears to be another contract dispute after the online retailer began a protracted spat with publisher Hachette Book Group this year.

Physical copies of titles such as “Maleficent” and “Captain America: The Winter Soldier” were unavailable for order on Amazon.com on Sunday. Digital copies of some of the movies in question were still available for pre-order.

Amazon.com did not immediately respond to a request seeking comment on the report. A Disney spokesman had no comment.

Amazon has been waging a battle against Hachette, the fourth-largest US book publisher, over the price the online retailer can charge for e-books. Hachette is owned by France's Lagardere.

A group called Authors United ran a two-page ad in the *New York Times* on Sunday, criticizing Amazon for halting pre-orders from some Hachette authors and slowing delivery of books by Hachette authors. The ad was signed by more than 900



Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos is silhouetted during a presentation of his company's new Fire smartphone at a news conference in Seattle, Washington on 18 June, 2014.

REUTERS

writers, including Stephen King and Donna Tartt.

In response, Amazon.com's Books Team ran a message on a website (www.readersunited.com/) on Friday evening reiterating its arguments for cheaper ebooks, and suggested people email Hachette CEO Michael Pietsch. The company published Pietsch's email address and listed key points people might want to make. [ID:nL2N0QF0FJ]

Pietsch replied to every individual who

emailed him saying that the dispute started because Amazon is seeking a lot more profit and even more market share at the expense of authors, bookstores and Hachette.

“Both Hachette and Amazon are big businesses and neither should claim a monopoly on enlightenment, but we do believe in a book industry where talent is respected and choice continues to be offered to the reading public,” Pietsch wrote on Sunday, a copy of which was emailed to

Reuters.

“Once again, we call on Amazon to withdraw the sanctions against Hachette's authors that they have unilaterally imposed, and restore their books to normal levels of availability.”

Amazon says pricing e-books at \$14.99 or \$19.99 is too expensive. It argues that cheaper e-books sell more copies and so ultimately generate more revenue and more royalties for authors.

Reuters

'Naked PCs' lay bare Microsoft's emerging markets problem

SAN FRANCISCO, SEATTLE, 11 Aug — On a trip to Beijing a decade ago, Bill Gates was asked by a senior government official how much money Microsoft Corp made in China. The official asked the interpreter to double check Gates' reply as he couldn't believe the figure was so low.

It's a problem that hasn't gone away. Indeed, Microsoft's current issues in China conceal a deeper problem for the US software giant — despite the popularity of its Windows operating system and Office suite, few people in emerging markets are willing to pay for legitimate copies.

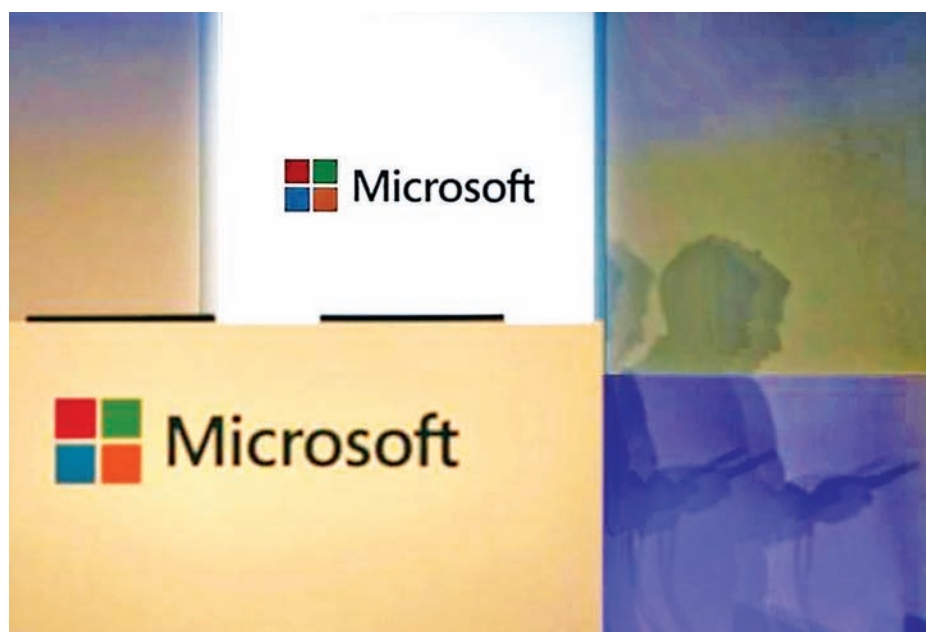
This not only costs Microsoft in lost revenue, but is also holding back the spread of its newest Windows 8 version — analysts say even buyers of pirate software prefer older versions. According to StatCounter, a website

that tracks what software is loaded on Internet-connected computers, more than 90 percent of PCs in China — now the world's biggest market — are running pre-8 versions of Windows.

Microsoft is trying to tackle this. This year it's offering Windows 8 at a discount to PC manufacturers who install its Bing search engine as the default. And it's giving away versions of Windows 8 for phones and some tablets.

But, as the industry shifts from desktop to mobile, the cloud and free or cheap software, China sums up both the old and new challenges Microsoft faces in making money in emerging markets — and, increasingly, in developed ones.

“The great danger for the company is that what has happened to them in emerging markets — basically no revenue from new PCs because of piracy



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 file photo.—REUTERS

cy — is not far off what's happening everywhere,” said Ben Thompson, the Taiwan-based author of *strattechery.com*, a popular technology blog.

For sure, China is a major, and unique, headache for Microsoft. Many of the problems are tied to

a broader push by the Chinese government to limit foreign firms' dominance and encourage local technology firms to become viable competitors.

After years of healthy relations with Beijing, Microsoft last month was suddenly targeted by anti-mo-

revenues by geography, but it has provided clues about the size of the problem.

In 2011, then CEO Steve Ballmer reportedly told employees that, because of piracy, Microsoft earned less revenue in China than in the Netherlands — with 1 percent of its population — even though China bought as many computers as the United States.

According to the BSA anti-piracy lobby group that Microsoft co-founded, emerging markets account for 56 percent of all PCs in use, and 73 percent of software piracy. Of the \$77.8 billion revenue Microsoft generated in its 2013 financial year, China, Brazil and Russia each “exceeded” \$1 billion, according to a Microsoft presentation. For comparison, Apple Inc generated \$27 billion in Greater China, which includes Hong Kong and Taiwan, in its 2013 financial year.

Reuters

Hillary Clinton distances herself from Obama's foreign policy

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug — Distancing herself from President Barack Obama's foreign policy, potential 2016 US presidential candidate Hillary Clinton said in an interview published on Sunday that the US decision not to intervene early in the Syrian civil war was a "failure."

Republican critics and others have faulted Obama for doing too little to support Syrians who rose up against President Bashar al-Assad. Syria has been torn apart by a civil war for three years, with Assad staying in power and Islamic militants among the opposition gaining strength.

"The failure to help build up a credible fighting force of the people who

were the originators of the protests against Assad — there were Islamists, there were secularists, there was everything in the middle — the failure to do that left a big vacuum, which the jihadists have now filled," Clinton said in an interview with *The Atlantic*.

Clinton was Obama's secretary of state during his first term as president, stepping down in early 2013, so she was part of the administration during the start of the Syria uprising. Seen as a possible strong contender for the 2016 US Democratic presidential nomination, she ran unsuccessfully against Obama for the party's nomination in 2008.

Asked about Obama's slogan of "Don't do stupid

stuff" to describe his foreign policy thinking, Clinton said, "Great nations need organizing principles, and 'Don't do stupid stuff' is not an organizing principle." In the interview, Clinton also offered strong support for Israel and for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has a tense relationship with Obama.

Israel has drawn international condemnation for the deaths of Palestinian non-combatants in Gaza and the destruction of thousands of homes during its month of war with the Islamist movement Hamas. The Obama administration, while supporting Israel's right to defend itself, has rebuked Israel at least once during the current conflict over the deaths of civilians.

"I think Israel did what it had to do to respond to the (Hamas) rockets. Israel

has a right to defend itself. The steps Hamas has taken to embed rockets and command and control facilities and tunnel entrances in civilian areas, this makes a response by Israel difficult," Clinton said.

Questioned about whether Israel has taken enough steps to prevent the deaths of civilians including children, Clinton said the United States also tries to be careful to avoid civilian casualties in war but sometimes mistakes are made.

"We've made them. I don't know a nation, no matter what its values are — and I think that democratic nations have demonstrably better values in a conflict position — that hasn't made errors, but ultimately the responsibility rests with Hamas," Clinton added.—*Reuters*



Hillary Clinton

Drecun: Pristina should form its gov't as soon as possible



NOVISAD, 11 Aug — Chairman of the Serbian parliament's Committee for Kosovo-Metohija (KiM) Milovan Drecun said on Sunday that it was necessary for the executive government in Pristina to be set up as soon as possible as it was vital for the creation of the community of Serb municipalities (ZSO) and continuation of the Brussels process.

"For us it is most important that the executive power is formed as soon as possible, so that we can finalize the creation of the community of Serb municipalities, as the ZSO is the condition of all conditions for a promising future of the Serb people in Kosovo-Metohija and long-term sustainability of a policy pursued by Serbia in our southern province," Drecun said for Novi Sad-based daily *Dnevnik*. Drecun said that every delay in the setting up of the government in Pristina was putting

the realization of that objective, the central element of the Brussels agreement, fundamentally out of reach. Expressing his confidence that the ethnic Albanians would soon reach an agreement between them on the government creation following the 8 June Kosovo election, Drecun stressed that the KiM Serbs would "definitely be part of the executive power in Pristina, not just because it is guaranteed by the constitution there or because the EU will insist on that, but also because of the fact that it is important for their voice to be clearly

heard there."

Drecun pointed out that the creation of the executive power in Pristina was a necessary condition for a discussion about "the format of the continuation of the Brussels process," adding that "as long as the government is not formed there, the normalization of relations cannot be taken forward and no new topics can be opened." Speaking about a possible change of the model of dialogue, Drecun stressed that Serbia's key requirement remained that the dialogue had to be status-neutral.

Tanjung

At least 5 killed in police chase in Texas

HOUSTON, 11 Aug—A car escaping police chase at a speed as fast as 160 km per hour slammed into another vehicle and hit a utility pole in a Texas city Sunday night, leaving at least five people dead and a community without power, local media reported.

The chase began in League city, some 40 km southeast of Houston, on Sunday night when an officer tried to pull over a Dodge Durango because the driver was swerving and not using headlights, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

The car hit a vehi-

cle, resumed its way into another road where the driver ran onto a stop sign and slammed into another SUV. It then proceeded to hit a utility pole, knocking power out in the area.

Nobody in neither the SUV nor the Dodge survived the crash. At least five people were killed, and it's not immediately known how many people were inside the each car.

The stretch of the road was closed to all traffic as authorities were investigating at the scene. It's not clear if alcohol caused the accident.

Xinhua

Erdogan wins Turkey's 1st presidential election

CAIRO, 11 Aug — Recep Tayyip Erdogan won Turkey's first direct presidential election on Sunday after serving as prime minister for more than a decade.

With 100 percent of the votes counted, the 60-year-old from the ruling AK Party won a victory by securing 51.96 percent of the vote, according to unofficial results reported by the state-run *Anadolu* news agency. Erdogan has enjoyed strong public support as he has ushered in a period of economic prosperity since becoming premier in 2003. But critics see him

as an increasingly autocratic leader. He has set his sights on serving two five-year presidential terms to stay in power past 2023. Parliament had selected the head of state but this was changed under a law pushed through by Erdogan's government.

Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, the joint candidate of Turkey's two largest opposition parties, claimed 38.33 percent of the vote, while Selahattin Demirtas — candidate of the pro-Kurdish Peoples' Democracy Party — won 9.71 percent, according to *Anadolu*.—*Kyodo News*

Supporters of Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan celebrate his election victory in front of the party headquarters in Ankara on 10 Aug, 2014.
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Typhoon downgraded to extratropical depression in Sea of Japan



Photo shows submerged cars in the city of Kochi on 10 Aug, 2014, following heavy rain brought by Typhoon Halong.
KYODO NEWS

TOKYO, 11 Aug — Typhoon Halong weakened into an extratropical depression on Monday in the Sea of Japan after claiming the lives of 10 people in Japan and leaving two others unaccounted for.

The Japan Meteorological Agency called for vigilance as the season's 11th typhoon, continuing to head north after the downgrading, was still bringing heavy rain and strong wind to Hokkaido, northern Japan.

Torrential rain was recorded on Monday morning in Hokkaido's Rishiri Island and the town of Shiriuchi, with hourly precipitation reaching 49.5 millimetres and 43.0 mm, respectively.—Kyodo News

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FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 12th August, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Shan and Chin States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Bago Region, Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

India, Pakistan border guards clash on Kashmir border

SRINAGAR, (Indian-controlled Kashmir), 11 Aug — The border guards of India and Pakistan on Monday fired on each other's position on international border (IB) in Kashmir, officials said.

According to Indian officials, two border guards of Border Security Force (BSF) and two civilians were wounded due to Pakistani firing, while Pakistan says the Indian firing killed a woman and wounded two others.

The two sides using light and heavy artillery targeted each other's posts and areas for hours together. "Two BSF personnel were injured when Pakistan forces violated ceasefire by targeting BSF border outposts along IB in Jammu district," an official said.

The exchange between

two sides was going on until Monday morning, officials said. The wounded border guards and civilians were admitted to Government Medical College hospital in Jammu.

According to India's official broadcaster All India Radio (AIR), BSF retaliated to Pakistan firing with equal caliber weapons.

The firing created panic among the villagers situated near Arnia sector after some mortars fell in residential areas, locals said.

Pakistan said on Monday a woman was killed and two others were wounded after Indian border guards resorted to unprovoked firing in Charwa sector near Sialkote. According to Pakistan's official broadcaster Radio Pakistan, Pakistan Rangers effectively responded to Indian BSF fire.

"Indian forces restored unprovoked firing in Charwah sector near Sialkot working boundary today morning that resulted in killing of one woman and wounding two other persons," Radio Pakistan said.

India last month said it has deployed nearly 2000 additional border guards of BSF and special surveillance equipment along the IB in the aftermath of fresh exchanges for effective domination of the areas.

On Friday, Pakistan Rangers on Friday returned to India the captured Indian border guard, who had been swept away to Pakistani side by strong currents of Chenab river near border. Last month, the armies and border guards of two countries indulged in cease-fire violations, inflicting casualties on both sides, besides

damage to civilian areas.

The armies and border guards of India and Pakistan intermittently trade fire in Kashmir, despite an agreement in 2003 to observe cease-fire. Both New Delhi and Islamabad blame each other for resorting to unprovoked firings. LoC is a de facto border that divides Kashmir into India and Pakistan controlled parts.

The LoC on both sides is guarded by army, while as international border (IB) is guarded by BSF on Indian side and Pakistan Rangers from the other side.

Kashmir, the Himalayan region divided between India and Pakistan, is claimed by both in full. Since their Independence from Britain, the two countries have fought three wars, two exclusively over Kashmir.—Xinhua

Approval eyed for toxic-groundwater dumping facility at Fukushima

FUKUSHIMA, 11 Aug — The utility operating the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant plans to apply for approval for its plan to build a facility for dumping toxic groundwater into the ocean after removing almost all radioactive materials from it, utility sources said on Monday.

The application by Tokyo Electric Power Co, known as TEPCO, is expected to be filed with the Secretariat of the Nuclear Regulation Authority soon, possibly in the afternoon, after the regional utility briefs local government officials on the plan, the sources said.

Under the plan, TEPCO hopes to lay pipes at the nuclear complex to transport the groundwater to a seaport within the premises after removing nearly all radioactive materials from the water. But it says the water will not be dumped into the Pacific unless local consent is obtained.

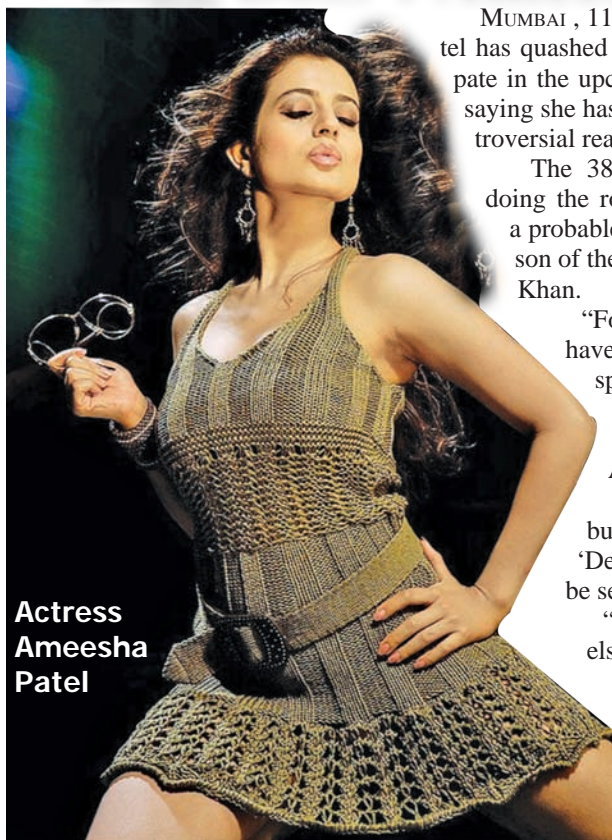
It would be the first time the utility had released into the sea groundwater that is treated but had previously been tainted with radioactive materials near reactor buildings at the plant.

Local fishermen have yet to be formally briefed on the TEPCO plan but are likely to react sharply to it given fears that the move may increase consumer concerns over marine products.—Kyodo News



Chinese Indonesians prepare food to honour their ancestors during the Hungry Ghost Festival in Medan, North Sumatra, Indonesia, on 10 Aug, 2014. The Hungry Ghost Festival is celebrated on the 15th day of the seventh lunar month.
XINHUA

I will not be part of 'Bigg Boss': Ameesha Patel



Actress Ameesha Patel

MUMBAI, 11 Aug — Actress Ameesha Patel has quashed rumours that she will participate in the upcoming season of 'Bigg Boss' saying she has no plans be a part of the controversial reality show.

The 38-year-old actress' name was doing the rounds for quite some time as a probable participant of the eighth season of the show to be hosted by Salman Khan.

"For all those free people who have nothing better to do than to spread rumors... I am not going to be in 'Bigg Boss' 8 9, 10, 11, 12, or any Bigg Boss," Ameesha posted on Twitter.

The actress said that she is busy with her production venture 'Desi Magic', in which she will be seen opposite Zayed Khan.

"Suggest you target someone else.. 'Desi Magic' work is going on and we will come soon with the teaser.. we don't owe you explanations of our work," the actress further posted.

PTI

Norway's Nico & Vinz storm to top of British music charts

LONDON, 11 Aug — Norwegian double act Nico & Vinz shot to the top of Britain's music charts on Sunday as their single "Am I Wrong" outsold last week's chart-toppers Magic!, the Official Charts Company said on Sunday.

The Oslo-based duo snatched the number one position a week after the song's official UK release,

pushing "Rude" by Magic! into second place. American band OneRepublic entered the chart in third place with "Love Runs Out".

Cheryl Cole's "Crazy Stupid Love" dropped two places to number four and George Ezra's "Budapest" rose one place to fifth.

Ed Sheeran's dominant run at the top of the album chart continued for a sev-

enth week as "X" continued to outsell its rivals. Dolly Parton held on to second spot with "Blue Smoke — The Best Of" while Sam Smith gained a place to chart at number three with "In the Lonely Hour". Coldplay's "Ghost Stories" rose two places to number four, leapfrogging "Wanted on Voyage" by George Ezra in fifth.

Reuters

I owe my Bollywood career to modelling: Esha Gupta

NEW DELHI, 11 Aug — Esha Gupta has credited her days in modelling for her stint as an actress in Bollywood. The 'Humshakals' actress, who started off her career in showbiz as a model, was the show-stopper for her designer friend Jyotsna Tiwari on the final day of India Bridal Fashion Week.

"I started my career as a model and if I am standing here as a show-stopper it is all due to my modelling. It made me an actress and gave me my much-needed break. I still get nervous when I walk on the ramp and still seek for blessings before starting the catwalk. I owe a lot to it," Esha told reporters after the show.

Esha Gupta turned a contemporary Christian bride on the ramp. She completed the look of the bride in a flowy gown and a veil covering her head.

"I am happy to wear such a contemporary wedding gown which does not

make me look sexy. She gave me something which is young and contemporary," she added.

Asked if she would like to be dressed as a contemporary bride and do a Christian wedding, the 28-year-old actress said, "My mother would kill me if I don't do Indian traditional wedding and my father wants an Arya Samaj way of wedding.

But I have no wedding plans for next ten years."

Esha said she is yet to sign something substantial in Bollywood after Sajid Khan's 'Humshakals' and is currently gearing up for her debut international project which she will start shooting in October.

Jyotsna's collection was titled 'Under the Stars'. The silhouette ranged from pre-draped sarees, evening gowns, crafted lehengas to voluminous anarkalis in pastel shades.—PTI



'Turtles' beats Marvel's 'Guardians' at US, Canada box office

LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK, 11 Aug—The return of the "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" earned \$65 million in ticket sales at US and Canadian movie theaters over the weekend, easily winning a box office battle with Marvel's outer space hit "Guardians of the Galaxy."

"Ninja Turtles," a reboot of a franchise born in 1980s comic books and popularized in TV cartoons, rang up another \$28.7 million in international markets for a global debut of \$93.7 million, according to distributor Paramount Pictures which wasted no time in announcing a sequel, set to open on 3 June, 2016.

"Guardians," which ruled the box office universe a week ago with a record opening for August, collected \$41.5 million during its second weekend,

according to estimates from research firm Rentrak. New tornado-chasing thriller "Into the Storm" landed in the No 3 slot with \$18 million.

Forecasters had predicted a tight race between "Guardians" and "Ninja Turtles." But the hard-shelled reptile heroes, brought back to TV on a Nickelodeon show in 2012, crushed expectations for a domestic total of around \$40 million.

Megan Fox stars in the film as a reporter who becomes a close ally of the four pizza-loving turtles who emerge from the sewer to fight criminals in New York City. The movie cost \$125 million to make.

"This exceeded all our expectations," said Megan Colligan, head of domestic marketing and distribution at Paramount Pic-



Cast members (from L-R) Danny Woodburn, Jeremy Howard, Alan Ritchson, Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Noel Fisher and Pete Ploszek pose at the premiere of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" in Los Angeles, California on 3 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

tures, a unit of Viacom Inc as is Nickelodeon Movies, which together released the film.

"Families came out in a very big way" while teenagers were drawn to the film's incredible action

sequences," said Colligan, explaining how the film's box office performance was driven far beyond the ex-

pected fan base of 25 to 35-year olds. Global sales for "Guardians" reached \$313 million, distributor Walt Disney Co said. The film stars Chris Pratt and Zoe Saldana as galactic warriors who lead a rag-tag band of heroes including a talking raccoon and a human-like tree. While "Turtles" and "Guardians" have provided a late boost to summer ticket sales, the season remains 16.5 percent behind last year's record pace with a total of \$3.465 billion since 2 May, against \$4.15 billion for the same period a year ago, according to Rentrak. The weekend's No 3 film, "Into the Storm," takes place in a fictional Midwest town hit by the strongest tornadoes ever seen. The movie, released by Time Warner Inc's Warner Bros, cost \$50 million to make.

Reuters

GENERAL

Asleep in the arms of Jesus DAW DALIA MYAT SAN

(95 Years old) (Taungoo)

Retired M.E.H.S Teacher (S.H.S (1) Dagon)

Daughter of (Thay Kho Aye Maung and Daw Thet) (Taungoo), 49/2 Yinmarmyaing Road, Supaung, Thuwunna Township, Yangon, Beloved wife of (U Robert Myat San);

Sister of (Saw Brown Aye Maung, Saw Wellington Aye Maung, Saw Ko Ko Aye Maung) and Naw Judith Thetgyi-U Richard Thetgyi;

Beloved mother of Dr.Saw Chit Aung-Dr.May Mya Sein, Dr.Tynn Tynn San-Dr.Thein Swe, Dr.Vernette Myint Myint San-U Saw Bla Htoo;

Grandmother of Samuel San Myat San-Stephanie Yap; Gideon Nyan Myat San, Shaun Kyaw Thu Thein Swe-Dr.Shellie, Neil Sithu Thein Swe, Naw Diana Htoo-Saw Hsar Say, Naw Charlotte Htoo and Saw Benjamin Htoo;

Great-grandmother of Naw Isabella Htoo Say and Naw Gabrielle Htoo Say, passed away peacefully at 12:30 pm on 11th August 2014 in Yangon.

Prayer services will be held at Judson Chapel, Pyay Road, at 6:30 pm on 12th August 2014 (Tuesday). The funeral service will be held at Judson Chapel at 12:00 noon on 13th August 2014 (Wednesday), before proceeding for burial at Yay Way Christian Cemetery at 1:00 pm.

Two dozen rescued after Maryland roller coaster malfunctions

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug — Two dozen people were rescued on Sunday from a Maryland roller coaster that malfunctioned, leaving a car stuck for hours near a high point of the ride, emergency officials said.

The passengers were trapped about 75 feet (23 metres) in the air atop the Joker's Jinx roller coaster at the Six Flags America amusement park in Upper Marlboro, outside Washington, fire officials said.

The ride stopped working at 2:30 pm and the rescue took about four hours, according to Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor.

Crews used a tower

bucket to reach stranded passengers.

They were unstrapped one by one, loaded into the bucket and then it was lowered to the ground, he said.

The passengers were checked by medical personnel before being released, Bashoor said.

Six Flags Entertainment Corp said in a statement the ride would remain closed during an investigation into what caused the malfunction.

"While we are not yet sure what caused the stoppage, the ride performed as it is designed to," Six Flags said in a statement.

Reuters

MYANMAR TV

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* Documentary

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* TV Drama Series

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* Tamyethnar Takwetsar

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* Myanmar Video

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* Talk on old Film

3:00 pm

* News

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* Documentary

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* News

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* TV Drama Series

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* Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

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Tourists watch Turret of Palace Museum in Beijing, capital of China, 11 Aug, 2014. —XINHUA

Beaming Wenger all set for new season to start

LONDON, 11 Aug — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger gave the impression of a man who cannot wait for the new season to begin after praising his side following their 3-0 demolition of Premier League champions Manchester City in the Community Shield on Sunday.

"It was a complete performance in the first half, we defended well and kept the spirit and organisation in the second half and the win today provides a very positive platform to prepare from," Wenger told reporters.

"Now we have to start well against Crystal Palace at home in the league (Saturday 1630 GMT) and that won't be easy, that's a



Arsenal's manager Arsene Wenger (L) reacts as he waits to introduce substitute Arsenal's Joel Campbell (R) during their English Community Shield soccer match against Manchester City at Wembley Stadium in London, on 10 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

London derby and it will be a different type of game."

The Community Shield is not the most important trophy in English football but securing it 85 days after winning the FA Cup, which ended a nine-year trophy drought, brought a smile to Wenger's face.

"I'd like to win a trophy every week," he beamed. "But it was very important to win today."

"You not only want to win the game and take the trophy but you want a good performance and we produced quality for long spells today."

He also singled out 19-year-old defender Calum Chambers for special praise, saying that the teenager he has just signed

from Southampton gave "an outstanding performance" and would challenge Per Mertesacker and Laurent Koscielny for a central defensive place following the sale of Thomas Vermaelen to Barcelona.

"For a 19-year-old who does not have a long history in that position, he was outstanding."

He can challenge both centre backs, play at right back or in midfield.

Even if Thomas did not leave I would have bought him anyway," Vermaelen's departure means Spanish midfielder Mikel Arteta is the new club skipper with Wenger saying Mertesacker will be vice-captain.

Reuters

REAL MADRID TO FIELD COSTLY STRIKEFORCE IN SUPER CUP

LONDON, 11 Aug — European champions Real Madrid are expected to field the world's most expensive strikeforce — including local Welsh hero Gareth Bale — when they play Sevilla in the UEFA Super Cup at the Cardiff City Stadium on Tuesday.

Three months after winning the all-Spanish Champions League final against Atletico Madrid in Lisbon, Real and Europa League winners Sevilla meet in an all-Spanish Super Cup match with the home fans delighted to be able to watch Bale in his home city.

He joined Real for a

world record 85 million pounds (\$142.58 million) from Tottenham Hotspur a year ago and is expected to play in a 240 million pounds trio with Cristiano Ronaldo and James Rodriguez as the Madrid side seek to win the Super Cup for the first time since 2002.

Ronaldo signed for 80 million pounds from Manchester United in 2009 while Colombian Rodriguez, the Golden Boot winner at this year's World Cup, cost about 80 million euros (\$107.27 million) when he joined from AS Monaco after the finals.

Germany World Cup winner Toni Kroos, who

has just joined Real from Bayern Munich for about 30 million pounds, could also be in action in an official match for Real for the first time.

While Bale will be relishing a return to his home town, Ronaldo is expected to start after working hard to shake off a knee problem that hampered his performances for Portugal at the World Cup



James Rodriguez

Brazil.

Sevilla's squad, by contrast, is worth just under 108 million euros, according to website transfermarkt.com, and they sold their best player, Croatia midfielder Ivan Rakitic, to Barcelona in June.

Centre back Nico Pareja is undaunted, however, and said on Sunday that he and his team mates had the same hunger that yielded the Europa League crown and a fifth-place finish in La Liga last season and were hopeful of an upset win. "Of course Real are starting as favourites," Argentine Pareja told Sevilla's website (www.se-

villafc.es). "But we have been working hard and we are ready to take the battle to them." Although the match, like the English Community Shield, is a charitable curtain-raiser — in this case to the European club season — it does have wider significance for the Football Association of Wales (FAW).

The stadium — Cardiff City's home ground — will be unveiled as a 33,000 seater venue for the first time, and the FAW hopes successfully staging the game will boost its chances of hosting matches in the continent-wide 2020 European Championship.

Reuters

Radwanska eases past Venus Williams to win Rogers Cup



Agnieszka Radwanska (POL) with the winner's trophy in the final of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament at Uniprix Stadium.—REUTERS

TORONTO, 11 Aug — Agnieszka Radwanska tamed Venus Williams 6-4, 6-2 to win the Rogers Cup in Montreal on Sunday, the

third seeded Pole setting herself up as a player to watch at the US Open.

The first win of the season for Radwanska,

it provided a timely jolt of confidence going into Flushing Meadows and the year's final grand slam with 11 of her 14 career titles having come on hard courts.

"One of my biggest title," said Radwanska, who has registered a long line of firsts for tennis in her country, including Poland's first grand slam finalist and first Pole to win a WTA Tour title. "As you can see in the draw had pretty all top players. So very, very special title for me.

"I think she (Williams) played great tennis whole week, playing and beating a lot of good players on the way to the final.

"I think I even happi-

er to beat Venus when she's really on fire."

Williams, a twice US Open champion, will also be buoyed by her performance in Montreal with a projected return on Monday to the world rankings top 20 for the first time since March 2013.

The tournament also pushed Williams past the \$30 million in career earnings, joining an elite club that includes her sister Serena and Maria Sharapova.

"I totally wanted to be in the top 20 like earlier this year," said Williams. "I've been having goals. It's always a goal in mind for myself and hopefully most tennis players.

Reuters

Tsonga caps week of upsets with Rogers title



Jo Wilfried Tsonga (FRA) with the Rogers Cup trophy after beating Roger Federer (not pictured) in the mens final on day seven of the Rogers Cup tennis tournament at Rex-all Centre - Tsonga won 7-5, 7-6. — REUTERS

TORONTO, 11 Aug — Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga had one more surprise in his bag of upsets, beating second seeded Roger Federer 7-5, 7-6 (3) to cap a scintillating march to the

Rogers Cup title on Sunday.

After knocking off world number one Novak Djokovic in the third round, taking out twice champion and eighth seed Andy Murray in the quarters and seventh seed Grigor Dimitrov in the semis, Tsonga denied 17-time grand slam winner Federer a landmark 80th career title. "I played well all this week, I beat many good guys," said Tsonga. "It's a big achievement because I worked really hard to come back from my knee injury last year. "Unfortunately there is no secret...behind this there is a lot of work.

"I'm waiting for this since couple of months now. I was looking for my best level, today I had it and it's great."—Reuters

McIlroy wins PGA Championship, claims fourth major

LOUISVILLE, (Kentucky), 11 Aug — Pre-tournament favourite Rory McIlroy recovered from a stumbling start to overcome a series of challengers and clinch his fourth major title by a shot at the PGA Championship on Sunday.

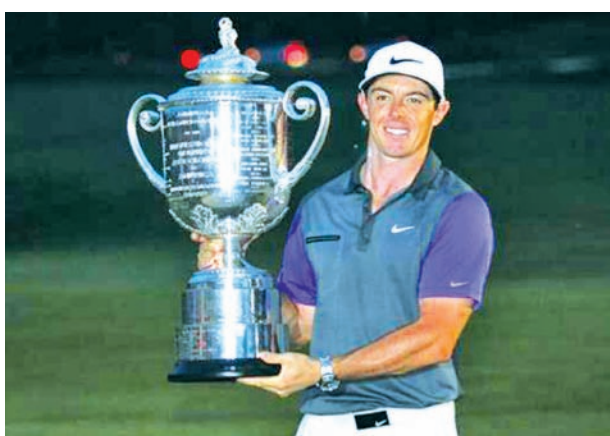
A stroke in front of the chasing pack overnight, the Northern Irish world number one lost the lead but regained control after the turn, signing off with a three-under-par 68 at Valhalla Golf Club for a 16-under total of 268.

Phil Mickelson, the 2005 winner, birdied 18 to finish alone in second with a closing 66, with Swede

Henrik Stenson (66) and American Rickie Fowler (68) a stroke further back in third.

"I didn't think in my wildest dreams I'd have a summer like this," British Open champion McIlroy told CBS Sports after being presented with the coveted Wanamaker Trophy, which he hoisted high in celebration.

"I've just played the best golf of my life and just really gutted it out today. It was a little different from the previous major wins that I've had and I think I showed a lot of guts out there today to get this job done."



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland holds up the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 2014 PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Kentucky, on 10 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

Trailing by three at one point, McIlroy got within a stroke of the lead with

a spectacular eagle at the par-five 10th where he hit his second shot from 281

yards to seven feet, before effectively sealing the title with birdies at the 13th and 17th. In gathering gloom at Valhalla, where play was suspended for just under two hours earlier in the day due to water-logged conditions, McIlroy parred the last to win his third consecutive title on the PGA Tour, and his second major this year.

The 25-year-old, who won the 2012 PGA Championship at Kiawah by a record eight shots, became the fourth youngest player to land four majors, with only Tom Morris Jr, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods ahead of him.

Mickelson, who had been bidding for a sixth major title, recorded his first top-10 finish on the 2013-14 PGA Tour after a disappointing season.

"It was good for me to get back in the mix and to feel the pressure and get in the thick of it," said the American left-hander. "I kind of ran out of steam there after 12, wasn't able to get a couple of birdies coming in like I needed to."

With birdies abundant on a receptive, rain-softened layout, the galleries were treated to a breathtaking display of shot-making in the final round.

Reuters