

Myanmar Interfaith Friendship Group provides humanitarian aid to flood victims

YANGON, 12 Aug—The Myanmar Interfaith Friendship Group on Tuesday provided humanitarian assistance to flood victims in Yangon region, donating rice, cooking oil, copy books and soaps to residents hit by floods following the torrential rains that lasted more than a week in the city.

At the donation ceremony held in YMCA Hall in Yangon, chairman U Sein Win Aung, vice-chairman and the members of MIFG handed over the donations, while a Buddhist association provided two fibre boats worth K1.5 million each.

The branch of MIFG from Yangon East District also donated books on concise information on the four major religions through Dr Thar Nyan, general secretary of MIFG.

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Chairman U Sein Win Aung of the Myanmar Interfaith Friendship Group presents books to officials as part of the donations for Yangon Region's flood victims.—MNA

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Myanmar introduces tourist e-visa on trial basis before official launch on 1 September

By Ye Myint

YANGON, 12 Aug — Myanmar's Ministry of Immigration and Population started online electronic tourist visa applications on a trial basis on Sunday, inviting user feedback during the test period.

"The e-Visa online system (BETA) is now available for a limited number of tourist visa applications," said the ministry on its Myanmar e-Visa website.

"It will be available to all tourist visa applicants from 1 September," the ministry added.

According to the official website, tourists will be able to get e-visa approval within four steps—fill in the secure online visa form, confirm and pay, get approval letter within 5 days and get e-visa stamped upon arrival.

The e-visa application process calls on applicants to enter all the necessary information in the visa form, to verify all the information

entered is correct before proceeding to the next step and make the payment with credit card. An acknowledgement email with application reference code will be sent to the applicant's email, said the ministry.

In order to complete the third step that may take up to five working days, applicants need to print out the e-Visa approval letter which will be received via email once approved and bring it along with the passport to present it upon arrival.

The final step is to present the e-visa approval letter and passport to the immigration officer upon arrival to Myanmar and get the passport stamped.

E-visas cost US\$ 50 per applicant, said a responsible person, noting that the online application system is for tourists only.

The ministry's e-visa application process is powered by Myanmar Ease Net, a Yangon-based IT solution provider.

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A foreign visitor at Yangon International Airport's immigration counter. Myanmar will officially launch an e-visa online system on 1 September, enabling all tourists to Myanmar to get e-visas within five days. —PHOTO: YE MYINT



MMCWA observes International Youth Day which this year has a theme focusing on mental health of young people and the importance of maintaining it as well as helping kids with mental health issues.—MNA

MMCWA observes International Youth Day

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — A ceremony to mark the International Youth Day took place for the first time at the head office of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

President of the association Dr Mon Mon Aung launched the ceremony and youth representatives sang a song entitled “We will own future life”.

Youth representatives, school health doctors, offi-

cials of the Health Department and regions and states of MCWA and outstanding youths from schools, Red Cross and Scouts discussed nature of youths, impacts of mental health and cooperation among youths, environment and parents.

The ceremony was aimed at enabling youths to have capability to overcome problems and challenges, and to get job opportunities. This year's motto of the day is “Youth and Mental Health”.—MNA

Copybooks, cash for rice donated to flood victims of Yangon Region



Officials of Myanmar-China friendship association donate copybooks and cash for flood victims.—MNA

YANGON, 12 Aug —The Myanmar-China Friendship Association donated copybooks and cash for rice to be provided to flood victims of Yangon Region, at Wizaya Plaza on U Wisara Road in Yangon on Tuesday morn-

ing.

Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Myint Thein said that the Yangon Region Government is carrying out rescue and relief tasks for victims of floods in Mingaladon, Hmawby and Hlegu

Townships, with the donation of the Myanmar-China Friendship Association going to those in need, he said.

The association donated 300 dozens of copybooks and K64.2 million.—MNA

Workshop on media orientation on Avian and Pandemic Influenza held in Yangon

YANGON, 12 Aug—As part of efforts to prevent outbreaks of different influenza viruses, a second workshop on media orientation on Avian and Pandemic Influenza took place on Monday at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon funded by USAID, Prevent and Australian AID.

The workshop was aimed at providing knowledge on influenza viruses and releasing “real news” to the public through media.

Daw Wah Wah Han, Country Coordinator of Prevent Project, said information on seasonal diseases was given to doctors, health

Daw Wah Wah Han, Country Coordinator of Prevent Project educates on bird flu.

PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN



staff, departmental officials and owners and workers of poultry firms as well as media persons in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw to prevent the influenza virus subtypes H5N1 and H7N9 in humans and in animals.

She urged locals, media and departmental officials to cooperate to prevent these infectious diseases and that the Ministry of Health already prepared laboratories in Yangon and Mandalay to control these viruses.

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United Amara Bank commissions its 32nd branch into service

MYINGYAN, 12 Aug — United Amara Bank opened its 32nd branch in Myingyan of Mandalay Region on Monday.

Myingyan District Bank branch manag-

er U Aung Lwin Moe explained banking services of the branch to those attending the event.

Zaw Min Naing (Myingyan)

Muse to play big role in future: FT

Kyaw The-ein

The 2 August issue of the Financial Times of the United Kingdom stated that Muse in Myanmar and Ruili, the Chinese border town,

are China's busiest border crossing with Myanmar. If all goes according to Beijing's plans, within the next decade, Muse will be the funnel into a crucial corridor between the world's biggest trading nation and consumers in

Europe and India. To visit Muse is to imagine the economic future that may well accompany the political transition in Myanmar and the inevitable role China is likely to play in it. It takes 13 hours to reach Muse from Mandalay.

62 air guns handed over to police

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — A total of 62 air guns have been handed over to police stations following the announcement of the Ministry of Home Affairs that possession of air guns is illegal in Myanmar.

One air gun with steel balls and 61 air guns with plastic bullets were

brought to police stations at the respective areas across the country.

Ministry of Home Affairs issued the announcement on 9 August, saying that people who possess air guns must hand them over to nearby police stations as they can kill people at close range.

Meanwhile, police members seized 104 air guns and weapons-related accessories from a home in Tamway Township, Yangon, on 7 August.

The man identified as U Han Htut has been charged under the Arms Act 19 (F) 1978 and Section 8 of the Export and Import Law 2012, officials said.—MNA



Air guns and bullets handed over by people to police stations in Yangon Region to reduce crime and ensure safety. MNA

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Commander-in-Chief appreciates Norway's constructive relations with Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Ms Ann Ollestad, Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar, called on Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, here on Tuesday, sources said.

At the call, the Norwegian Ambassador said that her country is eager to help with Myanmar's transitions, recognizing the important role the Myanmar army plays in the peace processes, reforms and the preservation of natural resources.

Ms Ollestad highlighted the balance between politics and economy in national development, ex-

plaining how Telenor, a Norway's telecommunication company, is making investment in Myanmar's telecommunication sector.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing expressed his appreciation for Norway's constructive relations with Myanmar and explained that his country's foreign policy is to maintain friendly relations with the international community. The senior general gave her a brief account of the military role in protecting the country from disintegration triggered by differences of opinion and conflicts.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Ms Ann Ollestad, Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar focusing on Norway's constructive relations with Myanmar.—MNA

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation conducts breastfeeding campaign

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on Monday conducted a campaign for World Breastfeeding Week 2014 at its headquarters here.

The theme for this year of event is "Breastfeeding: A Winning Goal—For Life!"

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung urged to carry out educative programmes to "improve breastfeeding practices" and to have a healthy and balanced diet in the country.

Myanmar has celebrated this event 12 times, while other countries are marking the 23rd World Breastfeeding Week this week.

Globally, the 2014 them was developed by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA), highlighting the framework of the Millennium Devel-



Union Minister for Health Dr Than Aung views round documentary photos on breastfeeding movements of MWAFF depicting maternal and child health.—MNA

opment Goals (MDGs) for protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding.

The goals were developed by the United Nations and other global partners

with the goal of reducing extreme poverty and providing people with lives in dignity in every nation by 2015.

A total of 60 percent of

the population in Myanmar are women and children. Among them 11.7 percent are under the age of five, according to official figures.—MNA

UMFCCI holds its 23rd annual meeting

YANGON, 12 Aug — The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) held its 23rd annual meeting at the National Theatre on Tuesday afternoon, sources said.

In his address at the meeting, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that mobile teams are taking steps to ensure that exports and imports are legal so as to protect consumer rights.

Later, officials honoured winners of excellent economic performance recognized by the president.

UMFCCI Patron U Aung Ko Win, also Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd, donated 200 million kyats for the ASEAN Business Investment Summit and ASEAN Business Award, which will be held in November in the capital city of Nay Pyi Taw.

The federation is planning for the emergence of an arbitration centre,

an employer organization, a Myanmar chamber of commerce law, a Myanmar business forum, a public-private dialogue, a plenary forum and an international finance corporation, with the aim of accelerating the corporate social responsibility.

With business links with 38 foreign countries, the UMFCCI is a leading business group that helps small and medium enterprises grow in the country.

Thant Zin Win

Union Minister inspects organic plantations in capital city

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — Union Minister U Myint Hlaing went on an inspection tour of organic vegetable plantations in Ottarathiri township in Nay Pyi Taw, which will be observed by representatives to the 36th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF), scheduled to take place from 23 to 25 September in the capital city, sources said.

The union minister told officials to seize opportunities to expand new

markets in foreign countries and attract foreign investments in the national agricultural sector.

Only when farmers earn more incomes from the sale of their agriculture produce will the country be able to accomplish its projects of rural development and poverty reduction, he said.

Myanmar will host the 36th AMAF alongside related meetings involving Korea, Japan and China as ASEAN dialogue partners.

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Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 12 Aug — The second round matches of the 7th Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued at the sports grounds in Nay Pyi Taw on Tuesday.

Rail Transportation beat Construction 2-1 at the sports training ground

No 3 and Finance won over Home Affairs 3-2 at the training ground No 4.

Electric Power routed Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement 5-2 at the training ground No 3 and Agriculture and Irrigation played a 1-1 draw with Defence at the training ground No 4.—MNA



Patron, President, CEC, EC members of UMFCCI pose a documentary photo all together at 23rd its annual meeting.—PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

Vocational courses conclude in Yesagyo Township

YESAGYO, 12 Aug — The Women's Vocational Training School under the Department of Education and Training of the Ministry of Border Affairs concluded its training course No 26 for basic domestic science and course No 23 for advanced tailoring course at its school in Yesagyo of Magway Region on 8 August.

Township Administrator U Khaing Tun presented one sewing machine each to Ma Mon Yi Aung from Hnipasaydaw Village, who stood first in the basic domestic science course, and Ma Zargyi Win of Gwaygon Village in the advanced tailoring course.

Chairperson of the Township Women's Affairs Organization gave completion certificates to the trainees.

The training courses were conducted to enable local women to get better job opportunities.

Pe Tun Zaw
(Yesagyo)

MCDC to upgrade Manawramam Park

MANDALAY, 12 Aug — The Parks and Playgrounds Department of the Mandalay City Development Committee has announced it plans to upgrade the Manawramam Park of the committee on 62nd Street in Mahamyaing Ward of Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay.

Together with members of the MCDC and heads of the department, Mandalay City Mayor and

Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Moun inspected the park on 7 August.

The head of the Parks and Playgrounds Department explained the plans underway to extend and upgrade the park, with the mayor instructing officials to draw a plan for upgrading the park's facilities and landscaping work.

Maung Pyi Thu
(Mandalay)



Wakema bus terminal to settle bus lines for smooth transport

WAKEMA, 12 Aug — Wakema Township General Administration Department supervises construction of Shwekhe Ayeya bus terminal in Ywale Ward of Wakema Township in Ayeyawady Region.

The terminal is located on over 600 acres of land.

With the aim of developing Wakema Township and ensuring smooth transportation for local people, Chairman of Wakema Township Association (Yangon) Lt-Col Arnt Kyaw (Rtd) donated K20 million to the fund for construction of the building in 2012.

The Township GAD formed construction sub-committees to be able to supervise completion of the tasks in time. One two-storey reinforced concrete building and two one-storey buildings have been constructed at the terminal. Two one-storey buildings are under construction. As the buildings have been installed with power lines, the bus terminal from the downtown has been settled at the terminal. In the open season, the terminal will be commissioned into service, according to the sources.

Kyaw Sein (Wakema)



Although flowery plants and landscapes were dried out along both sides of the roads in dry and hot season in Yesagyo Township of Magway Region, local authorities supervise cultivation of landscape flowery plants for keeping the town pleasant and beautiful.

PE TUN ZAW (YESAGYO)

School heads, community representatives discuss management of pre-schools

KAWKAREIK, 12 Aug — A coordination meeting between school heads and community representatives took place at the hall of Kawkareik Basic Education High School No 1 in Kayin State on Sunday.

The meeting was joint-

ly organized by the Ministry of Health and UNICEF to improve the management of the schools, with 15 out of 30 local schools chosen by the education department for training from 9 to 12 August. One school head and two pre-

school committee members of each pre-school attended the course. Assistant Lecturer Daw Mi Nyo Nyo Shein of Hpa-an Education College, Assistant Supervisor Daw Myinzu Aye of Bago Region West Education Department, one as-

sistant township education officer and one head of school gave lectures to the trainees.

Kawkareik Township has opened 45 pre-schools up to the 2012-2013 academic year.

Soe Htet Aung (IPRD)



Gold price up in second week of August

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 12 Aug — Zaw Aung, proprietor of Teik Sein Gold Shop, said Monday he is trading gold at K674,000 per tical (about 15.24 grams) for 16 Karat and K634,000 for 15 Karat in Yangon while the world gold price has reached \$1,305, increasing about \$5 of the last week's gold price.

He said the country has no informal export and import of gold as there is no difference in prices compared to those of world market, adding many gold

trading companies may come out if the country's stock exchange emerges next year.

The country's gold price is related to the world gold price but is not stable because of international barriers, Aye Cho, an executive of Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association, said.

However, the domestic gold price does not follow the global market, especially when local demand is declining with the increase of supply, he said.

Aye Cho added the association has a plan to open its 10th free training course for gold in Yangon in October at the association's office on Shwebontha Street in Pabedan Township at 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The 10-day training course aims to turn out knowledgeable persons in the fields of gold mining, gold refining and gemology with local trainers, welcoming hundreds of enthusiasts, especially young people, as preparation for the changing economic trends in the country.

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Kishida, Indonesia's Jokowi agree to boost security, economic ties

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida held talks on Tuesday with Indonesia's president-elect Joko "Jokowi" Widodo in which they agreed to boost security and economic ties between their two countries.

In the talks, held three weeks after Jokowi was declared the winner of the 9 July presidential election, Kishida handed him a letter from Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who had promised to send Kishida to Jakarta when he called Jokowi up late last month congratulate him.

Kishida and Jokowi, who is Jakarta's governor, were believed to have dis-

cussed a range of issues, while focusing on investment. During an interview with *Kyodo News* on Monday, Jokowi signaled that although he will implement measures to restrict foreign investment in some key areas like banking and natural resources, he will attach importance to investment from Japan, especially in areas such as infrastructure development.

More than 1,700 Japanese companies do business in Indonesia.

"Japan and Indonesia are important partners, and Japan (has already been) our largest partner," Jokowi said, citing a data on the two countries' total trade



Japan's Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida (L) shakes hands with Indonesia's president-elect Joko "Jokowi" Widodo in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 12 Aug, 2014. They agreed to enhance bilateral relations in the fields of security and economy.

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that has reached US\$46 billion.

"We need more co-operation, especially in foreign direct investment, (which is) very important for Indonesia to create jobs, to solve our energy problems, (such as) electricity, as well as (to develop) infrastructure," added the Jakarta governor, who is expected to take office as president from 20 October.

Kishida, who arrived in Jakarta late Monday for a two-day visit, is also expected to hold bilateral talks with his Indonesian counterpart Marty Natalegawa later in the afternoon.

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Indian Home Minister: Ready to talk with Maoists and northeast rebels

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — The central government is ready to talk with Maoists and northeast rebels if they give up violence, Indian Home Minister Rajnath Singh said on Monday evening.

"Left wing extremism is a big challenge for the country but the government will not allow anyone to indulge in violence. If they shun violence, we are ready to talk," he replied to a debate on the working of home ministry in the upper house of parliament Rajya Sabha.

Rajnath also said the home ministry is working help Kashmiri Hindus return to their native land.

On the rebels in the northeast states, the minister said: "We are ready to talk with any extremist group under the purview of the constitution. Peace in northeastern states is our priority."

The home minister added that every Indian citizen will get identity cards within three years to end the problem of illegal migrants.—Xinhua

Construction of new cable way system suspended after accident in Singapore's Sentosa

SINGAPORE, 12 Aug — Construction of the new cable way system in Singapore's Sentosa Island has been suspended for further reviews over its safety procedures after Sunday's cable car mishap, Sentosa Development Corporation

said on Monday.

The incident happened when an empty cable cabin suddenly fell to the ground while another still hung halfway in the air during a test on its operation system. A technician was trapped in the hanging cab-

in, and was moved to safety by civil defence in about two hours.

Construction work has been suspended and Sentosa said the work will resume after the Building and Construction Authority completed the investiga-

tions.

"This particular cable way system is independent and separated from the Mount Faber cable car system. The Mount Faber cable car system is still operating safely and the public can continue to enjoy the

ride into the island without any concern," Kwoh Kok Kiong, Projects Director of Sentosa Leisure Group said on Monday.

The project was due for completion in the first quarter of 2015.

Xinhua

US to bolster air, navy activity in northern Australia

SYDNEY, 12 Aug — The United States will bolster its air and navy presence in northern Australia, a source said on Tuesday, under a plan to strengthen defence ties with its regional ally and project more power into the Asia-Pacific, where China's influence is growing.

US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel and Secretary of State John Kerry are in Sydney to finalize an agreement reached between US President Barack Obama and Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott on the deployment of US marines to Australia for joint exercises and training.

Some 1,150 Marines are stationed in Darwin in Australia's tropical north under a 2011 agreement that launched Obama's "pivot" to Asia.

The contingent, primed to respond to regional conflicts and humanitarian cri-

ses, will swell to 2,500 by 2017.

Officials were also finalizing an agreement to boost US air and naval activity in sparsely populated and resource-rich northern Australia with an increased tempo of visits by US fighter jets and bombers, said a source with direct knowledge of the discussions.

"So more US air force visits to northern Australia, where they can use the fabulous Delamere bombing range and they would probably base out of Tindal," the source said, referring to an Australian air force base in the Northern Territory.

The US-Australia meetings will include discussions on cooperation in missile defence, cyber security and maritime security, Hagel told reporters at a briefing with Australian counterpart David Johnston on Monday.

Details of the Force

Posture Agreement will be released later on Tuesday.

Hagel said the United States was firmly committed to its policy of a strategic rebalance to the Asia-Pacific region, something that has irked China and been questioned by allies who wonder about the extent of US commitment to the region.

China has resisted what it sees as US meddling in the region, particularly in the disputed East and South China Seas, and an attempt to contain its growing military, economic and political influence.

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 US efforts to thwart China's assertive moves.

Reuters



US Secretary of Defence Chuck Hagel (R) speaks alongside US Secretary of State John Kerry (2nd R) at the start of their AUSMIN meeting with Australian Defence Minister David Johnston and Australian Foreign Minister Julie Bishop at Admiralty House in Sydney, on 12 Aug, 2014.

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Indonesia's president-elect plans to focus his Cabinet on infrastructure development

JAKARTA, 12 Aug — Indonesian president-elect Joko Widodo, will place his administration's focus on development of his country's infrastructure once he takes office, the Jakarta governor popularly known as Jokowi, told *Kyodo News* in a wide-ranging interview on Monday.

Although Jokowi still faces a challenge from rival Prabowo Subianto, who has disputed the election results in court, Jokowi is confident he will win out and the Election Commission declaration of his election in last month's voting will be sustained.

Looking ahead to inauguration in October, Jokowi told *Kyodo News*, Indonesia will be "open for business" under his Cabinet, as long as business is open to helping Indonesia.

"We need to improve our infrastructure. The government must make regulations (so the investment) environment will be more conducive for the private sector to channel more investment into infrastructure development," he said, adding his top priority will be maritime.

"We need connectivity from island to island. I talked about sea tolls in our (presidential) debate, then double-track (railways), deep seaports (ranging) from Sumatra, Java, Sulawesi to Papua.

"We must make priorities. (We must prioritize) industry, manufacturing to create jobs. We need infrastructure. The problem is only because the people think that investment is only for natural resources — exploring natural resources. So, if they know that we prioritize industry, manufacturing, infrastructure, our people will accept it," he said.

The president-elect also said Indonesia will welcome the advent of the ASEAN Economic Community next year when the 10 countries of the Association of South-east Asian Nations formally increase economic cooperation.

"I always say that my country, Indonesia, is always

open for business. It is not contradictory (with the AEC). If the agreement is already signed, we must prepare our private and state companies, our regulations. It's technical. I will check one by one because some businesses, some regulations may not be ready yet to implement this agreement. But generally, we don't have any problem with this agreement. And I'm sure the investors will understand," he said.

On foreign policy, Jokowi said he plans to accept and build on current President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's policy of "a million friends and zero enemies."

"This can increase foreign trade and foreign investment," he added.

In disputes in the South China Sea between some of Indonesia's partners in ASEAN and China, the Jakarta governor said he hopes for an easing of the problem and assured Indonesia is ready to help mediate in any way it can.

Looking ahead to his Cabinet, Jokowi said, "I am willing to take both technocrats and politicians, but I think I'll take more technocrats, more professionals. But the first important thing is the commitment, strong commitment, the commitment to serve people, the commitment to serve Indonesia. Secondly is strong leadership. Thirdly is that they know about management, how to manage their ministries."

"Only the best and the brightest will be appointed into my Cabinet, because for me, those are very important. When we choose the wrong persons for the Cabinet, the public trust will decrease. For me, the trust from the people is very important. The first important (thing) is how to make the criteria, how many ministries and how many offices there will be," he said.

As to national reconciliation after a divisive presidential election, the president-elect said he is unworried.

"Yes, I realize that the campaign had been very par-

tisan and polarizing in nature, but having differences are parts of any modern democracy. But I am sure that everyone wants the best for our country. And when I checked the people, after the presidential election was finished, the farmers go to their rice fields, the fishermen go to sea and the workers go to their factories. It's already solved. (The difference) is only among the elites," he said.

Turning to bilateral relations with Japan, Jokowi said he values the relationship and looks forward to working with both the Japanese government and Japanese business.

"Japan and Indonesia are important partners. And Japan has been our largest partner, especially export partner. The total trade between Indonesia and Japan, in our data, is \$46 billion. That means we need more cooperation, especially in FDI, foreign direct investment, (which is) very important for Indonesia, is to create jobs, to solve our energy problems, such as electricity, as well as infrastructure, such as the MRT in Jakarta and maybe seaports also."

But looking toward a shinkansen train line on Java, Jokowi was sanguine — private investment is welcome, governmental loans less so.

"We are always looking (to improve) infrastructure and connectivity from city to city, from island to island. Connectivity is very important. In my opinion, if the project (is funded by) investment, it's okay. But if we use loans, I'd better use the loan for constructing double-track (railways) in Sumatra, in Kalimantan or in Sulawesi, not in Java."

As to Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's new defence policy in Japan, Jokowi was direct.

"I don't know, but for me soft diplomacy is more important. G-to-G diplomacy, B-to-B diplomacy — business-to-business diplomacy — people-to-people diplomacy, for me, (are) more important." —*Kyodo News*

Italian PM calls Modi for early resolution of marines issue

NEW DELHI, 12 Aug — Taking up the arrest of its two marines off the Indian southeast state Kerala's coast in 2012, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi rang up his Indian counterpart Modi on Monday evening to resolve the issue.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi told him that the matter is subjudice and that the Indian judicial process should be allowed to take its own course.

An official release issued in Delhi said that during the conversation that took place at the request of the Italian side Modi emphasized that a fair and early resolution was in mutual interest. It said Renzi requested for early resolution of the marines issue.

Modi conveyed that the matter is subjudice before the Supreme Court of India in writ petitions filed by the marines and encouraged the Italian side to allow the judicial process to take its own course.

In this context, he emphasized that Indian

judiciary is free, fair and independent and that the government was convinced it will take all aspects into consideration in adjudicating the case. "We hope for a rapid, positive solution," Renzi told Modi during the conversation, Italian news agency ANSA quoted Renzi's office as saying.

India has removed the possibility of a death penalty but insisted that the marines would still be prosecuted under the anti-piracy law. Now, they face up to 10 years in jail.

Rome wants the marines to be tried in Italy, claiming the incident took place in international waters. However, New Delhi says it has the right to try the Italians as the victims were Indians on board an Indian fishing boat.

Italy argues that the case sets dangerous and wide-ranging precedents for any country involved in anti-piracy missions overseas. Italy has said it may also seek international arbitration in the case. —*Xinhua*



Temples are submerged in the overflowing Ganga River in Varanasi, India on 11 Aug, 2014. The Ganga water level has been rising for days due to rains. —XINHUA

Flood death toll rises to 27 in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 12 Aug — At least 27 people in Cambodia have died and about 14,000 families have been evacuated from homes to higher grounds in floods caused by monsoon rains and rivers overflowing their banks, a senior official said on Tuesday. "Since early this month, floods have claimed 27 lives including 15 children," Nhim Vanda, 1st vice-president of the National Committee for Disaster Management (NCDM), told *Xinhua* over telephone, adding that 12 of the country's 25 cities and provinces are suffering from flooding.

He said local authorities, in cooperation with the Cambodian Red Cross, have been actively assisting flood-affected families. "I would like to appeal to parents to take care of their children during flooding season in order to prevent them from drowning," he said. Flooding usually hits Cambodia between August and October. Last year, it killed 168 people and affected other 1.8 million people, according to the NCDM. —*Xinhua*

WORLD

Russia sending aid convoy to Ukraine despite Western warnings of 'invasion pretext'

BRUSSELS / DONETSK, 12 Aug — President Vladimir Putin said on Monday Russia is sending an aid convoy to eastern Ukraine despite urgent Western warnings against using humanitarian help as a pretext for an invasion.

With Ukraine reporting Russia has massed 45,000 troops on its border, NATO said there was a "high probability" that Moscow could intervene militarily in the country's east, where Kiev's forces are closing in on pro-Russian separatists.

Western countries believe that Putin — who has whipped up the passions of Russians with a nationalist campaign in state-controlled media since annexing Crimea from Ukraine in March — could now send his forces into the east to head off a humiliating rebel defeat. Thousands of people are believed to be short of water, electricity and medical aid due to the fighting, but US President Barack Obama told his Ukrainian counterpart that any Russian intervention without Kiev's consent would be unacceptable and violate international law.



A Ukrainian army helicopter flies near an armored personnel carrier (APC) near Donetsk on 9 August, 2014. — REUTERS

European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso delivered a blunter message directly to Putin in a telephone call on Monday. "President Barroso warned against any unilateral military actions in Ukraine, under any pretext, including humanitarian," the Commission said in a statement.

The Kremlin, in its own account of the conversation, made clear that

Moscow would indeed send help to largely Russian-speaking eastern Ukraine.

"It was noted that the Russian side, in collaboration with representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross, is sending an aid convoy to Ukraine," the Kremlin statement said, without revealing when the convoy was going. In a cautious response, the International

Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said it had submitted a document to Russian and Ukrainian officials on delivering aid. However, the independent agency stressed in a statement that it needed agreement from all parties as well as security guarantees to carry out the operation, as it does not use armed escorts.

"The practical details of this operation need to

be clarified before this initiative can move forward," said Laurent Corbaz, head of ICRC operations for Europe and Central Asia.

According to UN agencies, more than 1,100 people have been killed including government forces, rebels and civilians in the four months since the separatists seized territory in the east and Kiev launched its crackdown.

Ukrainian President

Petro Poroshenko came out in support of an aid mission but made clear it had to be an international effort under the aegis of the ICRC, involving the European Union as well as Russia.

He won Obama's backing when they spoke by phone on Monday.

The White House quoted Obama as saying that any Russian intervention without the Ukrainian government's agreement would be "unacceptable" and a violation of international law.

Earlier, Kiev said it was in the "final stages" of recapturing the eastern city of Donetsk — the main base of the separatist rebels — in a battle that could mark a turning point in a conflict that has caused the biggest confrontation between Russia and the West since the Cold War. An industrial metropolis with a pre-war population of nearly 1 million, Donetsk rocked to the crash of shells and gunfire over the weekend, and heavy guns boomed through the night into Monday from the outskirts of the city.

Reuters

Islamic State militants pose threat to civilized

WASHINGTON, 12 Aug — The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) has posed a threat to the civilized world, US Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel said on Monday, days after Washington launched airstrikes against the Islamist fighters in northern Iraq.

Hagel and Australian Defence Minister David Johnston spoke about what their respective countries are doing in Iraq during a joint news conference in Sydney, according to a statement released by the US Defence Department.

The United States has launched airstrikes against ISIL, a militant group that has seized large parts of northern Iraq, and air-dropped relief supplies to tens of thousands of Yazidis who have fled to Mount Sinjar in northern

Iraq to seek refuge, Hagel said.

The United States will continue to support the Iraqi security forces "in every way that we can," Hagel said. "We will, again, build partnerships, as we are now, recognizing the threat not just to the United States, but to the civilized world."

Australia is also participating alongside the United States in airdropping supplies to the Yazidi religious minority trapped on the mountaintop.

"This is a humanitarian issue of great consequence for all the world," Hagel said.

"And I think great powers understand they have responsibilities in this area."

Hagel said the airstrikes against ISIL have been very effective.

Xinhua

Power struggle on Baghdad streets as Maliki replaced but refuses to go

BAGHDAD, 12 Aug — Iraq's president named a new prime minister to end Nuri al-Maliki's eight-year rule on Monday, but the veteran leader refused to go after deploying militias and special forces on the streets, creating a dangerous

political showdown in Baghdad.

Washington, which helped install Maliki following its 2003 invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, congratulated Haider al-Abadi, a former Maliki lieutenant who was named

by President Fouad Masoum to replace him.

Maliki said in a televised speech the president's decision to name a replacement for him was a "dangerous violation" of the constitution and, flanked by political allies,

he vowed "we will fix the mistake."

Maliki's son-in-law, Hussein al-Maliki, called the move "illegal" and said it would be overturned in court. "We will not stay silent," he said.

Washington delivered a stern warning to Maliki not to "stir the waters" by using force to cling to power. A Shi'ite Muslim Islamist, Maliki is blamed by his erstwhile allies in Washington and Tehran for driving the alienated Sunni minority into a revolt that threatens to destroy the country. Leaders of Iraq's Sunni and Kurdish communities have demanded he go, and many fellow Shi'ites have turned against him.

US President Barack Obama said the naming of a new prime minister was an important stride for Iraq toward rebuffing Islamic State militants, who have overrun large swathes of northern Iraq. — Reuters



Iraqis carry a portrait of Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki as they march in support of him in Baghdad on 11 Aug, 2014. — REUTERS

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 13 August, 2014

Int'l Youth Day on 12 Aug stresses importance of mental health

By Kyaw Thura

As recommended by the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth in Lisbon in August 1998, the United Nations General Assembly on 17 December 1999 declared 12 August International Youth Day. The theme of International Youth Day 2014 is "Youth and Mental Health."

Its annual observance is to raise awareness of the role of young women and men as indispensable partners in change, as well as the challenges and hardships facing them. The UN has set a policy framework and guidelines for national action and international support to improve the situation of young people all over the world.

It has been widely accepted that young women and men possess creativity and potential to make change happen for themselves, for their communities, and for the world as a whole.

To highlight this year's theme, the UN Secretary-General has noted that "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." It is clear that youth with mental health conditions are prone to stigma and discrimination. It is therefore vital to encourage young people to overcome stigma and discrimination and enable them to lead full and healthy lives without any worry over social exclusion.

To quote UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, "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".

Now is the time to empower youth and help them propel social innovation and change, participate in the development of their communities, eradicate poverty and inequality, and foster a culture of peace. If we can transform the youth of today into well-rounded individuals, the future of our world will become brighter and safer.

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Plan all the Way To the End

Kyí Mun

The Ending is Everything

Just as Shakespeare said "All ends well that ends well", **THE ENDING IS EVERYTHING. We all are DRIVING, STRIVING, THRIVING, ARRIVING AND REVIVING** all the time for the sake of **ENDING WELL.** To have a good ending, hard work alone is not sufficient. We must also have **LUCK AND INTELLIGENCE.** Intelligence, here, means **ASK**, meaning Attitude, Skills and Knowledge.

A Good Ending Is the Result of A Good Performance

Performance means all the **DRIVINGS, STRIVINGS, THRIVINGS, ARRIVINGS AND REVIVINGS UNLIL THE VERY END.** In simple words, to perform means to do something, such as a piece of work, task or duty. Thus, performance means the act or process of doing a task, an action, etc. It also means how well or badly you do something; how well or badly something works. Examples are: *the country's economic performance; it was an impressive performance by the French team; the new management techniques aim to improve performance; he criticized the recent performance of the company*, according to the Oxford Dictionary.

The Categories of Performance

Performance can be categorized into :

• Bad	Performance ... Good	Performance
• Poor	Performance ... Acceptable	Performance
• Low	Performance ... High	Performance
• Mediocre	Performance ... Magnificent	Performance
• Good	Performance ... Great	Performance
• High	Performance ... Tremendous	Performance
• Superior	Performance ... Exceptional	Performance
• Superb	Performance ... Extraordinary	Performance

• Better	Performance ... Excellent	Performance
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Planning the Performance

Performance should be planned systematically. It means performance has to be planned and implemented with a two-pronged **STRATEGY** of **RAISING AND HONING DISTINCTIVE CAPABILITIES** on the one hand, and **INSTILLING THE RIGHT MENTAL ATTITUDE**, on the other. This Performance Strategy should be dubbed as **THE TALENT & ATTITUDE STRATEGY.** The Formulation of the **TALENT AND ATTITUDE STRATEGY**

This Talent & Attitude Strategy will have to be as follows:

TALENT	ATTITUDE
• Technical Skills & Knowledge	• Right Mental Attitude
• Conceptual Skills & Knowledge	• Can-Do-Spirit
• Human Skills & Knowledge	• Habit of Going the Extra Mile

The Execution of the Strategy

This strategy must be implemented with a **PLAN OF ACTION.** Under this plan of action, the **3-Talents** must be ruthlessly recruited, carefully selected and professionally developed, on the one hand, and **3-Attitudes** must be nurtured, cultivated and streamlined. In the matter of performance, the only cutting edge will be decided by :

- The Quality and Capability of the Leader,
- The Quality and Capability of the Team-members,

- Morale, and
- Resources.

The Importance of Planning Performance

In order to have a happy ending, we should give top priority to planning the performance according to the Talent & Attitude Strategy, bearing always in mind that :

- We should **PLAN OUR WORK AND WORK OUR PLAN,**
- Failing to plan is planning to fail,
- Planning without Action is Futile, and Action without Planning can be Fatal,
- Prior Planning Plus Preparations Promote Peak Performance.

The Importance of Planning

'Plan or no plan' was a typical question. 'Plan, please is the universally accepted slogan of the day. Today, Mr. Everybody is averse to plan-less action; for he has come to realize that, to avoid chaos planning is essential in every activity of economic character. Indeed, planning is part of the life of all of us. The housewife plans her budget and allocates her time; and the businessman similarly budgets his time and resources. In other spheres also, planning saves endless worry. For example, unregulated traffic would only mean traffic jams and accidents. The most ardent believers in "plan-less capitalism" plan their activities, as modern production and marketing involve much staff work and thinking before actual execution.

Meaning and Purpose of Planning

According G.D.H. Cole,¹ "An Economic Plan is, in its essence, a plan for securing a right distribution of the available resources of production." Lionel Robbins thinks,² "To plan is to act with purpose, to choose; and choice is the essence of economic activity." Barbara Wotton defines³ planning as "the conscious and deliberate choice of economic priorities by some public authority." "Planning," says Carl Landauer,⁴ "may be defined as guidance of eco-

nomie activities by a communal organ through a scheme which describes in quantitative as well as qualitative terms, the productive process that ought to be undertaken during a designated future period." Landaulet, in further clarification of its meaning, says that "planning means co-ordination through conscious effort, instead of automatic co-ordination which takes place in the market, and that conscious effort has to be made by an organ of society."

- Planning is the process of determining objectives and assessing the way those objectives can best be achieved.
- Planning gives direction, reduces the impact of change, minimizes waste and redundancy, and sets the standards for use in controlling.
- Objectives are important to planning because they provide the direction for all management decisions and form the criterion against which actual accomplishments can be measured.

Conclusion

Life can be divided into three phases:

- Childhood
- Youth & Adulthood, and
- Old Age

In children, the child should be nurtured, cultivated and developed physically, mentally and emotionally. In youth & adulthood, the young person should be cultivated and developed mentally, emotionally and economically with appropriate achievement capability. And finally, the man or woman of old age should be developed spiritually with strong sense of serenity and maximum maturity of manhood or womanhood.

From the beginning, hatch a good plan of action; and for the good ending, plan all the way to the end !

Source : *Management by Stephen J. Robbins and Mary Coulter*
Business Organisation and Management by M.C. Shukla

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Letter to the Editor

Sir,

By reading the New Light of Myanmar English daily dated 27-7-2014, unexpectedly I have to see the news of the State-run the New Light of Myanmar to become joint venture in September.

Really, it is a welcoming news for a Democratic State to emerge into a joint venture institution in Myanmar.

In the newspaper, it has been also mentioned that "The move is aimed at transforming the state-run English language paper into a free and public-centered media as part of efforts to reform the media landscape."

So, it is a self-explanatory for the reader keep in touch with time in globalization environ.

We are also looking for more qualitative and so also quantitative English Daily circulations in Myanmar as a forerunner.

Frankly speaking, at present in our country, the populace of the English daily newspaper is still a small portion of the population if we compare to that of 60 million people.

If I am not wrong, I dare say that those who are reading English daily newspaper are the oldster and retiree. So, why the new generations are hesitating and reluctant

to read the English daily newspaper? The authorities should solve that drawback.

For the coming soon of the Joint Venture New Light of Myanmar English daily, I am afraid that sale price on one unit should not be increased due to our capability of purchasing power.

Before I conclude my letter, I want to mention about the purchasing of English newspaper in our Dagon North Township. Whenever I dropped in a bookseller shop and ask for an English daily newspaper (New Light of Myanmar), the answer is very common, "It is only for subscriber, not for sale."

If I do insist for not available on my request, they say that nobody asked for English daily newspaper except you in ad hoc.

Therefore, for not buying a copy of English daily within my reach is not only my concern but to the indication of inadequacy of English readers throughout Myanmar.

Hoping to read the newly outcome of the Joint Venture English daily with reasonable price as of 1st September 2014.

Yours Sincerely
U Nyunt Maung (Advocate)
North Dagon Township

LOCAL NEWS

Conservation of bio-diversity disseminated to locals in Mohnyin Township



MOHNYIN, 12 Aug — Indawgyi Sanctuary and Fauna & Flora International (FFI) jointly organized talks on conservation of bio-diversity at Natmaukan Village, east bank of Indawgyi Lake in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State on 8 August, attended by local people and middle school students.

Head of the sanctuary U Htay Win gave lectures on the Indawgyi sanctuary and protection of bio-diversity, U Yeim Khaw of FFI on the effectiveness of forests to combat climate change and U Ko Ko Nang Tun of Indo-Myanmar Conservation (IMC) on sanitation proper disposal of plastic garbage.

According to officials, various species of trees are being planted at Indawgyi Lake. This year, the authorities and Township Forest Department distributed 15,000 saplings to the local people to grow them

around Hepu Village and 15,000 around Nantmon Village.

The Indawgyi Sanctuary, which is one of the ASEAN Heritage Parks, has a size of 314.67 square miles with five forest reserves. These forests are home to rare species of animals, butterflies, orchids, insects, fish, water birds and migratory birds, with officials hoping to create an eco-tourism industry there, said a member of

the Lovers of Indawgyi Group.

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School health activities conducted in Maukmai Township

MAUKMAI, 12 Aug — Health staff and members of the Village Maternal and Child Welfare Association jointly performed school health care services at the Basic Education Primary School in Naungkham Village of Maukmai Township in Shan State on Monday.

They checked personal hygiene, measured the height and weight of 89 students and gave medicines to them free of charge.

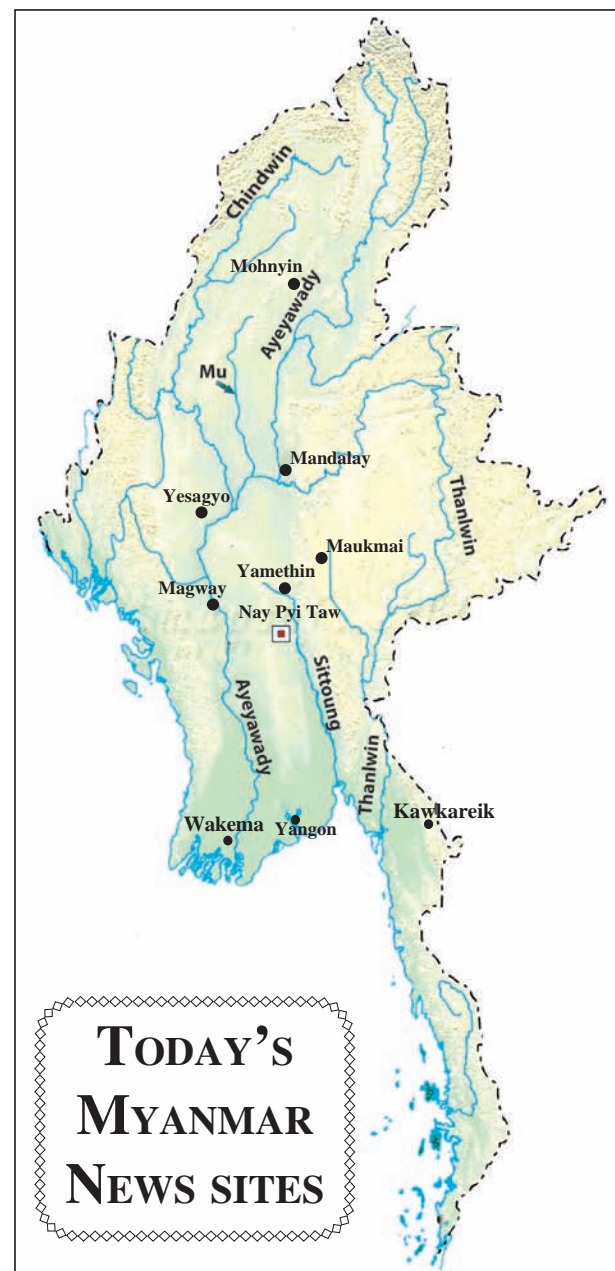
Health staff Daw Nang Thida Shein gave talks on health and hygiene for the children.

Sai Myo Thant
(IPRD)

Telenor Myanmar introduces service in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 12 Aug — Telenor Myanmar Company, which has received a permit to provide telecommunication services in Myanmar, introduced its program at the hall of Mandalay University on Monday, attended by Pro-Rector Dr Nu Nu Win, faculty members, staff and students.

The executive officer of Telenor Myanmar Company explained the distribu-



Fire fighting refresher course kicks off



YAMETHIN, 12 Aug — On Monday, a refresher course for auxiliary fire

brigade members kicked off at the hall of Yamethin Township Fire Services Department in Mandalay Region in line with the directives of the Myanmar Fire Brigade. A total of 150 members of the Auxiliary Fire Brigade are attending the four-week course during which they will learn

fire fighting techniques and practice emergency drills, said Staff Officer U Tun Naing Oo of the Township Fire Services Department. He urged members of the public to participate in fire prevention measures.

Thiha Ko Ko
(Mandalay)

Hlaing Than Tint
(Yamethin)

Enhancement of forest management capacity conducted in Magway Region

MAGWAY, 12 Aug — The Magway Region Forest Department organized the opening of a staff capacity building course at its office in Magway on 9 August, with an address by Director of Magway Region Forest Department U Than Oo.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Tun and officials

gave lectures on the third wave process for the reform of the nation and forest management. Altogether 32 staff members of the Forest Department attended the three-day course.

Magway Region Forest Department conducted similar courses from 18 to 20 July with the attendance of

26 trainees and another one from 25 to 27 July with 18 trainees.

Magway Region Forest Department supervises the establishment of forests, growing of saplings on vacant lands, designation of forest reserves and reforestation tasks.

Kyaw Than Swe



Responsible person of Telenor Myanmar Company explains communication services of the company to faculty members and students at Mandalay University.

Israelis, Palestinians begin new talks to end Gaza war

GAZA / JERUSALEM, 12 Aug — Israeli and Palestinian negotiators resumed indirect talks mediated by Egypt on Monday to end a month-old Gaza war, Egypt's state news agency said, after a new 72-hour truce held for a day.

Israeli negotiators flew in and out of Cairo on Monday, an Egyptian official said, but no details were released on the talks.

Hamas is demanding an end to Israeli and Egyptian blockades of the Gaza Strip and opening of a seaport in the enclave, a project Israel says should be dealt with only in any future talks on a permanent peace agreement with the Palestinians.

A month of war has killed 1,938 Palestinians and 67 Israelis while devastating wide tracts of densely populated Gaza. Egypt's Foreign Ministry has urged both sides to work towards "a comprehensive and lasting ceasefire agreement".

Gaza hospital officials have said the Palestinian death toll has been mainly civilian since the on 8 July launch of Israel's military campaign to quell Gaza rocket fire.

Police arrest 40 suspected jihadists in Kosovo

PRISTINA, 12 Aug — Kosovo police on Monday said they arrested 40 suspected jihadists for participating in fighting in Syria and Iraq alongside terrorist organizations such as ISIS and Al-Nusra.

"In 60 raids, we managed to confiscate material evidence, long and short weapons, explosives, electronic devices, passports, etc.," police spokesperson Baki Kelani told a Press conference.

Syle Hoxha, acting chief prosecutor of Kosovo, said the raids went on without any incident, except in two cases where family members of the suspected tried to prevent the arrests. "In general, even family members of those arrested welcomed the operation," said Hoxha.

Sevdije Morina, from the Special Prosecution unit, said the prosecution is also investigating some imams.—Xinhua



Palestinian youth who fled their neighbourhood during an Israeli offensive, inspect damages caused to their home in the Beit Hanoun area during a 72-hour ceasefire, Gaza City, on 11 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

Israel has lost 64 soldiers and three civilians, while heavy losses among civilians and the destruction of thousands of homes in Gaza have drawn international condemnation.

Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said the new negotiations would be "the last chance" for an

agreement. Israeli representatives are not meeting face-to-face with the Palestinian delegation because it includes Hamas, which Israel regards as a terrorist organization.

In Geneva, the United Nations named an international commission of inquiry into possible human

rights violations and war crimes by both sides during the offensive. The commission, which will be headed by William Schabas, a Canadian professor of international law, was welcomed by Hamas but condemned by Israel.

"Hamas welcomes the decision to form an inves-

tigation committee into the war crimes committed by the occupation (Israel) against Gaza and it urges that it begin work as soon as possible," spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri said in Gaza.

Israel's foreign ministry recalled that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu had previously called the Human Rights Council a "kangaroo court".

"Already, with the decision on 23 July to establish the committee, the prime minister and the foreign minister declared that the Human Rights Council had long ago turned into the 'terrorist rights council' and a kangaroo court, whose 'investigations' are pre-determined," Foreign Ministry spokesman Yigal Palmor said in a statement.

"If any more proof were needed, the appointment of the chairman of the panel, whose anti-Israel bias and opinions are known to all, proves beyond any doubt that Israel cannot expect justice from this body, whose report has already been written and all that is left is to decide who will sign off on it," Palmor said.

Israeli Strategic Affairs Minister Yuval Steinitz said in a radio interview on Monday that disarming Gaza militants was crucial to a long-term truce and he hoped this could be done by diplomacy rather than force.

Reuters



Armed Police Forces march during a rehearsal ahead of the Independence Day celebration in eastern Indian state Orissa's capital city Bhubaneswar on 11 Aug, 2014. — XINHUA

Colombia's rebel leader says peace agreement impossible this year

BOGOTA, 12 Aug — Top leader of Colombia's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), on Monday dismissed allegations that a peace agreement with the Colombian government would be signed this year.

"I am afraid not (to achieve a peace agreement this year). Of course we all want things to be sorted out

as soon as possible, but it does not mean that we take it objectively," FARC top leader Rodrigo Londono said in an interview published on the rebel group's website.

The FARC leader, alias 'Timoshenko', said the work the Historical Commission has to carry out based on the conflict reconstruction, which will start on 21 August, will take

four months, making the peace agreement impossible within the year.

"The Historical Commission will produce input points about victims for further discussion in the negotiating table. So if we only consider this deadline, it is easy to conclude that it is not possible for this year," Timoshenko said.

Xinhua

Venezuela deploys troops on border with Colombia to curb smuggling

CARACAS, 12 Aug — Venezuela has deployed 17,000 troops along its border with Colombia to prevent food and oil smuggling, an army official said on Monday in the western border state of Tachira.

"We have deployed 17,000 troops along the border and these are sufficient to ensure the fight against food smuggling," said Vladimir Padrino Lopez, head of the Operational Command of the Venezuelan Armed Forces.

Lopez was in Tachira to inaugurate a binational command and control centre to stem the smuggling.

On Saturday, the Venezuelan government announced a cross-border traffic restriction for private vehicles and individuals between the hours of 10 pm and 5 am, and for cargo vehicles from 6 pm. Lopez said the restriction would

be valid for 30 days and afterward its impact would be assessed.

Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro and his Colombian counterpart Juan Manuel Santos agreed on the measures on 1 August as they met to discuss a joint strategy to combat food and oil smuggling that have affected both nations' economy.

In the first seven months of this year, 21,000 tons of smuggled food and more than 40 million liters of gasoline have been seized, Lopez said.

Venezuelan authorities have said that around 40 percent of the goods sold at government-subsidized prices in Venezuela are smuggled by "mafias" to Colombia where the products are sold at higher prices, costing Venezuela 3.7 billion US dollars per year.

Xinhua

Neck manipulation may be associated with stroke

NEW YORK, 12 Aug — Blood vessel tears that lead to strokes may be associated with — but not necessarily caused by — treatments involving neck manipulations, researchers say. The blood vessel tears, called ‘cervical artery dissections’ account for about two of every 100 strokes overall, and from eight to 25 of every 100 strokes in young and middle aged adults.

“What happens with the dissection is that there is a tear in one of the layers of the artery wall in the neck that can result in (a) stroke if a blood clot forms,” Dr José Biller told Reuters Health in a phone call. Biller, a neurologist with the Loyola University Chicago Strich School of Medicine, was lead author of a joint statement on neck manipulation and stroke risk from the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association. The statement was published in *Stroke*.

Biller said cervical artery dissections have been reported after blunt or penetrating injuries and also in association with a variety of other conditions.

They can occur after

“a sudden movement that can hyperextend or rotate the neck that may happen with certain sporting activities, with whiplash or violent coughing or vomiting movements, or with neck manipulation therapy,” Biller said.

Healthcare providers sometimes use neck manipulations, or “cervical manipulative therapy,” to treat musculoskeletal conditions of the neck and upper back. Most are performed by chiropractors, but osteopaths and physical therapists use these maneuvers as well.

To assess the associations between neck manipulations and stroke risk, Biller and colleagues focused on four large studies that were mainly associated with strokes involving the arteries of the neck. They found that people who had these types of strokes were more likely to have had some type of neck manipulation.

But, the authors point out, the studies they looked at couldn’t determine what caused people’s strokes. It’s possible, they say, that people may have sought neck manipulation therapy for symptoms that were really

the early stages of stroke.

Biller said patients with these tears often have pain in the back of the neck that may be misinterpreted by both the patient and a healthcare provider.

“Patients may already have begun to have a cervical artery dissection and therefore seek treatment to relieve the neck pain.”

Biller and his coauthors concluded that health practitioners should inform patients of the associations between cervical dissection and cervical manipulation therapy before performing manipulation of the cervical spine. Keith Overland, immediate past president of the American Chiropractic Association, told Reuters Health he applauds the American Heart Association for its effort to address stroke risk. But, he said, somewhere between 22 and 77 percent of the US population has neck pain at some time, and cervical manipulation is one of the safest choices when compared to other treatments such as drugs and surgery.

Dr Justin Sattin, a neurologist with the University of Wisconsin School

of Medicine and Public Health in Madison, Wisconsin, told Reuters Health by phone, “As the guideline points out, the data are inconclusive — my personal opinion is that cervical manipulation is probably one of many different traumas that could provoke or exacerbate a dissection in someone who is harbouring one or predisposed.”

“Having said that, the absolute risk is probably low, especially with increased attention to the problem now in the chiropractic community,” said Sattin, who was not involved with the study.

“And there’s this causality issue of how do you know for sure the manipulation was the cause as opposed to the idea that the headache and neck pain that brought the patient to the chiropractor was actually the dissection, and the subsequently diagnosed dissection was attributed to the manipulation as opposed to something that occurred spontaneously or due to some other trauma that preceded the patient coming in for medical attention,” he said. — Reuters

TEPCO to spin off hydropower, renewable energy operations

TOKYO, 12 Aug — Tokyo Electric Power Co plans to spin off its hydropower and renewable energy operations when it adopts a holding company system in April 2016, company sources said on Tuesday.

The company, known as TEPCO, had intended to have three separate units — specializing in power generation, power transmission and distribution, and retail businesses — under the holding company, according to its business turnaround plan released in January. Under the plan, hydropower and renewable energy operations were included in the power transmission and distribution business unit.

But the utility came

to believe that it would be important to turn the operations into a separate unit, given the high future growth potential of renewable energy and hydropower that does not emit greenhouse gases, the sources said. As part of the nation’s utility system reform aimed at encouraging competition by new entries, the government plans to have major Japanese utilities split their power generation and distribution operations between around 2018 and 2020.

TEPCO, the operator of the disaster-hit Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, has said it will separate its power generation and distribution operations before other utilities.

Kyodo News



Asia shares extend gains, oil stuck near lows

SYDNEY, 12 Aug — Asian shares nudged higher on Tuesday, tracking rallies in the United States and Europe as investors seemed to put aside geopolitical concerns, at least for the moment.

MSCI’s broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan MIAPJ0000PUS added 0.3 percent after jumping 1.5 percent on Monday. Japan’s Topix .TOPX rose 0.5 percent, while the Nikkei .N225 firmed 0.3 percent.

Singapore’s Straits Times Index .FTSTI added 0.3 percent after the city-state reported annualised economic growth of 0.1 percent in the second quarter when analysts had expected a slight contraction. Strength in the financial sector helped offset sluggish manufacturing activity.

There was also promising news on global trade with the Philippines enjoying its fastest export

growth in six months in June.

The better mood came even though NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen warned of a “high probability” that Russia, using the guise of a humanitarian mission, could intervene militarily in Ukraine.

Ukraine has also said that, contrary to Russian reports of de-escalating, Russia has massed 45,000 troops on its border.

Investors also monitored Iraq, where the United States recently began air strikes targeting Islamic State fighters marching on the country’s Kurdish capital.

None of this seemed to faze Wall Street, where the Dow .DJI rose 0.10 percent on Monday, while the S&P 500 .SPX gained 0.28 percent and the Nasdaq .IXIC 0.70 percent.

Eight of the S&P’s 10 primary sector indexes ended higher. Consumer staples shares posted the highest increases as the



Employees of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (TSE) look at a monitor at the bourse at the TSE in Tokyo on 3 March, 2014 file photo. — REUTERS

sector’s index SPCOMS rose 0.8 percent, while energy and utilities shares dragged.

Shares of Kinder Morgan Inc (KMI.N), the biggest US pipeline company, jumped 9 percent on news it would put all its publicly traded units under one roof in a \$70 billion deal.

Yet there was enough of a safe-haven bid to keep Treasuries underpinned with yields on US 10-year paper US10YT=RR at 2.433 percent, not far from last week’s 14-month lows.

Major currencies were fenced in narrow ranges, with the US dollar index

a shade firmer at 81.545 DXY after drifting in a 82 tick-range on Monday, a far cry from Friday’s 336 tick-range.

The dollar bought 102.28 yen, off Friday’s low of 101.51, while the euro fetched 136.80 yen, still well off a trough of 135.73 plumbed on Friday.

Geopolitical concerns and sanctions against Russia will probably be reflected in a closely watched survey on German morale due later in the day, analysts at BNP Paribas said.

“We expect the headline expectations measure to fall to its lowest levels since the immediate aftermath of the EUR crisis in early 2013,” they wrote in a note to clients.

Such an outcome might keep the euro under pressure. The common currency last traded at \$1.3371, still struggling after hitting a nine-month low of \$1.3333 a few days ago.

In commodities, oil prices remained in a rut amid plentiful supply. Brent crude futures LCOc1 eased 19 cents to \$104.49 a barrel, while US crude CLc1 lost 28 cents to \$97.80 per barrel.

Spot gold XAU= slipped a couple of dollars to \$1,306.10 an ounce.

Reuters

Cap cloud on top of Mt Fuji



A cap cloud on top of Mt Fuji is pictured on 11 Aug, 2014, from Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi Prefecture, central Japan, in a clear sky after Typhoon Halong passed.—KYODO NEWS

Body found on Mt St Helens likely missing Japanese hiker

NEW YORK, 12 Aug — Teams searching over the weekend in Washington state found a body believed to be that of Yosuke Onishi, a hiker from Saga Prefecture missing since November when he attempted to climb Mt St Helens alone.

Onishi was last seen on 27 November when he left his hotel planning to climb to the top of the 2,550-metre-high mountain. Authorities began to search for him when he did not return. The search was called off after two weeks.

Search and rescue teams from thirteen agencies combed 23 square kilometres to find the male body and items believed to

be Onishi's on Saturday. The remains lay off a usual climbing route at around a 2,100-metre elevation.

Undersheriff Dave Cox of the Skamania County Sheriff's office said authorities chose to do a final search for the missing hiker on the weekend as the weather was good and snow levels had receded.

The area where he was found was previously searched by helicopter but according to Cox snow had probably hidden him from view at the time.

The Clark County Medical Examiner is working to verify the identity of the victim and his cause of death.

Kyodo News

Poland to see first solar-energy powered houses

WARSAW, 12 Aug — The first solar-energy powered housing project will be built in Polish capital city of Warsaw by the year 2016, the Polish information portal wp.pl reported on Monday.

Set to cover 36 acres and contain 155 houses, the project will only use renewable energy resources.

The houses will be equipped with solar panels that provide hot water in summer, photovoltaic panels that produce electricity, and heat pump and ventilation with heat recovery.

Estimations showed that thanks to the use of new eco-friendly technologies, the residents will be able to save more than 6 thousand Polish zloty (about 2,000 US dollars) a year within the area of approximately 260 square metres. The surplus of the produced energy might be sold to the energy network.

Similar solutions have been successfully used in Germany. In comparison to a settlement of similar size using gas heating, the complex will emit about 900 tons of CO2 less per year.—Xinhua

Python caught in Florida is chief suspect in mystery of missing cats

ORLANDO, 12 Aug — The evidence is circumstantial but the case looks strong. Multiple cats missing without a trace, a freshly killed body, and one well-fed, 120-pound python lurking in the Florida underbrush. Four Port St Lucie police officers on Friday captured the 12-foot-long snake, which they believe is the culprit in the disappearance of a slew of neighborhood pets over the past nine months.

"It's the answer to so many questions," said Pamela Dinola, who lost five of her seven cats.

Pythons are an exotic species and growing nuisance in Florida where they



Port St Lucie police officers display a captured 12-foot Python in this 8 Aug, 2014 handout photo provided by the Port St Lucie Police Department on 11 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

have no natural predator and feed on native wildlife, most notably in the Florida Everglades. Occasionally a snake finds its way into populated areas.

Dinola said she suspected raccoons when her first cat disappeared in November. "But they kept disappearing over a matter of months," Dinola said.

On Friday, Dinola said she spotted the python wrapped around a neighbour's cat.

An officer familiar with snakes believes the python was let loose by a pet owner well before it reached its current size, a typical scenario. State wildlife officials were looking for the snake's owner, said Frank Sabol, a spokesman for the Port St Lucie police department.

Meanwhile, police consider the case of the missing cats closed.

"It's more than speculative to say that the python has been (responsible). It's more probable than not," Sabol said.—Reuters

Second night of rioting after killing of black Missouri teen

FERGUSON, 12 Aug — Police fired tear gas after rioting broke out for a second night in Ferguson, Missouri, despite calls on Monday for calm from the mother of a black teenager who was shot to death by police at the weekend.

Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson said officers were focussed on dispersing the crowd, which was smaller than the night before, but were making arrests and reported being fired on at some locations.

"They are shooting at

us now," Jackson said, adding that officers from 10 to 15 jurisdictions were assisting Ferguson.

Michael Brown, 18, was shot to death in Ferguson, a mostly black St Louis suburb, on Saturday afternoon after what police said was a struggle with a gun in a police car. The FBI has opened a probe into the racially charged case.

Brown's family has hired Benjamin Crump, the attorney who represented the family of Trayvon Martin, a black teenager who

was shot to death by a community watch volunteer in 2012.

Police in riot gear fired tear gas to disperse a crowd estimated in the hundreds gathered near a building that burned during Sunday night's rioting, he said.

Fire trucks, ambulances and more officers converged on the area in a chaotic scene. One officer in riot gear stood behind a squad car in a standoff with a group of young demonstrators.

Emergency services

said they had responded to reports of a stabbing and a shooting, but had not confirmed such incidents and emergency workers were told later to pull back from the area.

A witness in the case told local media Brown had raised his arms to police to show he was unarmed before being killed.

"He just graduated and was on his way to college," said Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, speaking through tears at a news conference. She said her first-



A QuikTrip convenience store burns during a night of rioting in Ferguson, Missouri on 10 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

born son's first day back at school would have been Monday.

"We can't even celebrate," she said.

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Spanish police breaks people smuggling ring, arrests 72

MADRID, 12 Aug—The Spanish National Police force announced on Monday that it has made 72 arrests in an operation which has seen the dismantling of a people smuggling ring based mainly in Barcelona.

The organization was dedicated mainly to smuggling Albanians into the United Kingdom and 180 victims, 14 of whom were underage, have been identified, although the police suspect there are many

more, some of whom could also have suffered sexual exploitation.

The Police informed that the majority of those who were to enter Britain would have done so with the help of false travel documents, which had cost between 4,000-5,000 euros (5,400-6,700 US dollars). Over 100 false documents were also seized in the ongoing operation, while searches at three locations uncovered significant

amounts of money, documents relating to money transfers and luxury watches. The majority of those arrested were dedicated to giving support from Spain to those responsible for the network, who are based in Albania, Greece and Italy. 64 of the detainees were arrested on charges of false documentation, while the remainder have been held on charges of favouring illegal immigration.

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Mila Kunis selling her Los Angeles home

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Heavily pregnant actress Mila Kunis is set to put her 5,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style Los Angeles bachelorette pad on the market.

The 'Ted' star is hoping to earn nearly USD 4 million from the sale with the help of Million-Dollar Listing LA stars Josh and Matt Altman, reported E! Online.

The 5,000-square foot property is seated on a private cul de sac in the heart of the Hollywood Hills. The house also features five bedrooms and bathrooms, a fireplace, porch, pool and hot tub.

The beautiful compound has been completely redone from top to bottom, and includes high ceilings, open floor plan and breathtaking panoramic views from every room.—PTI



Actress Mila Kunis

Deepika Padukone not interested in doing cameos anymore

Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone



MUMBAI, 12 Aug — Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone, who had done special appearances in films earlier, is not interested in doing cameos any more.

"Is this a question relevant to the event.. I don't do cameos anymore," Deepika said here at the launch of a song from her upcoming film 'Finding Fanny', directed by Homi Adjanian, in which actor Ranveer Singh, who she is reportedly dating with, is playing a small role.

The actress had done a special song 'Love Mera Hit Hit' in Shah Rukh Khan's home production film 'Billu' (2009) and another one in Rohan Sippy's 'Dum Maro Dum'.

Deepika was reportedly seen spending time with Ranveer while the latter was shooting for his next film 'Dil Dhadakne Do', directed by Zoya Akhtar, in Turkey and Barcelona.

The film revolves around a dysfunctional family which is on a cruise trip.

It features an ensemble cast, including Ranveer Singh, Priyanka Chopra, Farhan Akhtar, Anushka Sharma, Anil Kapoor and Shefali Shah.

'Dil Dhadakane Do' is scheduled to release on 5 June next year.

Ranveer and Deepika will be seen together in Sanjay Leela Bhansali's much-talked-about film 'Bajirao Mastani'.

On reports that she has allotted 365 days for shooting 'Bajirao Mastani', the actress retorted, "I don't know where this came from. It is not true. I don't think I would ever be able to say (that) I will give 'x' days for a film. Sometimes it (shooting) gets over early (and) at times it takes longer. Our aim as actors is to complete film ...make a good film, the number of days does not matter."—PTI

US judge orders websites to stop 'Expendables 3' film piracy

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Citing lost box office sales that are "impossible to calculate," a California federal judge has issued an order to stop the operators of several websites from distributing stolen copies of the upcoming film "The Expendables 3." The movie, distributed by Lions Gate Films, is scheduled to be released on Friday, but a pirated DVD-quality copy already had been downloaded more than 2.2 million times as of 1 August, according to court filings.

In granting a preliminary injunction to Lions Gate, US District Court Judge Margaret Morrow said in a ruling in Los Angeles last Friday that the defendants "deprived both Lions Gate and many others of revenue that will be impossible to calculate because there is no way of

knowing how many people would have paid to see the film" if it weren't for the copyright infringement.

Lions Gate sued the operators of six websites that did not respond to requests to remove the film from their content. The operators are listed as John Does in the complaint, as their identities are not yet known.

The sites include Limetorrents, which the com-

plaint said used the peer-to-peer file-sharing protocol BitTorrent to distribute the film between computer users. Other entities allowed people to download or watch the film directly, according to the complaint.

The judge also ordered an asset freeze on all accounts associated with the sites.

The film is part of a lucrative franchise, with

the first two "Expendables" installments grossing more than \$575 million worldwide. They feature Hollywood action stars including Sylvester Stallone, Mel Gibson and Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Lions Gate said in court filings that all the pirated copies of the film originate from a single, high-quality digital file that had been stolen.—Reuters



Actors (L-R) Antonio Banderas, Jason Statham, Sylvester Stallone, Wesley Snipes and Kellan Lutz pose on the red carpet for the German premiere of "The Expendables 3" in the western German city of Cologne on 6 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

Chris Martin wants to work with Rihanna again



Rihanna and Chris Martin

LOS ANGELES, 12 Aug — Coldplay frontman Chris Martin hopes to work with Rihanna again after teaming up with the 'Umbrella' hitmaker for her next album recently. Martin said he composed new music for Rihanna's next album but he is not sure whether she has kept it.

"I wasn't necessarily with (Rihanna in the studio), I was working for her. I don't think she even asked, I just said, 'please

can I try something?'," Martin said in a radio interview.

"She has so many amazing people writing for her. It's like trying to win 'American Idol', getting a song on Rihanna's album. It's hard. Everybody wants to write songs for her," Martin said.

Martin previously collaborated with Rihanna for 'Princess of China' off Coldplay's 2011's 'Mylo Xyloto' album.—PTI

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Asleep in the arms of Jesus DAW DALIA MYAT SAN

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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);

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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.

Tottori Prefecture urges Korean tourists to present climb plans

TOTTORI, (Japan), 12 Aug — Tottori Prefecture said on Monday it is increasing its efforts to urge South Korean tourists to submit mountain-climbing plans to better deal with accident risks amid an increasing number of climbers from the country.

The prefectural government of Tottori in western Japan sent letters earlier this year to South Korean travel agencies to ask them to make sure they encourage their customers to submit such plans and make appropriate preparations.

Tourists from the country climbing 1,729-metre Mt Daisen in Tottori have been on the rise since regular ferry services started in June 2009 between Sakaiminato

in the prefecture and Donghae in South Korea.

While many tourists go to Tottori's tallest mountain for single-day climbing, experts are concerned about an increase in accidents as some of them are not sufficiently equipped.

It is rare for a prefectural government in Japan to ask tourists to provide such notification, according to people familiar with the matter. It is a "pioneering" measure as the number of foreign climbers is expected to rise with the Japanese government aiming to double the number of foreign tourists by 2020, said Yuji Watanabe, the head of the National Center for Mountaineering Education.

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Rainstorms to hit Yunnan quake zone

BEIJING, 11 Aug—Strong rains will sweep the quake zone in Yunnan Province from Monday to Tuesday night, bring risks of more flooding and landslides, the National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said on Monday. A 6.5-magnitude quake jolted the southwestern province on 3 August, leaving at least 617 people dead.

Rescuers are racing to drain a barrier lake which threatens residents with flooding. The NMC warned the persisting rain may push up water levels in the lake and urged local authorities to keep on the alert.

Xinhua



People shout slogans during a demonstration against Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Ankara on 11 August. Presidential hopeful and Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan is set to become Turkey's first popularly-elected president after unofficial ballot counting credited him with more than half the vote, local media said on Sunday. —XINHUA

Comic virtuoso Robin Williams dead at 63 from apparent suicide



TIBURON, (California), 12 Aug — Robin Williams, the versatile actor whose madcap comic style made him one of television and film's biggest stars, was found dead on Monday from an apparent suicide at

Comedian Robin Williams holds his Grammy Award to his ear as he poses for photographers at the 45th annual Grammy Awards at New York's Madison Square Garden, on 23 Feb, 2003. Williams won the Grammy for Best Spoken Comedy Album for "Robin Williams Live-2002."

REUTERS

his home in Northern California. He was 63.

The comedian's appeal stretched across generations and genres, from family fare as the voice of Disney's blue Genie in "Aladdin" to his portrayal of a fatherly therapist in the 1997 drama "Good Will Hunting," for which he earned his sole Oscar.

But many remembered the master of impressions on Monday for his tender portrayal in "Mrs Doubtfire", when he played the part of a British nanny whose identity he assumed as a divorced father to be with his children.

Williams had been recently suffering from severe depression, his pub-

licist Mara Buxbaum said in a statement, and the actor had repeatedly talked about his past struggles with alcohol.

"This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken," Williams' wife Susan Schneider said in a statement.

The Marin County Sheriff's coroner's division said it suspected Williams committed suicide by asphyxia, but the cause of death is still under investigation and an autopsy will be conducted on Tuesday.

The Sheriff's office said it received an emer-

gency call about noon local time on Monday, saying Williams was unconscious and not breathing at his home near Tiburon, north of San Francisco.

Outside the family home in a neighbourhood of low-slung houses with water views, people left flowers and talked about the man who rode his bike around and had a smile and a wave for children on the street.

"It wasn't like having a celebrity," said Sonja Conti who said the actor would often ask about her dog and nicknamed him "Dude." "He was just a normal, nice guy. People left him alone."

Reuters

Statistics "prove" Premier League progress

LONDON, 12 Aug — English soccer has always been renowned for its pace, power and tough-tackling but new research appears to quantify the idea that current Premier League teams are playing a different game now than as recently as six years ago.

A study conducted by the University of Sunderland and Chris Barnes, the Head of Sports Science at West Bromwich Albion, analysed the physical and technical performance levels of more than 1,000 Premier League players over 23,000 "match observations".

Over a seven-season period from 2006/07 to 2012/13 the findings showed how the English top flight has transformed its approach from long balls and 4-4-2 formations into a league dominated

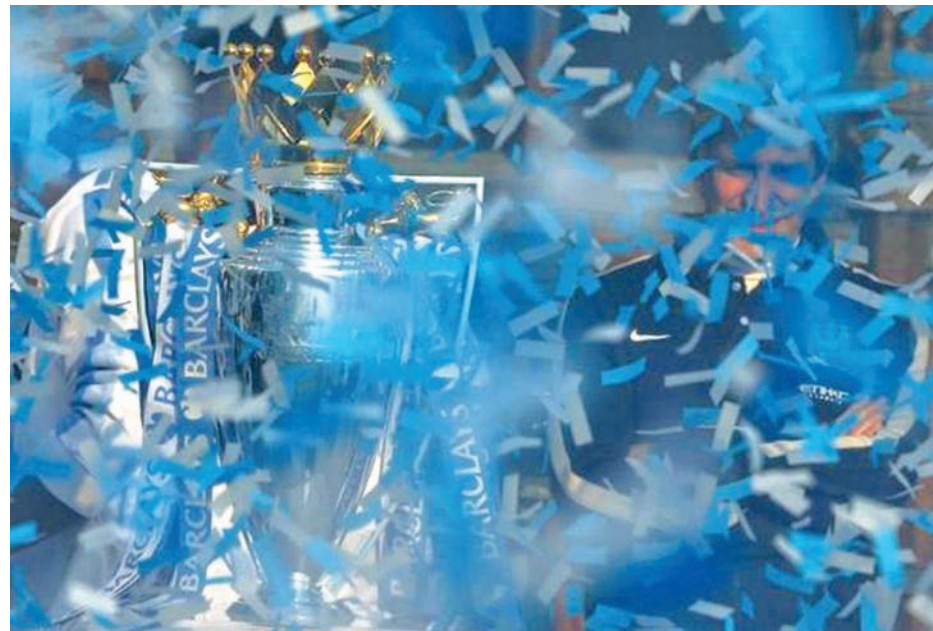
by passing, possession and high-intensity.

After watching Barcelona enjoy great success with their tiki-taka style, many English clubs have tried to perfect their own versions of possession play.

Titled, "The Evolution of Physical and Technical Performance Parameters in the English Premier League," the study showed that players in the 2012/13 season produced 40 percent more passes with a greater success rate than in 2006/07.

Despite that increase, players in the 2012/13 season completed 84 percent of their passes compared to 76 percent in 2006/07.

"We can clearly see the evolution within the game between 2006/07 and 2012/13," Paul Bradley from the University of



Manchester City's manager Manuel Pellegrini (R) stands next to the English Premier League trophy before their English Premier League victory parade in Manchester, northern England, on 12 May, 2014.—REUTERS

Sunderland said.

"It is likely that this is a consequence of players developing physically,

technically and tactically in their preparation.

"This now gives professional clubs new bench-

marks to be set in terms of typical physical, technical and tactical levels.

"It will also help with

the recruitment of players because clubs can look at their capabilities and whether they will fit into the hustle and bustle of the English game and the various tactical systems used."

As the frenetic pace of the Premier League takes its toll on the players it is hoped the research can be used to aid training programmes in the future.

"There is a commonly-held belief that the Premier League has become faster and more physically demanding over recent years," Barnes said. "This research provides the first objective evidence to back up those beliefs. "It identifies the specific areas where the game has developed both physically and technically, and thus the findings are of tremendous value to coaches and conditioning staff." —Reuters

Is McIlroy's dominance ushering in a 'Rory era'?



PGA golfer Rory McIlroy poses with the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the 2014 PGA Championship golf tournament at Valhalla Golf Club.—REUTERS

LOUISVILLE, (Kentucky), 12 Aug — Talk of the 'Tiger era' being replaced by a 'Rory era' escalated after Rory McIlroy thrust himself into golf's pantheon of greats by clinching his fourth major title at the 96th PGA Championship on Sunday.

While Tiger Woods ended a disappointing week at Valhalla Golf Club by missing the cut at a major for only the fourth time as a professional, McIlroy won his third consecutive tournament with a dazzling display of shot-making down the closing stretch.

The Northern Irish-

man overcame a scrappy start to triumph by one stroke after a final-round shootout on a rain-softened layout ended in near darkness, and the superlatives were once again being heaped upon the 25-year-old from Holywood.

"It's beginning to look a little Tiger-esque I suppose," former US Open champion Graeme McDowell said of his fellow Northern Irishman, who has won two majors in just three weeks.

"I said to the boys at the (British) Open (where McIlroy won last month), I didn't think we were going to see the new Tiger era, as

in someone creating their own kind of Tiger-esque era just yet.

"I'm not eating my words but I'm certainly starting to chew on them right now, with the WGC (Bridgestone Invitational win) and another major this weekend. When the kid is playing well, he's pretty tough to live with. Pretty special stuff, yeah."

McIlroy himself is wary of any hype that golf could now be entering a 'Rory era' of individual dominance.

"I try and put all this talk aside every time it comes up," he said after becoming the fourth

youngest player to land four majors, with only Tom Morris Jr., Jack Nicklaus and Woods ahead of him.

"Tiger and Jack are two of the most successful players in our sport of all time. I'm on a nice track at the minute. I've still got a long way to go, but to be in their company at this age is very special."

Whatever McIlroy says, he clearly possesses abundant talent, a strong work ethic and that magical 'it' factor which is reserved for very few players.

His ability to blow away fields, as he did in winning the 2011 US Open and the 2012 PGA Championship by eight shots apiece, or to conjure something extra-special when needed, as he did on the back nine at Valhalla, marks him out as a great.

A spectacular eagle at the par-five 10th, followed by birdies at the 13th and 17th, secured him his third major crown in his last nine starts and left his defeated rivals purring in admiration.

"Better than everyone else right now. He's good, really good," said Phil Mickelson, who had been part of a thrilling four-way shootout for the title in the final round until McIlroy trumped him by a stroke.

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Germany striker Klose retires from national team

BERLIN, 12 Aug — Germany striker Miroslav Klose, who capped a record-breaking career with the national team by winning the World Cup last month, has retired from international football.

Poland-born Klose, who scored twice in the tournament in Brazil to become the competition's record goal scorer of all time with 16 goals, said on Monday the time was right to end a 13-year career with the German national team.

The forward is the second member of Germany's World Cup winning team to quit after the tournament following captain Philipp Lahm last month.

"Winning the title in Brazil was a childhood dream come true," the 36-year-old Lazio striker said in a statement released by the German football As-

sociation.

"I am happy and proud to have contributed to this big success for German football. For me there could be no better moment to complete the national team chapter."

Germany's second most-capped player behind Lothar Matthaeus made the first of his 137 international appearances in 2001 and went on to become the top German scorer of all time with 71 international goals.

He broke Gerd Mueller's 40-year-old record of 68 goals in June.

Germany's only out-and-out striker in the World Cup squad, Klose was initially benched in the tournament but earned back his starting spot and scored once against Ghana in the group stage and then again in their 7-1 semi-final demolition of hosts Brazil in the semi-final.

The latter goal also meant he overtook former Brazil striker Ronaldo on the World Cup scorers list.

"When I met up with Miro last week he told me he had thought long about it and talked to his family," Germany coach Joachim Loew said. "I immediately sensed that his decision was irreversible and that I cannot convince him otherwise."

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