

Vice president calls for increase of community-driven development projects to reduce poverty



Vice President U Nyan Tun says he hopes community-driven development projects will not only reduce poverty but also enhance capacity of people in rural areas.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug— Vice President U Nyan Tun said on Monday at a meeting with stakeholders of the “Myanmar National Community-Driven Development Project,” which aims at developing rural areas, that all stakeholders are required to get involved in drafting

development plans and implementing them as it is “impossible for the government to alone achieve rural development and poverty reduction, which are inter-related.”

Speaking at the meeting with private stakeholders and officials in Nay Pyi Taw, he said the govern-

ment has been carrying out political, economic, administrative and private sector development reforms aimed at stabilizing the state and maintaining the rule of law, but that poverty reduction must be tackled in order to get Myanmar off the list of least developed countries, the vice president said,

stressing that the international community recognizes and supports the reforms in Myanmar, proven by an increase in bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

A rural development strategy framework has been drawn by experts and scholars, with the government now pushing for its

implementation to speed up the process of sustainable rural development.

According to the vice president, the government believes that implementing development projects in accordance with international standards instead of applying conventional methods will lead to sustainable

socioeconomic development of the people. Community-driven rural development projects have been implemented since 2013 with financial and technical assistance from the World Bank, aimed at giving the public opportunities to participate in all stages of the process.

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Muse Central Economic Zone to be completed in 2017

YANGON, 18 Aug— Muse Central Economic Zone at the border with China will be completed in 2017, according to a televised speech on Sunday by U Ngwe Soe, the Director of the Muse Central Economic Zone project.

The new economic zone located in the town of Muse, northern Shan State,

and across the river from the Chinese border town of Ruili in Yunnan Province, is being implemented with “win-win cooperation by the Regional Development Committee of the Shan State Government and New Star Light Construction Company,” U Ngwe Soe said.

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Ceasefire talks turn out “fruitful results”: Ethnic parties

YANGON, 18 Aug— Ceasefire talks from August 15 to 17 in Yangon between the Union Peacemaking Working Committee of the government and the Nationwide Ceasefire Coordination Team of ethnic armed groups have turned out fruitful results, according to a joint statement released by 34 ethnic political parties before presenting their suggestions to a tripartite meeting held at Myanmar Peace Centre on Monday.

Among the topics of the talks were equal rights among ethnic people, the rights of self-rule and a future federal system. At the meeting, Vice Chairman U Aung Min of the UPWC said that the event coincided

with the third anniversary of the president’s invitation for all-inclusive peace talks

which President U Thein Sein said play an important role for ethnic people and

for a better future of the country.

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UPWC Vice Chairman U Aung Min says he is optimistic that a nationwide ceasefire agreement will be finalized soon as now only details are left for negotiations.—MNA

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Media accreditation cards for AEM to be issued on 24 August

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug—The 46th ASEAN Economic Ministers’ Meeting (AEM) and related meetings will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-1 in Nay Pyi Taw from 25 to 28 August, according to officials.

Media accreditation cards will be issued to local and foreign correspondents who have registered online at Sky Palace Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 24 August.—MNA

Waste water management for prevention of water pollution in Myanmar discussed



Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and Singapore-based company discuss prevention of water pollution and technology to keep track of water quality.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Waste water treatment and technologies to monitor the impact of water quality on fish species were discussed at the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

Chief Technology Officer of ZWEEC Analytics Pte Ltd reported on prevention of water pollution and the use of bio-sensor

technology in waste water monitoring to keep track of the impact of water quality on fish species.

The talks between Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun and Chief Executive Officer U Zaw Win Tun of Myanmar Enviro Care Monitoring Co Ltd and Chief Technology Officer Dr Eng How Lung of ZWEEC Analyt-

ics Pte Ltd of Singapore focused on the current waste water treatment in Myanmar, with the officials further discussing rules and regulations for environmental conservation, technical assistance for waste water management, and the holding of workshops on waste water management for government and private industries.—MNA

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He also said that there are only three or four remaining paragraphs to be discussed out of the 122 to be finalized in a nationwide ceasefire agreement.

U Aung Min then invited suggestions from leaders of the NCCT and ethnic political parties.

NCCT leader U Naing Han Thar, deputy leaders Padoh Kwe Htoo Win and Maj-Gen Gun Maw were among the leaders to give speeches at the meeting.

UN special envoy Vijay Nambiar expressed his

gratitude to officials for letting him monitor the peace talks supervised by President U Thein Sein, saying he appreciates the “positive results from the talks” due to cooperation of the UPWC and NCCT, which “will help ending the 60-year old internal conflicts”.

Vijay Nambiar also said that he understands there would be some challenges to hold all-inclusive political dialogues in the future, but assured the supports of the UN during the next steps.

MNA

Information Ministry officials to play against Defence Ministry in football finals

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — The Ministry of Information cruised into the final of the 7th Inter-Ministry Men’s Football Tournament, with a 1-0 victory over the Ministry of Finance in the semifinal match at the sports ground No 3 of Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

At another sports

ground, the Ministry of Electric Power played in a semifinal match against the Ministry of Defence. Both teams could not break the deadlock result of a goalless draw till the final whistle. In the penalty decision, the Ministry of Defence won over its opponent 4-2 and will play against the Ministry of Information in the final on 20 August.—MNA

Deputy Home Affairs Minister meets human trafficking victims

YANGON, 18 Aug — Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint—a member of the Anti-Human Trafficking Prevention Central Committee—met 32 human trafficking victims who ar-

rived back from Thailand, China and other neighbouring countries at M-3 Food Centre in Bahan Township of Yangon on Sunday.

The deputy minister presented K100,000 each to the human trafficking vic-

tims before seven of them recounted their experiences.

Also present were senior police officers and representatives from World Vision, AAPTIP and Save the Children.—MNA



Deputy Home Affairs Minister gives cash to trafficked victims arriving back from neighbouring countries.—MNA

Social groups donate food to flood victims in Bago

BAGO, 18 Aug — Social organizations have donated food to victims

of the recent flood disaster in Bago as many locals are still unable to return to

their houses.

A total of 2,276 flood victims from 730 house-

holds in Wards No. 13 and 14 of Bago have found shelter at Shwenathar monastery in Bago, where they have to remain until the floods in Bago’s low-lying areas have receded.

Kyuntharyar ward is also still inundated, with locals using boats to get from their houses to the main road.

The low-lying areas in Bago town on average get flooded heavily at least twice per rainy season, locals said. The floods usually last around 4 to 5 days, with locals relying on the local monasteries and temples for food and shelter as the roads are under 4-foot deep water, subsiding only slowly.

Thant Zin Win



Flood victims in low-lying areas of Bago are in hardship after inundation for more than a week.—PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

YANGON, 18 Aug — “Oil and Gas Myanmar 2014” will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre (MCC) in Yangon from 15 to 17 October, with organizers saying the fair will contribute to a “flourishing energy sector in Myanmar” with focus on upstream oil and gas activities.

A large number of foreign exhibitors will partic-

ipate, including 3R Solution, Downhole Products, Franklin Offshore, Schulz Far East, Toll Offshore, Wartsila, and Yokogawa.

According to organizer Mr Chua Buck Cheng, Project Director from Singapore Exhibition Servic-

es, Oil & Gas Myanmar 2014 is a vital event for investors who wish to get to know the oil and gas market, creating opportunities for foreign investors to join the energy sector of Myanmar and showcasing the latest foreign products

and technologies for local entrepreneurs.

According to information from the Myanmar Investment Commission, foreign investment reached US\$14.372 billion in the oil and gas sector last year.—NLM

Oil and Gas Myanmar 2014 fair to be held 15-17 October

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The projects are also designed to encourage the public to nurture cooperation with local government authorities and enable life-long learning for capacity enhancement through transparency, accountability, gender equality and social as well as environmental protection.

The vice president stressed the need for the public to participate in planning, implementing, supervising and assessing the different stages of the development projects.

Village-tracts under the project will receive about K 24 million per year for three consecutive years for infrastructure development. Although challenges remain for the public as Myanmar experienced centralization for many years, the vice president urged participants of the review meeting to improve the current situation based on their experience. The vice president's speech was followed by reports from the Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint and Global Practice Manager Ms. Susan Wong, who discussed measures to be introduced for the implementation of rural development projects and poverty reduction.—MNA

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Real estate development in Muse Central Economic Zone comprises 18 estates, including jade trading facilities, markets, shops, hotels, restaurants and housing complexes.

The conceptual illustration of the completed projects depicts high-rise buildings, malls and modern residential areas. With construction well underway, the economic zone will be established on over 300 acres of land at a cost of K50 billion, according to sources.

Local authorities approved plans for the Muse Central Economic Zone in early 2013, with the development set to boost cross-border trade at the most important crossing between Myanmar and China.—NLM

Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) Speaker tours Mandalay Region to oversee development projects



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint (right) inspects improvement of transport and irrigation facilities in Mandalay Region as part of efforts to develop socio-economy of the region.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Khin Aung Myint toured Mandalay Region on Sunday, where he inaugurated a bridge and inspected progress made on development projects.

At a ceremony to inaugurate Shwetaunggyi

bridge in Yamethin Township, he said transport is one of the most beneficial factors for political, economic and social development, adding that smooth transport will contribute to better flow of commodities and the development of the education and health sectors. The bridge

was funded by National Development Gold Mining Company Ltd, with the construction costing K170 million.

During his tour, the Speaker inspected progress on dredging Kyeeni Lake in Yamethin Township. Upon completion, the lake will store 8,100

acre-feet of water to irrigate 6,249 acres of monsoon paddy and 1,700 acres of summer paddy, officials said.

The Speaker also visited Kyaukse Lake of 125-year old Pyawbwe Township, where he received reports on plans of re-dredging silt from

the lake to increase water-storage capacity.

The dredging of the lake will cost about K16 billion, according to local authorities who hope that upon completion, the lake will irrigate 4,300 acres of monsoon paddy and 910 acres of summer paddy.

MNA



Myanmar military delegation holds discussion with officials during a visit to Russia at the invitation of the chairman of the Federal Service for Military Technical Cooperation of Russia.—MYAWADY

Military delegation returns from visit to Russia

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Aug — A delegation led by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win arrived back in Myanmar from the Russian Federation on Monday, which the officials had visited from 13 August, following an invitation by the chairman of the Federal Service for Military Technical Co-operation of Russia.

Upon arrival at Domodedovo Airport in Moscow, the delegation was

greeted by Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Tin Yu, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Ye Naing Myo and Head of International Relations Mr Pletnev Igor of the FSMTC of Russia.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Commander Maj-Gen Hsan Oo of Yangon Command and senior military officers before proceeding to Nay Pyi Taw where they were welcomed back by General Hla Htay Win and high ranking military officers.—Myawady

Information Minister discusses media reform with press council

YANGON, 18 Aug — A meeting on media reform plans was held on Monday in Yangon, with the Ministry of Information and Myanmar Press Council (Interim) inviting suggestions from international organizations and foreign-based media groups.

At the event titled 'Media Development Thematic Meeting' at the Chatrium Hotel, Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut gave a briefing on the reform processes of the media sector, with U Kyaw Min Swe, secretary of the MPC (Interim), presenting a report on the activities of the journalists' council.

Among the main topics of the two-day meeting

are covering news in line with journalistic ethics, the role of socially responsible media, reform processes in TV and public service me-

dia, broadcasting channels for ethnic languages, covering elections news, and the impact of laws, rules and regulations on press

freedom. The meeting was attended by representatives from UNESCO, BBC Media Action, Myanmar Media Lab, Internews Europe,

USAID, DVB Support and EU, as well as the members of MPC (Interim) and officials from the Ministry of Information.—MNA



Union Minister for Information U Ye Htut talks about progress made on media reforms as the government is implementing the Third Wave process.—MNA

Diamond orbs and umbrellas hoisted atop pagoda



CHAUNGU, 18 Aug— Chief Minister of Sagaing Region U Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khaing attended the ceremony of hoisting diamond orbs and umbrellas atop Yadana MinO Chantha Pagoda in Amyint Model Village in ChuangU Township in Sagaing Region recently.

Officials offered diamond orbs and umbrellas to members of the Sangha.

The Chief Minister and party hoisted diamond orbs and umbrellas atop the pagoda and then offered rice to 27 members of the Sangha who consecrated the pagoda.

ChaungU Township
IPRD

Traditional performing arts concert held under auspices of Ministry of Culture

MANDALAY, 18 Aug— The Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture organized a Myanmar traditional performing arts concert at the National Theatre, located at the eastern part of Mandalay moat on Sunday.

Artistes of the department performed a variety of traditional songs and dance routines to the more than 900 people in the audience, including 23 foreign tourists, according to officials, adding that a similar concert will be held at the same venue on 30 August.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



Myaungmya KBZ Branch donates eye surgical machine to social association

MYAUNGMYA, 18 Aug — Kanbawza Bank Ltd (Myaungmya Branch) donated K50 million to be spent on purchase of eye surgical machine to Myaungmya Social Association on Saturday.

“The bank branches contribute to social welfare

tasks in respective townships,” said senior general manager U Yan Naing Aung of ICT Section of the bank Ltd. Senior General Manager U Yan Naing Aung and Bank branch in-charge Daw Kaythi Tun presented cash donation to Chairman of the social as-

sociation U Tin Myint and officials. Aryudana clinic at Myaungmya Pariyatti Swanah Monastery accepts eye patients for performing

surgical operations. The eye surgical machine will be used in surgical operations for patients safely.

Aung Min (IPRD)

ChaungU Township forms township philanthropic network

CHAUNGU, 18 Aug — A meeting on the formation of a philanthropic network was held at Dhammikarama monastery in ChaungU of Sagaing Region on Saturday.

Chairman of the Philanthropic Network U Myo explained details of the formation of the network, saying it aims at providing cash and ambulance assistance to villages and strengthen the relationship among the

village associations.

Also present at the meeting was the Pyithu Hluttaw (Lower House) MP U Saw Hla Tun, who replied to queries raised by members of social organizations on the advantages of the network and future tasks. The network was constituted with the chairman, two vice chairmen and two secretaries in addition to 27 members.

Township IPRD

School council executive committee takes oaths

KANMA, 18 Aug—A ceremony to take oaths by members of the School Council was held on the lawns of Basic Education High School in Kanma of Magway Region on Saturday.

Students sang a song entitled “School Council”.

Headmistress Daw Hse Mi explained the pur-

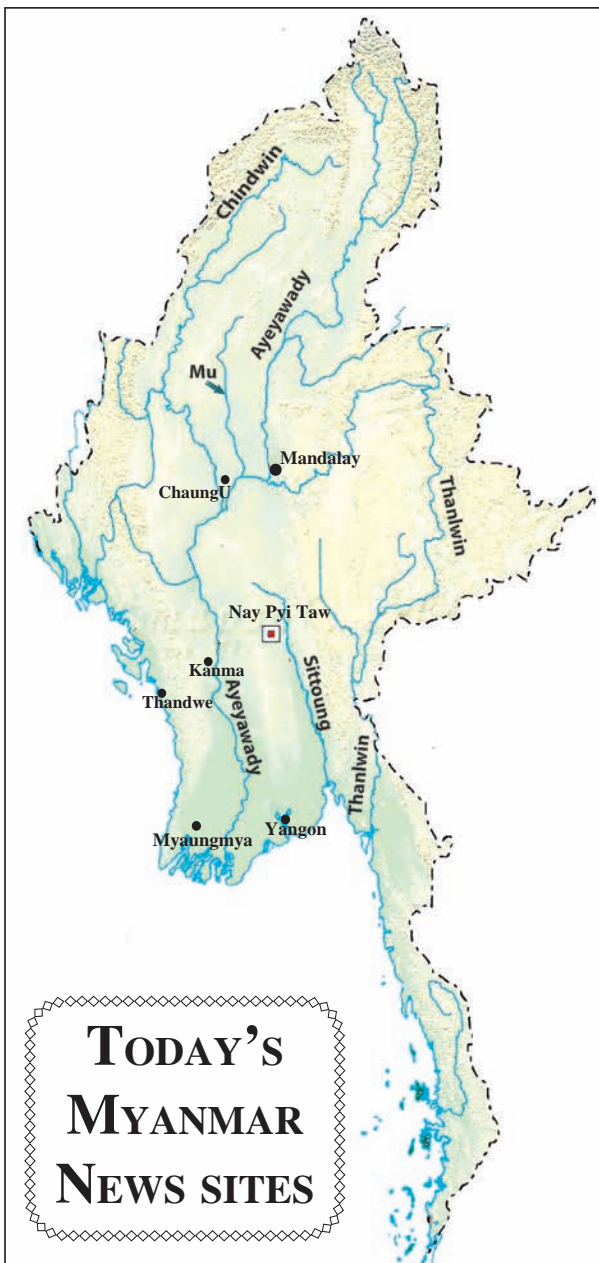
pose of assigning duty to the students and duty and functions.

The executive committee members of the school council took oaths. The headmistress presented commemorative pennants to the leaders of the student teams.

Kyaw Zeya Win
(IPRD)



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Mandalay Open Chess Tournament wraps up



MANDALAY, 18 Aug — The final matches of the 8th Mandalay Open Chess Tournament 2014 took place at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay on 15 August, attended by Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Chairman of Mandalay Region Chess Subcommittee the Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House)

MP Dr Soe Tun and other officials. In the matches, Kyaw Ko Lay, a Mandalay Region selected player, stood first, Zaw One a player selected on national level, came second and Myint Oo, chosen from Mandalay Region, was third.

The tournament kicked off on 9 August with 72 players from several regions and states.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Greening projects to be increased in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 18 Aug — To improve the environment and living conditions, the Mandalay City Development Committee has adopted a plan to increase the number of greening projects in municipal townships, with more flowery plants and large-leaved trees to be planted, according to officials.

On 15 August, the MCDC held its 8th monsoon tree planting ceremony on 62nd street between Pyigyi Mingala

bus terminal and the Htonbo-Myitnge shortcut in Amarapura Township of Mandalay District, with Mandalay City Mayor and Mandalay Region Minister for Development Affairs U Aung Moun planting a sapling at the ceremony. The event saw a number of locals planting more than 700 saplings, including MCDC staff, members of social organizations and the auxiliary fire brigade.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Thandwe District to collect data on birth and death registration

THANDWE, 18 Aug — A district level meeting on birth and death registration was held at the hall of Thandwe District General Administration Department in Thandwe of Rakhaine State recently.

Head of District Immigration and National Registration U Hla Htay explained the importance of birth/death registration, with district medical officer Dr Myat Myat Moe briefing local authorities on how to collect and keep a record of the data.

The deputy commissioner of the district assigned duties to the district and township level departmen-



tal officials, urging them to place emphasis on taking re-

sponsibility and accountability for all assigned tasks and

supervise the data collection. *District IPRD*

Independence Day of India marked in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 18 Aug — A flag-hoisting cer-

emony to mark the 67th Anniversary of the Inde-

pendence Day of the Republic of India was held

in Chanmyathazi Township of Mandalay on 15 August.

Consul General Dr Nadakumar of the Mandalay-based Consulate General of India read a message sent by the President of the Republic of India before delicacies from his country were served to the attendees.

Following the flag-hoisting event, the Consul General attended an entertainment programme organized by the Ministry of Culture at the National Theatre, accompanied by Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint, Speaker of Mandalay Region Hluttaw U Win Maung and other officials.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Chicken processing factory to commence operation in September

MANDALAY, 18 Aug — A chicken processing factory, built by Mandalay Livestock Development Company, in Tharekkan Village of Madaya Township in Mandalay Region will start operations in September this year, said sources. The company was established by veterinarians and poultry farming entrepreneurs who said special care of bio-security has been taken into account.

The chick production will be undertaken systematically, meeting prescribed

standards and regulations, with cold storage provided to ensure the products remain safe for consumers.

“Most local people think that frozen chicken may not be fresh and avoid eating it, but they should change their mindset as properly stored meat is safe to eat. The international community only accepts frozen end products for instance, so we should, too. The processed chicken gets sent to the markets and as we are now attracting more tourists every day and

foreigners in general, the market needs hygienically kept frozen meat,” said managing director Dr Kyaw Htin of the factory. The raw materials will be taken from poultry farms in Madaya and Patheingyi townships of Mandalay Region, with the factory distributing processed parts of chicken to the markets “not higher in price than products from poultry farms”, according to officials.

Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)

Thai junta boosts spending on defence, education in draft budget



Thai Army chief General Prayuth Chan-ocha speaks during the start of a National Legislative Assembly meeting to consider urgent matters including the 2015 Budget Bill, at the parliament in Bangkok on 18 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

BANGKOK, 18 Aug—Thai junta leader General Prayuth Chan-ocha, stressing that the military had a “limited time” in power before a return to civilian rule, submitted a draft fiscal 2015 budget on Monday, with defence and education receiving hefty increases.

The military seized power in May after months of street demonstrations which led to the ouster of Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra.

The Ministry of Education was allocated 498.16

billion baht (\$15.66 billion) (9.36 billion British pound), a 3.2 percent increase from last year’s budget and 19.5 percent of the total budget allocations. Prayuth has called for education reforms as part of his plans to reshape the country and restore political stability.

Defence spending, which typically increases in Thailand after a coup, grew 5 percent from last year’s allocation to 193.07 billion baht (\$6.07 billion).

“If we don’t increase

the budget and purchase new weapons, then nobody will fear us,” Prayuth told reporters.

The 2.58 trillion baht (\$81.08 billion) draft budget, up around 2 percent from 2014, was submitted to the military-dominated National Legislative Assembly and will be considered by ad-hoc committees and adopted in the coming weeks.

“The NCPO wants every ministry to put the budget to the best use possible because we have a limited time in power,” Prayuth said, referring to the National Council for Peace and Order, as the junta is formally known.

The economy may expand 3.5 percent to 4.5 percent next year, he added, as the political situation stabilises.

The National Economic and Social Development Board, which compiles gross domestic product data, on Monday trimmed its 2014 full-year growth forecast to 1.5-2.0 percent from a 1.5-2.5 percent range.

Thailand avoided recession in the second quar-

ter, the state planning agency said on Monday, but questions remain about the pace and depth of growth.

The board said it expected to see steady economic recovery in the second half of the year.

Prayuth, who led the 22 May coup, will likely become prime minister in coming days, according to legislature members. Prayuth has outlined a three-phase plan of reconciliation, formation of a government and elections in 2015. “I hope that in 2015 the country will come into its own,” Prayuth said. “We seized power in order to improve confidence in the country.”

Since taking power, the junta has made delayed payments to rice farmers, capped fuel prices and made a point of reassuring foreign investors that Thailand will return to democracy within a year. It has also approved urgent infrastructure projects.

The moves appear to have helped consumer confidence which rose to the highest in 11 months in July, data this month showed.—Reuters

Cambodia’s parliament leadership reshuffle set for next week: PM



Prime Minister Hun Sen

PHNOM PENH, 18 Aug — The 123 Cambodian Members of Parliament (MPs) from the ruling and opposition parties will vote on Tuesday next week to elect their leadership, Prime Minister Hun Sen, vice president of the ruling Cambodian People’s Party (CPP), said on Monday.

The opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP)’s 55 MPs ended their 10-month long boycott of parliament early this month after Hun Sen and CNRP’s President Sam Rainsy reached an agreement to end their differences over last year’s election that saw the ruling party won 68 seats.

Under the deal, the

CNRP will hold the position of the first vice president of the parliament and chair five of the 10 commissions in the legislative body. Moreover, it will control four of nine seats on the would-be National Election Committee.

“On Tuesday next week, there will be votes for the parliament leadership,” Hun Sen said at a food security and nutrition conference.

“Please don’t worry, the Cambodian People’s Party will honour our promise and vote for the CNRP’s candidates in those posts.”

The prime minister’s guarantee came after some opposition MPs voiced their concerns that the ruling party might break the promise and do not vote for them. Senior CPP lawmaker Cheam Yeap said the parliament’s current president Heng Samrin will remain the president, while the current first vice president Nguon Nhel will relinquish that position to the CNRP and become second vice president.

Xinhua

Japan to hold seminar to pitch defence equipment exports to ASEAN

TOKYO, 18 Aug — The Japanese government plans to hold a seminar in late September attended by officials from ASEAN countries to make a pitch for exports of Japanese defence equipment to those Asian nations, government sources said on Sunday.

It will be the first gathering of Japan and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to hold full-fledged discussions concerning such exports since Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s Cabinet decided in April to ease restrictions on arms exports.

During the seminar in Tokyo, the government plans to discuss how Japanese equipment and technology could help enhance the defence capabilities of ASEAN nations, as it seeks business opportunities to export Japanese defence equipment. The government also believes Japan’s security environment will improve if ASEAN countries increase their own deter-

rence capabilities in the face of China’s growing maritime assertiveness. Some ASEAN countries are engaged in territorial disputes with China in the South China Sea. At the seminar with the main theme of “maritime security,” Japanese officials will explain how Tokyo’s new defense equipment export policy has replaced a nearly half-century embargo on arms exports, and explain how Japanese vessels and aircraft could boost the security of ASEAN countries. The new rules enable Japanese defence equipment and technology to be exported if they serve the purpose of contributing to international cooperation and Tokyo’s security interests. Japan has to conclude a defence equipment transfer accord with each nation before actually exporting arms to it. After the seminar, Japan plans to discuss signing such an agreement with countries interested in buying Japanese equipment.—Reuters

Malaysia’s opposition steps back from brink in state crisis

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Aug — Malaysia’s three-party opposition alliance has averted a damaging split by agreeing to support the wife of opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim as the next chief minister of Selangor, an industrial hub that is the country’s richest state.

But while the parties shelved their differences, a weeks-long crisis over control of the state has exposed deep divisions in the alliance that could re-surface to hamper its chance of ousting the government in the next election, analysts say.

The opposition infighting — a boon for Malaysia’s 57-year-old governing coalition — began when the Islamist PAS party refused to support Anwar’s party’s move to sack the current chief minister over accusations of incompetence and graft.

The top state official, Khalid Ibrahim, refused to accept the sacking and tried to cling to power, with the backing of the ruling coalition and support from PAS, which was opposed to An-



Malaysia’s opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim (L) and his wife Wan Azizah Wan Ismail leave after a news conference in Kuala Lumpur early 6 May, 2013.

REUTERS

war’s wife, Wan Azizah Wan Ismail, becoming chief minister.

Senior opposition figures warned the dispute could split the disparate multi-ethnic alliance, but PAS leaders stepped back from the brink late on Sunday by agreeing to support Wan Azizah.

The “Pakatan” (alliance) parties have taken strides towards national power in the last two elections, most recently in May 2013, but have been dogged by divisions between the

secular ethnic Chinese party, Anwar’s party, and PAS. The Islamist party itself is divided between conservatives and modernizers.

“The progressives in PAS need to decide if they want to remain in the old PAS or form a new party to replace PAS and create a more progressive agenda for the country,” said Wan Saiful Wan Jan, a political analyst at the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs.

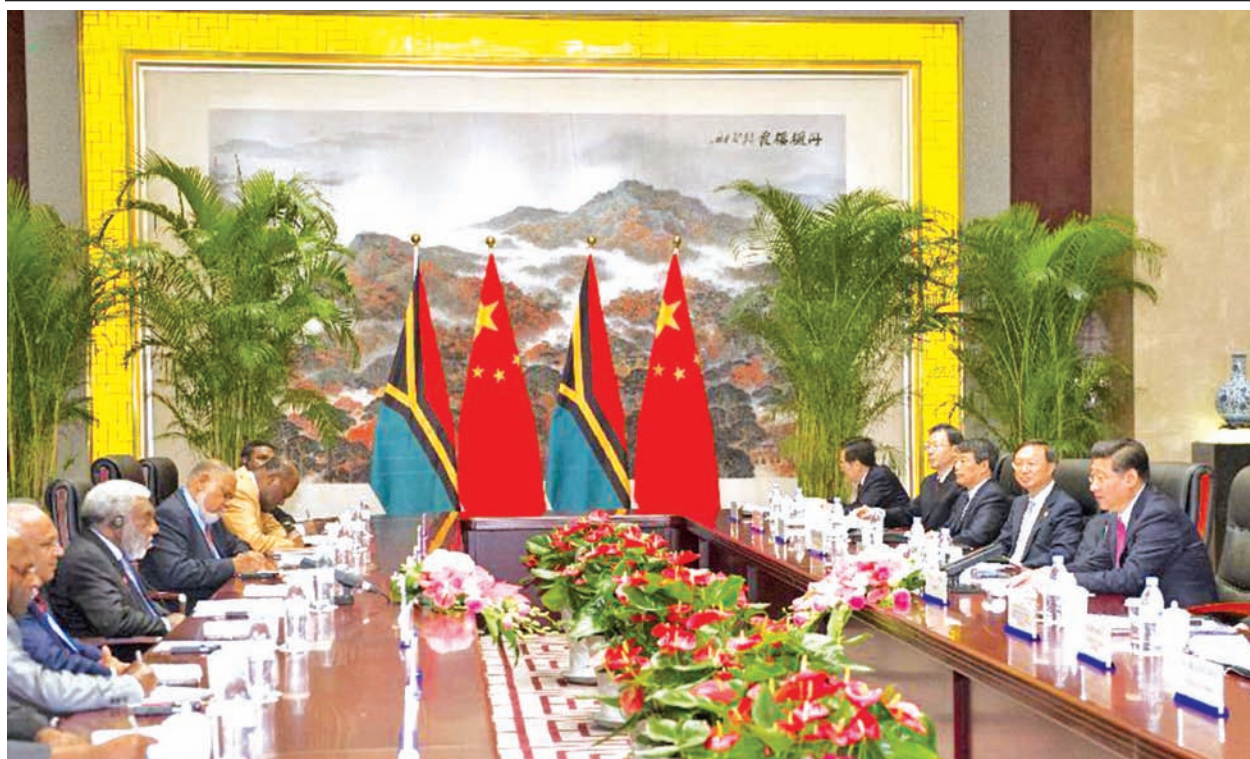
“They need to focus on the common agenda rather

than highlighting differences,” he said.

Legal experts said Khalid would probably have to step down in the coming weeks now that Anwar’s wife, with PAS’ backing, has the clear support of the majority in the state assembly.

Wan Azizah is widely seen as a proxy for her husband, a former finance minister whose own plans to take over the top state job were stymied by his conviction in March for sodomy, a ruling that rights activists say was politically motivated. How well she runs Malaysia’s most populous state until the next national election, due by 2018, will be crucial to the opposition’s chances of taking power for the first time. “There has been some damage in their public reputation, but given that there is no snap election and general elections are three to four years away from now, they have ample time to recover,” said Ibrahim Suffian, director of the Merdeka Center research firm.—Reuters

WORLD



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with Prime Minister of Vanuatu Joe Natuman in Nanjing, capital of east China's Jiangsu Province on 17 Aug, 2014.—XINHUA

Sankei reporter appears at prosecutors' office over Park article

SEOUL, 18 Aug — The Seoul bureau chief of the mass circulation Japanese daily *Sankei Shimbun* on Monday, in response to a summons by the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office for suspected defamation of President Park Geun Hye, appeared at the office.

Tatsuya Kato arrived at the office around 11 am. He entered the office with a defence lawyer and a translator.

The questioning was expected to focus on whether an article written by Kato, 48, defamed Park.

The office has issued a travel ban on Kato.

A conservative civic organization filed a defamation suit against the bureau on 9 August for the article, which was carried in the 3 August online edition of the newspaper.

Citing rumors in the stock brokerage industry and a South Korean newspaper, Kato suggested in the article that Park, who is single, was not at the presidential office during a seven-hour period on the day of a ferry disaster in April, and may have been secretly meeting with a recently divorced former aide.

The presidential office has dismissed the rumors and the article.

Sankei Shimbun said in a statement that its report was based on information contained in statements made in South Korea's National Assembly and a column in a South Korean newspaper.

It is the first time for a Japanese reporter to be questioned by South Korean prosecutors over reporting activities since 1993, when the then bureau chief of Japan's Fuji Television was arrested by prosecutors on suspicion of receiving classified military intelligence from a Korean naval intelligence officer. He was convicted and deported the following year.

Kyodo News



Tatsuya Kato, the Seoul bureau chief of the mass circulation Japanese daily *Sankei Shimbun*, appears on 18 Aug, 2014, at the Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office in the South Korean capital. Kato, 48, was summoned for questioning to determine whether an article he penned defamed President Park Geun Hye. — Kyodo News

LDP's No 2 man likely to take new defence legislation post

TOKYO, 18 Aug — Shigeru Ishiba, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's No 2 man, is likely to take the new post of minister for defence legislation in a Cabinet reshuffle slated for early September, thereby taking charge of pushing through Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's key security policies, party sources said on Sunday.

"If I receive a formal request, I will accept the offer whatever post it will be," LDP Secretary General Ishiba told Abe through the prime minister's aides, according to the sources.

Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and Takeo Kawamura, former chief Cabinet secretary and currently chairman of the LDP's Election Strategy Committee, are among possible candidates to succeed Ishiba as LDP secretary general.

In a meeting with Ishiba last month, Abe broached the idea of appointing him as defence legislation minister. Abe wants to tap the former defence minister's knowledge and expertise in security policy as the government steps up legal arrangements to put into effect its landmark decision to allow Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence, or defending allies under armed attack even when Japan itself is unharmed.

The decision in July to effect the change by reinterpreting Japan's pacifist Constitution, rather than by amending it, has prompted

creation of the new ministerial post.

At the July meeting with Abe, Ishiba asked for time to consider the offer. He is now leaning toward accepting the offer so as not to spark a feud among party members ahead of the LDP's leadership election in September next year, according to the sources.

Ishiba is regarded as a potential future prime minister as he finished a close second to Abe in the LDP's last party leader election in September 2012.

Many LDP members supporting Ishiba hope the party heavyweight will remain the party secretary general, or think Ishiba should prepare to run in the next LDP presidential election without serving in any Cabinet post.

If Ishiba decides to assume the new ministerial post, he may face difficulties convincing his supporters he did the right thing. Some believe doing so could prevent Ishiba from becoming prime minister because as a Cabinet minister, he would not be able to criticize Abe's policies. Ishiba could be also asked to concurrently serve as the defense minister, according to the sources.

Abe was earlier expected to carry out the Cabinet reshuffle on 4 September. But the schedule may be moved up a day as it has become clear that Abe will finish by 1 September, his key diplomatic schedule with visiting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Kyodo News

S Korea, US launch UFG joint military drill

SEOUL, 18 Aug—South Korea and the United States on Monday launched the Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) joint military exercise aimed at defending South Korea from possible security threats from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

The computer-assisted simulation exercise, which will run until 29 August, will mobilize about 50,000 South Korean troops and 30,000 US forces, including 3,000 US soldiers operating overseas and coming here for the drill.

This year's UFG drill will adopt the so-called

"tailored deterrence strategy" for the first time, which was introduced in October 2013 to respond to the DPRK's possible threats of nuclear weapons and weapons of mass destruction (WMD).

The South Korean military has claimed the drill is annually held and of defensive nature, but the DPRK denounced it as a rehearsal for the northward invasion.

The DPRK's General Staff of the Korean People's Army said on Sunday that it will launch preemptive attacks at any time against the joint military exercise, calling it a "re-



Protesters attend a demonstration against the joint military exercise "Ulchi Freedom Guardian" (UFG) in Seoul, South Korea, on 18 Aug, 2014. South Korea and the United States on Monday launched the Ulchi Freedom Guardian (UFG) joint military exercise aimed at defending South Korea from possible security threats from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).—XINHUA

hearsal for a nuclear war."

South Korea had suggested to the DPRK a week earlier holding the senior-level inter-Korean talks on Tuesday, but the suggested date overlapped with the joint military exercise, making the dialogue actually hard to be held.

The DPRK fired five short-range projectiles into its eastern waters on Thursday, while top DPRK leader Kim Jong Un sent a wreath marking the fifth anniversary of the death of South Korea's former President Kim Dae-jung on Sunday.

Xinhua

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 19 August, 2014

Good infrastructures crucial for development of tourism industry

By Aung Khin

The number of inbound tourists to Myanmar usually increases in the peak tourism season which is from October to March when the country has cool and pleasant weather.

Hoping for more tourists and better trading, Myanmar has opened many entry points in border areas with Thailand and China. Myanmar, China, Laos and Thailand will link up under the programme of Golden Quadrangular

Tour in which the majestic Mekong River will play a key role by linking the four countries' cultural sights.

Myanmar is an emerging country in term of tourism industry with ancient attractions in 14 states and divisions that have yet to see massive crowds, with significant potential for even more tourist attractions from the southern coastal areas to the snow-capped mountain ranges in the northern part that have not yet been developed for tourism.

However, frequent complaints from foreign visitors include expensive-but-poor services of accommodation. They are also concerned about transport and infrastructure, 24-hour electricity supply, better mobile phone networks and internet access in major cities.

In some cities, some mobile phone networks cannot be used; the public transport system is surprisingly poor; and hotel rates are high compared to neighbouring countries which are well

ahead in this industry.

Although local and foreign airlines are making promotion plans to attract more travelers, Myanmar has not enough facilities to compete against many Southeast Asian countries in the tourism industry.

Data by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism showed that tourist arrivals in 2013 reached more than 2.05 million which is higher than the expected number of 2 million. To be able to maintain and to increase the digits, long-term and practicable plans with realistic implementations are required with the contributions of respective government departments.

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International Myanmar Studies Conference 2014 in Singapore and Myanmar Media

By Sayar Mya

(continued from 17-8-2014)

When this writer checked the multifaceted topics taken up for presentation, it was found that there were (40) sessions from 1 to 3 August 2014, with the time frame of one and a half hour for each topic. The interesting topics as seen by the writer were: (a) The Economy I and II; (b) Ethnic Issues I, II and III; (c) Reforms and Transition; (d) Media in Transition; (e) Changing relations between Myanmar, United States and China; (f) Civil Society; (g) Society I and II, and other motley assortment of topics.

A total of (12) topics were presented in (4) separate venues with time slot of one and a half hours on 1 August. The speakers presented (16) topic on 2 August, and (12) topics on 3 August. Total of (40) sessions were realized. It was really interesting and laudable to the organizers as well as the sponsors that could loop in (120) Panel Speakers in the academic events.

The writer of this article has intentionally chosen on the perspective of the "Media and Transition in Myanmar", which was in the item number (10). It is due to the reason that President U Thein Sein strongly urged ministries and media to build relations based on ethics and mutual respect on 1 August 2014.

Summary of the Panel: The panel has explored the situation facing media during the current transitional period in Myanmar. The panel engaged with both the history of the various media in the country and the current social, economic and legal contexts the media must now navigate. The panel consisted of three research presentations that laid out the current situation facing both urban-based media and the regional and ethnic media covering the rural areas, and that they also place the Myanmar media's transition period in historical and conceptual context. By laying out the current situation and analyzing how Myanmar's case is similar and different from transitional periods faced by other media systems. The organizers had hoped from the academic conference that journalists, policymakers, and educators might benefit.

Papers presented at the academic conference were as follows.

"Assessing the media reforms in Myanmar: constraints and controls in the new reporting environment" was presented by Jennifer Leehey, PhD, Research Coordinator, and for "Understanding Myanmar's Development" project, Chiang Mai University.

Summary of presentation: The paper reported on the shifting media-scope in Myanmar in the post-2010 period, focusing especially on the

changing regulatory framework for print media. Without question, there has been significant liberalization of Myanmar's private media sector in recent years, following decades of overtly repressive state control. The long-standing Press Scrutiny Board was dismantled in 2012.

In 2013, the government granted dozens of new broadcast and publishing licenses to private entities, and privately owned daily newspapers went on sale in Myanmar for the first time in 50 years. These developments have been hailed by Myanmar-watchers and analysts as critical in the country's move toward democracy and political reform. However, there is continuing uncertainty about the new legal framework that will replace the 1962 Printers and Publishers' Registration Law and how far freedom of the press will really extend. The Ministry of Information has proposed legislation that, arguably, replicates aspects of the old system, much to the dismay of independent journalists' organizations. At the same time, journalists and editors voice concern about the rising influence of powerful business interests on the media, as tycoons with links to high-ranking members of the former military government position themselves in the new media scene.

The paper highlighted the interviews conducted with journalists and editors in the country in the past

year. While the focus was on print news media, it also assessed the conditions for broadcast and online media. At stake at this juncture was the image of a post-authoritarian Myanmar where free speech flourishes in a liberalized "marketplace of ideas." The "marketplace of ideas" is a rationale for freedom of expression based on an analogy, a comparison of one thing with another thing that has similar features, to the economic concept of a free market. The "marketplace of ideas" belief holds that the truth will emerge from the competition of ideas in free, transparent public discourse and dialogue. This concept is often applied to discussions of patent law as well as freedom of the press and the responsibilities of the media in a liberal democracy.

The paper expressed the critical consideration of the emerging constellations of power and interest that are poised to shape and constrain or hold back the public talk going forward.

Another presentation was as follows.

"The Role of Ethnic Media in Reforming Myanmar" was submitted by Soe Lynn Htwe, Research Fellow, Regional Centre for Social Science and Sustainable Development, Chiang Mai University, and freelancer based in Chiang Mai.

Summary of presentation: Myanmar is a country where Kachin, Kayinni, Kayin, Chin,

Mon, Rakhine, and Shan are main ethnic groups that have their own literature and language as well as culture. Between 1836 and 1846 first ethnic Kayin language newspapers were appeared.

In 1842 September, a monthly Sgaw Kayin language publication was established by the Baptist mission. However, after General Ne Win's Tatmadaw took power in 1962, all of the ethnic publications disappeared. In the 1990s, ethnic media bloomed again in exile. Since 2011, political reforms implemented by President U Thein Sein's civilian government have significantly become a focal point in international concerns.

In the new government's reform process, improvement of press freedoms is noticeable not only for mainstream media but also for many different exile and ethnic media organizations, who now have a chance to gain a foothold inside the country. The paper has explored the role of ethnic media in a reforming Myanmar. Proper media outlets for ethnic groups are necessary be-

cause media in any form is important for maintaining ethnic culture that can help each group to understand and explore their own culture.

The research paper included analysis of print and online media as well as ethnic radio and TV outlets of the smaller ethnic media such as "Kantayawaddy Times" (KT), which is operated by ethnic Kayinni journalists who were previously based in a refugee camp in Mae Hong Son, Thailand. Such cases were compared with larger ethnic media outlets such as the Kayin Information Centre (KIC), run by ethnic Kayin journalists based in Mae Sot.

The comparative study, through surface appearances or face value to deeper conceptualizations or to form a serious idea, would offer the attitude of ethnic minorities and their journals as well as a deeper understanding of the particular challenges facing ethnic media in reforming Myanmar, where the landscape of ethnic media has a different market, funding, and language.

*(See page 9)***GOLD PRICE, FE RATE (18-8-2014)****Yangon Gold Price**

Buying K672,800 per tical: Selling K673,600

Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K672,800 per tical: Selling K673,600

FE RATE

USD Buying K970 - Selling K974

SGD Buying K773 - Selling K781

Euro Buying K1290 - Selling K1305

OPINION

International Myanmar Studies...

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The next presentation was as follows.

“Media, Human Rights Discourse and Democratic Transition: What Myanmar Can Learn from Other Experiences” was presented by Lisa Brooten, PhD, Associate Professor, College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, USA.

Summary of presentation: The paper has featured an overview of lessons learned from media in transition, with a focus on the use of human rights discourse in transition periods and on those situations most useful to analyze in relation to the current transition period in Myanmar.

Much of the human right discourse was uncritical or not willing to criticize whether right or wrong. Furthermore, it was rather implicit or suggested without being directly expressed. It employs the dominant focus on individual and civil political rights, tacitly or indirectly diverting attention from calls from critical scholars to more fully respect social, economic and cultural rights. It was happening in the groups especially those of minority and otherwise marginalized groups.

In media and communications study, the tension was obvious in the focus on freedom of expression and freedom of the press. It was detriment or disadvantage in a broader understanding of communication rights, especially for those groups marginalized in mainstream media discourse.

This broader concept included the recognition of people’s right to access media as citizens rather than merely as passive recipients of media or most often from state-controlled or commercial media. It meant to move from an “information transmission” model to a “relational model” of media. The purpose of the “relational model” is to provide a declarative method for specifying data and queries. The users directly state what information the database contains and what information they want from it. The intention is to let the database management system software take care of describing data structures for storing the

data and retrieval procedures for answering queries.

The paper has provided a comparative overview of media reform efforts in transitional countries, in which calls for media democratization involve contextually and culturally specific visions for a broadened set of communication rights. The exploration of these efforts offers insights into the challenges and opportunities for promoting communication rights and other human rights in Myanmar and other non-western contexts.

The writer of this article has no intention to make assessment and observation on the presentations, but put forward the academic presentations held in Singapore to the esteemed readers.

There are some burning issues in the Myanmar media circle, which the writer would like to point out without any comments.

On 1 August 2014, U Ye Htut has been appointed as Union Minister of the Ministry of Information, in place of U Aung Kyi.

On the same day of 1 August, President U Thein Sein urged ministries and media to build relations based on ethics and mutual respect. He told the Myanmar Press Council (Interim) in Nay Pyi Taw that the government bodies and the media are required to build good relations on ethics and mutual respects. They exchanged views on cooperation between the administration branch and the media, strengthening the process of handling of the ethical problems by the Myanmar Interim Press Council, measures for effective release of information by government ministries, ways to solve ethical problems of journalists through the press council instead of legal action, holding workshop for building trust between government ministries and journalists.

The president admitted that there are weaknesses in releasing information of government ministries and promised to cooperate with the Interim Press Council.

The writer of this article is of the view that the problems cropped up mainly due to the weaknesses and delays in releasing adequate and firm information of the government agencies. As the government is endeavouring to establish e-government network system, the government departments starting from the ministries should expedite in updating the respective websites. When the relevant websites of the government departments are timely updated and functioning well, then the public including the media persons can have access to the information they wish to know.

It may need to mention that all the above information with regard to the summary of presentation of various papers were accessible from anywhere at the Websites of the National University Of Singapore.

Misunderstanding between the government bodies and the media could be reduced and gradually removed. The buzz word of the president that the government bodies and the media are required to build good relations on ethics and mutual respects is true and correct. This is the best possible way to address the issue.

With the long term perspective, when the departments dealing with the general public stepped ahead with the “online working procedure”, the chances of bribery and corruption could be reduced as

the “online” system could avoid malpractices.

A well-planned e-government strategy can make leap into building more efficient, accountable and transparent government. It can build citizens trust in government, promote economic growth by improving interface with business, and empower citizens to participate in advancing good governance.

The main intention and trust of the writer of this article is to convey some part of the topics spelt out at the “International Myanmar Studies Conference 2014: Singapore” to the esteemed readers. However, the recent change of Union Minister of the Ministry of Information and the meeting of the president with the Press Interim Council prompted the writer to add some perspective and viewpoint on the ways and means to build trust between the government bodies and the media, to avoid corruption and to lead the path to good governance.

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Kyi Mun

(Continued from yesterday)

The Meaning of Objective

Objective means :

- Something that you are trying to achieve
- Goal is its synonym
- It can be your Target

Some examples of Objectives

In Life :

- To follow a diet regime
- To follow an exercise program
- To get a Master’s degree in Business
- To go abroad next year
- To get married soon
- To learn car-driving
- To learn swimming
- To go in for a retreat in meditation

In Business :

- To attain a greater Market-share
- To achieve a better Industry-ranking
- To raise Productivity
- To lower Costs in distribution
- To pursue a broader Product Lines
- To build a strong Brand Name
- To become a better Innovator
- To pursue fast business Growth

In Finance :

- To achieve greater Revenue
- To achieve faster Earnings-growth
- To give higher Dividends/bonuses
- To achieve higher Profit margin
- To achieve higher ROI
- To achieve better/stronger Cash Flow
- To achieve a rising Company-Image

- To achieve a Blue-chip Business-firm

The Meaning of Strategy

The word STRATEGY comes from the Greek word STRATEGOS which means “The Art of The General”. In other words, strategy means out-generally the enemy general, or out-doing, out-performing the competitors.

In business parlance, strategy means :

- A Plan of Action
- A Winning Edge in Competition
- An Ability for Positioning as the Market Leader

In day-to-day world, Strategy is :

THE MEANS TO AN END
HOW TO GET WHAT YOU WANT
THE WAY TO THE GOLDEN CITY

In short, Strategy is the particular way of using and deploying the resources to the best advantage to achieve the set objective. The essence of strategy is :

- To Prevail
- To Dominate
- To Triumph
- To Win
- To Be Victorious
- To Emerge as the Victor in one’s MISSION.

The Meaning of Tactic

Tactic means : All the day-to-day activities carried out in support of the strategic performance directed at achieving the set objective. A simple example is :

- **Objective**..... To have lunch
- **Strategy** The Choice of the Restaurant
- **Tactic** The Choice of dishes in the menu.

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Illustration			
Mission :	General	Business	Religion
	To Enhance the 3-B’s (Beauty, Brain & Business)	To Establish Superior Brand Name	To get Enlightenment
	Objective:	To Increase Market-Share	To practice :
Strategy :	To Reduce Weight (5 lbs a month)	To Deliver Superior Customer Value	• Morality
	Diet & Exercise	To Provide Better Benefits	• Concentration
	* No Sweet No Snack No Supper (3-S Diet)	• Advantages	• Wisdom
Tactics :	* Aerobics or Aerobic Exercises	• Features	To have Insight into :
			• Impermanence
			• Imperfection
			• Impersonality
			To Immerse Oneself in :
			the Meditation of :
			The Four Foundations of Awareness

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Russia says agreement reached on aid to Ukraine but not on ceasefire



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov speaks during a news conference in Berlin on 18 Aug, 2014.

REUTERS

BERLIN, 18 Aug—Russia on Monday said all objections to it sending a humanitarian convoy to Ukraine had been resolved but said no progress had been made in Berlin talks toward a ceasefire between government and rebel forces in the east of the country.

Following the talks between Russia, Germany, France and Ukraine on Sunday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said “finally, all questions have been resolved ... related to the Russian initiative to send 300 trucks with humanitarian aid.”

“Everything has been agreed with Ukraine and the International Committee of the Red Cross,” he said at a news conference in Berlin.

Russia and Ukraine have been at loggerheads over a convoy of 280 Russian trucks carrying water, food and medicine.

It has been parked for days in Russia near the border amid objections from Kiev, which believes the convoy could be a Trojan Horse for Russia to get weapons to the rebels — a notion that Moscow has dismissed as absurd.

Lavrov described the situation in east Ukraine as a “humanitarian catastrophe” and said a ceasefire was needed as civilians had been under bombardment from the Ukrainian advance.

“We are not able to

report on positive results on reaching a ceasefire and on (a start to) the political process (to resolve the conflict),” he told journalists.

The four-month-old conflict in Ukraine’s Russian-speaking east has reached a critical phase, with Kiev and Western governments watching nervously to see if Russia will use troops massed along its border to intervene in support of the increasingly besieged pro-Russian rebels.

Russia has repeatedly said it has no plans to invade and Lavrov again denied Moscow is helping the rebels. He defended the military buildup on Russia’s border, saying: “We must be alert ... when several kilometers from our border a real war is underway.”

Reuters

Ukraine says its troops make breakthrough in rebel stronghold

KIEV / DONETSK, 18 Aug — Ukrainian forces have raised their national flag over a police station in the city of Luhansk that was for months under rebel control, Kiev said on Sunday, in what could be a breakthrough in Ukraine’s efforts to crush pro-Moscow separatists.

Ukrainian officials said, however, the rebels were fighting a desperate rearguard action to hold on to Luhansk — which is their supply route into neighbouring Russia — and that the flow of weapons and fighters from Russia had accelerated.

The foreign ministers of Ukraine, Russia, France and Germany held a meeting in Berlin on the crisis, with German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier saying afterwards they would report back to their leaders and possibly agree on Monday or Tuesday on how to continue talks. “The aim remains to bring about a ceasefire in Ukraine and to prevent future victims,” Steinmeier said.

“It was a difficult discussion but I believe and I hope that we made progress on some points,” he told reporters.

Russia denies helping the rebels and accuses



Ukrainian servicemen search for explosives with a sniffer dog around a checkpoint near the eastern Ukrainian town of Debaltseve on 16 Aug, 2014.—REUTERS

Kiev, backed by the West, of triggering a humanitarian crisis through indiscriminate use of force against Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine who reject the Ukrainian government’s rule.

Andriy Lysenko, a Ukrainian military spokesman, said government forces fought separatists in Luhansk on Saturday and took control of the Zhovtneviy neighbourhood police station.

“They raised the state flag over it,” Lysenko said.

Separatist officials in Luhansk could not be reached by telephone, and

a separatist spokeswoman in Donetsk, the other rebel strong-hold, said she had no information about Luhansk. A photograph posted on Twitter appeared to show a Ukrainian flag on the front of the police station, but it could not be independently verified.

If confirmed, the taking of the police station is significant because Luhansk has for several months been a rebel redoubt where Kiev’s writ has not run. Separatists still control sections of the border linking Luhansk region to Russia.

Ukrainian President

Petro Poroshenko announced another military success, saying his forces had recaptured a railway junction at Yasynuvata, north of Donetsk, which he said had “strategic significance”.

The four-month-old conflict in Ukraine’s Russian-speaking east has reached a critical phase, with Kiev and Western governments watching nervously to see if Russia will intervene in support of the increasingly besieged rebels. The rebels responded with defiant rhetoric and fighting.

Reuters

UNSG’s Message on World Humanitarian Day

19 August, 2014

On World Humanitarian Day, we renew our commitment to life-saving relief efforts, and we remember all those who died serving this noble cause.

Last year, more humanitarian workers were kidnapped, seriously injured or killed than ever before. This is an outrage.

In recent weeks, dozens of humanitarians, including members of the United Nations family, have lost their lives in South Sudan and Gaza. Too many people have died or suffered from deliberate attacks.

Humanitarian workers and their families are hit hardest by these crimes.

But, they are also felt by millions of others.

Attacks on humanitarian workers hinder the ability of people in desperate need to receive life-saving assistance.

Children go unvaccinated. Sick and wounded patients go untreated. Those forced from their homes are left without food, water or shelter, exposed to violence, disease or other threats.

On World Humanitarian Day, we honour the heroic aid workers who rush bravely to help people in need.

We remember their sacrifices, and we recognize the millions of people who count on humanitarian workers for their very survival.

Let us honour the fallen by protecting those who carry on their work and supporting humanitarian relief operations worldwide.

UNIC/Yangon

Kurds push to drive militants from Mosul Dam with US air support

DOHUK, 18 Aug — Kurdish fighters pushed to retake Iraq’s largest dam on Sunday in an attempt to reverse gains by Islamic State insurgents who have overrun much of the country’s north, officials said.

Islamic State militants have seized several towns and oilfields as well as Mosul Dam in recent weeks, possibly giving them the ability to flood cities or cut off water and electricity supplies.

Asked about a Kurdish push to dislodge the militants on Sunday, a Kurdish official said they had not retaken the dam itself but had seized “most of the surrounding area”.

Islamic State militants have told residents in the area to leave, according to an engineer who works at the site.

The engineer said the militants told him they were planting roadside bombs along roads leading in and out of the facility, possibly in fear of an attack by Kurdish fighters who have been bolstered by US airstrikes.

US planes — deployed over Iraq because of the Islamic State’s advances for the first time since the US troop withdrawal in 2011 — had been striking targets

near Mosul Dam over the last 24 hours, peshmerga spokesman Halgurd Hikmat said.

“God willing we will regain control of the dam today,” he said.

US officials said last week the US government was directly supplying weapons to Kurdish peshmerga fighters.

Witnesses said Kurdish forces have recaptured the mainly Christian towns of Batmaiya and Telsaq, 30 km (18 miles) from Mosul, the closest they have come to the city since Islamic State insurgents drove government forces out in June.

“An independent Kurdish state would ... create new tensions, possibly also with the states neighboring Iraq,” Steinmeier said in an interview with Germany’s Bild am Sonntag newspaper published on Sunday.

Proclaiming a caliphate straddling parts of Iraq and Syria, Islamic State militants have swept across northern Iraq, pushing back Kurdish regional forces and driving tens of thousands of Christians and members of the Yazidi religious minority from their homes.

Reuters

WORLD

National Guard called in after second night of chaos in Ferguson, Missouri

FERGUSON, (Missouri) 18 Aug — Missouri's governor said on Monday he would send the National Guard into the St Louis suburb of Ferguson to restore calm after authorities forcibly dispersed a crowd protesting last week's fatal shooting of an unarmed black teen by police.

Gov Jay Nixon signed an executive order deploying the US state militia, saying demonstrators had thrown Molotov cocktails and shot at police as well as a civilian, a description of the night's events diverging widely from some eyewitness accounts.

"Tonight, a day of hope, prayers, and peaceful protests was marred by the violent criminal acts of an organized and growing number of individuals, many from outside the community and state, whose actions are putting



Smoke trails tear gas canisters fired into the air after protests in reaction to the shooting of Michael Brown turned violent near Ferguson, Missouri on 17 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

the residents and businesses of Ferguson at risk," Nixon said in a statement on his website.

A midnight curfew was imposed for the second night in the tense St Louis suburb hit by racially charged demonstrations,

violence and looting since Michael Brown, 18, was shot to death on 9 August by white police officer Darren Wilson.

At around dusk on Sunday, hundreds of protesters in Ferguson including families with young

children fled to safety after police wearing gas masks and body armor fired tear gas and smoke canisters to scatter them hours ahead of the curfew.

"The smoke bombs were completely unprovoked," said Anthony Ellis,

45. "It (the protest) was led by kids on bikes. Next you know they're saying, 'Go home, Go home!'"

The Missouri Highway Patrol said "aggressors" were trying to infiltrate a law enforcement command post and that armored vehicles were deployed to ensure public safety.

"We ordered them back. We ordered them back again. After several attempts, we utilized the smoke to disperse these individuals," said Highway Patrol Corporal Justin Wheatley.

State Highway Patrol Captain Ron Johnson told a late night news briefing: "Molotov cocktails were thrown, there were shootings, looting, vandalism and other acts of violence that clearly appear not to have been spontaneous."

He was explaining the police tactics against what

he said had to that point been a peaceful demonstration. "Coordinated acts" by a few in the crowd were "premeditated criminal acts designed ... to provoke a response," Johnson said. "I had no alternative but to elevate the level of our response."

He noted most of the protesters were peaceful and blamed the trouble on "a few people bent on violence and destruction."

Johnson said the trouble began after police responded to the shooting of a civilian at 8.25 pm, which was followed by gunfire directed towards police and Molotov cocktails being thrown. At least one other person was shot, and several were arrested. No police were injured.

Officials said Ferguson schools would be closed on Monday.

Reuters

Hundreds protest police shooting of unarmed black man in California

LOS ANGELES, 18 Aug — About 500 people protested outside Los Angeles police headquarters on Sunday over the shooting death of an unarmed black man in California as disturbances continued in Missouri over the police killing of a black teenager there last week.

Ezell Ford, 25, was killed by police in Los Angeles on Monday, two days after 18-year-old Michael Brown was shot dead by a police officer in the St Louis suburb where he lived.

"He was a humble guy," said Ford's cousin, Ceebo Ship, 22.

Ship and other family members said Ford suffered from an unspecified mental

illness and was "slower than the rest of us," and a gentle person who loved basketball.

Ford's family said he was cooperating with officers and lying on the ground when shot. The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) said Ford had struggled with officers and was trying to grab one of their guns when he was shot.

The protesters on Sunday remained peaceful, many holding up signs that read, "Hands up, don't shoot," in reference to witness reports that Brown had his hands up when he was shot dead 9 August. Drivers honked their horns

as they went by.

Los Angeles police are investigating Ford's death, which took place during an investigative stop that led to a scuffle, a police spokeswoman said.

The LAPD said no officer was hurt in the incident, and Ford, who was identified by family members, died in a local hospital.

In Ferguson, Missouri, mostly peaceful protests deteriorated into chaos late Sunday as riot police fired smoke and tear gas canisters into the crowd, which included children. Police said molotov cocktails had been thrown at them.

Reuters



People protest the fatal police shooting of Ezell Ford in South Los Angeles, at a rally outside LAPD headquarters in Los Angeles, California on 17 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange says to leave London embassy 'soon'

LONDON, 18 Aug — WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who has spent over two years inside Ecuador's London embassy to avoid extradition to Sweden, said on Monday he planned to leave the building "soon", without giving further details.

Britain's Sky News, part owned by Rupert Murdoch's 21st Century Fox, had earlier reported that



Assange was considering leaving the embassy due to deteriorating health.

"I am leaving the embassy soon ... but perhaps not for the reasons that

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange gestures during a news conference at the Ecuadorian Embassy in central London on 18 Aug, 2014. —REUTERS

Murdoch press and Sky news are saying at the moment," he told reporters at the embassy in central London, before refusing to clarify his comments.

Asked about his health, Assange said anyone would be affected by spending two years in a building with no outside areas or direct sunlight, a complaint he has made several times before.—Reuters

Policeman killed in armed attack in northern Egypt

CAIRO, 18 Aug — A policeman was killed on early Monday by unknown militants in the Egyptian Delta Province of Gharbiya, official news agency MENA reported.

The attack happened when masked gunmen on a motorbike started to shoot randomly at policemen in a checkpoint at Santta district, 80 km north of the capital. Another policeman was wounded seriously, the

report added. Security forces have rushed to the scene and are combing the area to arrest the attackers.

Security forces in Egypt have been repeatedly under attack since the ouster of President Mohamed Morsi by the military and the security harsh crackdown on his supporters since last August, which left at least 1,000 killed and thousands arrested.

Xinhua

Tourists visit botanic house of Qingdao International Horticultural Exposition 2014 in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 18 Aug, 2014. Qingdao International Horticultural Exposition 2014 attracts more tourists as the peak tourist season of Qingdao comes.

XINHUA



China publishes official biography of Deng Xiaoping

BEIJING, 18 Aug — China has published the official biography and collected works of late leader Deng Xiaoping ahead of the 110th anniversary of his birth on Friday.

The Collected Works of Deng Xiaoping (1949-1974) presents Deng's thoughts on the development of the country and the Communist Party of China (CPC). The book was edited by the Party Literature Research Office of the CPC Central Committee and published by the People's Publishing House. The Biography of Deng Xiaoping (1904-1974) records his experience until 1974, when he served as vice premier after being purged for several years during the Cultural Revolution. It was written by the Party Literature Research Office of the CPC Central Committee and published by the Party literature publishing house.

Deng was born on 22 Aug, 1904 in southwest China's Sichuan Province. He was called "chief architect of China's reform and opening-up" for his painstaking efforts in leading the country's transformation drive starting in the 1970s. —Xinhua

Japan gov't starts drilling survey for US base relocation

NAHA, 18 Aug — Japan's Defence Ministry on Monday started a drilling survey in waters off the coast of Nago in Okinawa Prefecture at the planned relocation site for the US Marine Corps' Futenma airbase, a senior ministry official said. The ministry plans to conduct the drilling survey at 16 seabed sites off the coast through on 30 November with a jack-up barge that was readied Sunday, the official said, adding it would conduct a similar survey at five sites.

The ministry plans to inspect the strength and geological conditions of the seabed and the ground, the official said.

The ministry's Okinawa Defence Bureau said it started a similar drilling survey at the beach of the US Marines' Camp Schwab, which is situated near the relocation site.

Japan and the United States have agreed to relocate the Futenma base from a densely populated area of Ginowan to Nago's Henoko district.

But many in Okinawa remain opposed to the base transfer within Okinawa, calling for the Futenma base to be relocated outside the island prefecture.

Local residents who are opposed to the relocation plan were aboard boats, demanding the cancellation of the survey, but Japan Coast Guard patrol boats prevented them from approaching the drilling sites.

Among the opponents was Hiroaki Tanaka, a 29-year-old university student from the city of Ginowan, where the Futenma Air Station is located. "I want to get as close to the barge as possible and have the drilling survey suspended," he said. —Kyodo News

Unidentified war planes, explosions heard in Libyan capital

TRIPOLI, 18 Aug — Unidentified war planes flew over the Libyan capital Tripoli early on Monday and explosions could be heard, residents said.

A Libyan TV channel said planes targeted positions in Tripoli where militias have been fighting for control for over one month. None of the militias is believed to own war planes.

Government officials could not be reached for comment.

Tripoli residents said they could hear several explosions but said the cause was unclear. The city was quiet afterwards.

Militias from the city of Misrata and fighters allied to the western town of Zintan on Sunday again traded gunfire in parts of Tripoli, part of growing chaos in the

oil producing nation three years after the ousting of Muammar Gaddafi.

Three years since Gaddafi's rule ended, Libya's fragile efforts towards democracy are close to chaos. A month of fighting in Tripoli and Benghazi has further polarized the political factions and their militia allies. Libya's weak government has no functioning national army and almost no control over Tripoli, with most officials working from Tobruk in the far-east where the new parliament has set-up to escape the violence.

Most of the fighting has raged over the international airport in Tripoli, which fighters from Zintan have controlled since sweeping into the capital during the 2011 war. —Reuters

Cambodia, China to jointly establish technology transfer centre

PHNOM PENH, 18 Aug — Cambodia and China on Monday signed an agreement toward establishing a Cambodia-China Technology Transfer Centre, aiming to utilize science and technology for socio-economic development, officials said.

The deal was inked by Liu Jianhong, deputy director-general of Science and Technology Department of China's Guangxi Province and permanent deputy chief of China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Centre, Cao Yun De, president of Cambodia International Cooperation Organization, and Ting Siny, chairman of Cambodia-ASEAN committee on Science and Technology, under the presence of Cham Prasidh, Cambodian Minister of Industry and Handicraft.

Liu said the establishment of the Cambodia-China Technology Transfer Centre was made under the cooperation framework in science and technology between China and ASEAN.

"It is the first agreement that China signed with ASEAN member states since the establishment of the China-ASEAN Technology Transfer Centre in September, 2013," he said.

"It is a new chapter of cooperation in science and technology between China and Cambodia."

Cham Prasidh expressed his full support for the formation of the centre, saying that science and technology are the backbone of national development. —Xinhua

S Korea sets up task force on historical issues with Japan

SEOUL, 18 Aug — South Korea's foreign ministry has set up a task force to cope with common historical issues with Japan ahead of the bilateral general-level talks over the wartime sex slaves to be held later this month, local media reported on Monday. The three-member task force, which is under the ministry's Northeast Asian affairs bureau, will conduct in-depth and systematic research on Tokyo's wartime sexual enslavement of Korean women and will assist the existing office specially dealing with Japanese issues, Yonhap news agency quoted a ministry official as saying. Japan's relations

with South Korea are at one of the worst levels of the post-war era due to their territorial disputes and Japan's erroneous understanding of wartime history such as the "comfort women" and history textbook issues.

Yonhap analyzed that the ministry's new move was to enhance the level of previous office and entitle it new responsibilities considering the strained bilateral ties. South Korea's foreign ministry last Friday condemned Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe for sending an offering to the notorious Yasukuni Shrine, demanding Japanese politicians to confess their coun-

try's wartime crimes.

"Japanese politicians should be aware that only when they renounce historical revisionist moves and demonstrate genuine remorse through action, will the relations between South Korea and Japan move stably forward as wished by the peoples of the two countries," it said in a statement.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye on Friday also urged Japan to face up to the history, changing its erroneous stance on historical issues, especially on the sex slave issues, and showing its wisdom and determination for a new future with South Korea. —Xinhua



Rescuers work at the site of an explosion in Changzhi, north China's Shanxi Province on 17 Aug, 2014. Seven people died and four were injured after an explosion at an apartment in a residential compound in Changzhi City early on Sunday morning. —XINHUA

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More tourists rescued after boat sinking in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 Aug — Sailors rescued eight foreign holiday makers, four crew members and one tour guide around midnight on Sunday after a boat capsized in waters off the Lombok Island in central Indonesia on Saturday evening, an official said on Monday.

A total of 23 people have been rescued and two others still remain missing, Budiawan, coordinator of the searching mission, told *Xinhua* over phone.

"Search and rescue operation to find out two other tourists is underway now," he added.

The 13 people rescued on Sunday include four tourists from the Netherlands, two from Germany and two from Italy, said Ari Wiryawan, a rescuer in charge at the Search and Rescue Office on West Nusa Tenggara Province.—*Xinhua*

Weather report

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 19th August, 2014: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Invitation for Opened Tender (3/2014)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats and United States Dollars (CIF Yangon).

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Qty	Remark
(1)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/5 (2014-2015)	2,800. Gallons Bowser (Brand New)	10 Units	Kyats
(2)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/6 (2014-2015)	Flow Meter 100 IGPM (Positive Displacement Liquid controls, Branded)	10 Nos	Kyats
(3)	MPPE/LP/MCY/CAP/T/7 (2014-2015)	Air Conditioner	5 Sets	Kyats
(4)	MPPE/LP/TTS/T/2 (2014-2015)	Tyre with Tube and Flap	2 Items	Kyats
(5)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/3 (2014-2015)	300 IGPM Fuel Transfer Centrifugal Pump (Engine Driven)	2 Sets	USD
(6)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/4 (2014-2015)	Fire Fighting Angus Engine Driven Pump With Trailer	2 Sets	USD
(7)	MPPE/MCY/CAP/T/5 (2014-2015)	Inductor Mercedes Refueller Engine Assembly with Clutch and Gear Box Assembly	2 Sets	USD
(8)	MPPE/AV/T/1 (2014-2015)	Aviation Gasoline 100LL	480x200 Litre Drums	USD
(9)	MPPE/AV/LUB/T/1 (2014-2015)	Aviation Lubricating Oil & Grease	14 Items	USD
(10)	MPPE/MCY/T/2 (2014-2015)	Filter Elements	8 Items	USD

2. Tender Closing Date & Time- 18-9-2014, 12:00 Hrs.

3. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 19-8-2014 during office hours and for further detail please contact Phone: 067-411487.

Planning Department
Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise
Ministry of Energy, No(6) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw

Kim Kardashian criticized for daughter North West's fashion debut

LONDON , 18 Aug — North West, who is just 13-month-old made her modelling debut on the CR Fashion Book, wearing a Chanel brooch and bag along with her Lorraine Schwartz diamond studs in a black-and-white photo, reported the *Daily Star*.

Reality TV star Kim Kardashian has been slammed by people on social media for getting her daughter featured on a fashion magazine.

North West, who is just 13-month-old made her modelling debut on the CR Fashion Book, wearing a Chanel brooch and bag along with her Lorraine Schwartz diamond studs in a black-and-white photo, reported the *Daily Star*.

Fans took to Twitter to criticise the 33-year-old star for 'exploitation' and 'objectification' of North and called her a sad individual.

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TV star Kim Kardashian

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (17/2014)

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(2)	IFB-088(14-15)	Spare for Drilling Accessories (12)Items	US\$
(3)	IFB-089(14-15)	2 7/8" Drill Pipe Elevator (3) Nos	US\$
(4)	DMP/L-014(14-15)	Lifting Sling,Webbing Sling & Shackle (13)Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-015(14-15)	Air Hose Pipe (3) Items for ZJ50D Drilling Rig	Ks

Tender Closing Date & Time - 16-9-2014,16:30 Hr

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 18th August, 2014 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No(44)Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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Norway's Nico & Vinz hold onto top spot in British music charts



Norwegian double act Nico & Vinz

LONDON , 18 Aug — Norwegian double act Nico & Vinz held onto the top spot in Britain's music charts on Sunday for a second week with their single "Am I Wrong", the Official Charts Company said.

The success of the Oslo-based duo, Nico

Sereba and Vincent Dery, both former school teachers, mean they are the first Norwegian act to have a number one hit in Britain since A-ha's "The Sun always Shines on TV" nearly 29 years ago.

"Rude" by Magic! remained in second place, while American band OneRepublic stayed in third place with "Love Runs Out".

In the albums chart, Ed Sheeran's spell at the top continued for an eighth week as "X" continued to outsell its rivals, making it the longest running number one album of the year so far.

Dolly Parton fell one place to number three with "Blue Smoke - The Best Of", swapping places with Sam Smith whose track "In the Lonely Hour" moved up a slot into second place.— *Reuters*

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'Turtles' tops again, beats 'Guardians' at North American box office

LOS ANGELES / NEW YORK, 18 Aug — "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," last weekend's most popular film, collected ticket sales of \$28.4 million to top the US and Canadian box office rankings for a second consecutive week, beating "Guardians of the Galaxy" in a battle of superhero misfits.

"Guardians of the Galaxy," which has collected \$419 million worldwide since it opened on 1 August, had domestic ticket sales of \$24.7 million, according to estimates from tracking firm Rentrak.

"Let's Be Cops," an R-rated action comedy starring Jake Johnson and Daman Wayans Jr pretending to be Los Angeles police officers, collected \$17.7 million to open in third place, ahead of another newcomer, action film "The Expendables 3," which took in \$16.2 million and stars Sylvester



Cast members Megan Fox and Will Arnett pose at the premiere of "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" in Los Angeles, California on 3 Aug, 2014.— *REUTERS*

Stallone.

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," a reboot of the series that began in 1980s comic books, stars Megan Fox, Will Arnett and Whoopi Goldberg. Special effects-loving producer Michael Bay oversaw the film, which cost an estimated \$125 million to make.

The hit film added another \$25.6 million from international markets for a

global total of \$185 million, according to Paramount Pictures, the Viacom Inc unit that released it.

The "Turtles" movie features a fictional team of four anthropomorphic teenage turtles who were trained in martial arts. From their home in the storm sewers of New York City, they battle petty criminals and others to protect society.—*Reuters*

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The Breaved family regrets the inability to thank every one individually.

Bereaved Family

Robin Williams' memorial service will be small and intimate

LOS ANGELES, 18 Aug — Almost a week after his tragic death, Robin Williams' family and friends are gathering in the San Francisco Bay Area to honour the actor.

Mr Williams tragically committed suicide on 11 August at the age of 63. Close members of the actor's family have arrived in California for a private memorial service planned by his wife, Susan Schneider, 50, reported E! online.

"Robin's memorial service will likely be small because both Robin and Susan were very private people," a source said.

The actor has three

children from previous marriages — Zak, Zelda and Cody. His youngest, Cody, flew from New York City to the Bay Area on 13 August.

"Most likely the funeral will take place in San Francisco. There may also be a memorial for him down in Los Angeles, but services are likely to be held in San Francisco.

His family lives there, and he was a real leader in the community and extremely charitable to different organizations in the area as well. "It is only fitting he would be buried or spread somewhere in the Bay (area)," the source added.—PTI



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* Paritta by Venerable Mingun Sayadaw

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* News/Weather Report

7:20 am

* People Talk

8:30 am

* TV Drama Series

9:00 am

* News/International News

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* Business News

10:00 am

* News

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* Tamyethnar Takwetsar

12:25 pm

* Myanmar Video

1:50 pm

* Talk on Old Film

2:40 pm

* Traditional Boxing

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* News

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* Teleplay

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* University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Second Year (English)

5:00 pm

* News

5:30 pm

* TV Drama Series

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* Kyae Pwint Myaye Yin Khone Than

7:20 pm

* TV Drama Series

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* News/International News/Weather Report

8:35 pm

* Current Affairs

9:00 pm

* News

9:30 pm

* Mono Classical Songs

* Teleplay

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* World News
* Myanmar Social & Charitable Association (Episode-3) (Part-2)

* Local News
* Martial Art: Super Traditional Fencing Form (Episode-3)

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* World News
* Human Right Human Dignity Film Festival

* Forgive Sky

Mr Williams tragically committed suicide on 11 August at the age of 63. — PTI

CITY AND LIVERPOOL

start new campaign with wins

LONDON, 18 Aug — One moment of attacking brilliance and a late Sergio Aguero strike gave Premier League holders Manchester City a winning start to their title defence as they eased past Newcastle United 2-0 away on Sunday.

Ivorian powerhouse Yaya Toure and Edin Dzeko combined to set up Spaniard David Silva before halftime while Argentine Aguero added a second just before the final whistle.

While the performance was far from vintage, City manager Manuel Pellegrini will be pleased with the three points after last week's 3-0 Community Shield loss to Arsenal indicated his side may have some early season rust.

Earlier, last season's runners-up Liverpool beat a stubborn Southampton 2-1, goals from Raheem Sterling and Daniel Sturridge either side of Nathaniel Clyne's thunderbolt ensuring the post-Luis Suarez era at Anfield got off to a positive start.

On Saturday Manchester United began life under Louis van Gaal with a disappointing 2-1 home defeat by Swansea City, while Arsenal needed a stoppage-time Aaron Ramsey goal to beat Crystal Palace



Manchester City's Sergio Aguero celebrates after scoring a goal against Newcastle United during their English Premier League soccer match at St James' Park in Newcastle upon Tyne, northern England on 17 Aug, 2014.— REUTERS

2-1. Tottenham Hotspur, Hull City and Aston Villa were other opening-week-end winners, while Chelsea play at promoted Burnley on Monday.

City Dominate

The match at St James' Park was preceded by a minute's silence for John

Alder and Liam Sweeney, the two Newcastle fans killed in the Malaysia Airlines crash in eastern Ukraine last month. After kickoff City quickly began to dominate, with Tim Krul denying Dzeko, Stevan Jovetic and Samir Nasri within the first 12 minutes.

City's wealth of attacking options came to the fore on 38 minutes, Toure playing a ball over the top from deep, Dzeko playing a lovely backheel into the path of Silva who placed the ball past Krul.

The hosts offered plenty of industry after the

break, in marked contrast to some insipid performances last season, but they generally lacked the cutting edge required to seriously threaten, other than late chances to Ayoze Perez and Moussa Sissoko. Aguero, who missed much of last season through injury, added some

late gloss to the scoreline, beating Krul after his initial effort was parried.

"It was very important for us to start with a win," Pellegrini told Sky Sports. "We talked to the squad about the 'two hs' — we were hungry and humble."

"We need both if we want to continue winning titles and improve on what we did last season. We didn't have any clean sheets in pre-season but we were very solid in this game."

Lovren Starts

Three players traded the south coast for Merseyside in the off-season but only Dejan Lovren started at Anfield, with striker Rickie Lambert on the bench and midfielder Adam Lallana injured.

Clear chances were in short supply for both sides until Jordan Henderson won the ball inside his own half on 23 minutes.

He split the Southampton defence with an incisive pass, allowing 19-year-old Sterling to calmly shoot past Southampton's new goalkeeper Fraser Forster.

Liverpool earned plenty of plaudits for the way they tore teams apart last term, but after going a goal up they allowed Southampton to gain a foothold.

Reuters

Barca coach won't rule out further signings

MADRID, 18 Aug — FC Barcelona coach Luis Enrique has refused to rule out the possibility of his side making further signings before the end of August.

It has been a bust summer in the offices of the Camp Nou Stadium with the arrival of two goalkeepers Ter Stegen and Claudio Bravo, defenders, Jeremy Mathieu and Thomas Vermaelen, midfielder Ivan Rakitic and Luis Suarez to bolster the squad, but with the BBVA Primera Liga due to kick off in a week, the former player and B-team boss says more new faces could arrive.

"I am not saying that the squad is closed," said the Barca coach ahead of Monday's traditional 'Joan Gamper' presentation game.

"The club has to always be thinking about the possibility of re-

inforcements in all of the markets in order to be stronger," he added.

The coach also referred to the decision by the Court of Arbitration in Sport last Thursday to maintain Suarez's four month suspension for biting Italy defender, Giorgio Chiellini in the World Cup, but to allow him to at least train with his companions.

It won't be a problem for us as the squad is sufficiently solid to be able to face up to the start of the campaign with those who are available. He is a great player is what we were looking for and on Monday he will be able to play so the fans can see him," said Luis Enrique, who added that Neymar and Xavi Hernandez could also appear, while Leo Messi will be allowed a free role.

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