

## President U Thein Sein's radio message on air

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—A radio message to be delivered by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will be broadcast through radio programmes on 9 and 10 July, 2015.

Myanmar Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan, Thazin Radio and Yangon City FM will broadcast the message at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm and 8 pm respectively.—MNA

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# Thilawa SEZ wharf project targets 2017 completion

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 8 July — A US \$200 million wharf construction project is under way at the Thilawa port area, the Myanma Port Authority said Wednesday.

The wharf supporting the Thilawa Special Zone is scheduled for completion in 2017, an MPA official said.

Work on the project, backed by a \$209 million Official Development Assistance loan from Japan, began last month, the official said.

Meanwhile, Sein Kaug Yadanar Trading, which won a tender to upgrade Sule Jetty Nos. 1-4 through the joint venture system, is seeking permission from the Myanmar Investment Commission to sign an agreement with the Port Authority.

New Downtown Development Public Ltd is also waiting for MIC approval on a deal with the MPA after winning a build-operate-transfer tender to upgrade the Nanthida pier and docks for the Pan-



A cargo vessel in the Yangon River on its way to the Yangon Port.—PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

sodan-Dala ferry.

The MPA said an electronic data interchange project to modernize the port is also in the pipeline, with grant aid of US \$14.27 mil-

lion from Japan.

Currently, a total of 32 berths — 23 in the Yangon Port area and nine in the Thilawa Port area — handle more than 80 percent

of Myanmar's shipping while the remaining 20 percent are owned by the state, according to the MPA.

Eighty percent of the berths are privately owned, GNLM

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## UEC allows election candidates to begin campaigning

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July— The Union Election Commission announced Wednesday that cabinet members and deputy ministers could begin campaigning for the 8 November general election.

The UEC also granted electioneering permission to the Chief

Justice of the Union, the Judge of the Supreme Court of the Union, the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union's chairman and members, the Attorney General of the Union, the Deputy Attorney General, the Auditor General of the Union and the Deputy Auditor General, as well as the Union Civil Service

Board's chairman and members.

The UEC said it will issue announcement regarding campaign rallies after approving the Hluttaw candidates.

The UEC announced the same day that the election would be held on 8 November.

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## UEC announces Nov. 8 general election date

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — The 2015 Myanmar general election will take place on November 8, the Union Election Commis-

sion announced Wednesday.

The announcement signed by the UEC chairman said all seats in parlia-

ment will be contested in line with Article 34 (C) and bylaw 16 (a) of the electoral law for the respective Hluttaws.—MNA

## UEC instructs parties to submit election candidate lists

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July— The Union Election Commission called on political parties Wednesday to submit their lists of parliamentary candidates for the upcoming

general election.

In an announcement dated 8 July, the UEC said the lists of candidates are to be submitted from 20 July to 8 August, and can be withdrawn until 11 August.

The electoral body will scrutinize the lists from 12 to 21 August. The 2015 general election is scheduled to be held on 8 November.

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## Parliament approves amendment to Schedules 2 and 5 of Section 436(b)

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — Parliamentary approval was sought by secret ballot at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Wednesday in connection with the constitution amendment bill of Section 436(b), of which amendment to chapters, sections and sub-sections did not win the support of over 75 percent of the vote of the representatives but Schedules 2 and 5 were approved with over 75 percent of the vote.

U Khin Maung Nyo of Loikaw constituency urged the parliament and the central government to continue to use the existing retirement system, which allows civil servants to retire on the

day they turn 60.

He added that changes to the retirement system are against the will of the people and that the plan to extend the retirement age will involve taking into consideration the population growth, the life expectancy of the people, literacy rate, the population of able workers, unemployment rate, economic aspects, GDP rate and healthcare. According to him, eight of 10 ASEAN countries regard the age of 60 years as retirement age.

Myanmar has a life expectancy of 66 years in average, with 64 years for men and 68 for women, he added.—MNA



MPs voting at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on Wednesday session.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

## NGOs seek support for needy monastic school students

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 8 July — The Myanmar Child Rights Development Network is holding a donation drive on 18 July in support of students from non-formal education schools, the NGO coalition's project director said Wednesday.

"The main aims of the donation drive are to fulfil basic needs of those students, as well as to promote public participation in philanthropic activities," U Arkar Soe Naung told The Global New Light of Myanmar in an interview.

With contributions of cash and supplies from well-wishers, the donation drive is expected to aid around 3,500 students who cannot go to government schools, he added.

This is the second time the MCRDN has run a donation drive for such students. Last year, the network donated over K6 mil-

lion, hundreds of exercise books and 250 bags of rice. The network hopes to increase its annual donations each year.

Despite increased financial support from the government this year, monastic education schools need support from donors, Sayadaw U Neminda, of Magadhi Thazi Monastic

Primary School, said.

According to government figures, more than 65,000 students are attending Yangon's 216 monastic education schools in the current academic year.

The MCRDN was formed in 2012 by 12 non-government organizations. It campaigns for chil-

dren's rights and organizes programmes aimed at helping young people achieve their potential.

The network invites both local and foreign well-wishers to pledge support and can be contacted on 09 4500 58 300, 09 73210272 and 09 5059162.

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## KOTRA to implement MYANTRA Project

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July — Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received a delegation led by Professor Mr. Sungpil Um of KOTRA Global Academy of the Republic of Korea at the ministry, here, on Tuesday. They discussed

MYANTRA project to be implemented by KOTRA to promote Myanmar and Korean bilateral trade, and national export strategy.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister Dr Pwint Hsan and officials.—MNA



## Construction of Yangon metrological radar station one-third complete

By Ko Moe

YANGON, 8 July — Construction of a metrological radar station in Yangon is now one-third complete, an official involved with the project said Wednesday.

The octagonal station, which will eventually stand over 75 metres tall, is located on Kaba Aye Pagoda road.

Senior project engineer U San Hlaing said, "Construction has been completed up to the sixth floor and the steel structures are being installed at the seventh floor."

The station is one of three under construction with US \$38.7 million in funding from the Japan International Cooperation Agency. The other two stations, in Kyaukp-yu, Rakhine State, and in Mandalay are expected to be completed in 2016 and 2017, respectively.—GNLM

Metrological radar station is under construction on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yangon.—PHOTO: TUN AUNG KYAW

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### Arkha National Development Party allowed to register as political party

The Union Election Commission announced that Arkha National Development Party headquartered at No 3/10 on 3<sup>rd</sup> street in Mekhong Ward, Tachileik Township, Shan State, has been allowed to register as a political party as of 8 July 2015 in line with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The party's registration number is 93.

By order,

(Tin Tun)

Secretary

Union Election Commission

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# Co-op ministry provides rural development loans in Shan State

LASHIO, 8 July— The Ministry of Cooperatives disbursed loans to its members Wednesday in Shan State under the rural development programme.

At the Lashio Central Hall in the state's north, Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Union Minister for Cooperatives U Kyaw Hsan, and Shan State Chief Minister U Sao Aung Myat met representatives of the cooperatives from the districts of Taunggyi, Loilem, Langkho, Kengtung, Tachilek, Lashio, Hopang,

Muse, Kyaukme and Monghsat.

The ministry disbursed rural and community development loans worth K13,238.861 million and K7,238.3003 million worth of agricultural machinery to 1,708 cooperatives in 40 townships of Shan State.

At the event, Dr Sai Mauk Kham urged the cooperative members to use the loans effectively for community development and poverty reduction schemes.

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham views sewing machines purchased by cooperative members.—MNA

# Commander-in-Chief honours outstanding students



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for documentary photo together with outstanding students.—MYAWADY

national educational contests.

The honouring ceremony was held at Zeyathiri Beikman here, and senior military officers gave awards to the students.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said Tatmadaw is taking part in education development programmes of the country, with military members are allowed to complete their basic education at the schools of Defence Services.

The ceremony was also attended by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Wai Lwin, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Hla Htay Win, senior military personnel and their wives.—Myawady

# Low pressure persists over Bay of Bengal

YANGON, 8 July — A low-pressure zone is persisting over the Northwest Bay of Bengal, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology said Wednesday.

The observation at 6.30 pm MST also predicted occasional squalls with rough seas offshore and along Myanmar's coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 miles per hour due to the low pressure.

The forecast of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department also stated that strong monsoon conditions are present in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Regionally heavy rain is expected Thursday over Rakhine State, while isolated heavy rain is forecast over Magway Region, as well as Chin and Mon states, due to the low pressure, with 100 percent degree of certainty.

The government weather bureau forecast for Thursday predicts rain will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayah states, and widespread in the remaining regions and states.

The weather bureau has warned fishing boats to stay alert to strong monsoon conditions and strong winds.

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 July— outstanding students in matriculation exams of 2014-2015 academic year and those who won prizes in local and inter-  
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on Wednesday honoured

# Six-storey main building under construction at MIIT

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July— Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo inspected progress of a six-storey main building of Myanmar Institute of Information Technology-MIIT on 73rd Street in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay, recently.

During the inspection

tour, the union minister said that the government builds the university with machinery assistance from Indian government.

The institute will admit 200 trainees per year for the five-year course. In the first-five year period, faculty members from India will teach Myanmar students, he said.

The union minister urged officials to admit students as of this academic year.

He also inspected construction of two lecture halls at Technological University (Yadanabon Cyber City) and visited lecture halls, research rooms and workshops.

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# Temple excavation unearths ancient tablets



THATON, 8 July — Nearly 200 ancient votive tablets were unearthed recently at the temple of Abbot Shweminwun, founder of the Hngettwin Sangha sect, in Thaton Township of southern Myanmar's Mon State. The temple, which is more than a century old, is in the pre-



cinct of the Satubonmika Maha Thapatipahatan monastery. Abbot Ashin Tikkañana of the monastery said, "On 15 June, we found 93 ancient votive tablets and 83 pieces of tablets which may have been made before the Bagan Era between the 5<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries." Mon State Minister for Planning and Economy Dr Min Nwe Soe said expert help would be sought to analyze and decipher the tablets. Abbot Ashin Tikkañana said the votive tablets, which demonstrate a variety of hand postures, would be kept at the temple as museum pieces. *Thet Oo (Thaton)*

## MRCCI talks business ties with China's Guangxi Province

MANDALAY, 8 July — The Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry recently received a delegation from China's Guangxi Province for talks on economic cooperation and investment opportunities.

Deputy Director-General Mr Chen Xufeng and party of the Guangxi Province International Relations Department called on MRCCI Chairman U Aung Than, Vice Chair-



man U Kyaw Min and officials at Yadanabon Super Centre in Chanayethazan Township on 7 July. *Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)*

## Thandaunggyi hill station to undergo B&B makeover

THANDAUNGGYI, 8 July — Visitors may soon be able to stay in bed and breakfast accommodation at Thandaunggyi hill station in southern Myanmar's Kayin State, under a plan by the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and the

state government. By turning the former British hill station into a B&B, the tourism authorities hope to boost visitor numbers to the area and create local jobs. Kayin State Minister for Planning and Economy U Naing Min

Soe Thein, Deputy Director-General U Htay Win of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and officials recently held a meeting to implement the plan and inspected buildings to be used for accommodation. *Saw Min Thar (IPRD)*



## Mongyawng Township DAC receives garbage van

MONGYAWNG, 8 July — The Shan State government recently presented a garbage van to Mongyawng Township Development Affairs Committee in front

of Township General Administration Department.

Township Management Committee Chairman U Min Naing Aung explained the aim of pro-

viding a garbage van to the committee and handed over documents related to the vehicle to Township DAC U Tun Nyo and officials.

The ceremony was also attended by departmental officials and village and ward administrators.—*Township IPRD*

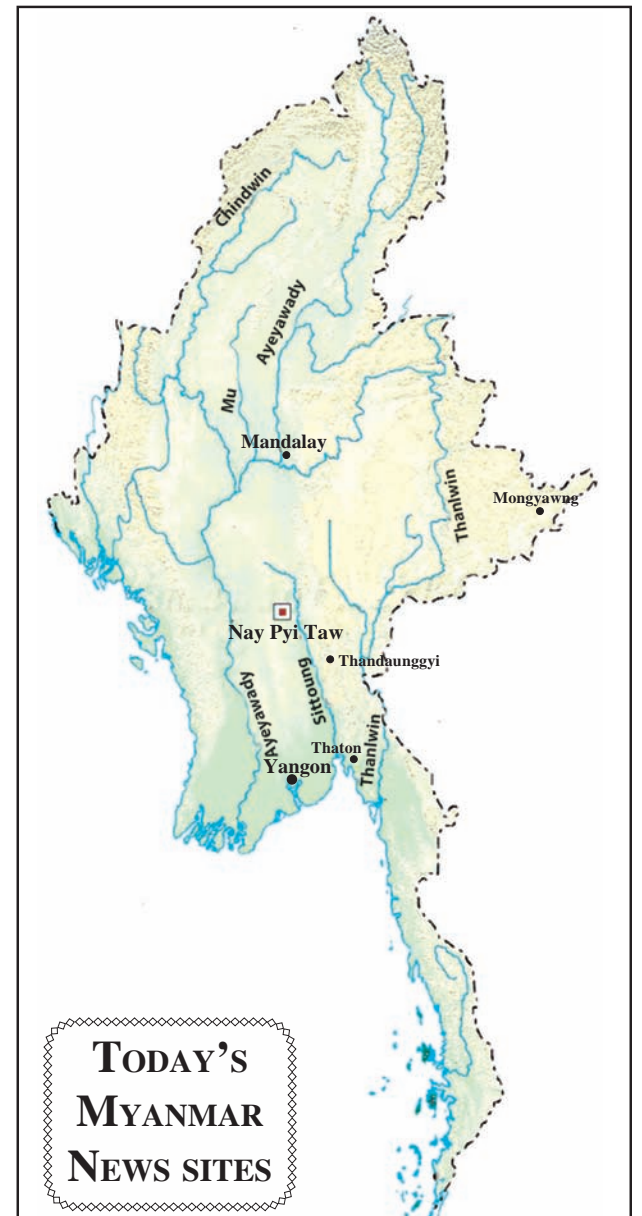
## 3 Wundwin Tsp villages get cash assistance for libraries

MANDALAY, 8 July — The Myanmar Libraries Foundation presented K1 million each to three villages in Wundwin Township at a ceremony at the office of the Mandalay Region Information and Public Relations Department recently.

Head of the region department U Kyaw Than Tun urged officials to build high-standard libraries.

The head of Wundwin Township IPRD and libraries submitted reports on plans to build the libraries in Kyaunggon, Hsinthaykwe and Pulawa villages.

So far this fiscal year, the foundation has given K1 million each to Hsedaw village in Patheingyi Township, Buyon village in Thazi Township, Nanti village in Taungtha Township, Hsintaingkan village in Kyaukpadaung Township and Kyetseint village in Singaing Township. *Tun Tun Naing (Kyaukse)*



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## DNA queried as Myanmar men go on trial for murder of UK tourists



Myanmar migrant workers Zaw Lin (R) and Win Zaw Htun (L) arrive at the Koh Samui Provincial Court, in Koh Samui, Thailand on 8 July, 2015.—Reuters

KOH SAMUI, (Thailand), 8 July — Two Myanmar men accused of murdering two British holidaymakers in Thailand went on trial on Wednesday in a case that caused outrage in Britain and raised questions about the competence of the Thai police and the treatment of migrant labourers.

British tourists David Miller, 24, and Hannah Witheridge, 23, were murdered last year on Koh Tao, or Turtle Island, a popular tourist destination in southern Thailand.

Thai police said in October that Zaw Lin and Win Zaw Htun, two 22-year-old migrant workers from Myanmar, had initially confessed to the killings. The confessions followed

weeks of speculation and pressure on police to solve the murders.

The pair, who deny charges of murder, rape and robbery, could face the death penalty if found guilty. Police said DNA found on the victims matched the suspects but the two men later retracted their confessions, saying they had made them while being tortured.

Defence lawyers said there appeared to be discrepancies between DNA evidence held by Thai police and DNA tested by British police. A judge will decide on Thursday whether the defence can independently test the evidence, one lawyer told *Reuters*.

British police joined

the investigation after Prime Minister David Cameron raised concerns with Thai counterpart Prayuth Chan-ocha.

Rights groups say the trial is a test case for Thailand's treatment of the 2.5 million migrant labourers, many from poor neighbouring countries, on which it relies.

Others fear the pair are being used as scapegoats and will not receive a fair trial in a country where the poor and disenfranchised are rarely afforded justice.

Witheridge was found raped and beaten to death on a beach in the early hours of 15 September, while Miller was beaten about the head and left to drown, post-mortem exam-

inations showed.

The first witness called by the prosecution was Police Lieutenant Jakkapan Kaewkao who said Miller and Witheridge were found 12 metres apart on the beach and described injuries on their bodies.

Cross-examination centred on why police were slow to seal off the scene, why Miller's body was moved before medics or a forensics team had arrived, why a doctor was not called until late and whether police on Koh Tao knew how to test DNA.

Jakkapan said he moved Miller's body away from the water do it wouldn't be washed away.

The victims' families have travelled to Koh Samui, a nearby island where the trial is being held, and said they hoped to gain a better understanding of how the pair died "in such idyllic surroundings in such a horrible way".

The killings hurt Thailand's image as a tourist haven when the sector was struggling to recover after months of political unrest in 2014 kept some tourists away.

Many migrants take jobs Thais don't want in labour-intensive industries like agriculture, construction, and fishing. Others work as domestic helpers or cleaners in restaurants and hotels.

A verdict is expected in October.—*Reuters*

## Malaysia A-G says documents in 1MDB scandal were already subject to probe

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 July — Malaysia's attorney-general said on Wednesday that the documents disclosed in a *Wall Street Journal* story that said investigators had traced nearly \$700 million into the bank account of Prime Minister Najib Razak were already the subject matter of an investigation.

Abdul Gani Patail also said in a statement that a freeze order issued on bank accounts on 6 July did not involve any bank accounts allegedly held by Prime Minister Najib Razak. "A further concern was that the documents were allegedly leaked from within the investigation itself," he said, adding that he won't hesitate to prosecute any persons found to have leaked the documents.

*The Wall Street Journal* reported last week that investigators probing 1MDB had traced money from the debt-laden fund to Najib's personal account.

On Tuesday, the *Journal* released what it said were government documents from the probe of the prime minister, detailing a money trail that it said led to his personal bank account. *Reuters* could not independently verify these documents. Najib has denied taking any money from 1MDB or any other entity for personal gain, and is considering legal action.—*Reuters*

### Singapore central bank in touch with banks on Malaysia's 1MDB-Najib probe

SINGAPORE, 8 July — Singapore's central bank says it is in contact with financial institutions in relation to Malaysia's probe into allegations hundreds of millions of dollars had been transferred to an account of Prime Minister Najib Razak. *The Wall Street Journal* reported last week that investigators looking into state-owned fund 1MDB had traced nearly \$700 million of money that came from an account at Falcon Private Bank in Singapore into accounts in Malaysia they believed belonged to the prime minister.

Najib has denied taking any money from 1MDB or any other entity for personal gain and is considering legal action. Falcon Private Bank, a Swiss private bank owned by Abu Dhabi sovereign wealth fund International Petroleum Investment Company, said it is already in contact with the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) and will be fully transparent with the authorities.

"Due to the bank client confidentiality, we are not allowed to make any comments on this case," bank spokesman Gianmarco Timpanaro in an email.

On Tuesday a task force investigating Malaysia's troubled state investment fund 1MDB said it had frozen half a dozen bank accounts following the *WSJ's* report.

MAS said on Wednesday that it will provide assistance to Malaysia and share information where it is legally able to. "In this connection, MAS has been in close contact with the relevant financial institutions," a MAS spokeswoman wrote in an email. MAS did not name any banks, but its statement suggested its enquiries have expanded beyond the previous assistance it has provided for Malaysia's probe into 1MDB. 1MDB, a property-to-energy group whose advisory board is chaired by Najib, is facing criticism over its debt of nearly 42 billion ringgit (\$11.04 billion) and alleged financial mismanagement.—*Reuters*

## Cambodian parliament consults with stakeholders on NGO draft bill

PHNOM PENH, 8 July — The National Assembly of Cambodia on Wednesday held a public consultation on a controversial draft law on Non-Governmental Organizations and Associations ahead of an imminent vote.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the forum, which joined by some 700 NGO representatives, foreign diplomats and development partners, National Assembly's President Heng Samrin said the draft legisla-

tion would enhance the freedoms of NGOs and heighten the cooperation between NGOs and the government in the framework of the rule of law.

"So far, there are more than 5,000 NGOs and asso-

ciations operating in Cambodia and actively assisting the government in social development, but the country has not yet had a law governing NGOs and associations," he said.

*Xinhua*

## Court begins hearing Philippines, China dispute over South China Sea

AMSTERDAM, 8 July — The Philippines argued at a closed hearing on Tuesday that an international court should intervene in its dispute with China over the right to exploit natural resources and fish in the South China Sea.

Although China has declined to participate, the case at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague is being closely watched by Asian governments and Washington, given rising regional tensions as Chinese naval power grows. A panel

of five judges will hear arguments this week and decide whether the treaty-based court has jurisdiction.

Manila filed suit at the court in 2013, seeking to enforce its right to exploit waters in a 200-nautical mile "exclusive economic zone" off its coast, as defined under the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Philippines argues that the arbitration court is the correct venue for resolving disputes covered by the treaty, which both countries have signed.

"The Philippines be-

lieves the court has jurisdiction over all the claims it has made," said lawyer Paul Reichler, representing the Philippines.

He said he was confident the court would ultimately rule in the Philippines' favour. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said China did not accept the court's jurisdiction and would not participate.

"China opposes any form of arbitration process proposed and promoted by the Philippines," Hua told a

daily news briefing in Beijing on Tuesday.

In a position paper in December, China argued the dispute was not covered by the treaty because it was ultimately a matter of sovereignty, not exploitation rights. China claims most of the South China Sea. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei claim overlapping parts of the strategic waterway.

While the hearings are closed to the public, the court said in a statement it had allowed small delegations

from Vietnam, Malaysia, Japan, Indonesia and Thailand to observe proceedings after getting requests from those countries. After the Philippines, the country most at odds with Beijing over the South China Sea is Vietnam. Japan is also involved in a bitter dispute with China over uninhabited islands in the East China Sea.

Manila says China is unfairly preventing it from accessing reefs and shoals that are under its dominion in the South China Sea.

Reichler said the case

could continue even if China declined to participate. The court's rulings are binding, although it has no power to enforce them and countries have ignored them in the past. Reichler declined to discuss the details of the Philippines' arguments on Tuesday. Court legal counsel Judith Levine said the court would not comment on the proceedings.

Reichler said he expected a decision on jurisdiction within 90 days. A ruling on the merits of the case could take years.—*Reuters*

## Iran nuclear talks extended, source says 48 hours left for deal

VIENNA, 8 July — Iran and major powers gave themselves at least until Friday to negotiate an agreement on the Iranian nuclear programme, but a source from one of the powers said on Tuesday they had to wrap up in the next 48 hours.

“We are continuing to negotiate for the next couple of days,” EU foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini said outside the hotel where the marathon talks between Iran, Britain, China, France, Germany, Russia and the United States are taking place. The spokeswoman for the US delegation, Marie Harf, said the terms of an interim deal between Iran and the six would be extended through Friday to give negotiators a few more days to finish their work.

The negotiators had set Tuesday as a deadline when it became clear last week that a 30 June deadline would not be met. But despite a push in the past few days they made clear again that they still needed more time.

“We’re frankly more concerned about the quality of the deal than we are about the clock, though we also know that difficult decisions won’t get any easier with time,” Harf said.

There was disagreement about whether the talks



European Union foreign policy chief Federica Mogherini talks to journalists outside Palais Coburg, the venue for nuclear talks in Vienna, Austria on 7 July, 2015.—REUTERS

were in effect open-ended. US officials hoped to wrap them up in time for a 4 am GMT Friday (midnight EDT Thursday) deadline to secure an expedited review by the US Congress, but it was unclear if that was possible. “No deadline is sacrosanct for us,” senior Iranian negotiator Abbas Araqchi told reporters. “We are ready to stay in Vienna and continue talks as long as it is necessary.”

Western diplomats said they had not yet given up hope of making the deadline for the US congressional review. The source from one power, however, said there would be a time limit.

“We’ve come to the

end,” said the source, on condition of anonymity. “We have just made one, final extension. It is hard to see how or why we would go beyond this. Either it happens in the next 48 hours, or not.”

Diplomats said a discussion on Monday night between Iran and the major powers became testy over the issue of UN sanctions, which Iran wants scrapped as part of a deal to curb its nuclear programme.

“There was no slamming of doors but it was a very heated exchange of views,” a senior Western diplomat told reporters.

The comprehensive deal under discussion is

aimed at curbing Teheran’s most sensitive nuclear work for a decade or more, in exchange for relief from economic sanctions that have slashed Iran’s oil exports and crippled its economy.

The United States and its allies fear Iran is using its civilian nuclear programme as a cover to develop a nuclear weapons capability. Iran says its programme is peaceful. An agreement would be the most important milestone in decades towards easing hostility between the United States and Iran, enemies since Iranian revolutionaries captured 52 hostages in the US embassy in Teheran in 1979.

It would be an impor-

tant achievement for US President Barack Obama and Iran’s pragmatist president, Hassan Rouhani, but both leaders face scepticism from hardliners at home.

It is the fourth time the parties have extended the interim deal struck in November 2013 that gave Iran limited sanctions relief in return for its restricting its nuclear programme, including halting production of 20 percent enriched uranium.

The latest extension to Friday left open the possibility an agreement would not arrive in time for the deadline to allow an expedited, 30-day review of a deal by the US Congress.

If a deal is sent to Congress between 10 July and 7 September, Congress will have up to 60 days to review it. US officials fear that could provide more time for any deal to unravel or for pressure groups to influence US lawmakers to oppose any pact.

In Washington, several members of Congress said they did not want negotiators to rush. “I again urge negotiators to hold firm, take their time and be prepared to step back from the table,” said Republican US Senator Bob Corker, author of the law requiring the congressional review.

Among the sticking points, officials said, are

Iranian demands for a UN arms embargo and ballistic missiles sanctions to be lifted, the timing of US and EU sanctions relief, and future Iranian nuclear research and development.

A senior US official said UN restrictions would remain on Iran’s trade in arms and its access to missile technology, but left open the possibility that these might be less onerous than they are at present.

UN restrictions on the development of Iran’s missile programme date to 2006. They call for Iran to abandon its ballistic missile programme and aim to prevent it from developing “nuclear weapon delivery systems,” which diplomats say covers any missile capable of delivering an atomic warhead. While US Secretary of State John Kerry and Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif planned to remain in the Austrian capital to continue negotiating, the majority of the other foreign ministers planned to leave, some for only 24 hours.

US officials are loath to ease the conventional arms embargo against Iran, fearing it would allow Teheran to provide greater military assistance to militants in Yemen, Syria or elsewhere in the Middle East.

Reuters

## Top N Korea official’s relative arrested in S Korea for telephone fraud

SEOUL, 8 July — A relative of a former top North Korean official has been arrested in South Korea on charges of telephone fraud, a Seoul daily reported on Wednesday.

Oh Ki Bom, 45, the grandson of an aunt of Choe Ryong Hae, entered South Korea last month and was arrested while trying to withdraw 37 million won (about \$32,740) obtained through telephone fraud, the Chosun Ilbo reported, citing a source in Beijing.

Choe, a former National Defence Commission vice chairman, rose to power in North Korea under the current ruler Kim Jong Un.

But he was sacked from his Politburo position in the Worker’s Party of Korea in April last year and demoted from a standing committee member to a secretary, the report said, while citing rumours that he barely escaped execution in Kim’s efforts to bring the military more firmly under his control.

The report said Oh was born in China’s Heilongjiang Province and ran a trading company in Yanbian, an ethnic Korean autonomous prefecture on the Chinese side of the border, in Jilin Province.

But he turned to telephone fraud, or voice phishing, when his business went sour due to strained diplomatic relations between China and North Korea, it said.—Kyodo News

## Pakistan, India to start ball rolling on full SCO membership

ISLAMABAD, 8 July — The two-day summit of the six-member Shanghai Cooperation Organization begins on Thursday in the scenic Russian city of Ufa, at which Pakistan and India will kick off the process of becoming full members of the grouping.

However, their accession to full membership of the international organization could be long and drawn out, according to a SCO diplomat.

“How soon the two countries could become members would depend on their eagerness to join,” the diplomat said.

The summit will authorize the SCO Secretariat to start dialogues with Pakistan and India, which will be required to ratify a host of treaties evolved under the SCO charter. Moreover, the financial obligations of the new states and their clout in the SCO Secretariat would have to be worked out.

The diplomat from a SCO member country who sought anonymity and a professor of international relations at Islamabad’s prestigious Quaid-e-Azam University concurred separately that the common desire to secure the SCO region against terrorism and extremism rather than seeking integration of the two countries into the region was the primary goal behind the invitation to the two countries to join the security bloc as full members.

Both pointed out that terrorism and extremism are common concerns of all SCO members, and that the situation in Afghanistan has spilled its destabilizing effects into the SCO countries in one form or another.

Economic integration and development might be long-term goals but securing the territories was the immediate concern of the SCO, the two experts said.

Established in 2001, the SCO currently comprises six members — China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. It has been very selective in extending its membership. For example, the diplomat said the United States wanted to be an observer but was refused because membership is limited to countries in Asia and Europe.

In 2004 and 2005, the bloc accepted Mongolia, Iran, Pakistan and India as observers.

Pakistan sought full membership in 2007 and India in 2014.

“The Shanghai Cooperation Organization is comprised of Central Asian States, China and Russia. They all are victims of religious or extremist elements and because of that we have a convergence of interest,” said Zafar Jaspal of Quaid-e-Azam University.

Citing an example, he said that the Pakistani army is engaged in an opera-

tion against the al-Qaeda terror network and other extremist organizations in the northwestern region of North Waziristan. Once dislodged they would flee to other areas.

The diplomat also echoed the same view when he observed that if “we manage to bring Afghanistan into the SCO and stabilize the country, it would be a breakthrough.”

Both Pakistan and India are viewed to be competing for influence in Afghanistan and there is a growing realization that without their hearty cooperation, Afghanistan could not be stable.

The diplomat pointed out that the SCO has created a Regional Anti-Terrorism System (RATS) and that both Pakistan and India would be sharing intelligence and information relating to terrorism, narcotics and money-laundering which would be a great help.

Both Pakistan and India accuse each other of interfering in each other’s internal matters through their intelligence agencies and by encouraging non-state actors. Both Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi are scheduled to attend the summit.

The two men could have a practical bilateral meeting on the sidelines of this week’s conference, the diplomat said.

Kyodo News

# Greece given 5 more days for deal with creditors



**Jeroen Dijsselbloem, the Dutch finance minister who leads the Eurogroup, speaks with reporters in Brussels on 7 July, 2015. Leaders of the 19 eurozone members were called to Brussels for an emergency summit that day in the wake of Greece rejecting belt-tightening reforms proposed by its creditors in a referendum.**

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BRUSSELS, 8 July — an leaders will convene for a special summit Sunday, European Council President Donald Tusk said on Tuesday. Greece has five days left to strike a deal with its international creditors to stave off bankruptcy, as Europe-

A summit of all 28 EU leaders will be held in Brussels, Tusk said, after leaders of 19 eurozone members were called to Brussels for an emergency summit in the wake of Greece rejecting belt-tightening reforms proposed by its creditors in Sunday's referendum.

"The stark reality is that we have only five days left to find the ultimate agreement," Tusk said, adding that Sunday is "the final deadline" for "all of us." Greece should present a detailed reform plan by Thursday, he said, after it gave only vague proposals on Tuesday.

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said he is confident the issue will be resolved by the weekend.

On 20 July, Greece will have to pay 3.6 bil-

lion euros (\$4.0 billion) to the European Central Bank. With the expiration of the aid programme for the country at the end of June, it imposed a capital controls on its banks on 29 June.

Out from the three-hour meeting of the eurozone leaders, German Chancellor Angela Merkel said the "necessary conditions" to open the negotiations for a new bailout programme for Greece had not yet been met.

By Thursday at the latest, the Greek government must present detailed proposals for a new bailout programme, valid until 2018, to be assessed by the European Commission and other creditors before a new meeting on Saturday of the 19 finance ministers, a European source said.

Greek Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos, the successor of Yanis Varoufakis, said that he saw some "progress" during discussions with colleagues prior to the eurozone summit.

Facing Tsipras' request for a restructuring of the Greek debt, which amounts to 177 percent of the country's gross domestic product in 2014, eurozone leaders decided not to act immediately before any agreement was put on the table.

"They will speak of the debt in October if there is an agreement," Jean-Claude Juncker, president of the European Commission, said.

EU leaders will have a choice between two options on the table for Sunday: the launch of a new bailout programme until

2018 or the exit of Greece from the eurozone with "a programme of accompanying measures," indicated French President Francois Hollande.

Debt-crippled Greece became the first developed country to fall into arrears on payments to the International Monetary Fund as it missed the deadline for repaying 1.6 billion euros in debts to the Washington-based lender on 30 June.

Greece has received nearly 240 billion euros in aid from the European Union and the IMF since 2010. But with the reforms-for-rescue talks between Greece and its creditors failing to achieve a breakthrough, the eurozone bailout expired at the end of June.

Kyodo News

## Italy police seize 1.6 billion euros of assets in mafia bust

ROME, 8 July — Italian police said on Wednesday they had seized assets worth more than 1.6 billion euros (1.15 billion pounds) from five Sicilian siblings suspected of links to the island's Cosa Nostra mafia.

The criminal group allegedly helped the three brothers and two sisters, described as "businesspeo-

ple" from the area around the Sicilian capital, Palermo, to receive construction contracts related to public works.

Palermo police said in a statement they had sequestered real said was one of the biggest of its kind they had ever carried out.

Cosa Nostra, along with the Calabrian 'Ndranghe-

ta and the Camorra around Naples, has long plagued Italy, and in recent years their activity has spread to northern cities from their southern heartland. Three years of recession have helped deep-rooted corruption to flourish.

Italy ranking 69<sup>th</sup> of 177 countries in global anti-corruption group Trans-

parency International's 2014 Corruption Perceptions Index, joint last in the European Union. Police are due to give further details of the investigation at a Press conference in Palermo later on Wednesday.—Reuters

## Gunmen kill three, wound one near Baltimore university

BALTIMORE, 8 July — Three people were killed and one was wounded when gunmen opened fire on a group of people on a street near the University of Maryland, Baltimore, police said on Wednesday. Two gunmen emerged from two separate light-colored vans and began shooting people just before 11 pm on Tuesday (0300 GMT Wednesday), campus police said in a statement.

A male was pronounced dead at the scene and a male and a female died while receiving medical treatment, the police said. The fourth victim, a woman, was hospitalized. Police urged people in the area to exercise caution while the gunmen were sought. *The Baltimore Sun* reported that shots were fired into a vehicle travelling on the same block five days ago.—Reuters

## Vucic: We will resolve all minority issues



**Serbian Prime Minister and President of National Minority Council Aleksandar Vucic**

BELGRADE, 8 July — The government is determined to resolve the issues of all national minorities at the highest level, Serbian Prime Minister and President of National Minority Council Aleksandar Vucic said on Tuesday.

"The government of Serbia, with its active measures to reduce the budget deficit, clearly demonstrates that it aims to ensure that all citizens of Serbia, be they members of the majority people or a national minority, are able to exercise their constitutional rights," said Vucic at the second meeting of the National Minority Council.

He underlined that the government supports the drafting of an action plan that will define the measures aimed to improve the position of national minorities, the Serbian Ministry

of Public Administration and Local Self-Government said in a release.

Vucic noted that he urged the state bodies to immediately address the key issues related to education and information, and pledged to engage in this matter personally.

The officials agreed to organize meetings with the Foreign Ministry, with the participation of the Serbian government's Office for Human and Minority Rights, in order to improve bilateral relations with the national minorities' countries of origin.

Members of the national councils commended the efforts of the Serbian government directed towards promoting all national minority rights guaranteed by the Constitution and the law, the release states.

Tanjug

## Angela Merkel in Belgrade



**German Chancellor Angela Merkel**

BERLIN, 8 July — German Chancellor Angela Merkel will arrive in Belgrade on Wednesday and meet with Serbia's most senior officials.

A greeting ceremony for Merkel will be held outside the Palace of Serbia, where she will be welcomed by Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic.

The prime minister and the chancellor will hold a joint Press conference after the meeting.

According to an earlier press release from Berlin, Merkel should also have a working dinner with Vucic.

On Thursday, Merkel will confer with Serbian President Tomislav Nikolic and meet with representatives of Serbia's civil society organizations.

Besides Belgrade, Merkel will also visit Tirana and Sarajevo.

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## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 9 July, 2015

## Surge in private tuition reveals system's shortcomings

By Kyaw Thura

**I**T is important to make clear from the outset that changes in education will be impossible without the active participation of teachers. Favourable conditions for professional enhancement will induce teachers to play their part in transforming the education sys-

tem. It is therefore necessary to foster their involvement in changes that can promise quality and equity of education and meet student learning needs.

With private tuition becoming a fashion from kindergarten to advanced learning, most parents have to be thrifty so as to pay tuition fees for their children. Inevitably, it is a discouraging sign because students start to feel that they won't be able to pass exams unless they receive private tuition.

Careful consideration will reveal that a surge in demand for private tuition corrupts teachers and students alike. Three or four decades ago, private tuition was regarded as necessary only for students who fell behind in class. In other words, schools could provide sound education to cope with life after graduation.

If schools could continue to do so, parents would not need to spend extra on the education,

and children would not need to lose their playtime.

It is undoubtedly imperative that teachers should regard student learning, rather than economic assets, as their central focus. In education, the quality of teacher performance is of paramount importance. This includes mastery of subject matter and possession of excellent pedagogic skills.

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## Make PEACE a Priority

Htun Tin Htun

**M**ay all beings be free from suffering, from danger, from worry. May all beings be free from cares, anxiety and grief. May all beings be HAPPY! As the result of Kamma there exist many types of living beings; human and non-human, weak or strong, high or low, stout or thin, brave or timid, long or short, great or small, seen or unseen, from the hugest to the tiny creatures too small to be seen with the naked eye, from those dwelling with us to those in other world-systems. May all be blessed with PEACE! Each and every individual is the sum total of all his/her actions of the infinite past and since each one of us performs different actions every minute, we cannot be the same. There are no two individuals alike because no two individuals have performed the same actions in the infinite past. We all act differently, our actions make us what we are and therefore different actions have made us different individuals. The scientific law declares that action and reaction are equal and opposite. To give is to receive and not to give is not to receive. Why are people rich? Because they were generous. Why are people poor? Because they were stingy in the past. Hatred is the cause of ugliness. Metta Bhavana surely makes charm. Charm is something mental. It is the charming heart which radiates outwards giving charm all over. If one wants many friends and if one wants to be popular, let her/

him love. A great lover is beloved by all. Beauty comes from loving kindness and ugliness comes from hatred. Every effect comes from a cause and people are different on account of different actions in the past as well as in the present. Science without morality spells destruction. Scientists are forever saying now "we are afraid" because they can no longer control the science which they have created. Scientists have invented the atomic bomb, the hydrogen bomb and now they cannot control the use of these things. The craving is so strong. The only brake which can control these things is Morality- Only the Five Buddhist Precepts side by side with Science can give happiness and peace to mankind. Only this morality can act as a brake to prevent human from destroying our world. Science alone would destroy the world but science plus Buddhist morality will save the world and make the people and peaceful living. So let us practise this morality and thereby save our world from destruction.

A person who wishes to realize the Perfect Bliss and Supreme Peace through the knowledge of the path should practise to establish the following (15) qualities:- 1) Without consideration for his/her body without consideration even for his/her life, s/he is able to put forth effort to obtain the Path and fruit thereof; 2) s/he is honest and sincere in bodily action and speech; 3) her/his mind is perfectly straight-forward; 4) s/he is comfortable to discipline

and teaching of parents and teachers; 5) s/he is of kind and gracious mood; 6) s/he is entirely devoid of arrogance; 7) s/he is contented with the little s/he possesses; 8) s/he is a grateful guest, easily entertained; 9) s/he has few duties and is busy only in MEDITATION; 10) s/he is not avaricious, and earns her/his livelihood without unrighteous greed; 11) her/his senses are controlled, calm and serene; 12) s/he bears a ripened knowledge; 13) s/he is gentle and free from mental, verbal and physical bluster; 13) s/he is not too greatly attached to families who are her/his devotees; (15) s/he does not conduct herself/himself in practices which are blameworthy by the wise. One should have these fifteen qualities and then practise Metta or Diffusion of Love (Compassionate Love).

Knowing the fact fully that, s/he should never deceive another nor oppress, abuse or despise the least of these living beings whenever they may be. S/he should not feel ill-will and should, in short, not wish any being whatsoever to suffer harm. Then s/he should practise the Increase of Love as follows; Just as her own life a loving mother protects her only child for its weal, such Love should pour forth to everything that lives. Let Thoughts of Boundless Love pervade the whole world, above to the highest heavens, below to the deepest hells, across in all directions where vast solar systems, billions of light-years distant, yet fall within the influence of your Thoughts

of Love. And let there be no limitation and no obstruction to these Thoughts of Love. Let them be entirely unmarred by hate, anger or the least enmity, and without thoughts of ill-will towards outward foe let one cultivate good will towards him/her for his/her good. Send out Thoughts of Boundless Love.

Conquest by force never brings true peace to the conqueror because the conquered, with smitten pride smarting from the wounds of defeat, will try to take revenge sooner or later. Peace can be achieved only when selfishness is restrained. Selfishness is a terrible hindrance to the attainment of peace and happiness for it breeds conceit, vanity, pride, lust, greed, thirst for power and supremacy, anger, hatred and passion, bringing in its train an endless chain of evils culminating in grief and disaster. This is true peace.

Eternal Peace can be attained through the practice of the Diffusion of Love. Lord Buddha (The Blessed One, The Holy One, The exalted One, The Fully Enlightened One, perfectly enlightened by Himself) who points the way to eternal peace has said: "Jayan veran pasavati, Dukhan seti parajito, Upasanto sukkhan seti, Hitva Jayapara-jayan". These words mean, "Victory increases enmity, the defeated lies in pain! Having abandoned both victory and defeat, the peaceful one rests in happiness".

Peace in modern studies means: A political condition that ensures justice and social stability through formal and informal institutions, practices, and norms.

Several conditions must be met for peace to be reached and maintained: • balance of political power among the various groups within a society, region, or, most ambitiously, the world • legitimacy for decision makers and implementers of decisions in the eyes of their respective group, as well as those of external parties, duly supported through transparency and accountability • recognised and valued interdependent relationships among groups fostering long-term cooperation during periods of agreement, disagreement, normality, and crisis • reliable and trusted institutions for resolving conflicts • sense of equality and respect, in sentiment and in practice, within and without groups and in accordance with international standards • mutual understanding of rights, interests, intents, and flexibility despite incompatibilities. Notoriously elusive, peace connotes more than a mere absence of war or hostilities; an absence of conflict is impossible. In addition, the state of peace should be distinguished from techniques that simply avoid conflicts or employ violent or coercive approaches to engage in, manage, or resolve them. Deriving from the Latin pax, peace in the Western world is generally considered a contractual relationship that implies mutual recognition and agreement. Understandings of peace throughout the world often disclose a much deeper comprehension of peace in relation to the human condition, which also includes inner peace. The comprehensive understanding of peace outlined above extends beyond what are re-

ferred to as positive conceptions of peace but acts in accordance with them as well. This contrasts with negative conceptions of peace, which are described most commonly as the mere absence of war or violent conflict. (A GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND CONCEPTS IN PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES, University for Peace, Second Edition 2005.)

Realizing the current peace and security situation of the world, fostering development in conflict-affected states has become the development challenge of the 21st century. The trend towards multidimensional violence has coincided with a broadening of the concept of development. The current set of MDGs is limited because it takes too narrow a view on development and ignores the interrelations among various aspects of development. The concept of development has been broadened over time, from a narrow focus on economic growth in the 1950s to an emphasis on basic needs in the 1970s to a broad view in the 1990s that emphasizes human development, human security and, more recently, freedom. The widened concept of development or well-being is as much valid in poor as in rich countries. Human security is defined as the protection to the vital core of all human lives in ways that enhance human freedoms and human fulfilment. Human security means the freedoms from want and fear, bringing together development, human rights and security in one concept. These are not just theoretical issues. They reflect (See page 9)



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## Japanese, Myanmar experts discuss development of agriculture, forestry, fishery and food sectors

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—A high-ranking official meeting for Japan-Myanmar cooperation in agriculture, forestry, fishery and food development was held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, on

Tuesday.

Departmental officials discussed development of agriculture, forestry, livestock breeding, fisheries, and food sectors. Japanese and Myanmar experts exchanged views on cooper-

ation of JICA in agriculture, forestry, fishery and food sectors, assistance of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan for control of food-and-mouth disease, introduction to variety of plants

and vegetables, and development of fishery sector.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and representatives from Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Japan viewed Myanmar's vegetables and fruits, value-added agricultural products, Palethwe F-1 paddy seeds and industrial crops.—MNA

## Union minister explains efforts to conserve Inlay Lake

NYAUNGSHWE, 8 July—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun outlined government efforts to protect Inlay Lake, Myanmar's first biosphere site recognized by UNESCO, at a workshop Tuesday in Nyaungshwe.

Afterwards, Norwe-

gian ambassador to Myanmar Ann Ollestad and UN resident representative Ms Renata Lok-Dessallien made speeches. The workshop was jointly organized by the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry and the United Nations Development Programme.—MNA



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing and Japanese officials view fruits and agricultural produce.—MNA

## PTT Group grants scholarship award to 20 Myanmar students

NAY PYI TAW, 8 July—A ceremony to present scholarship award to 20 youths was held at Parkroyal Hotel, here, on Wednesday.

PTT Group and Thailand's Integrated Refinery Petrochemical Complex Technological College (IRPCT) which cooperate with Ministry of Energy provided scholarship

awards to the students to attend a four-year high vocational diploma in mechanic course starting from July 2015.

Union Minister for Energy U Zeyar Aung and General Manager Mr Waranon Laprabang of PTT Group (Yangon Branch) made speeches.

Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw and Gener-

al Manager Mr Waranon Laprabang presented scholarship award to 20 students.

PTT Group will provide assistance for the students during their learning period.

The ministry has sent 40 scholarship students for the first time and 30 for the second time.

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## Make PEACE...

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concerns of people all over the world. Development, human rights and peace and security are indivisible and interrelated. Each cannot be achieved without achieving the other. They should be viewed as interrelated dimensions of one goal whether called development, well-being or human security. They are interrelated conceptually as well as at the national level and the global level. Any deficit in one dimension, will have an impact on the other. Any deficit in one country will also have an impact in other countries, whether this is through economic and financial linkages, migration, pollution, communicable diseases, climate change, terrorism, piracy, organized crime, narcotics, human trafficking or the arms trade. Progressive globalization keeps increasing the likelihood of these cross-border spillovers. One important aspect of the interrelation between development and peace and security is through the capacity and legitimacy of the state. A key feature of the social contact between the state and its citizens is that citizens pay taxes to get public services in return, which include social services and security. Violence often undermines

or breaks that contract. After the end of a violent conflict, the provision of social services by the state could play an important role in rebuilding the trust and legitimacy of the government and reinforcing a commitment to a peace process, in particular if unequal access to these social services was a driving force of the violent conflict in the first place. This aspect is often under-emphasized. (Peace and Security Thematic Think Piece PBSO, UN System Task Team on the Post 2015 UN Development Agenda, May 2012)

The noteworthy message of U Lokanatha, (An Italian Buddhist Monk) on Peace is as follows: .....“The sky is in flames, the earth is in flames, the water is in flames, the mind is in flames- all are in flames. So let us be at peace with ourselves and the whole world. War is the effect of a cause. We are not interested in effects. But we are interested in the cause of War so that we may destroy the cause and attain world peace. What is the cause of War? Internal fire is the cause of external fire. War is fire. The Exalted Buddha said the six senses are burning. So to destroy War we must extinguish the fire of senses.

Man is at war with himself. Then there is national war, international war, global war and all kinds of war. Only when we attain peace within can we enjoy peace without. So each man/woman must police himself/herself by himself/herself; no man/woman can police another. We must extinguish the fires of lust, hatred and delusion. The only way to produce real peace is to make every man/woman peaceful- to destroy violence in all its forms all over the world. We should teach the young how to be peaceful. We should not give them toy soldiers, toy cannons, and give military uniforms to the little boys, encouraging warfare in the young. It is that continuous strife which is going on in the human heart- which produces war within, war without, war all over. And if we destroy Greed, Anger and Ignorance we get peace within, peace without and peace all over. There is no other way. I wonder when the world will understand these few simple facts”.... (by Rev U Lawkanatha, Italian Buddhist Monk)

You have all seen that wars were fought with the utmost cruelty and barbarity in complete disregard of humanity, love and compassion for living being. Destruction and desolation spread and untold miseries

followed in the wake of recent wars. Such terrible weapons as the atomic bombs were used and every possible advantage was taken to commit wholesale slaughter and bloodshed. Peace however was not to be obtained at the end of these wars in which both the victors and the vanquished were losers in many respects. You should, therefore, strive to win peace by pouring out upon the trouble-ridden world an all-pervading love; love which is intense, far reaching and beyond measure. All persons, male and female, residing either in hamlets or parishes, towns or cities or small countries or big countries should not entertain any feelings for hostility towards one another but should have kind thoughts both day and night for all beings wherever they may be. You should have boundless love for all beings for this can bring about the well-being of all. We offer merit to all the Devas, all the humans, all the ghosts, to all the animals, to all the denizens of purgatory. We offer the merit to all our relatives, who are living, who have passed away, we offer our merit to the sentient beings throughout the whole universe. By offering merit we receive merit. By offering love and truth we receive the same. By offering

joy, we receive joy. Give happiness to all beings and all happiness will surely come unto you. May all beings be free from conflicts, violence, wars and disasters. May love, peace, well-being, happiness and prosperity be with you.

(Based on two articles: 1) Message of Mohnyin Sayadaw, Ven. Maha Thera's Short lecture on Love and Peace. The leader of the Church of England in Burma, the well-known and

popular Rt. Rev. Dr. West, Bishop of Rangoon, approached the Ven. Mohnyin Sayadaw with his respects and asked for his blessing and a message on his departure for Europe. 2) the Metta Sutta: ref: The Light of the Dhamma, Volume I No.1, published by the Union of Burma Buddha Sasana Council, Inaugural Number: The World Fellowship of Buddhists, Second Conference Issue) (no date of issue)

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# Deadly car bombs hit Yemen, day after almost 200 killed

SANAA, 8 July — Two deadly car bombs hit the capital Sanaa and a southern city in Yemen on Tuesday, state news agency *Saba* reported, a day after air strike and clashes killed almost 200 people nationwide.

Islamic State in Yemen claimed responsibility in a statement posted online for the Sanaa attack, latest in a string of recent actions by the hardline Sunni Muslim group against Shi'ite Houthis who run the capital.

One of the explosives-laden cars detonated near a hospital in downtown Sanaa, which the news agency controlled by Yemen's dominant Houthi group said killed and injured "numerous" people, while another killed around 10 people in al-Bayda, capital of

a province in the country's battle-weary south.

Saudi-led coalition air strikes and clashes killed at least 176 fighters and civilians in Yemen on Monday, residents and media run by the Houthi movement said, the highest daily toll since the Arab air offensive began more than three months ago.

The United Nations has been pushing for a halt to air raids and intensified fighting that began on 26 March. More than 3,000 people have been killed since then as the Arab coalition tries to stop the Houthis spreading across the country from the north.

The Iran-allied Shi'ite Houthis say they are rebelling against a corrupt government, while local fight-

ers say they are defending their homes from Houthi incursions. Sunni Saudi Arabia says it is bombing the Houthis to protect the Yemeni state.

As fighting has raged across Yemen's south, the conflict has taken on a sectarian tinge, pitting the Shi'ite Houthis against local Sunni fighters who in many places fight alongside hardline al-Qaeda militants, who also revile the Houthis.

On Monday, about 63 people were killed in air strikes on Amran Province in the north, among them 30 people at a market, Houthi-controlled state media agency *Saba* said.

In the same province, about 20 fighters and civilians were killed at a Houthi checkpoint outside the main



The house of Brigadier Khaled al-Anduli, an army commander loyal to the Houthi movement, is seen after it was hit by Saudi-led air strikes in Yemen's capital Sanaa on 6 July, 2015.—REUTERS

city, also named Amran, about 50 km (30 miles) northwest of the Yemeni capital of Sanaa, local residents said.

Arab alliance war planes also killed about 60 people at a livestock market in the town of al-Foyoush in the south.

Also in the south, residents reported a further 30 killed in a raid they said ap-

parently targeted a Houthi checkpoint on the main road between Aden and Lahj. They said 10 of the dead were Houthi fighters.

Tribal sources in the central desert province of Marib said about 20 Houthi fighters and soldiers fighting alongside them were killed in air raids and gun battles with tribal fighters, who support Yemen's pres-

ident in exile Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi.

On Tuesday, UN envoy to Yemen Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed continues meetings with Houthi officials in Sanaa to try to broker a ceasefire to allow aid deliveries. One Houthi official said Monday's attacks had dealt a blow to peace efforts.

Reuters

## 'Real risk' of famine in Yemen as death toll passes 3,000

LONDON, 8 July — Conflict-ridden Yemen, where more than 3,000 people have been killed and one million displaced since war broke out in March, is at risk of famine, aid chiefs said on Tuesday, the day after the conflict's highest one-day death toll was recorded.

The situation is "clearly deteriorating by the day," said Antoine Grand, head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Yemen, with food shortages making famine a "real risk", and electricity and fuel increasingly scarce.

In addition, UN officials in Geneva said cash pledged by Saudi Arabia

had not materialized, and there had been serious human rights violations, including attacks on places of worship and United Nations offices.

Air strikes by the Saudi-led coalition, and other clashes around the country, killed at least 176 fighters and civilians on Monday, according to residents and media run by the Shi'ite Houthi movement.

Iranian-backed Houthi forces are trying to restore exiled President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi. Saudi Arabia sees the Houthis as proxies for arch-rival Iran, which they accuse of trying to expand its influence in Ri-

yadh's immediate backyard.

The Houthis say they are rebelling against a corrupt government, while local fighters say they are defending their homes from Houthi incursions. Sunni Saudi Arabia says it is bombing the Houthis to protect the Yemeni state.

Saudi Arabia pledged \$245 million to an appeal for Yemen by the UN's humanitarian agency (UN-OCHA) but has not handed over the money, a UNOCHA spokesman said on Tuesday.

"There has been no disbursement so far," Jens Laercke said in Geneva, adding "the humanitarian

operation does not stand or fall with that. It is a \$1.6 billion operation and there are other donors."

Almost 15 million Yemenis need food aid, said Abeer Etefa, a spokeswoman for the World Food Programme. "People are not resilient enough to absorb any more shocks," she told the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

Five mosques of the Zaydi sect of Shi'ite Islam to which the Houthis ascribe have been bombed, said Cécile Pouilly, a UN spokeswoman, while two United Nations buildings in Aden have been hit by air strikes, she said.—Reuters

## Turkish army says detains almost 800 trying to cross illegally from Syria

ISTANBUL, 8 July — Turkey's army said on Tuesday it had detained almost 800 people trying to cross illegally from Syria, including three suspected Islamic State militants, after bolstering security in border areas near where the radical Islamists hold ground.

The military said 768 people had been detained on Monday alone while trying to cross the border. The three suspected Islamic State members were sent to jail in the southern city of Sanliurfa after being detained separately on 2 July, it said. Wary of advances by both Syrian Kurdish forces and Islamic State in northern Syria, Turkey has sent extra troops and equipment to strengthen parts of its 900 km (560-mile) border as the risk of spillover rises.

Turkey has maintained an open border policy throughout Syria's conflict, absorbing close to two million refugees, but requires legitimate refugees to pass through checkpoints and be documented. The military did not say why the 768 people had been detained.—Reuters

## Taleban, Afghan officials end peace talks agreeing to meet again

ISLAMABAD, 8 July — The first officially acknowledged peace talks between the Afghan Taleban and the government in Kabul ended with an agreement to meet again after the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, Pakistan said on Wednesday.

Pakistan hosted the meeting in a tentative step towards ending more than 13 years of war in neighbouring Afghanistan, in which the Taleban have been fighting the government in hopes of re-establishing their hard-line Islamist regime that was toppled by US-sponsored military



Afghan President Ashraf Ghani (R) and Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif attend a news conference in Kabul, on 12 May, 2015.—REUTERS

intervention in 2001.

The next round of meetings is tentatively planned for 15 and 16 August in Doha, the capital of

Qatar, according to sources close to the participants.

The talks were hailed as a "breakthrough" by Pakistani Prime Minister

Nawaz Sharif. But it's far from clear whether the process can end the fighting, given that the Taleban's leadership is divided on the issue of talks and several commanders have already defected to the rival jihadist Islamic State.

Officials from the United States and China were observers in the talks held on Tuesday at Murree, a hill resort on the outskirts of Islamabad, a statement from Pakistan's foreign ministry said.

"The participants agreed to continue talks to create an environment con-

ducive for peace and the reconciliation process," the statement said.

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, who has pushed for the peace process and has encouraged closer ties with neighbouring Pakistan in a bid to achieve this goal, first announced the talks on Tuesday.

Sharif cautioned in remarks released by his office that the effort would be difficult and said Afghanistan's neighbours and the international community should make sure "that nobody tries to derail this process". White House spokes-

man Josh Earnest said the United States welcomed the talks, calling them "an important step towards advancing prospects for a credible peace".

In the past several months, there have been informal preliminary talks between Taleban representatives and Afghan figures, but Tuesday's talks were the first official meetings.

The Taleban's official spokesman has in the past disavowed the tentative peace process, saying those meeting with Afghanistan's government were not authorized to do so.—Reuters

## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

## Shanghai home sales rise 35 pct in H1



SHANGHAI, 8 July — New-home sales in Shanghai jumped 34.8 percent year on year to 5.47 million square metres in the first half of 2015, Colliers International said on Tuesday.

Home sales in the first quarter hit 1.96 million square metres and nearly doubled to 3.5 million square metres in the second quarter, data showed.

Carlby Xie, head of research at Colliers International (Beijing), the US commercial real estate services company, said sales in the second quarter posted a strong rebound following a series of measures to boost the property market.

On 30 March, the minimum down payment and transaction taxes for home purchases were reduced, and from March to June, the central bank cut the lending rates three times.

The sales boom, particularly high-end housing, pushed the average price up by 19 percent year on year to 31,615 yuan (5,100 US dollars) per square metre, Xie said.—Xinhua

## Samsung clears hurdle on way to \$8 bln shakeup as court rules against US fund

SEOUL, 8 July — A South Korean court on Tuesday denied an injunction request by a US hedge fund trying to block builder Samsung C&T Corp (000830.KS) from selling treasury shares to ally KCC Corp (002380.KS), clearing another hurdle for a proposed \$8 billion merger of Samsung Group [SAGR.UL] firms.

The ruling comes ahead of a 17 July Samsung C&T shareholder vote on an all-stock takeover offer from Cheil Industries Inc (028260.KS), the de facto holding company of Samsung Group. The verdict allows chemicals and construction materials firm KCC, Cheil's second-biggest shareholder, to exercise voting rights for the treasury shares.

Explaining its ruling against the request from fund Elliott Associates, the Seoul Central District Court said Samsung C&T violated no laws in selling treasury shares to KCC. With a total of around 6 percent of C&T, including the 5.8 percent stake purchase approved by the court, KCC is the Samsung construction firm's fourth-largest shareholder and will back the Cheil deal.

Elliott said in a statement after the ruling was issued that C&T's treasury sale is "wholly improper". The fund has already filed an appeal against the decision, according to court records.

The Cheil-Samsung C&T merger is seen as a key step towards a leadership transfer for the Samsung Group's founding Lee family, as it consolidates stakes in key affiliates under the Lee heirs' control. But opposition from Elliott, C&T's third-largest shareholder with a 7.1 percent stake, has led to doubts about whether Samsung C&T can muster enough support from shareholders.

C&T needs the support of at least two-thirds of the votes cast on 17 July to proceed with the deal, making KCC's voting rights important. Recent reports from two influential proxy advisors calling on C&T investors to reject the takeover offer could bolster Elliott's efforts to block the deal, a rare case of investor activism in South Korea.—Reuters

## One more MERS patient dies in S Korea, no infection added

SEOUL, 8 July — The number of deaths with Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) increased to 35 in South Korea on Wednesday as one more death was added, the health ministry said.

The patient 133 passed away earlier in the morning after the 177<sup>th</sup> infectee died of the MERS contagion on Tuesday, ac-

ording to the Ministry of Health and Welfare.

The death toll increased to 35, with the fatality rate rising to 18.8 percent. The total MERS infection cases were unchanged at 186 for three straight days.

The spread of the MERS corona virus recently showed signs of abating. Only one case was added

for four days to Sunday. No case was reported for four days through 1 July.

The South Korean government planned to declare an end to the MERS spread if 28 days, or twice the 14 days of incubation period, pass by without any case of MERS infection reported.

One more patient was discharged from a hospital

as he completely recovered after being infected. The discharge number increased to 119.

Excluding the dead and those discharged, 32 patients are under treatment. Among them, eight are in unstable conditions. The number of those quarantined rose from 674 on Tuesday to 811 on Wednesday.—Xinhua

## Indoor tanning rates dropping

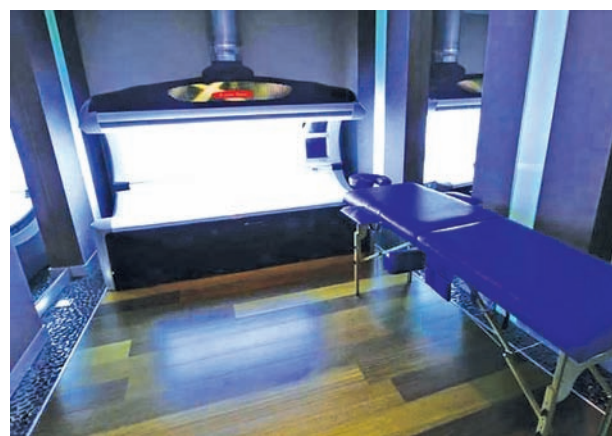
ATLANTA, (United States), 8 July — Use of indoor tanning is on the decline, according to a new study from the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the National Cancer Institute.

Between 2010 and 2013, the percentage of adults using indoor tanning beds fell from 5.5 percent to 4.2 percent, the researchers report.

This translates to two million fewer people who are tanning themselves with these devices, they said.

"We think the increasing awareness about the dangers of indoor tanning may be partly responsible for the decrease in indoor tanning," said lead author Gery P Guy Jr, a health economist at the CDC in Atlanta. "Studies repeatedly show that indoor tanning increases skin cancer risk. And the more you tan, the more the risk goes up."

There still is a perception that tanning beds are safer than sunbathing, but Guy pointed out in an email that there is no evidence to support this idea.



A view of a tanning bed at a spa facility at Mistral Hotel, which the Spanish soccer team has chosen as their hub for the Euro 2012 soccer championships, is seen in Gniewino on 30 Nov, 2011.—REUTERS

"In fact, exposure to UV radiation from indoor tanning is much more intense than the UV exposure from being outdoors in the sun," he said. "An important point that can be overlooked when it comes to tanning is that a tan is temporary but the risk for skin cancer is permanent."

But while the number of people using indoor tanning beds is dropping, the study estimates that 7.8 million women and 1.9 million men still engage in this activity.

As reported in JAMA

Dermatology, the data are from nearly 60,000 participants in the 2010 and 2013 National Health Interview Surveys.

Along with an overall reduction in tanning bed use, the researchers also found that rates among young adults ages 18 to 29 dropped from 11.3 percent in 2010 to 8.6 percent in 2013. People in this age group still accounted for the most tanning bed use, however.

The Surgeon General has highlighted the importance of reducing the

harms from indoor tanning.

Individuals should be encouraged to avoid indoor tanning and behavioural counselling is recommended for those with fair skin, aged 10-24, about minimizing UV exposure to reduce skin cancer risk, Guy said.

"Appearance-focused behavioural interventions stressing that indoor tanning can cause premature wrinkles and age spots have been shown to be effective in reducing indoor tanning," Guy added. "Colleges can discourage indoor tanning and restrict its use on campus."

But some organizations think more is needed to curb their use.

"A nationwide ban would go a long way toward curbing this dangerous, potentially deadly behaviour, and The Skin Cancer Foundation supports anti-tanning legislation at both the state and federal levels," said Dr Deborah S Sarnoff, senior vice-president of the foundation.

Reuters

## Australia's health minister urges citizens to get flu vaccine as near-epidemic strikes

CANBERRA, 8 July — Australia is experiencing a record number of influenza cases, prompting the health minister, Sussan Ley, to issue a strong warning to citizens to get vaccinated.

The 2015 strain of influenza is a rare "double strain" and Ley urged the public on Wednesday to get their flu shots or risk being infected by the highly-contagious virus.

"With most people usually taking up to three weeks to develop immunity following their flu shot now is the time to get your

flu jab," the health minister said. "The message is simple — get your flu shot before the flu gets you this winter."

So far in 2015, there have been more than 14,000 reported cases, more than 100 percent higher than the five-year average for this time of year.

The high number compares to just 9,200 cases at the same time in 2014.

Australia's chief medical officer has urged those most vulnerable — notably the elderly, pregnant wom-

en and those with a chronic condition — to get the shot, otherwise they risk contracting the deadly virus.

Professor Chris Baggoley said that this year's strain was more dangerous, and potentially more deadly than those seen in recent years. News Corp reported on Tuesday that that 43 percent of tested Australian flu cases were influenza A (H3N2), the so-called 'killer flu' that struck the United States last year.

"People who had the flu vaccine in 2014 need to have it in 2015, particularly

this year, following a rare double strain change in the vaccine," Baggoley said on Wednesday.

"We need higher uptake [of the vaccine] in vulnerable groups. Immunization is still the best form of protection from influenza."

In rare cases, patients can develop complications such as pneumonia and bronchitis, resulting in hospitalization and even death.

Typical complications that arise from the highly contagious virus kill as many as 3,000 Australians every year.—Xinhua

## China's parliament publishes draft cybersecurity law



A map of China is seen through a magnifying glass on a computer screen showing binary digits in Singapore in this 2 Jan, 2014 photo illustration.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 8 July — China's parliament has published a draft cybersecurity law that consolidates Beijing's control over data, with potentially significant consequences for internet service providers and multinational firms doing business in the country.

The document, dated on Monday but picked up by state media on Wednesday, strengthens user privacy protection from hackers and data resellers but simultaneously elevates the government's powers to access, obtain records and block dissemination of private information deemed illegal under Chinese law.

The law has been under discussion in China for

months.

Citing the need "to safeguard national cyberspace sovereignty, security and development," the proposed legislation is a milestone in China's effort to bolster its network against threats to the country's stability.

It will also enable the government to better regulate the flow of information in China.

Earlier in July, China's largely rubber stamp parliament passed a sweeping national security law that tightened government control in politics, culture, the military, the economy, technology and the environment.

But cybersecurity has

been a particularly irksome area in relations with economic partners like the United States, which sees many recently proposed rules as burdensome or unfair to Silicon Valley firms.

Under the draft law, internet service providers must store data collected within China on Chinese territory; data stored overseas for business purposes must be government-approved. Network equipment must also be approved under testing standards issued by China's cabinet.

The government also reiterated its longstanding objective of requiring internet users to log in with their real names to services like messaging apps — though such drives have failed in the past.

The parliament said government agencies would issue additional guidelines for network security in "critical industries" such as telecoms, energy, transport, finance, national defence and military matters, government administration and other sensitive fields.

Parliament will take feedback on the proposed legislation until 5 August.—Reuters

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## China builds multiple unit train for Europe

CHANGSHA, 8 July — The first advanced multiple unit train to be exported to Europe rolled off the assembly line of China's Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive Co, Ltd on Tuesday.

The company, located in central China's Hunan Province, is a subsidiary of China's high-speed rail maker CRRC Corp Ltd.

The motor coach train, coloured red and yellow after the national flag of Macedonia, is the first of six such trains purchased by the country, said Chen Xihong, deputy chief engineer of Zhuzhou Electric Locomotive. The

first one will be delivered soon.

Vlado Misajlovski, minister of transport and communications of Macedonia, witnessed the finished train rolling off the assembly line in a ceremony held at Zhuzhou Electric.

The train is of great significance to the cooperation of the two countries and for China-European rail transport, said the minister.

Macedonia requires the trains have a speed of 140 km per hour. When designing the train, the Chinese company has

adopted technology for speed at 160 km per hour to ensure its operational safety and leave room for future speed hikes, said Chen.

The train has three cars which can carry 280 passengers in total. Its design is in line with the most strict safety standards in Europe.

The train will run on the 215-km-long railway between Tabanovce in northern Macedonia and Gevgelija at its southern border with Greece. The track passes the Macedonian capital Skopje.

Xinhua

## Ex-Toyota exec Hamp released as prosecutors forgo indictment

TOKYO, 8 July — Former Toyota Motor Corp executive Julie Hamp was released from detention on Wednesday after Tokyo prosecutors decided not to indict her for illegally importing a narcotic painkiller into Japan.

Prosecutors judged that the 55-year-old American, who was arrested last month, had no malicious intent given she had her family send the drugs to relieve her knee pain, according to investigative sources.

Hamp was arrested by Japanese police on 18 June on suspicion of importing 57 oxycodone pills, which are illegal without a prescription in Japan, through the mail. They were sent from Kentucky to a Tokyo hotel where she was staying.

Japanese customs officials at Narita airport on 11 June found the pills in the bottom of a box listed as containing a necklace, with some of the pills inside an accessory case.



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Toyota appointed Hamp as its first female managing officer on 1 April as part of its efforts to diversify its leadership, but she resigned as of 30 June following her arrest.—Kyodo News

## Alaska plane crashed amid 'marginal' visual conditions, killing nine — NTSB

JUNEAU, (Alaska), 8 July — A sightseeing plane that crashed last month in Alaska killing all nine on board was flying in "marginal" visual conditions marked by rain and patches of low clouds before hitting a mountain, federal investigators said on Tuesday.

The DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter float plane crashed on 25 June during a tour of the Misty Fjords area near Ella Lake, about 24 miles (39 km) northeast of Ketchikan, a popular summertime cruise destination.

The plane, operated by Promech Air, was returning to its base under "marginal visual meteorological conditions," according to a preliminary report by the National Transportation Safety Board released on Tuesday.

The report did not draw conclusions or assess blame for the crash. The agency says a comprehensive review of the plane will be conducted once it

is recovered from the crash site and taken to Ketchikan.

Promech Air did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The plane struck a tree nose up and rested upright on top of the separated floats, the report and investigator photographs of the crash showed. All eight passengers and the pilot were killed.

The report, citing weather data from the nearest reporting facility about 24 miles (39 miles) from the crash site, said the wind was gusting to 26 miles per hour (42 kph), with broken clouds at 1,200 feet (370 metres) and overcast conditions at 2,700 feet (820 metres).

The crash site's remote location, low visibil-

ity from clouds and fog, and the plane's precarious position on the side of the steep rock face delayed the recovery of the bodies until the following day.

The flight, an excursion booked via a cruise ship, was sold through Holland America Line, a unit of Carnival Corp, which has since stopped selling the flights.—Reuters



A sightseeing plane that crashed in southeast Alaska is seen in this undated picture from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) released on 28 June, 2015.—REUTERS

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## WEATHER REPORT

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observation at (14:00) hrs MST on 8 July, a low pressure area has formed over Northwest Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2015:** Rain will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Magway Region, Chin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with rough seas

are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Slight decrease of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2015:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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# Han Solo blasts into Disney's 'Star Wars' universe with own film

LOS ANGELES, 8 July — Han Solo, the “Star Wars” space hero who always has a fast ship and a good blaster, will get his own stand-alone film, the Walt Disney Co said on Tuesday, directed by the “Lego Movie” film makers.

The untitled Han Solo project, slated for release on 25 May, 2018, will be the second stand-alone “Star Wars” anthology film, following the release of “Rogue One” next year.

These films will explore a separate part of George Lucas’ intricate intergalactic universe and will interperse the new trilogy of “Star Wars” movies kicking off with December’s highly anticipated “Star Wars: The Force Awakens.”

The new Han Solo film will focus on the origin story of the character made famous in the “Star Wars” films by actor Harrison Ford, who will reprise that role in “The Force Awakens.”

Solo was introduced in the original “Star Wars” film as a former smuggler who takes Luke Skywalker aboard his ship, the Millennium Falcon, and helps him escape Darth Vader.

Solo becomes the lovable scoundrel of the Rebel Alliance, fighting against the oppressive Galactic Empire along with his friend and co-pilot Chewbacca, a bear-like “wookiee.”

“The story focuses on how young Han Solo be-



**Star Wars: The Force Awakens cast members (L-R) Oscar Isaac, Daisy Ridley, John Boyega, writer, director and producer JJ Abrams, producer Kathleen Kennedy and show host Anthony Breznican appear at the kick-off event of the Star Wars Celebration convention in Anaheim, California on 16 April, 2015. The Star Wars Celebration runs through 19 April at the Anaheim Convention Centre.—REUTERS**

**Original cast members Peter Mayhew (L), who portrayed “Chewbacca,” and Harrison Ford, who portrayed Han Solo, attend a screening commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of “Star Wars: Episode V The Empire Strikes Back” in Hollywood on 19 May, 2010.—REUTERS**



came the smuggler, thief and scoundrel whom Luke Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi first encountered in the cantina at Mos Eisley,” Disney said in a statement.

Filmmakers Chris Miller and Phil Lord, best known for “Lego Movie,” the reboot of “21 Jump

Street” and also Fox TV’s hit comedy series “The Last Man on Earth,” will direct the movie, which has yet to announce a cast. “We promise to take risks, to give the audience a fresh experience, and we pledge ourselves to be faithful stewards of these characters who mean

so much to us,” Miller and Lord said in a statement.

Writer-director Lawrence Kasdan, best known for co-writing “The Empire Strikes Back,” “Return of the Jedi” and “The Force Awakens,” will pen the screenplay with his son Jon Kasdan. “The Force Awakens” is the first of three new “Star Wars” films being produced by Walt Disney Co since it purchased the franchise from Lucasfilm in 2012 for \$4.05 billion.

The six previously released “Star Wars” films have grossed more than \$4.4 billion at the worldwide box office since 1977 and spawned a legion of devoted fans.—Reuters

# ‘Lady Maiko,’ or how to say ‘the rain in Spain’ in Japanese

TORONTO, 8 July — Masayuki Suo, best known for his original Japanese version of the Hollywood hit “Shall We Dance?,” has directed a new movie musical that might best be described as “My Fair Lady” in a ki-mono.

Suo’s “Lady Maiko” tells the story of a simple country girl, Haruko, who travels to Japan’s ancient capital Kyoto with the ambition of becoming a polished “maiko,” or apprentice geisha, one of the most familiar yet mysterious figures in Japanese culture.

“I wanted to portray how young Japanese girls feel and live with the traditions of Japan,” Suo said at the film’s North American premiere during the recent Toronto Japanese Film Festival.

“Lady Maiko” will be shown again next month at the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre in Toronto.

Haruko is unusual for a modern Japanese teenager. She dreams of learning the age-old but declining traditions of the maiko. But she soon finds out that her rustic speech stands in the way of her dream. To be an apprentice geisha, or “geiko,” as they are called in Kyoto, she must speak the city’s special dialect.

It is the same challenge faced by Eliza Doolittle, the Cockney flower girl in “My Fair Lady.”

Haruko gets a lucky break when she catches the



**Japanese film director Masayuki Suo**

ear of a linguistics professor Kyono, who bets he can teach her to speak like a proper Kyoto lady in six months.

Suo said he hoped to capture the charm of the ancient capital along with its famous geiko and maiko traditions.

“I always find the people of Kyoto to be the prototype of the Japanese,” he said. “I see Japanese culture in its polished form in Kyoto.”

Suo came up with the idea for the movie 20 years ago but put it on hold while pursuing other projects, including “Shall We Dance?,” his 1996 film about ballroom dancing that inspired a 2004 Hollywood version starring Richard Gere and Jennifer Lopez.

Suo eventually embarked on the movie when he discovered lead actress Mone Kamishiraishi, with her girl-next-door look and unforgettable voice.

Suo, speaking in Japanese, said it was inevitable but acceptable that foreign audiences would miss the nuances of language integral to “Lady Maiko.”—Reuters

## Lady Gaga falls onstage

LOS ANGELES, 8 July — Pop sensation Lady Gaga tripped over the train of her long dress and fell while she was performing with Tony Bennett in Monaco.

The 29-year-old singer was performing a duet with her collaborator Bennett when she took a tumble in front of the crowd at Salle des Etoiles, reported Ace Showbiz.



In a video taken during the show, Gaga’s seen rocking a long gown while singing “Anything Goes” alongside Bennett. She was walking on the stage when she tripped over the train of her dress and fell on her knees.

Fortunately, she did not seem to be badly injured. She quickly got straight back up and continued the song as if nothing had happened.

The Monaco show was part of the European leg of Gaga and Bennett’s Cheek to Cheek tour, which was launched to support their 2014 joint album of the same name.

The tour will be brought back to North America later this month before being wrapped up in early August.—PTI

## Sam Smith makes smooth debut at Montreux jazz festival

MONTREUX, (Switzerland), 8 July — British soul singer Sam Smith, freshly recovered from surgery on his vocal cords, delivered a smooth yet punchy concert to jazz fans on Tuesday night in his first appearance on the famed Montreux stage.

Smith opened with “I’m not the Only One”, followed by other chart-topping hits from his 2014 debut studio album “In the Lonely Hour”, including “Leave Your Lover”, “Restart” and “Not in that Way”.

“Wow, this is amazing to me for many reasons, I get to play a jazz festival which is historic. I saw Claude Nobs’ house yesterday and got to see all the history that has happened over more than 40 years, all of my idols,” the 23-year-old said.

The late Nobs, a Swiss, founded the festival in 1966, bringing legends from Miles Davis, Aretha Franklin and Prince over the decades to the shores of Lake Geneva.

Heartbreak paid off handsomely for Smith, a newcomer who won four Grammy awards in February including record and song of the year for his anthem “Stay With Me.” He was anointed best new artist.

“The most painful kind of love is unrequited love, it only felt natural to write about it,” he said on Tuesday, performing “Lay Me Down” and “My Funny Valentine”.

In late April, Smith canceled the remainder of his

Australian tour due to a hemorrhage on his vocal cords, apologizing to fans but saying the decision was taken on doctor’s orders.

“Three months ago I had surgery on my vocal cords. To be able to do a gig in a tiny venue is incredible, I prefer this to anything,” he told the crowd at the Montreux Jazz Lab where fans paid 92 Swiss francs (\$97) to stand for the sold-out concert.

“I’ll be back next year,” he added.

Smith, accompanied by five musicians and three vocalists, confidently hit the high notes in songs including “Nirvana” and “Make it to Me”.

Introducing “Money on my Mind”, he said: “This is the only song not on the album about love. A lot of people are making music for the wrong reason. Believe me there people out there who only make music for money. This one person pissed me off so much I wrote the song.”

For the encore to the 70-minute show, he sang “Latch”, “Make it to Me” and finally “Stay with Me”.

Alessandra Ruggiero, a 26-year-old Swiss, said: “I enjoyed it but it was too short. Given the fact that he is a young singer it’s normal that he has a little playlist.”

“I find him very likeable. It hasn’t gone to his head. You could tell that after his operation a few months ago he had great pleasure being on the stage.”—Reuters



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## Gerrard says he is not in Los Angeles for a holiday

LOS ANGELES, 8 July — New Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder Steven Gerrard says he did not want to play out his days as a “squad” member at Liverpool and had little hesitation signing for the Major League Soccer team.

Gerrard, 35, has joined the Galaxy after spending his entire professional career, 17 seasons, with Liverpool and vowed that he was in Los Angeles for the long haul.

“I had options to stay in the Premier League, options around Europe, but I didn’t want to compete against Liverpool,” Gerrard told a news conference in Los Angeles on Tuesday as he was introduced to the American media.

“I love Liverpool Football Club and I always will do... but I didn’t want to become a squad player or a sub at the club I love.

“If there’s anyone out there that thinks I’m com-



Los Angeles Galaxy midfielder Steven Gerrard poses for photos following his introduction to media at Stubhub Centre. —REUTERS

ing here for a holiday and a last pay cheque, they’ll be proved wrong very soon.

“I’m looking forward to staying here as long as possible. I love Liverpool, the city, and I will miss it at times.

“I’m a Scouser and I’m proud to be a Scouser but I want to give my children a chance to live in a new place.”

Gerrard, who will follow in the footsteps of for-

mer England team mate David Beckham at the Galaxy, said he had been courted aggressively by Los Angeles and had sounded out Beckham before signing.

“David is a hero of mine. He’s someone I’ve leaned on and asked for advice before I came here.”

Gerrard has also been welcomed by Galaxy captain Robbie Keane, who has been in fine form recently, scoring a hat-trick last Sat-

urday. The defending MLS Cup champions Galaxy have also been performing strongly, with three wins in their past four matches.

Gerrard said Keane, a former Liverpool team mate, had “lent me some factor-50 (sunscreen) as well so I didn’t burn on day one”.

Gerrard and wife Alex arrived in Los Angeles a week ago, while their three daughters were due to arrive later on Tuesday after staying in England to complete school exams.

“The last seven days has been a bit of a whirlwind,” he said. “I’ve had a bit of jet lag (and we have been) moving into a new house.”

Gerrard will make his MLS debut for the Galaxy against San Jose on 17 July.

“The game can’t come quick enough. We’ve got a fantastic team there and if I can add a bit to that I think the future can be very bright.”—Reuters

## As strong El Nino looms, cloud seeding gets tailwind

SYDNEY, 8 July — Circling thousands of feet above Tasmania’s farmland in a light aircraft, Christina Nebel prepares to release tiny chemical particles as part of a cloud-seeding scheme estimated to have helped boost rainfall on the Australian island by at least 5 percent.

The programme is one of a handful globally riding a wave of renewed interest in the decades-old technology as drought hits places from the United States to the Philippines, with the specter of a strong El Nino weather pattern threatening worse to come.

“We are looking for fronts crossing Tasmania,” said Nebel, cloud seeding officer at renewable energy producer Hydro Tasmania.

If the conditions are right, she releases a small amount of silver iodide, which attracts water particles, encouraging clouds to grow and rain to fall.

But Tasmania is blessed with near-perfect conditions for the process with clouds containing a large amount of cold water vapour whipping in off the Southern Ocean, meaning the scale of success of its program, which has its roots in the 1960s, could be difficult to replicate elsewhere.

Nonetheless atmospheric experts say the technology is enjoying a renewed emphasis as governments fret over scorching

weather and as populations grow, while falling costs could increase its use in future.

“What is driving the attention is that winter cloud seeding holds some promise and in many places, including the western US, water shortages are becoming severe,” said Professor Terry Deshler from the University of Wyoming’s atmospheric science department.

Research suggests cloud seeding in winter produces better results than in other periods.

While many of the world’s cloud-seeding programs are small and unlikely to have more than a limited impact, China has a large-scale scheme in place.

The nation launched its “human affected weather” program in 1958, and has done extensive research in cloud seeding. It aims to induce more than 60 billion cubic meters of additional rain each year by 2020

using the technique, as it looks to fight chronic water shortages.

That figure is equivalent to more than one-and-a-half times the volume of the Three Gorges reservoir, one of the largest in the country.

On a far smaller scale, the government in the Philippines, one of the world’s biggest rice consumers, is spending a record 15 million pesos (\$330,000) this year on cloud-seeding operations and could allocate another 15 million pesos in the face of El Nino, which can bring crop-damaging dry weather to many regions.

“We of course don’t want to be caught unprepared, especially now that weather experts are predicting a prolonged El Nino,” said Silvino Tejada, director of the Philippines Bureau of Soils and Water Management.

The cost of cloud seeding has traditionally been one of the main hurdles to

usage. Fuel costs are often the biggest drag on budgets, researchers said, with some seeding operations often requiring multiple flights.

But the Nevada-based Desert Research Institute has recently started testing drones that could be used in cloud seeding that it says could cut costs substantially. Drones would also be able to fly closer to mountains, where clouds offer the best potential for seeding.

Back in Tasmania, Nebel is busy, with 10 seeding operations so far in the season that runs from May to October, more than double the number at the same point in 2014.

Hydro Tasmania uses that water to generate electricity via turbines, before it flows into irrigation systems that support feed crops and pasture. That has helped boost the state’s dairy sector, where milk production is up about a tenth so far this season.—Reuters



Scientists work in a field of maize plants at the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Centre (CIMMYT) in El Batan on the outskirts of Mexico City on 31 Aug, 2010. REUTERS

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# Serena Williams beats Azarenka to set up Sharapova clash at Wimbledon semifinals



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus reacts during her match against Serena Williams of the USA at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, on 7 July, 2015. —REUTERS



Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates after winning her match against Coco Vandeweghe of the USA at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, on 7 July, 2015. —REUTERS



Serena Williams of the United States celebrates her victory over Victoria Azarenka of Belarus during the women's singles quarterfinal at 2015 Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, Britain, on 7 July, 2015. —XINHUA

LONDON, 8 July — Five-time champion Serena Williams fought back from one set down to defeat former world No. 1 Victoria Azarenka to set up a mouth-watering semifinal clash against old rival Maria Sharapova at the Wimbledon Championships here on Tuesday.

Azarenka, a twice Australian Open champion, brought the very best out of herself but still could not stop Williams from entering the last four 3-6, 6-2,

6-3 in front of a crowd of 15,000 on Centre Court.

The 33-year-old Williams, who has collected 20 Grand Slam titles, has not been beaten at a major championship since she was ousted by Alize Cornet in the third round here last year.

She will become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four Grand Slam events in one year if she can pull off the Wimbledon title this year.

Williams has enjoyed

a 17-2 record against Sharapova including 16 victories in a row. The American beat Sharapova four times in the semifinals at the All England Club. Their last meeting took place in the last 16 of 2011.

"I look forward to it. I don't have anything to lose, I'm just going in there trying to win a match," Williams said of Thursday's match.

No 4 seed Sharapova, who won the title in 2004, dropped the second set but managed to dominate the

final one en route to a 6-3, 6-7(3), 6-2 victory over CoCo Vandeweghe, an unseeded American, in two hours 46 minutes.

Vandeweghe had never before progressed beyond the third round of any Grand Slam.

"Serving for the second set I could have made it easier for myself," said Sharapova. "But I still got the job done and I have to be pleased with that, and that I'm in a semifinal here again. There's no easy road

to victory. You're going to have your bumps. Today could have been a two-set match. I made it more difficult for myself, but I'm still here."

The other semifinal will be played between 13<sup>th</sup> seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland and Spain's Garbine Muguruza.

Radwanska defeated American 21<sup>st</sup> seed Madison Keys 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3 on Court One and reached her fourth Grand Slam semifinals. Muguruza eliminat-

ed Swiss 15<sup>th</sup> seed Timea Bacsinszky 7-5, 6-3 to become the first Spanish woman to make the Wimbledon last four since Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario in 1997.

"I always like to take little parts of every player and try to do the same things," Muguruza said. "You just take a few things and make a perfect player."

Muguruza, 21, is the youngest player left in the women's draw. —Xinhua

## Beware a motivated Park In-bee at US Women's Open

LANCASTER, (Pennsylvania), 8 July — World number one Park In-bee is usually seen as the player to beat in women's golf majors these days, and now the Korean has extra motivation at this week's US Women's Open.

Park, who has won five of the last dozen majors with no other rival notching more than one in that span, is coming off a missed cut and a poor putting week — two rarities for the 26-year-old South Korean.

She gets a chance to make amends starting on Thursday at Lancaster Country Club in the year's third major.

"I putted really bad two weeks ago, and that definitely gave me somewhat like a wake-up call," Park told reporters on Tuesday. "I had a bad week and that definitely made me practice harder and gave me a lot more motivation coming into this week."

Not exactly comforting to the rest of the 156-player field that in-



Park In-bee of South Korea hits off the ninth fairway during the first round of the LPGA Canadian Women's Open golf tournament in Coquitlam, British Columbia on 23 Aug, 2012. —REUTERS

cludes defending champion Michelle Wie and other former winners such as Choi Na-yeon (2012), Ryu So-yeon (2011), Paula Creamer (2010) and Cristie Kerr (2007).

Motivation combined with skill and confidence has been a winning formula for Park, who this season reclaimed the number one ranking from 18-year-old Lydia Ko of New Zealand.

"When I come to major championships, I work extra hard," said Park, who has six majors among her 15 LPGA titles.

"I like the atmosphere. I like the little bit extra pressure when we start the game. Obviously having good results helps. That gives me a lot of confidence."

Known as one of the tour's top putters, Park said the sloping greens at Lancaster could well decide the championship.

"I played here five weeks ago, it was really dry then and now it's wet," she said about the long, hilly layout. "I feel like I'm playing two different golf courses."

Reuters

## Andy Murray plays with pups in sniffer-dog video

LONDON, 8 July— Andy Murray goes to the dogs, or more precisely the puppies, in a video released on Tuesday which shows him playing at Wimbledon with five cocker spaniels being trained to become sniffer dogs.

The six-week-old puppies are being raised by the Metropolitan Police Service and Murray, a self-professed dog lover and a World Wildlife Fund global ambassador, supports the use of sniffer dogs to crack down on wildlife poaching in Nepal, a release from the Wim-

bledon press office says. In the video (here) Murray is shown playing with the puppies on the famous hill within Wimbledon's grounds while they run around him and chew on his shoelaces and fingers.

"Hey, that's my finger," he says at one point, commenting that the pup has "sharp little teeth".

Eventually one of them seems to bond with Murray and he cuddles it.

"I think this one's ready," he says. "It listens to me." Police sniffer dogs are used at Wimbledon and Murray said in a statement

that he supports their use at the Championships and to crackdown on illegal trafficking in wildlife.

"Sniffer dogs do an incredible job whether it's keeping us safe and secure here at Wimbledon, or fighting wildlife crime in Nepal," Murray, who is battling for a second Wimbledon men's title, is quoted as saying.

"I'm really hoping that whilst I battle it out on the court this summer — people will join the battle to help fight the global problem of wildlife crime."

Reuters



Andy Murray of Britain serves during his match against Ivo Karlovic of Croatia at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London, on 6 July, 2015. REUTERS