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# SEARCH FOR NEW HOMES

## Land survey seeks relocation sites for landslide-hit households

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 24 Aug — The government will publish the findings of a geological survey carried out in Haka, Chin State in September.

The survey aims to identify a suitable location for the resettlement of residents left homeless by landslides in late July and early August.

Geological experts met with representatives of the Chin State Government and the Ministry of Mines on Sunday to discuss the preliminary findings of the survey, which will be officially published by the ministry.

Across Haka, more than 600 houses were affected by the landslides, with 370 completely destroyed.

In western Chin State, landslides and flash floods caused severe damage; leaving more than 1,000 homes damaged or destroyed, affecting 7,670 people and killing five.

Haka Township Administrator U Thein Zaw Oo told *The Global New Light of Myanmar* on Monday that nearly 200 homes in Myo Haung Ward need to be relocated as a result of the damage caused by the landslide that hit the mountain-side capital city.

He added that many residents have already left their homes and moved to safer areas.

At the start of the month the city was threatened by food



Haka, Chin State.—PHOTO: PANSY MAWI'S FACEBOOK

shortages after the Haka-Gangaw Road was almost completely cut off by a landslide.

The Chin State government is building an emergency road

route that links Kalay in Sagaing Region with Falam in Chin State, in order to transport aid to the mountainous region.

The nationwide death toll

from landslides and floods between June and late August reached 121. Most of these deaths occurred in Rakhine State, where 56 people were killed, followed

by 23 in Sagaing and 12 in Mandalay Region, according to data from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

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## Bangladesh to approve proposal for new road to Myanmar

DHAKA, 24 Aug—Bangladesh's economic policy-making body is all set to approve a proposal for constructing a new road to Myanmar, aimed at boosting bilateral trade, an official said Monday.

A Planning Ministry official who did not like to be named said the Executive Committee of the National Economic Council will likely approve the proposal on Tuesday in a meeting with Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in the chair.

The 540 million taka (about 7 million U.S. dollars) proposed

new road will pass through Bangladesh's two southeastern hilly districts - Cox's Bazaar, some 292 km away from capital Dhaka, and Bandarban, some 316 km south-east of the capital city - which border Myanmar to the country's east. He said that in April this year the project for constructing the new road was finalized.

The proposed road aims at Bangladesh's plan to develop bilateral trade with Myanmar as well as develop road connectivity with China and other nations in Southeast Asia, he added.

Xinhua

## Two senior military officers appointed as union ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—President U Thein Sein has appointed Lieutenant General Sein Win and Lieutenant General Kyaw Swe of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) as the Union Minister for Defence and the Union Minister for

Border Affairs respectively. The appointments were made under Section 232 of the constitution of Myanmar and Section 12 of the Union Government Law and came into effect on 24 August 2015.

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## Great fall of China sinks world stocks, dollar tumbles

LONDON, 24 Aug—Alarm bells rang across world markets on Monday as a near 9 percent dive in China shares and a sharp drop in the dollar and major commodities panicked investors.

European stocks were more than 5 percent in the red and Wall Street was braced for similar

losses after Asian shares slumped to 3-year lows as a three month-long rout in Chinese equities threatened to get out of hand.

Oil plunged another 4 percent, while safe-haven government U.S. [T] an German bonds and the yen and the euro rallied as widespread fears of a China-led

global economic slowdown and currency war kicked in.

“It is a China driven macro panic,” said Didier Duret, chief investment officer at ABN Amro. “Volatility will persist until we see better data there or strong policy action through forceful monetary easing.”—Reuters

## Parliament approves appointment of two union ministers

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — A Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) session on Monday approved the appointments of two union ministers by the president.

Lt-Gen Sein Win has been appointed the Union Minister for Defence and Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe the Union Minister for Border Affairs. Parliament also designated five new towns

in Bago Region, before deputy ministers discussed arrangements for new foreign loans including Yen 24.866 billion for upgrading the Yangon Circular Rail Line, Yen 41.115 billion for the second phase of upgrading the national grid and Yen 33.869 billion for upgrading three bridges on Myanmar's east-west economic corridor. The

session also passed a marital law affecting Myanmar women, a law for the preservation of ancient buildings and discussed a new broadcasting law.

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MPs discuss arrangements for new foreign loans to upgrade Yangon Circular Rail Line.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Chan Maung.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe.—MNA

## MOFA's diplomacy course begins

YANGON, 24 Aug — The Ministry of Foreign Affairs launched a training program on diplomacy on Monday, with the opening address given by the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Thant Kyaw.

The program aims to enhance the skills and abilities of the ministry's newly recruited junior officers. The curriculum includes subjects on politics

and security, international and domestic economics, cultural and social issues, protocol, consular and legal matters, communication, administrative and budgetary issues, diplomacy and ASEAN studies. Thirty heads of branch and secretaries will take part in the 12-week course, which is the fourth of its kind to take place this year.

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## Getting to the goal of 100 percent birth registration

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — UNICEF released a press release Monday that at the third National Forum on Birth Registration in Myanmar held in Nay Pyi Taw Monday, donors, policymakers and service providers from around the country, reconfirmed the critical importance of birth registration and reflected on what more needs to be done to realize

an efficient and effective birth registration system for the country.

To get to the goal of 100 percent birth registration, the Government of Myanmar and UNICEF are urging donors to respond to a request for US\$1.5 million to support the ongoing national birth registration campaign.

Myanmar has made considerable progress on

birth registration in recent years. Demand for birth registration is being created through awareness raising at region and state level.

The successful campaigns in 2014-2015 in the six states and regions of Ayeyawady, Chin, Kayin, Kayah, Magway and Mon saw the registration of more than 300,000 children aged under

five years.

This brings the national coverage to approximately 79% of births registered, up from 72% in 2009-2010.

There are wide differences across the country. While nearly all children born in Yangon are registered, many children in remote rural areas still lack a birth certificate.

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Cancer specialists perform medical checkup at patients.  
PHOTO: KHAING THANDA LWIN

## Cancer awareness campaign to focus on early diagnosis

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 24 Aug — A public awareness campaign about the prevention and early detection of eight common types of cancer will take place in Taungoo, Bago Region during September and October, announced a local non-profit organisation on Monday.

The local non-profit Golden Rose Cancer Foundation is teaming up with the Myanmar Medical Association to roll out the campaign, which will include free medical checkups and blood tests for

those who attend the health seminars, said the foundation's Secretary General, Dr Moe Aung Kyaw Naing.

"The free tests include screening for Hepatitis B and diabetes, as these people with these illnesses are at an increased risk of getting certain types of cancer," he said.

Cancer specialists will give short talks on different types of cancer, such as prostate, liver and mouth, with each specialist focusing on risk factors and possible warning signs that could lead to

early detection.

According to data from the Ministry of Health, breast and ovarian cancers are the most common types of cancer found in Myanmar women, while lung and colon cancers are most prevalent among men.

"Lifestyle-related risk factors, such as excessive levels of drinking and smoking among men, explain why these cancers are more prevalent," Dr Moe Aung Kyaw Naing.

The two organisations will also hold a conference on cancer treatments in October in Yangon.—GNLM

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw



Pyithu Hluttaw

NATIONAL

# Much remains to be done to repair flood damage: president

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — The damage bill from flooding across the nation has hit K139 billion (U.S. \$109 million), President U Thein Sein said Monday, as he urged ministries, along with state and region governments, to do everything required to help victims repair their lives.

At a reconstruction planning meeting in Nay Pyi Taw, the president said the entire country, with the exception of one region and two states, had been affected by floods in July, with more than 5,000 buildings and 1.4 million acres of farmland damaged.

The president said it was necessary to provide food, clothing, shelter and healthcare services to flood victims, and while some problems had been solved through international assistance, private donations and government action, much remained to be done.

The reconstruction efforts will be spearheaded by the government based on data collected by state and region governments, the president added.

After the speech, Vice President U Nyan Tun, who chairs the natural disaster management

committee, and chief ministers of states and regions hit by floods reported to the president on tasks being carried out for disaster relief.

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**President U Thein Sein delivers speech at coordination meeting on reconstruction in flood-affected regions.**

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Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presents cash assistance provided by the president to a senior citizen in Lashio.—MNA

## Centenarians receive honours at ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham attended a ceremony Monday to provide cash assistance to centenarians at the city hall in Lashio, northern Shan State.

The vice president and his wife together with attendees paid respects to a number of senior citizens, including those aged 100 and above.

On behalf of the president, Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham presented certificates of honour and K200,000 each to Daw Hnai Lwe Lein, aged 111, from Tangyan Township, Daw Dong Yang, 105, Daw Nai Sa, 102, and Daw Saw May, 100, all from Lashio, and U Sam Mu, 100, from Hsipaw.

Vice President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon gave K100,000 each to the older persons.

Daw Phyu Phyu Nyunt, wife of the chief minister of Shan State, also presented K100,000 each to the centenarians.

A total of 17 senior citizens in northern Shan State received K6.8 million at the ceremony.

The programme to honour the senior citizens is the first of its kind in Myanmar since independence. According to the social welfare national strategic plan, certificates of honour and K200,000 each provided by the president will be given to 603 older persons of above 100 years old across the nation.—MNA

## Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets MPC (Interim) members

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Vice Chairman of Myanmar Press Council (Interim) U Khin Maung Lay and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, on Monday.

The senior general explained situation in Laukkai region and

its latest developments, goodwill visits to Pakistan, Serbia and India, relations between armed forces of these countries and Myanmar Tatmadaw, free and fair general election in 2015, process of nationwide ceasefire and peace-making process, attitude of Tatmadaw on leadership change in Union Solidarity and

Development Party and political parties, measures taken by the government, Tatmadaw and local and foreign organizations for relief and rehabilitation and the future plan concerning recent flood. The C-in-C replied to queries raised by members of MPC (Interim).

Myawady

## Academy award winner Maung Tin Oo passes away

MANDALAY, 24 Aug—Myanmar Academy Award winner Maung Tin Oo passed away on

Monday morning at his home in Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay. He is survived by his wife

and three sons. Maung Tin Oo began his career in film in the mid-1960s and in 1968 he studied under Shumawa U Kyaw. He made his debut as a director with the Academy award winning “Sun at Night”.

He directed a total of 30 films throughout his long career – five of which he won awards for. These included “Nayhwathawnya” in 1972, “Takhargabawa” in 1972, “Thingyan Moe” in 1985, “Tikepwaykhawthan” in 1995 and “Nalonehlalumike” in 2001.

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## President's Office appoints military personnel to new posts

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — The President's Office announced a reshuffle of the Nay Pyi Taw Council on Monday, replacing Col Min Naung with Col Myint Aung Than.

The outgoing Col Myint Aung Than is assigned to his former military responsibilities, according to the announcement.

Meanwhile, military per-

sonnel assigned as ministers for security and border affairs in four regions and four states have been replaced, according to the announcement signed by President U Thein Sein.

The outgoing ministers have been assigned to their former military responsibilities, it said.

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## Vice-Senior General observes Japan defense drill

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug — Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and party observed the Fuji Firepower Exercise 2015 in Japan on Sunday.

Japanese Minister of Defense Mr. Gen Nakatani gave an opening speech at the exercise, held at the foot of Mt. Fuji, be-

fore a demonstration of combat helicopters.

The exercise included 3,374 troops, 27 tanks, 60 mortars, 18 missiles, 20 helicopters, and weapons worth U.S. \$320 million.

Some 60,000 people attended the exercise, held to promote public trust in the Japan Ground Self-Defense Forces.

Myawady



South Korean marines patrol along a bank of a shore on Yeonpyeong island just south of Northern Limit Line (NLL), South Korea, August 23, 2015.—REUTERS

## Park demands apology, end to provocations as inter-Korean talks continue

SEOUL, 24 Aug — South Korean President Park Geun-hye reiterated Monday that North Korea should apologize for its recent provocations and vow not to repeat them, as inter-Korean talks aimed at defusing heightened tensions continued into a third day.

The talks “are still under way amid efforts being made to wrap up agreements,” Park said at a meeting with senior secretaries, according to the presidential office.

She stressed “a clear apology and assurance that (provocations) will not be repeated are necessary” to break the North’s pattern of carrying out provocations and stoking tense situations.

“Without the things obtained, we will take corresponding countermeasures and continue (anti-Pyongyang) loudspeaker broadcasts” along the border with the North, she said.

Park added that South Korea “will not step back when North Korea maximizes the provocative situations and increase threats to our security.”

The talks began early Saturday evening and the first session lasted nearly 10 hours. They restarted at 3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Kim Kwan Jin, chief of the National Security Office at the South Korean presidential office, and Unification Minister Hong Yong Pyo are meeting with Hwang Pyong So, director of the General Political Bureau of the North’s Korean People’s Army, and Kim Yang Gon, a secretary of the ruling Workers’ Party.

Well-informed sources said Sunday that the North’s representatives in the talks are demanding a halt to the South Korean military’s loudspeaker broadcasts, while the South insists that the North must first

accept responsibility for landmine blasts that seriously injured two South Korean soldiers earlier this month on the South’s side of the demilitarized zone.

South Korea resumed the broadcasts earlier this month for the first time in 11 years in retaliation for the landmine blasts.

On Thursday, South Korea said it fired back a volley of artillery shells in anger over South Korea’s resumption of the broadcasts.

North Korea then set a 48-hour deadline for Seoul to stop the broadcasts or risk military action, but the Saturday deadline passed without incident.

South Korea says its armed forces remain at the highest state of alert and are ready to sternly and immediately retaliate against any attacks by North Korea.

*Kyodo News*

## Fire breaks out at steel pipe factory near Tokyo, no one injured

YOKOHAMA, 24 Aug — A fire broke out at a steel pipe factory in Kawasaki, south of Tokyo, on Monday but no injuries were reported, firefighters said.

The fire occurred at around 11:35 a.m. at the plant of Nippon Steel and Sumikin Pipe Co., a subsidiary of the country’s biggest steelmaker, Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corp.

The blaze spread to a neighboring factory of major chemical maker Kao Corp., which issued an order for its employees to evacuate the facility.

Due to the fire, traffic on the metropolitan expressway was

temporarily suspended between Daishi and Kawasaki-Ukishima junctions, the Japan Road Traffic Information Center said.

Flight services at nearby Haneda airport, which lies on the opposite side of the Tama River, were not affected, the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism said.

The factory was not operating at the time of the fire as it is scheduled to be closed in November. Police said the blaze is suspected to have started at a warehouse that was undergoing demolition.

*Kyodo News*



Photo shows a Nippon Steel & Sumikin Pipe Co. plant in Kawasaki, near Tokyo, where a fire broke out on Aug. 24, 2015. No one was reported injured, while flight schedules at Haneda airport, located nearby, were not affected.—KYODO NEWS

## Philippines flies aid to thousands of marooned as typhoon toll rises

MANILA, 24 Aug — Philippine army helicopters on Monday airlifted food, water and relief supplies to thousands of families who fled their homes during a typhoon as more bodies were pulled out from under landslides, disaster officials said.

More than 30,000 people were evacuated in the northern Philippines due to fears of flooding and landslides as more than 1,000 homes were destroyed by Typhoon Goni, which has since lost some of its strength as it barrels northeast towards southern Japan. Disaster officials said about 20 people had been killed, most of them in landslides. “As we speak, there are now helicopters bringing food packs to more than 1,000 families isolated by a collapsed bridge in Ilocos Sur,” Social Welfare secretary Dinky Soliman said, referring to a coastal northwestern province. More than 5,000 people were marooned in about eight villages in Ilocos Sur. Army trucks were moving north after soldiers cleared major roads of uprooted trees and toppled power lines.

Four bodies were pulled from under tonnes of mud in the Cordillera mountain



Rescuers search for missing miners and their families buried in a landslide caused by Typhoon Goni, in Mankayan, Benguet in northern Philippines August 24, 2015.—REUTERS

region where more than a dozen people were unaccounted for, Nestor Fongwan, governor of Benguet province, said. Two children drowned when their house was swept by a swollen river near the former U.S. naval base in Subic. Goni is one of two

cyclones hovering in the northwest Pacific. Super Typhoon Atsani had also been heading towards Japan, but has since weakened and on Monday was heading to the northeast out to sea.

*Reuters*

## Thai police deactivate bomb in Bangkok house

BANGKOK, 24 Aug — Thai police said on Monday that they had found and deactivated a bomb in the capital Bangkok, a week after an explosion killed 20 people in the city.

“We received reports this afternoon of a bomb in Sukhumvit 81. I went to check and found a wide bomb,” Kamthorn Aucharoen, commander of the police’s explosive ordnance team, told Reuters, referring to a road off of one of Bangkok’s main thoroughfares.

“It was left in the house of a construction worker,” he said. “We have deactivated the bomb and will destroy it.”

Police said on Monday the trail had gone cold in the hunt for a bomber in Thailand’s worst ever bomb attack, and they were unsure if the chief suspect was still in the country.

*Reuters*

## WORLD

## Controversial China rig completes drilling well near Vietnam coast

BEIJING, 24 Aug — The Chinese oil rig at the centre of last year's standoff between China and Vietnam over oil exploration in the South China Sea has completed drilling of a well not far from Vietnam's coast, the official Xinhua News Agency said on Monday.

Xinhua did not give coordinates for the well, but the China's Maritime Safety Administration website earlier put the drilling site just over 100 nautical miles from the coast of Vietnam and 75 nautical miles south of the resort city of Sanya on China's Hainan Island.

China claims most of the potentially energy-rich South China Sea, through which \$5 trillion in ship-borne trade passes every year. The Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan also have overlapping claims.

China's deployment of the rig last year in what Vietnam considers its exclusive economic zone, about 120 nautical miles off its coast, led to the worst breakdown in relations since a brief border war in 1979.

The \$1 billion deepwater rig, known as the Haiyang Shiyou 981, is owned by state-run China National Offshore Oil Corp. (CNOOC), China's largest producer of offshore oil and gas.

Xinhua, citing a company statement, said that the rig had completed China's first high-temperature, high-pressure and deep water exploration well.

A statement could not be found on the company's website or that of its flagship listed unit, CNOOC Ltd. A spokesperson could not immediately be reached.

Vietnam and China agreed on an equal split of their maritime boundary of the Gulf of Tonkin in 2000 but have yet to agree on demarcating waters further south, near the well's site.

Vietnam's people remain embittered over a perceived history of Chinese bullying and territorial claims in the South China Sea, although China said at the time the rig was operating completely within its waters.

China has also clashed with the Philippines in recent years over a disputed shoal that China seized in 2012.

On Monday, China's foreign ministry again condemned an arbitration case initiated by Philippines, saying it was a violation of previous commitments to handle to dispute bilaterally and an abuse of the legal system.

China has for years insisted that disputes with rival claimants to the South China Sea be handled bilaterally and has refused to take part in the Philippines case.

But last month, its claims came under international legal scrutiny for the first time when the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague began hearing a suit the Philippines filed in 2013.

Reuters

## Blast rocks U.S. Army warehouse in Japan, no injuries reported

YOKOHAMA, 24 Aug — An explosion occurred early Monday at a warehouse at a U.S. military base in Sagami, Kanagawa Prefecture, but there were no reports of injuries, local authorities said.

The one-story warehouse at the U.S. Army Sagami General Depot, some 40 kilometers southwest of Tokyo, burst into flames at around 0:45 a.m., according to local firefighters who received a number of calls from local residents as well as being contacted by the U.S. military.

The fire was extinguished about seven hours later after burning down some 900 square meters of the warehouse, firefighters and police said. Metal oxygen tanks in the warehouse may have exploded, the firefighters said.

In Tokyo, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, speaking at a press conference, said the incident had "created anxiety for residents living nearby" and asked the United States to look into the cause of the blast and take preventive measures.

The Sagami city government announced that Col. William Johnson, commander of the U.S. Army Garrison in Japan, offered an apology to Mayor Toshio Kayama by phone on Monday.

The Kanagawa prefectural police said the U.S. military will investigate the cause of the blast as it occurred within the base premises.

The Kanagawa police said



Photo taken Aug. 24, 2015, from a Kyodo News helicopter shows a burnt warehouse at a U.S. military base in Sagami, some 40 kilometers southwest of Tokyo, where an explosion caused the building to burst into flames. Kanagawa prefectural police said the U.S. military will look into the cause of the incident as the fire occurred within the base premises.—KYODO NEWS

Japanese police have no right to investigate in the event of an incident or accident at a U.S. military base or facility based on the Japan-U.S. status of forces agreement. Only if there is damage outside the facilities would Japanese investigative authorities be involved.

In Washington on Sunday, the Defense Department said it had received no reports of injuries and did not yet have any details about the explosion. It added the warehouse contained no hazardous materials and there

were no munitions or radiological materials in the depot.

After consulting with U.S. base officials, the firefighters initially decided not to discharge water at the fire since the condition of the warehouse's contents was unclear and there was no fear of the fire spreading. There are no other buildings around the military depot, which covers some 200 hectares.

They used water after confirming there were no hazardous materials in the warehouse.

Kyodo News

## MiG-21 fighter jet of Indian Air Force crashes in Indian-controlled Kashmir



A civil defence team member removes the wreckage of a MiG-21 Bison aircraft of the Indian Air Force (IAF) after it crashed in Soibugh in Budgam district of Kashmir August 24, 2015. The pilot of the aircraft ejected safely, according to local media reports.—REUTERS

SRINAGAR, Indian-controlled Kashmir, 24 Aug — An Indian Air Force (IAF) MiG-21 crashed Monday in Indian-controlled Kashmir, officials said.

According to officials,

both the pilot and a co-pilot on board managed to eject safely prior to the crash.

The MiG-21 fighter jet of IAF crashed in a paddy field in village Soibugh of Budgam district, about 14

km south of Srinagar city, the summer capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir.

"Today a MiG-21 belonging to IAF has crashed at Soibugh in a paddy field," Indian military spokesman Col Manish Kumar told Xinhua. "There is no casualty in this accident, neither on board nor on ground." The cause of the crash was not immediately known.

According to Kumar, pilot and navigator inside the fighter jet managed to eject safely "well in time."

Eyewitnesses said the pilot was provided first aid at the spot before being flown away in a chopper of IAF that reached the spot following the crash.

Officials said the fighter aircraft had taken off from Srinagar airfield and was on a "routine" sortie

in the area. Following the crash, locals, police, rescue teams and IAF officials immediately rushed to the spot to inspect the debris of the mangled aircraft.

Reports said that an inquiry has been ordered into the accident to ascertain the cause. Last year, an IAF pilot was killed after MiG-21 he was flying crashed in the region.

Reports said IAF has inducted over 900 MiG-21 in its fleet over the past 40 years and many of them were lost in crashes.

Of late India is phasing out its MiG-21 squadron, following incidents of its frequent crashes in the past.

Earlier this year, two Indian military troopers were killed after a helicopter they were flying in crashed.

Xinhua

## People killed in bull running events in Spain rises to 10 this year

MADRID, 24 Aug — The number of people who have died as the result of being gored by a bull during this year's popular celebrations of 'fiestas' in Spain rose to 10 on Sunday when a man in his 40's was killed.

The unidentified victim was gored several times by a bull in the town of Borriol (northeastern Spain) and later died in hospital.

This death comes in the wake of four deaths in four different locations in Spain in the past week bringing this year's death toll to the record number of deaths which was set in 2009.

One of the deaths happened close to Toledo where a 55-year-old was

gored to death by a bull he had been filming on his mobile phone, while another victim was an 80-year-old man who was gored in the neck.

The number of deaths is almost certain to rise given that the months of August and September are the most popular months for small towns to hold their celebrations in memory of their patron saints. One contributing factor to the increase in deaths is the end of the economic crisis: events involving bulls have returned to many towns which had previously decided to end them in recent years in an attempt to cut costs.

Xinhua

## France honours Americans, Briton who disarmed train gunman

PARIS, 24 Aug — French President Francois Hollande on Monday awarded France's highest honour, the Legion d'honneur, to three U.S. citizens and a Briton who helped disarm a machine gun-toting suspected Islamist militant on a train last week.

The award came a day after it was revealed that one of the Americans, Spencer Stone, also appeared to have saved the life of a fellow passenger.

"Faced with the evil called terrorism there is a good, that's humanity. You are the incarnation of that," he told the four men.

The suspect's lawyer said on Sunday the man named by intelligence sources as Ayoub el Khazani, 26, of Morocco, is "dumb-founded" at having been taken for an Islamist militant and says he only intended to rob people on board because he was hungry, his lawyer said on Sunday.

Stone, a 23-year-old airman travelling with two friends on the train from Amsterdam to Paris on Friday, told reporters on Sunday of how he plugged the blood-spurting wound of another passenger with his fingers after himself being injured by the

attacker, identified by security sources as a suspected Islamist militant.

"I went over, saw that he was squirting blood out of the left or right side of his neck," Stone, with a cut above his right eye and his left arm in a sling to protect his injured hand, said at a press conference alongside his friends, student Anthony Sadler, also 23, and National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos, 22.

"And I was going to use my shirt at first, but I realised that wasn't going to work, so I just stuck two of my fingers in the hole, found what I thought to be the artery, pushed down and the bleeding stopped." Stone held that position until paramedics arrived, he said.

The man whom Stone helped remains hospitalized. U.S. Ambassador to France Jane Hartley said at the news conference that he was "doing pretty well."

Chris Norman, a 62-year-old British consultant who lives in France, was also decorated by Hollande on Monday.

Stone said another man, who is French and whose name has not been disclosed, "deserves a



French President Francois Hollande (C) poses with British businessman Chris Norman (L), U.S. student Anthony Sadler (2ndL), U.S. Airman First Class Spencer Stone (2ndR) and U.S. National Guardsman Alek Skarlatos (R) during a ceremony at the Elysee Palace in Paris, France, August 24, 2015.—REUTERS

lot of the credit" because he was the first one to try to stop the gunman.

Stone thanked the doctors who reattached his thumb, which was almost severed by the gunman, who was armed with a box cutter, a pistol and a Kalashnikov AK-47 assault rifle.

The three Americans, who grew up together near Sacramento, California, were touring Europe, partly to celebrate Skarlatos' return from a recent tour of

duty in Afghanistan.

The trio said they had no choice but to react when they saw the gunman cocking his assault rifle. Stone said he choked him while Skarlatos hit him on the head with one of his firearms.

Stone's and Skarlatos' military training kicked in while they provided first aid and searched the train to make sure there were no other gunmen, they said.

They said the gunman was apparently untrained in firearms

and that he could have used all his firepower to devastating effect if he had known more about weapons.

Skarlatos disputed a statement the gunman made, through a lawyer, that he just wanted to rob the train because he was hungry.

"It doesn't take eight magazines to rob a train," Skarlatos said. "The guy had a lot of ammo. His intentions seemed pretty clear."—Reuters

## More Democrats crack open door for Biden presidential run

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug — More prominent Democrats on Sunday cracked open the door for Vice President Joe Biden to enter the race for the Democratic presidential nomination as party front-runner Hillary Clinton battled questions over her use of a private email server.

California Governor Jerry Brown told NBC's Meet the Press program that, if he were Biden, he would give "very serious consideration" to a presidential run.

Brown said the email saga surrounding Clinton's private email server as Secretary of State carried a "dark energy" that represents a substantial challenge for her campaign.

"It is almost like a vampire. She is going to have to put a stake...in the heart of these emails," the California Democrat said.

Asked if Biden should run, Brown said: "You are asking me presidential advice. All I can say is if I were Hillary, I would say don't jump in. If I were Joe

Biden, I would probably give it very serious consideration."

Speculation grew on Saturday that Biden may soon challenge Clinton for the Democratic nomination as the vice president met with Senator Elizabeth Warren, a power broker among liberal Democrats.

Warren, who has strong support from liberal groups that would be critical to winning in early voting states, has said she will not run for president herself, but she has not endorsed Clinton or any other Democratic candidate.

Josh Alcorn, a senior adviser for Draft Biden 2016, a Super PAC group that is laying groundwork for a potential run, said the vice president was "sounding out people in early (primary election) states, activists and potential supporters."

Meeting with Warren could help give Biden more ideas for making the U.S. economy work better for middle-class Americans, he told Fox News Sunday.

If Biden decides to run, Alcorn said it

would be important for him to announce his candidacy in time to take part in the first Democratic debates in October.

Democratic presidential candidate Martin O'Malley said he had a "great deal of respect" for Biden.

"It would be nice to have at least one more lifelong Democrat in the race," the former Maryland governor told ABC's This Week with George Stephanopoulos.

The comment was partially a reference to independent Senator Bernie Sanders, a self-declared socialist from Vermont, who is also seeking the Democratic nomination.

Former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson on Sunday told ABC's "This Week" program that he would endorse Clinton in her bid to win the November 2016 presidential election, but said Biden would be a formidable candidate if he entered the race.

Reuters

## Greek conservative opposition hands back mandate to form government



Greek former Energy Minister and leader of the leftist Popular Unity party Panagiotis Lafazanis (front) arrives for a meeting with Evangelos Meimarakis (R), leader of the conservative New Democracy party at the parliament in Athens, Greece, August 22, 2015.—REUTERS

ATHENS, 24 Aug — The leader of Greece's main opposition party handed back a mandate to form a government to the country's president on Monday, after failing to do so within a three-day deadline following Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras's resignation last week.

President Prokopis Pavlopoulos was expected to hand the mantle to leftist leader Panagiotis Lafazanis next.

The hard-left politician has the third-largest grouping in the Greek parliament following the creation last week of the Popular Unity party, a splinter group from the left-wing Syriza party in power since January.—Reuters

## No need for new EU summit on immigration — EU's Juncker

BRUSSELS, 24 Aug — European Commission President Jean Claude Juncker dismissed calls for a new EU summit on immigration, saying member states should stop dragging their heels and implement existing agreements on the matter.

Juncker's comments in an opinion piece published in France's Le Figaro and Germany's Die Welt on Monday come ahead of a meeting of Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande in Berlin to discuss immigration.

Juncker repeated his criticism of

European governments failing to take migrants from Italy and Greece where tens of thousands arrived by boat have over the last months to escape poverty and war in their home countries.

"We don't need a new summit. Member states have to adopt the European measures and apply them to their territory," he wrote.

Juncker added that the European Union should draw up a uniform list of "safe countries" to which migrants could be returned.—Reuters



President Jean-Claude Juncker

# Islamic State militants blow up temple in ancient city of Palmyra

DAMASCUS, 24 Aug — Islamic State militants on Sunday blew up the temple of Baal Shamin, one of the most important sites in Syria's ancient city of Palmyra, said Maamoun Abdul Karim, the country's antiquities chief.

The temple bombing would be the first time the insurgents, who control swathes of Syria and Iraq and captured Palmyra in May, damaged monumental Roman-era ruins.

"We have said repeatedly the next phase would be one of terrorising people and when they have time they will begin destroying temples," Abdul Karim told Reuters.

"I am seeing Palmyra being destroyed in front of my eyes," he added. "God help us in the days to come."

A week ago, the militants beheaded Khaled Asaad, an 82-year-old scholar who worked for more than 50 years as head of antiquities in Palmyra, after detaining and interrogating him for over a month.

Before the city's capture by Islamic State, Syrian officials said they moved hundreds of



A general view shows the historical city of Palmyra, October 28, 2007. —REUTERS

ancient statues to safe locations out of concern that the militants would destroy them.

In June, Islamic State blew up two ancient shrines in

Palmyra that were not part of its Roman-era structures but which the militants regarded as pagan and sacrilegious.

The militants were also

beginning excavation for gold and giving licenses for illicit excavation of the city's treasures, Abdul Karim added.

Reuters

## Two soldiers killed after convoy hits explosives in southeast Turkey

DIYARBAKIR, (Turkey), 24 Aug — Two Turkish soldiers were killed and three wounded on Monday when the vehicle they were travelling in hit explosives buried in the road, the latest attack following the collapse of a ceasefire with Kurdish militants, security sources said.

The explosion occurred near the town of Semdinli in Hakkari province, which borders the Iraqi border, in the mainly Kurdish southeast.

Turkey has launched more than 400 air strikes against the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) in northern Iraq, where the armed group is based, and in southeast Turkey since late July, in what it says is a response to attacks on police officers and soldiers.

Ankara blames the autonomy-seeking PKK, listed as a terrorist organisation by Turkey, the United States and the European Union, for the deaths of 40,000 people, mainly Kurdish, since it took up arms in 1984.—Reuters

## Houthi rockets kill 14 civilians in Yemen's Taiz — residents

SANAA, 24 Aug — Rockets fired by Houthi militiamen killed 14 civilians, most of them children, as fighting intensified for control of Yemen's third largest city, Taiz, residents said on Monday.

The Saudi-led coalition opposing the Houthis also launched air raids on military bases and Houthi positions in the southwestern city during the fighting, residents said, but no casualties were reported.

Fighters loyal to Yemen's exiled government have been contesting control of Taiz — known as Yemen's cultural capital — with the Houthis since April. Hundreds of combatants and civilians have been killed.

"The situation is awful and the fighting is happening on many fronts. All the hospitals have closed except for one, so there's a shortage of medical care. Two rockets fell on the Deluxe neighbourhood, killing 14 people, among them women and children," Taiz resident Abdul Aziz Mohammed said.

"Taiz is being devastated."

The northern-based Houthi-

is, a Shi'ite Muslim group, took control of Yemen's capital Sanaa last September. Arab countries intervened in the conflict in March to halt a Houthi advance into the south which caused the Saudi-backed government to flee to Riyadh from its refuge in the southern port of Aden.

Months of air strikes and arms deliveries by the rich Gulf states to government loyalists began to pay off last month, when they seized back Aden and made surprise gains toward Yemen's north and Sanaa.

Gulf Arab states view the Houthis as a proxy for their archrival, Iran, but the group says it is fighting a revolution against a corrupt government beholden to the West.

Coalition warplanes on Friday killed 65 people in Taiz, most of them civilians, aid group Medecins Sans Frontieres said.

The United Nations is working to broker a political compromise to end the civil war which has killed over 4,300 people and avoid a showdown in the Houthis' northern heartland.

Reuters

## Bahrain says holding former MP on charges of financing militants

DUBAI, 24 Aug — Bahrain has detained a former member of parliament on charges of financing militants, state news agency BNA said late on Sunday, the latest in a series of arrests of opposition figures.

The agency did not name the man but quoted the director of criminal investigations as saying he was held on Aug. 18 after returning from a trip to collect funds in Iran.

Leading Shi'ite Muslim opposition group Al-Wefaq said in a statement it had not heard from one of its senior members, Sheikh Hassan Issa, since he was detained on Aug. 18, though it did not confirm he was the man mentioned in the report.

Washington has criticised its ally Bahrain over the arrest and trial of several prominent opposition figures, including

the head of al-Wefaq, Sheikh Ali Salman, and Ibrahim Sharif, former head of the secular National Democratic Action Society, known as Waad.

The Sunni Muslim-led island kingdom, which hosts the U.S. Fifth Fleet, has experienced sporadic turmoil since mass protests in 2011 led by majority Shi'ites demanding reforms and a bigger role in government.

Bahrain says the opposition has a sectarian agenda and is backed by Shi'ite power Iran, a charge Shi'ite groups deny. Waad is a secular leftist party run by both Sunnis and Shi'ites.

The director of criminal investigation said the detainee had collected donations from various sources, including participants in rallies, to give to suspects being sought by the authorities as well as "a terrorist group" knowing

about its activities.

The charges he was facing amounted to "financial terrorism", the director was quoted as saying. "He said the name of the arrestee was mentioned in a number of terrorist cases, including the Sitra terrorist blast on July 28 that killed two policemen," BNA said.

Issa was elected in the 2010 parliamentary poll but resigned a year later during the protests.

Al-Wefaq leader Sheikh Salman was sentenced in June to four years in jail after he was convicted of inciting unrest. Sharif, who was freed on June 19 after serving more than four years of a five-year sentence, had been charged with advocating the violent overthrow of the government.

Sharif's trial is due to start on Monday.—Reuters

## Militants attack Tunisian customs officers near Algerian border, one killed-source

TUNIS, 24 Aug — Islamist militant gunmen opened fire on a Tunisian customs team near the Algerian border, killing one customs agent and wounding three

more, a security source said on Monday.

The attack on a customs vehicle late on Sunday was in Bouchbka, in central Kasserine

province, where Islamist militants belonging to Okba Ibn Nafaa, an al Qaeda-tied group, have often attacked police, army and local officials.—Reuters

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 25 August, 2015

**Subjective thinking is a risky business**By *Myint Win Thein*

**S**ubjectivity places too much emphasis on one's own ideas, opinions and feelings – the facts come a distant second. In the real world, one is sure to make mistakes when the facts are neglected. This is especially true for politicians.

Think of it like this – scientists measure water vapour levels to predict rains. This is the objective and accurate way to go about it. Being influenced by personal feelings and opinions would only lead to incorrect assessments. It would be like predicting rain solely because one is tired of the heat.

But sometimes even the most seasoned of politicians and other types of public figures are given to making decisions for solely subjective reasons. This will have an unfortunate effect on a party's policies.

Eventually, such policies will fail and the party in question will have no choice but to adopt the policies that the general public has long been demanding. A party leader would do well to take

heed of the peoples' concerns and interests rather than giving too much weight to their own personal feelings. May all those in positions of leadership think objectively.

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# Promoting effective communication

By *Myo Myint*

**T**HE 21<sup>st</sup> Century is known as the age of information and communication technology. In this age, never has there been so much information passed from one person to another since the invention of television when news and information were able to be transmitted both in real time as well as visually and verbally using technology. Along with ICT, due to increased interaction among people to carry out various kinds of transaction, there has also been a marked increase in communication both within the national boundary as well as beyond. Time, place, person, and amount of information are no longer barriers to communication with the birth of the Internet and subsequent developments. Language differences are also becoming less of a barrier with the progress being made in developing machine translation. Anybody, at any time, from any place, can now share with others large amounts of information using print, sound and visual media.

With so much information available on the world-wide-web, if a person wants one's information to be heard, seen, read and more importantly, noted, what has become of vital importance is to ensure that one communicates effectively, as time does not only mean money, it also means making the most efficient use of the scarcest commodity in the world.

Effective communication involves using the following seven techniques among others:

1. Tell what you want in a comprehensible way. (Use short sentences as far as possible. Do not use technical terms, foreign words or indirectness, unless it is really necessary.)
2. Tell using as little time as possible. (Time is precious

and many people are more interested in what they want to say than what other people are saying.)

3. Tell what is relevant to your audience. (If it is not relevant, what is said will be like singing classical songs to an audience that can only appreciate pop songs.)

4. Tell it in an interesting, and persuasive way. (Use appropriate examples and anecdotes.)

5. Tell what is newsworthy to your audience. (If a person already knows what you are talking about, he/she will not be interested in what you are saying.)

6. Tell it in a form acceptable to your audience and situation. (Use appropriate level of politeness, indirectness, and formality. For example, if you are conversing with a monk you need to use appropriate terms and style.)

7. Tell it in a way appropriate to the form of text you are using. (Different texts and medium require different styles, for instance when you are speaking on the cell phone with a friend, you tend to be briefer compared to chatting with him in a tea shop.)

On the other hand, it is also important that one recognizes the intention of what is being communicated and is able to read between the lines, because there may be subtle feelings or reasons behind an utterance due to the following reasons:

1. Words can sometimes have more than one meaning and one must be able to identify which meaning is being expressed in an utterance. For example, the word degree in the following two sentences has different meanings: This work needs a high degree of patience. (meaning amount) and What degree did you do

at Yangon University? (meaning course)

2. Out of politeness, people tend to use a lot of indirectness. For instance, in the dialogue between speaker A and speaker B, Speaker B is indirectly refusing speaker B's invitation probable because he does not want to be impolite: Speaker A: Let's have dinner together tonight. Speaker B: I have a tutorial tomorrow.

3. Sometimes, the listener must solve ambiguity by making use of the context of the situation and the sentence. For example, the expression 'show the door' in "John, please show Mr. Benet the door," has two meanings, one a negative one, "make it clear that someone must leave", and the second, a more neutral meaning "lead or take someone to the door". If for one reason or another the gentleman happens to be a person the speaker does not wish to see, or does not want to continue speaking to after having an argument with him, then, the expression would have the first meaning, and if the speaker wants his secretary to simply escort Mr. Benet to the door out of courtesy, than it would have the second meaning.

4. The listener must also be able to assign the function of an utterance in order to gain the correct meaning, and respond accordingly. For example, the sentence "Yesterday was my birthday." Is used to simply inform a person about the date of her birthday and have the function of informing, or used to complain to the listener for forgetting her birthday and have the function of complaining.

5. Sometimes, an utterance can have different meanings for

different listeners. For instance, if a person calls her secretary and says Please bring me an aspirin as I have a terrible headache." while talking to a visitor, the sentence has the function of a request for an aspirin, while to the visitor it has meaning of asking him to leave: "I do not want to continue talking to you. I want you to leave."

6. As different text types have different organizational structures, it is necessary to be familiar with the way information is organized in a text type to assist the reader/listener to process it quickly. For example, both a letter and a news item may be providing information. The reader can get a gist of the news item by reading the first paragraph. However, he/she might have to read through the entire letter to find out what information the writer wants to convey.)

Just as verbal language is important for effective communication, so also are the use of appropriate tone, and body language. Tone can denote joy, fear, anger, friendliness, familiarity, impersonality, etc. Different tones are used with different sets of people such as a member of the family, friends, strangers, superiors, equals, and subordinates. The use of an inappropriate tone will not be acceptable as a person can be seen to be either too polite and insincere, or too rude and aggressive. In addition, every society has meanings attached to certain gestures, and so some of them need to be avoided so as not to appear to be rude or aggressive. For instance, in Myanmar society, talking with ones arms akimbo signals that a person is in an aggressive mood. Although in Western society it is acceptable to point something with one's foot, in Myanmar culture, it is extremely rude, and if done, the

person is doing it deliberately to display his/her superiority over the other person. So also in Bruneian culture, it is regarded as being rude to point something with one's index finger and pointing with the thumb of one's right hand is the more acceptable form.

Good public relations, whether it is for a government or a private organization, whether in the field of business or management, is very important at all levels, national, regional or local. Effective communicators are very much in demand in all countries, especially good sales pitch needs to be made. But they need to be genuinely effective communicators to avoid misunderstanding, distrust, antipathy, disagreement, disruption, etc. Due to increasing interactions people from foreign lands, and because of the intricate nature of language and its frequent use of indirectness, language specialists such as language teachers, translators and interpreters are very much in demand. In order to fulfill this national requirement, more efforts are needed to improve and expand Myanmar and foreign language programmes both by the government and the private sector in the basic education as higher education domains. In brief, effective communication, whether in one's own language or in a foreign language, results from not just being able to convey fluently what ones want to express and use the appropriate gestures, it must also accomplish one's aim in saying something, whether to inform, persuade, clarify, inflame, calm, terrify, flatter, or sooth, etc. It is true that people are born with the innate ability to use language but in most cases, they need to be guided in how to become effective communications. Effective communications thus require great efforts from learners as well as a lot of hard work from language teachers.

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LOCAL NEWS

## Township officials honour 'best mother'

HINTHADA, 24 Aug — Hinthada District General Hospital recently presented a “best mother” award as part of its nutrition development week activities.

Medical Superintendent Dr Toe Toe and Dr Phyo Wai Hlaing spoke about breastfeeding and criteria for the award.

The medical superintendent gave the first prize in breastfeeding to Daw Hsu Mon Htwe of Pabedan Ward while Chairperson of Hinthada Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Yin Yin Myat presented the second prize to Daw Thwe Thwe Oo of Takalay Ward 2.—*Kyaw Kyaw (Hinthada)*



## Volunteers give relief supplies, Buddha images to Pwintbyu Township

MEIKTILA, 24 Aug — Volunteers and well-wishers led by the Meiktila Township Vehicle Supervisory Committee donated relief supplies and Buddha images to local residents from south and north Petaw villages and Padongyi village in Pwintbyu Township on 23 August.

“We collected more than K11.9 million in cash donations from well-wishers in Meiktila,” Chairman of the supervisory committee U Khin Maung Myint said.

“We have distributed relief supplies to more than 550 households from three villages and 250 Buddha images to the



flood victims donated by Shwe Natketaung Sayadaw from Natmauk Township to the flood-hit areas in

Pwintbyu Township.

“New Myanmar and Doh Shan Nyinaung transport services also donated

cash assistance to the flood victims.”

*Chan Tha (Meiktila)*

## UNDP helps farmers back on feet after Chin landslides

HAKA, 24 Aug — The United Nations Development Programme is working with communities in Chin State affected by landslides to help them return to a normal life.

More than 1.3 million

people in Myanmar have been critically affected by monsoonal rains and landslides in July and August.

In the short-term, women and men from 500 households in Haka

will be paid to clear debris from paddy fields, renovate fish ponds, farm drains, village foot paths and roads linking villages.

The UNDP will also provide small farm animals and feed, as well as farming tools, to help af-

ected farmers get back on their feet.

The UNDP is also supporting affected communities in Rakhine State through a similar initiative.

*UNDP*

## Irrigation Dept plans to improve Myanaung embankment

MYANAUNG, 24 Aug— The Myanaung embankment can withstand rising waters, Staff Officer U Myo Zaw Zaw of Township Irrigation Department told media on 23 August.

After the Ayeyawady River rose to its danger point at the sluice gate near Ngabatchaung village in

Myanaung Township from 24 July to 6 August, local residents and officials of the Irrigation Department participated in maintenance of the embankment.

“In accord with the guidance of the president on his inspection tour of Ayeyawady Region, Township Irrigation De-

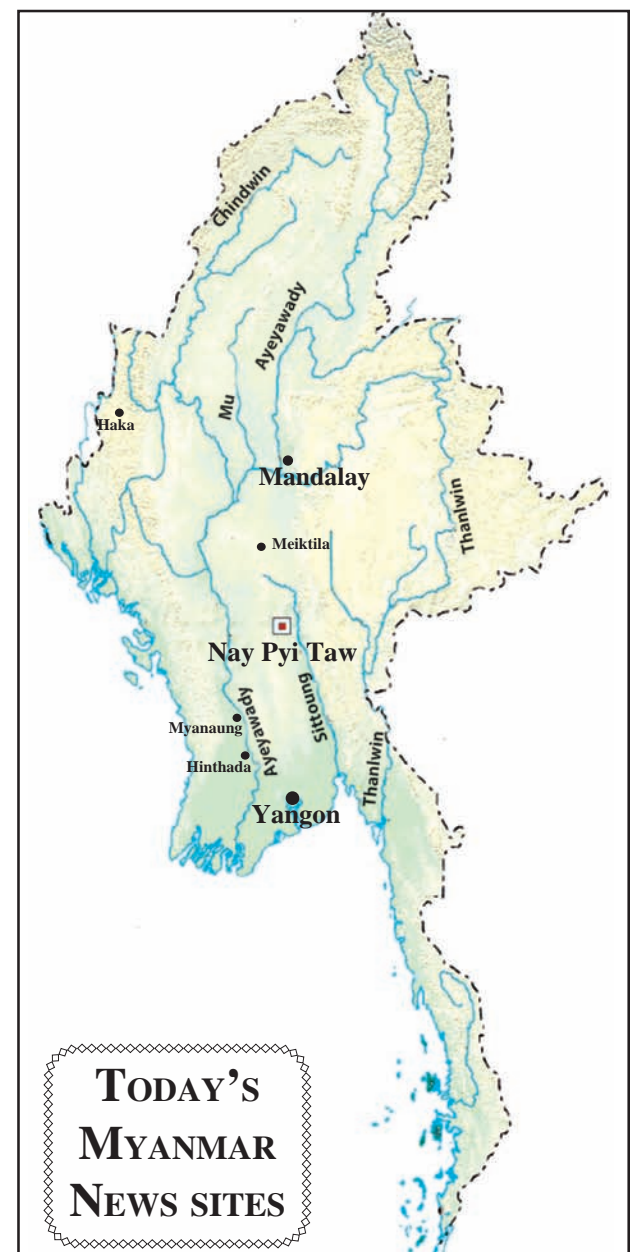
partment plans to improve the embankment,” a staff officer said.

During the flash flooding period in August, local residents from Shwekyin village-tract moved to Htoo village-tract. Officials opened relief camps at monasteries in Htoo village to accommodate the

flood victims. Residents returned home on 7 August.

The Myanaung embankment is roughly 49 miles long, running from Taikkyi village in Kyangin Township to Lutawsu village in Ingapu Township.

*Nay Win Zaw (Myanaung)*



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NEWS SITES

## Oil sinks 4 percent, hits 6-1/2 year low on China concerns

LONDON, 24 Aug — Oil prices fell 4 percent to fresh 6-1/2 year lows on Monday, after Chinese stock markets suffered their biggest one-day drop since the global financial crisis, intensifying worries over the outlook for global oil demand.

Growing concerns of a China-led global economic slowdown sparked sharp declines in global equities and commodities, with around 400 billion euros wiped off Europe's FTSEurofirst 300 .FTEU3 stocks index.

"Today's falls are not about oil market fundamentals. It's all about China," Carsten Fritsch, senior oil analyst at Commerzbank in Frankfurt, told the Reuters Global Oil Forum. "The fear is of a hard landing and that things get out of the control of the Chinese authorities."

Brent oil LCOc1 was trading down \$1.95, or more than 4 percent, at \$43.51 a barrel at 1200 GMT, after touching an intraday low of \$43.28, its weakest since March 2009.

U.S. light crude CLc1 was down \$1.83, or 4.5 percent, at \$38.62 a barrel, after falling as low as \$38.59. Steep losses last week led to the contract's longest weekly losing streak since 1986.

U.S. crude is now more than 17 percent below its opening

price at the start of the month and Brent is down more than 16 percent.

Multi-year lows in oil prices have so far failed to trigger any action from the world's biggest producers to rein in output, though Iran Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh said on Sunday that holding an emergency OPEC meeting could be effective in stabilising prices, Iran's oil ministry news agency Shana reported.

There was a similar call by Algeria earlier this month, but other OPEC delegates said no meeting was planned.

Zanganeh also said Iran would defend its oil market share by ramping up production at any cost and as soon as possible.

"We will be raising our oil production at any cost and we have no other alternative," Zanganeh said. "If Iran's oil production hike is not done promptly, we will be losing our market share permanently."

In a sign that relations between Iran and Western powers are improving, Britain reopened its Tehran embassy on Sunday.

Several oil and gas companies, including representative from Shell, travelled to Iran with foreign minister Philip Hammond.

Reuters

## Asia Pacific nations aim to eliminate 80% of import duties in 10 yrs

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Aug — Trade ministers from 16 Asia Pacific countries agreed Monday to eliminate tariffs on 80 percent of their imports within a decade, in a major breakthrough in talks for a massive regional free trade deal.

The 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations and China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand and India, which have been negotiating for a trade pact known as the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership or RCEP since May 2013, have been bogged down by the issue of modality in goods until now.

"The biggest issue we resolved today was agreement on modality in goods, meaning the level of tariff reduction," Malaysian International Trade and Industry Minister Mustapa Mohamed said in a press conference at the end of the ministerial meeting, adding "I consider this to be a major achievement."

The ministers agreed that

upon being put into force, no duty will be imposed on 65 percent of tariff lines, and in 10 years it will be 80 percent.

"Details will be worked out in the next few weeks," Mohamed said. "Our position now is for RCEP to be substantively concluded by the end of this year. There will be some technical issues which need to be resolved in 2016. We have to be realistic. Although the original plan was to complete everything perhaps by 2015, now we know that some issues might have to be carried forward. But those are minor issues."

He said part of the problems faced in negotiations was that some countries involved do not have bilateral free trade agreements like Japan and China or China and India. A meeting of the trade negotiating committee is scheduled for Oct. 12 to 16 in Busan, South Korea. "(We) hope that by the time Busan comes in October, countries can exchange requests and offers,"

Mustapa said. He said he expects an agreement can be reached by mid-2016. The RCEP is touted as the world's largest free trade deal as it will cover half the world's population and, with a combined output that stood at \$22.7 trillion in 2014, accounts for almost 30 percent of the global economy.

Last year, the total trade of RCEP economies reached \$10.8 trillion while total foreign investment inflow hit \$366.3 billion.

Efforts under RCEP have paralleled with more high-profile free trade talks on the Trans-Pacific Partnership led by the United States. TPP is seen as crucial for the United States to counter China's growing influence in the Asia-Pacific region, while RCEP is one of the key platforms for China to strengthen its trade ties with other nations. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Kyodo News

### Indian stock markets experience biggest drop in more than 6 years

MUMBAI, 24 Aug — India's stock markets posted their biggest daily falls since January 2009 on Monday as steep falls in Chinese equities sparked widespread unrest in global markets.

The BSE (Bombay Stock Exchange) Sensex closed at 25,741.56, down 1624.51 points, or 5.94 percent on the day, while the CNX Nifty Index lost 5.92 percent, or 490.95 points, ending at 7,809.00.

The Indian rupee also witnessed a 1.3 percent drop against the U.S. dollar, the steepest since Sep. 3, 2013. Finance Minister Arun Jaitley and Reserve Bank of India Governor Raghuram Rajan said there was no need to panic, and that the government is monitoring the situation.—Kyodo News

## Iran says an OPEC emergency meeting may stop oil price slide

DUBAI, 24 Aug — Iran's Oil Minister, Bijan Zanganeh, said on Sunday that holding an emergency OPEC meeting may be "effective" in stabilising the oil price, Iran's oil ministry news agency Shana reported.

Algeria said earlier this month that the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries could hold an emergency meeting to discuss the drop in oil prices but other OPEC delegates said no meeting was planned.

"Iran endorses an emergency OPEC meeting and would not disagree with it," Zanganeh told reporters in Tehran, according to Shana.

U.S. oil prices CLc1 fell below \$40 a barrel on Friday for the first time since the 2009 financial crisis, pressured by signs of oversupply in the United States and weak

Chinese manufacturing data.

OPEC is not due to meet until Dec. 4.

While OPEC rules say a simple majority of the 12 OPEC members is needed to call an emergency meeting before then, some OPEC delegates say a meeting is unlikely unless Saudi Arabia is in favour.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil exporter, and other Gulf states pushed OPEC's strategy shift last year to defend market share rather than cut output to support prices.

Relatively wealthy, they are better able to cope with low oil prices than Iran, Venezuela or African members. OPEC delegates see little chance of the exporting group diverting from its policy of defending market share, although the latest drop in prices is starting to sour the business mood even in Saudi Arabia.—Reuters



The logo of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) is pictured at its headquarters in Vienna, Austria, August 21, 2015.—REUTERS

## New Zealand study nears breakthrough in deer velvet health research

WELLINGTON, 24 Aug — New Zealand scientists say they are close to verifying the immune-boosting properties of deer velvet that have been recognized for centuries in traditional Asian medicine.

If their research was successful, it would allow velvet extracts to be sold with a precise measure of the active ingredients they contained, and potentially send the export market soaring, according to Deer Industry New Zealand (DINZ) experts.

AgResearch institute scientist Dr Stephen Haines said their research, which began in the 1990s, had shown that velvet extracts boosted immune function both in cell-lines and in animals.

"But we didn't know what was doing it. Velvet is a very complex mixture of thousands of components, making it very difficult to isolate and identify the ones that are biologically active," Haines said in a statement Monday.

However, recent improvements in mass spectrometry and high-speed data processing had made it possible for researchers to sort through the thousands of peptides, proteins and related compounds in velvet to find the ones with bioactive properties.

The research was being carried out with support from the Korean Ginseng Corporation (KGC), a South Korean firm that had become the largest buyer of New

Zealand deer antler velvet.

Four different velvet extracts provided by KGC had been shown in in-vitro studies to boost immune function to varying degrees, with the most active extract consistently stimulating high levels of activity in the natural killer cells that fight infection before the immune system starts producing antibodies.

"We are now testing them on two different types of human cell to assess their immune boosting function. If we identify the active ingredients, that would support the development of a standardized product for immune function," Haines said.

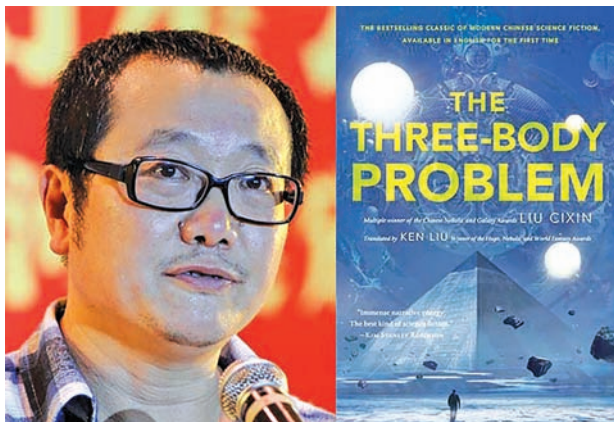
"This would be an important step in getting velvet products registered as healthy functional foods in China or Korea (Korean Peninsula) — something that would add considerable value to New Zealand velvet. The sky could be the limit."

The DINZ group said the research would be an important step in getting regulators to register velvet products as healthy functional foods.

"Velvet's reputation as a health tonic goes back more than 1,000 years and it is still widely used in Korean Peninsula and China in mixtures with ginseng and herbs in tonics and traditional medicines," DINZ chief executive Dan Coup said in the statement.

Xinhua

# Hugo Award to open new chapter for Chinese sci-fi



Chinese writer Liu Cixin won a Hugo Award for his novel *The Three-Body Problem*.—REUTERS

BEIJING, 24 Aug — Chinese writer Liu Cixin has become the first Asian author to win the Hugo Award for Best Novel, receiving the 2015 honor for his book, *The Three-Body Problem*.

The prize was announced by astronaut Kjell Lindgren in a live feed from the International Space Station on Sunday.

"I'm of course very happy to win this award,"

Liu told the Sina news website.

"The *Three-Body* trilogy is my best work, but there are also places I wish I was able to revise. Since it has been published, I can't."

The *Three-Body Problem* is the first book in his sci-fi trilogy, which is about human responses to alien invasions. The books were originally serialized in a Chinese magazine be-

tween 2006 and 2010.

The author, winner of the Chinese Science Fiction Galaxy Award in 2006 and 2010, has sold more than a million copies of his trilogy in China.

A movie adaptation of *The Three-Body Problem*, which was also nominated for the 2014 Nebula Award for Best Novel, is now in production and expected to hit screens in July next year.

The English edition of the first novel was published last year, and the second book, *Dark Forest*, released this month. The final installment, *Death's End*, is still being translated.

Ken Liu, the translator, received the Hugo Award at a ceremony in Spokane, Washington, on Saturday and delivered a speech on behalf of the author. Few translated sci-fi novels enter the US market, let alone win the Hugo

Award, he said.

Liu acknowledged the work of the translator in his interview with Sina. "We won the award together," he said.

The 52-year-old, who used to work as a software engineer at a power plant in Shanxi province, has written 13 books. In April, he was appointed by IT giant Tencent as its mobile games imagination architect. Amazon, the e-commerce site, has included *The Three-Body Problem* in its list of "best books of 2015", which is based on reviews.

Yao Haijun, deputy editor-in-chief of *Science Fiction World*, which serialized the award-winning novel, said on Sina Weibo that he believed Liu Cixin could repeat his Hugo Award success next year with *Dark Forest*.

"Today's miracle might just be a start," he wrote.—*Xinhua*

# Tsinghua biologists solve genetic puzzle

BEIJING, 24 Aug — A team of molecular biologists at Tsinghua University reported a milestone breakthrough in molecular biology and gene expression on Sunday.

As DNA is no longer a mystery, many scientists have shifted their interest toward the manufacturing process of how the information stored in DNA is delivered to produce proteins with different functions, such as forming a person's skin, organs and hair.

On Sunday, scientist Shi Yigong and his team at Tsinghua University's School of Life Sciences, reported the structure of a substance called spliceosome, which is crucial in gene expression. Results of the team's analysis on its functioning mechanism were published in *Science*, the academic journal.

"The structure of the spliceosome represents a much greater challenge than the structure of the ribosome, for which three individuals in the past were awarded the Nobel Prize," Phillip Sharp, a 1993 Nobel Prize winner for physiology or medicine, said in an e-mail to Shi, which the university released to *China Daily*.

"The structure of the spliceosome was solved completely by Chinese scientists using state-of-the-art technologies," he said.

"It's a milestone achievement in Chinese life sciences, and it will encourage the next generation to enter the field and target the most challenging and high-impact projects with the knowledge that Shi Yigong's laboratory took on an impossible challenge and succeeded on a world stage."

Gao Fu, a member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, explained the function of spliceosome using stone architecture as an

analogy: "When you build a stone building, you have to first cut the stone into the right shape. That is what spliceosome does, it cuts the redundant part in RNA (ribonucleic acid) so that the gene will be expressed in the right way."

Despite spliceosome being related with 35 percent of genetic disorders in humans, scientists had previously been unable to figure out its structure, not to mention conduct further research into some genetic diseases.

"When I was a postdoctoral researcher, my boss, a Nobel Prize winner, always wanted to study spliceosome because it is one of the ultimate unsolved puzzles every molecular biologist wants to crack," said Shi. Yet the scientist did not manage to start the research until just six years ago. Shi opened his own laboratory at Tsinghua University in 2007 and spent the first two years training students and building up the confidence of his staff members. By 2009, the lab already had some research results published internationally, "so I decided it was the time to accomplish my dream", he said.

Compared with his competitors in the international science community seven world-class labs, including in the US, the UK and Germany Shi was lucky to be the one who made the breakthrough.

"I can't explain why we were the first team to find the structure of spliceosome," he said. "One possible factor is that my students, all young and outstanding, bravely changed some internationally used arithmetic, while another could be that we've been doing the research with cryoelectron microscopy of the right equipment capable of observing such complex structures."—*Xinhua*

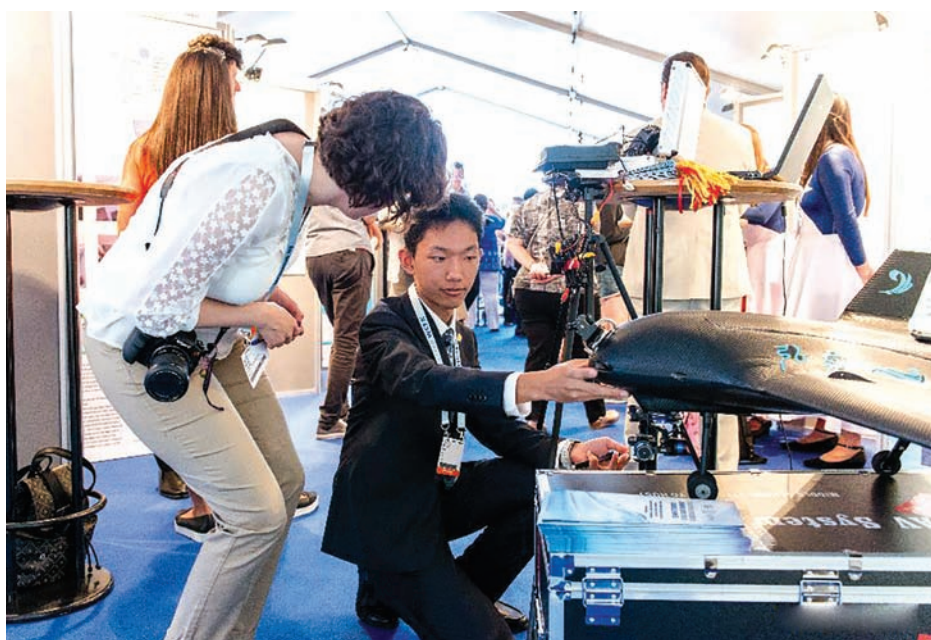
# Chinese student's water design debuts during World Water Week

STOCKHOLM, 24 Aug — "My design is a UAV for monitoring water quality, and it uses some of remote sensing technology to reach the goal," said Ke Shuai, from Middle School attached to HUST China. He presented his design on Sunday during World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden.

The UAV can do a vertical take-off, like a fixed-wing airplane flight, said Ke Shuai, adding that the gadget can use a scope of parameters to reflect the status of water quality.

He considered it an honor and a responsibility for him to show the design during the World Water Week. In addition, he liked this communication platform, which is able to meet other talented students from various countries.

This year, World Water Week celebrates its 25th anniversary in Stockholm. Stockholm Junior Water Prize, an important prize of the World Water Week, has attracted the world's most imaginative young minds for an outstanding competition in the capital of Sweden. The



Chinese delegate Ke Shuai (R) presents his design to a visitor at 2015 World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden, on Aug. 23, 2015. The Stockholm Water Prize of the World Water Week, presented annually since 1991, is considered the world's most prestigious award in water-related science.—*XINHUA*

prize is to stimulate young people's interest in water resources and environmental protection, to encourage young people to improve the rational use of water resources in inventions and technology.

China Youth Team, one of 29 international teams, has been widely praised with its unique water design. They will

compete for the final of 2015 "Junior Water Prize" in the next few days.

"I think this young man's study in water quality monitoring is really important and developing a technique that can be used widely, inexpensively relatively speaking," said Dr. Rita Colwell, Laureate of 2010 Stockholm Water Prize.

"We found this project very interesting and it's always very good to see that young person demonstrated a new invention like this and I think this is a good example for China to use it as an inspiration for lots of other young people," Krishna Pagilla, jury committee member, told *Xinhua*.

*Xinhua*

# Apple discovers blurry problem with iPhone 6 Plus cameras

BEIJING, 24 Aug — Smartphone maker Apple has discovered a problem with the main camera in some iPhone 6 Plus smartphones, which is causing them to take blurry photos, according to media report on Monday.

Apple acknowledged that few iPhone 6 Plus units were affected, where the cameras, dubbed "iSight", had a component that may fail, causing photos to look blurry. The company identified these affected units were sold between September 2014 and January 2015. Apple has reportedly launched an "iSight camera replacement program for iPhone 6 Plus", following users' complaints with regards to the blurry camera issue on the large-screen iOS handset.—*Xinhua*

## Australian man called hero after saving friend from shark

SYDNEY, 24 Aug — An Australian man was being hailed a hero on Monday after he raced to his friend who had been mauled by a shark on Saturday at a beach in Australian state of New South Wales (NSW).

Dale Carr, 38-year-old father of two, was badly injured and his friend paddled over to him and dragged him ashore and up onto the beach where he applied a tourniquet made by a ripped t-shirt.

Paramedics then rushed him to hospital at Port Macquarie.

A local lifeguard has described the terrifying moment as similar to Mick Fanning, who was rescued by his friend Julian Wilson following a shark attack in July.

It was the 12th shark attack in NSW this year, the most in memory.—*Xinhua*

## Death toll in UK airshow could approach 20

LONDON, 24 Aug — The number of people killed when a jet aircraft crashed onto a busy road near an airshow in southern England on Saturday could climb to nearly 20, British police said on Monday.

“It’s too early to tell but I’d be surprised if (the death toll) doesn’t go above 11,” Assistant Chief Constable of Sussex Police, Steve Barry, was quoted as saying by the BBC.

“If it would be below 20 then that would be probably the best estimate that I could give you at this stage.”

Police said on Saturday that seven people died in the crash and then raised the likely death toll to 11 on Sunday.—*Reuters*

## Powerful typhoon Goni approaches Japan’s southern islands

TOKYO, 24 Aug — Powerful typhoon Goni is expected to near Japan’s southern islands on Monday afternoon and bring strong winds and torrential rain after having ravaged the northern Philippines where dozens of people were killed.

After approaching the main island of Okinawa and Amami-Oshima Island, the typhoon is expected to maintain its strength as it heads towards Kyushu on Tuesday, the Japan Me-

teorological Agency said, warning of high waves, flooding and landslides.

Winds of up to 180 kilometers per hour are projected in northern Kyushu from Monday to Tuesday, while Okinawa and southern Kyushu are expected to have winds of up to 162 kph, it said.

The agency forecasts high waves of up to 12 meters in Okinawa and Amami islands and 9 to 11 meters in Kyushu.

The typhoon was also

expected to bring heavy rainfall of more than 50 millimeters per hour in western Japan from late Monday, with southern Kyushu forecast to see 180 mm of rain in 24 hours through 6 a.m. Tuesday, it said.

All Nippon Airways cancelled 81 flights, mostly those to and from Okinawa’s Naha, and Japan Airlines 30 flights.

As of 11 a.m., the typhoon was located 60 kilometers north-northwest of Okinawa’s

Kume Island and moving north-east at 30 kph, packing winds of up to 252 kph with an atmospheric pressure of 940 hectopascals near its center.

Typhoon Goni dumped heavy rain and triggered landslides in the northern Philippines before approaching Taiwan and Japan, leaving dozens dead and several missing. Another strong typhoon, Astani, was moving northeastward in the Pacific east of Japan.

*Kyodo News*

## Israeli biogas digesters energise isolated Palestinian village

BEIT YANAI, (Israel), 24 Aug — Palestinian villagers living in desolate, off-grid areas in the West Bank have begun using Israeli-made biogas generators that supply free, clean energy by gobbling up organic waste.

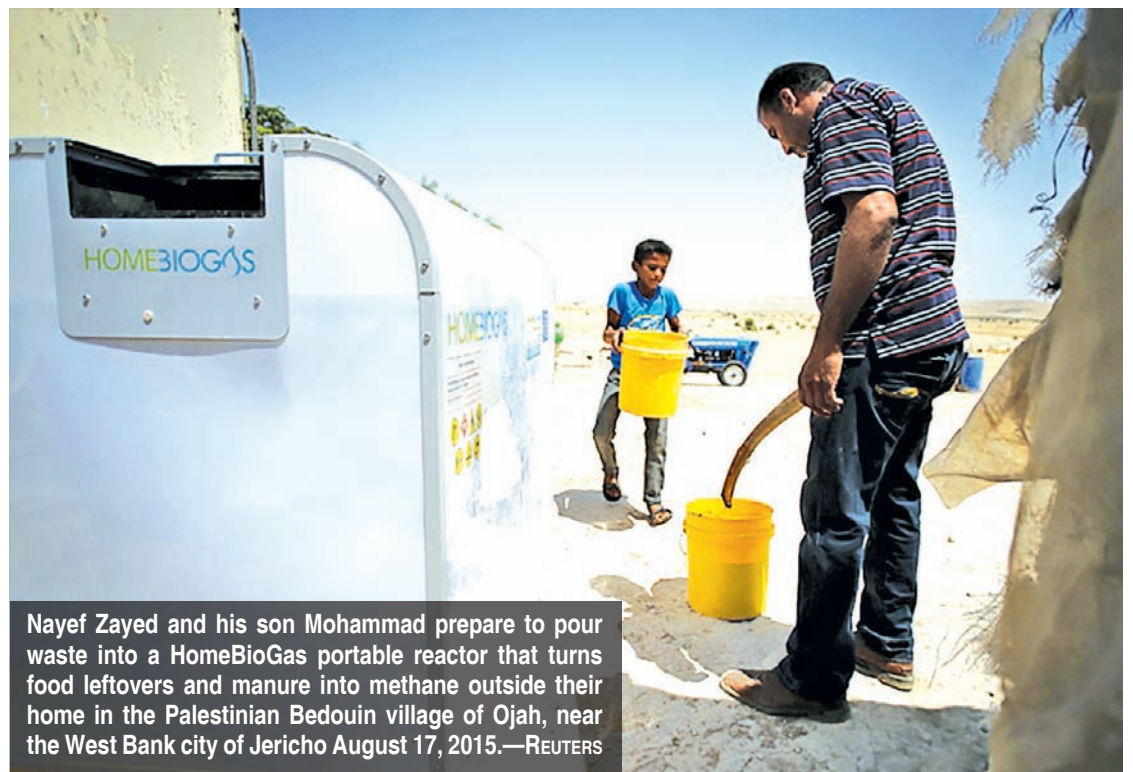
The portable, household “anaerobic digesters” made by Israeli start-up company HomeBioGas turn food leftovers and manure into methane for cooking and lighting.

They can be taken along if people living in ramshackle huts or tent dwellers, such as local Bedouin, decide to relocate or move home.

“HomeBioGas has invented this simple digester that can easily be assembled and transported,” said Palestinian engineer Amer Rabayah, who coordinates installation of the devices.

Rural West Bank areas that Palestinians want as part of a future state with the Gaza Strip and East Jerusalem have been left under-developed, while Israel, which captured the territory in a 1967 Middle East war, has invested in adjacent settlements.

Palestinians — largely left to fend for themselves — have relied on donations from foreign states and international aid



Nayef Zayed and his son Mohammad prepare to pour waste into a HomeBioGas portable reactor that turns food leftovers and manure into methane outside their home in the Palestinian Bedouin village of Ojah, near the West Bank city of Jericho August 17, 2015.—*REUTERS*

agencies. “(In) this area ... there is no water or electricity. We have no services,” said local resident and digester owner Nayef Zayid.

Around 40 digesters have been set up in a pilot project at the Palestinian village of al-Awja in the central West Bank’s Jordan Valley. The European Union has funded the project to the tune of some 500,000 euros (\$559,750), and the Peres Center for Peace, set up by former Israeli president Shimon Peres, facilitated Israeli-Palestinian cooperation.

A group of Israeli and Palestinian volunteers helped assemble the digesters, which take about three hours to install.

Some digesters have also been provided to Bedouin in Israel in partnership with the Arava Institute for Environmental Studies, based in the arid Negev desert.

Oshik Efrati, chief executive

officer of HomeBioGas, said he hoped the product would save many lives in rural areas across the world where smoke from cooking on an open fire causes severe respiratory illness and death.

Up to 2.7 billion people live in under-served communities with no access to clean energy and waste disposal services, HomeBioGas says, while 4.3 million women and children die each year due to inhaling smoke from indoor open fires.

The company aims to expand its production capacity and enlist governments and aid agencies to buy digesters for impoverished communities, but plans are still in their infancy, Efrati said.

“This system will be available to everyone that needs it in the developing world. It will eliminate waste, it makes clean gas, and there is no need to

breathe in any smoke,” he said.

A fermentation process to produce the gas is precipitated when bacteria is added in powder or liquid form to a mix of water and waste. The bacteria then multiply to create a self-perpetuating process.

Rich liquid fertiliser, a by-product of the process, can also be used to boost crop growth for a population that largely relies on agriculture for income, Efrati explained.

HomeBioGas declined to discuss a retail price for the digester, whose materials and construction costs amount to a few hundred dollars. It is best suited for use in warm climates.

The company also sees affluent, environmentally aware Western consumers as future clients for its product, which will be sold to them for profit, marketing director Ami Amir said.—*Reuters*

## Thai deputy premier vows to restore grassroots economy

BANGKOK, 24 Aug — Newly-appointed deputy premier Somkid Jatusripitak on Monday pledged to bolster Thailand’s grassroots economy, especially in the agricultural sector.

The former finance minister admitted that the country had been hit by stagflation which, he said, had resulted from world

economic recessions and sustained decline in export industry.

However, Somkid assured that he will see to it that grassroots economy nationwide will be strengthened and farmers will have more income and purchasing power. “We will apply short-term measures to strengthen the rural economy ... We believe

the situation will gradually improve,” he added.

Thai farmers’ purchasing power has declined and their costs of living have increased since their farm goods had secured lowered prices; “We will see to it that the rural economy will be stimulated and strengthened,” said the deputy premier.

He did not elaborate about the planned short-term measures for the grassroots economy, but said farmers in particular will get “better off” to the extent that they have more money to spend in the face of the current stagflation.

Meanwhile, he said the government has yet to find ways and means to restore investors’ con-

fidence in the country which, he said, had apparently plummeted over the last several months.

“The government will fix problems about the reduced confidence on the part of the investors and see to it that they will again have confidence in the country’s economic potentials,” he said.—*Xinhua*

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**20<sup>th</sup> August 2015 – Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, H.E. Dr. Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin receiving Cathay United Bank’s donation for flood victims of USD \$30,000 presented by Chief Representative, Mr. Pan Chung En in Donation Ceremony organized by Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw**

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**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 25<sup>th</sup> August, 2015:** Rain or thunder-showers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy fall in Chin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h.

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Visitors ride a mini train at an event called the European Garden Railway Convention in Hungarian Railway Museum in Budapest, Hungary on Aug. 23, 2015. Hungarian Railway Museum organized the event the ninth time in its history, presenting functional garden sized railway models to the visitors.—XINHUA

**5.7-magnitude  
quake hits 83km  
NE of L’Esperance  
Rock,  
New Zealand**

HONG KONG, 24 Aug — An earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter scale jolted 83 km NE of L’Esperance Rock, New Zealand at 09:41:26 GMT on Monday, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 220.78 km, was initially determined to be at 30.8754 degrees south latitude and 178.3186 degrees west longitude.—Xinhua

**Six killed in truck-  
train collision  
in southern India**

NW DELHI, 24 Aug — At least six people were killed and 20 others were injured when a truck hit a coach of train in the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh early on Monday, said local TV reports.

Among the dead was a local lawmaker from the southern state of Karnataka, said local TV company ANI.

The driver of the granite-laden truck lost control and hit a coach of Nanded Express at a level crossing in Anantpur district of the state, killing five passengers travelling in the train and the truck driver.

The impact of the collision was so strong that two coaches of the train derailed. Railway officials and local police launched rescue work.—Xinhua

## Bon Jovi splits from record label after 32 years

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug — Veteran rockers Bon Jovi have parted ways with Mercury Records after 32 years on the books. Frontman Jon Bon Jovi, 53, declared it is the “end of an era” and hinted the split was a bitter one, urging fans to listen to the lyrics of “Burning Bridges”, the title track of the band’s last album, if they want to know the full story, reported Billboard magazine. “It is the end of an era. (The album fulfils) a commitment to Mercury Records. After 32 years, we have parted ways. That is the big news. If you listen to Burning Bridges, the song, it is clearly spelled out... This hits it right in the head and tells you what happened. Listen to the lyrics because it explains exactly what happened. And that’s that,” he said.

PTI



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## Amanda Seyfried gets family pressure to have kids

LONDON, 24 Aug — Actress Amanda Seyfried feels the “pressure” to have children “every day”. The “Les Miserables” actress — who is dating Justin Long — said she does not want to start a family now, reported Contactmusic.

“Society keeps reminding us that our eggs are dying off, which I’m sick of. I’m like, ‘I get it!’ Technology these days man, I mean you can have babies up until you’re 50 apparently. But I feel the pressure every day,” she said. The 29-year-old actress thinks parenthood would be a “wonderful adventure” but she isn’t ready to start a family of her own just yet. “Right now. I’m being careful. But it does seem like a wonderful adventure. My three best friends have kids and it looks like they’ve figured out the secret of life because of it. They are very happy.”

PTI



Actress Amanda Seyfried

# One Direction to go on extended hiatus in 2016?



The four members Of One Direction are reportedly set to take an extended hiatus next year in order to focus on their own solo projects.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug — The four members Of One Direction are reportedly set to take an extended hiatus next year in order to focus on their own solo projects.

The “Story of My Life” hitmakers, Liam

Payne, Harry Styles, Louis Tomlinson and Niall Horan, are taking a break from the boy band starting in March (16), reported E!Online.

“They have mutually agreed to take at least a year off, which means

they will not tour following the release of their upcoming fifth album later this year (15) — but they are expected to continue promoting the record until February next year,” a source said. The band is currently on their On The

Road Again Tour, which ends on October 31, in Sheffield, England, and will mark their last full concert before the reported hiatus.

PTI

## Rishi Kapoor a living legend, says Katrina Kaif

MUMBAI, 24 Aug — Bollywood actress Katrina Kaif heaped praise on Rishi

Kapoor, father of boyfriend Ranbir Kapoor, and called the veteran actor a living legend. “I have worked with Rishiji (Rishi Kapoor) in ‘Namaste London’ and he was super kind to me. I think he is a wonderful, fascinating, eccentric, person. He is a living legend and I feel happy when I see him,” Katrina told PTI.

The couple started dating each other during the shooting of “Ajab Prem Ki Ghazab Kahani” in 2009. Photographs of Ranbir and Katrina holidaying in Ibiza went viral in 2013, confirming their relationship.

Though the two stars are often seen together, they have not uttered a word on their relationship.—PTI



Actress Katrina Kaif

## Comedian Tracy Morgan weds 14 months after surviving car wreck

LOS ANGELES, 24 Aug — Tracy Morgan, a star of comedy series “30 Rock” and cast member of “Saturday Night Live”, married his long-time fiancée on Sunday, 14 months after suffering life-threatening injuries in a deadly car wreck, People magazine reported on its web site.

Morgan, 46, sustained a brain injury and broken bones when a Walmart tractor-trailer hit his limousine on the New Jersey Turnpike as he returned from a gig in Atlantic City in June last year. The comedian’s wedding to Megan Wollover on Sunday night was attended by close friends and family, the cou-

ple’s 2-year-old daughter, Maven. “After almost losing Tracy last year, I am so grateful to finally be married to the love of my life,” Wollover told People. “We have been through so much and our love is stronger for it,” Wollover was quoted as saying. The magazine reported that Morgan’s representatives also confirmed the marriage. Morgan has not performed since the crash, in which a close friend died, but will host an episode of sketch show “Saturday Night Live” on Oct. 17, NBC said earlier this month. He was once a regular cast member of the long-running show.—Retuers

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# Mt. Fuji, green tea, wasabi promoted at Milan expo



A girl eats a green tea-flavored soft serve ice cream cone at the Japan Pavilion of the world expo in Milan on Aug. 23, 2015, during an event to promote Mt. Fuji and Japanese foods produced in two prefectures adjacent to the world cultural heritage site.—Kyodo News

MILAN, 24 Aug — An event to promote Mt. Fuji, and Japanese foods produced in two prefectures adjacent to the world cultural heritage site, was held Sunday at the world expo in Milan.

Officials from Shizuoka Prefecture offered green tea and wasabi Japanese horseradish at the event, while officials from Yamanashi Prefecture welcomed visitors with wine among other locally-produced foods and drinks. Shizuoka, the largest producer of green tea in Japan, also brought tea ceremony instructors to demonstrate the proper way of making green tea.—Kyodo News

# Kagawa nets for Dortmund again

INGOLSTADT, (Germany), 24 Aug — Shinji Kagawa scored his first Bundesliga goal of the season in Borussia Dortmund's 4-0 win at Ingolstadt 04 on Sunday.

Following up on his goal in the Europa League playoff on Thursday, Kagawa found the net with six minutes remaining to give Dortmund a 3-0 lead before calling it an afternoon two minutes later.

Dortmund sit on top of the table with the maximum points from two games, and Kagawa is happy with the way the club have started the campaign under new manager Thomas Tuchel.

"We're starting to come together as a team," Kagawa said. "We have a lot of individual quality up front, and we've got some momentum behind us."

The goal comes at the right time for the Japan midfielder with national coach Vahid Halilhodzic on Thursday set to name his 23 for the World Cup qualifiers at home to Cambodia and away to Afghanistan on Sept. 3 and 8, respectively.

"I thought it was a nice goal. I'm really pleased about it," Kagawa said. "I had the



Shinji Kagawa (2nd from R) celebrates his goal with Borussia Dortmund teammates in their 4-0 win away to Ingolstadt in the German Bundesliga on Aug. 23, 2015.—Kyodo News

ball where I wanted it and knew exactly where my man was as I shot. It was just the way I visualized it."

"I really need to keep this up." Also in the Bundesliga,

Yoshinori Muto made his first start for Mainz, coming off in injury time in a 2-1 away win over Borussia Monchengladbach.

Kyodo News

# Woods' best outing in years not good enough to snap skid

GREENSBORO, (North Carolina), 24 Aug — Tiger Woods had his best tournament in nearly two years but it was still not enough to snap a years-long winless streak on the PGA Tour as he missed a number of birdie opportunities at the Wyndham Championship on Sunday.

Woods started the day two strokes from the lead but did not make a birdie until the ninth hole at Sedgefield. He was three strokes behind by then and a triple-bogey at the par-four 11th totally ended his chances.

Though he bounced back with four birdies over the final six holes to shoot 70 and finish four strokes behind winner Davis Love III, the 14-times major champion was clearly disappointed.

"I had all the opportunities in the world to do it and didn't get it done," Woods told reporters after what nonetheless was his best

result since late 2013.

"I had some makeable putts early I missed. I just wasn't able to get any kind of roll early."

Woods, who has not won on the PGA Tour in over two years, decided to make his Greensboro debut in a last-ditch quest to qualify for the lucrative FedEx-Cup playoffs. He opened with his lowest score in two years and was nearly as good the next day when he grabbed a share of the lead before slipping slightly after the third round. Woods failed to qualify for the playoffs and said his next official event will be the 2015-16 season-opening Frys.com Open in California. He admitted on Sunday that he has a hip injury, but said it would not have prevented him from competing in the playoffs, had he qualified.

"It would have been nice, but I'm not," he said. Though his final round fadeout on Sunday

disappointed the massive gallery, it was still a significant performance by the 39-year-old. Major back surgery last year and some woeful performances this year, including the worst score of his career, an 85 at the Memorial tournament in June, raised legitimate questions of whether he was done as a serious threat.

His effort in Greensboro suggested more wins are in store.

But it would be premature to suggest that Woods is on track to recapturing the form of his glory days. None of the world's top-10 players were present in Greensboro, and the course, short by modern standards, did not require him to hit driver often. For the next few weeks, Woods will focus on his two children and his fitness.

"I got lots of soccer games to go to, so I'll be doing that, and just working out, trying and trying to get more fit," he said.—Reuters



## Entertainment Channel

(25-8-2015, Tuesday)

6:00 am

• Mono Classical Songs

6:25 am

• Myanmar Series

6:45 am

• Fashion Show

7:00 am

• TV Drama Series

7:50 am

• TV Drama Series

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• Myanmar Video

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• Musical Programme

9:45 am

• Myanmar Video

10:30 am

• ASEAN China Cultural Show

10:40 am

• Myanmar Video

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### Today Fresh

7:00	Am	News
7:26	Am	Insight Myanmar "CSOs & Election"
7:46	Am	Pet Fish Biz
8:00	Am	News
8:26	Am	A Day Tour on A Cart (Bagan Trip)
8:39	Am	Natural Mineral Water
8:54	Am	Myanmar Traditional Art Bronze Casting
9:00	Am	News
9:26	Am	Choral Dance by Female Dancers
9:35	Am	Reflected Glory
10:00	Am	News
10:26	Am	MURAL PAINTING BAGAN
10:38	Am	A Visit to San-Taw-Shin Kyike-Hti-Yo Pagoda
10:55	Am	School for the Blind

(11:00 Am ~ 03:00 Pm) - Monday Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)  
(03:00 Pm ~ 07:00 Pm) - Today Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)

### Prime Time

07:00	Pm	News
07:26	Pm	A Day out With Sarah (EP-6)
08:00	Pm	News
08:26	Pm	Taste Of Myanmar (Noodle with Fermented Soya Bean)
08:43	Pm	Wholesale Fish
08:48	Pm	Chef Life "Thanakrit Chamnongbutr"

(9:00 Pm ~ 11:00 Pm) - Today Repeat (09:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)  
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# Football tournament begins in Mandalay Region



MANDALAY, 24 Aug — An under-20s football tournament kicked off at Mandalay Thiri Sports Ground in Mandalay Region's Chanmyathazi Township on 23 August.

Pyigyidagun Township beat Meiktila Township 2-1 in the debut match of the tournament, which began with demonstrations of various sports such as chinlone, taekwondo and Myanmar

martial arts.

Eight townships will be competing for the trophy, including Meiktila, Singaing, Pyawbwe, Pyigyidagun, NyaungU, Chanmyathazi, Myingyan and

PyinOoLwin. Matches will also be played at Mandalay Thiri and Aungmye Mandalay stadium and the tournament will continue until 2 September.

*Tin Maung*

# Two Myanmar chess players to compete in Iran

YANGON, 24 Aug — Two Myanmar chess players will take part in the 6th Asian Senior Chess Championships 2015, which will be hosted and run by Iran from 24 September to 2 October.

Myint Han and Myo Naing will represent Myanmar in the 50-and-above age bracket. Myint Han has secured two international master norms while international master Myo Naing has won two

grand master norms in previous championships.

The first prize winner will bag the international master and one grand master norm, while the first prize winner who has won two grand master norms will win the Grandmaster award.

The championships, which will take place in Larestan County, also includes an event for men aged above 65 event and for women over 50.

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# Real held at Gijon, Suarez earns Barca win in Bilbao

MADRID, 24 Aug — Rafa Benitez suffered an embarrassing setback in his first La Liga outing in charge of Real Madrid when they were held to a 0-0 draw at promoted Sporting Gijon in their opening match of the season on Sunday.

Real's expensively assembled squad, including FIFA Ballon d'Or winner Cristiano Ronaldo and Gareth Bale, the world's most expensive player, could not find a way past Gijon's determined defence at the Molinon.

There were no such problems for Real's great rivals Barcelona, who got their bid for a sixth La Liga title in eight years off to a winning start when Luis Suarez buried a fine volley shortly after halftime to secure a hard-fought 1-0 win at Athletic Bilbao.

The Spanish and European champions' victory at the San Mames, in which Lionel Messi had a first-half penalty saved, was sweet revenge for Barca following their 5-1 aggregate defeat by Bilbao in this month's Spanish Super Cup.

It came at some cost, however, as both midfielder Sergio Busquets and full-back Dani Alves picked up injuries that ended their participation in the game.

They will have tests on Monday and coach Luis Enrique said neither injury appeared to be serious.

"We know that these kinds of matches give us strength in our effort to win La Liga," Suarez told Spanish television.

"We also knew that they would be a very difficult, very tough opponent," added the Uruguay striker.—Reuters

# Federer beats Djokovic for seventh Cincinnati title



Aug 23, 2015; Cincinnati, OH, USA; Novak Djokovic (left) shakes hands with Roger Federer (SU) after their match in the finals during the Western and Southern Open tennis tournament at the Linder Family Tennis Center. —REUTERS

CINCINNATI, 24 Aug — Roger Federer avenged his Wimbledon final loss to Novak Djokovic by beat-

ing the top-seeded Serb 7-6(1), 6-3 on Sunday to capture his second consecutive Western & Southern

Open title.

The Swiss second seed, playing Djokovic for the first time since losing to him in the Wimbledon final for a second straight year last month, brought his record number of Cincinnati titles to seven with the win.

Federer, who did not concede a service break all week, easily handled his service games throughout the match, losing only 13 points on his serve. He also employed an attacking style that gave Djokovic fits, winning 15 of 21 net points in the first set.

After cruising through the first set tiebreak, Federer earned the only break of

the match in the second game of the second set en route to sealing the win in 90 minutes.

"I tried to really mix it up on his second serve and I was hoping to serve good enough myself to keep me out of trouble," Federer said in his courtside interview.

"He had that one bad game at the beginning of the second set, which made the difference in the match." The win will give Federer a jolt of confidence going into the Aug. 31-Sept 13 U.S. Open where he will be seeking a sixth title at Flushing Meadows and first since 2008.

*Reuters*

# Felix purrs in 400; long jump challengers falter

BEIJING, 24 Aug — Highly-decorated American Allyson Felix kicked-off her bid for a first world athletics championships 400 metres gold by sauntering through the opening heats with sumptuous ease on Monday.

The four-times Olympic and eight-times world champion, who has enjoyed most of her success in shorter sprints, coasted across the line in 50.60 seconds on the third morning of action at the iconic Bird's Nest stadium.

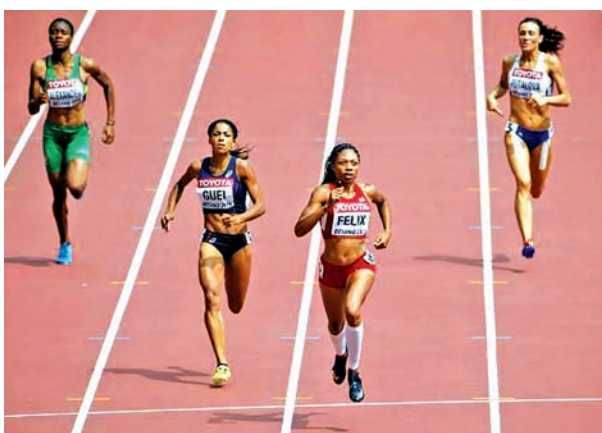
"It felt good. Good to get the first one under me. Just keep moving on," Felix told reporters.

"I just wanted to be

able to control it (the race) early and try to get through as comfortable as possible."

With reigning Olympic champion Sanya Richards-Ross not taking part in China after failing to make it through the U.S. trials, Felix faces competition from 2008 Beijing Games winner Christine Ohuruogu (51.01) of Britain and Bahamian teenager Shaunae Miller (50.53), who both won their opening heats comfortably.

The crowd interest, though, concentrated on the long jump qualifiers where Wang Jianan (8.12 metres), Gao Xinglong (8.11) and Li Jinzhe (8.10) were all just shy of the 8.15m qualifying



Allyson Felix of U.S. (2nd R) wins the women's 400 metres heats during the 15th IAAF World Championships at the National Stadium in Beijing, China August 24, 2015.

REUTERS

mark but easily made Tuesday's final in fourth, fifth and sixth.

The same could not be

his final jump of well over eight metres was crossed off after a narrow foul he initially disputed.

South African Zarck Visser, who produced an 8.41m effort last month, also failed to make it through after the African champion could only register a 7.79m on Monday.

There were no such problems for Pan American Games champion Jeff Henderson of the United States, who nailed a solid 8.36m opening effort to lead the way ahead of the final on Tuesday evening.

"I did on my first try, it's great," he said.

Olympic champion Greg Rutherford also made

it a comfortable morning, the Briton registering an 8.25m jump to finish just behind the American.

"The qualification showed me we are on the right way," he said. "I think we will need to show a big performance over 8.50 to fight for the gold. Jeff Henderson will attack it for sure."

Elsewhere, Olympic champion Jenn Suhr safely negotiated the qualifiers of the women's pole vault by clearing 4.55 metres at her second attempt, while Cuba's Denia Caballero (65.15 metres) pipped Olympic champion Sandra Perkovic (64.51) in the discus qualifiers.—Reuters