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Our Three Main National Causes

* Non-disintegration of the Union

* Non-disintegration of National Solidarity

* Perpetuation of Sovereignty

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Ukrainian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Viktor Yanukovych, President of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine, which falls on 24 August 2012.—MNA

President U Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Ukrainian Prime Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mykhola Azarov, Prime Minister of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine which falls on 24 August 2012.—MNA

Only some ministeries' proposed funds reduced

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw continued for its 10th day session, at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Hall of Hluttaw Complex, here, at 1 pm today, attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and 622 MPs.

At the session, Hluttaw announced that for the appointment of the member of the Union Election Commission, representatives who want to object the person nominated by the President are to send their names, describing that he or she is disqualified for the post along with the firm evidence. But, there was no any objection to it. Hluttaw announced that Hluttaw approved to appoint U Win Ko nominated by the President as member of the Union Election Commission, under the Union Election Commission Bylaw 28.

After that, Hluttaw approved para and sub-para of the bill amending the Government Façade Act (eviction) (1955) as per Joint Bill committee's report.

Hluttaw approved the para and sub-para of Social Security Bill sent back along with President's comments as per Joint Bill Committee's reports.

Secretary of Joint Public Accounts Committee U Maung Toe clarified the report No. 1/2012 on findings of Joint Public Account Committee regarding the additional funding requests, and Hluttaw approved it. After that, U Aye Mauk of Mahlaing Constituency, Dr Banyar Aung Moe of Mon State Constituency No.7, U Kyi Tha of Gwa Constituency and U Maung Toe of Minhla Constituency discussed the proposal of U Soe Tha of Twantay Constituency on "Union Government is to present incomes and expenditures of



The 10th Session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in progress.—MNA

Central Organizations and each ministries disclosed in appendixes 1 to 10 of Union Budget Law (2012) under the headings of capital and revenue account of central

organization, respective organizations under the ministries, projects and works, to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communications and Construction Committee meets CSIS's Senior Advisor and Director

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Necessary measures to be taken in advance to give protection to migrant workers



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17th South East Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championship 2012

YANGON, 23 Aug—Organized by Myanmar Volleyball Federation, 17th South East Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championship 2012 continued at Thuwunna National Sports Gymnasium (1) in Yangon at 12:30 today. It was enjoyed by officials from Sports and Physical Education

Department and Asian Volleyball Federation, vice-president and executives of Myanmar Volleyball Federation, invited guests and volleyball enthusiasts.

In the first match of second day, Myanmar (A) beat New Zealand 3-0. In the second match, Thailand won Myanmar

(B) 3-0. In the first match of opening day on 22 August, Myanmar (A) defeated Indonesia 3-1 and Thailand beat Vietnam 3-0 in second match.

On 24 August at 12 am, Thailand will play against New Zealand as first match while Myanmar (A) plays Vietnam as second match and Myanmar (B) with Indonesia as third match at the same venue.—MNA

Water Level of the Thanlwin exceeds danger level in Hpa-an

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Department of Meteorology and Hydrology announced today that, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded its danger level starting at 4.30 pm on 22, August 2012. According to the 12.30 hr MST

observation today, the water level of the Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded by 20 cm (about 8-in) above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Role of ethics

All scholars absolutely accept that a country needs rule of law for its development and the emergence of clean government and good governance. But we all forget the role of ethic. One who breaks the laws prescribed by the government would have to face the sentence. But, the ethics are valuable things derived from culture and traditions.

There is no clear-cut sentence for those who fail to follow it. As a consequence, they would have to get out of human society. The higher the standard of ethic is, the more the trust prevails. The democracy can flourish only when there is a great trust between citizens. There will be no cooperation in low-trust society. So, the ethic that kick-starts the trust is a driving force for democracy.

We need to have the high standards of professional, medical and business ethics etc. So, the ethic is the lifeblood for a democratic country. We can build country's basic infrastructures in a short period of time. But, we need to take too much times to instill good moral ethics into our generations since young. Don't forget the role of ethic.

MYANMAR GAZETTE

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Shwe of Industrial Crops Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Union Construction Minister calls for improvement of transport facilities ahead of AFTA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Road Transport development workshop was held at Mandalay Town Hall yesterday morning, attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Mandalay Region Hluttaw Speaker U Win Maung officials, personnel of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and private companies operating roadworks with BOT system.

Union Minister U Khin Maung Myint spoke on the occasion, stressed the need for public-private partnership calling for improving quality of roads and transportation vehicles ahead of the emergence of ASEAN Free Trade Area in 2015.

Next, officials read papers on improvement of transport facilities, followed by discussions of the attendees.

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister felicitates his Ukrainian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Aug—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kostyantyn Gryshchenko, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, on the occasion of the Independence Day of Ukraine which falls on 24 August 2012.—MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister meets townselders in Sittway Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin gave instruction on sector-wise development of Rakhine State at a meeting with ward administrators, the responsible persons from political parties and townselders, at Rakhine State Hluttaw Hall in Sittway Township, Rakhine State, on 21 August.

At the meeting, the State Chief Minister said that the cooperation was to be made with the State government so as to avoid such incidents; State-level meetings were being held for all-round

development of the country; works that will be beneficial in the long-run were to be discussed at National-level meetings through State-level meetings for the all-round development of the State; and it needed to make cooperation.

Afterwards, Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing discussed security and peace and stability of the region. Later, those from political parties and townselders reported on stability and regional development.

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Flood victims in Patheingyi provided with bags of rice

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Deputy Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun on 19 and 20 August donated bags of rice to altogether 7559 flood victims of 1896 households from 10 wards sheltering at 33 relief camps in Patheingyi and comforted them.

At the ceremony, Region Minister U Soe Myint, Region Hluttaw Representative U Aung Kyaw Sein, Region Head of Cooperatives Department U Cho Tun, chairman of region cooperatives association

and members of directors donated the bags of rice to the families.

A total of 220 bags of rice donated by the deputy minister and wife 160 bags of rice, region cooperatives department and region cooperatives association 60 bags of rice were presented to flood victims through officials.

MNA

ROK Embassy donates books to MLF

YANGON, 23 Aug—Myanmar Libraries Foundation has been contributing to development of libraries across the nation. Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong and embassy officials presented 200

copies of a book entitled "Why has Korea developed?" to the foundation yesterday morning. The Chairman of foundation and executive members accepted the contribution of Korean Embassy.—MNA



U Min Lwin and family living at Thiri Mingala Street, Hledan, Kamayut Township, Yangon recently donated K 0.5 million to the fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged. Joint-Secretary U Nyi Nyi Lwin of executive board of the home for the aged accepted donation.—NLM

MWAF lectures women's affairs committees of Ministries

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Under the arrangement of Nay Pyi Taw Women Affairs Organization, a clarification on its work programme by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation took place at the Ministry of Rail Transportation yesterday morning.

It was attended by President of MWAF Dr Thet Thet Zin and members, Patron of Ministry of Rail Transportation Women's Affairs Organization Daw Wai Wai Thar and members, Chairperson Daw Khin Mya Win and members, departmental heads and their wives and staff families of

Ministry of Rail Transportation.

At the ceremony, the MWAF President explained the emergence of MWAF and its background story, objectives and organizational set-up, Secretary-member Daw Kyin San discussed formation of department, duties and functions and tasks being undertaken.

A similar ceremony was held at the Ministry of Mines, attended by Chairperson of Nay Pyi Taw WAO Daw Myat Myat Moe and members, Patron of Ministry of Mines WAO Daw Mya Oo and members,

Chairperson Daw Khin Win and members, female staff and staff's family. Then, Patron of Ministry of Mines WAO Daw Mya Mya Oo gave three applications through the President of MWAF.

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Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Kim Hae-yong presents books to Chairman of Myanmar Libraries Foundation U Maung Maung.

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Sky Net's Cup 2012 Hockey Tournament on 25 August

YANGON, 23 Aug—A press conference was held on Sky Net's Cup 2012 Hockey Tournament at Theinbyu Hockey Turf's meeting hall here this morning, with an address by

general Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik.

The hockey tournament

jointly organized by Myanmar Hockey Federation and Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd under the supervision of the Sports and Physical Education Department

would be held from 25 August to 8 September at Theinbyu Turf.

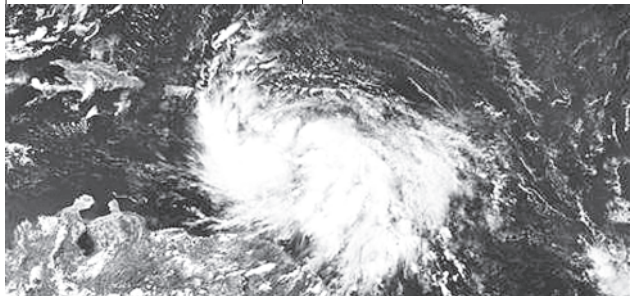
The director-general met athletes training at sports training camp in Aungsan Stadium. He then went to Judo training camp at National Pool on U Wisara Road.

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NOAA handout satellite image shows Tropical Storm Isaac over the Lesser Antilles on 22 Aug, 2012.—REUTERS

Storm Isaac threatens Caribbean, Republican Convention

The centre of Isaac moved through the Leeward



MIAMI, 23 Aug — Tropical Storm Isaac swirled over the Caribbean on Wednesday and was forecast to become a hurricane as it moved on a track that would put it off the coast of Florida on Monday, the opening day of the Republican National Convention in Tampa.

Islands and hurricane watches were in effect across parts of the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, Haiti and the US and British Virgin Islands. Isaac could also threaten US energy interests in the Gulf of Mexico, weather experts said.

It was centred about 65 miles southwest of the French Caribbean island of Guadeloupe on Wednesday evening, the US National Hurricane Centre said. Isaac had top sustained winds of 45 miles per hour and could strengthen into a hurricane on Thursday night, as it neared the coast of Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and flood-prone Haiti. Computer forecast models showed the storm moving west-northwest across the island on Friday, posing a severe risk of mudslides on Haiti's denuded hillsides.

Isaac was projected to weaken to a tropical storm as it moves over Cuba on

Saturday and Sunday but it was uncertain exactly where it would go after that. Some computer models showed it returning to hurricane strength and making landfall somewhere in South Florida by late Sunday or early Monday. Others forecast it tracking through the Gulf of Mexico and moving parallel to Florida's western coastline.

At the Guantanamo Bay US Naval Base in southeast Cuba on Wednesday, authorities said Isaac forced the postponement of pretrial hearings that were to begin on Thursday for five prisoners accused of plotting the 11 September attacks.

Reuters



Firefighters look on as a helicopter aids firefighting efforts at the Ponderosa Fire near Red Bluff, California on 22 Aug, 2012. — REUTERS

California declares emergency as wildfire advances on town

RED BLUFF, 23 Aug — California Governor Jerry Brown declared a state of emergency in three Northern California counties on Wednesday after a wildfire that has already destroyed 64 homes advanced with 75-foot flames on a tiny community at the doorstep of a national park. Firefighters scrambled to head off the so-called Ponderosa Fire, which had scorched 24,000 acres, before it reached the outskirts of Mineral, a community of less than 200 people just south of Lassen National Volcanic Park.

Authorities issued an evacuation warning for Mineral as flames roared 75 feet high on the side of Highway 36, the main route into town, and burned through a rocky canyon where firefighters struggled to make a stand. Crews also bulldozed a trench to serve as a last line of defence between the fire and the town as thick smoke and ash choked the air

formiles.

"All the vegetation is ready to burn and so once the afternoon winds begin to blow up the canyon, those fuels burn aggressively and you have what we call blow-up conditions," Chico Fire Division Chief Shane Lauderdale told Reuters. "It pushes the firefighters out of the area they are working and goes over the (containment) line and creates situations where we have to back out," Lauderdale said.

Beth Glenn, who said her family owns most of the businesses in tiny Mineral, said the town survived a fire that roared up the same canyon in the 1990s, but she worried the Ponderosa blaze could be worse. "I don't know what's going to happen tonight," said Glenn, 58, whose motel and general store in the heart of Mineral were being used by fire officials to disseminate information to residents.

Reuters

US military chief wraps up Iraq visit

BAGHDAD, 23 Aug — Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's media adviser confirmed on Wednesday that the Chairman of US Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen Martin Dempsey paid a quick visit to Baghdad on Tuesday and had "positive" meetings with Iraqi officials.

Ali al-Musawi, the adviser, told reporters in Baghdad that Dempsey paid a six-hour visit to Baghdad a day before and met a few Iraqi top officials, including Maliki. He said Maliki during the meeting stressed the need to accelerate the arming of Iraqi forces in order to "help protect Iraq's sovereignty," to which, "Dempsey expressed US's readiness to arm all the three Iraqi forces: the army, the navy and the air force."

Dempsey completed his whirlwind visit on the same day and left Baghdad on Tuesday night. He is the highest-ranking US officials to visit Iraq since the last American combat troops departed from Iraq.—Xinhua



Smoke billows from a burning warehouse of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Quetta, Pakistan on 22 Aug, 2012. A UNHCR warehouse burst into flames here on Wednesday after an explosion, leaving most of the relief materials burnt away.

XINHUA

Mexico's new rulers win one more Congress seat in final result

MEXICO CITY, 23 Aug — Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) and its Green Party allies will have 241 of 500 seats in the lower house of Congress, one more than originally projected after the 1 July election, final results obtained by Reuters on Wednesday showed. The PRI, the party of incoming President Enrique Pena Nieto, will still be short of an absolute majority, but the extra seat will make it marginally easier for the next administration to form alliances in support of its reform agenda.

If the PRI and the Greens were to team up with the New Alliance Party (PANAL), which will have 10 seats, they could garner a simple majority of 251 votes. PANAL had briefly sided with the PRI before the election campaign, but it is not certain how much support the party will give the new administration. The seat was awarded by the electoral tribunal following disputes in regional ballots in a decision

due to be announced publicly on Thursday, according to an electoral official who declined to be identified. In awarding the seat to the PRI, the tribunal took it away from an alliance of leftist parties.

The new Congress will assemble on 1 September, while Pena Nieto is due to take office in December, replacing President Felipe Calderon. Pena Nieto, who returned the PRI to power after 12 years in the wilderness when he won 38 percent of the vote in the July election, has promised to reform

Mexico's fiscal, energy and labor laws. Calderon's National Action Party, or PAN, will have 114 deputies in the new Congress and may also support reforms aimed at allowing more foreign investment in the oil industry and making it easier for employers to hire and fire workers.

Three leftist parties, who want to keep existing labour protections and national control of the oil industry, have the remaining 135 seats in the lower house.

Reuters



A man tries to fly a Russian national flag made by balloons is seen by the Neva River in St Petersburg, on 22 Aug, 2012. Russia is celebrating the national flag day across the nation.

XINHUA

Ex-Pakistan envoy says US, Pakistan must "divorce" as allies

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — The United States and Pakistan should stop pretending they are allies and amicably "divorce," Pakistan's former ambassador to Washington said on Wednesday, citing unrealistic expectations in both countries that include US hopes Islamabad will sever its links to extremists. "If in 65 years, you haven't been able to find sufficient common ground to live together, and you had three separations and four reaffirmations of marriage, then maybe the better way is to find friendship outside of the marital bond," Husain Haqqani said, addressing the Centre for the National

Interest, a Washington think tank.

Haqqani's recommendation that the United States and Pakistan essentially downgrade their status was based on the premise that it may be the only way to break from what has been a dysfunctional relationship. A post-alliance future would allow both countries to hold more realistic expectations of each other, cooperating where possible but perhaps without the sense of betrayal, which has become acute in Pakistan. He cited a survey by the Pew Research Centre released in June showing roughly three-in-four Pakistanis consider the United States an enemy, even though the United States pours billions of dollars of aid into the country.

"If this was an election campaign ... you would advise the senator with these kinds of favourability ratings to pull out of the race, instead of spending more money," said Haqqani, who plans to publish

a book entitled "Magnificent Delusions" next year about the US-Pakistan relationship.

His candid remarks represented Haqqani's first address in Washington since he resigned as Pakistan's envoy last year after, he says, being framed for drafting a memo that accused the Pakistani army of plotting a coup — allegations he defended himself against before Pakistan's Supreme Court.

Many of Haqqani's comments underscored the friction between Pakistan's civilian government and military, which have bedeviled the nuclear-armed South Asian country for almost its entire existence.

Haqqani, who served as an adviser to four Pakistani prime ministers, identified himself among a small minority who support good relations with the United States but "who do not have the ability to influence the course of policy at home."—Reuters

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Nikon's latest camera runs Android



Nikon's newest point-and-shoot camera, the Coolpix S800c, is powered by the Android 2.3 operating system.—INTERNET

TOKYO, 23 Aug—The gulf between smartphones and cameras is getting smaller, thanks to a new point-and-shoot camera from Nikon that's powered by the Android operating system.

The 16-megapixel Coolpix S800c camera, announced on Wednesday, will be the first camera running Android on the market when it hits shelves in September.

The addition of Android brings a few much-needed features to the point-and-shoot. Users can download mobile apps from the Google Play store and share images over cellular networks by tethering to a nearby smartphone or tablet.

Pinterest releases new iPad and Android apps

When phone makers first started adding tiny, low-

resolution cameras to their devices, the camera industry was not terribly threatened. They had glorious digital SLR cameras with interchangeable lenses, sleek pocket cameras with large sensors and manual controls, and features like high-ISO for low-light shooting, megazoom, and rugged bodies for the outdoors.

Anyone who loved photos would certainly prefer the high-quality shots captured on "real" cameras, right?

But the camera companies underestimated just how important convenience was to consumers, and the public's appetite for sharing photos of moments right when they happened. The resulting cellphone images were low-

quality, but nothing a little sepia-filter couldn't fix.

The iPhone was not the first phone to have a camera, but it made sharing images online, over its cellular connection, a snap. In 2011, more than a quarter of photos and videos were captured using a smartphone, according to a study from research company NPD Group. That number is only getting larger.

The \$350 Coolpix S800c is bringing some of what has made those smartphones so popular to a camera. It doesn't have a cellular connection, but it does have Wi-Fi. Wireless connections have been around for a while on cameras, but the addition of Android means the camera can tether to a smartphone or tablet running Android when there's no

Wi-Fi network handy.

The 3.5-inch touchscreen display gives users access to the Google Play store, where photos can go to download more apps for their camera, including editing tools and social networks, such as Twitter, Facebook and, of course, Instagram. The camera can also run all the regular smartphone apps, allowing users to send e-mail, browse the Internet, listen to music and play games. Like Apple's iPod Touch, it draws the line at making phone calls, however.

The camera has 10X zoom, can shoot 1080p video, and includes GPS and maps for tagging images with locations. There are no manual controls. The S800c is running Android 2.3, known as Gingerbread, which is not the most recent version of the operating system.

That Nikon is the first to bring an Android camera to market is a surprise, since competitors Sony and Samsung already make Android devices and were in a better position to combine the two products. Polaroid showed off a demo camera running Android at the Consumer Electronics show in January, the SC1630, but it isn't yet available.

Nikon's Android camera may be a first in the camera industry, but it's still playing catch-up to the real competitors: smartphones with increasingly higher-quality cameras.—Internet

Twin spacecraft to visit Van Allen belts

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug—A pair of armoured NASA spacecraft will soon head into one of the most treacherous regions of outer space on a mission to understand how radioactive particles that surround the Earth affect our satellites and astronauts.

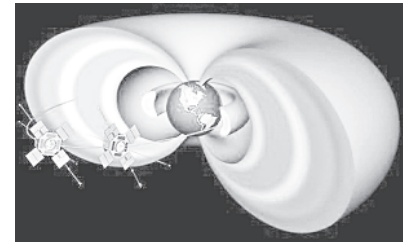
The two will journey into the Van Allen radiation belts, doughnut-shaped rings of radioactive particles that encircle Earth. The particles, which are expelled from the sun, are pulled into the belts by Earth's magnetic field—the same force that swings a compass needle toward the North Pole.

"We are trying to go to a place that everyone else tries to avoid," said Rick Fitzgerald, the project

Space Age discoveries, found in 1958 by the nation's first satellite, Explorer 1. Yet the belts largely remain a mystery, their environment too harsh to accommodate satellites for long.

The new \$686 million twin storm probes are different. The octagonal spacecraft—about 6 feet across, 3 feet tall and 1,475 pounds each—are shielded in aluminum as thick as a slice of bread. Each storm probe holds five instruments to measure radioactive particles—mostly protons and electrons—as the spacecraft plow through the belts and endure harsh storms of radiation from the sun, which scientists call "space weather."

The particles that these spacecraft will capture are



This spacecraft will collect samples from the Van Allen radiation belts that surround the Earth.—INTERNET

manager of the Radiation Belt Storm Probes mission at the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University. The spacecraft are scheduled to be launched together early Thursday from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station and fly for two years.

The Van Allen radiation belts are America's earliest

expelled from the sun and hurtle 93 million miles toward Earth in million-mile-per-hour waves called solar storms. The data from these probes will help scientists build models that explain how different solar disturbances blowing through the cosmos could change belt size and shape.

Internet

T-Mobile brings back unlimited data plan

NEW YORK, 23 Aug—Unlimited wireless data is back. After sliding off the menu of cellphone plans, data plans with no caps are making a comeback at smaller wireless companies trying to compete with AT&T and Verizon.

T-Mobile USA, the nation's fourth-largest cellphone company, said on Wednesday that it will start selling an unlimited-data plan again on 5 September, after stopping sales of such plans early last year. A day earlier, No. 5 carrier MetroPCS cut the price of its unlimited-data plan as a promotion for a limited time.

The moves by T-Mobile USA and MetroPCS, neither

of which sells the iPhone, come as their three larger rivals are thought to be gearing up to begin selling the iPhone 5 in a month or so. No. 3 carrier Sprint Nextel Corp already has an unlimited-data plan and credits that with helping it attract customers for its smartphones.

AT&T, the nation's second-largest carrier, stopped signing up customers for unlimited data plans two years ago, while No. 1 Verizon Wireless stopped last year.

Both have shifted toward lifting all limits on calls and texting, but limiting data usage. From a network management perspective, that makes sense,

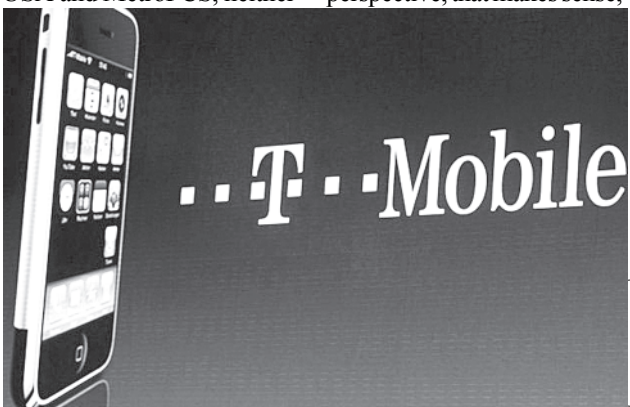
as calls and texts use very little network capacity, while video downloads and other data use can clog the network and slow the service for everyone. The iPhone and the data use it encouraged initially caused big problems for AT&T in New York and San Francisco. Sprint's network is showing signs of congestion in some tests.

Limited-data plans pose problems for customers, however. It's easier to figure out how many minutes of calling you need in a month than it is to figure out how many gigabytes you'll use.

T-Mobile is launching the plan because it's what customers want, said Kevin McLaughlin, vice president of marketing at the Bellevue, Wash., company. He said the company is confident it can keep its network "fast and dependable" even with unlimited-data users on it.

Internet

In this undated file photo, an iPhone is displayed next to a T-Mobile sign, in Berlin.—INTERNET



FTC clears Facebook's acquisition of Instagram

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Aug—The US Federal Trade Commission cleared Facebook Inc's acquisition of Instagram, voting unanimously to close its antitrust investigation into the deal without taking any action.

The move frees Facebook to complete its purchase of the mobile photo application maker, the biggest acquisition in its history.

Facebook announced plans to buy Instagram in a cash and stock deal for \$1 billion in April.

Under the terms of the deal, Facebook will acquire Instagram for \$300 million in cash and roughly 23 million shares of Facebook common stock.

The deal is currently valued at \$747.1 million, based on the \$19.44 closing price of Facebook's shares on Wednesday.

Shares of the world's No. 1 online social network have declined roughly 50 percent since the company's highly-anticipated initial

public offering in May. Slowing revenue growth and a flood of insider shares that could hit the market in the coming months are among investors' key concerns.

The Instagram

the timing of the deal on Wednesday, but said it was pleased the FTC has cleared the transaction.

Facebook had initially said it expected the deal to close in the second quarter,



A photo illustration shows the applications Facebook and Instagram on the screen of an iPhone in Zagreb on 9 April, 2012.—REUTERS

application, which allows users to add filters and effects to pictures taken on their smartphones, could bolster Facebook's mobile efforts—an area that is considered something of a weak spot for the company.

Facebook did not provide a further update on

but later changed the time frame, saying it expected the deal to close by the end of the year.

Facebook is scheduled to appear at a so-called "fairness hearing" before the California Department of Corporations on 29 August.

Reuters

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Chinese stocks open mixed on Thursday

BEIJING, 23 Aug— Chinese stocks opened mixed on Thursday, with the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index slightly down 0.04 percent to open at 2,106.96.

The Shenzhen Component Index opened 0.15 percent higher at 8,739.2.—*Xinhua*

Dollar trades in mid-78-yen level in early Tokyo market

TOKYO, 23 Aug—The US dollar traded in the mid-78-yen level on early Tuesday in Tokyo.

At 9 am, the dollar fetched 78.54-59 yen compared with 78.53-63 yen in New York and 79.29-30 yen in Tokyo at 5 pm on Wednesday.

The euro was quoted at 1.2533-2534 dollars and 98.42-45 yen against 1.2523-2533 dollars and 98.38-48 yen in New York and 1.2459-2460 dollars and 98.79-83 yen in Tokyo late on Wednesday afternoon.—*Xinhua*

Gold ends modestly lower

CHICAGO, 23 Aug—Gold futures on the COMEX division of the New York Mercantile Exchange ended modestly lower on Wednesday ahead of the release of minutes of the latest US monetary policy meeting.

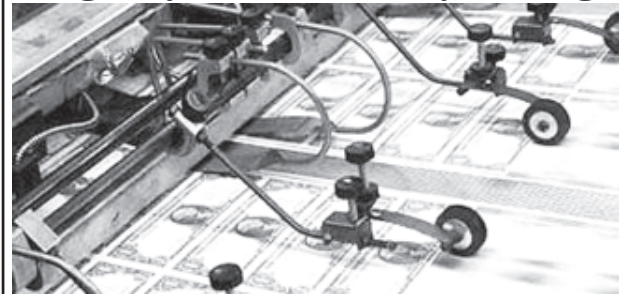
The most active gold contract for December delivery retreated 2.4 dollars, or 0.15 percent, to settle at 1,640.5 dollars per ounce.

Market analysts said that gold fluctuated in the day, as traders waited for the Federal Open Market Committee's

meeting minutes for further hints about the US monetary policy. It was widely believed that the US Federal Reserve was close to a new round of quantitative easing, which would trigger fears of currency debasement and thus push up the gold price.

Silver for September delivery gained 12.8 cents, or 0.4 percent, to close at 29.556 dollars per ounce. Platinum for October delivery added 18.7 dollars, or 1.2 percent, to close at 1,526.5 dollars per ounce.—*Xinhua*

US Fed minutes show more urgency for monetary easing



WASHINGTON, 23 Aug—The US Federal Reserve would lean more close toward new stimulus actions unless incoming information signifies a substantial strengthening in the economic recovery, the central bank's policy meeting minutes showed on Wednesday.

"Many members judged that additional monetary accommodation would likely be warranted fairly soon unless incoming information pointed to a substantial and sustainable strengthening in the pace of the economic recovery," the Fed noted in minutes released on Wednesday for a Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting held from 31 July to 1 August.

In their discussion for future policy action, a number of Fed policy officials indicated that additional

accommodation could help foster a more rapid improvement in labor market conditions when inflation pressures were likely to be subdued.

Several FOMC members said the benefits of gathering further information that could help clarify the economic outlook and inflation as well as the need for further policy action, according to the minutes.

The Fed officials agreed that they would closely monitor economic and financial developments and carefully weigh the potential benefits and costs of various tools in assessing whether additional policy action would be warranted.

At its last meeting, the Fed did not pull the trigger to save the economy, but left the door open for additional measures.—*Xinhua*

A new study says older men produce more gene mutations in the children they sire, boosting their risk of schizophrenia and autism and possibly other diseases.

INTERNET



NEW YORK, 23 Aug—Do older fathers doom their children to genetic disease? This is the question raised by a new study that says older men produce more gene mutations in the children they sire, boosting their risk of schizophrenia and autism and possibly other diseases.

Children of older men have more gene abnormalities

A father's age is by far the biggest factor determining the rate of new, uninherited genetic mutations in his

The rate doubles every 16 years, meaning that the baby of a 36-year-old father would have twice as many new mutations than that of a 20-year-old. Though de novo mutations are not necessarily harmful, it can take only one change in a key gene to cause some types of disease — and the more mutations the higher the risk.

The results from what is claimed to be the biggest-ever study of its kind suggest that disproportionate attention has been paid to the age at which women give birth.

Maternal age is linked to Down's syndrome and other chromosomal diseases that develop through a process that is different to the type of genetic mutation described in this study.

The mutations in the *Nature* report are caused by cell division during processes like sperm production.

The age of new fathers in the Western world has been climbing in recent decades, and the number of first-time dads over 40 is growing. Official statistics show that in Iceland, the average age of fathers at conception rose from 27.9 in 1980 to 33 in 2011.

Contrary to de novo mutations which occur during cell division, inherited gene mutations are transferred at an equal rate by the father and mother, are more common and thus more commonly responsible for disease.

Scientists believe that both inherited and new mutations are responsible for diseases like autism and schizophrenia, but have not worked out the ratio of blame.

On the positive side, de novo gene mutations are a necessary element of human evolution, allowing us to adapt to our changing environment.

Internet

Tattoo infections traced to tainted ink

ATLANTA, 23 Aug—An outbreak of infected tattoos has led to an unlikely source: the ink.

With the growing popularity of tattoos, health officials say they are seeing more cases of a nasty skin infection caused by a common bacteria traced to the ink. In the largest outbreak, 19 people in Rochester, NY, ended up with bubbly rashes on their new tattoos, researchers reported on Wednesday.

Infections from tattooing are nothing new. Hepatitis, staph infections and even the superbug known as MRSA have been tied to tattoos. Dirty needles and unsanitary conditions are often to blame.

But all the New York cases were linked to an unidentified artist who wore disposable gloves and

sterilized his instruments. The problem, investigators concluded, was in the ink.

"Even if you get a tattoo from a facility that does everything right, it's not risk free," said Dr Byron Kennedy, deputy director of the health department in New York's Monroe County. He is lead author of a report on last fall's Rochester cases was released by the *New England Journal of Medicine* on Wednesday.

In the past year, there have been 22 confirmed cases and more than 30 suspected cases of the skin infection in Colorado, Iowa, New York and Washington state, health officials said. The infections were tied to ink or water used to dilute the ink. Tattoo artists and ink makers should use only sterile water to dilute ink, health officials advise.

Scattered reports of the illness in tattoo customers have been reported over the past 10 years. But they may be growing more common as more people get tattoos, experts said. An estimated 1 in 5 US adults have at least one tattoo, an increase from years past, according to polls.

The illnesses were caused by a bacterial cousin of tuberculosis named *Mycobacterium chelonae* (pronounced chell-OH-nay). The bacteria can cause itchy and painful pus-filled blisters that can take months to clear up, and involve treatment with harsh antibiotics with unpleasant side effects.

The bacteria are common in tap water, and have been seen in the past when tattoo artists used contaminated water to lighten dark ink. The



In this undated photo provided by the University of Washington, the arm of a Washington State woman is shown after developing an infection earlier this year after receiving a tattoo.

INTERNET

ink used in New York was "gray wash," used for shaded areas of tattoos. The ink was recalled and has not returned to the market.

Health officials say tattoo customers should ask what kind of ink is being used and what measures are in place to prevent infections.

Internet

New AIDS-like disease in Asians, not contagious

BOSTON, 23 Aug—Researchers have identified a mysterious new disease that has left scores of people in Asia and some in the United States with AIDS-like symptoms even though they are not infected with HIV.

The patients' immune systems become damaged, leaving them unable to fend off germs as healthy people do. What triggers this isn't known, but the disease does not seem to be contagious.

This is another kind of acquired immune deficiency that is not inherited and occurs in adults, but doesn't spread the way AIDS does through a virus, said Dr Sarah Browne, a

scientist at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

She helped lead the study with researchers in Thailand and Taipei where most of the cases have been found since 2004. Their report is in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The disease develops around age 50 on average but does not run in families, which makes it unlikely that a single gene is responsible, Browne said. Some patients have died of overwhelming infections, including some Asians now living in the US, although Browne could not estimate how many.



Dr Sarah K Browne, right, talks with patient Kim Nguyen at National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md, on 22 Aug, 2012.—INTERNET

Kim Nguyen, 62, a seamstress from Vietnam who has lived in Tennessee since 1975, was gravely ill when she sought help for a persistent fever, infections throughout her bones and other bizarre

symptoms in 2009. She had been sick off and on for several years and had visited Vietnam in 1995 and again in early 2009.

Nguyen (pronounced "when") was referred to specialists at the National Institutes of Health who had been tracking similar cases. She spent nearly a year at an NIH hospital in Bethesda, and is there now for monitoring and further treatment.

"I feel great now," she said today. But when she was sick, "I felt dizzy, headaches, almost fell down," she said. "I could not eat anything." AIDS is a specific disease, and it stands for acquired immune deficiency syndrome.—*Internet*

Greek Prime Minister Antonis Samaras, speaks next to Jean Claude Juncker, unseen, prime minister, of Luxembourg and President of Eurogroup during a joint news conference after their meeting in Athens, on 22 Aug, 2012.
INTERNET



Samaras: Greece needs 'air to breathe'

BERLIN, 23 Aug — Greece's Prime Minister struck a conciliatory tone on Wednesday before a closely watched visit to Germany, insisting in interviews with two influential German newspapers that his country doesn't want more money, just more time to deliver on promised economic reforms and government spending cuts.

Antonis Samaras heads to Berlin on Friday for talks with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose country is the largest single contributor to Greece's €240 billion (\$300 billion) bailout

packages. German officials and some lawmakers in Merkel's coalition government have made clear they are in no mood to grant significant concessions.

"Let me be very clear: we are not asking for extra money," Samaras told Germany's top-selling *Bild* newspaper in an interview published on Wednesday. "We stand by our commitments and the implementation of all requirements. But we must encourage growth, because that reduces the financing gaps. All we want is a little 'air to breathe' to get the economy going and increase state

income," Samaras added, without specifying any timeframe. "More time does not automatically mean more money."

Some German politicians have talked openly in recent weeks about the possibility of Greece leaving the euro, and the vice chancellor, Economy Minister Philipp Roesler, has said that the idea of a Greek exit has "lost its horror." But Athens insists the country must remain in the 17-nation currency zone — something which opinion polls have shown the vast majority of Greeks want.

Internet

Sleepy woman's epic 18-hr flight after she misses stop

PARIS, 23 Aug — A Frenchwoman endured an 18-hour journey from the Pakistani city of Lahore to Paris and back again after sleeping through her plane's stop in the French capital, officials said on Wednesday. Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) are investigating how ground crew failed to notice the woman during the plane's two-hour stopover at Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris.

The woman, named as Patrice Christine Ahmed, who is married to a Pakistani, left Lahore at noon on Tuesday to fly to Paris via Milan, but did not wake up to get off the plane, airline spokesman Sultan Hasan told *AFP*. The woman did not mention her mistake to cabin crew and the matter only came to light when she was stopped by immigration officials on arrival back in Lahore on Wednesday morning — after a 12,000-kilometre (7700-mile) round trip.

Hasan said PIA were investigating the incident and the French subcontractor responsible for passenger handling in Paris. "We have

put questions to this French firm also about the incident but it is also the responsibility of the passenger to disembark at the destination," he said. "It is a passenger's responsibility to check about the destination and disembark when the plane arrives at the particular airport."

PIA later arranged to send the woman back to Paris with another airline because none of its own flights were available, but said that the party responsible for the negligence will pay for the extra ticket. — Internet



A Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) plane takes off in Islamabad in 2009. A Frenchwoman endured an 18-hour journey from Lahore to Paris and back again after sleeping through her plane's stop in the French capital, officials said on Wednesday. —INTERNET



President of Afghanistan Hamid Karzai is pictured on 15 August. Afghan officials on Wednesday blamed "infiltration by foreign spy agencies" into the ranks of its security forces for a rise in attacks by Afghan soldiers on US-led NATO forces. —INTERNET

Kabul blames 'foreign spy agencies' for insider attacks

KABUL, 23 Aug — Afghan officials on Wednesday blamed "infiltration by foreign spy agencies" into the ranks of its security forces for a rise in attacks by Afghan soldiers on US-led NATO forces. The announcement came after President Barack Obama and top US military officers expressed growing concern over the so-called "green-on-blue" attacks in which uniformed Afghans turn their weapons against their NATO allies. A total of 10 soldiers, mostly Americans, have lost their lives at the hands of their Afghan colleagues in the past two weeks, and the attacks have caused almost one in four coalition deaths in the war so far this month.

President Hamid Karzai held a meeting of the country's National Security Council on Wednesday to discuss the matter. Senior Afghan officials told Karzai their

months-long investigation had shown that "foreign spy agencies" including those of Afghanistan's neighbours were behind the rise in insider attacks, presidential spokesman Aimal Faizi said. Faizi did not name a specific country, but Afghan officials have long accused Pakistan of harbouring Taleban insurgents fighting to overthrow Karzai's Western-backed government.

"Reports presented by security officials in this meeting blamed infiltration by foreign spy agencies into the ranks of Afghan security forces as responsible for the rise in the individual shootings," Faizi told reporters. "It shows that majority of these attacks is the result of such infiltration." The reports further highlighted that foreign spy agencies are increasingly fearful of the empowerment of the Afghans security agencies. — Internet

Man partly to blame for Antarctic ice shelf collapse

WELLINGTON, 23 Aug — An ice core extracted from an Antarctic islet has yielded further evidence of the impact of man-made warming on the frozen continent, fuelling concern for the future of ice shelves, a report said on Wednesday. The 364-metre (1,183-foot) ice core drilled from James Ross Island on the Antarctic peninsula has been studied in laboratories in Europe for the past four years, for its 15,000-year record of snowfalls holds clues about climate shift. The peninsula — the tentacle of Antarctica that projects towards South America — is a keen area of interest for climatologists, given that it has warmed faster than almost anywhere else in



This handout photograph provided by the Royal New Zealand Air Force (RNZAF) in 2011 shows the Russian fishing boat Sparta, near the Antarctic ice shelf.
INTERNET

the world.

The core shows that after several centuries of cooling, temperatures in the region began climbing slowly around 600 years ago, rising at a rate of about 0.2 degrees Celsius (0.36 degrees Fahrenheit) per century. The warming increased exponentially, reaching an unusually high, though not unprecedented, rate during the last 100 years of about 1.5 C (2.7 F), the report published in *Nature* said. The results "are consistent with a more rapid human-induced warming on top of a slower natural warming," Robert Mulvaney, a researcher with the British Antarctic Survey (BAS), told *AFP*. Meteorological stations have shown a rise of 2 C (3.6 F) in the past 50 years in the Antarctic peninsula, which is roughly triple that of the global temperature rise. "If the warming continues, then ice shelves further south in the peninsula that are believed to have been stable since the last ice age may also break up in the next few decades," Mulvaney warned.

Ice shelves are floating mats of ice, attached to the Antarctic coast, that are formed by flowing glaciers. In recent years, several major ice shelves have broken away from the peninsula, a result of what scientists say is an upwelling of warmer water from the Southern Ocean. — Internet

ISS orbit adjusted for upcoming Soyuz docking

MOSCOW, 23 Aug — After a failed earlier attempt, an European cargo spacecraft has adjusted the orbit of the *International Space Station (ISS)* to create best conditions for the upcoming docking of Russia's manned spaceship Soyuz, the Russian Mission Control Centre said on Wednesday.

"The ATV-3 engines have worked as planned. Correction of the *ISS* orbit is over," the Mission Control Centre said. The orbit has

been adjusted twice during the day, elevated by 7.7 km to the average of 420 km. Last Wednesday, the European Space Agency's Automated Transfer Vehicle Three, ATV-3, failed to raise the *ISS* to the prescribed orbit due to its booster's early switch-off.

The adjustment of the orbit is needed for the landing and next docking of Russia's manned spaceship *Soyuz*. The landing of the outbound *Soyuz TMA-04M* spaceship,

with two astronauts on board, is scheduled for 17 September. The docking of the *Soyuz TMA-06M* spacecraft with the *ISS* is set for 15 October.

ISS orbit adjustments are conducted periodically before launches of the Russian spaceships, to compensate for the Earth's gravity and ensure successful dockings.

The next correction of the *ISS* orbit has been scheduled for 12 September. — *Xinhua*

30 children in Germany injured in bus crash

BERLIN, 23 Aug — German police say at least 30 children have been injured, some of them seriously, after a bus they were traveling in overturned on a southern highway.

A Bavarian police spokesman says the driver appeared to have lost control of the bus during a sudden hailstorm near the town of Freising on Wednesday afternoon.

Ulrich Poepsel said police sent "anything with a siren" to the site of the accident including several helicopters that ferried the injured children to nearby hospitals.

He says the bus was registered in the German town of Dachau and was taking children home from a holiday trip. Poepsel said the overturned bus caused a second crash involving several vehicles for which casualty figures were still unclear. — Internet



A firefighter walks past a bus overturned on the highway near Freising, southern Germany, on 22 Aug, 2012. —INTERNET

Over 100,000 fingerlings released into rice field in Kyaunggon

KYAUNGON, 23 Aug—As part of efforts for regional development and poverty reduction in rural areas, 100,500 fingerlings were released into rice fields in Kyaunggon Township, Patheingyi District, on 5 August.

The ceremony to release fingerlings into rice field is held at the model farm at the Village of Seikphuni in the township, officials from Patheingyi District and Kyaunggon

Township Fishery Departments put the fingerlings into the field.

During the ceremony, the officials handed over fingerlings to local farmers to breed them at their fields.

Over 100,000 fingerlings will be released into 201 acres owned by 32 farmers in Kyaunggon Township.

Myanma Alin



Anti-dengue campaign conducted in Shwepyitha Township

SHWEPYITHA, 23 Aug—Health workers and volunteers have taken anti-dengue measures in Ward-5 in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, on 18 August.

They carried out fumigation, disposing solid waste and removing man-made habitats by covering, emptying, and cleaning water containers and clearing the surroundings of stagnant water and damp areas in the ward.

The anti-dengue campaign was participated by health workers, members of Shwepyitha Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Shwepyitha Township Women's Affairs Organization and local people.—Myanma Alin



Drinking water supplied to flood victims in Ingapu

INGAPU, 23 Aug—A local authority in Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Region, has supplied drinking water to 312 people from 73 households who are facing lack of drinking water due to flood on 19 August.

A total 800 gallons of drinking water have been supplied to the victims in Ayezedi Village in Ingapu Township. The flood inundated grounds of their homes, causing water shortages in the village.—Kyemon

Flood's victim property stolen

YEKYI, 23 Aug—Jewels worth about K2.1 million and K800,000 were stolen from a flood victim in Athoke, Yekyi Township, on 15 August.

Daw Khin Win Yi, 47, an owner of the fish brokerage, placed the jewellery box and the cash on her sides when he went to bed made on a temporary floor in her home as the house was submerged by the flood on 15 August.

She found that her property were stolen when he woke at early morning and he opened a file at the Athoke Police Station.

Kyemon

Flood victims in Ayeyawady Region get aids



PATHEINGYI, 23 Aug—Flood victims in 24 townships of Ayeyawady Region have been given rice and medicines at the relief camps on 18 and 19 August.

Out of 26 townships in Ayeyawady Region, 24 have been submerged, destroying over 300,000 acres of rice

field. The bus service on the Patheingyi-Yangon Road was disrupted from 8 pm to 5 am on 19 August as the Daka-Kankalay road section on the road was flooded.

Rescue teams are on alert on the submerged section.

Speaker of Ayeyawady Region Hluttaw U Hsan Hsint and representatives and local authority reached out 13 relief

camps in Thabaung Township on 18 August and presented aids to the victims. They went to Kyaunggon, Athoke, Yekyi, Ngathaingyong and Kyonpyaw the next day and also attended a ceremony to donate aids to the flood victims. They handed over aids to flood victims during their visits to the relief camps.

Myanma Alin

Fingerlings released into rice field in Wakema

WAKEMA, 23 Aug—Wakema Township Fishery Department released fingerlings into the rice fields in the township on 19 August.

U Ohn Win, Head of Wakema Township Fishery Department, and employees of the departments and villagers put 76,500 fish into 153 acres of rice field.

Myanma Alin

Yekyi FFSA donates provisions to flood victims in villages

YEKYI, 23 Aug—Yekyi Free Funeral Service Association has donated provisions to flooded villages in the township.

The association has reached to Daegon Village in Taunglaha Village-tract, Kyogon, Thabyayaw, Akyawtaing and Kontan villages in Kyogon Village-tract yesterday and distributed rice and dry noodles to 321 flood victims.

Kyemon



Three arrested for gambling in Bago Region

BAGO, 23 Aug—Police arrested two men and a woman for illegal three-digit gambling recently.

Acting on a tip-off, a local police unit searched the home of Kyaw Hsan Oo, 42, in Kyaikzakaw East Village in DaikU Township and discovered documents used for the gambling and seized K1835200.

Action is being taken against Kyaw Hsan Oo, 42, the chief of the gambling business, Tin Aye, 57, and Ma Khin Than, 53, under section 15/16 of the Gambling Act.—Kyemon

District News

Flood damages roads, bridges in Nyaunglebin

NYAUNGLEBIN, 23 Aug—Some roads and bridges in Nyaunglebin were damaged by recent flood cause by torrential rain and overflow water from the Sittoung River.

An approach road to a wooden bridge in the Village of Yephyukan in Nyaunglebin Township was eroded by the flood and local authority an people have maintained the erosion before the road is totally destroyed by the flood.

The bridge is 33 ft long and 12 ft wide.

Local people in most villages in Nyaunglebin Township experienced floods caused by torrential and the overflow from the

Sittoung River recently.

Arrangements are being made to timely repair the roads and bridges which were damaged by the flood.

Myanma Alin



The road section on Yangon-Patheingyi road near Daka Village-tract in Kangyidaunt Township was flooded recently.—KYEMON



Members of TZU-CHI Taiwan Buddhist Association distribute relief aids to flood victims in Bago recently.

KYEMON

Only some ministeries' proposed...

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With respect to the proposal, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue U Win Shein said that when Pyidaungsu Hluttaw scrutinized each projects and their proposed expenditures at a time when the Union Budget Law (bill) (2012) was approved. Only some ministeries' proposed funds reduced.

Budget Department has informed respective Central Organizations and ministries of the expenditures designated by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The respective Central Organizations and organizations under the ministeries had to calculate the expenditures for each projects and works and

sent it back to Budget Department. The books that compile the income and expenditures of central organizations and organizations under the ministeries described in the appendix 1-10 of the Union Budget Law (2012), under the headings of capital and revenue account of central organizations, organizations under the ministeries, projects and works, will be distributed to Pyithu Hluttaw Planning and Financial Development Committee and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Public Account Committee through the Union government at the current session. So, the proposal is to be reviewed. Hluttaw decided to approve it.

After that, U Myint Soe of Pyawbwe Constituency submitted an important proposal on **Pyidaungsu Hluttaw urge the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union to issue a statement that the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union mistakenly gave verdict as the Constitutional Tribunal of**

the Union passed the resolution that "defining committee, commission and organizations which are formed by respective hluttaw as the Union-level organizations is not in conformity with the Constitution" without having the right under the Constitution and Constitutional Tribunal Law and mistakenly gave verdict against the provisions of the existing laws.

A representative approved it. Hluttaw took votes to discuss it by mean of machine voting system. Hluttaw decided to approve it as there are more than one third of eligible voters. Those who want to discuss are to register their names. The meeting came to an end at 3.25 pm.

At today's session, two bills approved, Public Account Committee's clarification of Committee's findings report on additional funding request, made and approved, one important proposal submitted.—MNA

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communication and Construction Committee meets CSIS's Senior Advisor and Director

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—On behalf of Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Transport, Communication and Construction Committee U Thein Swe received a goodwill delegation led by Senior Advisor and Director Mr Ernest Z. Bower of Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) of the US in Washington and party, at Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Hall in Hluttaw Building, here, yesterday evening.

At the call, they discussed the

CSIS's research, promoting the bilateral relations between two countries, Myanmar's democratization process, local peace-making process and the role of Hluttaw.

It was also attended by Chairman of International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo, Chairman of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery Development Committee U Soe Naing and commission members U Win Myint, U Nay Win and U Khin Maung Soe.

MNA

Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister on inspection tour of Pathein

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung together with Region Minister for Forest and for Mines U Soe Myint, Region Minister for Development Affairs U Kyaw Win Naing

yesterday went to Nantthargon rubbish pile at Ward No. 8 in Pathein. He then gave necessary instructions to officials concerning litter disposal system.

MNA



Shwe Parami Mahazotika Association donated Electrolyte Analyzer Plus Foetal Scalp Blood Sampling Set worth US\$ 8500, K 1.5 million for funds and K 1.8 million for medicines of Cancer Ward-C to Central Women's Hospital on 14 August.—MNA

Two injured when 22-wheeled truck collides light truck

MEIKTILA, 23 Aug—Two people were injured when a 22-wheeled truck collided with back end of a light truck near the mile post No. 367/3 on Yangon-Mandalay Road near Hpayaphyu Village in Wundwin Township on 17

August.

Nyunt Lwin, 41, driver of 22-wheeled truck was driving when his car struck with the back end of the light truck driven by Zaw Min Tun.

Both of Ma Htway

Myint, 40, and Daw Hmat Tin, 56, of the light truck were injured and sent to Wundwin Hospital.

Actions are being taken against the two drivers by Shwedaung Police Station.

Myanma Alin

Necessary measures to be taken in advance to give protection to migrant workers



Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi addresses at the coordination meeting No. 3/2012 of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—The Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee held its work coordination meeting No. 3/2012 the Ministry of Labour here this afternoon.

During the meeting, Chairman of Overseas Jobs Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Labour U Aung Kyi stressed the needs for taking necessary measures in advance to give protection to Myanmar migrant workers especially general workers in

accordance with international standard and ASEAN standard.

He also called for participation of ministries concerned, members of parliaments, political parties, international organizations and experts from all walks of life in adopting the Labour Migration Policy.

He also urged the ministries and departments concerned to send their decion makers to the 12th coordination meeting between Myanmar and Thailand on Myanmar migrant workers to be able to

effectively discuss the current labour issues.

The participants discussed labour issues in Thailand and processes for sending Myanmar workers to foreign countries.

Myanmar migrant workers in Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand transferred over 1834 million in total to their relatives in Myanmar in April and July, 2012 through the Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, the Ayeyawady Bank, the Asia Green Development Bank, the Cooperative Bank and the Kanbawza Bank.—MNA



Myanmar (A) team plays against New Zealand team as first match at 17th South East Asian Junior Men's Volleyball Championship 2012. (New on page 1)—MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Director of EU Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection Office



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug — Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr. Esko Kentschynskij, Director of Operation of the European Commission Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Office and party of Brussels at 9 am at his office today.

MNA

First batch final exams to be held by YUDE, MUDE

YANGON, 23 Aug—Yangon University of Distance Education and Mandalay University of Distance Education are holding the first batch final exams of 2012 academic year at respective faculties from 4 to 11 October.

Undergraduates at first, second and third years (Science) registered at respective faculties are to sit exams at universities and degree colleges concerned. Detailed programmes will be put on notice board at YUDE and MUDE and respective faculties of universities and degree colleges.

MNA

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan making a speech at workshop on development of hotel and tourism sectors in Mandalay and Bagan-NyaungU Regions.—MNA



Delegation of Patheingyi Institute of Agriculture makes excursion to educational farms in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug— Students and faculty members from Patheingyi Institute of Agriculture visited the educational farm in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area to study plantation of quality strains of crops and modern farming methods.

At the 500-acre education farm at in the catchment area of Ngaleik Dam, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing called on

them for establishing educational farm as part of efforts for encouraging farmers to grow quality strains of crops and practicing modern methods.

The 39-member study group was led by the principal of the institute and four faculty members.

The Union Minister also urged them to grow quality strains of sun flower and groundnuts to support the edible oil sufficiency in the

country and to grow kitchen crops to earn extra income.

During the visit, the director-general of Agricultural Department presented 70 kilos of Palethwe hybrid rice seeds to grow in the farm of the institute. They also visited the 10-acre educational farm of groundnut and the 100-acre educational farm of Palethwe (Basmati) hybrid rice irrigated by Ngaleik Dam.—MNA

Workshop on development of hotels and tourism sectors in Mandalay and Bagan-NyaungU Regions held

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—A workshop on development of hotel and tourism sectors in Mandalay and NyaungU Regions took place at the meeting hall of Bagan Hotel in NyaungU yesterday morning. The workshop was attended by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint, Deputy Minister U Htay Aung, chairman and officials from Myanmar Tourism Service, entrepreneurs and departmental officials

tourists, promotion of hotels and restaurants, systematic development of hotels and tourism and conservation of sustainable development for destinations. Hotel tourism is more important than past, the ministry is arranging to conduct hotel services course, it should consider to reduce negative impacts as development of hotels and tourism, said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister noted that Mandalay is regarded as cultural city which

from Bagan-NyaungU Township.

At the workshop, Union Minister U Tint Hsan said that as foreigners are keen to visit Myanmar than in the past, nearly 50 percent of tourists arrival developed, it is necessary for emerging sustainable development, Hotels and Tourism Ministry is carrying out the service for creating job opportunities, development of infrastructures, alleviation of poverty for the interests of the State and the people. He went on to say that the ministry adopted four tasks for systematic transportation for

possesses historical cultural heritages; Bagan Region is a destination which historical edifices 3112 were seen within 19 miles and an interesting place for tourists.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint urged the attendees to implement the plans from all points of view for development of Mandalay and Bagan-NyaungU Regions.

Those attendees participated in discussions and the union minister and deputy minister made clarifications.

MNA



NUTRITION WEEK: Daw Than Than Htay, headmistress of No. 22 Basic Education Primary School, Tamway, presents certificate of honour to donors U Myat Min Hein and Daw Khaing Su Win for donating food and milk to students of the school on 11 August, 2012.—KYEMON

Woman stabbed to death in Yekyaw Village, Ngapudaw Tsp

NGAPUDAW, 22 Aug — A 55-year-old woman was stabbed to death as she protected her sister at the Village of Yekyaw in Ngapudaw Township, Ayeyawady Region, on 3 August.

Daw Lone, 55, was knifed by Tin Ko, 28, as she tried to protect his sister, Daw Htay Myint, 47, who arrived at the scene to intervene the fight between her niece Hnin Moe Hlaing and her niece's husband Tin Ko.

Daw Lone was stabbed on his left chest as she protect her sister from being attacked by Tin Ko who came out of the house after stabbing his wife, Hnin Moe Hlaing.

Ma Hnin Moe Hlaing was also stabbed two times in her left arm and one left thigh.

Tin Ko is charged with murder.

Myanma Alin

Information for anti-human trafficking

Nowadays, the government is accelerating its tasks in taking preventive measures against trafficking in person.

In so doing, telephone numbers are announced as the connections with authorities concerned for enabling the people to actively participate in taking the anti-human trafficking measures.

These telephone numbers are 067-412555 and 067-412666 in Nay Pyi Taw, 09-49555666 in Muse, 09-49555777 in Mandalay and 09-49555888 and 09-49555999 in Yangon.

Food, aids distributed to flood victims in Shwegyin

SHWEGYIN, 22 Aug—Flood Rescue Supervisory Committee comprising local authority, businessmen and townsenders has distributed to flood victims in six wards and has sent rice, edible, salt, beans and Ngapi every five day to flood victims in 31 villages in Shwegyin.

Wards and villages in Shwegyin has been submerged since 3 August due to the flood caused by torrential rain and the overflow from the Sittoung River and the Shwegyin River.

Over 20400 people from 4189 households moved to the relief camps.

Out of 40749 acres of rice field, 5282 acres have been flooded.

Before the flood totally receded, the torrential on 21 August has caused the flood again and inundating the low lying areas again, also flooding the Shwegyin-Madauk Road.

Donors from across the country also sent aids for the victims to the Flood Rescue Committee.

The committee is making arrangements for giving assistance to farmers to re-plant rice again when the flood totally receded.

Kyemon

Russia joins WTO after 18 years of talks

MOSCOW, 23 Aug—Russia has joined the World Trade Organization, a body which restricts import duties and subsidies to make international trade fair, after 18 years of negotiations.

Consumers in Russia are expected to benefit from the lower cost of imported goods, while some industrial sectors, like agriculture or carmaking, will lose state subsidies, exposing them to foreign competition. The World Bank estimates WTO membership could increase Russia's GDP by 3.3 percent a year in the next three years. Russia was formally admitted to the WTO on Wednesday.

The talks took so long because of Russia's reluctance to drop industry subsidies and because the US has refused to scrap a law that denies Russia normal trading relations. Because that law remains, Russia will keep higher trade tariffs with the US than other countries.— *Internet*



Vendors wait for customers at a Moscow market, Russia, on 22 Aug, 2012. On Wednesday Russia joins the World Trade Organization, 19 years after it first began negotiating entry into the group, which restricts import duties and subsidies in an attempt to create a truly level playing field for international trade.— *INTERNET*

Indiana police cite drought for marijuana finds

SELLERSBURG, 23 Aug — Police say marijuana growing operations in southern Indiana are easy to spot from the air because of the drought.

An airplane pilot guided troopers on the ground through browning forests and corn fields on Tuesday to uncover grow sites in Clark, Scott and Harrison counties.

The troopers cut down more than 100 marijuana plants. Sgt Jerry Goodin tells *The Courier-Journal* the resilient green marijuana

plants "stick out like a sore thumb."

Trooper Mike Bennett tells *The News and Tribune* that marijuana can flourish in harsh conditions, pointing out, "It's not called weed for nothing." Bennett says the seized plants will be destroyed once a burn ban is lifted. He says the owners of property where marijuana grows are rarely arrested, because most "have no idea that it's growing on their land."— *Internet*

Israeli scientists: smoking may slow Parkinson's disease

JERUSALEM, 23 Aug — Israeli researchers are one step closer to discovering a treatment for Parkinson's disease, after finding a genetic mechanism connected to cigarette smoking that keeps the degenerative disease from progressing.

The team of Israeli researchers, who have been engaged in the study since 2000, announced their results earlier this month in the *Parkinson and Related Disorders* medical journal.

The findings determined a link between nicotine dependence and a protective mechanism which prevents the development of the disease.

The current study was conducted by a team of Israeli scientists from the Hadassah University Hospital, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Belinson Hospital and Tel Aviv University, as well as an Italian research institute. Out of 677 Parkinson

patients that were tested, 438 never smoked, while 239 do or used to.

According to the study, the CHRN5, CHRN4 and CHRN3 genes become dependent on nicotine and at the same time are responsible for preventing the progress of the illness.

The discovery helped researchers understand exactly how nicotine prevents the damage to the brain chemical dopamine, which researchers believe to be connected to the development of the illness.

"The combination of genes we identified is important as it allows us to better understand the mechanism by which smoking reduces the likelihood of Parkinson's," team director Prof Benjamin Lerer, director of the Psychiatric Biology Laboratory in Hadassah Ein Karem hospital, told the *Ha'aretz* daily.

However, he stressed that smoking-related illnesses outweigh the benefits, and that they are looking for a new treatment aimed at the genes they have discovered — which does not include the hazardous habit.

The link between smoking and Parkinson's disease prevention was first established in a 2001 report published in the medical journal *Epidemiology*.

It then found that people who smoke (or used to smoke in the past) are 60 percent less likely to develop the disease, which damages the central nervous system, than non-smokers.

Additionally, past research found other positive influences of nicotine, among them, in bettering concentration and memory, as well as helping schizophrenics control their symptoms.

Xinhua

Hundreds evacuated as Typhoon Tembin heads for Taipei

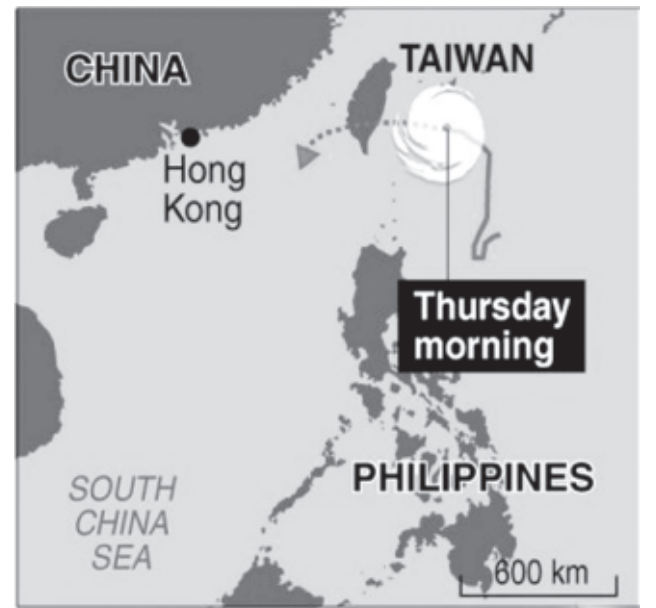
TAIPEI, 23 Aug — Taiwanese authorities said on Thursday nearly 2,000 people had been evacuated as the island braced for Typhoon Tembin, which is set to bring powerful winds and torrential rains. Residents along the mountainous east coast are on alert with Tembin forecast to affect the area from the afternoon, while Taipei as a whole will feel the impact on Friday, said the Central Weather Bureau.

Tembin could make landfall in Taitung in eastern Taipei on Friday although its path would be affected by Bolaven, another typhoon around 1,600 kilometres (990 miles) east of Taipei, the bureau said.

The bureau listed Tembin as a mid-level typhoon and warned that it will bring torrential rains and trigger mudslides in Ilan and Hualien in the east, where the evacuations were carried out as a precaution, authorities said.

According to Hong Kong Observatory, Tembin has intensified to a "severe typhoon" and is forecast to move slowly west or west-

killed six people. So far 103 domestic flights and 13 international flights have been cancelled due to the typhoon, authorities said. As



Map showing the path of Typhoon Tembin heading towards Taipei on Thursday packing winds up to 144 kilometres an hour.— *INTERNET*

northwest over the next 24 hours.

A total of about 50,000 soldiers were on standby, with 500 already dispatched to assist the evacuation in eastern Taipei, an area badly hit earlier this month by Typhoon Saola, which

of 10:15 am (0215 GMT), Tembin was 250 kilometres east of Taitung. With a radius of 180 kilometres and packing winds gusting at up to 144 kilometres an hour, it was moving west at six kilometres per hour.

Internet

Four flames lit on UK's highest peaks

LONDON, 23 Aug—Four Paralympic flames were lit on the highest peaks of England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland ahead of next week's Games in London.

Disabled and able-

bodied scouts scaled Scafell Pike in the Lake District in England, Snowdon in Wales, Scotland's Ben Nevis and Slieve Donard in Northern Ireland.

The four flames will be brought together on Tuesday

at Stoke Mandeville, the hospital in southern England which is the spiritual home of the Paralympics.

The teams used a ferrocium rod which they struck against a rough steel surface to make sparks that created the flame.

Sebastian Coe, the organizer of the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics, joined the trek up Snowdon. "Great effort by the scouts this morning, starting at 6.15am to get to top of Snowdon.

Welit one of 4 Paralympic flames," he tweeted. Elaine Paert, who has bipolar disorder, was the first person to carry the flame on Snowdon.

"I only found out on Tuesday that I would be the first person to carry it which was quite an incredible piece of information and I didn't

take it in," she told the BBC. "I was chosen as a representative of a group I am a member of as other people are not physically able to take part.

It was absolutely incredible and amazing. "I hope it will help people realise that people do have more to offer and that a disability needn't set you back. I am looking forward to the Games even more now and I feel I have contributed a tiny atom towards it."

The Paralympics are a near sellout, with spectators attracted by high-profile competitors including "Blade Runner" Oscar Pistorius, the South African double amputee sprinter who competed in the Olympics.

A record 4,200 athletes from 166 countries will take part and the Games will be watched by an estimated global television audience of four billion.— *Internet*



London Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games Chairman Sebastian Coe poses with the Welsh National Flame and the local scouts who kindled the flame on top of Mount Snowdon.

INTERNET

Police say Pennsylvania woman cited nonexistent twin in theft

BIG BEAVER, 23 Aug — Police say a western Pennsylvania woman blamed her nonexistent twin sister for stealing items from a hotel room. *The Beaver County Times* reports on Wednesday that police charged 31-year-old Jennifer Brown, of Rochester, with false reports and theft.

State police say Brown took some bed clothes, an alarm clock, coffee pot, basket and a hair dryer — worth a total of \$206 — from

the Holiday Inn in Big Beaver on 5 August. Police say they found Brown in another hotel nearby and she claimed her twin sister had taken the items.

When police found no record of a sister, they say Brown claimed her sister had just returned the items, which police found in the other hotel room.

Brown doesn't have an attorney. Police say relatives confirmed she doesn't have a twin.

Internet



Dancers perform during the dancing competition Taoli Cup in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province, on 22 Aug, 2012. Taoli Cup is the highest level teenager dancing competition held by China's Ministry of Culture in a bid to select talented dancers.
XINHUA

California town settles dispute that prompted bankruptcy

SAN FRANCISCO, 23 Aug — Mammoth Lakes, one of three communities in California to recently declare bankruptcy, said on Wednesday it reached a tentative agreement to settle the legal dispute that threatened to swamp the town's finances. The resort town of about 8,000 residents in California's Sierra Nevada Mountains said on its website that it settled a \$43 million court judgment awarded to a developer over a property dispute. The terms of the agreement will remain confidential until fully documented and executed, according to the town's statement.

The town has been in a legal fight since 2006 with Mammoth Lakes Land Acquisition Llc Developer Terrence Ballas, who holds commercial development rights to the property in the lawsuit, also is part of the settlement. Mammoth Lakes credited US Bankruptcy Judge Elizabeth Perris with guiding the mediation that produced the settlement, adding that a term sheet with its key points has been signed. The town also said litigation between the parties in its bankruptcy case will be put on hold, although some key deadlines will remain. The case is in US Bankruptcy Court, Eastern District of California.

Settlement documentation is expected to be filed for court approval within weeks, Mammoth Lakes said, adding that it will hold public meetings to discuss how to finance the settlement.—Reuters

Thousands being moved from China's Three Gorges

HUANGTUPO, 23 Aug — China relocated 1.3 million people during the 17 years it took to complete the Three Gorges dam. Even after finishing the \$59 billion project last month, the threat of landslides along the dam's banks will force tens of thousands to move again. It's a reminder of the social and environmental challenges that have dogged the world's largest hydroelectric project.

While there has been little protest among residents who will be relocated a second time, the environmental fallout over other big investments in China has become a hot-button issue

ahead of a leadership transition this year.

In some cases, protests have forced the scrapping of multi-billion dollar projects. The most recent was on 28 July,

when Chinese officials cancelled an industrial waste pipeline after anti-pollution demonstrators occupied a government office in the eastern city of Qidong, destroying



Ships sail on the Yangtze River near Badong, 100km (62 miles) from the Three Gorges dam in Hubei Province on 7 Aug, 2012.— Reuters

US says surprised by Navy SEAL's book on bin Laden raid

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — The US government was surprised by the news that a Navy SEAL who participated in the raid on Osama bin Laden's compound in Pakistan has written a book about the operation in which the al-Qaeda leader was killed, US officials said on Wednesday.

"No Easy Day: The Firsthand Account of the Mission that Killed Osama Bin Laden" was written by a Navy SEAL under the pseudonym Mark Owen with co-author Kevin Maurer and is to be released next month on the anniversary of the 11 September attacks. It was not vetted by government agencies to ensure that no secrets were revealed.

"The book was vetted by a former special operations

attorney. He vetted it for tactical, technical, and procedural information as well as information that could be considered classified by compilation and found it to be without risk to national security," Christine Ball, a spokeswoman for the publisher, Dutton, told Reuters.

The book will be published at a time when Washington has been roiled by controversy over national security leaks ahead of the 6 November presidential election. Republicans have charged that President Barack Obama's administration has engaged in selective leaks to bolster the Democrat's national security credentials. The White House denies those accusations and says it takes

leaks of classified information seriously.

In the wake of Congressional criticism, the administration assigned federal prosecutors in Baltimore and Washington to conduct criminal investigations into leaks related to an undercover counter-terrorism investigation in Yemen and alleged US and Israeli cyberwarfare against Iran's nuclear programme. But the coming book on the bin Laden raid appeared to catch officials off guard.

Reuters

Russian dancers perform during the third China-Russia Cultural Festival in Heihe, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 19 Aug, 2012.— XINHUA

HKEx to introduce RMB currency futures in September

HONG KONG, 23 Aug — Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited (HKEx) will introduce renminbi (RMB) currency futures on 17 September, the agency announced on Wednesday. The US dollar (USD) vs RMB traded in Hong Kong contract will be the world's first deliverable RMB Currency Futures.

"These new futures are part of our strategy to offer a wide range of RMB-related products and expand beyond equities and equity-related

derivatives into fixed income, currencies and commodities," said HKEx Chief Executive Charles Li. "In addition, they will help us support RMB internationalisation and Hong Kong's further development as an offshore RMB centre." "Although we do not have any volume or open interest targets, we see great long-term potential in RMB currency futures," said Calvin Tai, HKEx's Head of Trading.

According to the announcement of HKEx,

USD/RMB Futures will require delivery of USD by the seller and payment of the Final Settlement Value in RMB by the buyer at maturity.

The futures will be quoted in RMB per USD and margined in RMB, with the trading and settlement fees charged in RMB. So far, more than 1,000 market practitioners and investment professionals have attended a seminar or briefing on the new futures and more events are planned.— Xinhua

People enjoy sun and beach in Positano, southern Italy, on 21 Aug, 2012. The Italian Ministry of Health has issued a red warning on Tuesday against heat wave in eight cities including Rome.
XINHUA



US okays NGO quake-relief funds to Iran

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — The US Department of Treasury on Tuesday temporarily allowed non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to transfer donations to help quake relief and reconstruction efforts in Iran.

According to a general license the Treasury just issued, US-based tax-exempt NGOs can collect and transfer donations for 45 days to support northwestern Iran, which was hit by two powerful earthquakes on 11 August that killed more than 306 people and injured over 3,000.

The Treasury allows each NGO to transfer up to 300,000

dollars until 5 October, but the transactions must go through a third-country financial institution to an Iranian counterpart not subjected to US sanctions. The US has a number of sanctions against Iran, which is accused by Washington of seeking to build nuclear weapons.

Following the deadly earthquake, Washington expressed its readiness to help Iran, but Teheran has not accepted the offer, the Treasury said. To transfer more than 300,000 dollars, NGOs will need to apply for a special license, the Treasury added.— Xinhua

Angola's \$17 billion energy drive will help poor: Dos Santos

HUAMBO, 23 Aug — Angola's plans to invest more than \$17 billion in electricity generation and distribution by 2016 are designed to increase social justice by giving low-income classes better access to energy, President Jose Eduardo said on Wednesday.

Investment in energy will also help develop industry and create jobs, Dos Santos said in a campaign speech to tens of

thousands of supporters of his MPLA party in Angola's second-largest city, Huambo, ahead of an 31 August general election.

"Increased supply of electricity is a factor of social justice which I consider of great importance, because it is the most needy in society, those who do not have resources to buy a generator, that are most harmed," he added. A 27-year

civil war that ended a decade ago devastated Angola, destroying most of its infrastructure, including energy plants and networks. Critics have accused Dos Santos, in power since 1979, of doing too little to fight poverty since winning the war against rebel group UNITA in Africa's second-largest oil producer. The MPLA is widely expected to win the election — which will choose lawmakers and president — due to its superior resources. It has pledged to turn its attention to reducing poverty, which it says affected 39 percent of Angolans in 2009.

Despite substantial investments in the sector since the end of the conflict, electricity service is unreliable throughout Angola.

Reuters



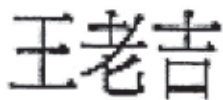
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**N Korea to talk to S Korean
NGOs about flood aid**

SEOUL, 23 Aug — North Korea has agreed to meet South Korean private groups for talks about aid following deadly floods, officials said on Thursday, despite icy relations between the two governments. The North's Council for National Reconciliation sent a message last week to the South's non-governmental organizations accepting their offer of discussions, the South's unification ministry said. An official of South's Korea NGO Council for Cooperation (KNCC) with North Korea told AFP they plan to visit Kaesong city just across the border for the meeting on Friday.

The ministry, which must by law authorise all cross-border contacts, said it was still considering whether to allow the visit.

KNCC said it wants to reach agreement as soon as possible so it can ship aid before the Chuseok holidays from 29 September-1 October. Cross-border relations have been frosty for years and worsened sharply in recent months. The North threatens "sacred war" against the South's conservative government for alleged insults to, and plots against, its regime.

Internet



North Koreans walk down a flooded road in Anju city, on 30 July, 2012. North Korea has agreed to meet South Korean private groups for talks about aid following deadly floods, officials said on Thursday.
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Egyptian security forces stand by their Armoured Personnel Carriers ahead of a military operation in the northern Sinai peninsula on 8 August.
INTERNET

**1,600 extremists in Egypt's
Sinai: state news agency**

CAIRO, 23 Aug — Egypt is searching for 120 wanted militants and believes around 1,600 extremists are hiding out in the Sinai, where militants have attacked soldiers and police, the official news agency MENA reported on Wednesday. The military sent in tanks and soldiers into the lawless peninsula which neighbours Israel and Gaza after gunmen killed 16 soldiers in an attack on an army outpost on 5 August.

"There are 120 people wanted, including groups that attacked police stations and killed a number of policemen," MENA quoted a security official as saying. Most of them follow "takfiri" ideology, he said, a disparaging term for

extremists who excommunicate other Muslims who do not share their beliefs. "Their numbers are close to 1,600 people, from different provinces and some from other countries," he said.

Gunmen wounded three policemen last weekend when they fired a rocket-propelled grenade on a police convoy, several days after security forces killed six militants in a raid on a north Sinai village. The government has long struggled with militancy and smuggling in the region but unrest has worsened since an uprising overthrew president Hosni Mubarak in February 2011, prompting the collapse of his discredited police force. — Internet

S Korean aquarium apologizes for whale shark's death

SEOUL, 23 Aug — A South Korean aquarium publicly apologized on Wednesday for the death of a captive whale shark, and said it would release a second such shark following protests from conservationists. "We admit a lack of proper preparations (for sustaining whale sharks in captivity) and we regret causing concern among the people," Aqua

Planet, which opened last month in the southern island of Jeju, said in a statement.

Whale sharks, the world's largest fish, are protected under the Convention for International Trade in Endangered Species. The aquarium said they were caught by chance in a fisherman's nets off the southern island last month, about a week before the facility

opened. One of them stopped feeding around the end of last month and died last week. The Korea Federation for Environmental Movement of Jeju said the whale shark had died of extreme distress in captivity.

It criticised the aquarium for holding the pair in a tank 25 metres (82 feet) long, 23 metres wide and 8.5 metres high, along with some 8,000 other fish. Awareness of conservation is growing in South Korea.

Internet



Photo illustration of a whale shark.
INTERNET

14-foot gator pulled from Florida lake

A Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission trapper said a 14-foot alligator he caught in Lake Talquin was the fourth to exceed 11 feet in recent months.

Lane Stephens, a contracted alligator trapper with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, said the most recent mammoth gator he pulled from Lake Talquin was a 14-foot behemoth that nearly matched the state record of 14 feet, 3 1/2 inches, *The Tallahassee Democrat*

reported.

"I didn't know it was as large as it was," Stephens said. "I knew it was an extremely large gator because the complainant had told me it was an extremely large alligator [that had come onto her property]. I didn't know exactly how big until we got him back to the boat landing and started trying to load him in my truck."

"Nobody is going to load a gator that size into their boat."



Alligator trapper Lane Stephens posing with his monstrous trophy measuring at whopping 14 feet

News Album

Man, 75, commutes on unicycle for birthday

A Florida dentist celebrated his 75th birthday by riding his unicycle 5.1 miles from his home to his office.

James Rawlins said he wanted to do "something special" to mark his birthday, so he rode his unicycle from his Maitland home to his office in Longwood at about 5 mph, the *Orlando Sentinel* reported.

Rawlins, who began riding the unicycle about nine years ago, said he had to stop every few hundred feet during his Tuesday trek when he lost his momentum, bringing the

total time of his commute to about an hour and 15 minutes. "He likes to do different things," said Rawlins' wife of 40 years, Nicole.

"He love challenges." The dentist said he may consider repeating his feat. "When I'm 80, I may ride it again," he said.



Dentist celebrates 75th birthday with unicycle ride to work.

Alicia Silverstone in Broadway's 'The Performers'

NEW YORK, 23 Aug—Alicia Silverstone is coming back to Broadway — in a romantic comedy set in the porn industry.

Producers of David West Read's comedy "The

Performers" said on Wednesday the actress will join Henry Winkler and "30 Rock" star Cheyenne Jackson in the play, which begin previews on 23 October at the Longacre Theatre.

It's about two high school friends who reconnect at the Adult Film Awards in Las Vegas. Silverstone will play the girlfriend of one of the friends. The rest of the cast includes Daniel Breaker, Ari Graynor and Jenni Barber. Evan Cabnet, director of Read's "The Dream of the Burning Boy," will direct.

Silverstone made her Broadway debut in 2002 in "The Graduate" and was last on Broadway in 2010 opposite Laura Linney in "Time Stands Still."—*Internet*



Alicia Silverstone

'Parks and Recreation' co-creator sells pilot to Fox

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug— "Parks and Recreation" co-creator and showrunner Mike Schur is totally copping out with his next project.

Fox has purchased a pilot from Schur and "Parks

and Rec" writer Dan Goor.

The comedy, about a diverse group of police detectives in New York City, has received a put-pilot commitment, meaning the network is subject to

financial penalties if it doesn't air the project.

The as-yet-untitled project comes from Universal Television and 3 Arts Entertainment.

News of the sale comes on the same day that Schur renewed his overall deal with Universal Television with a new, two-year pact, which will see him developing new projects while continuing to head the NBC comedy "Parks and Recreation."

Internet



Executive producer Mike Schur (C) and the cast of "Parks and Recreation"

WME signs Jane Levy, star of ABC's 'Suburgatory'

NEW YORK, 23 Aug—WME has signed "Suburgatory" star Jane Levy, an individual with knowledge of the deal told *TheWrap*.

On "Suburgatory," the 22-year-old actress plays Tessa Altman, the daughter of Jeremy Sisto's character.



Cast member Jane Levy

The ABC sitcom will begin its second season this fall, airing after "Modern Family."

Levy first got her break on the Showtime series "Shameless," which led to her being cast on "Suburgatory."

The California native also has a pair of film projects that will soon debut in theaters.

One is "Fun Size," Josh Schwartz' teen comedy that Paramount will release on 26 October. The second is "Evil Dead," a remake of the Sam Raimi 1981 horror film. Levy will star as Mia in the Federico Alvarez-directed project, which will open in theaters in 2013.

Levy is also represented by James Suskin of Suskin Management.

Internet

Justin Bieber gets in 'toon with 'The Simpsons'

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug—Justin Bieber is about to get even more two-dimensional than some people already consider him to be.

"Baby" and "Boyfriend" singer Bieber will appear in a cameo in the upcoming season of "The Simpsons," Fox told *TheWrap*.

Bieber broke the news on Tuesday in a tweet, since deleted, that revealed, "just did a voice over for the SIMPSONS!!! #swaggy."

"Simpsons" executive producer Al Jean told EW.com that Bieber will



Singer Justin Bieber

unsuccessfully try to enter a talent show in which Bart Simpson is performing.

The episode, titled "The Fabulous Faker Boy," will air next year, EW.com said.

"The Simpsons" will begin its 24th season on 30 September.—*Internet*

Chloe Sevigny to guest-star on 'Portlandia'

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug—Chloe Sevigny is moving from Utah to Portland — and just like on her recent series "Big Love," her living arrangements will be just a little out of the ordinary. Sevigny will be guest-star on the upcoming third season of IFC's hipster-skewing comedy "Portlandia," the network told *TheWrap*.

Sevigny will play Alexandra, who moves in with Fred and Carrie (played by the series' creators and stars, Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein). Sevigny will also star in the upcoming second season of Ryan Murphy's FX drama "American Horror Story: Asylum" as Shelly the Nymphomaniac, a patient



Actress Chloe Sevigny

who runs up against Jessica Lange, who'll play the head of the east coast mental institution where the second season is set. "Portlandia" returns for its third season in January.

EW.com first reported the news of Sevigny's "Portlandia" casting.

Internet

Jolie, Pitt daughter to make film debut as young princess



Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie's daughter Vivienne has landed her first film role in 'Maleficent'.—*INTERNET*

LOS ANGELES, 23 Aug—She is only four-years-old but Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, daughter of actors Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, will soon follow in the footsteps of her famous parents, appearing in Disney movie "Maleficent," the studio said on Wednesday. The movie is expected to hit theaters in March 2014 with Jolie playing villain Maleficent from animated classic "Sleeping Beauty." Vivienne will portray a young version of Princess Aurora who is cursed to sleep until awoken by kiss from a handsome prince.

"Angelina Jolie's daughter Vivienne will play a minor role as the child version of Princess Aurora opposite her mother in "Maleficent," Disney said in a statement. "The live-action film explores the origins of Disney's most iconic villain, Maleficent, and what led her to curse Princess Aurora." No further details were available. Vivienne Jolie-Pitt is the twin sister to brother Knox Leon. They were born in a hospital in Nice, France, on 12 July, 2008.—*Reuters*



Actress Quvenzhané Wallis

Boxing champ Johnny Tapia died of heart disease



Five-time World Boxing Champion Johnny Tapia

SANTA FE, (New Mexico), 23 Aug —Five-time World Boxing Champion Johnny Tapia died of heart disease exacerbated by prescription drugs, an autopsy report released on Wednesday concluded.

The 45-year-old boxer, who was found dead at his home in Albuquerque, New Mexico on 27 May, died as a result of complications from hypertensive heart disease. Prescription drugs were a contributing factor, the autopsy report said. The cause of death was an accident.

Tapia's wife first released the results on Wednesday, saying her husband died of heart disease and had no illegal drugs in his system.

He rose to prominence in the late 1980s, and eventually won five world boxing championships in three weight classes: super flyweight, bantamweight, and featherweight.

His final professional boxing record was 59 wins, five losses, and two draws. Thirty of his wins were knockouts.

In 2007 he planned a comeback bout against Ildo Julio dubbed "The Final Fury." A month later he was found unconscious of a cocaine overdose and was eventually taken into custody for violating his parole stemming from a prior cocaine offense.

Tapia was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. His father was murdered when his mother was pregnant with him, and his mother was later brutally murdered when he was 8 years old.—Reuters

Rivaldo Junior signs with Corinthians



The eldest son of former Brazil international Rivaldo has followed in the footsteps of his father by joining Corinthians.

INTERNET

RIO DE JANEIRO, 23 Aug—The son of Brazil's 2002 World Cup winner Rivaldo has signed with Brazilian Serie A club Corinthians.

The 17-year-old joined the club Wednesday on a three-year deal from the youth ranks of Sao Paulo-based side

Mogi Mirim.

Rivaldo Junior plays as an attacking midfielder and is said to boast similar qualities to his father, who was voted FIFA world player of the year in 1999.

"We didn't contract him just because he is the son of Rivaldo. He has genuine potential," Corinthians' youth director Fernando Alba said.

"We hope that being the son of Rivaldo doesn't put too much pressure on the kid."

Rivaldo Senior also had a stint with Corinthians before moving to Europe where he reached the peak of his career while playing for Barcelona.

Now 40, Rivaldo is still playing for Angolan club Kabuscorp.—Xinhua

Pato injured during training



AC Milan forward Alexandre Pato is very likely to miss Sunday's Serie A opener against Sampdoria due to injury.

INTERNET

ROME, 23 Aug—AC Milan striker Alexandre Pato suffered an injury in during work-out on Wednesday, the Italian soccer club revealed in a statement.

The Brazilian, 22, will now require a scan that will be taken in the coming days in order to assess the extent of the injury.

"AC Milan announces that during a game held in today's workout, Alexandre Pato has reported a problem with his left adductor. In the coming days further medical examinations will be made to determine the extent of the damage," the statement said. Pato has now suffered as many as 16 separate injuries since arriving at San Siro in January 2008, limiting him to 113 appearances in Serie A.—Xinhua

Cassano-Pazzini swap completed, AC Milan confirms

ROME, 23 Aug—AC Milan club have confirmed on Wednesday that the swap deal involving Antonio Cassano and Giampaolo Pazzini had been completed.

A statement on the AC Milan official website read:

"AC Milan announces that it has acquired outright from FC Internazionale Giampaolo Pazzini and simultaneously has sold Antonio Cassano outright to FC Internazionale."

It is believed that Milan



have paid Inter a fee of some 7 million euros as part of the deal, which came to pass after Cassano had grown disenchanted with the club after seeing the likes of Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Thiago Silva depart.

Inter welcomed their newest signing with a brief message on their own site. It read: "Today is the first day of Antonio Cassano's adventure at Inter. This morning the striker arrived at the Centro Sportivo Angelo Moratti, where Andrea Stramaccioni and captain Javier Zanetti were waiting to welcome him."

Xinhua

City striker Aguero ruled out for a month

LONDON, 23 Aug—Manchester City striker Sergio Aguero will be out of action for just one month despite suffering a knee injury during the Premier League champions' 3-2 win over Southampton.

Aguero was stretchered off inside the opening 10 minutes at Eastlands on Sunday after twisting his knee in a challenge with Southampton defender Nathaniel Clyne and it was initially feared the 24-year-old Argentine could be sidelined for most of the season.

But, following a scan and a period of assessment, City manager Roberto Mancini has revealed Aguero, who scored his team's dramatic title-winning goal against QPR on the final day of last season, could be back in

action in time for his team's league clash at Stoke on 15 September.

While Mancini would prefer not to lose Aguero for any length of time, the Italian admits he is relieved to know his star striker, signed for £32 million from Atletico Madrid last year, won't be out for as long as he first thought.

"I don't think Sergio will be out for long and we are hoping he will be back after the international break which is obviously fantastic news for him and for us," Mancini told City's website.

"We were very worried a couple of days ago because we feared he could be out for six months or maybe even more which would have been very bad news.

"It looked like a very strange injury at the time and because it was his knee, we

were obviously very concerned so this news is a relief for everybody."

Internet



Manchester City's French player Samir Nasri (R) checks on Manchester City's Argentinian player Sergio Aguero who lies on the field after being injured during an English Premier League football match between Manchester City and Southampton on 19 August.—INTERNET

Late Chelsea flurry earns victory over Reading

LONDON, 23 Aug—A late goal by Fernando Torres drove Chelsea to their second successive victory of the new season when they came from behind to beat promoted Reading 4-2 on Wednesday.

Reading appeared set for their first league victory over the European champions for 82 years when they led 2-1 with 20 minutes left of a thrilling match.

But England centre half Gary Cahill put Chelsea level with a long-range effort before Torres scored from close in. Branislav Ivanovic added a fourth in injury time to put Chelsea on top of the

Premier League after two games.

"We expected them to be tough and they made it very hard for us," Chelsea manager Roberto Di Matteo said. "In the second half we had to take a bit of a risk.

We were good for a goal and I thought it was just a matter of time."

Chelsea dominated possession for the first 25 minutes at Stamford Bridge and Reading were forced into desperate defence to keep out a series of counter-attacks.

Juan Mata and Eden Hazard, the close-season signing from Lille, were linking up superbly and the Belgian earned his second penalty in two games after 18 minutes when Chris Gunter took his legs away in the area.

Reuters

Chelsea's English defender Gary Cahill (C) celebrates scoring the equalising goal with English defender John Terry (L) during their English Premier League football match against Reading at Stamford Bridge in London.

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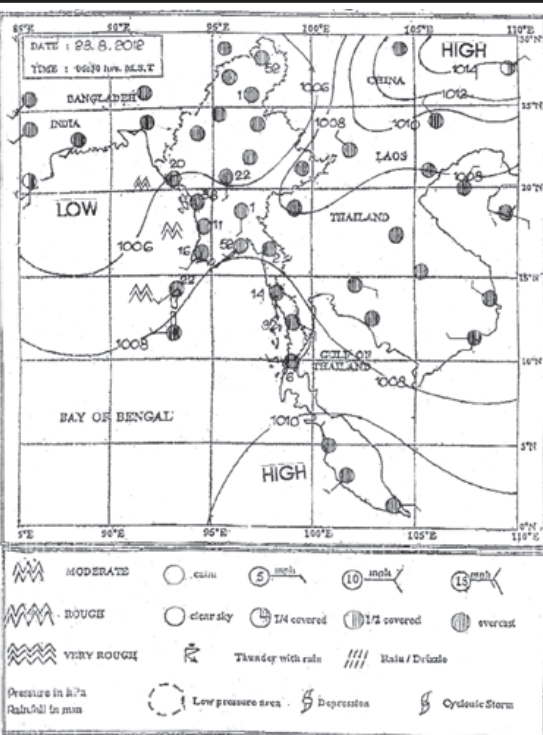
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 16. News
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 18. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 24th August, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	33/91	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	26/79	20/68	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
3	Kayin	29/84	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	24/75	15/59	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	31/88	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38/100	26/79	Scattered rain or thundershower	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	29/84	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
8	Bago	29/84	23/73	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34/93	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	25/77	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	30/86	22/72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
12	Yangon	30/86	21/70	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	19/66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	30/86	20/68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	28/82	21/70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	28/82	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	32/90	22/72	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	30/86	21/70	One or two rain or thundershower	(100%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	25/77	Isolated rain or thundershower	(80%)

During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Chin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Regions, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay and Magway Regions. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Pinlaung (2.83) inches, Putao and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.05) inches each, Yamethin (1.73) inches, Nay Pyi Taw (Airport) and Taungdwingyi (1.69) inches each.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon in the Andaman Sea.

Secret service arrests armed man for alleged Obama threat

WASHINGTON, 23 Aug — Federal agents in Washington state have arrested an armed man accused of making threats against President Obama. US Secret Service agents and local law enforcement officers knocked on the door of Anton Caluori, 31, in Federal Way, Wash, on Tuesday afternoon, Secret Service spokesman Brian Leary said.

Caluori came to door with a shotgun, but was taken into custody without injury, Leary added, though Caluori made references to explosives, prompting a call to the bomb squad. Secret Service Assistant Special Agent in Charge Bob Kierstead told local ABC News affiliate KOMO that suspicious items found in the man's apartment—potential explosive devices—prompted a sweep of the entire complex by a bomb squad. No bombs were found.

Obama, who was campaigning in Ohio at the time, did not appear to be in immediate danger. "A threat against the president was delivered via email to a general FBI inbox," said



President Obama

Cathy Schrock with the Federal Way Police. "The Secret Service went down to investigate and the defendant was found to be armed when they arrived at the apartment." Caluori is currently in federal custody and will have an initial court appearance on Wednesday afternoon, sources said. He is accused of threats against the president and assaulting a federal officer.— *Internet*

Blue shark spotted bathing near Rome beach



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Swimmers were ordered out of the water as a precaution though the 1.5-metre long shark — tempted inshore to bathe in hotter-than-usual water temperatures in the Mediterranean as southern

Europe swelters under a heatwave — was thought to be harmless.

"There were some moments of anxiety — I saw some scared adults and children arrive at the square but the really young kids were curious," head of the military coastguard at Castel Fusano, near the Rome suburb of Ostia, told the *Ansa* agency. "The children were saying they saw a fin come out of the water, just like in a film."— *Internet*

Stuttgart defeats Dinamo Moskva 2-0 at Europa League play offs

BERLIN, 23 Aug — German team Stuttgart defeated Dinamo Moskva 2-0 owing to the brace by striker Vedad Ibisevic, at the first leg of UEFA Europa League play-offs on Wednesday.

The Swabians needed seventy-one minutes, in a one-sided affair, to open the scoring against passive visitors from Moscow that appeared content with a goalless draw.

From the opening whistle Bruno Labbadia's men seized the initiative against deep defending White-Blues, which showed no interest to develop any offensive actions. Nevertheless Stuttgart failed to open the scoring within the first half due to their lack in accuracy and creativity, in front of the Russian goal. With the beginning of the second half Stuttgart looked more threatening in their actions. Consequently Bosnian international Vedad Ibisevic opened the scoring with a poacher's goal when he utilized a rebound from very close range at the 71st minute.

Stuttgart had not enough and piled on the pressure to double the score in the dying seconds of the additional time. Midfielder Ibrahim Traore crossed into penalty area after he overcame one defender to assist Ibisevic who nodded home from goal area into open goal. The 2-0 win against Dinamo puts Stuttgart in a favorable position at the second leg of Europa League play-offs.— *Internet*

Malaga eye Champions League group breakthrough

MADRID, 23 Aug — Spanish side Malaga defeated experienced European campaigners Panathinaikos 2-0 on Wednesday to edge closer to a much-needed, lucrative first appearance in the Champions League group stages. Malaga, who spent nearly 60 million euros (\$74 million) on new players last year, have put the brakes on spending this summer and badly need the financial impetus the tournament provides.

Panathinaikos, coached by former Malaga boss Jesualdo Ferreira, were

undone by first-half goals from Argentine defender Martin Demichelis and Portuguese midfielder Eliseu. Malaga fans greeted the players' entry to the pitch with a giant banner that read, "What our grandparents never witnessed, our children are about to see." That desire will become stronger next week if Malaga get the job done in the second leg of the play-off tie in Greece.

Elsewhere on Wednesday, Ismaili cancelled out Dusan Basta's first-half opener as Sporting Braga drew 1-1 at home to Udinese.

AEL Limassol edged Anderlecht 2-1 with Dosa Junior and Rui Miguel's goals sandwiching a Dieudonne Mbokani's second-half equaliser for the Belgians.

Dynamo Zagreb skipper Milan Badelj scored the

winner in the 2-1 victory over Maribor of Slovenia, having earlier put through his own goal. The 23-year-old will join Hamburg in the German Bundesliga once next week's second leg is completed

Belarusian side BATE Borisov defeated Israeli debutants Hapoel Kiryat Shmona 2-0 in the night's other game.— *Internet*



Malaga's Portuguese midfielder Eliseu celebrates after scoring during their Champions League playoff first leg football match Malaga vs Panathinaikos. *INTERNET*

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint receives Japanese guests



NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint received a delegation led by Professor Mr Koichi Ono of Kyoto University of Japan at the hall of Amyotha Hluttaw of the Hluttaw Complex here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with the Speaker were Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee U Khin Shwe, Chairman of ASEAN Social and Cultural Community Committee U Win Maung, Chairman of Mining and Natural Resources Affairs Committee U Nay Win Tun and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

At the meeting, they had a cordial discussion on further strengthening friendship and relations between the two countries and mutual cooperation in technological development of Myanmar youths.—MNA

Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party and a delegation led by Professor Mr Koichi Ono of Kyoto University of Japan pose for a documentary photo.—MNA

New teaching method to be introduced into technological universities in Myanmar as of 2012-2013 academic year

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint on 19 August morning visited Technological University (Yangon) to be promoted as Centre of Excellence.

He inspected classrooms, practical rooms and buildings. After that, he attended the work coordination meeting on a new teaching method to be introduced in technological universities, colleges under the ministry as from 2012-2013 academic year, held at the assembly hall of the University, Directors-General of the ministry, Rectors, senior faculty members,

the retired professors who served in the ministry U Nyi Hla Nge, Dr Kyaw Win and U Ba Myint participated in the discussions.

During the meeting, the Union Minister stressed that technological development plays a vital role in building an industrialized country, and so do technological universities, colleges, technical training schools and universities of computer studies in Myanmar to produce skilled technicians and get fruits of that sector.

The retired professors gave their opinions on improving engineering education system of



Myanmar. Retired Professor U Nyi Hla Nge made discussion on their opinion.

The Union Minister, after reviewing those reports, left necessary instructions.

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Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint makes speech at work coordination meeting on a new teaching method to be introduced in technological universities, colleges under the ministry as from 2012-2013 academic year.—MNA

Nikon's newest point-and-shoot camera, the Coolpix S800c, is powered by the Android 2.3 operating system.



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Opening ceremony parade and torch relay for SEA Games discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Aug—A coordination meeting on organizing opening and concluding ceremonies of the XXVII SEA Games was held at the Ministry of Sports here yesterday, attended by Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture U Yan Naing Oo and officials.

State Flag- hoisting ceremonies will be held in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon in the SEA Games. Torch relay will be made from Yangon to Nay Pyi Taw on 11

December 2013. With the help of LED displays and animation features, theme of the XXVII SEA Games—Green, Clean and friendship will be conveyed with performances depicting Myanmar traditional cultures, national unity and amity of the country and environmental conservation consciousness.

Media team of the SEA Games Organizing Committee of the Ministry of Sports announced that over 6400 will take part in the opening ceremony of XXVII to be hosted by Myanmar.—MNA