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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker attends coord meeting on holding of fourth regular sessions of Hluttaw



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann delivering a speech.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—A coordination meeting on holding of fourth regular sessions of the Hluttaw was held at Zabuthiri Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw in Hluttaw Complex, here, at 8 am today.

Present at the meeting together with Speaker of

Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann were Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein, Union ministers, Secretary of the Union Election Commission U Win Ko, officials of the Hluttaw Office and departments concerned, and officials of the Ministry of Defence.

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann said that previous sessions of the Hluttaw were successfully held with the assistance of the departmental organizations. There were a few difficulties in convening the Hluttaw. So, it can be said that holding of the Hluttaw was smooth in all aspects. He urged those present to contribute to smooth running of tasks in food, transport, accommodation, security and health sectors of the representatives who will attend the fourth regular session of the Hluttaw. Focusing on serving the interests of the State and the citizens as much as possible, assistance is to be provided for convenience of the representatives who attends the regular session of the Hluttaw.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko submitted the reports on security affairs and Union Minister for Information U Kyaw Hsan on release of information on Hluttaw affairs and tasks to inform local and foreign correspondents of facts and disciplines in covering the news of Hluttaw.

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Union Minister for Border Affairs and for MID visits refugee camps in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay, accompanied by officials from UN agencies, Islam leaders from Yangon and departmental officials, made an inspection tour of Maungtau, Rakhine State, today.

During the tour, the Union Minister encouraged the visitors in the village of

Khayaymyaing where 49 houses were destroyed.

At the meeting with the villagers, the Union Minister briefed on measures to be taken by the government for rehabilitation, long-time aids for their livelihood and regional security and the rule of law in the region.

At the office of Maungtau District General Administration Department, Union Minister Lt-Gen

Thein Htay and officials of UN agencies heard reports on loss of lives and property at villages in Maungtau Township due to riots as from 8 June, 2012 and establishment of rescue camps by the head of the border regions immigration inspection control headquarters.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party visited rescue camps and presented K30 million, 3000 packets of instant noodles, 1200 sets of school uniforms, 1500 dozens of exercise books and 1500 sets of ball-pens and pencils and pens donated by the Ministry of Border Affairs, foodstuff worth K10 million donated by Bridge Asia Japan. They comforted the refugees and briefed on aids programmes for the victims.

During the meeting with the refugees, the Union Minister encouraged them, pledging that the government would assist in



Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanmar Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay inspects relief camps in Maungtau.—MNA

rebuilding their homes, restoring peace and stability for their livelihood and bringing security to the villages so that villagers can return to their villages. He also pledged that actions will be taken against the rioters and briefed on measures to be taken for current livelihood of the people.

Mr Vijay Nambiar, the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General expressed his sympathy for the refugees and stressed the

need for friendship and unity among the people who have been living in the region since many years ago. He also witnessed that the President has worked for the rule of law in Rakhine State after declaring emergency state. He also said that the UN would work in cooperation with the government, standing for the people and the government.

Mr Ashok Nigam, Resident Representative of the UN agencies in Myanmar,

said that the UN would fulfill the requirements of Rakhine State in cooperation with the government as the recent incident in the state was considered as an emergency issue. He continued to say that the government has been working for the security of the refugees and for assisting in their return home. Priority would be given to the major tasks and the tasks for the refugees would be carried out, he said.

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In parliaments where Myanmar and Europe converge PAGE 8

Germany's second victory puts Netherlands on brink



Robin van Persie (C) of Netherlands celebrates after scoring during the Group B 2nd round match against Germany at the Euro 2012 in Kharkiv on 13 June 2012.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Healthy cities

In the light of gradual growth in the world's population, there have emerged more and more cities throughout the world, especially in developing nations.

The growth in population and congested cities invite a spate of problems. Environmental pollution, insufficient supply of food, potable water and housing, the rise in the number of traffic accidents and crimes and less opportunities to get jobs are just a few to mention. Indeed, there are problems that could undermine public peace and tranquility.

With unspoiled natural beauty and unique cultural sites in the country plus ongoing structural economic reforms the new government has been instituting since taking office, the incoming tourist arrivals are increasing day by day. As Myanmar tourism is getting off the ground, tourist arrivals in the country are expected to reach 1.5 million in 2012. Moreover, as Myanmar is going to chair the ASEAN meetings and to host the XXVII SEA Games in 2013, the building of healthy cities appears to be a more pressing issue".

With this, the new government is resolutely upbeat about creating healthy cities for unhealthy cities might give international tourists and visitors short shrift and attract unwanted attention.

As Myanmar is becoming a social phenomena among the international community it has devoted too much attention to developing healthy cities with the steady introduction of satellite towns across the nation to be in line with one of the WHO mottoes "Healthy Cities for Better Life".

In fact, much have been done to realize the objectives as desired by the WHO motto, which is consistent with the national objective—building a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State constitution. Hence, with active and enthusiastic participation and cooperation of the people, we should be able to do better to create healthy cities with Nay Pyi Taw, the capital of Myanmar, high on the agenda.

L & F Ministry holds presenting-ceremony for outstanding offspring of its staff

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries this morning held a presenting-ceremony for outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam (2011-2012) at the meeting hall of the ministry, with an address of Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint.

Of 240 offspring of the staff, who sat for the exam, a total of 137 students including 46 passed the

exam with flying colours.

The 46 outstanding students—four with five distinctions, 14 with four, two with 3, 13 with 2 and 13 with 1—received K 100,000 for each distinction, presented by the Union Minister and Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye and departmental heads.

The ceremony came to end with words of thanks of five-distinction winner Ma Phy Phy Myint Lwin.

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Dy Foreign Minister meets Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar



Dr. Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad presents Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint two HP desktop computers, donated by Yayasan Salam Program of Malaysia.

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NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint received Malaysian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr. Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhammad at his office today.

Both sides exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relationships and cooperation.

At the meeting, the ambassador presented HP desktop computers donated by Yayasan Salam Program to the Deputy Minister.—MNA

Myanmar Gazette

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointments
(a) U Thein Swe	Director-General Industrial Crops Development Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation Rector Yezin University of Agriculture Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
(b) Dr Tin Htut	Managing Director Myanmar Timber Enterprise Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry
(c) U Khin Maung Yi	

Dy Construction Minister inspects maintenance of roads, bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin together with officials of Public Works on 11 June inspected maintenance of Aungzeya Suspension Bridge and gave instructions on maintenance to be made for durability of the suspension bridge.

He viewed repairing of approach road to the bridge and Hlinethaya Road by Asia World Co.

The deputy minister also inspected maintenance

of Kungyangon-Kawhmu Road by car and gave instruction on road works to engineers.

The deputy minister looked into systematic keeping of tar and bailey frames at Central Store (Pyinmabin) of Public Works and heavy machinery at Heavy Machinery Company (South). He also viewed the site to build standard scale at mile post No. 32/0 on Yangon-Bago Road.

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scholars and officers of Myanmar Architects Association, Myanmar Engineering Society, Ministry of Science and Technology and Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library.

On 7 June, the attendees visited the ancient cultural heritage and sites in Srikhestra State in Pyay.

From 9 to 12 June, the workshop was held at National Museum in Yangon. Experts Mr Gamini Wijesuriya, Mr Richard Engelhardt and Mr Nilan Cooray of UNESCO, U San Win (Director-General-Rtd) of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library, U Than Zaw Oo (Deputy Director) of DANML, Dr Pwint (Associate Professor of Ministry of Science and

Technology), U Win Kyang (Principal of Archaeological Technology Training School), Daw Su Su (Professor of Ministry of Science and Technology) and Mr Vira Rojpochanarat participated in the discussions.

According to the discussions and suggestions of the delegation, Myanmar Pyu ancient states management programmes are amended in line with the international prescriptions, and managements were undertaken for maintenance of cultural heritage in ancient Pyu states.

As of 13 June, UNESCO officials, nomination dossier committee members and local scholars and officials are holding the working session.

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Workshop on management for world heritage held

YANGON, 14 June—Myanmar is striving for putting ancient Pyu states such as ancient Beikthano state, ancient Hanlin state and ancient Srikhestra state in the world heritage list. UNESCO and Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library organized the world heritage management workshops at Archaeological Technological Training School (Pyay) on 7 June and National Museum in Yangon from 9 to 12 June.

The workshop was attended by five UNESCO officials, one officer of UNESCO - Bangkok,



The world heritage management workshops at Archaeological Technological Training School (Pyay) in progress.

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US wildfires fuel urgency for forest restoration

ALBUQUERQUE, 14 June—As firefighters battle blazes in New Mexico and Colorado that have forced evacuations and destroyed hundreds of structures, the US Forest Service chief is renewing his call to restore forests to a more natural state, where fire was a part of the landscape.

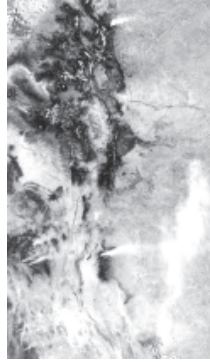
Experts say a combination of decades of vigorous fire suppression and the waning of the timber industry over environmental concerns has left many forests a tangled, overgrown mess, subject to the kind of super-fires that are now regularly consuming hundreds of homes and millions of acres.

The Forest Service is on a mission to set the clock back to zero and the urgency couldn't be greater, Tom Tidwell said. The plan calls for accelerating restoration programmes — everything from prescribed fire and mechanical thinning — by 20 percent each year in key areas that are facing the greatest danger of a catastrophic fire.

This year's target: 4 million acres. The budget: About \$1 billion. "We need to understand the conditions we're facing today," Tidwell told *The Associated Press* in an interview. "They're different than what we used to deal with. We're seeing

erratic fire behavior, more erratic weather." In southern New Mexico, a lightning-sparked fire raced across more than 37,000 acres in recent days, damaging or destroying at least 224 homes and other structures in the mountains outside of the resort community of Ruidoso. Hundreds of residents remained out of their homes on Wednesday.

The Little Bear blaze has scorched 58 square miles in the Sierra Blanca range and containment stood at 40 percent after crews used a two-day break in the hot, windy weather to build miles of fire lines and conduct burnout operations.—*Internet*



This June 10, 2012 satellite image provided by the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center shows wildfires in Colorado and New Mexico. INTERNET

Talks on Afghanistan's future kicks off in Kabul

KABUL, 14 June— An international conference opened here Thursday morning with an aim to figure out ways to stabilize Afghanistan and chart out the future of the war-torn country after NATO-led foreign troops pull out in 2014. In his opening speech, Afghan President Hamid Karzai said that closer cooperation among the regional countries is needed as his country is in a critical period of transition. He hoped the following talks would bring tangible development to bring peace, harmony and sustainability to Afghanistan and the region.

Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, in a recorded message to the conference, said that Afghanistan and its neighbours need to work together to push forward the Istanbul Process. Special efforts should turn to women and children in Afghanistan, particularly in

girls' education and women's participation in politics, the UN chief said. Representatives, mostly foreign ministers from 30 countries, took part in the one-day talks which follow up discussions at the Istanbul conference last November.

The meeting brought together delegates from international organizations such as NATO, the European Union, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the United Nations. Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Fu Ying, who led a delegation, attended the conference. In a meeting with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on Wednesday, Fusa said that China supports Afghanistan in strengthening ties with countries in the region, and is ready to work with relevant countries to make contributions to the peace, stability and development of Afghanistan and the region.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 11 June, 2012 show the world famous Little Mermaid in Copenhagen, capital of Denmark. XINHUA

Germany top European investment country for Chinese firms

BERLIN, 14 June—Chinese entrepreneurs labeled Germany as the most attractive investment destination in Europe, considering more acquisition and joint ventures with German companies, a latest study showed on Wednesday. The report of consulting firm Ernst & Young, based a survey of 400 executives of medium-sized and large Chinese firms from different industries, indicated that one in four Chinese managers viewed Germany as one of the three most appealing locations for investment worldwide. The other two were China itself, with 61 percent of votes and the United States, with 29 percent.

Within Europe, Germany wins 63 percent of responses, ahead of France with 13 percent, the report said. Among Chinese companies that are planning to invest in Germany, Europe's strongest economy, 9 percent of them are expecting business acquisitions, while 56 percent preferred joint ventures. Ernst & Young said Chinese companies, with substantial funds in hands, are "full to bursting" for the expansion in Germany. As for the particular sectors, 57 percent said they are interested in mechanical engineering, with automobile industry in the second place.

"German companies and brands are regarded highly in China, which shapes the image of Germany as an investment location from the perspective of Chinese companies," said Yi Sun, a partner at Ernst & Young and head of the China business services in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. "The German mentality with diligence and punctuality earns high reputation among Chinese companies," Sun said, adding that Germany's well-developed infrastructure, excellent research and development system of universities and various institutes and large potential markets also attract Chinese companies.—*Xinhua*

US, S Korea, Japan to have joint naval exercise

WASHINGTON, 14 June— The US Department of Defence on Wednesday announced the United States, South Korea and Japan will conduct a two-day, trilateral naval exercise on 21-22 June in the waters south of the Korean peninsula. According to a Pentagon release, the exercise will focus on "improving interoperability and communications with the ROK Navy and the Japan Maritime Self Defence Force," to facilitate

cooperative disaster relief and maritime security activities in the future.

The Pentagon said this exercise will be conducted "beyond the territorial waters of any coastal nation." Immediately after the exercise, the United States will then conduct a "routine carrier operation" with the South Korean Navy in the Yellow Sea on 23-25 June, and the George Washington Carrier Strike Group will make a port call in Busan, South Korea, after completing the two exercises. Over the past year, the United States has refocused its resources to the Asia-Pacific Region and boosted interactions with quite a few Asia-Pacific countries in various fields.

Xinhua

Staff members adjust devices on the deep-sea submersible, Jiaolong, aboard Xiangyanghong 09, the submersible's oceanographic mother ship, on 14 June, 2012.

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Sino-Danish bilateral ties enjoy great potential

COPENHAGEN, 14 June—Chinese President Hu Jintao will kick off a state visit to Denmark on Thursday, as the Sino-Danish bilateral relationship has embarked on a track of mature, sound and steady growth in recent years. President Hu's visit from 14 to 16 June marks the first time that a Chinese president has visited Denmark. The trip will further consolidate and deepen the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and Denmark, bring Sino-Danish bilateral links to a new, higher level, and prove another milestone in the history of bilateral relations.

It will also have significance for China-Europe relations, as Denmark holds the presidency of the European Union in the first half of 2012. Denmark and China enjoy dynamic cooperation in many areas including politics, economy, science and technology, culture and education, where they have achieved remarkable success. The Sino-Danish relationship has a long history. Denmark was one of the first Western countries to establish diplomatic relations with China over 62 years ago. In 2008, Denmark became the first Nordic country to forge a comprehensive strategic partnership with China.

Since the establishment of diplomatic relations, there has been an accelerating development of bilateral relations, helped by clear foresight and political wisdom of national leaders from both sides. 'It is also clear that Chinese and Danish leaders lay great emphasis on development of bilateral relations.

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A graduate from east China's Shandong Province donates blood at the Xidan Blood Collection Centre in Beijing, on 14 June, 2012, the 9th World Blood Donor Day.

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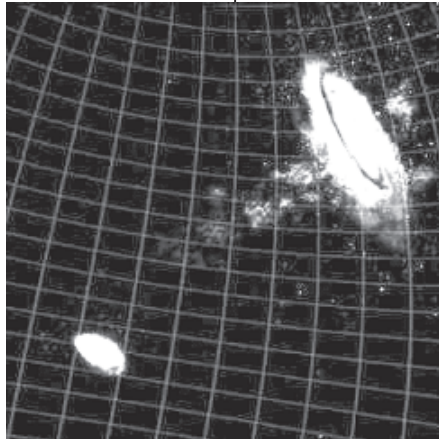
Galactic 'close encounter' confirmed

GREEN BANK, 14 June—Two galaxies in the neighbourhood of our own Milky Way had a close encounter billions of years ago and may have even brushed each other, US astronomers say.

Observations by the National Science Foundation's Green Bank Telescope in West Virginia confirm a disputed 2004 discovery of a hydrogen gas "bridge" streaming between the giant Andromeda Galaxy, also known as M31, and the Triangulum Galaxy, or M33, the National Radio Astronomy Observatory reported on Monday.

"The properties of this gas indicate that these two galaxies may have passed close together in the distant past," observatory researcher Jay Lockman said. "Studying what may be a gaseous link between the two can give us a new key to understanding the evolution of both galaxies."

The two galaxies are



Graphic shows gas "bridge" between M31, right, and M33. INTERNET

members of the so-called Local Group of galaxies that includes our own Milky Way and about 30 others.

When galaxies pass close to each other, one result is "tidal tails" of gas pulled into intergalactic space from the galaxies as lengthy streams, the researchers said.

"We think it's very likely

that the hydrogen gas we see between M31 and M33 is the remnant of a tidal tail that originated during a close encounter, probably billions of years ago," Spencer Wolfe of West Virginia University said. "The encounter had to be long ago, because neither galaxy shows evidence of disruption today."—*Internet*

Quantum computers could speed Web searches

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—Quantum computers could help speed up Internet searches by doing the huge amounts of mathematical computation necessary, researchers say.

Internet search engines use a lot of math to figure out exactly what qualifies as most relevant Web page to present as a result of a search, they say. Google, for example, uses a page ranking algorithm rumoured to be the largest numerical calculation carried out anywhere in the world.

With the Web growing explosively, researchers at the University of Southern

California have proposed using quantum computers to speed up that process.

They wanted to see whether quantum computing could be used to run the Google algorithm faster, they said.

In current computers, bits encode data distinctly as either a one or a zero, whereas quantum computers use quantum bits or "qubits," which can encode a one and a zero at the same time.

Called superposition, this property could someday allow quantum computers to perform certain calculations much faster than traditional computers, the researchers

said. While there currently is no quantum computer in the world large enough to run Google's page ranking algorithm for the entire Web, the researchers generated models of the Web that simulated a few thousand Web pages.

Their simulations showed a quantum computer could, in principle, return the ranking of the most important pages in the Web faster than traditional computers, and that this quantum speedup would improve the more pages needed to be ranked, a USC release said on Tuesday.

Internet

Study: Many factors in mammoth extinction

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—A combination of climate warming, encroaching humans and habitat change saw woolly mammoths go extinct thousands of years ago, US scientists say.

Although humans and mammoths co-existed for millennia, the shaggy giants disappeared from the Earth between 4,000 and 10,000

years ago, doomed by the same threats facing many species today, UCLA researchers reported on Tuesday.

"We were interested to know what happened to this species during the climate warming at the end of the last ice age because we were looking for insights into what might happen today due to

woolly mammoths died off sounds a lot like what we expect with future climate warming."

Analyzing all the changes happening thousands of years ago, the researchers found the extinction didn't line up with any single change but with the combination of several new pressures on woolly mammoths.

Although humans had hunted woolly mammoths in Siberia for millennia, climate change added pressure on the animals with rising temperatures leading to a decline in woolly mammoths' favored foods like grasses and willows. Still, researchers said, there is no one single thing that killed off the mammoths. "It's not just the climate change that killed them off," MacDonald said. "It's the habitat change and human pressure. Hunting expanded at the same time that the habitat became less amenable."

Internet



Woolly mammoth restoration at the Royal British Columbia Museum, Victoria, British Columbia.—INTERNET

human-induced climate change," said Glen MacDonald, director of UCLA's Institute of the Environment and Sustainability.

"The answer to why

Big Bang particle discovery closer: scientists

GENEVA, 14 June—Physicists investigating the make-up of the universe are closing in on the Higgs boson, an elusive particle thought to have been key to turning debris from the Big Bang into stars, planets and finally life, scientists said on Tuesday.

Researchers at the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) are using their large Hadron Collider (LHC), the world's



biggest particle accelerator, to try to prove that the mystery particle really exists.

Poring over huge volumes of data, CERN physicists are confident they are now closer to achieving that aim, outside scientists with links to two key research teams at the Switzerland-based facility said.

"They are getting quite fired up," one scientist outside CERN but with links to the experiment who declined to be named told *Reuters*.

Strong signs of the Higgs were being seen in the same energy range where it was tentatively spotted last year, the scientists added, even though the particle is so short-lived that it can only be detected

by the traces it leaves.

The quest for the obscure but scientifically crucial Higgs boson is being conducted by harnessing the LHC's high energy accelerator, which is located on the edge of Geneva, to replicate the Big Bang, the process scientists believe brought the known universe into being.

The Higgs is named after Briton Peter Higgs who in 1964 first came up with a detailed idea of what it might be and is the last major missing piece in the so-called Standard Model of how the universe works at the elementary particle level.

Its formal discovery, once it is endorsed by the world scientific community, would almost certainly ensure a Nobel prize for Higgs, now 83 and retired, and perhaps for at least one other European physicist and one American.

Speculation

The scientists spoke of their CERN colleagues' progress after research chiefs at the Swiss facility decreed a cut-off last weekend in the processing of all data related to the search for the particle ahead of a major physics conference, ICHEP, in Melbourne in mid-July.

There has been widespread speculation that a major announcement on the Higgs, based on careful analysis of the most interesting of over 300 trillion proton collisions in the LHC so far

this year, may be made at that gathering.

But there was no confirmation from CERN itself that it was close to formally announcing it had discovered the particle and its linked energy field, thought to have given mass to matter and shape to the universe 13.7 billion years ago. Researchers on the collider's separate ATLAS and CMS detectors have been "blinded"—or cut off from findings from the rival team and even from different groups inside their own.

CERN spokesman James Gillies said the centre would want to make any important announcement, once there was something to say, in Geneva.

"As for what ATLAS and CMS may or may not have in the 2012 data, that's only known to a few people in each experiment right now," he added.

"Blinding" is used in science to ensure that different groups working on identical experiments but with different if similar equipment do not influence the outcome of each other's research.

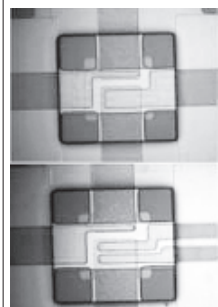
If they then come to the same conclusion, they can safely be seen to have independently validated each other's results, clearing the way to actually claiming a discovery.

In December 2011, after some 16 months of collisions

at lower energy levels than this year, both teams joined at CERN to say they had separately seen "tantalizing glimpses" of the Higgs but needed more time to be sure if it was really there.

Data still coming in after last weekend's analysis cut-off will be processed later in the summer. Physicists say that more than half of the collisions produce nothing of scientific value and the record of their tracks are automatically dumped.—*Reuters*

New circuits work in high radiation levels



Two "logic gates" made of microscopic mechanical parts and designed to resist ionizing radiation that fries conventional silicon electronics. The top gate performs "exclusive or" functions and the bottom gate performs the function "and." These devices are so small four would fit in the cross section of a single human hair. INTERNET

SALT LAKE CITY, 14 June—US researchers say microscopic mechanical devices that withstand intense radiation and heat can be used in robots dealing with damaged nuclear power plants.

Such devices can withstand high amounts of radiation that can quickly fry silicon-based electronic circuits, University of Utah

engineers reported on Tuesday. Such electronic circuits were in robots sent to help contain the meltdowns at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant after Japan's catastrophic 2011 earthquake and tsunami, they said.

"Robots were sent to control the troubled reactors, and they ceased to operate after a few hours because their

electronics failed," Utah researcher Massood Tabib-Azar said. Tabib-Azar and his colleagues have been working on mechanical substitutes for such electronics and showed their devices, known as micro-electro-mechanical systems, kept working despite intense ionizing radiation and heat by dipping them for two hours into the core of the University of Utah's research reactor.

"We have developed a unique technology that keeps on working in the presence of ionizing radiation to provide computation power for critical defense infrastructures," Tabib-Azar said. "Our devices also can be used in deep space applications in the presence of cosmic ionizing radiation, and can help robotics to control troubled nuclear reactors without degradation."—*Internet*

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Wal-Mart bribery review includes Brazil, China

WASHINGTON, 14 June—Lawyers for Wal-Mart Stores Inc (WMT N) have flagged Brazil, China, India and South Africa in addition to Mexico, as countries that represent the highest corruption risk in a global review, according to a letter from lawmakers investigating the company.

The lawyers said they were retained to review Wal-Mart policies in Mexico, Brazil and China, and later recommended the company also evaluate its operations in India and South Africa. The lawyers referred to those five countries as regions where the risk was the greatest, according to the lawmakers.

The company has acknowledged it is investigating bribery allegations involving its Mexican operations, and that it is conducting a global review of its anti-corruption compliance programme, but has not provided details about the review.

According to the letter, from Representatives Elijah Cummings and Henry Waxman, both Democrats, Wal-Mart asked its lawyers to expand the review to a



A shopper carts her purchases from a Wal-Mart store in Mexico City, April on 24, 2012. —REUTERS

worldwide assessment of the company's anti-corruption policies. The review led Wal-Mart to revise its programme to include a new procedure for escalating corruption complaints to senior management and the board's audit committee, the letter said.

Cummings and Waxman, who are the ranking members, respectively, of the House Oversight and House Energy committees, asked the company on Tuesday to provide documents about the review and the recommendations. The pair wrote to Wal-Mart Chief Executive Michael Duke and also asked him to allow certain witnesses

to cooperate with a congressional investigation into the bribery allegations.

Outside lawyers for Wal-Mart at two law firms, Greenberg Traurig and Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, briefed the lawmakers on 21 May about the company's programme to comply with the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, a 1970s-era law that bars bribes to officials of foreign governments.

But the lawyers did not answer any questions about the substance of the bribery allegations, which were brought to light in an 21 April *New York Times* report that said that management at Wal-Mart de Mexico

(WALMEXV.MX) orchestrated bribes of \$24 million to help it grow quickly in the last decade and that Wal-Mart's top brass tried to cover it up.

The two lawmakers have previously expressed frustration about the information they have received from Wal-Mart.

Wal-Mart representatives did not immediately respond to a request for a comment, but the company has said it is "committed to a full and independent investigation," and that "it would be inappropriate for us or others to come to conclusions before the investigation is complete."

While Wal-Mart has tapped the brakes on its growth in Brazil and China, last month Walmart International CEO Doug McMillon said the slowdown was not a result of foreign bribery concerns.

Lawyers for Wal-Mart are scheduled to brief Congressional investigators on Wednesday about the "investigative protocols" the company is using to examine bribery allegations in Mexico, according to the letter.—Reuters

US Air plans antitrust filing to boost AMR bid

NEW YORK, 14 June—US Airways Group (LCCN) aims to file paperwork with US antitrust regulators as early as July for a proposed merger with AMR Corp (AAMRQ PK), the bankrupt parent of American Airlines, according to people familiar with the matter.

US Airways believes securing regulatory approval for its proposed deal would remove one key element of uncertainty from the picture, bolstering its case as AMR's creditors compare the merits of a merger with the carrier's standalone restructuring plan, the people said.

A regulatory filing now

—as opposed to after reaching a deal—also reflects the fifth-largest US carrier's desire to merge with AMR while the No 3 carrier is still in bankruptcy.

Under the Hart-Scott-Rodino (HSR) Antitrust Improvements Act, companies must not complete a merger until the US Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice determine that the transaction will not hurt competition.

Representatives for US Airways declined to comment. AMR said it did not have an immediate comment.

Reuters



A US airways plane takes off behind an American Airlines jet at Ronald Reagan National Airport in Washington on 23 April, 2012. —REUTERS

Global shares slip on weak US data, Italy debt sale eyed

TOKYO, 14 June—Asian shares slipped on Thursday as weak US retail sales data raised fresh concerns about sluggish economic growth, while an Italian debt auction later in the day will test market confidence in whether Rome can avoid becoming the next victim of the euro zone crisis. Traders expected market activity to slow approaching a cliffhanger on Sunday election in Greece, which could precipitate the country's exit from the euro zone.

European shares were likely to pause, with spreadbetters predicting major

European markets would open flat to 0.1 percent lower. But US stock futures were up 0.4 percent. MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan fell 0.5 percent, with China and Australia leading the decline, while Japan's Nikkei average trimmed earlier losses to stand down 0.1 percent.

"I would expect low volume in today's session, with risk aversion dominating the mind-set of investors leading up to the Greek election," said Miguel Audencial, trader at CMC Markets in Sydney, where stocks fell 0.5 percent.



A Tokyo Stock Exchange employee looks at a monitor as he works at the bourse in Tokyo on 4 June, 2012. —REUTERS

Data showing that US retail sales hit their worst level in two years in May could justify the Federal Reserve taking further stimulus measures at its policy meeting next week to support the US economy, after a weak May jobs report added to fears about the euro zone and sparked a broad market sell-off earlier this month.

Reuters

US secret space plane X-37B may end mission soon

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — After spending more than a year orbiting Earth on a mystery mission, the US Air Force's X-37B space plane is due to return to Earth any day now, local media reported on Wednesday. The X-37B spacecraft's landing window opened on 11 June and runs through 18 June, with Friday being the next opportunity. US Air Force officials say landing day for the unmanned X-37B space plane is imminent, and could occur on Friday.

But ultimately landing date and time depend on weather at its intended landing site at Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, technical considerations and other factors, said Air Force Lt Austin Fallin, a Vandenberg spokesman. The reusable space plane is on its second-ever space mission known as the Orbital Test Vehicle 2 or OTV-2. The OTV-2 mission and its predecessor were both launched from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. US Air Force officials have said they intend to launch the OTV-1 vehicle on another test flight soon, possibly as soon as this fall. The X-37B space planes are built in tight secrecy by Boeing and look much like NASA's retired space shuttles, only much smaller. Each X-37B spacecraft is about 8.8 meters long and 4.5 metres wide. Industry analysts said the spacecraft could be a precursor to an orbiting weapon, capable of dropping bombs or disabling foreign satellites as it circles the globe. The first X-37B space plane, OTV-1, launched in 2010 and spent 225 days in space. The estimated mission length for the space planes is about 270 days.—Xinhua

Insulin has no effect on heart attack risk

PHILADELPHIA, 14 June—Daily insulin injection, begun early in type 2 diabetes, neither increased nor reduced heart attack, stroke or cancer risk, Canadian researchers said. The Outcome Reduction with Initial Glargine Intervention trial randomized more than 12,500 people at high risk for, or in the early stages of, type 2 diabetes to either one daily injection of glargine, or insulin, or standard care—no insulin—over a median

of 6.2 years.

Principal investigator Dr Hertzfel Gerstein and Dr Salim Yusuf of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, found no difference among the two groups in cardiovascular outcomes or in the development of any type of cancer, suggesting daily insulin injection to normalize glucose levels is not harmful over long periods of time. Patients given insulin maintained glucose levels in the normal range—90-94 mg/dL—throughout the

duration of the study, the researchers said. Some previous research suggested a link between insulin use and an increased risk of heart attacks, strokes and several kinds of cancer, but none examined the long-term impacts of insulin use on serious cardiovascular outcomes and cancers in high-risk individuals, the researchers said. The findings were presented at the American Diabetes Association's 72nd scientific sessions in Philadelphia.—Internet

Diesel exhaust fumes cause lung cancer, WHO says

GENEVA, 14 June—Diesel engine fumes can cause lung cancer and belong in the same potentially deadly category as asbestos, arsenic and mustard gas, World Health Organization (WHO) experts said on Tuesday. In an announcement that caused concern in the auto industry, the France-based International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), part of the WHO, reclassified diesel exhaust fumes from its group 2A of probable

carcinogens to its group 1 of substances that have definite links to cancer.

The experts, who said their decision was unanimous and based on "compelling" scientific evidence, urged people worldwide to reduce their exposure to diesel fumes as much as possible. "The working group found that diesel exhaust is a cause of lung cancer and also noted a positive association with an increased risk of bladder cancer," IARC said in a statement.

The decision was the result of a week-long meeting of independent experts who assessed the latest scientific evidence on the cancer-causing potential of diesel and gasoline exhausts. It puts diesel exhaust fumes in the same risk category as a number of other noxious substances including asbestos, arsenic, mustard gas, alcohol and tobacco. Christopher Portier, chairman of the IARC working group, said the group's conclusion "was unanimous, that diesel engine exhaust causes lung cancer in humans"—Reuters



The World Health Organization (WHO) headquarters are pictured in Geneva on 27 April, 2009.—REUTERS

Two dead, 22 missing in Philippine ferry sinking

MANILA, 14 June — At least two people were reported killed and 22 others were missing on Wednesday after a Philippine ferry sank in choppy seas, the coast guard said. The wooden-hulled *MV Josille 2* was carrying 34 passengers and 12 crew members when it was reported before dawn to have sunk off the northern coast of Palawan island, the coast guard said.

“Two are confirmed dead, while 22 have been rescued and the rest are missing,” a coast guard official monitoring the incident told *AFP*. “The vessel encountered heavy waves.” Ferries are one of the main modes of transport in the Philippine archipelago of more than 7,100 islands, and sea accidents are common due to poor safety standards and overloading.—*Internet*



This file photo shows boats on a beach near Puerto Princesa, on the western Philippine island of Palawan. At least two people were reported killed and 22 others were missing on Wednesday after a ferry sank in choppy seas off the northern coast of Palawan. INTERNET



French soldiers of Battle Group Picardie are seen during an operation in Surubi District, Kabul Province, in March. NATO chief Anders Fogh Rasmussen on Wednesday vowed not to abandon Afghanistan as foreign nations plan to transition forces out of the country after a decade of conflict.— INTERNET

US officials questioned in leaks: attorney general

WASHINGTON, 14 June — US Attorney General Eric Holder on Tuesday told a Senate committee that Justice Department investigators have interviewed both him and FBI Director Robert Mueller in the wake of national security leaks. During a testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee, Holder said investigators have already questioned him and Mueller for possible role they might have played in leaking the information to the media, which included drone target “kill list” against al-Qaeda operatives and a cyberattack on Iran.

Holder appointed two US attorneys last week to lead investigations into the possible unauthorized disclosures of classified information by government employees. The leaks have enraged lawmakers, who said such information should never be leaked to the Press and out in the open. Republicans have accused senior administration officials of leaking classified information to media to enhance President Barack Obama’s image for his re-election bid.

The Republicans have also been calling for special counsel to investigate the leaks, but Holder defended Justice’s ability to be independent as it investigates the leaks. Holder said the two US attorneys he appointed will “follow leads wherever they are, whether in the executive branch or other component of government.” White House Deputy Press Secretary Josh Earnest told reporters that the hearing was “nothing more than politics.”— *Xinhua*

Guyana to probe China company awarded airport deal

GEORGETOWN, (Guyana), 14 June — Legislators in Guyana will soon hold hearings on whether one of China’s largest state companies should be allowed to renovate the country’s main airport following allegations of corruption.

The announcement comes after Jamaica’s government recently alerted Caribbean nations that the World Bank had barred the parent company of China Harbour Engineering Company from bidding on certain bank-funded projects from 2009 to 2017.

Officials with China Harbour Engineering Company issued a statement late last week saying that the company itself has not been sanctioned by the World Bank. Guyana House Speaker Raphael Trotman said on Tuesday that Parliament’s economic services committee will decide whether the company should proceed with the \$138 million renovation at Cheddi Jagan Airpor.— *Internet*

China second-quarter GDP growth may dip below 7 percent — government adviser

BEIJING, 14 June — China’s annual economic growth could fall below 7 percent in the second quarter if weak activity persists in June, an influential government adviser was quoted on Wednesday as saying. The forecast by Zheng Xinli, a former deputy director of the Chinese communist party’s policy research office, is among the most bearish by any government and private sector economists.

“GDP growth in the second quarter could fall below 7 percent if there is no significant improvements in economic data for June,” the overseas edition of the *People’s Daily* quoted Zheng Xinli, now deputy head of the China Centre for International Economic Exchanges (CCIEE), a top government think-tank, as saying. China’s

industrial output growth usually outpaces GDP growth by 3-5 percentage points, the newspaper cited Zheng as saying. China’s industrial output rose 9.6 percent in May from a year earlier, picking up slightly from a three-year low of 9.3 percent stuck in April.

Analysts forecast in a *Reuters* benchmark poll in May that China would deliver its weakest quarter of growth in three years in the second quarter at 7.9 percent, which would also mark the sixth straight quarter of slower growth.

They forecast full year growth of 8.2 percent. The same newspaper article quoted Jia Kang, head the Finance Ministry’s think-tank, as predicting China’s economic growth could bottom out in the second quarter.

Reuters



Residents walk on a mud road in Anren County, central China’s Hunan Province, on 11 June, 2012. Torrential rains swept across Hunan over the past few days, killing nine people and affecting 1.1 million, local authorities said on Tuesday.— *XINHUA*

Police arrest 15-yr-old Ottawa girls for trafficking

OTTAWA, 14 June — Two 15-year-old girls have been arrested for human trafficking in Ottawa and another 17-year-old girl was being sought

on Tuesday for her alleged role in forcing teens into prostitution, police said. “It’s shocking,” police spokesman Staff Sergeant John

McGetrick said of the pimping case.

Ottawa police said they found three female victims, aged 13 to 17 years, who had been lured to a Walkley Road residence in a middle class neighbourhood of the city, abducted and delivered up to adult clients.

The two accused girls,

both 15, face multiple charges including human trafficking, robbery, procuring, forcible confinement, sexual assault, assault, uttering threats and abduction. Police are continuing to look for a third suspect, a 17-year-old girl. The names of those arrested cannot be released under Canadian law.— *Internet*

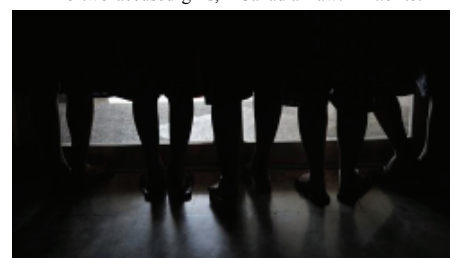
Severe storms leave thousands without power in Houston

HOUSTON, 14 June — Severe thunderstorms rolled through the Houston area in the US state of Texas late on Tuesday, knocking down trees and cutting off power for thousands of homes and businesses.

About 88,000 homes and businesses were reportedly without power in the area. Local energy provider Centre Point Energy reported that about 75,000 customers lost power. Another company reported more than 13,000 outages. Parts of Montgomery County and

north Harris County in the area were among the areas hit hardest by the storms, which arrived on Tuesday afternoon. Fire officials were busy dealing with multiple fires caused by lightning strikes and power lines damaged by falling trees and near hurricane-force winds, according to media reports. Some residents even reported seeing twisters, but government weather service said there were no twisters, according to local newspaper *The Houston Chronicle*.

Xinhua



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Revellers play with tomato pulp during the annual “Tomatina” (tomato fight) in Sutamarcan Province in Boyaca on 10 June, 2012.— *REUTERS*

International Cooperative Year marked in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township

YANGON, 14 June—A ceremony to mark the International Cooperative Year was held at Cooperative



CASH DONATED: Htoo Foundation handing over K 50 million donated by Asian Green Development Bank, Air Bagan Ltd, Elite Teach Co Ltd and Htoo Group of Companies to Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department for local people of Rakhine State on 11 June.—KYEMON

Department in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township of Yangon Region on 11 June morning.

Staff Officer Daw Hla Hla Myint of Township Cooperative Department, Head of Department Daw Aye Aye San, Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Khin Aye and a representative of the society talked about International Cooperative Year.

They together the attendees grew saplings in honour of International Cooperative Year.

Kyemon

Donations handed over to Parahita House

YANGON, 14 June—A ceremony to donate school uniforms, school equipment, bags of rice, edible oil and corrugated iron sheets worth K 2.5 million to Youth Development Parahita House of Social Welfare Department was held in Thingangyungyi Ward of Mingaladon Township on 9 June.

The donated goods were purchased through proceeds from the RMGCC 3rd Anniversary Charity Golf Tournament, organized by Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country Club (RMGCC) on 26 May 2012.

General Manager U Thein Aung of Royal Mingaladon Golf & Country

Club (RMGCC) handed over documents related to the donations to Chairman of the House U Saw Roger who spoke words of thanks.

At present, the home is caring 98 orphans.

Myanma Alin

No 31 Special Bus Line to be launched soon

YANGON, 14 June—No 31 Special Bus Line of Yangon Region All Private Bus-line Control Committee will be launched for the route from Bailey Bridge in South Okkalapa Township to Phoneygi Street in Lanmadaw Township soon.

The bus route will start South Okkalapa (Bailey) and finish at Bogyoke Market passing through Padetha (10 Market), Kyaukkon, Tamway, Mingala Market, Pazundaung, Sule and Phoneygi Street.

The new bus line will take replacement of No 31 bus line (ordinary) of Chevrolet.

The new bus line will be run with the use of about 20 air-conditioner buses manufactured by the Republic of Korea.

APBCC negotiates purchase of installment system between car import companies and Chevrolet owners.

The car owners of Chevrolet wishing to run the air-conditioned cars are to pay K 7.8 million for the first time and the slit of handing over the Chevrolets. The remaining K 14.6 million are to be paid through K 500,000 installment per month within three years.

If the new buses get permits to purchase natural gas from the Ministry of Energy, the bus line will launch its runs. So, the local people of Dagon Myothit (North) Township will have easy access to downtown Yangon conveniently.

Pwint Oo (Yangon)



ROAD COMMISSIONED: A ceremony to inaugurate Shweyi self-reliant concrete road was held in South Myoma Ward in Thanlyin on 10 June. Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Rice Industry Association U Aung Than Oo, Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Kyaw Lin Than and Road Construction Committee Chairman U Aung Thein formally open the road.—MYANMA ALIN

Blast of gas pipeline breaks out fire in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 14 June—A blast occurred at the underground gas pipeline in front of Shwe Nadi Co at No 435/436 on Seikkantha Street in Shwelipan Industrial Zone of Hlinethaya Township in Yangon Region at 4.35 pm on 11 June.

While clearing the bushes in front of Shwe Nadi Co, the backhoe damaged the gas pipeline that feeds gas to Hlinethaya CNG 1 and 2. Thus, a blast occurred at the damaged area of the pipeline. In the incident, Maung Zaw Min Win, 30, Maung Soe Min Tun, 30 and Ma Ei Zin, 17 were injured in blaze but not serious, and they were rushed to Yangon General Hospital.

Myanma Alin



DISTRICT NEWS

Basic Education Middle School (Branch) opened in Mingin

MINGIN, 14 June—A ceremony to open Basic Education Middle School (Branch) was held in Laungpyae Village in Mingin Township of Sagaing Region on 5 June morning.

Region Hluttaw representative U Htay Win, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Khin Hmway Lwin, Assistant Education Officer U Myint Than and Village administrator U Min Oo unveiled the school signboard and Township Administrator U Nay Lin Tun formally opened the school.

The region Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and the Assistant Education Officer made speeches.

Headmaster U Han Thein explained the history of the school.

Later, they donated K 550,000 to the school.

Education



DUTIES ASSIGNED: A ceremony to assign duties of monsoon paddy plan for 2012-2013 was held at the hall of Waw Township on 8 June. Township Administrator U Soe Naing presents duties of plans to ward and village-tract administrators.—TOWNSHIP GAD

Training course for formation of Myanmar Pioneers Group for Disabled opened

YEKYI, 14 June—The opening ceremony of training course on constituting Myanmar Pioneers Group for the Disabled (Yekyi Branch) was held Pyidawwaye Dhammayon in Aung San Ward of Yekyi Township in Ayeyawady Region on 5 June morning.

On the occasion, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Oo made a speech. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Maung Tin spoke on the occasion.

Program Director U Nay Lin Soe of Myanmar Pioneers Group (Yangon Head Office) explained his opinion on the disabled. Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Myint Myint Than donated K 50,000 to the group.—Min Zaw Oo (Yekyi)



ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to present teaching aid to students of service personnel for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall in Hline Township of Yangon West District in Yangon Region on 9 June. Township Administrator U Myat Soe gives assistance to offspring of staff.—MYANMA ALIN



School uniforms provided in Chauk

CHAUK, 14 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers was held at the office of Township Development Affairs Committee in Chauk on 7 June afternoon.

The uniforms were presented by Chauk Township Development Affairs Committee of Magway District in Magway Region.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyein Maung Maung, Executive Officer U Htin Aung of Township Development Affairs Committee and officials presented school uniforms, exercise books, ball-pens and pencils to students. For 2012-2013 academic year, K 408,500 was provided to 11 high school students, 18 middle school students and 34 primary school students of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers.—Myanma Alin



CASH DONATED: Two representatives of Manaw Ahla Band donated K 1 million for local people who lost houses and property in current situations of Rakhine State recently. Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department accepts cash donation.—MYANMA ALIN

In parliaments where Myanmar and Europe converge

Mg Than Nyein

The visit of Pyithu Hluttaw delegation led by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker to Europe is a historic goodwill visit. It is the first Myanmar's high-level visit after about 24 or 25 years of weak relations with western countries for various reasons. As renewal of the relations start with inter-parliamentary relations, I entitled the article "In parliaments where Myanmar and Europe converge (again)".

About 50 years after abolition of parliaments while practicing multiparty parliamentary democracy system and about 24 years after dissolution of parliaments under monolithic rule, the constitution was ratified in 2008 by consent of the national people. Free and fair elections which depict genuine and discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy were held in line with the constitution. People's representatives were elected according to the will of the people and Hluttaws formed.

Hand in hand with the Hluttaws, the government elected by the Hluttaws harmoniously initiated democratic reforms in multiparty democratic system which earned sensational and congratulatory recognition from the international community. They are willing to welcome smooth and orderly democratic transition through words and actions. A large number of international delegates handed invitations to us as they came to study the Hluttaws.

As the Myanmar Hluttaws have been lack of experiences of parliamentary procedures for years, capacity of Hluttaw committee members, MPs and Hluttaw Office staff is being enhanced through capacity building workshops organized by the Hluttaws as well as through foreign trips led by the Speakers or committee chairmen or committee member.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker established capacity building tasks, saying that only when the Hluttaws are strong, will the road towards democratic be strong; only when the MPs are competent, will the capability of the Hluttaw be high and the interests of the country and the people be served to the full extent.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker's visit to Europe is the fourth one of the Pyithu Hluttaw after the Hluttaws were formed. (Previous ones are goodwill visits to Russian, Indian and Chinese parliaments.) Despite acceptance of invitation since October, 2011, it was postponed because of coincidences of invitations and regular Hluttaw sessions. Then the tour was made following additional invitations.

The trip centered on the invitation of the president of European Parliament formed with 27 countries including powers in regional organizations and representing the population of 500 million. But we had to visit Germany first according to the agenda and then proceed to Belgium with European Union Council, Commission and Parliament headquarters. We also dropped into France, Switzerland and the United Kingdom as the period of invitation allowed us to and the things there are worth studying. We visited seven countries within 18 days.

In every country the delegation visited it received a warm welcome that extended from Myanmar's reputation of democratic reforms. As leadership of the President and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker are often praised by international community for political reforms in Myanmar, mutual understanding and friendship were built through face-to-face conversations with the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. The hosts could not help recognizing his frankness, honesty, patience and self-control. The Speaker took a considerable amount of time to explain undertakings of the Hluttaws, claiming, "The Voice of the People is the Hluttaw's Voice; the Will of the People is the Hluttaw's Will; the Aspiration of the People is the Hluttaw's Implementation." Everyone was interested.

Frank consultations were made with the president of European Parliament who was the most important one on the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker's tour, the speaker of Norwegian parliament, the speaker of German parliament, the speaker of Danish parliament, the speaker of UK's House of Representatives and the speaker of Bavarian state parliament of Germany. The delegation also studied organizational set-ups and duties of the abovementioned parliaments as well as those of the French parliament. UK, France and Switzerland were not on the official agenda of the tour. The delegation also visited there because it had time in transit from one invited country to another. It had the opportunity to study the parliaments of these three

countries as the hosts which had already been informed of our tour arranged our visits to the parliaments based on friendship although we did not request to visit over these weekends and days the parliaments were not in session. It was Saturday we arrived at France. Being explained organizational structure and duties of the French parliament, The delegation members were conducted round the hall of the parliament.

The delegation arrived at UK on Friday and Saturday. The tradition of the British parliament is that MPs visited their constituencies on every Friday and listened to the voters. It is called "surgery". It is a sort of treatment for the desires of their voters. Although we arrived at UK on busy and off days of MPs, the speaker of the House of Representatives of UK received the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker. The delegation was welcomed by the advisor to the British Prime Minister at No. 10 on Downing Street because the PM was on a foreign trip. An official of the House of Representatives explained organizational set-up and functions of the parliament. A place in the parliament which was damaged in London bomb attack in WW II was found unrepaired. There was a statue of the then Prime Minister Mr Churchill who held office during the war. It stands in angry mood. There are many things to study in the Mother of Parliament. "You and Parliament" guidebook mentions under the title "What parliament is doing?" that the parliament and the government of UK have stakes in legislation, the parliament is responsible for legislation—enacting, assessing and discussing new laws—and scrutinizing the government's undertakings, and for helping the government collecting more taxes.

There are a variety of things to be observed in the countries the Pyithu Hluttaw delegation visited. Once agrobased Bavarian State in Germany now becomes the sites of famous automobile manufacturing factories. The delegation studied the step-by-step efforts of the state to advance towards the most developed state of the industrialized country. The delegation also learned the awe-aspiring spike in GDP (above threefold in 20 years) of Norway, once the poorest country in Europe, woman employment and the fact women constitute above 40 per cent of MPs. In education sector, a much sought-after dual education system of Germany and Denmark is worth studying. It is natural that when rule of law and lawful practices are flourishing in the country famous for their patriotism and dignity, these countries become top ones in the world.

The examples of development of the countries with disciplined and democracy system and market economy should be copied. It can be seen that behind the development, the role of government and legislative body (Parliament) are crucial.

According to the study, it can be seen that there are educative programme on Parliaments' duties and systems for ordinary people in these countries. Discussions in the parliament are broadcast live on TV in order that people can know representatives' undertakings in the parliament. We saw visits of students to the parliament.

While Pyithu Hluttaw delegation was visiting German Parliamentary Building, many student groups were seen there. The Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw greeted and asked those students whether they know Myanmar. But they replied to the Speaker "No". The teacher who accompanied the students explained where is Myanmar. Then, the students replied to the Speaker "Long Live Myanmar, Long Live Mr Speaker". These students have chance to know Parliaments' undertakings since childhood.

During the tour, another heartening scene is that Myanmar nationals came to the hotels where Myanmar delegation stayed so as to greet Myanmar delegation when they heard the news of Myanmar Pyithu Hluttaw delegation. They introduced and greeted Myanmar delegation whether or not they know delegation members. Myanmar is Myanmar. Even though Myanmar nationals who live in foreign countries because of different reasons, they always keep close contact with democratic reforms in the country. In addition, they have burning desires to know it more. Among these Myanmar nationals, some raised questions and so did some others who want to go back. They all were content with the warm replies of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker and delegation members. Myanmar delegation met with Myanmar associations and Myanmar nationals, at Myanmar

Ambassador Residence in London. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker also gave interviews to DVB and BBC. A foreign reporter also interviewed the Speaker on board. They recognized Myanmar delegation's warm response. Myanmar nationals treated some Hluttaw representatives to Monhinkha.

Myanmar Pyithu Hluttaw delegation mainly studied the beginning of Parliaments which is the main purpose of the Europe tour after taking too much time. Here, not many information about it can be disclosed as there are so many things to write about it. Parliaments of the countries are not the same. Some countries have one parliament and some, two parliaments. In Germany, lower house is called Bundestag and Upper Parliament, Bundesrat. Norway has only one Parliament called Folketing. It is like Hluttaw in Myanmar. As discussions between Myanmar delegation and Parliament Committee did not end during the designated period, the host requested Myanmar delegation to hold discussions during lunch and dinner. The dinner that started at 7 pm, usually finished only at 9 pm. The Myanmar delegation had to carry so many books from there. Analysis is to be carried out whether it is comply with the country and condition. During the discussion, the explanations of two women national Pyithu Hluttaw representatives of National Races Affairs Committee who are engaging in local-peace making process, is a significant one. They are Kachin and Shan nationals. One of them is the secretary of National Races Affairs and Local Peace-making Committee under Pyithu Hluttaw.

During the tour of Norway, the number of Myanmar delegation members is much more than that from other countries. The Norway Ambassador to Myanmar helped Myanmar delegation then. Myanmar delegation includes 15 Hluttaw representatives from ten political parties. Among them, some representatives are from the National League for Democracy, who took oaths as Hluttaw representative about ten days ago. The delegation comprises all national races. As some national races wore their national dresses, the hosts cordially welcomed and greeted Myanmar delegation. Hluttaw representative (Phahti) from Myanmar delegation helped the Chairman of Norway Parliament wear Kayin National dress. In addition, the deputy minister from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was also content to wear Kayin National dress. Thanks to it, the beauty of dinner was brighter, and amenity could be strengthened. The visit of Myanmar delegation was coincided with Parliament session of Norway. So, the Chairman of Norwegian Parliament announced that Myanmar Hluttaw delegation arrived at the Parliament. Norway Parliament representatives greeted Myanmar delegation and so did Myanmar delegation.

During the tour, Myanmar delegation also includes the Chairmen from Hluttaw Committee so as to discuss economy, trade and investment for economic reforms that will accompany by Hluttaw affairs and political condition as well as political reform. They participated in discussions with the ministers and chairmen of Ministries of Economic, International Development and Cooperation from Germany, Norway and Denmark.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker gave guidance on effective use of time in order that the things should be discussed and recorded at available time. I strongly believe that Myanmar delegation could do it in line with the guidance. The schedule includes air, motorcar and train as well as ship. During the nine-hour drive from Germany to Belgium, Myanmar delegation had a chance to visit and development of European countries and Inthawet Jetty in Belgium, which is one of the biggest one in the World, on the Scheldt river by ship. Myanmar delegation also visited Berlin Wall, the statue of a peeing boy in Brussels in Belgium, mermaid sculpture in Copenhagen, Eiffel Tower in Paris, beauty of Geneva Lake in Switzerland, Big Ben Clock Tower in London, Beik King boat in Norway and windmills in Denmark.

Here, I would like to express thanks to the Myanmar Ambassadors to Paris and London, Embassy staff and Ambassador to Belgium and European Union U Thant Kyaw, for arrangements of Myanmar traditional food and convenience of tour. From that goodwill tour during which Myanmar and EU Parliament met on wards, here I would like to wish international relations can be extended and a modern, developed, flourishing democratic nation, be built.

Translation: HKA + MT

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker...

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Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt reported on accommodation, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint on decoration of the ceremony, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung and Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min on transport matters.

After that, Union Minister for Communications, Posts and

Telegraphs U Thein Tun presented reports on communication, sound control and voting machine matters, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan on reception, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin on providing health care services, and Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe on supply of electricity.

Those present participated in the general round discussions. After reviewing the discussions, the Speaker of the Pyithu



Union Minister at the President Office Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Thein Nyunt making clarifications. MNA



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan making clarifications. MNA

Hluttaw gave necessary instructions.—MNA

Union Minister for Border Affairs...

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Mr Johannes Ten Feld from the UNHCR expressed his hope that the local people would stay in amity, the crisis would be settled soon and actions would be taken against those who committed crimes. Measures are being taken for the UN agencies so that they come back to the region soon, he added. He expected that a society which has more tolerance to each

other would be established, he said.

After the meeting, the Union Minister and party visited Waithali Model Village and inspected houses which were destroyed during the unrest.

UN agencies UNDP, UNHCR, WFP, OCHA will make efforts for sending aids to people from 12 villages and from Ward-3 and Ward-5 in Maungtaw.

Similarly, 15 Islam religion leaders also met with townsenders and Islam religion leaders in Maungdtw and gave instructions on staying in peace in accordance with the Islam religion.

A medical team led by the acting director-general of the Health Department also provided medical care to refugees at the camps in Maungtaw.—MNA

Trees planting, free eye surgeries marked in Myaing Township

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—A ceremony to mark the monsoon tree planting season was held in conjunction with a ceremony to mark achievements in providing free medical care services to eye patients in Myaing Township was held outside Myaing Township People's Hospital on 11 June.

Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun planted trees to mark the ceremony which was also attended by the director-general of the Health Department, eye specialists and townsenders. Over 120 trees were planted during the

ceremony.

The ceremony to mark achievements in providing free medical services to eye patients was followed and Union Minister U Thein Tun presented certificates of honour to Ms Therese Worstmann, Eye Specialist of Myanmar Eye Center, for her voluntary services for eye surgeries, donors and the head of the Township Health Department. Director-General of the Health Department presented the certificates of honour the chairman of the supervisory committee for free eye surgery in the

township.

Over 170 patients received eye surgeries during the free medical treatment programme from 2 to 12 June. The programme was jointly organized by Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications and Ministry of Health and was sponsored by Myanmar Eye Center, Alcon Myanmar, Wai Yan Soe Moe Company and Mascost Co Ltd. The medical team was led by Dr Therese Worstmann from England and Dr Zaw Min Din from Tan Tock Seng Hospital in Singapore.—MNA

MNHRC, SEANF hold meeting



YANGON, 14 June—Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) and the South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF).

A meeting to exchange experiences on human rights in the region was held at the office of MNHRC here today.

The meeting was participated by delegations led by Rotating Chairperson of the SEANF Prof Ms Amara Pongsapich comprising chairmen and vice-chairmen of human rights commission from Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and East Temo Leste and Charman of MNHRC U Win Mra and members of the commission.

During the meeting, Chairman MNHRC U Win Mra extended greetings and responsible personnel briefed on the tasks of the five departments under MNHRC : the planning and financial department, the policy and law department, the human rights protection department, the international relations department and the human rights promotion and human rights knowledge dissemination department.

SEANF members raised questions and members of MNHRC exchanged views with them. Chairperson and members of SEANF and members of MNHRC discussed experiences of SEANF on promoting human rights in the respective countries.

SEANF chairperson and members will hold a meeting with NGOs at the same venue tomorrow.

MNA

Meeting between Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) and the South East Asia National Human Rights Institutions Forum (SEANF) in progress.—MNA

Danu National Democracy Party applies for registration to UEC

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—As the Union Election Commission has been scrutinizing and passing applications of political parties for registration, Danu National Democracy Party today applied for registration as a political party to UEC.—MNA

9th Japan Cup Judo Championship kicks off



Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito speaking at Japan Cup Judo Championship.—MNA

YANGON, 14 June—A ceremony to open the 9th Japan Cup Judo Championship 2012 was held at Theinbyu Gymnasium in Mingala Taungnyunt Township of Yangon Region at 9 am today.

Among the spectators were Yangon Region Transport Minister U Aung Khin, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito, officials of the Sports and Physical Education Department, Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Pro Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint, member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary of MWSF

Daw L Khun Yi, Patron of Judo Event Daw Lin Lin Tin and patrons, President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun, vice-presidents and executives.

First, the Japanese Ambassador extended greetings and the president of MJF made an opening address.

The Japanese Ambassador greeted winners in the Judo event of the XXV SEA Games individually. Afterwards, the first day matches commenced.

The Cup is categorized into 10 classes in men's and women's events.—MNA

Taikkyi Township holds tree growing ceremony 2012



TAIKKYI, 14 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 was held along both side of Uto-Aphyauk Road in Taikkyi Township on 9 June morning.

At the ceremony, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Han Sein, Taikkyi Township Constituency No. 1 of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Soe Win Maung, Constituency No. 2 U Myint

Aung, Township Administrator U Zaw Soe, Staff Officer U Zin Lin Tun of Township Forest Department, departmental officials, staff members, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Nu Nu Wai and members of social organizations, and local people planted 250 saplings.—Agriculture

New monastic education school opened in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 14 June—The opening ceremony of Sandayama Monastic Education School was held on Bo Aung Kyaw Street in Ward 22 of Hlinethaya Township in Yangon Region on 3 June.

The Chairman Sayadaw of the Supervisory Committee for Monastic

Education Schools, members of the Township Sangah Nayaka Committee and members of the Sangha attended the ceremony.

Sayadaw Ashin Chandavara will teach over 200 students. Wellwishers donated exercise books and bags for the children.

Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Hmawby

YANGON, 14 June—Hmawby Township General Administration Department of Yangon Region organized the rainy season tree growing ceremony 2012 at the entrance to Myaungdaga Foundry in Hmawby Township on 9 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Thein Myint made a speech.

Staff Officer U Than Oo of Township Forest

Department explained the purpose of growing trees.

Hmawby Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyi Myint, the township administrator



MLF invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

School uniforms given to students

MAUBIN, 14 June—As part of efforts to alleviate poverty, Maubin Township Development Affairs Committee spent the interests obtained from the loans disbursed to local people on providing school uniforms to students for 2012-2013 academic year, taking place at Township Development Affairs Committee on 5 June.

Executive Officer U Aung Kyaw Soe of Maubin Township Development



Affairs Committee and loan committee members presented school uniforms to 113 students.—Myanma Alin

Books donated to village library in Thanlyin Township

YANGON, 14 June—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund of Thuta Gabar Library was held in Chaungsaik Village of Thanlyin Township in Yangon South District on 4 June.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hla Po Mo explained development of the libraries meeting the five-point standard.

Next, Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 250 books, Chairman of District Sasana Nuggaha Association U Thein Zaw Lay one tower clock, the Township Administrator 200 books, Township IPRD 200 books, Sayadaw Bhaddanta U Sundara of Dhamma Withokdi Monastery of Chaungsaik Village one aluminium cardboard worth K 70,000 and local people K 20,000. The library committee accepted the donations.

The library was opened by Township Administrator U Moe Myint, Head of Township IPRD Daw Hla Po Mo and Village Administrator U Min Zaw.—Township IPRD



CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: As part of Moe Pwint-3 Plan, Head of Yangon Region Immigration and National Registration Department presents citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at Metta Ponnaya Kari Dhammayon in Metta Nyunt Ward of Tamway Township in Yangon Region on 6 June.

MYANMA ALIN

Shwe Nyaungdon Microfinance Services Cooperative Society holds AGM

NYAUNGDON, 14 June—The Annual General Meeting of Shwe Nyaungdon Microfinance Services Cooperative Ltd for 2011-2012 fiscal year was held at Basic Education Primary School in Yaywaing Ward of Nyaungdon on 3 June.

Chairperson of the Board of Directors Daw Myint Myint Khin made a speech. Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department U Than Tun explained matters related to microfinance service. Member of BOD U Soe Kyi read the executive committee report and financial statement.

and the staff officer of Township Forest Department distributed 1574 saplings to the local people to grow here.

Township Forest



Chairperson Daw Myint Myint Khin and officials presented cash assistance to students of members of the society and gifts to those who regularly paid back their

loans to the society.

Likewise, annual general meetings were held at its branches in Tagway and Hsamalauk Villages.

Myanma Alin

DHF preventive measures taken in Shwepyitha Township

YANGON, 14 June—Measures being taken for dengue hemorrhagic fever in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District on 9 June morning.

At the activities, Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo and health staff, Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Soe Moe and members took preventive measures

against DHF at houses in the wards.

Myanma Alin



School uniforms presented to offspring of vendors

PEKHON, 14 June—The presentation of school uniforms to offspring of vendors, sponsored by Pekhon Township Microfinance Service, was held at the town hall in Pekhon on 31 May.

Pekhon Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Francisco, Deputy Head U Sai Than Lwin of Township General Administration Department, Executive Officer U Kyaw Min Htaik of Township Development Affairs Committee and officials presented school uniforms worth K 332,000 to 83 students.—GAD

Magnitude 4.1 earthquake shakes southern California

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — A 4.1 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California on Wednesday evening, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injury.

The tremor hit at 8:17 pm local time and was centered 2 miles north of Yorba Linda, California, about 28 miles southeast of Los Angeles, according to the US Geological Survey.

The quake was followed by a 2.4 magnitude aftershock a few minutes later. — Reuters

Moderate quake shakes southeast Turkey

ISTANBUL, 14 June — A moderate earthquake with a magnitude of 5.5 shook Sivas province in southeast Turkey on Thursday, the Kandilli Observatory in Istanbul said.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties in the quake, whose epicenter was at Silopi, near the Iraqi border. The US Geological Survey said the quake had a magnitude of 5.3.

Earthquakes are a daily occurrence in Turkey, which is criss-crossed by geological fault lines. In October last year, more than 600 people died in the eastern province of Van after a quake of 7.2 magnitude and powerful aftershocks. — Reuters



Photo taken on 13 June, 2012 shows a sand sculpture castle during the Sand Sculpture Festival in Blankenberge, Belgium. — XINHUA

US drone strike kills three in Pakistan, officials say

PESHAWAR, (Pakistan), 14 June — Pakistani intelligence officials say a US drone strike has killed three suspected militants in an attack on a building in a town close to the Afghan border. The strike on Thursday in Miran Shah in North Waziristan was the second in the region in less than 24 hours.

The officials say the identities and nationalities of the men killed were not known. They didn't give

their names because they were not authorized to speak to the media on the record.

Washington has pushed on with its drone campaign against suspected Taliban and al-Qaeda operatives in Pakistani tribal areas, despite Pakistani objections.

The US doesn't release information on who it is killing, or the criteria used when targeting. Human rights groups say innocents are among the victims. — Internet

Head in the sand, OPEC sees no oil shale threat

VIENNA, 14 June — OPEC oil producers are not worried about the shale revolution. They might need to re-run their numbers. The United States imported 4.5 million barrels a day of OPEC crude last year, 20 percent of the cartel's exports and about half the country's import needs. But thanks to new technologies like hydraulic fracturing now sucking away on North American soil, the continent is already self

sufficient in natural gas, and is eyeing an even bigger landmark — OPEC-free oil supplies.

The US was the fastest-growing non-OPEC oil producer in 2011 for the third year in succession, the annual BP statistical review released on Wednesday said. US oil production is up 1 million bpd since 2006 to 7.84 million bpd, consumption is down 1.85 million to 18.84 million. "In 1990, North

American reserves and production were falling but thanks to unconventional, proved reserves have risen 68 percent since then," ConocoPhillips CEO Ryan Lance told an audience of OPEC ministers on Wednesday.

"North America could become self sufficient in oil as well (as gas) by 2025," he said at a conference before OPEC's policy-setting meeting in Vienna. State oil

company Saudi Aramco, the world number-one oil producer, has acknowledged the North American boom in shale, tar sands and other so-called unconventional production, but its prediction in November was far less explosive, at 6.6 million barrels a day — still well short of US needs, and not until 2035. And OPEC ministers gathering to decide output policy caps took a very relaxed view of the threat that shale oil might pose.

Reuters

Azerbaijan warns of anthrax outbreak in Georgia

BAKU, 14 June — The Ministry of Agriculture of Azerbaijan on Wednesday urged the country's customs authorities and retail facilities to stay alert to the spread of anthrax in neighbouring Georgia.

The warning applied primarily to meat and other food products imported from Georgia, said the State Veterinary Service under the Ministry of Agriculture.

The service said it had already sent a request to the Veterinary Service of Georgia for information about the situation of the current outbreak.

However, no response is received yet. All meat products imported from other countries should be vaccinated and go through a minimum period of

21 days of pre-export quarantine and test in labs, the State Veterinary Service said.

According to Georgian media, the disease is spreading in the regions of Georgia densely populated by Azerbaijanis, and 30 people including 20 Azerbaijanis have been infected so far.

Anthrax outbreaks in Georgia have been frequent in recent years.

Bacillus anthracis, a pathogenic bacterium found throughout the world, is the causative agent of anthrax in mammals, including both wild animals and domestic livestock.

Anthrax remains an endemic disease worldwide and still has potential to threaten public health.

Xinhua



China's Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft is in final preparations for its launch in mid-June, paving the way for China's first manned space docking mission.

XINHUA

Nokia to cut 10,000 jobs after weak second quarter

PARIS, 14 June — Loss-making Finnish cellphone maker Nokia plans to cut another 10,000 jobs globally in its biggest revamp in recent history, while it warned the second-quarter loss from its cellphone business would be larger than expected.

The cuts, which include the closure of Nokia's only plant in Finland, bring total planned

job cuts at the group since Stephen Elop took over as chief executive in 2010 to more than 40,000.

Nokia said on Thursday that it would book additional restructuring charges of around 1 billion euros (\$1.3 billion) by the end of 2013.

The company, whose cash position is increasingly scrutinized by investors, also said restructuring-related

cash outflows would be around 650 million euros in the remaining three quarters of 2012 and around 600 million in 2013.

Shares in Nokia fell 9 percent in early trading and were down 6.9 percent at 0711 GMT.

Nokia stock has crashed more than 70 percent since it announced in February 2011 that it was dropping its own Symbian smartphone operating software and switching to Microsoft's largely untried Windows Phone system.

"These changes underline the seriousness of the challenges Nokia is facing, particularly in light of the eye-watering competition from Apple and Samsung," said Ben Wood, head of research at CCS Insight.

Nokia also said it would sell luxury phone business Vertu to venture firm EQT. (\$1 = 0.7953 euros).

Reuters

Statoil, ExxonMobil make big gas find off Tanzania

OSLO, 14 June — Norwegian oil firm Statoil and ExxonMobil have discovered a large natural gas deposit off the coast of Tanzania and added further resources to another nearby find, Statoil said in a statement on Thursday.

The discovery, Statoil's seventh major find in just over a year, confirmed 3 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of gas in the Lavani well, 2,400 meters under the sea.

In addition, the firms also added 1 Tcf of gas to an earlier 5 Tcf discovery in the

Zafarani sidetrack in the same block just 16 kilometres away, Statoil, the block's operator said.

"We estimate a value of the discovery plus the upgrade on the Zafarani discovery of NOK 1.3 per share," Swedbank First Securities said in a note. "We assume a fair share price reaction would be NOK 0.8-1.0 per share," it added.

The discovery confirms Statoil's recent track record for solid upstream success after it has made big finds in the mature areas of

the North Sea, the Arctic Barents sea, in Brazil and Tanzania.

The block further bolsters east Africa's hydrocarbon potential following a string of discoveries by oil majors off Mozambique and Tanzania.

Statoil operates the license on 5,500-square-kilometre Block 2 on behalf of Tanzania Petroleum Development Corporation and holds a 65 percent stake while ExxonMobil Exploration has 35 percent.

Reuters

Explosion rocks northern Afghanistan, injuring at least 11 people

KABUL, 14 June — An explosion rocked Jowzjan province of northern Afghanistan on Thursday morning, leaving 11 people injured, according to Afghan police.

"A remote control bomb was set off in Karte Dostom area of Sheberghan, capital of Jowzjan Province, at

around 7 o'clock local time today, leaving 11 people injured," Azizullah, police chief of Jowzjan Province, told Xinhua, adding that the explosion was apparently targeting Haji Dastagir, a tribal elder in the area who is among the injured with his two sons.

No one has claimed

responsibility for this attack so far. The Taliban insurgents, who have been waging more than a decade-long insurgency, launched a new spring offensive on 3 May to target Afghan forces as well as US and NATO troops across the country, which caused many civilian casualties at the same time. — Xinhua



The Nokia Research and Development Centre is seen in Helsinki.

REUTERS

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MYANMA RAILWAYS
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1. Open Tenders are invited for supply of the following items in Euro;

Sr No	Tender No	Description	Qty
1.	12(T)5/MR(ML) 2012-2013	Roller Bearing	89-Items
2.	12(T)6/MR(ML) 2012-2013	Repair of PGEV Governor (CAT-3516)	6-Nos

Closing Date & Time - 31.7.2012 (Tuesday) (12:00)Hours

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 18.6.2012 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager, Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of Theinbyu Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994.

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Newly crowned Miss World Hungary Tamara Cserhati (C) poses with Miss Universe Hungary Agnes Konkoly (R) and Miss Earth Hungary Alexandra Kocsis(L) after winning a joint beauty contest in Budapest, Hungary on 9 June, 2012.
XINHUA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV ASIAN LEADER VOY NO (17)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ASIAN LEADER VOY NO (17) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: NYK LINE

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India releases Dornier plane detained for flying over air force base illegally

NEW DELHI, 14 June — Indian authorities on Monday evening released a chartered aircraft which they had detained since Sunday night in the western state of Rajasthan's capital Jaipur for flying over a combat air base in the city of Jodhpur without permission, an official said on Tuesday.

"The Dornier 228 aircraft originated from the Gulf state of Oman's capital Muscat.

After flying to Karachi in Pakistan, it landed in Jaipur enroute Bangkok. But the plane was detained overnight Sunday for flying over Indian Air Force combat base in Jodhpur," the official said, on condition of

anonymity. Two pilots and four crew members were interrogated by intelligence agencies as Dornier planes are often used for surveillance missions.

"The crew members told the interrogators that the aircraft's GPS device malfunctioned which led it to fly over the airbase.

The plane has been allowed to leave India on Monday after nothing suspicious was detected.

The pilots have been led off with a warning," the official added. India has large military presence in Rajasthan due to its proximity with Pakistan.

Xinhua

A Los Angeles Police Officer watches as fans celebrate outside Staples Centre after the Los Angeles Kings won the Stanley Cup in Los Angeles, California on 11 June, 2012. The Los Angeles Kings won the Stanley Cup for the first time in the team's 45-year history by defeating the New Jersey Devils 4-2 in the best-of-seven National Hockey League (NHL) championship series on Monday.—INTERNET



CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV COMET ACE VOY NO(1)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV COMET ACE VOY NO (1) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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MV SANG THAI IRIS VOYNO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SANG THAI IRIS VOYNO (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(2) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: SANG THAI SHIPPING CO LTD

Phone No: 256924/256914

Pacific nations, EU to discuss climate change support

WELLINGTON, 14 June— The European Union (EU) and Pacific island nations Tuesday launched a plan for greater dialogue on climate change issues and increased climate change support.

The plan was launched at the Second Ministerial Meeting between the EU and the Pacific Islands Forum, chaired in Auckland by New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully. McCully said in a statement on the launch of the Joint Pacific-EU Plan of Action on Climate Change that he welcomed the EU's continued engagement in the Pacific region. "As the current chair of the Pacific Islands Forum, New Zealand is committed to furthering cooperation between the forum and the wider international

community," McCully said.

"The EU is spending 1.4 billion NZ dollars (1.08 billion US dollars) on development assistance to the Pacific over six years. Bringing together large donors like the EU and representatives from forum countries will greatly enhance assistance to the Pacific." The meeting was also attended by Cook Islands Prime Minister Henry Puna and Vanuatu Finance Minister Moana Carcasses Kalosil. The EU was represented by Danish Minister for Development Cooperation Christian Friis Bach and EU Commissioner for Development Andris Piebalgs. McCully said the delegates also discussed how to more effectively manage the Pacific's tuna stocks and recent developments in Fiji. "The group called for an inclusive constitutional consultation process and free and fair elections in an environment where human rights and fundamental freedoms are fully respected." The military-led government of Fiji has pledged to return the island nation to a parliamentary democracy with elections by September 2014.—Xinhua



Japanese climber Hiroataka Takeuchi stands in front of a banner after he was felicitated by the President of Nepal Mountaineering Association Zimba Zangbu Sherpa, in Kathmandu, Nepal, on 10 June, 2012.—INTERNET

Japanese man climbs all world's 14 tallest peaks

KATHMANDU, 14 June — A Japanese mountaineer who was nearly killed by an avalanche in 2007 finished a climb in Nepal last month that made him his country's first person to scale the world's 14 tallest mountains.

"I have always wanted to climb mountains as long as I remember," Hiroataka Takeuchi said on Monday in Kathmandu. "It was always my childhood dream to scale high peaks."

The Nepal Mountaineering Association said Takeuchi scaled the 8,167-meter-high (26,788-foot-high) Mount Dhaulagiri on 26 May to finish his 17-year mission.

All the top 14 peaks — including Everest, K2 and Kanchenjunga — are in the Himalayan or Karakoram ranges of Asia.

Takeuchi is the 30th person to climb all 14 and the first climber from Japan, association official Deepash Bikram Shah said.

Takeuchi plans to return to the Himalayas to climb another peak next year. "I will continue to climb as long as my body will allow me," he said.

Takeuchi's mission almost ended in 2007 when an avalanche on Mount Gashabrum swept him some 300 metres (1,000 feet) and buried him completely in snow.

Two German climbers were killed in the avalanche, and a third was injured badly.

Takeuchi was dug out by other mountaineers and rescued by helicopter.

Internet

Shin-kicking Championships held in Britain

The judge of the Shin-kicking Championships in Britain said the sport is about more than just two men kicking each other below the knees.

James Wiseman, who judged this year's Shin-kicking Championships at the Cotswold Olimpicks, an event held in Chipping Camden, England, on-and-off since the 1600s, said the event is similar to wrestling, ITN reported.

"I kind of get quite annoyed when people think that shin-kicking is quite

literally two guys facing each other and kicking each other as hard as possible in the shins," Wiseman said.

"The easiest ways to describe it is it's a bit like wrestling but with a lot of contact below the knees.

The idea is really to throw the person to the ground, but to throw the person to the ground you've got to unbalance by kicking them first."

The winner of this year's event was Zac Warren, 23, of Pershaw, England.



Bamboo bike building takes trial and error

A Washington State man said it took him a lot of trial and error to build his own bike out of bamboo. Paul Fish of Spokane, founder of retail and online outdoor-equipment company Mountain Gear, said he decided to build the bamboo bike on a whim and his initial attempts resulted in a lot of learning experiences, the Spokesman-Review,

Spokane, reported.

"Do you know what happens when you don't punch a hole in the nodes of a bamboo pole before applying the torch? The pole explodes," Fish said.

Fish said he received a lot of valuable advice from the Bikecad Web site, www.bikecad.ca, and local machinist and bike-frame

builder Gary Selner of Hairy Gary Bicycles. He said he was able to complete his first successful bamboo bike last week. "Don't get any ideas," Fish said. "I like my new bamboo bike, but I'm not going anywhere as a bike builder."

News Album

Cafeteria workers win old food dispute

A union representing cafeteria workers in a Pennsylvania school district won a victory in a dispute over being forced to pay for unsellable items they eat.

The American Federa-

tion of State, County and Municipal Employees filed the grievance in 2011 against the Sharpville Area School District, alleging officials "violated established past practice" by

forcing cafeteria workers to pay for food or drinks that safe food regulations do not allow them to sell to students, *The (Sharon) Herald* reported.

The settlement, passed

by a unanimous school board vote on 21 May, states workers can consume the items—which include expired and reheated food and drink items—for free.

The workers do so, however, at their own risk.

'Godspell' closing on Broadway this month

NEW YORK, 14 June — The producers of "Godspell" say Broadway's first revival of the rock musical will play its final performance at the Circle in the Square Theatre on 24 June.

The show began previews on 13 Oct and officially opened on 7 Nov. At the time of its closing, it will have played 30 preview performances and 264 regular

performances.

"I've never been more proud of a show than I am of 'Godspell,'" lead producer Ken Davenport said in a statement. "For nine months this incredible company of performers brought joy into the hearts of more than 153,000 people (and blasted them with over 1,000 pounds of confetti) ... forever changing their lives, and mine

as well. And while this production of 'Godspell' may not be at Circle in the Square past the 24th of June, it will be in our hearts and the hearts of everyone who saw it forever."

Its first national tour is to begin during the 2013-14 theater season.

"Godspell" originally opened off Broadway in 1971 and was first staged on Broadway in 1976.—*Internet*



Denise Richards and Richie Sambora have broken up again.—INTERNET

Richards and Sambora break up again

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—US actress Denise Richards and rocker Richie Sambora have broken up after less than a year of dating, sources told *Us Magazine.com*.

"They're done," an insider said of the couple, who previously dated from 2006-07, then reunited last fall.

Asked on "Access

Hollywood Live" on Tuesday what her dating status is, Richards said only, "I'm friends with some very lovely men and everything's great!" Richards has two daughters with her ex-husband, actor Charlie Sheen, as well as a baby girl she adopted as a single mom last year.—*Internet*



Anna Maria Perez de Tagle of the Broadway Musical *Godspell* performs at the New York Stock Exchange on the day of the 88th Annual NYSE Christmas Tree Lighting on Wall Street in New York City on 6 December, 2011. INTERNET



Kate Walsh arrives at the taping of the "Comedy Central Roast of Charlie Sheen", at Sony Pictures Studios in Culver City, California on 10 September, 2011. INTERNET

Kate Walsh leaving 'Private Practice'

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—Kate Walsh says she is leaving "Private Practice" at the end of the US medical drama's upcoming sixth season.

TVGuide.com said Walsh made the announcement on Bethenny Frankel's new daytime talk show in an interview to air on Wednesday.

"This is my last season for 'Private Practice.' ... It's been an incredible journey, an amazing ride. I'm hugely, hugely grateful," she said.

"It's been a long time being Addison," Walsh said of her character. "I feel incredibly grateful to [writer-producer] Shonda Rhimes and all the fans that have been there from Day 1 to now. I'm really excited about the last season."

Walsh's co-star Tim Daly announced last month he wouldn't be back for Season 6.

Internet

Lynch, Colfer to be 'Glee Project' mentors



Jane Lynch will co-mentor for 'The Glee Project.' INTERNET

NEW YORK, 14 June—Oxygensays "Glee" stars Jane Lynch, Amber Riley, Chris Colfer and Darren Criss will

be mentors on its US reality show "The Glee Project."

Lynch will talk to contestants about fear-

lessness on 17 July, while Riley will discuss determination on the 31 July edition of the show.

Criss will appear on the 7 Aug episode, while Colfer will drop by 21 Aug.

Now in its second season, "The Glee Project" is a reality series in which aspiring actors and singers compete for a recurring role on the music-themed dramedy "Glee."—*Internet*

Shepherd, Stamos taking over 'Best Man' roles

NEW YORK, 14 June—Cybill Shepherd, John Stamos, Kristin Davis and Elizabeth Ashley are taking over roles from outgoing cast members in the Broadway revival of "The Best Man."

The show's producers said on Tuesday Shepherd, Stamos, Davis and Ashley will be replacing Candice Bergen, Eric McCormack,

Kerry Butler and Angela Lansbury, respectively.



Cybill Shepherd

Shepherd, Stamos and Davis will begin performances on 10 July, while Ashley will start on 24 July.

Original cast members James Earl Jones, John Larroquette, Jefferson Mays and Mark Blum, who replaced the injured Michael McKean this month, will remain with the production through its final performance on 9 Sept.

The show began previews on 6 March and officially opened 1 April at Manhattan's Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre. Its limited engagement was extended twice due to popular demand.—*Internet*

'Gone with the Wind' actress Ann Rutherford dead at 94

LOS ANGELES, 14 June—Ann Rutherford, an actress famous for her work in "Gone with the Wind" and the Andy Hardy movies, has died at her home in Beverly Hills, Calif. She was 94.

The Vancouver native's close friend and fellow actress Anne Jeffreys confirmed her death on Monday night to the *Los Angeles Times*.

Jeffreys said Rutherford

had been in declining health and suffered heart problems.

Rutherford made her film debut in 1935's "Waterfront Lady" and went on to make nearly 60 movies by 1950.

The *Times* said she spent her later years attending events related to "Gone with the Wind," the 1939 film classic in which she played Carreen O'Hara, sister of Southern belle Scarlett,

played by Vivien Leigh.

Internet



Ann Rutherford has died at her home in Beverly Hills, Calif. She was 94. Shown in 2006 file photo.—INTERNET

Italy held to 1-1 draw by Croatia in Group C

POZNAN, 14 June — Italy sat back and paid for it Thursday in a 1-1 draw with Croatia at the European Championship.

Andrea Pirlo gave Italy the lead with a curving free kick in the 39th minute but Mario Mandzukic was left unmarked to equalize in the 72nd.

Having opened with a 3-1 win over Ireland, Croatia has four points in Group C.

Italy has two points after its opening 1-1 with defending champion Spain.

Italy had numerous other early chances, but the Azzurri lacked finishing quality.

At the start of the second half, Italy rarely threatened, instead choosing to absorb Croatia's attacks. The tactic backfired when Ivan Strinic launched a long pass from the left flank to Mandzukic, who had time to control at the edge of the box and shoot in off the post.

Internet



Croatia's Mario Mandzukic, center, scores his side's first goal past Italy goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon during the Euro 2012 soccer championship Group C match between Italy and Croatia in Poznan, Poland, Thursday, 14 June, 2012.

INTERNET

Di Matteo named permanent Chelsea boss

Chelsea appoint Roberto di Matteo as their manager on a two-year deal

LONDON, 14 June — Chelsea have appointed Roberto Di Matteo as their manager on a permanent basis. The Italian led the club to FA Cup and Champions League success last season after stepping in as interim boss following the exit of Andre Villas-Boas. He returned from holiday to finalise a two-year contract to take charge of the Blues. Chelsea chief executive Ron Gourlay said: "Roberto's quality was clear for all to see when he galvanised the squad last season and helped the club make history, and the owner and board are very pleased he will be continuing his good work."

"We all believed he was a young coach with much to offer when we first asked him



Roberto di Matteo guided Chelsea to victory in the FA Cup and Champions League.—INTERNET

to take charge of team affairs in March and the manner in which he worked with us, the players and all the staff, and the success that followed, made him the clear choice when it came to selecting the person to take us forward in the seasons to come. "We will be working closely with Roberto in the weeks ahead, some exciting signings have already been made and Roberto has had input into those.

"Although he has set the bar very high in the short time he has been in charge, we know that Roberto is the right man to lead Chelsea onto further success." The 42-year-old Di Matteo added: "I'm obviously delighted to have been appointed as manager and first-team coach. We all achieved incredible success last season that made history for this great club. "Our aim is to continue building on that and I'm already planning and looking forward to the squad's return for pre-season." Di Matteo is the fourth Italian to manage Chelsea, continuing his association with the club that began in 1996 when he signed from Lazio.—Internet

Germany's second victory puts Netherlands on brink

KHARKIV, (Ukraine), 14 June — Germany moved closer to the last-eight berth after beating the Netherlands 2-1 in an enthralling Group B encounter in the European Championship on Wednesday. Mario Gomez's stylish goals in the first half put the Netherlands on the verge of an early exit despite Robin van Persie's late rebirth to deliver a fine strike. With two wins in a row, Germany, three-time winner of the tournament, topped the so-called "Group of Death" after Portugal outscored Denmark 3-2 in the afternoon, both having collected three points. "It's not easy. There are many hurdles in this called death group."

"Six points are very good results. We will treat the last group match like what we did. We will fight for the victory to win the group," said the Germany coach Joachim Low. The Netherlands, who have never failed to progress from



Robin van Persie (C) of Netherlands celebrates after scoring during the Group B 2nd round match against Germany at the Euro 2012 football championships in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on 13 June, 2012.—XINHUA

the group stage since their triumph in 1988, now have lost control of their fate and must beat Portugal in the last round with better goal difference in the group provided that Germany also beat Denmark. "Of course we're disappointed. We were not strong in defence. But the situation is that we still have a chance to go through. When you have a chance, you have to believe and fight," said the Dutch coach Bert van

Marwijk. It is another chapter of one of Europe's most enthralling footballing rivalries, who just finished their 39th time contest. Germany extended their advantageous record to 15 wins, 14 draws and 10 defeats. The Netherlands were desperate for goals when Premier League's top scorer Robin van Persie found two clear chances in the opening ten minutes but the forward's

volley and right-footed effort both missed the target. "We started well in the first 20 minutes with a few good chances. But there was too much space for the German's goal," added by Van Marwijk. Gomez, who headed in Germany's only goal in the 1-0 victory over Portugal in the opening match, continued his top form to break the deadlock in the 24th minute when he beat the keeper Maarten Stekelenburg calmly in the box after running onto a neat pass from Bastian Schweinsteiger.

The same Bayern Munich combination doubled the German lead after 16 minutes when Schweinsteiger fed the central forward on the right side of the area to send the ball to the top left corner. The Netherlands had no choice and brought all their high-profile attacking talents onto the field to change the starting 4-2-3-1 formation to a more offensive 4-3-3.—Xinhua

Beaten Murray won't panic over Wimbledon

LONDON, 14 June — World number four Andy Murray is adamant the shock end of his reign as Queen's champion won't damage his chances of winning Wimbledon. Murray had won the pre-Wimbledon warm-up event at Queen's Club twice in the last three years and he arrived in west London hoping for another extended run on the grass courts.



Britain's Andy Murray during the Aegon Championships men's singles second round match against France's Nicolas Mahut on 13 June.—REUTERS

But the Scot, who received a first round bye as the top seed, produced an error-strewn display that allowed France's Nicolas Mahut to complete a 6-3, 6-7 (4/7), 7-6 (7/1) second round victory on Wednesday. Mahut, who was the runner-up at Queen's in 2007, is a solid grass-court performer and his confidence is sky high after beating former world number one Andy Roddick at the French Open last month.

But Murray would still have expected to see off a player 61 places below him in the world rankings. It was the worst possible preparation for his latest assault on the Wimbledon title, but Murray, who has struggled with a back injury in recent weeks, remains confident he will be able to mount a strong challenge at the All England Club.—Reuters

International Sports

Schiavone out of Birmingham after 1st-round defeat



Francesca Schiavone

BIRMINGHAM, 14 June — Top-seeded Francesca Schiavone was upset 7-5, 6-4 by Miskai Dothe of Japan in the first round of the grass-court Aegon Classic on Wednesday.

The Italian said she's still adjusting to grass after the clay-court season and

hopes to improve before Wimbledon and the London Olympics at the All England Club.

"Of course it is upsetting, but it is hard for me, it takes time to adapt to a grass-court rhythm," Schiavone said. Schiavone joined several seeded players exiting the Birmingham tournament.

The sixth-seeded Mona Barthel of Germany fell to Andrea Hlavackova of the Czech Republic 7-6 (5), 6-2 and the seventh-seeded Christina McHale of the United States lost 6-1, 1-6, 7-5 to Elena Vesnina of Russia. Jelena Jankovic staged off a bee and two set points in a 6-1, 7-6 (3) win over British wild-card Melanie South.—Internet

Tiger and Rory set for stern US Open test

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 June — The stage is set for a riveting US Open at the revered but challenging Olympic Club with former world number one Tiger Woods seemingly back to his best, and defending champion Rory McIlroy not far off. Woods and McIlroy are capable of electrifying the galleries with their power and precision and both are itching to return to the major winner's circle in the championship widely accepted as the most grueling of all.

It has been four long years since Woods won the

most recent of his 14 majors, in a playoff for the 2008 US Open, and he knows time is perhaps not on his side as he tries to hunt down the record 18 piled up by golfing great Jack Nicklaus. While his form has come in fits and starts this year, Woods issued a timely US Open warning to his rivals with his remarkable two-shot victory at the Memorial tournament two weeks ago in Dublin, Ohio.

"It feels good," Woods, a three-times US Open champion, told reporters while preparing for Thursday's opening round on the Lake

Course at Olympic. "I've played the golf course now a couple of times and it's quick out there. "I'm excited about playing, excited about this golf course. I've played a lot here in college and it's great to be back," added the 36-year-old American, who attended nearby Stanford University. Woods, who tied for 18th when the US Open was last held at Olympic in 1998, is well aware of the demands on precise ball-striking made by the fast running Lake Course with its tilting dogleg fairways.

"This probably tests the player more than any other



Tiger Woods of the US tees off on the 16th hole during a practice round for the 2012 US Open golf tournament on the Lake Course at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, California on 13 June, 2012.—REUTERS

championship," he said. We have to shape the ball. We have to hit the ball high. We have to hit the ball low. Our short game's got to be dialed in.—Reuters

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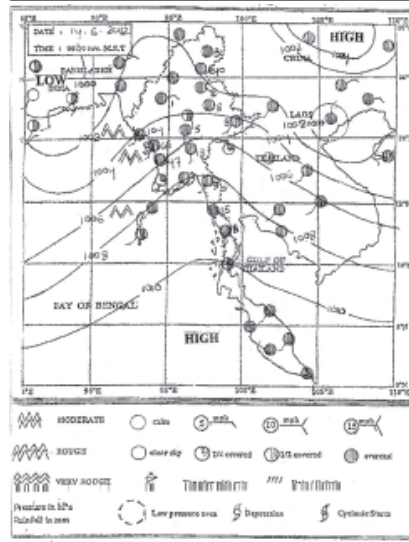
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(15-6-2012) (Friday)

- 7:00 am 1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:50 am 2. Nice & Sweet Song
- 8:00 am 3. Health Programme
- 8:15 am 4. The Mirror Images of The Musical Oldies
- 8:45 am 5. Teleplay (Traffic)
- 4:10 pm 6. Musical Programme
- 4:20 pm 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm 8. Songs Of Yester Years
- 4:40 pm 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Third Year (Maths)
- 5:00 pm 10. Myanmar Language
- 5:20 pm 11. Teleplay (Health)
- 5:30 pm 12. Sports Highlight
- 6:20 pm 13. Internet Garden
- 8:00 pm 14. News
15. Just For Laughs
16. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 15th June, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow		Percent
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Forecast	
1	Kachin	27.81	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)	
2	Kayah	28.82	21.70	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
3	Kayah	26.79	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
4	Chin	23.75	18.84	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
5	Upper Sagaing	32.80	26.79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
6	Lower Sagaing	34.80	26.79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
7	Tainthary	28.82	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
8	Bago	27.81	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
9	Magway	33.81	26.79	Scattered rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)	
10	Mandalay	35.85	26.79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
11	Mon	32.80	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
12	Yangon	33.81	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
13	Rakhine	27.81	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(80%)	
14	Southern Shan	22.72	18.84	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
15	Northern Shan	30.86	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
16	Eastern Shan	32.80	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
17	Ayeyawady	33.81	26.79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
18	Neighbouring My Pyi Taw	31.88	24.75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33.81	24.75	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35.85	26.79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)	

Summary of observations at 09:30 hr MST on today

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

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Redknapp sacked as Tottenham manager

LONDON, 14 June—Harry Redknapp was sacked as manager of Tottenham Hotspur on Thursday after nearly four years in charge of the Premier League club.

"This is not a decision the board and I have taken lightly," said Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy in a statement. "Harry arrived at the club at a time when his experience and approach was exactly what was needed."

"This decision in no way detracts from the excellent work Harry has done during his time with the club and I should like to thank him for his achievements and contribution."

Spurs were bottom of the

Premier League table when Redknapp arrived at White Hart Lane from Portsmouth in 2008 and Levy added: "Harry will always be welcome at the Lane."

Redknapp, in a statement issued by Tottenham, said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Spurs and am proud of my achievements. I have had a fantastic four years with the club, at times the football has been breathtaking. "I am sad to be leaving but wish to thank the players, staff and fans for their terrific support during my time there."

The 65-year-old Englishman was known to be pushing Levy for an extension to his



Harry Redknapp during an English Premier League match between Tottenham Hotspur and Queen Park Rangers in October 2011.—INTERNET

contract, which was due to expire at the end of next season, saying the uncertainty surrounding his position was destabilising the squad.

It has been claimed that Levy was only willing to offer Redknapp a rolling 12-month contract whereas Redknapp favoured a longer deal.

Redknapp, whose status as the media and fans' favourite to become the next manager of England was ignored by the Football Association (FA) when they chose Roy Hodgson instead, did achieve Levy's goal of a top four Premier League finish last season.—Internet

Messi haunts misfiring Ronaldo even at Euro

LIVIV, 14 June—Cristiano Ronaldo could do with a goal — and without mention of Lionel Messi at Euro 2012. The 27-year-old Portuguese superstar has yet to score in the tournament and a succession of missed chances in the thrilling 3-2 win over Denmark ended with Danish fans chanting 'Messi! Messi!'.

It was the last thing the Real Madrid player needed to hear the name of the three-time world player of the year being chanted after the

Argentinian superstar left Ronaldo trailing in second place in the La Liga scoring charts last season. Needless to say Ronaldo fired off his own riposte — hitting its target more effectively than he had done in the match.

"Do you know what he (Messi) was doing this time last year? He was going out of the Copa America in the quarter-finals." Ronaldo's lack of goals should not come as a complete surprise as he has scored just five times in 15 games at major finals since appearing at Euro 2004 in his homeland.

With the added burden of the captaincy on his shoulders many have wondered — probably the same people who say that like Messi he leaves his best form at home when he dons his national jersey — whether he could handle that as well.—Internet

Premier League wins extra £1 b in new TV deal

LONDON, 14 June—The English Premier League has confirmed its position as one of world sport's most popular tournaments by announcing a new television broadcast deal worth over £1 billion (\$1.55 billion) more than the existing agreement.

EPL chief executive Richard Scudamore said Wednesday they had sold their live television broadcast rights to Sky, one of their existing satellite broadcasters, and BT, best known as a telecommunications company, for a total of £3.018 billion. Sky have bought five of the seven available packages for the seasons 2013/14 to 2015/16, totalling 116 matches per year.

BT have acquired the rights for 32 matches that season but their package includes 18 of the 38 first-choice picks. It all means the



Manchester City's Ivorian midfielder Yaya Toure celebrates after scoring against Newcastle at Sports Direct Arena in Newcastle, north-east England on 6 May.

INTERNET Premier League have secured an impressive £1.254 billion increase on the current deal, which is shared between Sky and ESPN. Scudamore said the thrilling climax to last season, when Manchester City won the title in injury time on the final day, contributed to the increase. Internet

Librarian course 18 June-17 July

YANGON, 14 June—The librarian course (second grade) No 1/2012 will be conducted by Myanmar Libraries Foundation from 18 June to 17 July.

Those wishing to attend the course may enlist at Myanmar Libraries Federation, No 85, Thiri Mingala Avenue, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Tel: 660387, 663902 and fax: 663902.—MLF



CASH PRESENTED: A ceremony to give cash assistance to students of staff members from Shwepyitha Township General Administration Department was held at the hall of the department on 31 May. Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oo presents cash assistance to the students.

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Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (C) during the Euro 2012 match against Denmark on 13 June. He has yet to score in the tournament and a succession of missed chances in the 3-2 win over Denmark ended with Danish fans chanting 'Messi! Messi!'.—INTERNET



Union Minister meets Japanese, Thai guests

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—Union Minister for Electric Power No. 2 U Khin Maung Soe received a Japanese delegation led by Executive Officer and Chief Executive Officer for Asia and Oceania Mr. Takashi Ikeda of Sojitz Corporation, at his office here yesterday morning.

During the meeting, Mr. Takashi Ikeda expressed his hope that Sojitz Co is willing to make an investment in Myanmar electric sector, to engaging in Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) to be implemented including 500 KV power grid and projects for construction of sub-power station. The Union Minister explained types of foreign investments made by Chinese and Korean Companies in the construction of the sub-power stations, in collaboration with the Ministry of Electric Power No. 2.

Likewise, the Union Minister held a meeting with Acting President Mr. Somboon Arayaskul of Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand International and Senior



Union Minister for Electric Power No 2 U Khin Maung Soe receives Acting President Mr Somboon Arayaskul of Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand International Co and Senior General Manager Mr Ken Kawai and party of Mitsubishi Corporation of Japan.—MNA

General Manager Mr. Ken Kawai of Mitsubishi Corporation (Japan) and party at his office yesterday.

At the meeting, those from Mitsubishi Corporation suggested to use two Mitsubishi branded natural gas turbines which are now in Thailand for supplying the needs of electric power in the summer in Myanmar. It takes

more time to fix new generators than to use the fixed generators and the two fixed turbines in Thailand can run from February, 2013. And he added that Myanmar needs to fulfill the requirement to implement the programme as soon as possible.

EGAT International official concerned presented

reports to the Union Minister on project structure, tentative schedule, needs of gas and the places chosen for the installation, and the matters related to allowing engineers of the ministry to examine the two turbines in Thailand.

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Ministry of Health to produce doctors with a sense of devotion

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June—To be able to keep abreast of the international community in the health cares and medicine, it is necessary to produce highly qualified human resources in health sector, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin said. He added that the Medical Science Department has been producing those with a sense of devotion after adopting plans and work programmes as required by the State for producing human resources in health sector with the extended opening of new universities, applying modern technology. In doing so, post-graduate training courses have been introduced since 1964 with the aim of training and turning out medical professionals of international level, said Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin at post-graduate medical studies seminar being held at the Ministry of Health this morning.

The Union minister stressed the needs for those concerned to devote much more attention to producing the well-qualified post-graduate physicians of various subjects, for only the Ministry of Health has to widely engage in choosing candidates, giving training and systematic scrutinizing and conferring degrees. Only then will it be able to produce highly qualified physicians.

The President himself called those responsible to train and nurture doctors not only to merely obtain degrees but also to be qualified in their studies and equipped with a sense of devotion, said the union minister.

In conclusion, the Union minister called on introducing curriculums, teaching programmes and assessing systems which are in accord with the changing health cares of the State and the changing medicine of the world.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, directors-general, rectors and officials, training chairmen of universities of medicine and related training courses and invited guests.

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Cash, foodstuff donated for local people of Rakhine State

YANGON, 14 June—As local people lost housings and property in recent incidents in Rakhine State, the cash and foodstuff donation ceremony for the local people was held at the hall of Fire Services Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Mayangon Township this morning.

At the ceremony, An

Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thein Swe and wife Daw Mya Theingi and family donated K 2 million and goods worth K 2.5 million, Myitta Thingaha artistes K 4 million and 19 bales of clothes, Yangon Times and Flower News journals of Yangon Media Group Co Ltd K 2 million, U Sein Than of Shwe Thazin Co

70 boxes of Fuji detergent worth K 1.41 million, Cairo Construction and Tailoring K 3 million, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association K 860,000 and personal goods, Managing Director U Myo Ko Ko of Shine Construction Co K 2 million, Director U Zaw Naing of Pinlon Yadana Development Construction K 1 million, General Manager U Kyaw Win of Tawwin Myay Construction Co K 1 million, Manager U Kyaw Aye of Tawwin Myay Agriculture Co K 500,000, U Kyaw Naing (Real Estate Trading) K 300,000, U Thein Tan and family K 200,000, U Myo Win Aung-Daw Kyi Thanda Phyu and family one bale of clothes, Daw San San Aye and family K 200,000, U Nyan Htet Win-Daw Shwe Sin Win family six bales of clothes, Ma Phyo Theingi Wai and friends K 64,200, Ma Kyi Pyar K 100,000, Daw Phyu Phyu Win and family K 100,000, U Ye Kyaw-Daw Thi Thi Tun and family K 50,000 and one bale



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin addresses post-graduate medical studies seminar.—MNA

Min Thein and family K 101,000, U Kyaw Soe Tint two bales of clothes, U Ye Thu Aung K 100,000, Sayadaw U Vayapavudha and disciples K 56500, U Win Min Naing-Daw Aye Aye Mar and family of Win Myanmar Automobile Manufacturing Industry

K 500,000, and U Tun-Daw Khin Mar Win K 300,000 and four bales of clothes.

Director-General U Tin Moe of FSD accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors.

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Wellwishers donate cash for people of Rakhine State through officials.—MNA

Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (14-6-2012)

Myitkyina	(9.65) inches
Mogaung	(7.13) inches
Sittway	(4.37) inches
Thandwe	(3.98) inches
Taungup	(3.70) inches
An	(3.55) inches