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Live broadcast of President U Thein Sein's State of Union Address on 19 June

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will deliver State of the Union Address on reform process for the development of the country, to Union-level organization members, Region/State Government Chief Ministers, Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zones, deputy ministers and departmental heads, at the meeting hall of President Office,

at 9 am (Tuesday) on 19 June.

For the public coverage, it will be broadcast live from Myanmar International Channel (Local), MRTV-4 Channel, MWD (Variety) Channel and Skynet Up to Date Channel at 9am. The full text of the address will appear in Myanmar Alin Daily and Kyemon Daily and the translation, the New Light of Myanmar Daily to be published on 20-6-2012.—MNA

Our Three Main National Causes

- * Non-disintegration of the Union
- * Non-disintegration of National Solidarity
- * Perpetuation of Sovereignty

Locals in Rakhine State supplied with cash, foodstuff

YANGON, 18 June—A ceremony to supply local people who have lost houses and properties unrest in Rakhine State, with cash assistances and foodstuff, took place at Maykhala Hall of the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

On the occasion, Birthdays Brothers Group donated K 1.15 million, U Tin Maung Swe-Daw Khin Su Lwin family, K 1 million, the Union Auditor-General's Office, 150 boxes of date jam, Dr Kyaw Win (Psychiatrist) and Dr Khin Ohn Tint (Practitioner Pyay), U Thein Tun (Thein Tun Construction), surgeons of Asia Taw Win operation theatre and doctors (Sangyoung Township), K 0.5 million each, U Thein Hsaung family, K 0.4 million, Saungthayman Housing Complex family, K 0.303 million and clothes, foodstuff and robes, Kankawbin Monastery's sayadaw and Parahita group of Shwepyitha Township, K 0.2 million, 57 bags of clothes, foodstuff, 7 packages of dried noodle, 23 bags of rice and 1 package of towels, Sandaku May and Ko Win Thein, K 0.2 million, U Soe Min Tun-Daw Hla Thanda Lin family and Dr Khin Aye Myaing family (Maubin Hospital), K 0.1 million each, Waizayanta Parahita group of Thingangyun Township, K 0.072 million, Dr Myo Win Lat-Daw Mar Mar Si family, K 60,000, Daw Aye Aye Nwe and sisters, nephews and nieces, K 50,000 and 9 bags of clothes, Ma Sabai Phyu, Moe Moe Thu and friends, K 50,000, Ma Ei Mon Tun and Naw Than Than Aye (Mann Ayeya Family), K 50,000 each, Maung Tint Lwin Swe, daughters Ma Khine Maw Htay, Ma Myat Maw Htay, K 0.1 million, U Tin Win-Ma Khin Htar family, K 30,000 and 3 packages of dried noodle, one bag of clothes, Ma Maw, two bags of clothes, Po La Min Family (Po La Min Wears Shop), 30 women's slongyis, U Thein Oo-Daw Than Than Aye Family, 128 skirts and 10 shirts, Piti social affairs association (Myaynigon), 50 tins of dried bread amounted K 0.48 million, Daw Win Kyi, Daw Than Than Win family, seven bags of clothes, three packages of snacks and four packages of dried noodle, Ko Wai Shein and friends, eight bags of clothes and



Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuffs for local people in Rakhine State at Fire Services Department (Head Office).—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham leaves for Brazil to attend United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

YANGON, 18 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party left the Yangon International Airport for Rio de Janeiro, the Federative Republic of Brazil at 4.50 pm today to attend the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

A Myanmar delegation led by Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Tin Win, Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, departmental heads and Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior and officials from the embassy.

Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is accompanied by Dr Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and departmental heads.—MNA

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham being seen off at Yangon International Airport before his departure for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to attend United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).—MNA



25 umbrellas, Saw Htet Shein of Kamayut Township, K 20,000 and three bags of clothes, U Zaw Lin Oo-Daw Khin San Oo family, ten bags of dried onion (15 viss) amounted K 0.6 million, Dr Wai Phyo (House Surgeon), K 30000, Daw Yu Nanda Aung (Ma Shwe Yu green tea), 7 packages of fried peas, U Wai Phyo Oo-Daw Thiri Hlaing, K 50000, U Myo Kyaw-Daw Tin Tin Myint family, K 0.1 million and medicines worth K 50000, U Khin Maung Tun-Daw Hnin Hnin Aye family, K 50000 and two packages of clothes, U Win Myint (Agriculture)-Daw Htay Htay Aye (Retd Director of the Health Department), K 0.1 million and two bags of clothes, Ko Myo The Tun-Naw Phyu Phyu Sin, K 50000 and three bags of clothes and one package of snacks, U Aung Thein Win-Daw Su Su Hlaing family, K 50000 and one package of clothes, Creative Web Studio Co, K 702500 and clothes, U San Tha Su Maung-Daw Ei Ei Tun family, two bags of rice, three packages of clothes, Nurse Ma Zin Mar Phyo (Maubin), K 5000, Dr Than Aung-Daw Myint Myint Htay, K 30000 and two packages of clothes, U Kyaw Soe-Daw Win Kyi family, K 50000 and one package of clothes, U Shwe Ba-Daw Sein Sein Chit family, K 0.1 million and one package of clothes and foodstuff, U Tun Win-Daw Nwe Nwe Yin, Son Hein Win Ko Ko (Htoo Pyae Phyo Win family), 0.1 million, four bags of clothes, one bag of rice, Pwint Phyu Food stuff family, 156 packages of foodstuff worth K 0.5 million, through Director-General of the Fire Services Department U Tin Moe and officials concerned.

After accepting the donations, they returned honouring certificates to the donors.

It was reported that there has been a total of K 117460876 on the donation list.—MNA

Voyager space probe reaches edge of solar system



NASA undated handout image shows an artist's concept of the Voyager 2 spacecraft.

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Samba enthusiasts attend Samba carnival parade in Helsinki on 16 June, 2012. The 22nd Samba carnival was held here on Saturday, attracting thousands of locals and foreign tourists.



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Portugal enters last eight and Netherlands leaves stage at Euro 2012

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PERSPECTIVES

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Restoring our heritage

Our ancient religious or cultural edifices in any Region or State around the country are the standing proof of our high civilization founded by our forefathers long long ago and preserved and safeguarded by our brethren throughout the successive years till now.

Unfortunately, not all the ancient buildings erected by our ancestors still stand today as many were lost, damaged or destroyed by the forces of mother nature including floods, earthquakes and storms throughout the long period despite ardent preservation and renovation work done by the past successive governments and the people out of their generosity and goodwill. In some places year-long exposure to the elements of nature has turned many of the ancient buildings into just mounds or piles of bricks or ruins or near-collapsed structures badly in need of repair and renovation.

As our people are altruistic enough to make large amounts of donations individually or in groups for any purpose whether it may be for religion, health, education or community welfare they are willing participants in the work of renovating or rebuilding ancient structures anywhere around the country.

Moreover our people understand the magnitude of merits they gain for building, rebuilding or repairing a pagoda. A person who donates a well gains constant merits as long as it provides water to the people and for building or repairing a pagoda or a monastery the flow of merits towards the donor never ends as long as it exists as a place for searching Dhamma.

Apart from their holiness these ancient pagodas or monasteries are also priceless from the cultural point of view. Besides, they are our heritage. So any individual or any group of people or any organization rebuilding or repairing or renovating any ancient religious building should not forget the importance of restoring our heritage into its original style and design.

Two who rob, rape and murder a woman from Kyauknimaw Village sentenced to death

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Mamed Rawphi (a) Hla Win, son of U Maung Hla (a) Swe Raw Ahamed and Lulu (a) Khuchi (a) Myint Swe (a) Myint Shwe, son of U Tun Aung Kyaw (a) Akway Chay who robbed, raped and killed a woman from Kyauknimaw Village, Yanbye Township, Kyaukpyu District, Rakhine State were sentenced to death by Kyaukpyu District Court this morning.

As the case, the major criminal case No. 14 in 2012 was heard at Kyaukpyu District Court this morning to deliver the final verdict, the two defendants were sentenced to death being found guilty of rape, robbery and murder under Section 302 (1) (c) of the Penal Code.

One of the three defendants, Shaung Shu (a) Htet Htet (a) Phyo Zeyar Kyaw hanged himself using his garment as the rope while under detention in Kyaukpyu Prison on 9 June.

About 20 people were present at the court to listen to the verdict, it was reported.—MNA

Hospitality Course No. 6/2012 opened in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June— Under the supervision of the Hotels and Tourism Ministry and the Myanmar Restaurateurs Association organized Hospitality Course No. 6/2012 opened at Golden Hill Restaurant in Nay Pyi Taw Thabyaygon Market this morning, with an opening address by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan.

The Union Minister made clear the aim of the course as systematization of hospitality services of restaurants in Nay Pyi Taw. The Union Minister said that courses Nos. 1, 2, and 4 had been opened in Nay Pyi Taw, course No. 3 in Bagan and No. 5 in Yangon. He added that his ministry had planned to open the similar courses twice in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Taunggyi and Inlay this year.

The Union Minister said that Myanmar Tourism Federation and 12 organizations under its management were cooperating under the



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan addresses Hospitality Course No. 6/2012.—MNA

supervision of the ministry so as to push forward hospitality services of restaurants to international level. Myanmar Restaurateurs Association was among the 12 organizations. Measures were being taken to draw master plan for tourism industry of Myanmar with the assistance of the Norwegian government and the Asian Development Bank. Pacific Asia Tourism Association estimated that

Myanmar would become the country of highest tourism development in 2012 with 25 per cent increase in number of inbound tourists in comparison with previous years. In addition, Myanmar would host BIMSTEC Summit in 2012, XXVII SEA Games in 2013, ASEAN Summit in 2014, ASEAN Ministerial Meetings and ASEAN Tourism Expo in 2015 based in Nay Pyi Taw. The Union Minister then called for sustainable development of human

resource in service sector, one of the nine prioritized sectors adopted at the GMS Summit on 28 December 2011.

Next, MRA Chairman U Nyan Linn explained about the course. Also present at the opening ceremony were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung, departmental officials of the ministry, restaurateurs from Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, restaurant managers. A total of 60 trainees are taking the two-week course.—MNA

Magway Region Chief Minister attends monsoon plantation ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June— Chief Minister for Magway Region U Phone Maw Shwe attended the first tree planting ceremony for rainy season held in University of Computer Studies on Taungdwingyi Street in Magway on 16 June and

planted trees as well. Next the region chief ministers, departmental personnel, social organizations, the principle, faculties members and students from the University of Computer Studies and people planted trees in

designated places. To hail Myanmar Women's Day which will be on 3 July, a tree planting ceremony for rainy season supervised by Region Women's Affairs Federation yesterday was held in the research agriculture farm in Magway where patron of Region Women's Affairs

Organization Daw San San Myint and President of the organization Daw Thin Thin Htwe planted gangaw (Mesua ferrea) and so did members.

At the first Magway monsoon plantation ceremony has planted a total of 1760 plants—flowery plants, wind sheilding plants, teak, neem, gold Mohur, gangaw (Mesua ferrea), star-flower plant, rain tree, martakawt and eucalyptus.—MNA



Daw Yin Yin Myint, Director-General of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department of Ministry of Foreign Affairs signs in the book of condolences for the demise of His Royal Highness Nayef Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Crown Prince, Deputy Premier and Minister for Interior at the Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Yangon on 18 June 2012.—MNA

Kayin State Chief Minister assists in development tasks in Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June— Digital painting, poster and cartoon contests were held at University of Computer Studies (Hpa-an) on 3 June to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking for 2012.

Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min, state ministers, head of Hpa-an State Police Force and departmental officials viewed the contests.

Afterwards, the Chief Minister met with teachers at Myainggyingyu Basic Education High School and presented a set of computer and one CDMA mobile phone donated by Karen State Government to teachers.

The chief minister also visited Myainggyingyu Hospital and presented food, cash assistance and Kayin

traditional dresses to patients receiving treatment there and one CDMA mobile phone to the hospital.

He also met trainees of the vocational training school for women in Myainggyingyu and presented solar plates and accessories to them.

The chief minister addressed the concluding ceremony of the teachership diploma course No. 9/2012 at Hpa-an Education College on 6 June and presented gifts to course instructors.

On 9 June, the Chief Minister encouraged departmental staff, members of social organizations, Myanmar Police Force and Development Affairs Department volunteering for cleaning, sanitation and dredging drains in the compound of Karen State Hospital.

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Traffic rules talks given to students

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June— Talks on traffic rules were given at Kanna Monastery of No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Pinyinna Township on 15 June.

IP Myint Moe of Traffic Case Section of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on rules for drivers and pedestrians, slow-moving vehicles, root causes of traffic accidents, injured and death amounts in traffic accidents, and traffic rules.

He replied to queries raised by the students and distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to the students.—MNA

Saudi King seeks successor as crown prince buried

RIVADH, 18 June—Saudi Arabia's elderly king led funeral prayers on Sunday for his heir, Crown Prince Nayef, whose death forces him to find a new successor capable of tackling domestic unemployment, bitter rivalry with Iran and turmoil in close Arab neighbours.

Mecca's Great Mosque, Islam's holiest place, was lined with members of the al-Saud ruling family and leaders of Arab states as an imam led the sunset prayer next to the body of Nayef, who died on

Saturday. Among the mourners was the man most likely to be named as successor: Prince Salman, 76, who is seen as more likely to continue the 89-year-old King Abdullah's cautious economic and social reforms than the conservative Nayef. The world's top oil exporter is locked in regional rivalry with Shi'ite Iran, which it suspects of fomenting unrest among its Shi'ite Muslim minority and in allied Gulf Arab states.

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri was

among those who met Nayef's body at Jeddah airport, representing the Sunni Muslim political alliance that Saudi Arabia cultivates against Iran. Saudi Arabia is also struggling with entrenched youth unemployment and wary of the threat posed by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, based in neighbouring Yemen, which has plotted attacks against the kingdom and sworn to topple the ruling al-Saud family.

Reuters



Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah (R) arrives in Mecca to attend the funeral of Saudi Crown Prince Nayef on 17 June, 2012.—REUTERS

IMF ready to lend economic support to Greece

WASHINGTON, 18 June—The Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Sunday that it was ready to continue lending support to Greece's economic growth and job creation efforts.

"We take note of the election results in Greece and stand ready to engage with the new government on the way forward to help Greece achieve its objective of restoring financial stability, economic growth and jobs," an IMF spokesperson on Sunday said in a short statement.

The parliamentary elections on Sunday, the second round in six weeks in Greece, were seen as a referendum on bailout deals and the debt-laden country's fate in the eurozone. Early results show that pro-bailout New Democracy came first in the elections, easing fears that Greece may exit the eurozone.

Xinhua



Image provided by the Federal Police shows a helicopter flying over the city as one of the security measures implemented in Los Cabos, northwest Mexico, on 17 June, 2012. Security is building up at this Mexican seaside resort as heads of state or government keep arriving in town for the Leaders' summit of the Group of Twenty, or G20.—XINHUA

Unilateral sanctions on Iran to hurt Russia-US ties: Russian official

MOSCOW, 18 June—Potential US sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme will "deal a blow" to Russian-US relations, a senior Russian official said on Sunday, presuming a hard-line stance before the long-awaited meeting of the heads of the two states. Russian presidential aide Yury Ushakov told reporters that US sanctions on Iran would "run against international law and affect third countries."

Moscow could not accept if Russian firms and banks become potential victims of such unilateral actions from the US, Ushakov warned. Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Barack Obama are to meet on the sidelines of the upcoming Group of 20 summit on Monday in the Mexican city of Los Cabos. The two leaders had agreed by phone in early May that they would meet for one and a half hours during the summit, Ushakov said, which would be the first since Putin returned to the top seat.

Putin's absence from the Group of Eight summit last month in the United States and Obama's no-show decision at an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum meeting in Russia's Vladivostok in September augured a possible cool-down of the already soured Russia-US relations amidst Putin's tough words concerning the US-led missile defence system in Europe.—Xinhua

Chinese president urges bigger say for developing nations in global economic governance

LOS CABOS, 18 June—Chinese President Hu Jintao here on Sunday urged leaders of the Group of 20 (G20) members to give developing nations a bigger say in global economic governance. Hu made the remarks while meeting Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi to discuss the expansion of all-round cooperation between China and Africa on the sidelines of the G20 Los Cabos summit, which is scheduled from Monday to Tuesday.

China hopes the summit could discuss the development gap between the North and the South, regard the developing nations' contribution to the world economy and their legitimate demands in an objective perspective, and take measures to ensure the development space for the developing world, said Hu.

The summit will focus on global growth and stability as the fragile world economic recovery is being threatened by the eurozone crisis and other problems.

Ethiopia and some other non-G20 members have been invited by host Mexico to attend the summit. The Chinese president also said it is an urgent task to promote development in Africa.

China has offered assistance to Africa to help improve its agriculture, infrastructure, and human resources through the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), he said.

Noting that the fifth FOCAC ministerial meeting will be held in Beijing in July, Hu said China is ready to work with Africa to chart the course for their future cooperation and advance the new type of strategic partnership between the two sides.

Xinhua

Pakistan's hardline groups ask gov't to shoot down US drones

RAWALPINDI, 18 June—Leaders of an alliance of some religious and political parties in Pakistan on Sunday asked the government to shoot down US spy aircraft which routinely fire missiles into the country's tribal regions. The speakers at a convention in Islamabad also announced to approach the country's top court against the possible government's decision to restore the supply line for NATO forces in Afghanistan. Pakistan cut the NATO supply line last November to protest over the killing of its 24 soldiers in a US airstrike on its border posts.

Talks between Pakistan and the United States have not yet succeeded to end the stalemate and the Pentagon announced on Monday that the US has withdrawn negotiators from Islamabad. Hardline Pakistani groups have mounted pressure on the government not to reopen the NATO supply line. Leaders of the Defence of Pakistan Council (DPC) organized a convention on Sunday and its leaders urged the government not to allow the country's land routes to be used for NATO supplies. Chief of DPC Maulana Sami-ul-Haq told the gathering that the DPC will oppose any decision to reopen the NATO supply line, saying the alliance will also knock at the doors of the country's top court to stop the government from reopening of the routes for foreign troops.

"The US-led NATO is facing defeat in Afghanistan and Pakistan should avoid helping foreign troops by allowing NATO to use Pakistani land routes," he said. He demanded of the government to shoot down the US aircraft whenever they intrude into Pakistani airspace for strikes in the tribal regions. He said that no sovereign country allows other countries' aircraft to enter for attacks. Other speakers also support the country's closure of Pakistani land routes for NATO troops.

Former intelligence chief Hamid Gul told the convention that the US and its Western allies are at the verge of a defeat in Afghanistan and that is why Americans are now talking to the Taliban.—Xinhua



Dancers perform "Sing in Changbai Mountain" in the Tianqiao Theatre in Beijing, capital of China, on 17 June, 2012. The dance drama created by Yanbian Song and Dance Ensemble was shown here during the 4th Minorities Art Festival of China.—XINHUA



The screen at the Beijing Aerospace Flight Control Centre showing Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft conducting an automatic docking with the orbiting Tiangong-1 lab module, on 18 June, 2012.—XINHUA

Israel may fit drones with sensor that pinpoints terror sites

JERUSALEM, 18 June—The Israel Air Force is testing a new sensor designed to enable its Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to spot underground tunnels and other well-concealed assets used by militant groups, *The Jerusalem Post* reported on Sunday. UAVs, better known as drones, routinely fly reconnaissance and surveillance missions over Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, where camouflaged tunnels are used for smuggling weapons and shielding militants from airstrikes.

Developed by Elbit Systems Ltd, Israel's largest publicly traded defence electronics company, the so-called hyper-spectral sensor uses patented imaging technology that shows the wavelengths of materials, enabling drone operators to identify the unique spectral signature of potential targets, according to the report. "It means that if a bush doesn't match the natural vegetation in an area, we will be able to detect it," an IAF officer told the *Post*.

Elbit said it has designed the sensor for installation on its Hermes 900, a medium-sized multi-payload drone which entered service with the IAF two years ago, as well as on the older Hermes 450. Both are fitted with sophisticated electro-optic and electronic warfare gear, but the latter is thought to also be armed with missiles, having been used on various occasions to strike targets in Gaza and elsewhere.—Xinhua

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Baby eastern bluebirds (*Sialia sialis*) born in nests near human-made noise have lower survival rates than bluebirds born in more remote locations, a Virginia study finds.—INTERNET

More than meets the eye in people's faces

BIRMINGHAM, 18 June— People make complex judgments about others from looking at their faces, based on a range of factors beyond simply race and gender, British researchers say.

The study, funded by Britain's Economic and Social Research Council, questions a long-held belief that people quickly put anyone they meet into a limited number of social categories such as female or male; Asian, Black, Latino or White; and young or old. Kimberly Quinn at the University of Birmingham found people "see" faces in multiple ways that factor in to whether and how people categorize others.

"How we perceive faces is not just a reflection of what's in those faces," Quinn said in an ESRC release on Friday. "We are not objective; we bring our current goals and past knowledge to every new encounter. And this happens

really quickly — within a couple of hundred milliseconds of seeing the face."

Categorization depends on more than just the physical features of the face in front of us, she said, but includes other information as well — such as whether the other person is already known and whether the person is believed to share other important identities with us.

Although social categories are used to gather information on faces, these can be easily undermined, she said, so people will reject simple stereotypes when something about the situation alerts them to the fact the stereotype does not tell the whole story.

Quinn's findings suggest facial perception focuses on "coarse" information that is easy to detect, but then immediately starts to include more fine-grained processing as time elapses.—Internet

Rock crystals reveal volcano magma clues

BRISTOL, 18 June — British researchers say new evidence has linked seismic activity such as earthquakes around volcanoes to rising magma that could signal impending eruptions.

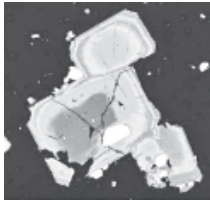
A team of volcanologists led by Kate Saunders of the University of Bristol in England said they've linked earthquake swarms at Mount St Helens in Washington with fresh magma pulses by studying rock crystals formed

during the 1980-86 eruptions, ScienceNews.org reported.

These crystals of a mineral called orthopyroxene grow in zoned "rims," the researchers said, each one formed as fresh magma arrives from below the volcano and cools.

The calculated when the crystals grew and compared that with the timing of small earthquakes shaking the mountain, finding in many cases a link between the crystal rim growth and swarms of seismic activity.

Studying crystals ejected from other volcanoes could help scientists better understand how often new magma arrives, the researchers wrote in the journal Science.



Volcanic orthopyroxene crystal.—INTERNET

Internet

Voyager space probe reaches edge of solar system

LONDON, 18 June—The Voyager 1 space probe has reached the edge of the solar system, extending its record for being the most distant man-made object in space.

According to a statement from NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, the spacecraft is sending back data to Earth showing a sharp increase in charged particles that originate from beyond the solar system.

"Voyager scientists looking at this rapid rise draw closer to an inevitable but historic conclusion — that humanity's first emissary to interstellar space is on the edge of our solar system," NASA said in the statement.

Voyager 1, along with its sister spacecraft Voyager 2, was launched in 1977 and is now about 18 billion kilometres from the Sun. It is moving at a speed of about 17 km per second and it currently takes 16 hours and 38 minutes for data to reach NASA's network on Earth. Voyager 2 is about 15 billion kilometres from the Sun.

Between them, the probes have explored all the giant

planets of the solar system; Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune, as well as 48 of their moons.

They both carry a greeting for any extraterrestrial life they may bump into, a phonograph record and 12-inch gold-plated copper disk with sounds and images of life and culture on Earth selected by a group chaired by the famous space scientist Carl Sagan.

The charged particles hitting Voyager 1 originate from stars that have exploded elsewhere in the galaxy. They have been steadily rising as it approaches interstellar space but that trend has become sharper in recent months.

"From January 2009 to January 2012, there had been a gradual increase of about 25 percent in the amount of galactic cosmic rays Voyager was encountering," said Ed Stone, Voyager project scientist at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

"More recently, we have seen very rapid escalation in that part of the energy spectrum. Beginning on 7 May, the cosmic ray hits have

increased five percent in a week and nine percent in a month."

The exact position of the edge of the solar system is unclear but another indicator that Voyager has entered interstellar space is expected to be a change in the direction of the magnetic fields around

space, but we still do not know exactly when that someday will be," said Stone. "The latest data indicate that we are clearly in a new region where things are changing more quickly. It is very exciting. We are approaching the solar system's frontier."

The plutonium power



NASA undated handout image shows an artist's concept of the Voyager 2 spacecraft.—REUTERS

the space craft. NASA scientists are looking at data from the craft to see if this predicted change has occurred.

"The laws of physics say that someday Voyager will become the first human-made object to enter interstellar

sources on the Voyager probes are designed to last until 2025. When they die, the probes will keep hurtling through space towards other stars in the Milky Way but they will no longer transmit data back to Earth.

Reuters

The Facebook logo is shown at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, California on 26 May, 2010.—REUTERS

Facebook to pay \$10 million to settle suit

by publicizing users' "likes" of certain advertisers on its "Sponsored Stories" feature



SAN FRANCISCO, 18 June— Facebook Inc has agreed to pay \$10 million to charity to settle a lawsuit that accused the site of violating users' rights to control the use of their own names, photographs and likenesses, according to court documents made public over the weekend.

The lawsuit, brought by five Facebook members, alleged the social networking site violated California law

without paying them or giving them a way to opt out, the documents said.

A "Sponsored Story" is an advertisement that appears on a member's Facebook page and generally consists of another friend's name, profile picture and an assertion that the person "likes" the advertiser.

The settlement was reached last month but made public this weekend. Facebook declined to

comment on Saturday.

The proposed class-action lawsuit, filed in federal court in San Jose, California, could have included nearly one of every three Americans, with billions of dollars in damages, according to previous court documents.

In the lawsuit, Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg was quoted as saying that a trusted referral was the "Holy Grail" of advertising.

In addition, the lawsuit cited comments from Facebook chief operating officer Sheryl Sandberg, saying that the value of a "Sponsored Story" advertisement was at least twice and up to three times the value of a standard Facebook.com ad without a friend endorsement.

US District Judge Lucy

Koh said the plaintiffs had shown economic injury could occur through Facebook's use of their names, photographs and likenesses.

"California has long recognized a right to protect one's name and likeness against appropriation by others for their advantage," Koh wrote. The settlement arrangement is known as a cypres settlement, meaning the settlement funds can go to charity.

The case in US District Court, Northern District of California is Angel Fraley et al, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated vs Facebook Inc, 11-cv-1726. Facebook shares closed at \$30.01 on Friday, down 21 percent since the company's initial public offering last month.—Reuters

Motorola Solutions to buy computing pioneer Psion

LONDON, 18 June— Motorola Solutions Inc said on Friday it had agreed to buy Psion Plc, the British company that pioneered portable computing with its "Organiser" device in the 1980s, for \$200 million to expand its business with industrial clients. The US maker of two-way radios and public safety equipment agreed to pay 88 pence in cash for each Psion share, a premium of 45.5 percent on Thursday's 60.5p closing price. Psion today makes rugged and vehicle mounted computers for industrial use after it withdrew from the consumer market more than 10 years ago.

But it remains best known for its personal digital assistants, a class of device it founded with the Organizer in 1984. The Organizer combined a clock with a database that

could store information without the need for mains power. Later PDAs made by the company had clam-shell designs and they attracted the attention of many third-party software developers. Psion's Organizer pre-dated the more widely known Palm Pilot PDA, which was launched in the mid 1990s.

The personal organizer category has since been superseded by smartphones such as the BlackBerry from Research In Motion Ltd and the iPhone from Apple Inc, which incorporate much of the capabilities of organizers as well as support for email, web access and phone calls. Shares in Motorola Solutions were up 69 cents or 1.5 percent at 448.04 while Psion was up 45 percent at 87.5p.—Reuters

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GE eyes German medium-sized acquisition by year-end

FRANKFURT, 18 June—General Electric Co (GE N) aims to buy a medium-sized business in Germany in the next six months to expand its technological footprint, German daily *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* reported, citing a manager at the US conglomerate. “We hope to have managed a takeover by the end of the year,” the paper cited Christoph Reimnitz, in charge of strategy and M&A in Germany and eastern Europe, assaying in an article

published on Saturday. He did not provide details on possible acquisition targets but said he preferred buying family-owned businesses to takeovers of stock-listed companies or assets put up for sale by private equity firms. GE commonly spends about \$5 billion to \$6 billion a year on acquisitions. Reimnitz declined to say how much of that could go toward purchases in Germany this year but told the newspaper



The logo of the GE Money Bank is seen behind a traffic light in Prague on 29 May, 2012. —REUTERS

“this market is in the company’s focus now”. He said possible targets were currently fairly valued, adding valuations could decline if the economy weakened again later in the year.—Reuters

Pumpkins, rutabagas lead to most injuries

LONDON, 18 June—The kitchen is where some of the most serious home accidents occur and cuts are among the most common types of injury, a British safety expert says.

Sheila Merrill, public health adviser at the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents in England, said tens of thousands of people are treated each year in British hospital emergency rooms for cuts that occur while cooking, *The Daily*

Telegraph reported.

A survey of more than 2,000 customers of takeaway service Just-Eat — taken to coincide with National Food Safety Week — found root vegetables pumpkins, rutabagas and turnips topped the list of most dangerous produce.

Almost 25 percent said pumpkins were the toughest vegetable to skin and chop while one-fifth said rutabagas were the most dangerous.

Two-in-5 said they had

injured themselves trying to imitate TV chefs when slicing vegetables, the survey said.

To prevent kitchen accidents make sure knives are sharp and in good condition, use a vegetable peeler where appropriate and do not rush chopping, Merrill advised. Keep knives away from children and always supervise children when they help in food preparation, she said.

Internet

Pedestrians are reflected on an electronic stock board outside a brokerage in Tokyo on June 18, 2012. —REUTERS



Asian stocks rise after Greek vote

TOKYO, 18 June—Asian stock prices have soared following the victory of pro-

bailout parties in Greece’s Sunday elections.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei average of 225 selected issues rose by more than 2 percent on Monday morning. In Hong Kong, trading also began with a rally of more than 2 percent. Markets in South Korea and Singapore were up by one to 2 percent. Market sources say concerns over a Greek exit from the eurozone have

weakened for now, but investors remain cautious over the chances of a coalition government. They are also waiting for more details on the modalities of bank bailouts in Spain.

On currency markets, investors are buying back the euro and Asian currencies they regarded as risky. The euro has climbed back above the 100-yen mark in Tokyo.—NHK

Work-related mental illness cases hit new record

TOKYO, 18 June—Japanese authorities have recognized a record number of workers as developing mental illnesses due to stress in their workplaces. The labour ministry says 325 people became eligible for workers’ compensation for depression and other mental conditions in the year through March. The figure is up 17 on the year. Sixty-six of them committed suicide or attempted to kill themselves.

Another 20 developed symptoms after experiencing the powerful earthquake and tsunami that hit northeastern Japan in March last year. By age, 112 of the sufferers were in their 30s while 69 were in their 20s.

The most common cause was excessive workloads or changes in assignments at 16 percent, followed by severe accidents or disasters at 15 percent, and bullying and harassment at 12 percent. Kansai University Professor Koji Morioka says companies are recruiting fewer workers, so junior employees get less training but are asked to do the same jobs as more experienced colleagues. He cites this situation as one of the possible reasons why young people develop mental illnesses.—NHK

Developing world needs euro crisis defence: Zoellick

LONDON, 18 June—Developing nations must be ready for a severe global financial crisis should the euro zone fail to cope with its current problems, outgoing World Bank chief Robert Zoellick said in an interview published online on Saturday.

Policy makers and investors are nervously awaiting the outcome of this weekend’s Greek election, which could empower radical leftists threatening to tear up the terms of a bailout deal and send shockwaves through financial markets.

Developing countries needed to “prepare for the uncertainty coming out of the euro zone and the wider financial markets”, Zoellick

told Britain’s *Observer* newspaper. “It will be better if they can avoid piling up short-term debts that can come due in volatile periods and look to the fundamentals of future growth—infrastructure and human capital,” he said.

The World Bank had been increasing its lending to support Bulgaria’s banking system—one of the most exposed to Greece—and acting to prevent a credit crunch in southeast Europe, the paper reported Zoellick as saying.

The bank was also taking unspecified measures to protect countries in north Africa that were vulnerable to Europe’s debt crisis and trade finance facilities were being

strengthened for francophone west Africa, the newspaper added. “Uncertainty in markets is now starting to increase costs for developing countries,” Zoellick said.

“The ripple effects are making everybody’s life harder.” In a reference to tensions in the euro zone over Greece’s future, Zoellick said:



World Bank President Robert Zoellick speaks at an opening news conference of the spring International Monetary Fund (IMF)-World Bank meetings in Washington on 19 April, 2012. REUTERS

“Europe may be able to muddle through but the risk is rising. There could be a Lehman moment if things are not properly handled.”

The bankruptcy of US bank Lehman Brothers in September 2008 triggered a global financial slump that indebted western nations are still struggling to recover from.—Reuters

Russia oil firms face heavy fines for gas flaring

MOSCOW, 18 June—Russian oil companies are facing fines of hundreds of millions of dollars or more for polluting the atmosphere with excess amounts of flared gas, the newly appointed resources minister said on Saturday.

Russia, the world’s top energy producer, set a target for oil companies not to flare off more than 5 percent of the associated petroleum gas (APG) they produce as a byproduct of crude extraction by 2012.

Sticking to the previous government’s policy, Sergei

Donskoy told TV channel Russia 24 the threatened fines were in the “tens of billions of roubles” range. “It’s hard to do a (more detailed) assessment at the moment,” he told TV channel Russia 24.

Industry insiders and experts had expected the target to be eased given the absence of the infrastructure needed to recycle APG.

Donskoy was appointed minister for Natural Resources and Ecology last month following Vladimir Putin’s return to the Kremlin.

“We expect first

estimates (of fines) after gathering data on the first quarter,” he said, adding that on average, Russian industry uses only 76 percent of APG it produces against the 95 percent target.

Russia flares around 20 billion cubic meters of associated petroleum gas every year, or approximately one-third of the total amount extracted at the country’s oilfields. Trapping this gas can result in vast emission cuts, as well as increased gas sales.

Some experts rank Russia as the world’s leading flarer,

although the country’s own calculations place it second to Nigeria.

Oil companies, including market leaders Rosneft, LUKOIL and TNK-BP, have been investing hundreds of millions of dollars to meet the government’s target of increasing associated gas utilization.

“I believe the companies will reach 95 percent in 2014,” the minister said, adding that so far only Russia’s fourth-largest crude producer Surgutneftegaz and mid-sized oil company Tatneft have managed to flare gas within the required volumes.

Reuters

India holds interest rates, despite slowing growth

MUMBAI, 18 June—India’s central bank kept its main interest rates unchanged on Monday, despite facing pressure for a cut to spur borrowing and investment in the face of a worrying economic slowdown. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the benchmark repo rate, at which it lends to commercial banks, would remain at 8.0 percent, while the reverse repo rate, which it pays banks for deposits, would stay at 7.0 percent. The cash reserve ratio — the sum commercial banks keep on deposit — was also unchanged at 4.75 percent. The move went against most economists’ expectations of a further easing in rates by the RBI following its first reduction in three years in April, amid a host of economic problems for the once-booming Asian giant.

“While growth in 2011-12 has moderated significantly, headline inflation remains above levels... consistent with sustainable growth,” the RBI said in a statement. The bank has been under pressure to help revive growth after the economy grew just 5.3 percent in January to March, its slowest quarterly expansion in nine years. But hopes of an aggressive cut by the policy-makers in Mumbai were tempered by data last week showing a marginal rise in wholesale price inflation in May to 7.55 percent on an annual basis. India cut its main interest rates by a higher-than-expected 50 basis points in April in a bid to spur faltering growth, after keeping them on hold since late last year. Rates were previously hiked 13 times from March 2010 in one of the most aggressive monetary policy tightening drives of any major economy.—Internet



File photo shows a policeman standing guard outside the head office of the Reserve Bank of India in Mumbai. INTERNET

At least two killed in attack on Israel-Egypt border

JERUSALEM, 18 June—An Israeli citizen and at least one militant were killed in an attack on the Egyptian border on Monday, Israeli media and the military said. “A terrorist squad opened gunfire and possibly also fired an anti-tank rocket at an area where (Israel) is constructing the border fence,” Israeli military spokesman Yoav Mordechai told Army Radio. “Soldiers arrived on the scene and killed one terrorist,” he said. Army Radio said that an

Israeli workman was killed by the militants, but Mordechai would only say “there is a small number of fatalities.”

He said the attack happened about 30 kilometres from the Gaza Strip on the Egyptian border.

It was not immediately clear if the gunmen crossed through from Egypt or from the southern Gaza Strip and no militant group claimed responsibility for the attack.

Reuters



An Israeli army vehicle secures a road that runs through the Arava desert leading to Eilat, 2011. Israeli sappers on Saturday recovered the debris of two rockets fired into the south of the Jewish State, a military spokesman said.—INTERNET

19 al-Qaeda militants killed by Yemeni army troops

ADEN, 18 June—As many as 19 militants of the al-Qaeda terror group were killed on Saturday during gunbattles with army troops in Yemen’s southeastern Province of Shabwa, a security official said. The intensive gun fights took place around two major entrances of the al-Qaeda-controlled Azzan town in Shabwa Province, leaving at least 19 militants killed and several others injured, the local security official told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

“Hundreds of army troops are gearing up to begin an all-out offensive on al-Qaeda last bastion in Shabwa,” the official said, adding “after retaking the terrorists lost two key bastions in neighbouring Abyan Province, scores of the al-Qaeda militants have fled to Azzan town in Shabwa.” Army troops met stiff resistance from the al-Qaeda fighters in Azzan, which has been under militant control for more than a year, injuring at least eight soldiers, a military commander said.

“The al-Qaeda militants are still confronting the army. They won’t lose their stronghold. Many families had fled since the early morning for fear of air strikes,” the military commander told *Xinhua* anonymously. Last Tuesday, the Yemeni army backed by pro-government militiamen scored its first major victory against the al-Qaeda, retaking the towns of Jaar and Zinjibar in Abyan Province, which were captured by the terror group in mid-2011 amid a wave of unrest sweeping the country.

The Yemeni government troops have waged an intensive military campaign last month, with the support of the United States and Yemen’s oil-rich neighbour Saudi Arabia, to uproot the al-Qaeda militants from the southern regions. The Yemen-based al-Qaeda wing, locally known as the Partisans of Sharia (Islamic Law), threatened to spread the fight and suicide attacks all over Yemen after it was forced to abandon its main strongholds in Abyan.— *Xinhua*



A man walks past a building destroyed during recent fighting between army forces and al-Qaeda-linked militants in the southern Yemeni City of Jaar on 15 June, 2012.— INTERNET

A Erickson Air Crane firefighting helicopter refills its tank in a rancher's pond while fighting the High Park wildfire west of Fort Collins, Colo, on 15 June, 2012.— INTERNET

Wildfire destroys most homes in Colo history

at least 181 homes, the most in state history. The High Park Fire burning 15 miles west of Fort Collins surpasses the Fourmile Canyon wildfire, which destroyed 169 homes

represents an increase of more than 100 firefighters from a day earlier.

The lightning-caused blaze, which is believed to have killed a 62-year-old woman whose body was found in her cabin, was 20 percent contained. The fire’s incident commander said full containment could be two to four weeks away. Fire information officer Brett Haberstick said hot and dry conditions were expected to continue, but crews have made progress in containing a 200-acre spot fire that erupted on Thursday afternoon north of the Cache La Poudre River, a critical line of defence against northward growth.

“Two 20-person hotshot crews worked throughout the day to secure lines around the perimeter of this spot fire,”

the officials said in a release. Firefighters have extinguished other incursions north of the river, but the most recent one appeared to be more serious. National Weather Service meteorologist Kyle Fredin said some rain was expected in the fire zone Saturday evening, but it will not be enough to put the fire out. “We need a rain that will really last all day,” he said. “But it’s better than dry wind at this point.” But crews were bracing for difficult conditions Sunday with wind gusts expected to hit 50 mph along ridge tops and in Poudre Canyon and temperatures in the 90s. The fire was reported June 9 and has since raced through large swaths of private and US Forest Service land. It was 45 percent contained late Saturday.— *Internet*



DENVER, 18 June — Additional crews were joining the fight on Saturday against a wildfire in northern Colorado that has scorched about 85 square miles and destroyed

west of Boulder in September 2010. More than 1,630 personnel are working on the Fort Collins-area fire, officials said in a news release on Saturday night. The figure

Bronze Age necropolis unearthed in Serbia

BELGRADE, 18 June — A 4000-year old Bronze Age necropolis has been unearthed during a road construction work just outside the Serbia town of Vranje, 275 kilometres south of Belgrade, reported the Serbian news agency *Tanjug* on Saturday.

According to Aleksandar Bulatovic, coordinator of archeological research and

preservation on the Corridor 10 auto route, the site contains the remains of deceased individuals who were burned in funeral pyres.

“The necropolis dates back to the early Bronze Age. Based on our initial assessments, it is between 2,000 and 1,800 BC, and it is significant because it is the only fully reserved necropolis from this period in the central

Balkans,” said Bulatovic

The site also revealed a number of unusual ceramic objects, and containers whose use is yet unknown. “It is the most important discovery made to date on the Corridor 10 route,” he added. Archeological findings uncovered during the road construction will be later displayed at the National Museum in Vranje.— *Xinhua*

Woman sentenced to death for infant trafficking

KUNMING, 18 June — A court in southwest China’s Yunnan Province sentenced a woman to death for infant trafficking on Friday. Jiang Kaizhi, 51, the prime culprit of an infant trafficking ring, organized a group of people to abduct babies in Yunnan and sell them in central Henan province from late 2009 to

August 2010, according to the verdict issued by the intermediate people’s court in the city of Qujing.

Thirty-five other members of the group, aged between 20 and 65, on Friday received penalties ranging from life imprisonment to a three-year jail term for abducting, transporting and trafficking

infants. Jiang could get about 30,000 yuan (4,711 US dollars) for selling a baby boy while the profit for trafficking a baby girl was more than 20,000 yuan, said the verdict. A total of 223 infants were sold by the infant trafficking ring. Jiang was seized by the police in January of 2011 during a crackdown on the ring.— *Xinhua*

15 missing after boat sinks in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 18 June—Fifteen people were missing after their small wooden boat sank early on Sunday in heavy seas off eastern Indonesia, an official said. The boat, which had 27 passengers and crew on board, went down after it was battered by waves up to five metres (16 feet) high in Maluku Province, provincial search-and-rescue team head Amin Bin Tongke told *AFP*. “Twelve of 27 people on board were rescued alive. We are still looking for around 15 missing,” he said.

The boat, which was also carrying food and building materials, left Ambon City late Saturday but was lashed by towering waves and strong winds two hours into its journey, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said in a text message. “The boat’s engine stalled and the boat broke up and sank,” he added. Indonesia’s 240 million people are spread across 17,000 islands and are heavily dependent on a network of ships and boats, which have a poor safety record.— *Internet*



Photo illustration shows a cargo ship anchored off the bay of Ambon, in Indonesia’s Maluku Province. Fifteen people were missing after their small wooden boat sank early on Sunday in heavy seas off eastern Indonesia, an official said. INTERNET

Citizenship cards issued in Tachilek Township



TACHILEK, 18 June—The issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was held at the Dhammayon on Wamkaungmon Village of Phanmin Village-tract in Tachilek Township of Shan State on 9 June morning.

attended by Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Sai Thein Aung, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Wilson Moe and Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Tin May Tun.

Deputy Director of District Immigration and National Registration Department U Htein Win explained matters related to Moe Pwint-3 Plan and issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 53 eligible citizens.

Township Immigration

Yinnabin Township Employees Micro-credit Society holds AGM

YINNABIN, 18 June—Yinnabin Township Employees Micro-credit Cooperative Society held the annual general meeting and the substituted election of new executives for 2011-2012 fiscal year at Basic Education High School in Yinnabin on 7 June.

Chairman of the society Assistant Education Officer U Soe Myint Cho and Staff Officer of Township



Cooperative Department U Myint Swe made speeches.

BOD member U Khin Maung Tin read the annual report and audit U Zaw Myo, auditing works.

Officials presented

prizes to outstanding students for 2011-2012 academic year.

Later, new executives were elected for the vacancies.

Micro-credit Cooperative

Durability of library talked in Maubin

MAUBIN, 18 June—An educative talk was held at Parami Library in Chaukywa Village of Chaukywa Village-tract in Maubin Township of Maubin District on 6 June.

Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Tin Tin Hlaing gave talks on advantages of opening the library and durability of the library. Library wellwisher U Kyaw Lin explained the purpose of building the library.

Next, Township Information and Public Relations Department and wellwishers donated 380 copies of books to officials.—*Myanma Alin*



CSC ISSUED: Head of Insein Township Immigration and National Registration Department U Htein Lin Thein and staff issue citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people in Gyogon Ward of Insein Township in Yangon Region on 16 June.

MYANMA ALIN

Chinese fruit merchants much purchase musk melon at good prices

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—According to the information from the border areas, although musk melon of Myanmar was mainly transported to the markets in Mandalay and Muse in the past, fruit merchants from Guangdong Province of China directly buys Myanmar's musk melon at present. Thus, fruit growers bagged much profit from their businesses.

Musk melon can be grown in September and November twice a year and its ripening period of November-planted musk melon lasts two months. In the market, yellow musk melon gets one kilo per 3-4 yuans and the green one, one kilo per 2.5-3 yuans.

At present, fruits from Guangdong Province make fieldtrip to purchase of musk

melon at the fields. With regard to the prices, yellow fruit gets one kilo per 6-8 yuans and green fruit, 4-6 yuans, exceeding the actual prices of the market.

Kyemon



CASH DONATED: A ceremony to donate cash to the fund for construction of lift at the precinct of Kyaikthanlan Pagoda in Mawlamyine was held at Pitakat Chamber on 10 June. U Ohn Myint (Magway) donates K 1 million to Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U San Myint and Treasurer U Khin Maung Win.—*MYANMA ALIN*

DISTRICT NEWS



School uniforms provided to students

WAKEMA, 18 June—A ceremony to present school uniforms to offspring of vendors was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Wakema Township on 5 June noon.

Executive Officer U Kyaw Naing of Township Development Affairs Committee explained the purpose of the donation and presented school uniforms worth over K 100,000 to 14 students.—*Myanma Alin*

Refreshments donated to electricians

YESAGYO, 18 June—Over 20 technicians from electrical engineers' office in Magway Region, Pakokku District and Yesagyo Township are working necessary preparations for installation of new transformer at Pakhangyi sub-power station of Yesagyo Township day and night.

Point Lay Family donated four 20-litre-capacity purified drinking water containers, eight viss of traditional snacks and one packet containing 50 sachets of rehydrated salt on 13 June.

Kyemon



CASH DONATED: U Khaing Htwe-Daw Thin Khaing and family of Asia Brave Trading Co Ltd of Shwe Ingyin Avenue in Thuwunna of Yangon donated K 1 million for rehabilitation of local people in Rakhine State recently. Rakhine National Races Minister U Zaw Aye Maung and officials accept the donation.—*MYANMA ALIN*

China puts US\$ 14 billion investment in Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—At present, investment of China in Myanmar reaches US\$ 14 billion, sharing 35 per cent of forest investment. According to the statistics, there are 31 countries and regions that put their investments in 456 businesses of Myanmar. China focuses on electricity, mining, oil and natural gas sectors.

The latest investment of China in electricity amounted to US\$ 4 billion. Among the foreign invested business in four states, the investment of China scores the top amount. Despite putting US\$ 1 billion in investment in 2008, China raised its volume of investment to US\$ 13 billion within 2009, 2010 and 2011. Although China stood fourth in invested countries and regions in Myanmar in 2009, it passed Thailand to reach the top position with US\$ 14 billion within three years.—*Kyemon*



SCHOOL UNIFORMS PROVIDED: A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of vendors was held at the office of Township Development Affairs Committee in Myaungmya Township on 2 June. Township Executive Officer U Maung Toe presents school uniforms to students.—*MYANMA ALIN*

Loans disbursed to farmers in Ottarathiri, Pobbathiri for monsoon crop cultivation

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Bank loans were disbursed to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops this morning in Ottarathiri Township and Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in the presence of Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, departmental heads.

On the occasions, the Union Minister at the President Office said 163206 acres out of 164048 acres of targeted sown acreage could be put under monsoon paddy plantations in 2011-2012 cultivation season, producing 13.972 million baskets of rice. Myanma Agricultural Development Bank loaned K 3524.21 million to 16613 farmers from eight townships

in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. The Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister urged the farmers to effectively use the loans in response to the goodwill of the government and the President who had instructed to loan K 50,000 per acre to farmers who had repaid the previous loans he took out on 13 June.

Next, the managing director of the Myanma Agricultural Development Bank presented bank loans—K 50,000 per acre—to the farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops. The director general of the Agricultural Department presented samples of Paletwe rice to the local farmers.

Loans amounted to K 74.6 million were disbursed to 437 farmers from villages in Ottarathiri Township and K 218.8 million to 725 farmers from villages in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—A ceremony to open budget drawing proficiency course No. 1 of Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, took place at the Ministry, here, this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

In his address, the Union Minister said that the purpose of the course is to draw Union Budget in line with new laws, rules and financial regulations. It is the first of its kind for the financial officers in the time of new government. The accuracy of figures is the

Budget drawing proficiency course No. 1 opens



main objective of the Ministry as the figures released by the Ministry are the

development indexes of the country.

A total of 170

trainees from the Ministry are attending the one-week course.—MNA

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held at Hlawga watershed area

YANGON, 18 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at Hlawga watershed area of Mingaladon Township yesterday.

At the 100-acre farm of Myanmar Fuel Importers and Dealers Association, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe planted an ironwood sapling

and officials also grew saplings.

At the collective tree growing ceremony of Yangon City Development Committee, the Chief Minister grew a Mahogany plant.

He inspected cultivation of trees in

Hlawga watershed area. At the briefing hall, he instructed officials to exactly measure the area of watershed, prevent cutting of trees in the area and nurture the saplings.

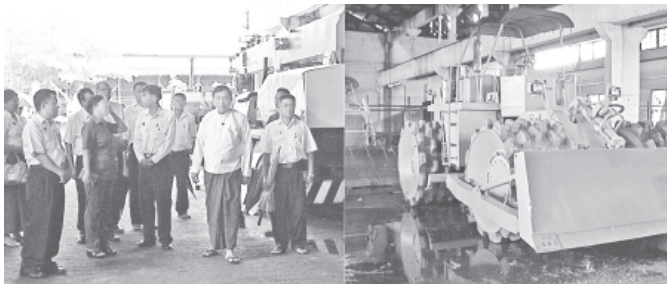
A total of 2200 saplings were grown at the 100-acre land of Myanmar

Fuel Importers and Dealers Association and 2200 in the 100-acre land of YCDC. A plan is under way to plant trees on over 300 acres of land.

The Chief Minister inspected raising of 24000 layers and thriving of vegetable plantations at Nyaungnapin Vegetable Cultivation and Livestock Breeding Special Zone-2.

MNA

Dy Construction Minister inspects machinery



NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin inspected machinery being repaired at the Main Workshop (South) (Ywama) of the Senior Engineer

(Mechanical) Office of Public Works in Yangon on 16 June.

During the visit, the deputy minister called for sending machinery to work sites only after they were

checked thoroughly and to use imported spare parts after seeking permission.

He also inspected machinery spare parts stored at the garage of the workshop.—MNA

Myanmar-Vietnam discuss trade promotion, investment

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hong, Vice-Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City Public Affairs Committee called on U Ye Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister at the region

government office at 9am today and discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation in trade and investment between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Mandalay Region

Development Affairs Minister Mayor U Aung Maung, Region Planning and Economic Minister U Aung Zan and Region Government Office Secretary U Ohn Lwin.

MNA

Action plan on earthquake risk reduction in Mandalay handed over to Mayor



NAY PYI TAW, 18 June — Meteorology and Hydrology Department of the Ministry of Transport and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center APDC based in Thailand jointly conducted a ceremony to hand over the Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDRR) at the Sedona Hotel in Mandalay today.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein delivered an address, Director-General of the MHD Dr Harin Naing Tiyan clarified the plan and Dr Peeranan Towashiraporn, Project Manager of APDC, discussed the advantages of the plan.

The deputy minister handed over the first action plan on disaster risk reduction in Mandalay to Mandalay Region

Development Affairs Minister Mayor U Aung Maung.

A course on action plan for earthquake risk reduction will be conducted at Mandalay Region MHD and seven earthquake experts from the ADPC will give lectures on the earthquake reduction in Mandalay until 22 June.

A total of 30 service personnel from MHD, Mandalay Region General Administration Department, Ministry of Relief, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Myanmar Engineering Society, Geology Department of Mandalay University, Mandalay Technological University and Mandalay City Development Committee will attend the course.—MNA

Prizes presented to outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Organized by Alinyang Library Committee of Aingma Village in Htilin Township, a ceremony to present exercise books and stationery to students was held at Thiri Mingala Monastery in the village on 16 June. Village Administrator U Aung Lin gave 40 dozens of exercise books presented by U Htay Hlaing-Daw Kyi Pya Khaing of Yangon to 38 students and Headmaster U Aung Ye of Village BEPS, prizes to four students who passed matriculation exam.—MNA



CASH DONATED: In memory of Daw Khin Swe Nyunt (a) Daw Cherry, U Kyaw Than and family of Sein Pan Myaing Road in Ward 54/A of Thuwunna, Yangon Region, donated K 300,000 to the fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Home U Win Swe, Joint Secretary U Nyi Nyi Lwin and Treasurer U Chit Swe accept cash donation.—NLM

Union Minister inspects University of Cooperatives (Sagaing)

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met the principal and faculty members at University of Cooperatives (Sagaing) on

16 June morning. He discussed opening for the university in 2012/2013 academic year and fulfilled the requirements.

He met departmental officials of Ministry of Cooperatives and Ministry

of Livestock and Fisheries, Cooperative Union and syndicates, and Livestock Breeding Groups of Sagaing Region and discussed rural development and poverty alleviation.

MNA

Sagaing Region Chief Minister meets Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye received Indian Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr. V.S. Seshadri and party at Win Unity Hotel in Monywa on 15 June. Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

At the meeting were region ministers and officials concerned.

Afterwards, the Region Chief Minister, region ministers and the Indian Ambassador and his entourage on 16 June arrived at People's Hospital in Monywa where they encouraged specialists both

from the hospital and from India, who were giving free medical treatment to the patients of Sagaing Region.

The Region Chief Minister addressed the work-coordinating meeting on forming private companies in Sagaing Region, held at the meeting hall of the Hluttaw Office in Monywa.—MNA

Pyinsar model village in PyinOoLwin Township gets new school building

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—A ceremony to open two-stored BEHS (branch) in Pyinsar model village in PyinOoLwin Township and to hand it over to Education Department, took place at the school this morning, attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

At the ceremony, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, in-charge Director-General U Myo Nyunt of No. 2 Basic Education Department, Region Education Officer U Soe Myint Tun, donor U Maung Maung and wife Daw Khin San Yi formally opened it.

After that, the donor handed over the documents related to the school to Township Education Officer

Daw Kyi Kyi.

The Region Chief Minister and party inspected

the new school building. It measures 120 ft by 30 ft by 22 ft and is built of brick.—MNA



Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint at the opening ceremony of Pyinsar Model Village Basic Education High School (branch) in PyinOoLwin Township.—MNA

UNFPA rapid response to humanitarian emergency in Rakhine State

UNFPA, 18 June—As part of the UN collective efforts to respond to the humanitarian situation in Rakhine, UNFPA provided 2,000 Dignity Kits to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 15 June to be distributed to vulnerable women, especially those who have become homeless and reside in camps in Buthidaung, Maungdaw and Sittway.

Dr. Hla Hla Aye, Assistant Representative of UNFPA handed over the Dignity Kits to representatives of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at the Department of Fire Services in Yangon. Each

kit contains essential items for women in emergency to meet their basic daily needs, ensure their health well-being and preserve their dignity. The kits were sent to the Yangon Airport for shipment to Sittway.

Action in the field

In addition to the dignity kits, UNFPA jointly with the Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) and township health authorities provides life-saving maternal health, obstetric care and new born care through five mobile clinics in Yathedaung and southern Buthidaung. UNFPA will soon provide additional reproductive health medicine, supplies and kits

to boost the capacity of the mobile medical teams to be able to meet the needs of the affected population. Given its unfavourable health and development indicators, Rakhine has been identified as one of seven states/regions of the UNFPA Programme of Assistance to Myanmar (2012-015). Support to Rakhine State is based on two situation analyses conducted jointly by UNFPA and UNHCR in 2007 and 2010.

Humanitarian assistance

Since Myanmar is a disaster-prone country, UNFPA has placed emphasis on emergency preparedness and response in the context

Union Commerce Minister meets WTO guests



NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint received Head of Asia and Pacific Desk of WTO Ms Maika Oshikawa and Policy Review Expert Mr Masahiro Hayafuji at his office

this afternoon. At the call, they cordially discussed WTO's trade procedures, reforms of Myanmar trade and automatic licensing system for exports and imports.

Also present at the call

were directors-general of Directorate of Trade and Border Trade Department, managing director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading and officials.

MNA

Bago Region Chief Minister inspects development of Thayawady District

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win on 12 June attended the opening of Nattalin Township Law Office in Thayawady District

and formally opened the building together with the Region Advocate-General.

The Bago Region Chief Minister met departmental personnel at the hall of Nattalin Township General Administration Department. After inspecting maintenance of Nattalin-Tapun Road, the Chief

Minister called on local people at Dhamma Weponlla Dhammayon in Tapun Village.

Later, the Chief Minister inspected construction of Bogaunggyi Bridge and thriving Palethwe paddy plantation in 16-acre farmland.

MNA

Myanmar-Korea entrepreneurs meeting on 27 June

YANGON, 18 June—A meeting between delegation from Korea Federation of Textile Industry and Myanmar entrepreneurs, which is organized by Business Department of the Republic of the Korea in Myanmar, will take place at Mingalar Hall of Kandawgyi Palace Hotel, Yangon on 27

June (Wednesday).

Entrepreneurs from eight companies will discuss works related to textile, garment, dyeing and printing works and raw materials.

Those wishing to attend it may register at KOTRA Office (01-255453 and 01-255456) in advance.

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approaches have planted seeds for development. The Women Friendly Spaces (centres) established by UNFPA in the aftermath of Cyclone Nargis have proved to be viable models for women's empowerment. These centres provide an integrated package of support to women including skill-

development, micro-loans, income generating opportunities, psycho-social support and health including reproductive health education, counseling and referral. Currently, there are six women friendly spaces in Labutta and Yangon. Five more are planned to be established in 2012-2013.



Licences issued to motorcycles in Meiktila



MEIKTILA, 18 June—Administration (District Directorate of Road Office) is giving services of

issuance of licences to motorcycle owners in Meiktila on 14 June.

The directorate conducted training courses for the trainees to provide rules and regulation of traffic manuals and road signs.

Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Administration closely supervises scrutiny of training licence for the applicant drivers.

Kyemon

Cash donated to free clinic in Mawgyun

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 18 June—A ceremony to donate cash to the fund of free clinic opened by White Heart Group was held at the office in Mawlamyinegyun on 10 June.

Chairman of the group U Khin Maung Zin and party accepted K 500,000 donated by U Ko Ko Naing-Daw Cho Cho Mar of Mawlamyinegyun Township of 50th Street, K 150,000 by U Maung Maung Hsan-Daw Mya Mya Thein and family of 15th Street in Lanmadaw, K 100,000 by U Tun Wai of Sin Ohdan Street, K 100,000 by U Kyi Win-Daw Tin U (Yadana Moe Lottery), K 300,000 by U Than Win-Daw Pu Pu Tin and family of Ahlon Road and K 80,000 by U Thein Myint-Daw Tin Yi and family of 9th mile in Yangon.

The donations to the clinic in total amounted to K 1,630,000.

Those wishing to donate cash to the White Heart Group may contact U Khin Maung Zin, Tel: 49729660 and U Tun Wai (Yangon), Tel: 09-5010955.

Myanma Alin

Students broaden horizon with health knowledge

YANGON, 18 June—Organized by District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the school environment sanitation and sanitation equipment presentation was held in conjunction the health knowledge talks at No 33 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon North District on 14 June.

Chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Sein Sein Soe explained school health activities.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Mi Mi Khaing shared health knowledge. Chairperson Daw Sein Sein Soe of District/Township MCWA and Daw Khin Soe Moe presented sanitation equipment to school heads of 22 basic education schools.

Township departmental officials and members of social organizations participated in the weeding and spraying in the compound of the school.—*Myanma Alin*



ASSISTANT PRESENTED: A ceremony to present cash assistance and school uniforms to offspring of staff of Thingangyun Township General Administration Department was held at the town hall on 8 June. Township Administrator U Kyaw Lwin presents stationery, uniforms and cash assistance to students.

MYANMA ALIN

Traffic rules lectured to faculty members, students

YANGON, 18 June—Police Captain Myint Aung of No 3 Traffic Police Region of Yangon Region Wireless and Traffic Police Corps and IP Aung Maw of Kamayut Township Police Force on 15 June gave talks on crime reduction and traffic rules at Yangon Institute of Education Practising School in Kamayut Township.

It was attended by Rector Dr Aung Min of Yangon University, faculty members and students.

Kyemon

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held in Thazi Township



THAZI, 18 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day 2012, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in Kyetmauk Village in Kyetmauk Village-tract in Thazi Township of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region on 6 June morning.

Assistant Director U Bo Bo Win of Meiktila District Forest Department, Thazi Township General Administration Department U Pauk Kyaw, Head of Thazi Township Forest Department U Win Tun, departmental personnel and local people grew 1700 saplings.

Township Forest

Duties of projects assigned in Taungdwingyi Township

TAUNGDWINGYI, 18 June—A ceremony to assign duties of project for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the office of General Administration Department in Taungdwingyi Township of Magway District in Magway Region on 15 June afternoon.

It was attended by departmental officials, ward and village administrators and clerks.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Htut assigned duties of projects to officials of the respective sectors.

Kyemon

Midwifery Refresher Course opens in Hsipaw

HSPIPAW, 18 June—Organized by Hsipaw Township Health Supervisory Committee of Shan State (North), the Midwifery Refresher Course was opened at the training hall of the Township People's Hospital on 12 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator Township Health Committee U Myo Tint Zaw made a speech. Chairman of

Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Marlar Myo explained maternal and child health matters.

Head of Hsipaw Township Health Department District Medical Officer Dr Aung Htwe explained the purpose of conducting midwifery refresher course and disciplines of the training.

Altogether 52 midwives from the township attended the one-week course.

Kyemon

Agricultural loans disbursed to local farmers in Kyauktan Township

KYAUKTAN, 18 June—Agricultural loans were disbursed to farmers of Kyauktan Township in Yangon Region.

On 14 June, K 217 million for 4254 acres of farmlands was disbursed to 259 farmers from Mayanbay Village and K 157.1 million for 2943 acres of farmlands to 228 farmers of Tada Sub-Township.

So far, K 1635.17 million has been disbursed to 14 village-tracts of Kyauktan Township. A plan is underway to present over K 8000 for the local farmers of the whole township.

Aung Swe



DELEGATION LEAVES: A delegation comprising President of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation Dr Khin Maung Tun, manager Secretary of the federation U San Hlaing and party left here by air on 16 June to take joint exercises in traditional boxing sport in Bangkok of Thailand from 16 June to 14 July and to take part in Asian Amateur Traditional Boxing (Muay) Invitational Championship 2012 in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam.—SPED

Palethwe hybrid model plot harvested

SAGAING, 18 June—A ceremony to harvest model plot of Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on field No 838 of farmer Daw Win Sein in the irrigated area of Hsintat River Water Pumping Station in Sagaing Township of Sagaing Region on 13 June.

The paddy plantation produced 180.97 baskets of paddy per acre.

District Agriculture

DISTRICT NEWS



MODEL PLOT HARVESTED: Palethwe hybrid paddy on 1.60 acres at 10 acre-plot of farmer U Nyan Tin was harvested at farmer educative farm in irrigated area of Shwechaung River Water Pumping Station of Yesagyo in Magway Region. On 9 June, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Sein Maung and staff, Deputy Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Shwe Ngah and staff harvested the model plot for correctness of production.—KYEMON

A policeman inspects a damaged police vehicle at the blast site in northwest Pakistan's Kohat, on 17 June, 2012. A blast targeting a police van in Kohat killed at least seven people, including four police officials, and injured five others late Saturday night.

XINHUA



Beijing-Shanghai high-speed train ticket prices cut

BEIJING, 18 June — Travellers will enjoy discounts when buying business-class tickets and premium seats on Beijing-Shanghai high-speed trains from 27 June, according to the Ministry of Railways. Business-class tickets for the 85 high-speed trains operating on the country's busiest railway line will be reduced by 10 to 20 percent, while tickets for premium seats will be cut by 10 percent,

according to a statement posted on the website of the ministry.

After the price cut, business-class tickets will be lowered to between 1,400 yuan (222.22 US dollars) and 1,575 yuan from the current 1,750 yuan. Prices of premium seats will stand at 949 yuan, down from the current 1,055 yuan. The discounts will vary according to different trains, the time of ticket purchases and the day of departure,

according to the statement.

The ministry's move aims to attract more passengers to business class, which has been suffering from low attendance. However, Zhao Jian, professor at the Beijing Jiaotong University, said the new policy may have little effect as the discounts are not big enough. He suggested that railway authorities instead adopt a floating pricing system like airline companies to maintain competitiveness. — Xinhua

Nepali police intensifies proactive measures to check drug trafficking

KATHMANDU, 18 June — Nepali police have intensified proactive measures to check drug trafficking in the capital Kathmandu Valley, local Press reported on Saturday.

Records at the Narcotic Drug Control Law Enforcement Unit (NDCLEU) showed the unit seized 2,877 kg of hashish from drug traffickers in 2012, against last year's haul of 1,271 kg.

According to statistics, narco police have seized 500 gm of opium and 4.216 kg of heroin so far this year, while they seized 7.857 kg drug in 2011.

Police have held 45 drug traffickers and dealers, including three foreigners, in separate operations in the Kathmandu Valley so far this year. They caught a total of

136 drug operatives, including 18 foreigners, last year.

Officials warned that Nepal is on the verge of becoming a transit for international drug trade.

Drug trafficking, especially hashish, to neighbouring and third countries continues unabated despite frequent busts of drug rackets. The demand for "Nepal-made hashish" is high in the international drug market, thanks to "its quality and potency".

Officials lament that people involved in drug smuggling seem to be ready to take the risk of arrests and jail as international rackets promise them hefty sums.

According to NDCLEU, quality arrests and seizures

are doing little to control drug smuggling.

"Racketeers working on the top layer have been selling dreams to their agents in Nepal. Growing demand for drugs is also to blame," an official was quoted by Saturday's THT Online as saying.

He underscored the need to raise anti-drug awareness at local, regional, national and international levels. "If demand for drugs amongst the users decreases, it will automatically discourage the racketeers," he suggested.

Drug smugglers adopt a new modus operandi every time to push hashish into the capital from other parts of the country before shipping it abroad.

Xinhua

Official says illegal fishing increases in Fiji

SUVA, 18 June — Illegal, Unreported and Unregistered (IUU) fishing is rapidly increasing in Fiji, Fisheries Department Director Sanaila Naqali said on Saturday. Naqali revealed the situation as the Fijian government is ready to host the 3rd meeting of African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) ministers responsible for fisheries at the Sofitel Resort in the western tourist town of Nadi on 16-19 June.

Fiji government is aware of IUU fishing but they are facing difficulties in tracking these networks down, Naqali said, adding they have only destroyed 10 IUU networks to date. Fiji has been coming

up with strategic plans to stop them, said the official. Inoke Wainiqolo, permanent secretary of Fiji's Ministry of Fisheries, echoed Naqali by saying that this has been a serious concern for global fisheries as it undermines efforts to conserve and manage fish stocks.

According to Fiji's Ministry of Information, the 3rd ACP meeting will be attended by ACP ministers responsible for fisheries, senior officials from its member states and international organizations such as Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations Development Fund and World Bank. — Xinhua

42 insurgents killed, 37 arrested in operations in Afghanistan

KABUL, 18 June — Up to 42 insurgents have been killed and 37 other detained in military operations in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the Afghan Interior Ministry said on Sunday morning.

"Afghan National Police (ANP), army and NATO-led coalition forces launched seven joint clearance operations in Nangarhar, Laghman, Balkh, Kandahar, Helmand, Khost and Ghazni Provinces over the past 24 hours, killing 42 armed Taleban insurgents and detaining 37 other suspects," the ministry said

in a statement. They also found and seized weapons, the statement said, without saying if there were any casualties on the side of security forces.

The ALP also discovered and defused four remote-controlled mines as a result of security operation in the Khinjan District of Baghlan Province, the statement added. Militancy has been on constant rise since the Taleban launched its spring offensive on 3 May this year. The Taleban insurgent group has yet to make comments.

Xinhua

Four missing climbers presumed dead after avalanche

WASHINGTON, 18 June — An avalanche on Mount McKinley swept a Japanese climbing team off a hill as they tried to descend on a rope line, leaving four presumed dead. One climber survived after tumbling 60 feet into a crevasse. US National Park Service officials said on Saturday that five people were travelling as one rope team early Thursday morning as part of a Miyagi Workers Alpine Federation expedition on the Alaska mountain. Park Service spokeswoman Maureen McLaughlin said Hitoshi Ogi, 69, survived the fall. He was able to climb out.

The other four fell into the avalanche debris and haven't been seen since. The climbers are presumed dead by either snow burial or injuries suffered in falls. Snowfall and wind have impeded a search for the

missing climbers. Ogi spoke to Park Service employees after the event. He said the climbers were descending the mountain together when the avalanche began, McLaughlin said. They sped up, trying to get down the mountain faster, but the rope connecting them broke when the avalanche struck.

Ogi was the lowest person on the rope team. He looked for the other four but couldn't find them. "He wasn't sure of all the events," McLaughlin said, adding that Ogi spoke through a translator and was exhausted. The four missing climbers include 64-year-old Yoshiaki Kato, 50-year-old Masako Suda, 56-year-old Michiko Suzuki, and 63-year-old Tamao Suzuki. There was new snow on the route, but the weather on Thursday was calm, McLaughlin said. — Reuters



Undated handout photo courtesy of the National Park Service shows the Kahiltna Basecamp at Mount McKinley in Alaska. Four Japanese climbers are presumed dead after they were swept up by a powerful avalanche on Alaska's Mount McKinley, North America's tallest peak, the National Park Service said on 16 June. Authorities said one man in the group survived and hiked down to get help. The avalanche struck early on Thursday, but searchers working that day and on Friday found no bodies or climbing gear, the Park Service said. — REUTERS

Thirty injured as car crashes into crowd in US city

WASHINGTON, 18 June — Up to 30 people were injured on Friday night in Lima, the US state of Ohio when a woman drove her car into a crowded rally on the city's Town Square, local media reported on Saturday.

No fatalities were reported, though many of the victims suffered injuries to their legs, heads and necks. All but four of the victims have been discharged from hospital as of Saturday, while two remain in serious but stable condition, the reports said.

Local police launched an

investigation, but so far have been unable to explain what caused the accident. Witnesses said the driver drove her car past a beer truck and hit the "Trinity" sculpture on the square at full speed.

Some rallygoers picked up the Oldsmobile sedan to free several victims pinned underneath, the reports added.

The crowd attending the Friday rally, sponsored by ArtSpace Lima, was larger than normal because of the nice weather and the presence of a popular band, The Earthquakers.

Xinhua



Samba enthusiasts attend Samba carnival parade in Helsinki, capital of Finland, on 16 June, 2012. The 22nd Samba carnival was held here on Saturday, attracting nearly 1,000 Samba enthusiasts and teachers and students of Samba schools as well as thousands of locals and foreign tourists. Samba was introduced into Finland in early 1990s and seven Samba schools have been established across the country since then. — XINHUA

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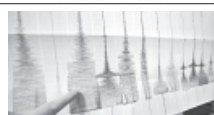
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A 6.4-magnitude undersea earthquake jolted the sea area off the east coast of Honshu, the main island of Japan, US seismologists said, but no tsunami alert was issued.—INTERNET

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1. Head Quarter (Road Transport), Ministry of Rail Transportation, Building No. 29, Nay Pyi Taw, Phone No. 067-405037
2. Road Transport Office (Yangon Region), No-375, Bogyoke Aung San Road, Yangon, Phone No. 01-252573

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**Tropical storm
to batter
eastern,
southern China**

FUZHOU/HAIKOU, 18 June — Talim, the fifth tropical storm of this year, is expected to hit at least two provinces on China's southern and eastern coasts on Tuesday, local flood control authorities warned on Monday. Talim, which evolved from a tropical depression at midnight, was located 740 km from Zhaoan county in east China's Fujian Province at 5 am on Monday, the provincial flood prevention and control headquarters said.

The storm was about 160 km from the city of Wenchang in the southernmost island Province of Hainan.

The storm brought winds blowing at 64 km per hour. It is expected to hit the Taipei Strait on Tuesday night. The tropical storm and the preceding depression have brought heavy rains to many parts of Fujian, which is located opposite Taipei across the strait. The headquarters said 24 counties received precipitation measuring between 25 and 50 mm, while another 10 counties received 50 to 100 mm of rain.

Xinhua

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.**

Public safety alert packed in 17 syllables

The Arizona Transportation Department is looking for a few good poets to alert the public about the dangers of driving in dust storms. The department challenged its 14,000 Twitter followers to write a haiku about driving safe during the storms, sometimes called haboobs, *The Arizona Republic* in Phoenix reported.

The challenge to make public safety poetic has drawn three-line, 17-syllable haikus from hundreds of followers, the newspaper said on 14 June.

One entry: "Dust storms

are deadly/ Pull over, turn off lights, wait/ Asearth becomes sky."

The challenge is part of the department's "Pull Aside Stay Alive" campaign on safe driving during monsoon season, which officially began.

"We've never done anything like this before, so we weren't sure what to expect, and this is something different from the government," Timothy Tait, the department's assistant communication director, told the *Republic*. "It's taking a humorous, lighthearted approach for a serious topic."

News Album

Naomi Watts moving to London to prepare for Princess Diana role Share



Naomi Watts

LONDON, 18 June—Naomi Watts is moving to London to get into character for her role as Princess Diana in an upcoming movie.

According to the *Sun*, the 43-year-old actress is setting up home in

Kensington, where the tragic royal lived in royal residence Kensington Palace, the *Daily Express* reported.

The actress has been cast in Oliver Hirschbiegel's upcoming drama 'Caught In Flight', which is based on the last two years of the princess' life before she died in a car crash in Paris, France in 1997.

The star also admitted recently that she is "terrified" of playing such a high-profile role. The 43-year-old will also frequent some of the Princess's favourite hangouts, including The Harbour Club and Beauchamp Place.

"Naomi wants to get into character before shooting starts," a source told the *Sun*. *Internet*

Catherine Zeta-Jones wants to play Cleopatra in Broadway show

WASHINGTON, 18 June—Catherine Zeta-Jones is reportedly planning her return to Broadway as Cleopatra in a new rock and roll musical. The Welsh star, who had won over critics and earned a 'Tony Award' for her start in 'A Little Night Music' back in 2009, also flaunted her vocal talents in the Hollywood adaptation of another Broadway show, 'Rock of Ages'.

During her appearance on US talk show 'The View' on Friday, the actress admitted that she is developing a stage show about the Ancient Egyptian queen with her Traffic director Steven Soderbergh,



Catherine Zeta-Jones

helped her entire family shoot to fame, insists that she didn't have her own identity as a youngster. "I've always been very shy, ever since I was a girl: I copied and did everything my sister Courtney asked me to do, even when at school she would put me in embarrassing situations with boys. She was my idol," she added.—*Internet*

NYC subway rat leaves woman rattled



A New York woman said she has been unable to ride the subway since a rat

climbed up her leg inside her pants. Ana Vargas, 40, said she

was riding the train between 125th Street and Columbia Circle around 8 am when the rat crawled up her leg and she had to take off her pants to get rid of it, the *New York Post* reported.

"I'm still nervous about it," Vargas said. "I had to take pills to get to sleep last night because of what happened."

"I don't know what I'm going to do to get to work, but I don't want to get on the train," she said.

Massachusetts town passes swearing fine

A Massachusetts town passed a \$20 fine for swearing in public, but the police chief said officers do not have a list of words to work from.

Middleboro Police Chief Bruce Gates told the 297 residents attending the

Monday night meeting, which also passed fines for smoking marijuana in public and shoveling snow into the street, that he does not have a list of swear words for officers to use in giving out the \$20 citations, The Enterprise, Brockton, Mass,

reported. Gates said it would be up to the individual officers to use their discretion.

"I don't see an issue, we have a lot of things to do. This is not a priority," he said.

The swearing fine was approved by a 183-50 vote.

Russell Brand slams TV presenter for 'making mum cry' with Katy Perry question

WASHINGTON, 18 June—Russell Brand has blasted Graham Norton for enquiring about his failed marriage to Katy Perry in front of his mother, which left her teary eyed. After the 49-year-old presenter made the query, Russell refuted the claim that the issue "just came up".

He said: "It did not come up, mate. You brought it up."

Talking to fellow guests Emily Blunt and Paloma Faith, the 'Rock of Ages' star claimed that Graham betrayed him.

"He upped the stakes and stabbed me in the back. My mum is here. She got upset earlier when you dragged up my marriage. I saw her cry," Contactmusic quoted him as saying.

"That's reality because it's real people, Graham, that's my real mum. That's why I was a little bit embarrassed when I saw my mum crying. I came here to promote a film and you made my mum cry. I don't see you as that sort of person, Graham."

Brand asserted that

Norton should have warned him before filming, that he would mention his divorce that took place just after 14 months of marriage to Perry.

What I would have done mate is come up to me before the show and gone: 'Eh, listen. It's a bit odd that your ex-missus was on last week. I might mention it. Is that OK?' And I would have gone: 'Of course it is.'

"But in all of the chatting and the research, no-one mentioned it," he said.

However, Norton



Russell Brand

refuted the accusations and insisted that it would have been weird not to enquire about the comedian's marriage, as Perry made an appearance on the show last week. "If I had not asked anything it would have been weird because Katy was on the show last week. That's the only reason," he said. *Internet*

Kim Kardashian proud of self-made empire

WASHINGTON, 18 June—Kim Kardashian has claimed that despite being born wealthy, she has built her own empire and deserves every bit of the success she has achieved.

The 'Keeping Up With The Kardashians' star has encouraged her fans to believe in their own ideas.

"Yes I was born rich; it was a classic Californian lineage: lavishness and ostentation, luxury mansions with pools, private clubs, exclusive friendships, and luxury cars," Contactmusic quoted her as telling L'Uomo Vogue.

"Despite the affluence, at only 31 I've been able to build my own empire in the world of entertainment and, although looks and friendships are important, I want the new generation to understand that if you don't believe in yourself and in your own ideas, you go nowhere," she said.

The reality star who



Kim Kardashian

helped her entire family shoot to fame, insists that she didn't have her own identity as a youngster.

"I've always been very shy, ever since I was a girl: I copied and did everything my sister Courtney asked me to do, even when at school she would put me in embarrassing situations with boys. She was my idol," she added.—*Internet*

Kenneth Branagh knighted by queen

LONDON, 18 June—Actor Kenneth Branagh said he was thrilled at being knighted by Queen Elizabeth as part of the sovereign's annual birthday honors.

Branagh and fellow actor Kate Winslet were among the dozens of Britons up for various royal honours on Saturday.

Branagh, 51, star of such British films as "Henry V" and "Harry Potter," said that as a kid, he dreamed of playing soccer for Northern Ireland's national side. "I could only imagine how proud you might feel," he said. "My heart is fit to burst."

Winslet was named Commander of the British Empire, joining entertainers such as actor Jenny Agutter, Take That singer Gary Barlow and songwriter Richard Stilgoe who were bestowed the Order of the British Empire.

The conglomeration of commemorations also

included nearly 300 "ordinary" Britons who received the British Empire Medal, which was revived for the queen's Diamond Jubilee after being discontinued in 1991. *Internet*



Actor Kenneth Branagh arrives at the 18th annual Screen Actors Guild Awards in Los Angeles on 29 January, 2012.

INTERNET

Portugal enters last eight and Netherlands leaves stage at Euro 2012

KHARKIV, (Ukraine), 18 June — Portugal beat the Netherlands 2-1 to enter the quarterfinals of the Euro 2012 Championship on Sunday night. Cristiano Ronaldo's goals from each half shattered the Dutch dream to become the first ever to qualify from a Euro section with three points after Rafael van der Vaart's left-footed opener. The tournament favourite, who are also the World Cup runner-up, stayed bottom of Group B without a single point after three defeats and left the Euro stage with huge regrets. It was the first time for the Netherlands failing to progress from the group stage since their triumph in 1988.

"It's a disappointing result. I'm responsible for it. The same team did very intense. I tried to make the team more fast and younger. But they did not work in the first game," said the Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk, blaming the 1-0 defeat to Denmark in their opening match as the turning point. While Portugal, with two victories in a row, booked their berth in the last-eight

following Germany, who beat Denmark in the same time to top the so-called "Death Group" with three wins. "We are proud to play as a team. We played with a great united organization as we did in all these three games. That's why we won and why I feel proud of my team," commented Portugal head coach Paulo Bento. Portugal, who will meet

the Czech in the next round, have so far kept an overwhelming record against the Netherlands in the two decades which now reads seven wins, three draws and only one defeat.

The Netherlands, who were the most prolific side in qualifying stage by scoring 37 goals in 10 games, failed to rediscover their scoring touch

in the group battle by only scoring two. Facing the nearly impossible mission to beat Portugal by a two-goal margin and rely on Germany to beat Denmark, Van Marwijk fielded onto all his attacking talents including Wesley Sneijder, Robin van Persie, Arjen Robben and Klaas-Jan Huntelaar. The Netherlands made a dream start after 11 minutes when the attack midfielder curled in a left-footed shot from the edge of the area after Arjen Robben cut in from the left to make a neat pass.

Portugal levelled the score in the 28th minute when Ronaldo found the space in the area due to a loose defence from the opponents to beat the keeper Maarten Stekelenburg with a cool finish. Ronaldo sealed the victory with 16 minutes left when the Real Madrid winger dribbled past one defender in the area and rounded the keeper to net with ease.

"It's great pleasure for me. But without the team's efforts, we won't win it. Next game against the Czech we will see what happens," said the Portugal's top star. — Xinhua



Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal (R) vies with Gregory van der Wiel of Netherlands during their Group B 3rd round match at the Euro 2012 football championships in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on 17 June, 2012. Portugal won 2-1.
XINHUA

Germany enter last eight with three straight victories

Lviv, (Ukraine), 18 June — Germany beat Denmark 2-1 on Sunday to score the full nine points from three games to advance to the quarterfinals as winners of Group B in the Euro 2012 tournament.

After a 1-1 first half tie, Denmark who lost to Portugal 3-2 earlier in the group, tried to import some urgency into their game, knowing a draw would still nullify their hope of advancing as Portugal then led 2-1 over the Netherlands. Thus, Germany punished them in ruthless fashion as young full-back Lars Bender slotted the winner past Stephan Andersen for his first international goal in the 80th minute.

"Apart from my goal it was a great day for me. It was my first appearance at Euro and I scored the winning goal to help us reach the quarterfinals. I will remember this day for a very long time," said defender Bender. Lukas Podolski gave Germany the lead on his 100th cap as he scored the opener in the 19th

minute after Thomas Muller turned in the box and cut the ball back for the Arsenal striker who produced an emphatic finish from close range. Michael Krohn-Dehli found the equaliser for Denmark with a firm header from a corner five minutes later.

With the win, Germany qualify as group B winners and will face Greece in the quarterfinals on 22 June in

Gdansk, while Portugal who eventually beat the Netherlands 2-1, progress as runners-up and will take on the Czech Republic in Warsaw on 21 June.

"Against Greece, it will be a completely different match," said Germany coach Joachim Low, "Nevertheless, they play a very similar game to the Danes. They are very dangerous in attack and strong in defence." — Xinhua



Thomas Muller (R) of Germany vies with Daniel Agger of Denmark during the Group B 3rd round match between Denmark and Germany at the Euro 2012 football championships in Lviv, Ukraine, on 17 June, 2012. — XINHUA

Cornet beats Wickmayer to win Gastein Ladies title



Alize Cornet of France

BAD GASTEIN, (Austria), 18 June — Alize Cornet of France defeated Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium 7-5, 7-6 (1) on Sunday to win the Gastein Ladies for her first title in four years. The seventh-seeded Cornet, ranked 73rd, earned her second career title after winning in Budapest,

Hungary, in 2008.

She is 2-3 in WTA finals. She lost the final in Strasbourg last month. "This was the tournament I wanted to win this year," Cornet said. "I can't believe I didn't win a title for the last four years so now it's all happiness."

Cornet broke the second-

Walcott doubtful for Ukraine match

LONDON, 18 June — England were waiting anxiously on Sunday to see whether Theo Walcott, their star performer in the 3-2 win over Sweden on Friday, would be fit to play in their crucial final Euro 2012 Group D match with co-hosts Ukraine on Tuesday. The 23-year-old — who scored and then created Danny Welbeck's winner against the Swedes to put England second on goal difference to France in the group — suffered a recurrence of a hamstring injury in training on Sunday.

"Unfortunately he had a slight setback in training today," Hodgson told the BBC. "He felt the hamstring that kept him out for so long at the end of last season and that we were slightly concerned about when he came to us. But



Theo Walcott

we have been lucky that nothing has occurred with that.

"In the little training session we had today we had to take the precaution of taking him from the field because he felt a slight tightness there." Walcott will now be assessed by England's medical staff before Hodgson makes a final decision. England just need a point from their match to guarantee a place in the quarter-finals while Ukraine realistically need to win to progress.

Internet

Simpson triumphs by one shot at US Open



Webb Simpson of the US receives the US Open Championship Trophy from the USGA President Glen D Nager during the final round of the 2012 US Open golf tournament on the Lake Course at the Olympic Club in San Francisco, California on 17 June, 2012. — REUTERS

the brutally difficult Olympic Club, Simpson coolly parred his last eight holes to finish at one-over 281 as the other main contenders faded over the closing stretch.

"It was pretty nerve wracking," Simpson told NBC television after earning the winner's cheque for \$1.44 million in the year's second major. "I knew it was a tough golf course."

"I had to go out and do as well as I could. I probably prayed more the last three holes than I've ever done in my life. It helped me stay calm and get in with two under."

Simpson, who got up and down from greenside rough to save par at the last, became the ninth consecutive first-time winner of a major, and the 15th different player in succession to claim one of golf's blue riband events.

Northern Irishman McDowell, US Open champion at Pebble Beach two years ago, closed with a six-bogey 73 to finish joint second with little known American Michael Thompson (67).

Reuters

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 June — American Webb Simpson clinched his first major title with a nerve-jangling one-shot victory at the 112th US Open on Sunday after overhauling overnight leaders Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell.

The 26-year-old Simpson, who triumphed twice on the PGA Tour last year, charged into contention with four birdies in five holes around the turn on the way to a two-under-par 68.

On a foggy afternoon at

International Sports



Yanina Wickmayer of Belgium

seeded Wickmayer's serve at 5-5 and then held to take the opening set.

She was 5-3 up in the second set against Wickmayer, and then dominated the tiebreaker. Cornet converted her first match point as Wickmayer sent a forehand into the net. — Internet

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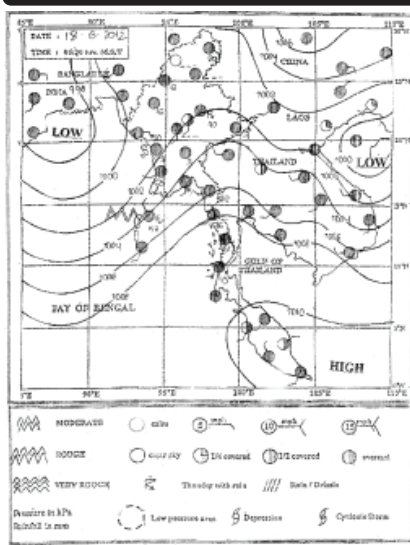
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- 9. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Fourth Year (Law)
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- 7:00 pm**
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- 14. TV Drama Series
- 8:00 pm**
- 15. News
- 16. Bakery World
- 17. TV Drama Series

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



Weather forecast for 19th June, 2012

Sr. No.	Regions/States	Temperature (°C/F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	35.95	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
2	Kayah	29.84	21.70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	29.84	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chin	24.75	16.61	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28.82	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	38.100	26.79	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Tamubyay	27.81	21.70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
8	Bago	32.90	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	34.93	25.77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	38.100	27.81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mien	28.82	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
12	Yangon	32.90	22.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30.86	21.70	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	25.77	19.66	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29.84	21.70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	28.82	22.72	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	32.90	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	34.93	24.75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	32.90	22.72	Some rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	38.100	27.81	Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers	(60%)

Summary of observations at 09.30 hr MST on today

Bay Inference: Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

State of the Sea: Occasional Squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increases of rain in the Coastal areas.

Only 1 in 4 with mental illness treated

LONDON, 18 June—Three out of four people with mental illness in the UK are receiving no treatment, experts have said in a new report. The report, published by the London School of Economics (LSE), says the lack of treatment for people suffering from mental health problems is the most "glaring case of health inequality" in Britain.

Among people under the age of 65, mental illness now accounts for nearly half of all ill health suffered by people in Britain and is generally more debilitating than most chronic physical diseases, the report published on Monday concluded. Effective psychological therapies exist but are not widely available and only a quarter of sufferers are receiving treatment, the report by the LSE's Mental Health Policy Group found.

It is thought that around two-fifths of patients suffering from anxiety or depression can recover if they are treated by methods such as cognitive behavioural therapy. The authors—a distinguished team of economists, psychologists, doctors and NHS managers—say that if such treatments were more widely available it would cost the NHS little or nothing overall because it would produce savings in other areas of healthcare.

They estimate that mental health problems which manifest themselves in physical symptoms cost the NHS at least ten billion pounds.—Internet



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Health knowledge talked in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township

YANGON, 18 June—The talks on health knowledge was held at the Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township People's Hospital in Yangon East District on 15 June afternoon, attended by members of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization, health staff, ward administrators and people.

Head of Yangon Region Health Department Dr U Nyan Win Myint explained the preventive measures against infectious diseases with the use of charts.

Head of Township Health Department Dr Saw San Nwe gave talks on nearly cent per cent prevention against DHF, infant tetanus, measles, polio and infectious diseases in township, ward and village areas.

Later, pamphlets on health knowledge were distributed to the attendees.—Myanma Alin



UNIFORMS PROVIDED: Executive Officer U Hla Thein of Kangyidaunt Township Development Affairs Committee presents 42 sets of uniforms to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers of the township in Ayeyawady Region on 5 June.

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Police investigate 'assault' by tennis's Nalbandian

LONDON, 18 June—Police are investigating a complaint of alleged assault against Argentina's David Nalbandian after a line judge was injured when the tennis player kicked an advertising hoarding. The 30-year-old was defaulted from the Queen's Club final in west London on Sunday for angrily kicking an advertising board at line judge Andrew McDougall which left the official suffering a gashed and bloodied leg. Scotland Yard said on Monday: We are aware of an incident at the Aegon Championships on 17 June. A complaint has been made and the Metropolitan Police Service is now investigating.



McDougall then rolled up his trousers to reveal a bloody gash on his leg before remonstrating with Nalbandian.

Argentina's David Nalbandian (left) speaks to injured line judge Andrew McDougall during his mens singles final against Marin Cilic of Croatia at the AEGON Championships at the Queens Club in London on Sunday.—INTERNET

Officials immediately disqualified Nalbandian "due to unsportsmanlike behaviour" and Cilic was declared the champion of the ATP grasscourt event, a warm-up for Wimbledon, now the only one of tennis's four 'Majors' played on grass,

which starts next week. Nalbandian was stripped of his runners-up cheque, worth 44,945 euros (\$56,802), and 150 ATP ranking points he would have earned as a beaten finalist.

He could also be hit with a 10,000 euro (\$12,638) fine, which will be decided by ATP chiefs at a later date.

But he could also face an eight-week ban having also been fined \$8,000 for throwing water at an Australian Open tournament worker in January following a five-set defeat by America's John Isner.—Internet

Vietnam Auto Expo 2012 to open in capital Hanoi

HANOI, 18 June—The 9th International Auto Exhibition (Vietnam Auto Expo 2012) will be opened in Vietnam's capital Hanoi on 21 June, announced the C.I.S Vietnam Advertising & Exhibition Ltd, the organizer of the event on Monday.

Being held in the context of Vietnam's auto sales market downturn, the annually event

will be a good chance for enterprises to seek new business opportunities and establish new partnership in order to boost domestic consumption. In the first five months of 2012, about 29,800 automobile units were sold in Vietnam, a year-on-year decrease of 35 percent, according to Vietnam's General Statistics Office.

The four-day expo will have the participation of 200 domestic and foreign carmakers.

On the sidelines of the expo, there will be seminars on solutions to boost Vietnam's auto industry.

In 2011, the expo drew 118 businesses from 15 countries and territories worldwide.—Xinhua

Union Information and Culture Minister meets members of Myanmar Music Association

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan gave a speech with regard to reconstitution of Myanmar Music Association (Central) Executive Committee at Myanmar Radio and Television (Yangon) yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were departmental heads from the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Culture, panel of patrons of Myanmar Music Association (Central), members of selection supervisory board, executives and those from the music world.

The Union Minister in his speech said that his meeting with those present was aimed to assist and cooperate in reorganization of Myanmar Music Association (Central) at the request of artistes from music world. The Union Minister called for free selection in line with



Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan addresses members of Myanmar Music Association.—MNA

democratic practice under the supervision of the panel of patrons and selection board as the musicians had agreed. The Union Minister added that the MRTV under his ministry would assist in the process at the request of musicians, promising to assist and cooperate with the

association as usual after its reconstitution.

The Union Minister warned the association to be aware of being politically exploited as the association was the non-governmental one although each member had right to act freely. The Union Minister called on the

association to be politically colourless one serving the interests of the music world and musicians.

Next, those present participated in discussions and the meeting came to an end with the concluding remark of the Union Minister.

MNA

Toungoo, Falam hold rainy season tree growing ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—As rainy season tree growing ceremony was held near the moat on Hthlaling Road of Toungoo in Bago Region on 16 June, the Deputy Commissioner of Toungoo District General Administration Department distributed saplings to social organizations.

Under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Toungoo District Forest Department and the head of Township Forest Department, those present participated in the growing of 1010 saplings.

Forest Department planted 700,000 saplings of 16 species to grow 1150 acres of teak, 58000 acres of natural forest and 1470 acres of high value natural forest, forest reserve and protected forests.

On 16 June morning, over 300 local people planted 2140 saplings at one-mile Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery and schools in urban areas in Falam.—MNA

Union Construction Minister inspects upgrade of Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint yesterday looked into upgrade of Shwebo-Myitkyina (Shwebo-

After that, the Union Minister also looked into maintenance of Shwebo-Sagaing road section being carried out by ShweTaung Co through B.O.T system.



Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspects Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road.—MNA

Sebinantha section), digging of drain between mile post Nos.13/7 and 14/0, tarmacking of road between mile post Nos.23/1 and 23/2, Nos.23/6 and 23/7.

He met with responsible persons of Zeyayadanar micro-credit association union from Sagaing, Myaung and Myinmu Townships, at its office in Sagaing.—MNA



LONDON, 18 June—English Premier League champions Manchester City will kick off their title defence at home to promoted Southampton on 18 August before facing Liverpool at Anfield the following weekend. Alex Ferguson's Manchester United start their bid to reclaim the title at Everton and then host Fulham, while Newcastle United start out at home to currently managerless Tottenham Hotspur.

City clinched their first

Man City kick off season at home to Southampton

title in 44 years on an extraordinary last day with stoppage time goals against Queens Park Rangers and they face Norwich City at home in their final fixture on 19 May next year while United will be at West Bromwich Albion.

Roberto Di Matteo, now confirmed as permanent Chelsea boss, takes the Champions League winners on the road to Wigan Athletic before two home games against Newcastle and Reading and then a trip to west London rivals QPR.

Arsenal, who finished third last season, start with a home match at the Emirates against Sunderland. Steve Clarke, the former Liverpool first team coach who left

Anfield to replace England manager Roy Hodgson at West Brom, welcomes his previous club to the Hawthorns for their opener.

The opening fixtures published on Monday, and subject to changes due to television coverage, also have Liverpool — under the new guidance of Brendan Rodgers—at home to Arsenal for their third match of the season on 1 September. Former Barcelona great Michael Laudrup's Premier League managerial debut with Welsh side Swansea City takes his club to QPR managed by Mark Hughes, the former Wales international who also played for Barcelona in the 1980s.

Reuters

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Tennis Tournament hails 2012 Olympic Day

YANGON, 18 June—Organized by Myanmar Tennis Federation, the 2012 Olympic Day commemorative Tournament was held at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 16 June, attended by President of MTF U Aung Maw Thein and executives, guests and tennis fanatics.

In the 8-game one-set (7 all tie break) system, Aung Thaw Khant & Chit Thet Su stood first, Soe Min Latt & Yan Naung Soe second, and Moe Kyaw Thu & Aung Myo Thant and Tin Oo & Khin Khin Than jointly third.

General Secretary of the federation U Lay Naing presented medals and cash awards to the winners.

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