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Our Three Main National Causes

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

Every State actor focuses on exploiting foreign assistance for national development and regional development no matter what move is behind the assistance

Government has targeted to treble current per capita income of people

Plans that would be economical and benefit state and people are to be chosen when ministries and Region/State governments get loans for development

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—President U Thein Sein delivered an address at the first meeting of Foreign Aids Management Central Committee at the meeting hall of the President Office at 9 am today.

Also present at the meeting were the Union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Union Auditor-General, the Chairman of the Union Civil Services Board, region and state chief ministers, chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone and departmental heads.

At first, President U Thein Sein delivered an address.

He said that today's meeting was the first meeting of the Foreign Aids Management Central Committee under which there were Foreign Aids Management Working Committee constituted with ministries and the National Economy and Social Advisory Council with economists and social scholars. The establishment was divided into two parts to open two tracks for systematically managing bilateral and multilateral aids and assistance from UN agencies, INGOs and Civil Society through different modes and different channels, he added. If the nine UN agencies and 53 INGOs currently operating in Myanmar would provide direct assistance

GDP increase of 7.7 per cent and 1.7-fold annual increase of per capita GDP in national development goal.

The government had targeted to treble the current per capita income of the people.

He called for efforts to triple the economic growth within five years combining manpower, capital and technology. Reviewing current expenditure and investment funds, it could be seen that the budget of the State (government's budget) was limited, it needed to get more grants and loans from foreign countries and also the rapid increase of local and foreign investments.

Only the amount of current investment fund was doubled, could job opportunities and incomes increase and the nation could



President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein delivers an address at first meeting of Foreign Aids Management Central Committee at meeting hall of President Office.

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down to township and village level, it would not be able to systematically manage national development and equitable development of regions. Therefore, the committee was established to deal with that, he noted.

Likewise on the global stage, he said that every State actor focused on exploiting the foreign assistance for its national development and regional development no matter what move was behind the assistance.

It was estimated to achieve an annual

achieve the target of triple growth, noted the President.

With budget deficit and local and foreign investments still not flooding into the country, it would surely need the assistance of international organizations if the nation was to bring down the poverty rate of people from 26 to 16 percent in other words to meet the Millennium Development Goals of the United Nations, he said.

As the first step of its reform strategy, the government had prioritized political system shift and national reconciliation

process, which achieved prominent results, winning the trust of the international community followed by increased proposals for assistance to the country. Now, efforts would be focused on national economic growth, and socio-economic improvement of the people as the second step of the reform strategy.

In response to the phase-by-phase reforms of the government, international organizations wishing to assist the country had asked the government to make clear the priority sector and priority area by clarifying

national development plan and reform strategy and organizing donors' meetings and also urged to organize donors' meetings at the convenient time.

Some had suggested that the nation should not allow international organizations which offered assistance with different motives to countries in process of initial reforms like Myanmar to do as they like but Myanmar must take the driver's seat acting on the development plan, reform strategy and socio-economic indicators of the regions and the State, (See page 8)

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Don't neglect EIA, SIA and HIA

Nowadays, government's reform process could attract the attention of the foreign investors. Many countries ease economic sanction against Myanmar. These countries want to make investments in Myanmar because of sweet labour, work force, natural resources, strategic location, etc.

After the April 1 by-elections, a lot of foreign investors keep watchful eyes on Myanmar. So, foreign direct investments are likely to flow into the country soon. With the flow of huge FDI, the country would see the establishment of the big industrial zones, oil and chemical industries and other manufacturing industries.

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) generates the development of the countries. FDI has positive effects as well as negative effects. The country could have positive effects such as technological transfers, mass production and employment opportunities. At the same time, the establishment of heavy industries would cause environmental damages. Due to that, allowing the establishment of industries should be granted only after taking Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA) and Health Impact Assessment (HIA) into consideration.

So, authorities concerned should consider establishment of factories or industries, based on EIA, SIA and HIA. We must take advantages of FDI. There are a lot of examples ahead of us. We can learn so many lessons from other countries. Myanmar has a chance of becoming a developed country with the agency of FDI. We should not neglect EIA, SIA and HIA. Don't look at profit alone.

Amyotha Hluttaw Dy Speaker receives OHCHR guests

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein received a delegation led by Director Ms Marcia Kran of Research and Right to Development Division of (OHCHR) at Amyotha Hluttaw hall of Hluttaw Complex here this morning.

Present at the call together with the Deputy Speaker, Chairman of Committee for Public Complaints and Appeals U Aung Nyein, Chairman of International Relations Col Maung Maung Htoo and officials from Amyotha Hluttaw Office.

At the meeting, the Deputy Speaker explained matters related to Democracy and Human Rights



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Committee formed in Hluttaw and forming of Human Rights Commission by Union Government. They had a cordial discussion on potential for cooperation between Hluttaw and (OHCHR) in providing

expertise assistance and for long-term cooperation in drawing Human Rights Law.—MNA

Border Affairs Ministry, IOM eye for cooperation in migration



Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win receives Chief of Mission in Myanmar of IO for Migration Ms Mariko Tomiyama and Director Mr Mohammed Abdiker of DO IOM (H).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win received Ms Mariko Tomiyama and Director Mr Mohammed Abdiker of Department of Organization for Migration Operations IOM

Headquarters paid a call on Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win at the ministry this morning.

They discussed matters related to border development undertakings of the Ministry of Border Affairs in cooperation with international organizations, provision of aids, rehabilitation and resettlement works in response to recent incidents in Rakhine State, measures for accommodating refugees in case they entered into Kayin State from Thailand, organizing study tour to Sri Lanka for learning how to assist migrants, and potentials for cooperation between the Border Affairs Ministry and the IOM.

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Dy Transport Minister receives Deputy Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of ROK



NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—A delegation led by Deputy Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Korea Mr Han, Man Hee had a call on Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein at the latter's office this afternoon.

Both sides discussed necessary cooperation for berthing of deep draught vessels at Thilawa port, exchanging of

technologies between departmental engineers of two countries, cooperation in maintenance of Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers, provisions technical assistance and radar screen for meteorology and hydrology, and availability of technical aids and capital for construction of Hanthawady International Airport.

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Dy Construction Minister receives guest to grate on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—A delegation led by Mr Kabir of Nation First Financial, Inc (USA) and U Tha Aye of Niles Co Ltd met Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin at the ministry yesterday evening.

They had a cordial discussion on providing of necessary assistant for placing of asphalt concrete on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, installation of safety guard and multipurpose work for road and bridges.

They discussed permission for housing development tasks along the express way.

Also present at the meeting were Managing Director of Public Works U Kyaw Lin, Head of Office U Kyaw Win, Deputy Managing Director U Kyaw Hlaing, departmental officials and Mr Kabir of Nation First Financial, Inc (USA) including six members.

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Debris cleared in fire-hit national races villages in Maungtaw Township

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Clearing of debris in fire-hit national races villages in wards and village-tracts in Maungtaw Township is being carried out collectively by local authorities, Tatmadaw men, members of Border Region Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters, members of Myanmar Police Force and Fire Brigade.

Wellwishers donates relief aids, blankets, clothes, pots, medicines, rice, edible oil, salt, beam, chilly and other utensils to refugees in seven rescue camps in Maungtaw Township and one in Buthidaung. In addition, Ministry of Border Affairs has provided them with K

30,000 per household.

Maungtaw and Buthidaung Township have restored peace and stability. Due to the unrest and violence, no house in Ngwetaung, Magyeegon, Thayagon, Waithali, Kanthaya (upper), Kanpyinsitha, Aungthaya, Aungthabyay, Udaung (NaTaLa) and Kainggyi (NaTaLa) villages in Buthidaung Township, was destroyed. Tatmadaw men helped 12155 displaced people from 277 households in rescue camps go home safely. The rest in rescue camp has been listed systematically and plan to return home soon.—MNA

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

Chinese, US presidents meet on bilateral ties

LOS CABOS, 20 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao met his US counterpart Barack Obama on Tuesday in Los Cabos, Mexico, on bilateral relations and major regional and global issues of common concern. Hu, during the meeting, said, "This is our 12th meeting. We had very good talks in Seoul this March." Over the past three months, working teams from both countries have carefully implemented the consensus reached between Chinese and US leaders and made new progress in building a cooperative partnership, he said.

A sound, stable and fruitful China-US relationship is in the fundamental interests of the two countries and also conducive to the regional and world peace and development, he said. China highly appreciates President Obama's important role in developing bilateral ties, Hu said.

China is willing to work together with the United States to firmly stick to the trend of jointly building a cooperative partnership, continuously boost mutual trust and cooperation, properly deal with differences and sensitive issues, and

push forward bilateral ties in a sustainable, healthy and stable way, he added.

Obama, for his part, said the two countries have made substantial progress in the development of their ties for the past three and a half years.

The two sides have constructed a model for practical and active cooperation and carried out fruitful cooperation in world economy, bilateral trade and major international and regional issues, he said. It is not only in the interests of the two nations but the world at large, he added.

Xinhua



Chinese President Hu Jintao (L) meets with US President Barack Obama in Los Cabos, Mexico, on 19 June, 2012.—XINHUA

Iran, world powers fail to reach Moscow breakthrough

Moscow, 20 June — Iran and world powers on Tuesday failed to narrow differences over the Iranian nuclear drive after fruitless talks in Moscow held amid threats of a crippling oil embargo or even military action against Teheran. However the Iranian negotiating team and the world powers led by EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton succeeded in keeping talks alive by agreeing a process for future meetings. The United States and Israel have repeatedly refused to rule out air strikes on Iran against its nuclear programme, which the West suspects is a cover for a bid for nuclear weapons, and the Moscow meeting was seen as a crucial last test for the viability of talks.



Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili speaks at a Press conference in Moscow.

INTERNET

"It remains clear that there are significant gaps between the substance of the two positions," Ashton told reporters in a late night news conference after nine hours of talks on the second and final day. There had been "tough and frank" exchanges with the delegation led by chief Iranian nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, said Ashton, who represented the world powers known as "P5+1" — permanent UN Security Council members Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States, plus Germany.—Internet

US-Russia joint missile defence is only way forward: Putin



Russia's President Vladimir Putin speaks during a news conference on the second day of the G20 Summit in Los Cabos on 19 June, 2012.

REUTERS

LOS CABOS, 20 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin reiterated Moscow's strong opposition to the US missile defence system on Tuesday, saying that President Barack

Obama's re-election would not end the dispute and insisting on joint development of the shield.

"I think that the missile defence issue will not be solved regardless of whether Obama is elected or not," he told reporters at the end of Group of 20 summit in Mexico. "I think that something can radically change only in the case if the US agrees with our proposal which says that Russia, Europe and US were equal participants of this process," said Putin.

Moscow says the interceptors that the United States and NATO are deploying as part of the system will be able to destroy Russian warheads in flight by about 2018, upsetting the post-Cold War balance of power. Washington maintains that the missile defence system — which is to be deployed in four phases by about 2020 — is intended to counter a potential threat from Iran and poses no risk to Russia.—Reuters

Six European defence ministers agree on military cooperation

VIENNA, 20 June — Defence ministers of six small European nations agreed to be represented in Brussels "with one voice," Austrian Defence Minister Norbert Darabos said on Tuesday. That was an agreement made so far during the talks over military cooperation held in Frauenkirchen, Austria among Austria, Hungary, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Slovenia and Slovakia, Darabos said.

"We have come to agreement in all areas. We have found a common voice as far as the troop presence in the Western Balkans is concerned and we are also in agreement about our role in the European Union (EU)," he said.

Darabos said the Austrian troop presence in the Western Balkans — involved in missions in Bosnia and Kosovo — must remain, as an early withdrawal could jeopardize their efforts up to now.

All nations involved in the talks agreed that the nature of threats in Europe had changed. Armies and tank contingents were things of the past, and terrorism and cyber attacks were among the current challenges, Darabos said.—Xinhua

Chinese astronauts in space receive first e-mail from Earth

BEIJING, 20 June — Astronauts in the orbiting lab module *Tiangong-1* received their first e-mail from Earth on Tuesday afternoon, the Beijing Aerospace Control Centre (BACC) confirmed.

The e-mail containing photos, text and videos was sent through a special communication channel between the control centre and the lab module, a statement from the centre said.

Through this communication channel, astronauts can maintain instant contact with Earth, which facilitates their work and contributes to the quality of their spare time, the statement said.

The three astronauts, including the country's first female in space, entered the cabin of the *Tiangong-1* on Monday afternoon, becoming the first group of Chinese to enter an orbiter in space, shortly after a successful automatic

docking procedure between the orbiter and the *Shenzhou-9* spaceship.

Deng Yibing, chief engineer of the astronaut training centre, told *Xinhua* that the astronauts had been busy checking the facilities and doing experiments over the past day.

The environment inside the orbiter has been quite comfortable, with the temperature at 22 to 23 degrees Celsius and the humidity at 40 percent, Deng said.

Although they experience 16 sunrises and sunsets every 24 hours as the orbiter circles Earth every 90 minutes, astronauts wake up and rest in line with Earth time.

They got up at 6 am Beijing Time today and will go to bed in the evening," Deng said.

One will remain on duty while the others sleep, and the three will take turns sleeping, he said.

Xinhua



A model depicting the Statue of Liberty is seen during the People's Summit at Rio+20 for Social and Environmental Justice in Rio de Janeiro on 19 June, 2012.

REUTERS

Asian immigrants to US surpass Hispanics for first time

NEW YORK, 20 June — Asians have surpassed Hispanics as the largest group of new immigrants to the United States, according to a new study from the Pew Research Centre. The study, called "The Rise of Asian Americans" and released on Tuesday, reveals that Asian-Americans also have the highest income, are the best educated and are the fastest-growing racial group in America. About 430,000 Asians—or 36 percent of all new immigrants—arrived in the United States in 2010, according to US census data.

immigration while American employers increase their demand for high-skilled workers," the *Associated Press* said.

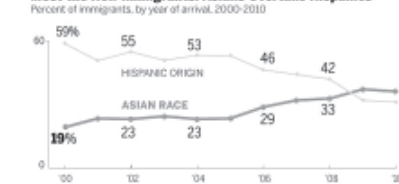
"The educational credentials of these recent [Asian] arrivals are striking," the report said. Sixty-one

percent of 25-to-64-year-old Asian immigrants come with at least a bachelor's degree—more than double non-Asian immigrants, making the recent Asian arrivals "the most highly educated cohort of immigrants in US history."

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Meet the New Immigrants: Asians Overtake Hispanics



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Breeding programme to help endangered kiwis

WELLINGTON, 20 June— Scientists say a project will see one of the world's most endangered bird species repopulate a part of New Zealand's North Island after an absence of centuries.



Photo from New Zealand Department of Conservation shows kiwi, one of the world's most endangered bird species. INTERNET

The Department of Conservation said 20 young rowi, a species of New Zealand's unique kiwi, will be taken to Mana Island near Wellington with the aim of establishing a new colony outside the bird's South Island sanctuary, *Xinhua News Agency* reported on Monday.

The eggs were taken from a forest in Okarito in the south of the South Island to protect them from predators, and are to be hatched and reared in other parts of the South Island before a New Zealand air force helicopter carries them to Mana Island, officials said.

"We expect that the absence of predator pressure, better breeding conditions and less competition for territories will ensure that the

Mana Island rowi produce a high number of chicks that can eventually become part of the home population in Okarito," Conservation Department ranger Iain Graham said in a statement.

The department intends to eventually move the Mana Island rowi back to the South Island when they mature, officials said.

All five species of the flightless bird, New Zealand's national bird, are endangered, scientists said.

The department estimates their numbers have decreased from millions two centuries ago to just 70,000 today.

The decline is blamed on introduced predators such as dogs, cats and stoats, as well as habitat loss, officials said.—*Internet*



This artist's rendition created from a photograph of Antarctica shows what Antarctica possibly looked like during the middle Miocene epoch, based on pollen fossil data. INTERNET

Ancient warming turned Antarctica green

LOS ANGELES, 20 June— Ancient global warming allowed the greening of Antarctica and substantial vegetation sprouted on the frozen continent 15 million years ago, researchers say.

Ancient Antarctica was warmer and wetter than previously suspected — enough to support vegetation, including stunted trees, along its edges — researchers from the University of Southern California, Louisiana State University and NASA's Jet

Propulsion Laboratory reported on Sunday.

Summer temperatures along the Antarctic coast 15 million to 20 million years ago were 20 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than they are today, reaching about 45 degrees Fahrenheit with considerably more precipitation, they said.

Scientists began to suspect high-latitude temperatures were warmer than previously believed when LSU researcher Sophie Warny discovered large quantities of pollen and algae in sediment cores taken around Antarctica.

"Deep sea cores are ideal to look for clues of past vegetation as the fossils deposited are protected from ice-sheet advances, but these

are technically very difficult to acquire in the Antarctic and require international collaboration," Warny said.

Fossils of plant life in Antarctica are difficult to come by, scientists say, because the movement of the massive ice sheets covering the landmass grinds and scrapes away the evidence. "Ice cores can only go back about 1 million years," Sarah J. Feakins, USC professor of earth sciences, said. "Sediment cores allow us to go into 'deep time.'" The increased temperatures occurred during a period of global warming in the middle Miocene epoch that coincided with increased levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide, researchers said.

Internet

Umbrella charges cellphone, boosts signal

LONDON, 20 June — British cellphone carrier Vodafone says its Booster Brolly umbrella will allow users to charge their phones while also improving cellular reception.

Developed by Kenneth Tong, a lecturer in antennas and microwave technology at University College London, it features a dozen 2-volt solar panels hand-stitched into the umbrella to charge a cellphone, GigaOm.com

reported. The umbrella has

aluminum struts to improve conductivity and a small high-



Booster Brolly charges cellphone, offers better reception.—INTERNET

gain antenna with signal repeater to improve reception for a cellphone clipped to the umbrella's central carbon fiber pole.

When clipped to the umbrella the cellphone can be charged, communicate with an improved signal and offer hands-free usage.

Vodafone is reportedly offering the Booster Brolly at a number of festival events in Britain this summer.—*Internet*

Mars rover tested in Chile desert

PARIS, 20 June — A fully autonomous vehicle designed as a planetary rover has been successfully tested in Chile's Mars-like Atacama Desert, scientists say.

The recent test of the Seeker full-scale rover is a step toward creating unmanned rovers that can navigate their own way on alien planets, the European Space Agency reported from its Paris Headquarters.

A multidisciplinary team worked at the site in Chile, it said. "Their challenge was to demonstrate how a planetary rover — programmed with state-of-the-art software for autonomous navigation and making decisions — could traverse 6 kilometres (3.75 miles) in a Mars-like environment and come back where it started," ESA's Gianfranco Visentin said.

Since it takes radio signals up to 40 minutes to make the trip to Mars and back, Mars rovers cannot be "driven" directly from Earth,

researchers said, and instead must be given instructions to carry out autonomously.

"ESA's ExoMars rover, due to land on Mars in 2018, will have state-of-the-art autonomy," Visentin said.

"Lacking GPS on Mars, the rover can only determine how far it has moved relative to its starting point, but the errors in 'dead reckoning' build up into risky uncertainties." Seeker used its stereo vision to map its surroundings, assess how far it had moved and plan its route, making sure to avoid obstacles, researchers said.

"We managed 5.1 kilometre (3.1 miles), somewhat short of our 6-kilometre (3.7-mile) goal, but an excellent result considering the variety of terrain crossed, changes in lighting conditions experienced and most of all this was ESA's first large-scale rover test — though definitely not our last," Visentin said.

Internet



ESA rover in Atacama Desert.—INTERNET

Kodak sues Apple, claiming interference in patent sales

LONDON, 20 June — Photography pioneer Eastman Kodak Co sued Apple Inc to stop it from interfering with plans to sell a large patent portfolio, a significant part of its bankruptcy restructuring.

In a lawsuit filed on Monday in US bankruptcy court in Manhattan, Kodak said Apple, the largest US company by market value, wrongly claims to own 10 patents arising from work that the companies did together in the early 1990s.

Privately held FlashPoint

Technology Inc also claims ownership through an assignment from Apple, which spun it off in 1996, and is also a defendant, Kodak said.

The patents include technology that helps camera owners preview photographs on LCD screens. They are part of Kodak's digital-capture portfolio, which the company said includes more than 700 patents for devices such as digital cameras, smartphones and tablets, and has generated more than \$3 billion in revenues since 2001.

Kodak said Apple is the largest infringer of patents in that portfolio, and also a potential purchaser of those patents.

"Apple's strategy has been to use its substantial cash position to delay as long as possible the payment of royalties to Kodak" and interfere with the sale, Kodak said. "Apple and FlashPoint are seeking to benefit from Kodak's difficult financial position, which will be exacerbated if the debtors cannot obtain fair value for the patents."

Lawyers for Apple and FlashPoint did not immediately respond to requests for comment on Tuesday.

In a 1 June court filing, Apple said the dispute involves "an array of complex non-bankruptcy issues" that should be addressed in federal district court rather than bankruptcy court, and that Kodak was seeking an unfair "rush to judgment."

Kodak owns about 10,700 patents overall and has hired Lazard to help market

the digital-capture portfolio and a digital-imaging portfolio, which includes more than 400 patents. It said more than 20 possible buyers have signed confidentiality agreements.

Patent sales are needed under terms of a \$950 million loan that Kodak obtained to keep operating while in bankruptcy.

Last week, Kodak said it expected to auction the patents in early August, with a winning bidder announced by 13 August.

Rochester, New York-based Kodak filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on 19 January.

Apple is based in Cupertino, California, and FlashPoint is headquartered in Peterborough, New Hampshire.

The case is Eastman Kodak Co v Apple Inc et al, US Bankruptcy Court, Southern District of New York, No 12-ap-01720. The main bankruptcy case is In re: Eastman Kodak Co et al in the same court, No 12-10202.

Reuters



A Kodak film dispenser is seen in a photo store in London on 19 Jan, 2012. —REUTERS

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Health Tip: Focus on a healthy family

Striving for a healthy family life can help you and your loved ones stay physically and emotionally healthier.

The American Academy of Family Physicians offers this advice:

- * As a parent, you're the best role model for your kids. Make sure you set a good example by eating a healthy diet, exercising regularly and finding balance in your life.
- * Get your kids involved in making healthy changes that affect the family.
- * Make time to play with your kids to relax, unwind, get some exercise and have fun.
- * Maintain a happy, positive attitude.—Internet



A plane prepares to land at an airport in New Delhi on 4 June, 2008.—INTERNET

Airline stocks surge on lower fuel tax hopes

MUMBAI, 20 June—Shares in Indian airlines surged on TV reports the civil aviation ministry will meet with finance ministry counterparts to discuss lowering aviation turbine fuel taxes, raising hopes of an announcement, traders said.

The civil aviation ministry had proposed earlier to slash state taxes on jet fuel, which would help bring down costs for ailing local airlines that are reeling under a debt load of \$20 billion and annual losses of around \$2 billion.

Kingfisher Airlines surged 6.6 percent, while Jet Airways(JET NS) surged 4.6 percent. SpiceJet rose 3.8 percent.

Reuters

Night work may increase a woman's chances of developing breast cancer by 30 percent — a slightly elevated but "statistically significant" risk, French researchers said on Tuesday.—INTERNET

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factors like genetic mutation, a late first pregnancy or hormonal treatment, Pascal Guenel, director of French health research body INSERM, told AFP.

Put into context, a smoker was eight times as likely to contract lung cancer as a woman working night shifts was to get breast cancer, he explained.

About 1.3 million women around the world are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.

In a study published in the *International Journal of Cancer*, the INSERM-led team said an association between night work with breast cancer "was mainly observed in women working during overnight shifts, those

who worked at night for 4.5 or more years and less than three nights per week on average.

"The association was stronger in women who worked at night before their first full-term pregnancy than in women who started working at night later in life."

The scientists said more study was needed to determine the reasons.

Hypotheses include disruption of "body clock" genes, internal desynchronization and sleep deprivation altering the immune system.

The study was conducted in France among 1,232 women diagnosed with breast cancer between 2005 and 2007.

Internet



PARIS, 20 June—Night work may increase a woman's chances of developing breast

on Tuesday. This placed night work in the same order of risk as

Dioxin found in eggs on another German farm

HAMBURG, 20 June—The poisonous chemical dioxin had been found above permitted levels in eggs from a German farm following discoveries at six other farms in the country in April and May, officials said on Wednesday.

The poultry farm is in the Emsland area in the north

German State of Lower Saxony, the state agriculture ministry said.

The farm with its 12,000 chickens has been quarantined and its eggs recalled from sale, it said. The dioxin was discovered by the farm's own safety checks.

The ministry said there was no acute danger to public

health because dioxin is dangerous only if consumed over long periods. Small doses are not harmful.

The previous dioxin discoveries were in eggs at farms in Lower Saxony and the neighbouring state of North Rhine Westphalia. In January 2011, an European Union-wide health alert was

sparked when German officials said animal feed tainted with dioxin had been fed to hens and pigs, contaminating eggs, poultry meat and pork at affected farms.

Germany then introduced a series of measures including restrictions on animal feed ingredients and increased inspections of farms and feed.—Reuters

Japan posts another trade deficit in May

TOKYO, 20 June—Japan's trade deficit rose again in May due to increasing imports of fuel as the country's nuclear power plants sit idle.

The Finance Ministry said in a preliminary report on Wednesday that the deficit exceeded 11 billion dollars.

It was the 3rd straight monthly deficit and the largest deficit for the month of May since data became available in 1979.

Exports rose 10 percent in yen terms from a year earlier, to over 66 billion dollars. That's due largely to an increase in shipments of autos to the US.

But imports also rose more than 9 percent, to over 77 billion dollars, due to a rise in imports of liquefied natural gas for thermal power generation. High prices of crude oil were also a factor.

Trade with Europe dipped into negative territory for the first time since 1979. This comes as the eurozone debt crisis dampened demand for semiconductors and other electronic components.

The Finance Ministry says boosting exports will be the



key to achieving a trade surplus, as imports will likely continue to rise. Officials will monitor the impact of the European debt crisis on China and the US, which are Japan's major trade partners.

NHK

Tokyo's Nikkei share average opens up 0.96 pct

TOKYO, 20 June—Tokyo Stock Exchange employees monitor the market at the bourse in Tokyo on 18 June, 2012. Japan's benchmark Nikkei average opened up 0.96 percent at 8,739.10 on Wednesday, while the broader Topix gained 1.04 percent to 742.35.—Reuters



Muhtar Kent says Coca-Cola has diversified, offering a wide range of healthy teas, juices, sports drinks and other products.—INTERNET

Coca-Cola not to blame for US obesity

NEW YORK, 20 June—Coca-Cola CEO Muhtar Kent insists his company is not responsible for the rise in US obesity despite New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's recent moves to limit the consumption of sugary drinks.

"This is an important, complicated societal issue that we all have to work together to provide a solution," Kent told the *Wall Street Journal* in an interview published late Monday.

"That's why we are working with government, business and civil society to have active lifestyle programs in every country we operate by 2015," he said.

His remarks came just weeks after the health-conscious Bloomberg proposed a ban on super-sized soft drinks that would restrict the sale to 16-ounce servings, more than an average can but far less than the bucket-sized beverages offered at cinemas, service stations and sporting events.

Kent said Coca-Cola has diversified from its namesake, offering a wide range of healthy teas, juices, sports drinks and other products.

"We've gone from being a single-beverage, single-brand company to now 500-plus brands, 3,000 products. Eight hundred of these products we've introduced in the last four or five years are calorie-free or low-calorie.

"It is, I believe, incorrect and unjust to put the blame on any single ingredient, any single product, any single category of food," he said.

Bloomberg said the proposed ban was needed to confront the "epidemic" of obesity in the United States, which contributes to rising health costs.

Critics have derided the proposed ban as a "nanny state" overreach of government power.

They have also faulted the mayor for seeking to restrict certain unhealthy habits — like smoking and sugary drinks — while the city hosts eat-athons like the annual Coney Island hotdog competition.

The proposed measure would target fast-food and other restaurants, delis, and places of public entertainment like stadiums. It would not cover drinks sold in supermarkets or any diet, fruit, dairy or alcoholic drinks.—Internet

Berlin prosecutor confirms Canadian murder suspect extradited

BERLIN, 20 June — Luka Rocco Magnotta, a Canadian porn actor who allegedly killed and dismembered a Chinese student in Montreal last month has been extradited from Germany to Canada, a

spokesman of the Berlin Public Prosecutor confirmed on Monday.

Magnotta, 29, was taken from Berlin aboard a military jet to Montreal on Monday evening, two weeks after his

arrest at an Internet cafe in Berlin. Canadian Attorney General Rob Nicholson attributed the swift extradition of Magnotta to the close cooperation between the Canadian government and the international community.

Magnotta was wanted by the Canadian authorities on suspicion of killing Lin Jun, a Chinese student at Montreal's Concordia University, with an ice pick, and mailing his body parts to two of Canada's top political parties before fleeing to Europe.

"It is important that Canadians can have confidence that those who are accused of serious crimes will face the full force of the law," Nicholson said.

Xinhua



In this photo provided by Montreal Police, Luka Rocco Magnotta is taken by police from a Canadian military plane to a waiting van on 18 June, 2012, in Mirabel, Quebec. Magnotta, the suspect in the killing and dismemberment of a Chinese student, returned to Canada via military transport from Germany, where he was arrested this month.—INTERNET



Students take a dancing test in a pond in Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, southeast China's Taiwan, on 18 June, 2012. 26 students majoring in performing arts took a dancing test in water on Monday. XINHUA

Search operation steps up for missing Russian plane

MOSCOW, 20 June — Russian rescuers have stepped up their efforts to locate the whereabouts of a missing An-2 plane with 13 people aboard in the Ural mountains, the Emergency Ministry said on Monday. Over 1,000 people, including fishermen, tourists and other volunteers, have taken part in a massive search operation for the plane, which went missing in the central Russian Region of Sverdlovsk last Monday.

Six planes were also involved in the operation covering an area of about 100 km around a small airfield near a town named Serov, where the light biplane An-2 took off with a pilot and a dozen of allegedly drunk revellers aboard.

Police suspected the plane's pilot was also drunk while steering the plane out of the airfield. Among those onboard was the town's chief of traffic police, and none of them had answered their mobile phones, said local authorities.

An-2 planes are used mostly for agricultural work, fire spotting and other similar tasks. In the remote areas with no airfields, they are also used for passengers' short-haul transportation. According to local media, the missing aircraft had been used "almost daily" for flights not related to its working purposes. Russia's air transport watchdog Rosaviatsia has already asked the military to help in search of the missing plane.—Xinhua

Iraqi suicide bombing kills 15 at Shiite funeral

BAGHDAD, 20 June — A suicide bomber in Iraq detonated his explosive belt in funeral tent packed with mourners for a Shiite tribal leader on Monday, killing at least 15 in what officials described as an al-Qaeda attempt to reignite sectarian violence. The blast in the city of Baqouba wounded at least 40 people. It came after a particularly bloody week in which more than 100 people died in bombings across the country targeting a major

Shiite pilgrimage.

Monday's violence was another example of insurgents slipping in despite security measures to launch attacks. Iraqi security forces are under heavy criticism for failing to stop militants since US forces left the country six months ago. One of Iraq's top military officials — the commander of the army's ground forces, Lt Gen Ali Ghaidan — was among the mourners. He was not harmed, but one of his

bodyguards died in the blast and two others were wounded.

The bomber set off his explosives in the tent filled with about 150 mourners on the third and last day of the funeral for a leader of the Zubaidi Shiite tribe, said Sadiq al-Husseini, head of the Diyala provincial council. A Shiite politician who is close to former Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari and was sitting near Ghaidan said security forces tried to stop

the bomber when he burst into the funeral tent. Politician Moayad al-Obaidi called it a "terrorist attack that, absolutely, al-Qaeda used as an opportunity to attack people on the occasion of a funeral." The explosion could be heard and felt as far as two kilometres (a mile) away, said farmer Saif al-Temimi.

"As soon the blast occurred, I told my family fearfully that it was a strong one," al-Temimi said. "What is the purpose of such brutal and savage aimless acts?"

Internet



Photo taken on 18 June, 2012 shows the overview of Olympic Stadium outside the Olympic Park in London, Britain. XINHUA

Gunmen attack Tunisian consulate in Benghazi

BENGHAZI, 20 June — A group of armed gunmen stormed the Tunisian consulate in the Libyan city of Benghazi on Monday to protest against an art exhibition in Tunisia which they said insulted Islam, a security guard who works inside the building said. Kamal al-Ghani said the group of about 20 young men carrying Kalashnikovs forced their way into the building and burned the Tunisian flag inside. "They knocked on our gates and pushed into the building. It was a holiday so no one was working inside except security," he told Reuters.

Suleiman al-Ghani, an official with the foreign

ministry who was called to help defuse the situation, said security officers had to negotiate with the group until they were convinced to leave. He said no shots were fired and no one was injured. "We had to convince them this wasn't the civilized way to protest. They were very angry over the art work from Tunisia," he said. Thousands of hard-line Muslim Salafis rioted in Tunis this week to protest against the art exhibition which features a work that spells out the name of God using insects.

The Tunisian embassy in Tripoli was not immediately available for comment. A Reuters reporter on the scene said there was a heavy police

presence around the Tunisian consulate and that the roads leading to the building were blocked off by security cars. Monday's incident is the latest in a series of attacks on embassies and international buildings and convoys this year which have raised serious security concerns ahead of Libya's first democratic elections slated for 7 July.

Last week a British embassy convoy was hit about 300 metres (yards) from the British consulate office in Benghazi's al-Rabha neighbourhood. On 6 June an explosive device was dropped from a passing car outside the offices of the US diplomatic mission in Benghazi.—Reuters

New Zealand to launch culture campaign at Frankfurt Book Fair

WELLINGTON, 20 June — The New Zealand government is planning a major culture promotion with an army of authors and performers to attend the world's biggest book fair in Germany this year. More than 60 New Zealand authors and 100 performers would be showcasing New Zealand's artistic talent at the annual Frankfurt Book Fair, in which New Zealand is this year's guest of honor, in October, the Ministry for Culture and

Heritage announced on Monday. New Zealand Frankfurt Book Fair director Tanea Heke said New Zealand's diverse creative talents would be on show in a programme of art, music, dance and storytelling at venues across Germany.

Performances would span the centuries from traditional indigenous Maori storytelling techniques through to state-of-the-art transmedia storytelling, Heke said in a statement. The New Zealand

guest of honour pavilion, covering 2,300 square metres, would be an "immersive" visitor experience, "like being inside a person's imagination," said Heke. The New Zealand writers who will feature at the fair include award-winning novelists Lloyd Jones, Witi Ihimaera, CK Stead and Alan Duff, as well as prize-winning poet Bill Manhire. The government was putting about 5.3 million NZ dollars (4.19 million US dollars) into the event.—Xinhua

Tourist expenditure in Asia-Pacific region to up 15.3 pct

SINGAPORE, 20 June — Top 10 destination cities in Asia Pacific region is estimated to attract 77.6 million visitors via air travel in 2012, up 9.5 percent on year, while their cross-border spending will rise by 15.3 percent to 104.7 billion US dollars, according to MasterCard Global Destinations Cities Index released on Tuesday.

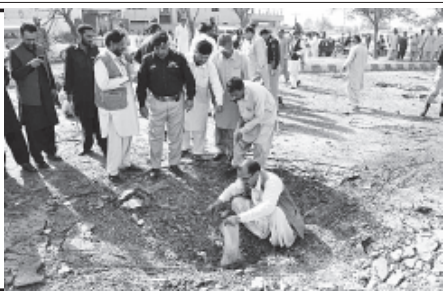
Bangkok, ranks third globally, tops the Asia Pacific region's cities by

visitor arrivals with 12.2 million inbound passengers and 19.3 billion US dollars are expected to be spent in 2012. Singapore came in fourth globally in term of visitor arrivals, with 12.7 billion US dollars in cross-border spending, an increase of 12.7 percent compared with last year.

The report also shows that Tokyo ranks second in the top 20 fastest growing destination cities in term of

visitor number, partly due to its recovery from serious disasters. The cross-border spending in this city will be up 24.2 percent on year, which represents the third growth globally. Meanwhile, Taipei enjoys a visitor number growth rate of 15.1 percent, ranking the seventh fastest growing destination all around the world, which is mainly driven by tourists arriving from Chinese mainland.—Xinhua

Security officials examine the blast site in southwest Pakistan's Quetta, on 18 June, 2012. At least four people were killed and 52 others injured when a roadside planted bomb hit a school bus in Quetta on Monday morning, said hospital and police sources. XINHUA



Myanmar edges out host Thai U-22 with 3-1



YANGON, 20 June— Myanmar U-22 team played tune-up matches in Thailand as part of preparations for AFC U-22 Championship qualifier. In its debut, Myanmar U-22 beat host Thai U-22 3-1 at Yaza Mingala Stadium in Bangkok of Thailand at 7 pm local time on 17 June. Among the spectators were President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, club owners of MNL and officials. Myanmar U-22 was constituted with Captain Kyaw Zeyar Win, Kyaw Ko

Ko, Kyaw Zin Phyo, Kyi Lin and Thein Than Win as key players.

In the first minutes, the host Thai team gave pressures to the Myanmar team and opened the leading goal at 23rd minute. In the second half, Myanmar team was substituted with Nanda Kyaw, Naing Lin Oo and Nanda Lin Kyaw Chit so as to speed up the tempo. At 59th minute, Myanmar scored an equalizer through a penalty for Kyaw Zeyar Win kicked by Kyaw Ko Ko. After equalizing the match, tempo of the players rose up as well as their competition became rough. Myanmar scored the winning goals at 86th minute and at injured time.

On 19 June, Myanmar will meet with Maldives.

Kyemon

Price of automobile falls

MANDALAY, 20 June— As those wishing to import vehicles are allowed to open accounts at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank as of 14 May 2012, price of automobiles declines to K 6-K 8 million per car in the domestic market, according to the Pyigy Myetshin car dealers station on 60th street.

Thanks to the new policy, the people can enjoy the opportunity to buy motor cars at about K 10 million. That is why the car showrooms in Mandalay face difficulties.

The prices of cars at Myogyi Myetshin car dealers station unprecedentedly decline. The cars manufactured from industrial zones are lack of buyers and the productions were suspended.

At Pyigy Myetshin car dealers station, prices of cars in June were Mark II at K 12 million, Shwenga K 20

million, Hflux Surf K 45 million, Lander cruiser K 52 million and Wagon R+K 10 million.

Kyemon



CASH AND BOOKS DONATED: A ceremony to donate cash and books to construction of Alinhtit Library was held in Ward 6 of Hline Township. Recently, U Maung Maung-Daw Myint Myint (Shwe San Ein) Gold Shop and family donate K 500,000 and 100 books to the library committee.—KYEMON

Long staple cotton thriving in Meiktila Township

MEIKTILA, 20 June—Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton are thriving in Kokkokon Village of Meiktila Township. The local farmers are taking care of their plantations not to be loss and wastage.

“Kyaukka Village located in area of Kokkokon Village-tract grows the largest amount of Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantations. The departments concerned provided agricultural loans to the local farmers. So they are eager to grow cotton. In the harvesting period, the departments concerned take cotton instead of loans. After selling cotton to the departments to meet the loans, the local farmers have opportunity to sell their products to others. The departments bought cotton at market prices. The departments concerned inspect quality of cotton and choose higher quality goods. In the previous year, cotton could be sold at K 1200 per viss. This year, the previous year’s price will be better,” said a farmer of Kyaukka Village.

Ngwechi-6 long staple cotton plantations are thriving in Kyaukka Village and its environs Kokkokon, Nyaunggaing, Thabyebon, Taunggaik and Okhnebon villages.—Kyemon

School uniforms presented to students

NAMTU, 20 June—Namtu Township Development Affairs Committee provided school uniforms to offspring of vendors on 10 June so as to contribute towards poverty alleviation.

Executive Officer U Hsan Min presented school uniforms to 13 students.—Myanma Alin



ASSISANT PROVIDED: A ceremony to provide cash assistance for offspring of staff of Monghsat Township General Administration Department for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of the department on 6 June. Township Administrator U Naing Aye presents K 183,000 to 30 students.—DISTRICT IPRD



CSC ISSUED: Head of Immigration and National Registration Department U Khin Maung Swe and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people in Tawtaik Ward of Mingaladon Township in Yangon North District on 11 and 12 June in implementing Moe Pwint-3 Plan.—TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION

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Plan under way to implement Satellite Mandalay Town

MANDALAY, 20 June— Satellite Mandalay Town will be built in Tada U-Inwa ancient city near Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, 12 miles from Mandalay.

The project will be implemented on 20000 acres of land, comprising economic zone, hotel zone, industrial zone, IT zone and housings.

Public companies will be formed to implement

Mandalay Special Development Project.

The location of the project was chosen near Mandalay International Airport, Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and Ayeyawady River for ensuring smooth transport.—Kyemon

Roads in Mandalay upgraded in fiscal years

MANDALAY, 20 June— The Road and Bridge Department of Mandalay City

Development Committee is upgrading roads in the city in fiscal years.

Beginning 4 June, 8030 section of Theikpan Road between 62nd and 78th streets is being upgraded to 31 feet each wide two-way facility with asphalt concrete. Engineers supervise the upgrading tasks to meet the set standards.

The stadium of international level is under construction to host women’s football matches in the XXVII SEA Games. The ringroads such as 73rd and

68th streets, Nguwah and Ngushwewah road are being upgraded to six-way asphalt concrete facilities.

Price of land plots doubles its value from wards and Hsa Ward due to extension of roads. The land plots with measurement of 40x60 feet in Hsa Ward were at K 20 million in 1990. When stadium construction commenced in 2001, the land plots were sold at K 60 million. In June 2012, the land plot with measurement of 40x60 feet fetches K 120 million.

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TREES GROWN: The tree growing ceremony in commemoration of the World Environment Day was held at Basic Education Primary School in Kyaukatalon Village of Mudon Township on 5 June. Departmental officials, teachers, students and local people grow teak saplings.—TOWNSHIP FOREST

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only then can we effectively work for the interests of the nation and its people. So, we will make systematic management establishing the central committee, work committee and the National Economy and Social Affairs Think Tank.

So, I would like to urge the Union ministries, region/state governments, and self-administered zones/division

- not to accept the direct assistance from foreign embassies, UN agencies and international organizations, INGOs but to contact through focal ministries in line with procedures,
- to coordinate priority sector and priority area with each other if there are projects you would like to implement with outside assistance so as to find a balance,



Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint presents reports.—MNA

- to give priority to regions which need more attention due to poverty rate difference
- to inform to region/state governments by Union ministries after signing MoU with international organizations, supervise detailed plans for effectiveness of the works even to township and village level and assess the effectiveness of the works and to present report.

Official Development Assistance covers Loan, Grant and technical assistance. As to loan, Union Ministries are in charge and are to borrow loans after calculating works that can benefit the socio-economic life of for the people, interest rate, breakeven period, repayment period, and benefit. In making cooperation with international organizations that provide assistances in line with the flowing 5-Paris Declaration laid down for effectiveness of assistances,

- With respect to ownership, the host country takes the position of main driver seat and needs to effectively use 70 percent of the assistance for the country. If not, it can be seen that some organizations spend about 60 percent as donors' expenses.
- With respect to Alignment, according to development plan, it should be comply with priority sectors and regions, financial regulation and import procedures.
- Respecting Harmonisation, assistance should be in harmony with the host country's management

procedures and programme of donor organizations. We will have to coordinate country's development objectives, needs for regional development and aspiration of the people in line with programme of international donor organizations.

With respect to Managing for Result, coordination is to be made between all Union Ministries and Region/State governments. And they will have to make cooperation with donor organizations after making continued assessments and submitting the reports on whether or not the assistances provided are effective.

Regarding Mutual Accountability, we will have to take responsibility after coordination between Union Ministries and Region/State governments have been made. And donor country/organizations on their part, need to have mutual accountability so as to carry out their works effectively.

Section 55, Sub-section (I) under Section-4 of duties and rights of Union Government of Union Government Law states that resolutions on local and foreign loans, economical aids, investments and cooperation can be passed. Sub-section (b) (ii) of Section 103 of the Submission of Budget Bill of the Constitution, says that matters on debts for which the Union is liable and expenses relating to the debts, and other expenses relating to the loans taken out by the Union are to be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. So, Union Ministries and Region/State governments are to put foreign loans in drafting plans and budgets and submit it to the Union Government. And then the Union Government will notify Pyidaungsu Hluttaw by sending the message.

In conclusion, I would like to urge that Union Ministries are to systematically draw Sectoral Development of the sectors that they are liable and reform strategy and to seek helps after making mutual coordination of priority sectors at Donors' Meetings.

- Matters on which region or township would be prioritized only after making coordination with Region/State governments
- Plans that would be economical and benefit the state and people are to be chosen when the ministries and Region/State governments get loans for development of sectors.
- Region/State governments and self-administrated division/zone are to make attempt for foreign assistance and choose priority sectors and priority sectors after making coordination with Union Ministries according to development plan and poverty alleviation programme.
- Foreign Aid Management Working Committee is to make coordination between Union Ministries and Region/State governments and hold coordination meeting between donors' countries/organization.
- National Economy and Social Advisory Council is to bridge and make coordinate between International Assistance Management Working Committee and respective ministries on assistances to be provided by Civil Society and INGOs. The Council is to lend a helping hand to giving advises to the Government and holding of

Donors' Meetings.

To sum up, I would urge the Union Ministries, Region/State Governments and self-administrated division/zone as well as International Assistance Organizations to make mutual cooperation between them trustfully.

After that, Secretary of the Central Committee Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein reported on matters related to management tasks for foreign aids.

Region and State Chief Ministers submitted reports on plans to prioritize taking foreign aids for regional projects.

The Union ministers also reported on prioritized plans for taking foreign assistance for development of respective sectors.

After that, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun briefed the President on period for breakeven, period for repayment of the loans, plans of Union ministries to pay back the loans and financial rules and regulations.

Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone discussed regional matters.

The President coordinated with the Union ministries to fulfill the requirements of the Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/Zone.

Afterwards, Chairman of Central Cooperative Ltd and of Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye reported on rural development and poverty alleviation, establishment of micro-credit bank and cooperative tasks.

Later, President U Thein Sein delivered a concluding remark.

The President said as an elected government it has the duty to materialize the public interest, hopes and aspirations. The number of individual wishes is large for 60



Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe makes clarifications.—MNA

million people. But the majority has the desire to see national peace and socio-economic development of all the national races. The aspiration of the majority is the aim of the government. National peace and socio-economic development are relying on one another. Socio-economic development can be ensured only if there is national development. Likewise socio-economic development can bring national development.

Due to ideological differences, there were disagreements, hatred, irreconcilable splits throughout history. Consequently, there were frequent mass strikes, violence, killings and political instability. The government must mitigate such political instabilities. As there are both unity and



Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung submits reports.—MNA

diversity in politics, there are agreements as well as disagreements. Cooperative efforts should be made to serve the people through unity and disagreements should be turned into agreements through patience and coordination. The government will have to make prudent efforts to change divergence into convergence through reconciliation.

The problem of ethnic armed insurgency launching armed opposition against the government due to racism and localism appeared at the time the nation regained independence, and is existing till today. Making peace with these armed groups is a must for national peace and stability. The past successive governments also made endeavours to restore peace meeting success as well as failures. Anyhow, the problem has become legacy for the government in office.

Accordingly, the government must strive for making peace with national race armed groups and turning frail peace into permanent peace that lasts long in restoring national peace and stability. Within months after it took office, the government officially invited them to make peace through contacts and dealings. The government has reached some accord and understanding with 10 of the 11 groups. It could even sign some agreements with certain groups.

The immediate effect is that armed conflicts have almost ceased in the respective regions. Locals of the regions have started to enjoy peace and security. As there are no more battles the military almost has no casualties and no more mine victims.

Mine destructions have decreased to a certain degree in Kachin State in the northern Myanmar, but skirmishes still remain. The government's peace-making delegation has already met with KIA twice. Because of the demands for another meeting, peace-making process with KIA is hopeful.

The second public desire is socio-economic development. Increase in per capita income is not the sole requirement. Health, education, transport, accommodation, food and safety of the people under the law too are requirements. There are two aims — to grow more crops and to set up an industrialized nation — for socio-economic development.

The country needs growth in cultivation and production to ensure food security for the growing population. As the global population is rising significantly, every country is prioritizing its food security. The country is producing enough food for 60 million. But preparatory

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Taninthayi Region Chief Minister U Myat Ko gives explanation.

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measures should be taken for food sufficiency for 100 million people. So, agricultural reforms are a must to cultivate and produce more. The following must be adopted: Change of mindsets; having the will to ensure abundant supply of food and clothing not only at present, but also for the posterity; to transform cultivation fields in different shapes into acre plots through correct data; production roads must be built, and all tributary canals must reach the fields; mechanized farming must be introduced. Agricultural produce cartels must be set up to use tractors and harvesters to reduce cost and wastage. To apply scientific modern means to reduce cost for seeds and introduce advanced farming.

So, knowledge must be disseminated to farmers. Other needs are demonstrations at model farms to win the trust of farmers; seed companies to produce strains suitable to respective regions; provision of adequate capital by the government, private credit societies and agricultural cooperatives; and arrangements to prevent production losses.

Farmers must be urged to grow monsoon paddy in the field suitable to the crop and

permitted to grow cash crops they prefer in other seasons. Information must be given to farmers to grow crops according to prevailing market. If matpe prices are falling and the prices of groundnut and sesame are rising, this information must reach farmers in time to grow the profitable crops. Moreover, farmers must not be forced to grow crops unsuitable to their land and region.

The respective Regions and States must ensure real benefits for farmers taking into account the whole supply chain covering cultivation, harvesting, transport, milling and marketing.

The second part is the building of industrial nation. The nation will become rich only when it is industrialized. Poverty rate in Myanmar is 26%. It will be reduced to 16% by 2015 according to UN Millennium Goal. A large number of people are in neighboring countries as legal or illegal migrant workers. It means the country is losing labor. They will come back if there are jobs and higher pay equal to others. Here, industries are priority program. Low-tech mass production factories such as CMP, electronics, must be the first priority.

The second priority is to establish small- and medium-scale industries that can produce value-added goods such as wood factories, cold storages, canning factories, tire factories, lubricant factories.

The third is heavy industries and industrial zones housing car assembling workshops, parts factories, and metal smelters. The fourth is IT and telecommunication industries. Telecommunication must reach the rural. There must be training schools producing hard labor, skilled labor and technicians.

Domestic investment is not enough to establish such factories and training schools, requiring foreign grants, aids and loans. More investments are needed in Myanmar. So, we invited grants, aids, small-interest loans and investments for development of our country. We have laid down policies to ensure these things do not (a) harm our national interest, (b) harm the image of our country, (c) tarnish the sovereignty of our country, and (d) damage the environment.

The nation is striving to bring economic sanctions, freezing assets and export bans

imposed by western countries which could hinder foreign aids and investment to an end from every aspect. There are also success stories. We have to revise the country's investment law, monetary policy, banking system, land use, jobsite safety laws to adapt to the changing environment.

Every step in reform strategy must be carried out systematically as in other developing countries to harmonize with the political and economic reforms our government is initiating.

The Union ministers and the region/state chief ministers presented priorities lists of sectors and areas in need of foreign aids at today's meeting.

As five-year plan, development plans and steps of the reform strategy were discussed yesterday, the Union ministries and the region/state governments would be informed of strengths and weaknesses for sector-wise and region-wise development as well as priorities for five-year development.

In picking out prioritized sectors and areas to get foreign aids depending on development plan and reform strategy, (1) sectoral priorities from the economic point of view are agricultural development, industrial development and rural development and poverty alleviation; (2) priorities among 14 sectors of short-term five-year project from the point of view of Gross Domestic Product and services are forestry, agriculture and energy; (3) priorities for weak region and states, from the point of view of region-wise development plan are Kayah State, Shan State and Ayeiawady Region; (4) priorities, which are also areas with high poverty indexes from the point of view of poverty index are Chin State, Kayah State and Kayin State; (5) priorities from the point of view of socio-economic requirements of the people are electricity sector development, communications sector development and micro-finance and monetary services development; and (6) priorities from the point of view of national reconciliation are Kachin, Shan, Kayin, Mon, Chin and Rakhine States.

It must designate prioritized sectors and areas, negotiate with donor countries and organizations, supervise the use of foreign aids constantly and survey



Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin makes discussion.

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effectiveness of measures.

Prioritized processes for the aids are rural development and human resource development processes.

The most important thing for rural development process is establishment of Co-Operative Community and Micro-finance to fulfill the financial needs of the farmers.

He expressed his thanks to CB Bank Chairman U Khin Maung Aye for explaining micro-finance process and plans to fulfill the needs of farmers with cooperative and micro-finance patterns at today's meeting.

Coordination meetings of on Committee and National Economy and Social Advisory Council will follow departmental plans have been discussed at today's meeting and adopted Aid Policy, drafted plans for organizing Donor Meetings, and made plans to call for aids by making development plan and reform strategy clear to donor countries and organizations.

All in all, he urged the Union ministries and the region/state governments to supervise foreign aids persistently on the spot in unison by establishing township level committees in receiving foreign aids by signing MoUs by the Union ministries.

The meeting came to an end in the evening.

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Union Labour Minister meets service personnel bound to Thailand



Foreign Employment Supervisory Committee Chairman Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi speaks to those who will discharge duties at temporary passport issuance offices in Thailand.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June— Foreign Employment Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi meet officers/other ranks who will discharge duties

at temporary passport issuance offices in Thailand to be able to scrutinize citizenship and issue temporary passports and employee IDs to migrant workers in Thailand Ministry of Labour, here, this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that staff members of the team are to represent the State in taking out their duties. The staff are to take care of their characters and behaviors not to show off some weak mental activities. It is necessary to make preparations for issuing C of I to the families of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand. As task is undertake for fully protecting the migrant workers in Thailand, reception camps are being kept open in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung to systematically accept the Myanmar workers in Thailand and not to be victims of human trafficking due to lack of evidence and documents. Personnel were urged to issue temporary passports but also protect the rights of workers. Tasks are to be coordinated between Myanmar ambassador to Thailand and labour officer. He stressed the need to place emphasis on the nation and the people interests.

Vice-Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay urged the staff to carry out their tasks with high thinking power as the specific regulation has been prescribed. Over one million of

two million workers in Thailand have been given the necessary evidences. The registration of the children is granted to extend their stay period up to December 2012. The evidences are to be issued to employees in time. All the tasks are to be based on national outlook through people center strategy and all inclusive strategy, joining hands with the partner organizations.

First five working groups of Myanmar has discharged duties in Thailand for four months so as to issue evidences for migrant workers. Therefore, they will be substituted with 40 personnel. The five-day refresher course for care programme to Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand has been conducted for five working groups at Myanmar Passport Issuance Office (Yankin) and Ministry of Labour in Nay Pyi Taw.

The training course comprises citizenship scrutiny, issuance of temporary Myanmar passport, procedures of issuing foreign employee IDs, rules and regulations, information for Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, care for migrant workers, prevention against human trafficking, financial statement, labour laws, rules and current task.—MNA

Thai entrepreneurs to meet with Myanmar entrepreneurs

YANGON, 20 June—Under the arrangement of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Economic Counsellor Office (Yangon) of Thai Embassy in Myanmar, a total of 55 Thai entrepreneurs led by Mr Payungsak Chartsutipol, Chairman of Federation of

Thai Industries (FTI) will meet Myanmar entrepreneurs at the UMFC Office Tower in Lanmdaw Township from 10 am to 12 noon tomorrow. *Naung Oo*

Medical servicemen provide health care services to people at relief camp in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Servicemen of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)'s Office and medical servicemen of the local medical battalion in Sittway gave health care services to the people at the relief camp in Sittway on 19 and 20 June.

At 9 am yesterday, the medical services provided medical check-up to the people at the relief camp in

Shwezedi Monastery in Kyaungtet Road of Sittway and presented necessary health care services to them.

The medical servicemen broadened the horizon of the people at the relief camp in Thechaung Village and gave talks on prevention against fever and dysentery and distributed pamphlets on health knowledge.

Today, the members of the medical services provided health care

services to the people at the relief camp in the precinct of Buddhawmaw Monastery in North Model Village of Sittway and gave health knowledge to them. *MNA*

Books, publications donated to library in Twantay Township

YANGON, 20 June—The book donation was held at Thuta Shwepyi Library in Pathi (East) Village of Pathi Village-tract in Twantay Township on 27 May morning.

After the Township Administrator had delivered a speech, Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Thet Oo explained durability of the library meeting five-point standard and increase of books.

After that, Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 150 books, Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Zargyi Lin Myint K 10,000 and 50 books, wellwisher U Saw Naung-Daw Yin Yin Shwe family K 50000. The librarian accepted the

donations. The library was built at a cost of K 500,000 by MLF and K 2 million by U Saw Naung-Daw Yin Yin Shwe of Pathi Village.

The library building was opened by Township Administrator U Than Zaw Han, Head of Township IPRD U Thet Oo, Chairperson of Township WAO Daw Zargyi Win Myint and Village Administrator U Saw Naung.—*Township IPRD*

Lashio plans to grow over 200,000 saplings

LASHIO, 20 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony for 2012 was held in Lashio on 5 June in commemoration of the World Environment Day.

Three teak saplings and 20 hardwood plants were distributed to each houses

of Lashio. Thus, a total of 36000 hardwood plants, 300 Eucalyptus plants and 9000 teak saplings were grown along the communication road.

Moreover, a total of 176,100 saplings were distributed to regiments and units, departments, schools and social organizations. *Ma Ma-Lashio*

Tree growing ceremony held in Kyaukme Township

KYAUKME, 20 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day, Kyaukme District and Township Forest Departments held the tree growing ceremony near Mongtin Village of Kyaukme Township on 5 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Khin Maung Lay of District General Administration Department, Assistant Director of District Forest Department U Zaw Oo, Chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Lwin Lwin Maw and party, Township Administrator U Kyaw Naing, Staff Officer U Win Aung of Township Forest Department and staff, departmental personnel, social organization members and local people participated in the cultivation of 500 saplings.

After that, the deputy commissioner, the assistant director of District Forest Department and the township administrator awarded the prize winning students in the essay contest to mark the World Environment Day. *Myanma Alin*

Cash assistance given to farmers in Pyawbwe Township

PYAWBWE, 20 June—A ceremony to present cash assistance for lost of farmlands and crops of farmers located in the area of Natka Dam was held at the hall of Basic Education Primary School in Kanphya Village of Pyawbwe Township on 15 June.

The dam is aimed at irrigating 1200 acres of farmlands in Pyawbwe Township of Mandalay Region.

At first, Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Tin Oo of Pyawbwe Township gave a speech. Assistant Director of Irrigation Department



explained completion of land preparation work and providing of cash assistance.

At the ceremony, officials presented K 20.688 million for 103.44 acres of farmlands to 92

farmers with the rate of K 200,000 per acre.

On 16 May, the cash assistance K 17 million for 85 acres of farmlands have been provided to 47 farmers in Kyi Village of the township.—*Myanma Alin*

School uniforms provided to students



YAMETHIN, 20 June—Yamethin District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee presented school uniforms to 83 students of Basic Education Primary School in Thinponkon Village of Yamethin District on 12 June.

Chairperson Daw Htar Htar Win gave school uniforms to the students.

Next, the chairperson of the committee explained personal hygienic activities, school health officer Dr Htet Nu Wai diarrhea and dysentery diseases and Dr Cho Cho Mar, dental health.—*Myanma Alin*

School uniforms provided to students of vendors

DEDAYE, 20 June—Dedaye Township Development Affairs Committee gave school uniforms to offspring of vendors of No 1 Myoma Market for 2012-2013 academic year, at the office of the Township DAC on 9 June morning.

At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Aung Zaw Lin of Township DAC explained the purpose of providing the school uniforms.

Officials presented school uniforms worth K 242,000 to 35 students.—*Township GAD*



CSC ISSUED: At Sabei Hall of No 5 Basic Education High School in Mayangon Township on 15 June, Yangon Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyaw Nyunt, Deputy Director of Yangon West District Immigration and National Registration Department U Yin Htwe and party supervise issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people.—*MYANMA ALIN*

DISTRICT NEWS



CITIZENSHIP CARDS ISSUED: The head of Yangon South District Immigration and National Registration Department, the head of Township Department and staff made field trip to grassroots level for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards at Phaya Thonzu Dhammayon in Kungyan Ward of Twantay Township. On 11 June, Region Hluttaw representative U Thein Zaw Myint presents cards to the local people.—*MYANMA ALIN*



COOKERY COURSE HELD: Shan traditional meal cookery course, jointly conducted by Yangon South District and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, was held at the pre-primary school of the township association in Thanlyin Township. On 8 June, Chairperson of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Ohnma Nay Tun and party view activities of the course.—*TOWNSHIP MCWA*



Passengers inquire about flight information at the Phenix International Airport of Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 18 June, 2012. Affected by tropical storm Talim, 67 flights taking off or landing at the airport of Sanya City were delayed and 13 were cancelled, causing over 2,000 passengers stranded. XINHUA

PIP breast implants not toxic, says final report of British medical authority

LONDON, 20 June — The PIP breast implants that caught global attention early this year are not toxic, but do have a higher rupture rate, according to the British medical authority who published its final report on the issue on Monday. British Department of Health said in a statement that Professor Bruce Keogh, Medical Director of National Health Service (NHS), has led an expert group to investigate on PIP breast implants and finished its final report.

The group collected and reviewed all available data related to this issue, and studied information on 240,000 implants of different makes used throughout England, which have been

given to 130,000 women, and examined the chemical make-up of the PIP silicon gel. It concludes that exhaustive worldwide testing of PIP gel material has not revealed anything that could cause a long-term threat to human health — they are not toxic and not carcinogenic.

However, PIP implants do have a higher rupture rate, which is around 2 times higher of normal silicon implants. The inferior mechanical system of the implants led the group to consider this is a substandard product. "We should therefore advise that women who have symptoms of a rupture—for example tenderness, soreness or

lumpiness — should speak to their surgeon or GP," said Professor Keogh.

The PIP implants caught global attention early this year as it was revealed that it used uncertified silicon gel and may be a health risk to women who used it. The product was recalled in many countries, and the PIP company in France went bankrupt. It is estimated that just in Britain, there are around 47,000 women who had the implants fitted. Many of them have experienced an anxious time, worrying about possible health risk. The expert group recognizes in the report that anxiety is in itself a real risk to health.

Xinhua

Long-grumbling Alaska volcano has explosive ash burst

ANCHORAGE, (Alaska), 20 June — A remote Aleutian volcano that has been restless for the past year rumbled to life on Tuesday, shooting a thin cloud of ash several miles into the sky, which could pose a slight hazard to aircraft, Alaska scientists said. Cleveland Volcano, a 5,676-foot (1,730 metre) peak on an uninhabited island 940 miles southwest of Anchorage, had an explosive eruption at about 2:05 pm local time, the Alaska Volcano Observatory reported. A pilot flying in the area estimated that the ash cloud rose to 35,000 feet above sea level, reported the observatory, which is a joint federal-state organization that monitors Alaska's numerous active volcanoes.

However, satellite imagery shows only a weak ash signal, suggesting a thin cloud that dissipated quickly, said Stephanie Prejean, a US Geological Survey seismologist at the observatory in Anchorage. "It was just one explosion, which was very typical of the thing Cleveland has been doing in the last year," Prejean said. It is possible that the cloud rose to less than 35,000 feet, as the height was just one pilot's estimate, she said. Pilots have been advised of potential risks from Cleveland, which might explode again, Prejean said. "It could do that any time," she said.

Cleveland has been in an off-and-on eruptive phase since last summer. The



An aerial photograph shows the Cleveland Volcano during the time a small lava flow, or dome, was accumulating in the summit crater as the 660 foot wide summit crater emits a white, largely steam condensate cloud in this Aug. 2011 file photo. — REUTERS

volcano has at times oozed lava out of its summit crater, punctuated by occasional small explosions, none of which had created clouds reaching above 20,000 feet

until Tuesday. Although Cleveland is one of the most active of Alaska's scores of volcanoes, there is no on-site seismic monitoring equipment. — Reuters

China's manned submersible reaches 6,965 metres under sea



The Xiangyanghong 09, the mother ship of China's manned deep-sea submersible, the Jiaolong, sails in the sea after the Jiaolong completed a successful dive at the Marian Trench, on 19 June, 2012. XINHUA

ABOARD XIANGYANGHONG 09, 20 June — China's manned deep-sea submersible, the Jiaolong, reached a depth of 6,965 metres below sea level on Tuesday during its second dive into the Mariana Trench, surpassing a fresh national record set earlier in the day. The vessel sat on the sea bed and started working at that depth.

This was the second sit-on-bottom for Tuesday's dive. The previous one reached a depth of 6,908 metres below sea level, where sea divers collected water samples and placed markers. The dive, which began at 7 am local time (2100 GMT Monday) after the leaking oil pipe of its hydraulic system had been repaired, is expected to re-check the hydraulic system and test various functions and the security of the submersible at great depths.

Last Friday, the vessel reached 6,671 metres below sea level in the first dive, well surpassing the previous record of 5,188 metres made last July. The Jiaolong will attempt four more dives, aiming to move deeper and deeper to pursue the goal of reaching 7,000 metres below the sea level between mid-June and early July. The Xiangyanghong 09, the vessel's oceanographic mother ship, reached the designated dive zone in the Mariana Trench on 11 June. — Xinhua

Three men in Afghan police uniforms kill NATO soldier

KABUL, 20 June — Three men in Afghan police uniforms killed a soldier with the US-led NATO coalition on Monday, the coalition said, in the latest so-called "green-on-blue" attack. The three attackers fled after the killing, NATO's International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) said in a statement, and are being sought. The death takes the toll this year in "green-on-blue" attacks — in which Afghan forces turn their weapons against their Western allies — to 23, in a total of 17 such incidents.

"The International Security Assistance Force confirms that three individuals in Afghan police uniforms turned their weapons against coalition service members in southern Afghanistan yesterday, killing one ISAF service member," ISAF said. A police source in southern Kandahar Province said two NATO soldiers were killed when the police opened fire on them. Following its normal policy, ISAF gave no further details of the incident or the soldiers' nationalities.



Afghanistan's security forces walk on the site of a bomb blast in Kandahar City in March 2012. — INTERNET

Monday's attack is the first time men in Afghan uniforms have killed NATO soldiers since two Afghan police officers killed two British soldiers in southern Helmand province in May. An increasing number of Afghan troops have turned their weapons against NATO soldiers who are helping Kabul fight a decade-long insurgency by hardline Taliban Islamists. Some of the assaults are claimed by the Taliban, who say they have infiltrated the ranks of Afghan security forces, but many are attributed to cultural differences and antagonism

between the allied forces. ISAF has taken several security measures in response to the shootings, including assigning "guardian angels" — soldiers who watch over their comrades as they sleep. NATO has around 130,000 soldiers fighting alongside some 350,000 Afghan security personnel against the Taliban-led insurgency, but they are due to pull out of the country in 2014. The Western coalition is to hand over security in the war-torn country to local forces by mid-2013 and will play a support role up to the final withdrawal by the end of 2014. — Internet

Israeli police stage drill ahead of Ulpana outpost evacuation

JERUSALEM, 20 June — Israel Police held a large-scale exercise on Monday simulating the evacuation of the Ulpana outpost in the West Bank, which the authorities fear may turn violent due to the settlers' refusal to leave the area. The five buildings that make up the outpost are slated for demolition on 1 July, after a Supreme Court ruling stated that they were built on a private Palestinian land.

Security forces are training for possible confrontations, as they may have to deal with groups of right-wing supporters that would try to foil the demolitions, Ha'aretz daily reported. The 30 families that live in the outpost are gearing up for a fight, hurriedly building perimeter barricades, and collecting tires, wooden boards, metal bars, sacks of cement and other implements, all meant to stave off police and soldiers who will have to evict them.

Activists from the settler movement gave out leaflets this week with tips on how to protest the evictions, including infiltrating army bases to convince troops not to take part in the operation. Ulpana's evacuees are slated to be transferred to temporary housing on a defunct army base about one kilometer away, where about 40 so-called "caravilla" portable homes are being installed. Monday's drill is the biggest since the Gaza disengagement operation in 2005, when thousands of policemen and soldiers pulled some 9,000 residents out of several dozen towns in the coastal strip. — Xinhua



A rescuer communicates with diver at the Shiqiaohe Reservoir in Pu'an County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 18 June, 2012. A minivan carrying 15 passengers fell into the Shiqiaohe Reservoir at about 2:45 pm on 17 June. One person has been confirmed dead and eight others remained missing. — XINHUA

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Europe needs comprehensive plan to bolster growth: IMF

WASHINGTON, 20 June — Europe needs a comprehensive plan to revive its economic growth in a bid to help break the vicious cycle that has kept many countries stuck in a simmering crisis, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) on Monday said in a paper.

"Unprecedented actions have been taken by European countries and institutions to deal with severe economic and financial stresses plaguing the region," noted the paper entitled "Fostering Growth in Europe Now", adding that at the pan-European level, risks and contagion have been contained by steps of strengthening of the firewall, comprehensive European Central Bank liquidity support and a new fiscal compact.

However, without a clear path for recovery of employment and economic growth, which was tepid even before the crisis, it was hard to see fiscal revenues recovering, debt ratios declining, the weakened financial sector regaining its health, and social support for adjustment taking hold, contended a group of IMF economists in the paper. "In short, a revival of growth seems key to reversing the vicious cycle of poor confidence, flagging growth, fiscal weakness, and bank vulnerability," they added.—Xinhua

Three killed, 35 injured as school bus hit by bomb in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 20 June — At least three people were killed and 35 others injured when a roadside planted bomb hit a university school bus in Pakistan's southwest city of Quetta on Monday morning, local media reported. Local TV channel Geo quoted hospital sources as saying at least 12 out of the injured people were in critical condition and the death toll may further rise.

According to Xinhua sources in Quetta and local media reports, the blast took place at about 8:20 am local time when a bus carrying 52 students from Balochistan IT University was struck by a bomb fixed inside a small Suzuki car parked by the roadside near the Federal Investigation Authority (FIA) building on the Smangli Road of the city. The blast left a two-foot-deep crater on the ground, said eyewitnesses, adding that a motorbike and a rickshaw near the blast site were also destroyed. Security forces and rescue teams rushed to the site soon after the blast was reported. The injured have been shifted to the Civil Hospital in the city and an emergency has been declared in the hospital. Local media AAJ quoted hospital sources as saying over 20 students were critically injured in the blast. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Xinhua

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A dog catches a frisbee during the Flydgos Extreme Distance Frisbee European Championships held in Budapest, Hungary, on 16 June, 2012.—XINHUA



New Zealand economic recovery to be slower, longer than expected

WELLINGTON, 20 June — New Zealand's economic recovery is expected to be longer and slower than previously thought due to weak global demand and the worsening European debt crisis, according to the country's economists.

The economy is expected to grow from 1.2 percent in the year ending March this year and by 3.1 percent in the year to March 2014, the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research (NZIER) announced on Monday in its Consensus Forecasts.

The Consensus Forecasts, which gives the average forecasts from seven major banks, the NZIER, the Treasury and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand (RBNZ), said the results reflected the "subdued domestic economy and large global risks." "Global demand is anemic and the European debt crisis is going from bad to worse. This is creating uncertainty that delays firms' investment plans. A weak demand environment means businesses cannot raise prices much, so inflation is low," it said. As a result, the RBNZ, the central bank, was likely to delay raising interest rates. Last year's Consensus Forecasts had put GDP growth at 1.8 percent to March this year and 3.2 percent to March 2014.

The average forecast for the year to March 2013 had slipped from 2.7 percent to 2.1 percent. The main causes for the downward revisions are the delayed rebuild of the earthquake-battered Canterbury region and the worsening global economic situation. "There are many risks to the outlook. Exporters face a difficult future with weak global demand and the NZD (New Zealand dollar) remaining elevated. Households are saving rather than spending, and public spending is slowing as austerity kicks in across the advanced economies."

Forecasters expected households to reduce private consumption over the next three years as they paid off debt and preferred to save, and consumer price inflation would be restrained to an average 2.1 percent, well within the RBNZ's inflation target range of 1 percent to 3 percent.

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Gas explosion at Opryland Hotel forces evacuation

NASHVILLE, 20 June— Officials in Nashville say a gas explosion at the Gaylord Opryland Hotel and Convention Centre caused the evacuation of more than 5,000 guests overnight, but no injuries were reported.

Capt Ken Walburn of the Nashville Fire Department says the explosion was reported around 8:15 pm on Tuesday evening and guests were allowed back into the hotel around 3 am on Wednesday.

Walburn said it appeared there was a gas leak ignited in a mechanical room in the convention part of the hotel. He said no hotel guest rooms were affected, but it caused significant damage to an escalator, walls and the ceiling.—Internet

Fire blazes up at seminary on Turkish island

ISTANBUL, 20 June—A fire broke out at a seminary on Heybeliada island, southeast of Turkey's Istanbul on Sunday, local NTV reported. The fire, which were reportedly spreading quickly due to strong winds, was burning out of control and hampered firefighting efforts, said a local official. But the flames did not pose a threat to the Halki Seminary as it started in a forested area, he added.

The firefighters have been struggling to contain the fire, according to the report. The Halki Seminary has been hit hard by the political turmoil between Turkey and Greece. In 1971, Turkey decided to bring all private institutions of higher education under state control. The Fener Greek Patriarchate opposed the decision, in consequence of which the seminary was shut down.—Xinhua

One dead, one injured in shooting in Canada

TORONTO, 20 June—One man was dead and the other seriously injured in a shooting at a cafe in downtown Toronto, Canada Monday afternoon, the second deadly one in over two weeks in Canada's biggest city. Shots rang out at the Sicilian Sildwalk Cafe by College St and Ossington Ave in the Little Italy neighbourhood just after 3:30 pm local time. One person was pronounced dead at the scene, the other was transported to a hospital with non life-threatening injuries, according to local media.

Police have not made any arrest, but witnesses told local press the alleged suspect was a masked man in construction gear and that as many as five shots may have been fired. Soccer fans had been in the neighbourhood at the time to watch the Eurocup match between Italy and Ireland. Earlier on 2 June, a shooting at downtown Toronto's Eaton Centre killed two persons, injured six and sent thousands of shoppers running in fear. According to information on the Toronto police website, this year police have been dealing with more shootings in Toronto than last year with shooting occurrence up 28.7 percent so far from a year ago.

MNA/Xinhua



Rowers participate in the 24th Annual Rio Tinto Alcan Dragon Boat Festival and Race at False Creek in Vancouver, Canada, on 17 June, 2012. Created 24 years ago as a showcase of Vancouver's growing cultural diversity, this first-of-its-kind event has grown to become a grand celebration of Canada's unique multicultural heritage with exciting programs and professional performances by well-known entertainers.

XINHUA

Cars on both sides of road strike gator

Motorists in Florida said an approximately 12-foot long alligator struck vehicles on both sides of interstate before dying at the side of the road.

Bruce and Esther Foley said they were traveling about 70 mph in their new Scion on Interstate 275 on 16 June, when they saw a truck run over the tail of an alligator that then made a mad dash for their own passenger-side door, the *Tampa Bay (Fla.) Times* reported.

"Like a battering ram," said Bruce Foley, 41, who was driving the car.

Foley said he pulled over and saw the gator collide with at least one more vehicle before scuttling onto the traffic

median. He said it was about a half an hour before he saw a vehicle on the other side of the road collide with a silhouette that appeared to be the gator.

Verna Christopherson, 79, who was headed home to St Petersburg with her son, Mark, said both her car and the reptile launched a few feet into the air after the impact.

There were no serious injuries reported.

Trapper Vernon Yates, who was not called to the incident, estimated the 12-foot reptile could have weighed 1,000 pounds and may have been an older male out searching for a mate.

Officials said the gator died at the side of the road.

News Album

Man sues state over deer attack

A California man is suing the state Department of Fish and Game, claiming a "mismanaged" wild deer attacked him, a court document shows. Thadeusz Wyrzykowski of Bolinas said in his handwritten court filing that he suffered injuries from falling into a window after deer jumped into his fenced yard last spring and "attacked me (twice) on a narrow path."

Asking for unspecified damages, he wrote in his filing that the wildlife department "mismanaged negligently its animal its claims & duties."

A case management conference was scheduled for 19 Oct in Marin Superior Court, the *Marin Independent Journal* reported on 18 June. The newspaper said Wyrzykowski filed another handwritten lawsuit in federal court last year against the Marin County Assessor-Recorder's Office over the county's efforts to collect overdue property taxes from him, in which he described himself as an "independent dignity ambassador" and "orator/scholar/artist." Deputy County Counsel Edward Kiernan called that suit full of "nonsensical, irrelevant non sequiturs" and "legally meaningless and pointless facts."

That suit was dismissed, the newspaper noted.



Superman license plates drop 'birthplace'

Ohio officials said they are seeking alternate slogans for a Superman-themed license plate that DC Comics did not want to say "Birthplace of Superman." State Rep Bill Patmon, D-Cleveland, said officials wanted a Superman plate to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Man of Steel, but DC Comics and Warner Communications objected to the "birthplace" slogan because it might cause confusion about the fictional character's origins on the planet Krypton, The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported on 18 June. The Siegel and Shuster Society, which was created to honor the Superman's Cleveland creators, Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, said they have come up with a list of alternate slogans for the license plates. "DC and Warner Brothers have been cooperative," society President Michael Olszewski said. "When we talked to their parent company, Warner Communications, there was some discomfort over saying 'birthplace,' so we said we could fix that easily."



This 12 June, 2012 file photo shows, from left, Marlon Jackson, Jackie Jackson, Tito Jackson and Jermaine Jackson during a rehearsal in Burbank, Calif. Nearly three years after Michael Jackson died while staging his comeback, four of his brothers — Marlon, Jermaine, Tito and Jackie — are preparing for their own return to the stage.—INTERNET

Without Michael, Jacksons prepare to tour

BURBANK, 20 June—Guided by a thumping bass line from their backing band, the Jackson brothers strut forward to a row of four microphones, thrusting their pelvises along the way, before launching into "Can't Let Her Get Away," a song their superstar sibling released on his "Dangerous" album. If they had afros and matching powder blue suits, it might feel like 1977 again.

It doesn't. They're casually sporting sunglasses, workout gear and a few more pounds than when they, along with the future King of Pop, were simply known as the Jackson 5. (Also, "Can't Let Her Get Away" was released in 1991 after the group fizzled out.)

Nearly three years since Michael died while preparing for his comeback tour, four of his brothers — Marlon, Jermaine, Tito and Jackie — are set for their own return to the stage as The Jacksons. It hasn't been easy.

"The brothers don't know this, but I've broken down several times and cried during rehearsals," said Jermaine during a recent rehearsal break on a soundstage in Burbank, Calif. "I'm so used to Michael being on the right and then Marlon, Jackie, on and on. It's just something we never get used to."

Internet

Clooney, Heslov producing 'August'



George Clooney attends the 2012 White House Correspondents Association Dinner held at the Washington Hilton on 28 April, 2012 in Washington, DC.—INTERNET

will next produce the upcoming screen adaptation of the Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning play "August: Osage County" by Tracy Letts.

Academy Award winners Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts star as mother and daughter in the movie, which will be directed by John Wells from Letts' screenplay.

"George and Grant are gifted producers, with great taste and instincts, and a work ethic that is second to none," TWC chief Harvey Weinstein said in a statement. "I personally wanted them on board as their talent is a perfect fit for a film of this artistic caliber. We are delighted to welcome them to the 'August: Osage County' team, and feel very lucky to have them."

Internet

Wife says Stahl missing for four days

LOS ANGELES, 20 June—Nick Stahl's wife says the actor has been missing for four days after leaving a rehabilitation facility where he was being treated for drug addiction.

Stahl checked out of rehab against doctors' advice a week ago, then went to stay at a friend's house for a few days. He has not been seen publicly or made contact with his loved ones since

Thursday night, a source close to the "In the Bedroom" and "Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines" star told *E! News*.

"He's been missing for four days," Stahl's wife, Rose Murphy Stahl, confirmed to the entertainment news outlet on Monday. "But I don't want to comment any further."

The 32-year-old actor entered the undisclosed rehabilitation facility last month after his wife told



Actor Nick Stahl attends the premiere of his film "Sleepwalking" at the Eccles Theater during the Sundance Film Festival in Park City, Utah on 22 Jan, 2008. INTERNET

police he had been missing for several days and she feared he had died of a drug overdose.—Internet

Moss, Arkapaw together?

SYDNEY, 20 June—Actress Elisabeth Moss has gone public with her relationship with Australian cinematographer Adam

Arkapaw. The two reportedly met through common friends and came to Sydney after a brief vacation. They were spotted



Actress Elisabeth Moss together at the recently held Sydney Film Festival, where Moss was a surprise guest.

"They looked very much an item and very happy," nypost.com quoted a source as saying.

Moss separated from her ex-husband actor Fred Armisen in 2011.

Internet

Justin Bieber hires chopper for Selena Gomez



Teen sensation Justin Bieber

TORONTO, 20 June—Teen sensation Justin Bieber hired a helicopter for girlfriend Selena Gomez so that they

could enjoy some quality time together in Toronto. The couple was in the city to attend MuchMusic Video Awards and both of them took sometime out from the rehearsals to enjoy a romantic ride.

Bieber, 18, rented a chopper Saturday to take Gomez, 19, over the falls and to Stratford, Ontario. Their sky-high rendezvous was "a relaxing and romantic break from work. They were very excited," people.com quoted a source as saying.—Internet

'Vampire Hunter' shown on aircraft carrier

LOS ANGELES, 20 June—Actors Benjamin Walker and Anthony Mackie attended a preview screening of "Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter" aboard a Navy aircraft carrier in the Middle East. Top hats and fake fangs were distributed to the more than 1,800 sailors who watched the film aboard its namesake USS Abraham Lincoln on Wednesday, Twentieth Century Fox said.

The horror flick imagines the 16th president of the United States as an ax-wielding slayer of the undead.



"The crew of the USS Abraham Lincoln was very happy that Twentieth Century Fox and Navy

Entertainment hosted the movie's cast and crew out to the ship. We had a great time watching the movie, meeting the cast and more importantly showing them why we are out here supporting operations in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility. From watching flight ops to signing autographs, the [Navy] crew had a fun time getting to know the cast and crew." Lt Cmdr Steven Curry, USN public affairs officer for the USS Abraham Lincoln, said in a statement on Thursday.

Internet

England, France complete heavyweight last eight



England's Wayne Rooney (2nd L) scores a goal against Ukraine during their Group D Euro 2012 soccer match at Donbass Arena in Donetsk on 19 June, 2012.

REUTERS

KIEV, 20 June—England and France took the last places in a heavyweight final eight at Euro 2012 on Tuesday, with Ukraine joining co-hosts Poland on the sidelines after a 1-0 loss to the English marred by a controversial disallowed goal. In a tournament heavy on goals and drama but relatively free of debatable refereeing decisions, the row over Marco Devic's disallowed effort after an hour, which television replays suggested may have crossed the line, left a bitter taste.

But it would not have

made any difference to Ukraine who needed to win to advance and struggled to

breach a resolute English defence in Donetsk. "To be successful in these tournaments, with the quality of teams you have, you need a bit of luck along the way," England captain Steven Gerrard said. "If you keep fighting and stick at it you earn that bit of luck."

Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin was unhappy with the decision. "What should I say? There were five referees on the pitch and the ball was 75 centimetres behind the goalline," he said. "I do not want to talk about referees. But I would not like to put everything on referees. You have seen it, so you may write all you want." England's win,

courtesy of a second-half Wayne Rooney header, meant a below-par France also qualified as Group D runners-up despite losing 2-0 to Sweden who had already been eliminated, in Kiev.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored the opening goal for the Swedes with a spectacular scissor-kick volley after 54 minutes and Sebastian Larsson added the second shortly before the final whistle. France will play world champions Spain on Saturday and England take on Italy on Sunday. The Czech Republic and Portugal meet in the first quarter-final on Thursday and Germany face Greece on Friday.—Reuters



Sweden's Zlatan Ibrahimovic (L) scores a goal past France's Philippe Mexes (R) and goalkeeper Hugo Lloris during their Group D Euro 2012 soccer match at the Olympic stadium in Kiev, on 19 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Shevchenko to retire from international football

DONETSK, 20 June — Ukraine striker Andriy Shevchenko announced he will retire from international football after his country's elimination from Euro 2012 with a 1-0 defeat by England on Tuesday. Shevchenko, the finest player Ukraine has produced since independence from the Soviet Union, told reporters he intends to say his farewell in a friendly game before



Ukraine's Andriy Shevchenko comes on as a substitute during their Group D Euro 2012 soccer match against England at the Donbass Arena in Donetsk, on 19 June, 2012.

REUTERS

standing down from national team duty.

"It was my last official game for Ukraine. A bit later on I will arrange a farewell game to say goodbye to supporters. "What are my plans now? I simply want to go home and put my arms around my kids and kiss my wife," he said. The 35-year-old, who is his country's youngest and oldest goalscorer and record marksman with 48 goals in 111 appearances, started on the bench against England due to a knee injury. Former AC Milan and Chelsea forward Shevchenko began the tournament in grand style with both goals in the co-hosts' 2-1 comeback victory over Sweden.

Shevchenko was European Footballer of the Year in 2004, the first and only Ukrainian to win the award, and was Ukrainian Footballer of the Year on six

occasions. The striker's current deal with Dynamo Kiev, the club where he began his career before moving to Milan, is due to expire in July and he has expressed interest in a move to North America's Major League Soccer. Ukraine coach Oleg Blokhin said after the England defeat he was looking to younger players ahead of the qualifying campaign for the 2014 World Cup in Brazil which starts in September.

Shevchenko said he was pleased that Ukraine had the talent to continue to progress in the international game after a tournament where they held their own for large stretches against France and England before losing to both. "I hope our supporters are happy with our performance. I am glad for our young players who played well tonight. This team has a bright future," he said.—Reuters

Wimbledon champ Kvitova ousted, Roddick advances

EASTBOURNE, (England), 20 June — Wimbledon champion Petra Kvitova was among the top three women's seeds to fall in the first round of the Eastbourne Cham-



Petra Kvitova

ionships on Tuesday. However, defending champ Marion Bartoli beat Sorana Cirstea 6-2, 6-2. American Christina McHale upset third-seeded Caroline Wozniacki 6-1, 6-7 (4), 6-4. In the men's event, Andy Roddick claimed his first win in seven matches when fellow American Sam Querrey retired because of a back injury with Roddick leading 5-2. "Regardless of what he had going on, I hit the ball really well," said Roddick, whose last victory came in Miami three months ago. "Last couple of days it's been really

good in practice. I don't know why or how or what the process has been, but it's felt pretty good." Top-seeded Richard Gasquet of France was upset 1-6, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (3) by Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic, and fifth-seeded Frenchman Julien Benneteau went down 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (4) to Yen-Hsun Lu of Taipei.

Kvitova was the first to exit, going down 7-5, 6-4 to Ekaterina Makarova of Russia 7-5, 6-4. She was followed out of the grass-court tournament by top-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, who fell 6-2, 6-4 to Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria. "It was a tough opponent for me for the first round, and I didn't play well," Kvitova said. "She has won here in the past, so I know that she can play well on the grass. For me, this was my first match on grass and I didn't expect too much."

Wozniacki always looked uncomfortable against the big-hitting McHale. After



Andy Roddick

splitting the first two sets, McHale broke to lead 2-1 in the third. Although she allowed Wozniacki to level at 4-4, the American broke serve again at love and closed out the match on her fourth match point. The second-seeded Kvitova put on an erratic performance during her first match on grass since lifting the trophy at Wimbledon last year. "It's not good preparation for Wimbledon, but I have more days for getting ready. I have to work hard now to improve my game," Kvitova said.

Internet

UEFA hails Ukraine, Poland Euro 2012 success

KIEV, 20 June — UEFA President Michel Platini expressed his satisfaction with the arrangements of Euro 2012 in Poland and Ukraine.

"I am very pleased with organizing. Poland and Ukraine have already won the tournament. The atmosphere in the stadiums has been 99

percent fantastic," Platini was quoted on Tuesday by the Euro 2012 information center as saying. There were some problems during the turbulent 4-year build-up to the tournament, Platini said, adding that the two nations could be proud of what they had delivered.—Xinhua



Ashton Eaton of the US celebrates as he won the gold at the heptathlon event during the world indoor athletics championships at the Atakoy Athletics Arena in Istanbul on 10 March, 2012.—REUTERS

American Eaton ready to chase decathlon record

EUGENE, (Oregon), 20 June — Watching American Ashton Eaton compete is to view the future of the decathlon. Already the world record holder in the indoor multi-events, the 24-year-old appears mentally and physically ready to challenge Czech Roman Sebrle's 2001 world decathlon record of 9,026 points. "That only one

guy has done it (top 9,000 points) is a testament to how tough the event is to master," Eaton told reporters after a pre-US Olympic trials news conference on Tuesday.

"But it is an obtainable mark, and if it is there, I am definitely going to go for it." Based on what I have been doing in practice, I would probably be able to get it,

maybe sooner than later." Eaton's rapid improvement in the field events, with the throws still a work in progress, has put him on that plateau. Yet, the Oregon native refuses to paint himself as the favourite in a highly competitive decathlon this weekend at the US trials in Eugene.

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Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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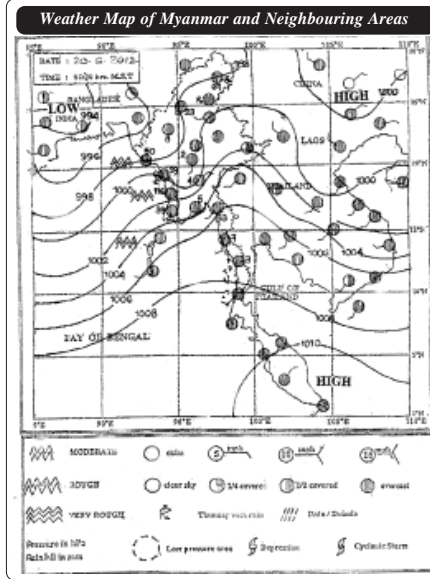
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(21-6-2012)(Thursday)

- 7:00 am**
- 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**
- 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:50 am**
- 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:00 am**
- 4. Health Programme
- 8:35 am**
- 5. Documentary
- 4:05 pm**
- 6. Cute Little Dancer
- 4:20 pm**
- 7. Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions
- 4:30 pm**
- 8. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) - Second Year (Oriental)
- 4:50 pm**
- 9. Teleplay (Forest)
- 5:35 pm**
- 10. Songs for International Day against Drugs Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 5:45 pm**
- 11. Science and Environment
- 6:20 pm**
- 12. Myanmar Series
- 6:35 pm**
- 13. Approaching Science Discovery World
- 8:00 pm**
- 14. News
- 15. Documentary
- 16. TV Drama Series



Weather forecast for 21st June, 2012

No.	Name	Temperature (°C/F)		Forecast		Percent
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent	
1	Kachin	21.88	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
2	Kayah	27.81	28.68	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
3	Kayah	28.82	23.72	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)	
4	Chin	28.82	18.84	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
5	Upper Sagaing	28.82	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
6	Lower Sagaing	24.91	26.79	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
7	Tamuisayi	28.82	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)	
8	Bago	30.86	25.77	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
9	Magway	30.86	26.79	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
10	Mandalay	27.99	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
11	Mon	30.86	23.73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)	
12	Yangon	28.82	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)	
13	Rakine	31.88	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)	
14	Southern Shan	24.75	18.84	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
15	Northern Shan	31.88	21.70	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
16	Eastern Shan	29.84	24.75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)	
17	Ayeyawady	27.81	24.75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (HI)	(100%)	
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	29.84	25.77	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
19	Neighbouring Yangon	28.82	24.75	Some rain or thundershowers	(80%)	
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	27.99	27.81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(80%)	

Summary of observations at (09:30 hr MST on today)

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagaing Region, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakine State and isolated heavy falls in Bago Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were: Thandwe (5.63) inches, Mraak (4.13) inches, Nyaunggabin (1.38) inches, Tawngpyi (3.07) inches, Patheingyi (2.09) inches, Kyaukse (2.48) inches and Patheingyi (2.09) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.

Talks on cultivation of Paletwe hybrid paddy held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—A talk on agricultural technology for cultivation of monsoon Paletwe paddy was held at the administrative office in Zalaung Ngansat Village of Ottarathiri Township on 13 June afternoon.

Deputy Director U Tin Aung Shein of Nay Pyi Taw Agricultural Educative Branch of Agriculture Department explained use of fertilizer and pesticides and technique for production of 200 baskets of paddy per acre.

Head of Township Agriculture Department U Tin Win and staff, Zalaung Village-tract Administrator U Tun Myint and farmers participated in the discussions.



CSC ISSUED: Kyaukse District and Township Immigration and National Registration Department issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people at its office on 13 June. Deputy Director U Win Hlaing of District INRD presents CSC for local people through Sakhantha Village Administrator U Kyaw Zan.

Nepal launches drones to combat poachers

KATHMANDU, 20 June—Conservationists in Nepal are to send drone aircraft into the skies in the battle to save the Himalayan nation's endangered tigers and rhinos from poachers.

WWF Nepal said it had successfully tested two unmanned "conservation drones" earlier this month in Chitwan National Park, in Nepal's southern plains, the home of a number of the world's rarest animals. The remote-controlled aircraft, being used for the first time in Nepal, would monitor the animals and poachers via cameras and GPS to capture images and video, the organisation said in a statement earlier this week.

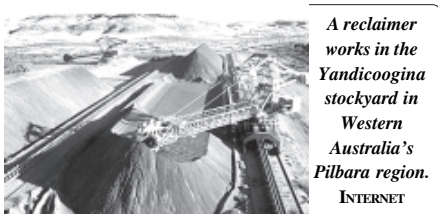
The aircraft, with a two-metre (6.5-foot) wing span and a range of 25 kilometres (15.5 miles), can stay in the air for 45 minutes, flying at an altitude of up to 200 metres.

"WWF Nepal has been introducing new science and technology to aid ongoing conservation efforts in Nepal. The conservation drones are the latest addition," said Anil Manandhar, the organisation's representative in Kathmandu.

"We believe that this technology will be instrumental in monitoring Nepal's flagship species and curbing illegal wildlife trade." Thousands of tigers and greater one-horned rhinos, also known as the Indian rhinoceros, once roamed Nepal and northern India but their numbers plunged over the last century due to poaching and human encroachment on their habitat.—Internet



An Indian Rhinoceros takes its calf to water in the Maghauri Chitwan forest, southwest of Kathmandu. Conservationists in Nepal are to send drone aircraft into the skies in the battle to save the Himalayan nation's endangered tigers and rhinos from poachers.—INTERNET



Rio Tinto to invest in iron ore business

SYDNEY, 20 June—Global mining giant Rio Tinto said on Wednesday that it planned to invest £2.66 billion pounds to develop its iron ore business in Australia and Guinea to meet strong Chinese demand.

The Anglo-Australian group said the investment covered £2.35 billion pounds for expansion of the Pilbara iron ore operations in Western Australia and £318 million pounds for infrastructure development at the Simandou iron ore project in Guinea.

"We are directing investment to projects that will generate the most attractive returns for shareholders and are resilient under any probable macroeconomic scenario,"

Rio Tinto chief executive Tom Albanese said in a statement.

Rio Tinto Iron Ore chief executive Sam Walsh added: "We continue to see positive prospects for medium- to long-term iron ore demand driven by ongoing growth in Chinese consumption.

"We continue to forecast that annual Chinese steel production will grow from its current level of around 700 million tonnes to around one billion tonnes a year out towards 2030.

"This demand growth is coupled with an increasingly challenged supply response, as several high-profile competitor projects have recently been either delayed or postponed."

Djokovic, Sharapova top seeds at Wimbledon

LONDON, 20 June— is the fourth seed, while France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, a beaten semi-finalist at Wimbledon last year, is seeded fifth.

Defending Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic has been confirmed as the top seed in this year's men's singles at the All England Club, while French Open winner Maria Sharapova is the top seed in the women's singles.

Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, who lost to Nadal in the 2010 Wimbledon final, is bumped up to the sixth seed, one place above Spain's David Ferrer, who is ranked higher but drops down to seventh seed due to his inferior grass-court record.

Djokovic's defeat to Nadal in Paris marked the end of a run of three successive grand slam final victories over the world number two, which started when he won Wimbledon for the first time last year.

Serbia's Djokovic, the current world number one, was beaten by Rafael Nadal in the French Open final earlier this month, but he retains the top seeding ahead of the second seeded Spaniard.

Six-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer is seeded third as he seeks to win a grand slam for the first time since the 2010 Australian Open.

Britain's Andy Murray, a loser in the Wimbledon semi-finals for the last three years,



Serbian Novak Djokovic holds the trophy after beating Spain's Rafael Nadal in the men's singles final at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in southwest London on 3 July, 2011.—INTERNET

Chief Justice of the Union receives Director of Research and Right to Development Division of OHCHR

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation led by Director Ms Marcia Kran of Research and Right to Development Division of the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Right (OHCHR) at the hall

of Union Supreme Court this morning.

Also present at the call were Judges of the Supreme

Court of the Union U Tha Htay, U Soe Nyunt, U Mya Thein, U Myint Han and officials.—MNA

Union Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo receives Director Ms Marcia Kran of Research and Right to Development Division of OHCHR.—MNA



Union Education Minister calls for focusing on Myanmar history lessons



Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye making discussion at concluding of workshop on promotion of education sector.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye called for focusing on history and geographical features lessons of the country to inculcate the students with a sense of nationalistic fervour and patriotic spirit as he

addressed the concluding of the workshop on promotion of education sector at the ministry here this morning.

The Union Minister speaking on the occasion called for reviewing the lessons of civic duties and Buddhist's instructions in ethics for emergence of

disciplined citizens with good moral standard. He thanked the schoolers for their pearls of wisdom to the workshop.

The Union Minister cordially greeted retired scholars and doyen faculty members.

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Cash and foodstuff donated for Rakhine State dwellers

YANGON, 20 June—The local residents in Rakhine State have lost properties on account of present situation in their State. That's why well-wishers are continuously providing cash and foodstuff to relieve their sufferings. Today morning, a ceremony to provide cash and foodstuff to those was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township.

At the ceremony, Col Aung Myint (Retd) + Daw Ohnmar family in Yangon donated K 2.5 million, Skills Development Foundation clothes and kitchen utensils worth K 400,000, Lt-Gen Thein Htay + Daw Myint Myint Khaing family K 500,000, Friends Social Donation Group (FSDG) 13 packages of clothes 100 packages of dry noodle, one medical box, 13 bags of personal goods and foodstuff, two sets of blankets, two bags of tower, one package of toothpaste worth K 940,000 U Hla Tun of Hospice Cancer

Foundation K 1 million, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Aung Nyein of Magway Region Constituency-2 and wife Daw San San Lwin family and U Aung Kyaw Soe (Kyephyu Rice Mill-Taikkyi) K 100,000 each, U Maung Maung Than and Daw Khin Win Yi family K 50,000, U Myo Win Hlaing (Director) of Myanma Awba 1000 dozens of exercise books worth K 3 million, U Thein Aung and wife Daw Khin Khin Thein family K 100,000, U Khin Maung Than + Daw Myat Yadanar family K 30,000, Ko Khin Maung Thet + Ma Aye Aye Lwin family K 100,000, Daw Khin Lay Mar family K 50,000, U Kyaw Kyaw and well-wisher family three packages of clothes, U Tin Htut + Daw Naing Myo Win family 65 packages of coffee mix worth K 1.404 million, Ko Phone Myat Swe + Ma Wut Yi family K 100,000 and 1 package of clothes, prayers of moth on Bo Aung Kyaw Street K 806500, Daw Moe Moe Thet and Daw Sein

Lae Lae of Dear Collection 12 boxes of clothes (100), U Hla Wai + Daw Nan Aye Swe of MM TA Co., Ltd. Korea Style Fashion 810 T-shirt and tarpaulin worth K 1.4 million, U Tin Win + Daw Than Than Htay family K 50,000, Daw Khin Myint, Daw Tin Myint, Daw Khin San Htwe K 50,000 and 25 blankets worth K 51250, students of Dozo Fashion & Design K 0.3 million and three packages of clothes, Sayadaw Ashin Manala (Zetawin Monastery—Thaton) K 30,000, Nuns Daw Wunna and Daw Thumana K 10,000 each, Ashin Nanda Mala (Bhamo) K 50,000, U Kyaw Kyaw Khaing + Daw Myint Myint Khaing family K 100,000, Chairman U Hla Maung of Pulses, Maize and Sesame Merchant Association of Muse, Ko Min Min (U Htun Hlaing and Sons Co., Ltd, Ko Sein Win (Maung Sein Win and Brothers Co., Ltd) and Ko Naing Win (Myitson Co., Ltd) K 0.5 million each, U Than Htay Oo (Shwe Se Tun Co., Ltd) and U Khin Maung Aye of ICTC School K 0.3 million each, Ko Kyaw Khin (Shwe Hmya Co., Ltd) and Daw Yin Kyu Hwun of Kyemon Co., Ltd K 0.2 million each, Merchant Ko Thet Soe, Ko Kin and Ko Bo Bo (Phyo Mauk Thar Tea House) of Kyarpan Co., Ltd K 100,000 each, U Kyaw Zwa, Daw Khin Khin Htay family seven packages of clothes, dishes and 15 foodstuff in total to Director-General U Tin Moe of Fire Services Department and officials. They gave certificates of honour to them and spoke words of thanks. So far, K 134,387,376 has been donated.—MNA



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

Public Notice

1. Ministry of Health is enforcing National Food Law to ensure the people the quality and safe food.
2. Processed rancid oils are found among cooking oils illegally exported through Shan State (North).
3. Ministry of Health would like to warn that these oils are not legally exported on its recommendation and are not suitable for consumption.

Ministry of Health

Umbrella charges cellphone, boosts signal



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England, France complete heavyweight last eight



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