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Supreme Court of the Union plants saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The monsoon tree growing ceremony was held in the environs of the Supreme Court of the Union, here, this morning.

Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo planted a teak sapling.

Next, judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, the

director-general and officials and staff grew saplings. The Chief Justice of the Union, judges of the Supreme Court of the Union and departmental heads viewed growing of saplings.

They cultivated 500 saplings at the ceremony.

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Our Three Main National Causes

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

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Special Envoy of President of ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Mr Hong Joon-Pyo, Special Envoy of the President of the Republic of Korea, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 4 pm today.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of bilateral relations and matters of mutual interests.—MNA



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Hong Joon-Pyo, Special Envoy of the President of ROK.—MNA

Twenty dead in Taliban siege of Afghan hotel

KABUL, 22 June—Elite Afghan police backed by NATO forces ended a 12-hour siege on Friday at a popular lakeside hotel outside Kabul, leaving at least 20 dead after Taliban gunmen stormed the lakeside building, bursting into a party and seizing dozens of hostages.

The commander of NATO forces in Afghanistan said the attack bore the signature of the Taliban-linked Haqqani group.

At the hotel, terrified guests jumped into the lake in the darkness to escape the carnage, Afghan officials and residents said. Up to 300 people had been inside the hotel when the attack began.

Afghan interior ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqqi said 12 to 15 civilians, two hotel guards and a policeman were killed in the gunbattle at the Spozhmai hotel, overlooking Qargha Lake. Five attackers were also killed.

The attack, quickly claimed by the Afghan Taliban, again showed the ability of insurgents to stage high-profile raids even as NATO nations prepare to withdraw most of their combat troops by the end of 2014 and leave Afghans to lead the fight.

Blood was splattered over the hotel floor and the crumpled body of a man lay in the garden. Women and children were among the wounded.—Reuters

Cash, foodstuffs, clothes donated for local people of Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—At the office of Relief and Resettlement Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (Head Office), here, wellwishers donate cash, foodstuff and clothes for the local people of Rakhine State who lost housings and property in the current situations.

U Zaw Min Win-Daw Nan Aung and family donated K 100,000, staff families of the Ministry of Science and Technology K 178,500 and clothes, hats and instant noodles worth K 226,050, U Thaw Zin, U Nay Win, U Tin Moe Win and U Aung Aung K 55,000 on 19 June. Col Aye Ko (Rtd)-Daw Hla Hla Aye and family

donated K 500,000, Daw Hlaing May Kyu K 50,000 on 20 June. Daw Ma Ma Lay (Assistant Lecturer)(Rtd)GTI (Insein, Toungoo) donated K 500,000 and Thabyegon (Vegetable)Marketrice, dried noodle, detergent power, slippers and clothes worth K 278,500 on 21 June. Sayadaw U Nandamala of Dhamma-çariya Pariyatti Monastery of

Masoeyein Ward in Pynmana donated men's and women's wares worth K 400,000, faculty members of Ministry of Science and Technology K 30,000, clothes and one box of medicines, Ma Gyi and family K 10,000, Myat Pan Tawwin Family clothes and foodstuff worth K 520,000, Ministry of Science and Technology clothes worth K 47600, Ministry of Labour clothes worth K 16500 and First Private Bank Ltd clothes worth K 14000.—MNA



US Navy research vessel begins 8-day visit to central Vietnamese port

HANOI, 22 June — The US Navy's research vessel, *Roger Revelle*, docked at Tien Sa Port in Vietnam's central Da Nang city on Friday morning, beginning its eight-day visit trip to the city, reported *Vietnam News Agency* on Friday. The mission was made under a cooperative programme on oceanic research of the South China Sea and interaction of the sea and mainland between the Vietnam Ministry of Science and Technology and the US Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), according to the report.

During their stay, 28 US officers and sailors will provide training courses for Vietnamese scientists and researchers in oceanic studies in service of the latter's oceanic research and management. The vessel is scheduled to depart on 29 June. *Roger Revelle* belongs to the US Navy and is run by the Scripps Oceanic Institute of the University of California in San Diego. The ship is equipped with modern facilities for oceanographic research.

Xinhua



Photo taken on 21 June, 2012 shows a classic mechanical clock during the Hong Kong Jewellery and Gem Fair held at the convention and exhibition center of Hong Kong, south China.

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Ronaldo inspires Portugal to semifinal at Euro 2012



Petr Cech (R) and Michal Kadlec (C) of Czech vies with Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal during the quarterfinal match between Czech and Portugal at Euro 2012 football championships in Warsaw, Poland, on 21 June, 2012.

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Ferrer beats Sijtsling to reach UNICEF Open semis



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PERSPECTIVES

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A triple increase in per capita GDP

The State after adopting the fifth five-year short-term plan will carry out the task of reviewing and drawing the 30-year plan. In addition, it will keep on drawing the National Development Plan till it becomes a Comprehensive Development Plan through development and poverty alleviation plan, human resources development plan, investment plan, trade sector development plan, industrial development plan, financial and currency sector development plan, regional plans and sector-wise plans.

As the government is doing its job well, Union ministries and Region and State governments on their part should give priority more to People-Centered Development than to the GDP growth in increasing per capita income, individual household income, and socio-economic development while bringing in real development on the ground through systematic schemes.

Based on nation's current economic situation, the Planning Commission will discuss the five-year short-term plan (draft) from fiscal 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 bearing in mind the nearest possible degree of future progress in drawing it. During the five-year period, the government has projected a 7.7 percent annual average GDP growth based on 2010-2011 market prices; a decrease of agricultural sector ratio in GDP from 36.4 percent to 29.2 percent; and an increase of industrial sector ration in GDP from 26.0 percent to 32.1 percent and of services sector ration from 37.6 percent to 38.7 percent respectively; and a 1.7-fold rise in per capita GDP when compared with the base year.

Although we have projected a 1.7-fold per capita GDP increase in the fiscal 2015-2016 based on GDP growth rate calculations, our aspired goal is a triple increase in per capita GDP. Especially we will strive to fulfill the basic needs of our people to witness a real income growth. For achieving a triple national economic growth within a five-year period, we must actively enlist the combined force of human capability, financial capital, and technology.

UCSB holds tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Union Civil Services Board held a tree-planting ceremony-2012 at the office here this morning, in the presence of Chairman of UCSB U Kyaw Thu and members U Khin Maung Aye, Dr Win Myint, Dr Myint Aung, Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay, U Soe Oo, Directors-General of the departments, Chief of staff, officials concerned and staff.

Chairman U Kyaw Thu presented plants to the Directors-General and head of office to grow at designated places, and planted a teak plant



Chairman of Union Civil Services Board U Kyaw Thu plants a teak sapling in 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony.

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following those present.

After that, the Chairman and members looked around

the planting activities.

This year monsoon tree-planting ceremony includes

perennial trees, flowery plants and shady trees.

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Rakhine State Chief Minister inspects relief camps in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin together with State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Aung Kyaw Min

and officials concerned on 20 June morning looked around progress of stability in Rakhine State.

They inspected the

displaced persons at Thechaung Village, who were receiving medical treatment by the health ministry. In the evening, he

comforted household members at the relief camp at Buddhawmaw Monastery, and then paid close attention to the activities for clearance of damages at the lands razed by fire in Thayathisu and Myothukyi Wards in Sittway.

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Dy Sports Minister encourages sports teams partaking in Champion Challenge Cup

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu enjoyed the final match of Men's Fustal Tournament held at Fustal training camp in Zabuthiri Sports Zone here yesterday.

After the final match, the prize-presenting ceremony came into action.

On the occasion, the Deputy Minister and officials concerned awarded

first prize to Yangon Region team, second to Mandalay Region and third to Bago Region in Men's Fustal Match, and the first, Bago Region team, the second, Mandalay Region, and the third, Ayeyawady Region,

in Women's Fustal Match.

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister presented champion shields to Yangon Region Men's Fustal team and Bago Region Women's Fustal team.

This evening, he

inspected sports teams from regions and states, who are staying at No. 7 Transit Centre in Zeyathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw for partaking in the Champion Challenge Cup.

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Livestock breeding organization formed in Dawei District

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—A ceremony to form Dawei District livestock breeding Organization, was held at Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of

Taninthayi Region, on 20 June. At the ceremony, deputy commissioner U Kyaw Swe of Dawei District delivered a speech on the occasion. Head Dr Khin

Maung of Region LBVD discussed formation of livestock breeding organization and head of District LBVD Dr Tin Htay explained qualifications of

members, duties and rights. After that, livestock breeding organization was formed and 15 elected executive members, approved. The organization chairman Dr Maung Ni explained organization's work processes.

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Sports Training Camps inspected

YANGON, 22 June—Director U Tin Maung Yi of Sports Plus Education Branch of Sports and Physical Education Department inspected sports training camps of

various sports federations, here, from 18 June to date.

The director looked into training,

accommodation and food services and providing vitamins and nutritious foods to the athletes at the training camp of the Myanmar Martial Arts Federation in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 18 June, the training camps of Sepak Takraw and Boxing sports in Thingangyun Township (Thuwunna), that of volleyball, track & field, boxing, billiards and snooker federations yesterday.

This morning, the director visited sports camps for sports federations of swimming, Judo and table tennis on U Wisara Road of Dagon Township, Wushu training hall at Padonma Ground of Sangyoung Township and boat club at Inya Lake and gave instructions on training and administrative matters.

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MCEA and ICAK host dinner in Karawaik Palace



YANGON, 22 June—According to the friendship programme between Myanmar and Korea, Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs

Association (MCEA) and International Constructors Association of Korea (ICAK) hosted dinner at Karawaik Palace on 20 June evening.

Also present were Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Kim Hye Yong, Chairman Dr Khin Shwe of MCEA, Korean Vice-Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs Mr Han Man Hee, Vice-Chairman Mr Shin Sung Chul of ICAK and departmental officials.

At the ceremony, the Vice-Chairman of ICAK and

Chairman Dr Khin Shwe of MCEA extended greetings.

Then, the Ambassador made a speech and Vice-Minister Mr Han Man Hee spoke words of honour. Afterwards, departmental officials of ICAK explained matters related to the construction works in ROK.

Later, the Chairman of MCEA presented gifts to the Ambassador, the Vice-Minister, the Vice-Chairman of ICAK.

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Tobacco Kills

China pledges to support UN on sustainable development

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 June — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Thursday that his country will continue to support the United Nations in its leading role in promoting sustainable development. When meeting with UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon on the sidelines of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20 summit), Wen said the meeting should send a positive and clear signal on the promotion of international cooperation on sustainable development.

The principle of “common but differentiated responsibilities” should be upheld, and the right of every country to choose its own development path be respected, said the Chinese leader. The Rio+20 summit should also give priority to implementing the Millennium Development



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) meets with UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 21 June, 2012. — XINHUA

Goals on poverty reduction, and to harmonizing the relationships between economic development, social progress and environmental protection, he said.

On Syria, Wen urged the international community to back the mediation efforts by joint UN and Arab League

special envoy Kofi Annan and the UN Supervision Mission in Syria. He also called on all Syrian parties to respect relevant UN resolutions and Annan's six-point peace plan in order to end violence and avoid civilian casualties.

The Syrian government should respond to the popular appeals for reforms, thus

creating conditions for a political and peaceful solution to the 16-month crisis, he said.

Ban said China has made remarkable contributions to global economic recovery, South-South cooperation and sustainable development.

Appreciating China's efforts to seek a political settlement of the Syrian crisis, especially its support to Annan's peace mission, the UN chief hoped the international community could send a clear message to all Syrian parties of the need to cease violence and seek a political solution.

The United Nations is willing to strengthen cooperation with China on peaceful settlement of regional hot spots, maintenance of world peace and stability as well as promotion of international cooperation on development, Ban said. — Xinhua

Russian air force completes strategic drill

MOSCOW, 22 June — The Russian Air Force's strategic, intercepting and special units have completed a strategic exercise over the eastern part of the country, the Russian defence ministry said on Thursday. “The crews of the Tu-95MC bombers worked out suppressing the anti-aircraft defence of the conventional enemy as well as the strategic targets,” Air Force spokesman Vladimir Deryabin told reporters here.

During their flights over the neutral zone of the Pacific Ocean, the Russian

planes were watched by US F-15 fighter jets, he noted. The MIG-31 fighters and A-50 airborne warning and control system aircraft also conducted escorting exercises, he added.

According to Deryabin, participating planes received mid-air refueling four times during the drills, with the A-50 and MIG-31 aircraft staying in the air for up to 8 hours and the bombers for 17 hours. The exercise, involving some 30 aircraft and over 200 servicemen, was held from Tuesday to Thursday, said the spokesman. — Xinhua



A screen shows Russian President Vladimir Putin speaking at the opening ceremony of the St Petersburg International Economic Forum as journalists work at the media room in St Petersburg, Russia, on 21 June, 2012. Putin on Thursday vowed to keep Russia's competitive advantage and maintain the stable development of the country. — XINHUA

New Greek coalition gov't sworn in

ATHENS, 22 June — The new Greek pro-bailout coalition government was sworn in on Thursday evening, aiming to revise the tough terms of international bailout deals keeping the debt-laden country afloat since 2010 without endangering its place in the euro. The 39-member cabinet

team named shortly earlier, headed by conservative New Democracy (ND) party leader Antonis Samaras, is the result of a power-sharing agreement among three parties reached after Sunday's parliamentary elections.

Jointly with the socialist PASOK party and Democratic Left junior partners that did

not appoint party officials of their own for ministries portfolios, but technocrats, the ND-led coalition government is supported with a wide parliamentary majority in the 300-member legislature. “This is a government of unity and we mean it,” Prime Minister Samaras stressed in statements to the press outside the Presidential mansion in Athens, before chairing the first cabinet meeting at the parliament.

In his first decision as prime minister, he announced that the salaries of all ministers serving in the new government will be reduced by 30 percent. Banker Vassilis Rapanos, Chairman of the country's largest bank, the National Bank of Greece, and head of the Greek Bank Association was appointed at the key post of Finance Minister. He is due to be sworn in later this week, once

caretaker Finance Minister Yorgos Zannias returns to Athens after his participation in the meetings of Euro Group and Ecofin.

The formation of the coalition government puts an end to six weeks of political impasse after the first inconclusive May elections that resulted in a fragmented parliament reflecting the division amongst Greek citizens over the implementation of the plan to exit the debt crisis under the bailout deals with the European Union and the International Monetary Fund. Frustration with harsh austerity skyrocketed the anti-bailout Radical Left SYRIZA Coalition that won the second place in both critical polls, promising the abolition of the memorandum, despite warnings that lenders could pull the plug on Greece, letting it financially collapse and exit the eurozone. — Xinhua



Ministers of Greece's new coalition government wait before their swearing in ceremony at the Presidential Palace in Athens on 21 June, 2012. Greece named a new cabinet to end two months of political deadlock on Thursday. — Xinhua

Afghanistan still world's main source of asylum seekers

KABUL, 22 June — Afghanistan is still the leading source of asylum seekers in the world, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), now known simply as the United Nations Refugee Agency. A press statement released by the UNHCR office here on World Refugee Day on Wednesday says that “although some 5.7 million Afghan refugees have returned home since 2002, Afghanistan is still the main origin of asylum seekers.”

The UNHCR said that a quarter of the refugees that it

is now assisting originate from Afghanistan, adding that Pakistan and Iran continue to be the two main refugee hosting countries for 95 percent of Afghan refugees. This means some 1.7 million Afghan refugees are in Pakistan and nearly one million in Iran. In addition to this, it is estimated that there are more than 2 million unregistered Afghan refugees now living in Pakistan and Iran. The rate of refugees returns from Iran and Pakistan has declined remarkably in the past two years. So far in 2012, according to the UNHCR, only 34,000

refugees have returned home.

The war-weary Afghans, especially the teenagers who live at home or in neighbouring countries, are eager to leave for industrialized nations, particularly European countries, United States, Canada and Australia. More than 30,000 Afghans, according to reports, applied for asylum in developed nations in 2011. Many of these youngsters prefer to migrate to peaceful and developed countries by paying huge bribes to human traffickers and risking long and perilous journeys.

Xinhua



A Mexican marine escorts Jesus Alfredo Guzman Salazar, left, during his presentation to the media in Mexico City, on 21 June, 2012. Mexican marines detained Jesus Alfredo Guzman Salazar, 26, one of the sons of Mexico's most-wanted drug kingpin, Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman Loera, leader of the powerful Sinaloa cartel. — INTERNET

Mexico captures son of most-wanted drug lord

MEXICO CITY, 22 June — Mexican authorities captured a son of the country's most-wanted drug kingpin Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman on Thursday in northwestern Mexico, the Navy said in a statement. Marine troops took Jesus Alfredo Guzman Salazar in custody early

Thursday in Zapopan, a small town near Guadalajara, the capital of Jalisco state.

Both he and his father are wanted on drug trafficking charges.

Guzman Salazar, 26, was accompanied by another person and the two were flown to the organized-crime division of the Attorney General's Office (Siedo) in Mexico City, according to the statement.

The US Treasury Department has imposed financial sanctions against Guzman Salazar, his mother Maria Alejandrina Salazar Hernandez, and his two other brothers, Ivan Archivaldo Guzman Salazar and Ovidio Guzman Lopez.

Chapo Guzman, Mexico's most-wanted drug lord and founder of Sinaloa cartel, had been captured by Mexican authorities and jailed in a maximum security prison in Jalisco. He escaped in January 2001 by hiding in a laundry truck.

Xinhua

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Apple fined in Australia for misleading iPad advertising

MELBOURNE, 22 June—Apple Inc (AAPL O) was fined A\$2.25 million by an Australian court on Thursday for misleading advertising of its latest iPad.

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) took legal action against Apple in March, after the computer and gadgets maker rolled out the first wave of new iPad tablets in the Australian market.

The competition watch-

dog accused Apple of misleading customers with the description of its new iPad, which said it was compatible with a 4G mobile data network when it was not.

The court determined Apple had implied “that an iPad with WiFi + 4G could connect directly to the Telstra LTE mobile data network in Australia, which it could not do,” according to the verdict emailed to Reuters by the regulator.

Apple “engaged in

conduct that was liable to mislead the public,” it said.

A spokeswoman for Apple in Sydney could not be

iPad tablets are seen in a window display in an Apple store in Sydney on 16 March, 2012. —REUTERS



reached immediately for comment on Thursday.

Apple has already promised to email all buyers of its new iPad in Australia to offer them a refund and agreed to post warnings that its new iPad “is not compatible with current Australian 4G LTE networks and WiMAX networks.”

Telstra Corp’s (TLSAX) network operates on a different frequency to the 4G on Apple’s new iPad.

Apple rolled out the first wave of new iPad tablets on 16 March.—Reuters



A man plays with a HTC Desire smartphone at a mobile phone shop in Taipei on 15 Aug, 2011. REUTERS

Nuance combines keyboard, voice for Android

SYDNEY, 22 June—Nuance launched software to allow smartphone owners to input text using a combination of tapping, tracing, handwriting and speaking, as consumers increasingly demand technology that learns from them rather than the other way around.

The new platform will be available from Wednesday for makers of phones based on Google’s (GOOG O) Android software, which has raced ahead of Nokia (NOK1V.HE) and Apple (AAPL O) to become the world’s most popular smartphone operating system. Google owes its success to the fact that its software is freely distributed, attracting a vibrant community of developers and helping phone makers like Samsung (005930.KS) and Motorola respond fast to changes in technology and demand.

Nuance said some phone makers had already begun implementing the new Swype platform, which combines keyboard technology acquired when it bought the company Swype last year with its market-leading Dragon voice-recognition software.

Makers of non-Android phones —like BlackBerry maker Research in Motion (RIM TO) and Nokia, which has bet its future on Microsoft (MSFT O) Windows software —will be able to use a software developer kit from Nuance to make their own versions.

“Some can be as quick as

two months. Others can take a year,” said Brian Yee, director of mobile input for Nuance, which is also widely believed to power Apple’s (AAPL O) iPhone Siri voice-activated personal organizer.

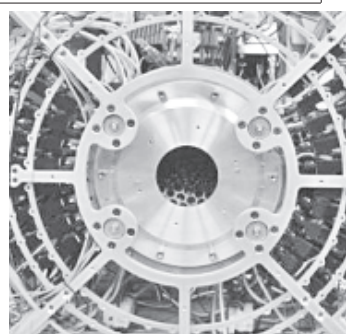
Nuance says only that it licenses some of its technology to some Apple products. Apple is notoriously secretive about its technology partners, and often binds them to confidentiality agreements.

The new Swype platform will learn from user behaviour, adding words entered via the keyboard to a personal dictionary that will then be deployed across the spectrum of input types, which includes tracing the shapes of words, and handwriting.

Nuance’s public dictionary currently holds 300,000 words in English and supports 50 languages for text and 35 for voice.

Much of the technology involved was originally invented for users with disabilities, and Clive Kushler, inventor of the T9 predictive text system for mobile phones, is now working on technology for users with visual impairments for Nuance.

Reuters



The gigapixel camera system consists of 98 microcameras, 120 by 42 degree FOV, 38 microradian FOV for a single pixel, and an effective f-number of 2.17. Each microcamera operates at 10 fps at full resolution.

INTERNET

Evidence of cattle milked 7,000 years ago

BRISTOL, 22 June—Chemical analysis of pottery shows the first evidence humans in prehistoric Saharan Africa used cattle for milk nearly 7,000 years ago, British researchers say. Scientists from the University of Bristol said an analysis of fatty acids extracted from unglazed pottery excavated from an archaeological site in Libya showed dairy fats were processed in the vessels.

Around 10,000 years ago the Sahara was a wetter, greener place that today and early hunter-gatherer people lived a semi-sedentary life, using pottery, hunting wild game and collecting wild cereals, the researchers said.

Then, around 7,000-5,000 years ago as the region became more arid, the people adopted a more nomadic, pastoral way of life and cattle became more important, they

said. While engraved and painted rock art found widely across the region includes many vivid representations of cattle, there had been no direct proof these cattle were milked—until now.

“We already know how important dairy products such as milk, cheese, yogurt and butter, which can be repeatedly extracted from an animal throughout its lifetime, were to the people of Neolithic

Europe, so it’s exciting to find proof that they were also significant in the lives of the prehistoric people of Africa,” researcher Julie Dunne said in a Bristol release on Wednesday.

The findings also provide a background for understanding the evolution of the gene for lactose intolerance that appears to have arisen once prehistoric people started consuming milk products, she said.

Internet

Mission to study ‘dark energy’ gets OK

PARIS, 22 June—European space officials said on Wednesday they have given the go-ahead for a mission to explore the universe for dark energy and dark matter.

The European Space Agency’s Euclid mission has received final approval from ESA’s Science Programme Committee to move into the full construction phase, leading to a launch in 2020, a release from ESA’s Paris headquarters said on Wednesday.

“This formal adoption of the mission is a major milestone for a large scientific community, their funding agencies and also for European industry,” ESA Director of Science and

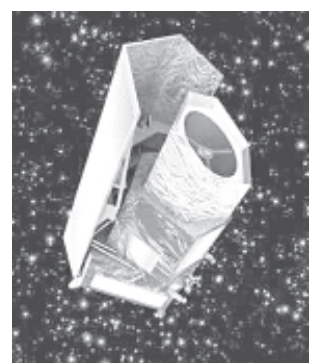
Robotic Exploration Alvaro Gimenez Canete said.

Euclid will use a 4-foot-diameter telescope and a near-infrared camera/spectrometer to map the 3-D distribution of as many as 2 billion galaxies and dark matter associated with them, spread over more than one-third of the whole sky, ESA officials said.

Scientists say they hope the mission can help answer one of the most important questions in modern cosmology — why is the universe expanding at an accelerating rate, rather than slowing down due to the gravitational attraction of all the matter in it?

Astronomers still do not know what force could cause this cosmic acceleration.

The term “dark energy” is often used for this unknown force, but by using Euclid to study its effects on the galaxies and clusters of galaxies across the universe, astronomers say they hope to come much closer to understanding its true nature and influence.—Internet



Artist’s impression of Euclid.—INTERNET

Surprising ice find in lunar crater

GREENBELT, 22 June—NASA says a lunar orbiting spacecraft’s data indicates ice may make up as much as 22 percent of the surface material in a crater on the moon’s south pole.

Scientists using light from the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter’s laser altimeter examined the floor of Shackleton crater and found it is brighter than those of other nearby craters, consistent with the presence of small amounts of ice, NASA reported on Wednesday.

“The brightness measurements have been puzzling us since two summers ago,” Gregory Neumann of NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre in Greenbelt, Md, said. “While the distribution of brightness was not exactly what we had expected, practically every measurement related to ice and other volatile compounds on the moon is surprising, given the cosmically cold temperatures inside its polar craters.”

In addition to the possible evidence of ice, the study of Shackleton revealed a remarkably preserved crater, relatively unscathed since its formation more than 3 billion years ago, NASA said.

Internet

Forget megapixels; meet a gigapixel camera

DURHAM, 22 June — By synchronizing 98 cameras in a single device, US researchers say they’ve developed a gigapixel camera that can create images with unprecedented detail.

Electrical engineers at

Duke University and the University of Arizona report the new camera has the potential to capture up to 50 gigapixels of data, or 50,000 megapixels. Most consumer digital cameras, by comparison, are capable of taking photographs with sizes ranging from 8 to 40 megapixels.

The multiple cameras provide resolution five times better than 20/20 human vision over a 120-degree horizontal field, researchers said.

“Each one of the microcameras captures information from a specific area of the field of view,” Duke engineer David

Brady said. “A computer processor essentially stitches all this information into a single highly detailed image.

“In many instances, the camera can capture images of things that photographers cannot see themselves but can then detect when the image is viewed later.” The prototype camera is 2 1/2 feet square and 20 inches deep, but the researchers said they believe that within five years, as camera components become miniaturized and more efficient, gigapixel cameras should be available to the general public.—Internet

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Asian stocks fall on darker outlook for global growth

SINGAPORE, 22 June—Asian shares fell on Friday and the safe-haven dollar stayed near its highest in a week-and-a-half as fears about global growth rose in the wake of weak manufacturing data from the United States, Europe and China. A long-expected downgrade to the credit ratings of 15 of the world's biggest banks by ratings agency Moody's added to the gloom, which also weighed on commodities and currencies such as the Australian dollar that are linked to resource demand.

"If you give me \$1 million, I won't put more than half of that into the market right now, and even what I do put in will be for the short term," said Larry Jiang, chief strategist at Guotai Junan International Securities in Hong Kong.

"The US is clearly not in as good a shape as people thought even a month ago. We still don't know if China has found a bottom and there's Europe," he added.

European markets were expected to follow Asia's downbeat lead, with spread betters calling the main indexes in London, Paris and Frankfurt to open down around 0.9 percent.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia Pacific shares outside Japan fell 1.5 percent, dropping into negative territory for the week, and Tokyo's Nikkei share average lost 0.2 percent.

Analysts at Citi said Asian stock markets outside Japan had suffered \$1 billion in redemptions in the seven-day period that ended on Wednesday, the biggest factor in a net outflow of \$243 million from global emerging market equity funds.

US stocks fell around 2 percent on Thursday, racking up Wall Street's worst loss in three weeks, after a survey showed US factory growth at its slowest in 11 months in June.

That followed data showing the euro zone's private sector shrank at its fastest pace in three years this month, while Chinese



A man walks past a board showing graphs of Japan's stock price indexes outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 5 June, 2012. —REUTERS

manufacturing contracted for an eighth straight month.

Losses on Wall Street worsened after a bearish call from Goldman Sachs, which advised clients to bet on further falls in the broad S&P 500 index on expectations of more weakness in the economy. "We are recommending a short position in the S&P 500 index with a target of 1,285," (roughly 5 percent below current levels), Goldman said in a note.

S&P 500 index futures traded in Asia were up 0.2 percent on Friday, pointing to a slight rebound when the market resumes trading.

Commodities Slide

The darkening outlook for the world economy has sparked a sharp sell-off in commodities this week, with Brent crude oil falling below \$90 a barrel for the first time in 18 months.

Brent crude rebounded 0.6 percent to \$89.78 a barrel on Friday, but remained down 8 percent on the week.

"Manufacturing is a key indicator of oil demand, and based on the data coming out of the United States it doesn't look good, even though prices have been coming off," said Ben Le Brun, a Sydney-based

market analyst at OptionsXpress. Copper eased 0.5 percent, after tumbling in the previous session, to trade just above \$7,300 a tonne, on course for its seventh weekly loss in the past eight weeks.

The dollar was steady against a basket of major currencies, after gaining nearly 1 percent on Thursday in its biggest rally in more than three months. "Investors sought shelter in safe haven assets after the Moody's downgrade, which reminded them that the euro zone problems have morphed into a very serious global crisis," said a senior spot trader at a major Japanese bank based in Tokyo.

The euro was traded around \$1.2553, up 0.1 percent on the day but well off the week's peak of \$1.2748 scaled on Monday. The Australian dollar bought \$1.005, having dropped more than 1.3 percent from Thursday's high of \$1.0205.

Gold slipped 0.1 percent to around \$1,565 an ounce, after falling 2.5 percent on Thursday to wipe out almost all its 2012 gains as worries over the global economy robbed the precious metal of its inflation-hedge appeal.

Reuters



A Wells Fargo bank is seen in Del Mar, California on 17 January, 2012. —REUTERS

Wells Fargo looking to move some jobs to India, Philippines

CHARLOTTE, 22 June—Wells Fargo & Co (WFC N), the fourth-largest US bank by assets, is looking to move some jobs outside the United States as it pushes forward with a company-wide cost-cutting programme, a spokeswoman said on Wednesday.

The bank is considering sending work in its retirement division, technology areas and other business lines to India and the Philippines, spokeswoman Bridget Braxton said. She declined to say how many jobs could be lost.

The *Charlotte Observer* reported earlier on Wednesday that Wells Fargo was preparing to outsource jobs in its institutional retirement division to India and the Philippines, citing an internal memo sent to employees.

Braxton said the San Francisco-based bank could also shift positions within the United States and is examining which markets are the most "economically attractive." A global workforce could also help it meet the demands of clients worldwide who want round-the-clock service, she said.

Wells Fargo had about 265,000 full-time employees at the end of the first quarter.

The vast majority will continue to be based in the United States, Braxton said.

Wells Fargo has told investors it aims to reduce quarterly expenses by about \$1.7 billion to \$1.25 billion by the end of this year.

The bank has said it would consolidate technology units and streamline staff functions as part of the efficiency initiative, called Project Compass.

David Carroll, Wells Fargo's head of wealth management, brokerage and retirement services, told *Reuters* in February his business was looking at areas where it could use less expensive workers overseas, mostly for back-office processing tasks.

His business has about 35,000 employees, with about 500 in India and Chile, he said at the time. Financial services firms often shift technology and processing tasks offshore.

In 2006, Wells Fargo opened a "technology resource centre" in Hyderabad to provide software development. Wachovia, which Wells Fargo acquired in 2008, began partnering with Indian outsourcing firms such as Genpact Ltd (G N) in 2005.

Reuters

Polio eradication drive imperiled by funding shortfall

LONDON, 22 June—An almost \$1 billion shortfall in funding for the fight against polio is putting global efforts to eradicate the crippling viral disease in jeopardy, global health experts said on Wednesday.

In a report released 10 years after Europe was declared polio-free, the independent monitoring board of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) said there is now "a unique window of opportunity to stamp out polio for good" with global case numbers at their lowest levels since records began. "But it will not happen if the programme remains so desperately under-financed," Liam Donaldson, the independent board's chairman, told reporters.

A disease that until the 1950s crippled thousands of people every year in rich nations, polio is a virus that attacks the nervous system

and can cause irreversible paralysis within hours of infection. It remains endemic in three countries—Pakistan, Afghanistan and Nigeria—after India in January became the latest country to become polio-free, after going a full year without registering a new case.

Polio often spreads in areas with poor sanitation—a factor that has helped it keep a grip on those endemic countries for many decades—and children under five are the most vulnerable.

The disease can be halted, as it was in Europe, with comprehensive, population-wide vaccination programmes.

Donaldson said the global financial crisis coupled with growing needs for polio funding had led to a shortfall of \$945 million out of a total 2012-13 eradication programme budget of \$2 billion.

The shortfall would have a "real and immediate" impact, he said. Vaccination campaigns for 2012 would have to be canceled in 33 countries, leaving 94 million children "exposed to the horrors of this disease".

"This is an extreme and unacceptable risk," Donaldson said. "These campaigns are not optional extras, they are totally essential. It could set this global endeavor back by many years and vastly increase the eventual cost of achieving eradication." Hailing progress made by India, which has now had 16 straight months without a single case of polio, Donaldson said that country should serve as an example for critics who have long doubted polio can ever be wiped out.

"Skeptics have always said that India would be the (eradication) programme's downfall...that it simply could not be done," he said. "It's clear that those people were wrong." Donaldson's report, entitled *Every Missed Child*, focuses on the need to reach children who repeatedly slip through the net during polio vaccination campaigns.

It said that in six countries

where polio persists—the three endemic countries plus Angola, Chad and the Democratic Republic of Congo—there are 2.7 million children who have never received even a single dose of polio vaccine. "These are the children that the world forgot, growing up with no protection from polio at a time when most of the world's parents have long forgotten what polio even is," Donaldson said.

The report said the polio virus is hiding out in a number of "sanctuaries"—specific areas in the worst-hit countries where too many children have been missed in vaccination campaigns and where the virus can multiply and prepare for a fresh attack.

Donaldson, speaking to reporters in a telephone briefing from London, said wealthy donor governments needed to be aware that the campaign to wipe out polio was "at a tipping point" and urged them not to miss the opportunity to end polio. "If the funding gap isn't bridged, future generations will surely look back and wonder how this once-in-a-generation opportunity to destroy polio...was allowed to slip through our fingers," he said.—Reuters

Reliance Industries falls on KG D6 reserve estimate

India's Reliance Industries' KG-D6 facility located in Andhra Pradesh is pictured in this undated handout photo. —REUTERS



MUMBAI, 22 June—Reliance Industries shares extended falls on Thursday after Canada's Niko Resources sharply cut the reserves estimate at the KG D6 gas blocks, off India's east coast, where the two companies are partners.

By 10:56 am IST, Reliance shares fell 3.2 percent to 714.15 rupees. The Canadian oil and gas producer late Wednesday estimated that total proved plus probable reserves at the KG D6 block, as of 31 March, had decreased to 1.93 trillion cubic feet.

The block had been estimated to hold more than 9 trillion cubic feet (tcf) of gas. Niko holds a 10 percent stake in the D6 block. Reliance holds 60 percent, while BP Plc has a 30 percent stake.—Reuters



A girl receives a drop of polio vaccine at a health center in Sanaa on 9 January, 2012. —REUTERS



A robot serves the meal at a restaurant in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 21 June, 2012. A total of 18 robots with different division of labour serve the meals at the restaurant.—XINHUA

US Commerce Secretary resigns after traffic accident

WASHINGTON, 22 June — US Commerce Secretary John Bryson has resigned after being involved in a traffic accident, and US President Barack Obama praised him as an effective leader, the White House said on Thursday.

"Last night I accepted the resignation of John Bryson as Secretary of the Department of Commerce. I want to extend my deepest thanks and appreciation to John for his service over the

past months, and wish him and his family the very best," US President Barack Obama on Thursday said in a statement.

"As Secretary, John fought tirelessly for our nation's businesses and workers, helping to bolster our exports and promote American manufacturing and products at home and abroad," Obama said.

"John has proven himself an effective and

distinguished leader throughout his career in both the public and private sectors, from his success in the business world to his work leading on issues in the renewable energy industry," Obama added.

Xinhua

A youth practices parkour as he jumps off a wall in central Sydney on 22 June, 2012. Parkour is a method of movement, originally from France, whose practitioners use techniques of vaulting, rolling, running, climbing and jumping to leap over or move around obstacles.

REUTERS



Sri Lanka seeking info on capsized boat allegedly carrying Sri Lankans

COLOMBO, 22 June — Sri Lankan authorities were waiting for further information on the fate of the people aboard a boat that capsized off Australia's Christmas Island as reports said most of the 200 people onboard were Sri Lankan illegal asylum seekers.

External Affairs Ministry spokesman Sarath Dissanaikie told Xinhua that the Sri Lankan embassy in Indonesia and the Sri Lankan High Commission in Australia were monitoring the situation and were

awaiting confirmation if those on board were indeed Sri Lankans.

Up to 200 illegal asylum seekers were on board the vessel, which was on its way to Australia, when it capsized on Thursday.

The Australian media quoted West Australian Police Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan as saying about 40 people were spotted on the upturned hull, others were in waters and up to 75 may be dead. Ships from both Australia and Indonesia were dispatched to the scene to rescue those who survived and recover the bodies.

"We have seen through the media that most of them maybe Sri Lankans but we still don't have an official confirmation," Dissanaikie said. Hundreds of Sri Lankans, mostly minority Tamils, have over the years managed to reach Australia by boat to seek asylum with most of them claiming conditions are home is not safe for them.

Xinhua

S Korea's rare earth imports from China surge in May

SEOUL, 22 June — South Korea's rare earth imports from China surged last month due to a fall in import prices, customs data showed on Thursday.

South Korea purchased a total of 92 tonnes of rare earth materials from China in May, up 71.3 percent from a month earlier, according to the Korea Customs Service (KCS). Around 48.5 percent of South Korean imports of rare earth materials in May came from China, down 1.1 percentage point from the previous month.

The unit price of rare earth materials imported from China dropped 27.1 percent on-month to 41.58 US dollars per kilogram last month, contributing to the country's higher dependence on China.

Rare earth materials, including scandium and yttrium, are key components for modern-day technologies such as hybrid electric vehicles, liquid crystal display (LCD) and other high-tech products.

Rare earth imports from Japan jumped 53.3 percent on-month to 69 tons in May as import prices declined 28.2 percent to 39.88 dollars per kilogram last month, when 20 tons was imported from France.

In May, South Korea imported a combined 190 tons of rare earth materials, up 75.3 percent from the previous month, according to the customs office.

Meanwhile, imports of some rare metals also increased in May on an on-month basis. Inbound shipments of manganese, cobalt, lithium, indium and chrome expanded 5.4 percent, 30.0 percent, 57.2 percent, 7.3 percent and 35.7 percent respectively last month.

Xinhua

China's deep-sea submersible begins third dive in Mariana Trench

ABOARD XIAN-GYANGHONG 09, 22 June — The Jiaolong, China's manned deep-sea submersible, on Friday made its third dive into the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the world's oceans. "The mission of the sea dive test is to find problems and solve them before the submersible is to put into practical use," said Liu Xincheng, the on-

scene party chief. The vessel set a new national record by reaching the depth of 6,965 meters under the sea in the second dive on Tuesday, surpassing the previous 6,671-meter record in the first dive last Friday.

"The adjustable ballast system was unable to drain away water normally in the second dive, which hindered the submersible from cruising,

working on fixed-point and hovering," Liu Feng, the on-scene commander, told Xinhua. "We will recheck the adjustable ballast system of the vessel and continue to verify its more than 200 indices and functions," he said.

The dive, started at 7 am local time (2100 GMT Thursday), is expected to reach as deep as 6,960 meters.

Xinhua



Indonesian officers destroy marijuana in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 21 June, 2012. South Jakarta District Courts destroyed grams of marijuana, heroin and ecstasy pills on Thursday to welcome the coming World Anti-Narcotics Day, which falls on 26 June.

XINHUA

Picasso painting sold for 13.4 m dollars at London auction

LONDON, 22 June — Pablo Picasso's painting "Femme Assise" (Seated Woman) was sold for 13,445,709 US dollars at an auction held by the world's leading art business Christie's on Wednesday evening.

The painting of the Spanish painting master, formerly part of the impressive collection of American steel magnate and philanthropist Leigh B Block, was sold at the highest price at the auction.

Of the 71 lots put under the hammer, including works of famous artists such as Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Pablo Picasso, Paul Signac, Paul Gauguin, and Maurice de Vlaminck, 27 works were sold for over 1 million pounds (1.6 million dollars) and 36 for over 1 million dollars.

"Quality, rarity and considered pricing were key to the

successful results of this evening's sale," said Jay Vincze, International Director and Head of The Impressionist and Modern Art Evening Sale with Christie's London unit.

Nearly every one of the top 10 lots was offered on the open market for the first time in 20 years or more, and in some cases for the first time in up to three generations.

"There were particularly notable prices for surrealist works, reflecting the current fervor for this field which has steadily grown since Christie's pioneering standalone sale in 2001," Vincze said. The second highest price at auction was given to "Les jours gigantesques" (The Titanic Days) by Belgian surrealist artist Rene Magritte for 11.33 million dollars. The painting was offered at auction for the first time in 60 years, from an important private European collection.—Xinhua

Heat wave hits northeast US

WASHINGTON, 22 June — US Northeast is facing record heat on Thursday for a second day, with temperatures across the region on the rise. In Washington, the mercury touched 99 degrees Fahrenheit (about 37.2 degrees Celsius) at 2:34 pm according to observers at Reagan National Airport, breaking the record for the date.

The capital city is hardly alone. All across the region, records have been shattered. In Boston, temperature

reached 96 degrees Fahrenheit, surpassing a previous record set for the date in 1949. In New York City, the reading in Kennedy International Airport was 97 degrees F, breaking the old record of 95 degrees. Nantucket, Hartford and Burlington all saw new records set for the day. Thursday was the second day when temperatures in the northeast soared above 90 degrees. Residents flocked to pools and beaches, while many cities opening up cooling centers to deal with the heat.

In New York, Mayor Michael Bloomberg urged residents to seek air-conditioning, drink plenty of water and check on friends and neighbours. The city has opened 455 air-conditioned cooling centers through Thursday, with extended hours, at places including senior centers, Salvation Army community centres and public libraries. Cooling centers were also opened in cities such as Detroit and Baltimore, according to local reports.—Xinhua



People cool off at a fountain in Battery Park in New York, the United States, on 20 June, 2012. According to the National Weather Service, in New York City's Central Park, the temperature was 93 degrees (34 Celsius). — XINHUA

Unborn Tomorrow

By Ba Than

Unborn Tomorrow...

It is human nature to desire to know what's in store for him in the future. This desire has prompted him to study ways of probing into the realm of the unknown yet unborn. Thus a vast field of study was developed thousands of years ago to unravel the mysteries of the universe and the destiny of mankind. There were many predictions and prophecies handed down through the centuries for man to marvel, some proving to be right and many proved to be wrong. For example there was the dream of King Kosala, sixteen in number which occurred during the lifetime of Lord Buddha Gautama, the Supreme Self-Enlightened One. Then there was the prediction prophesized in the Book of *Nostradamus* (1530-1566), written on numerous events to come centuries ahead of time. Another seer, an American woman *Jean Dickenson* foresaw correctly about John F. Kennedy's impending assassination.

The ancient civilizations of the Middle East in the kingdoms of Greece, Egypt, Babylonia, Sumeria, Assyria, the Roman Empire, and the Far Eastern kingdoms of China and India had developed this occult science such as astronomy, astrology, tarok, palmistry, alchemy and the philosopher's stone, the magic crystal ball, telepathy, ESP etc. They also learnt that planets, stars in the zodiac, sun and moon dictate the destiny of mankind on earth.

In modern times fortune telling, palm reading, telepathy, crystal ball gazing, were practised professionally to help satisfy the desire of inquiring minds especially women who want to know beyond the present on every aspect of life. Thus in Myanmar and other neighbouring countries of Asia we find astrologers, palmists, seers, sadhus, fakirs, bodhaws, mediums etc who work on human weakness and bring semblance of relief or otherwise.

The astrologers are the most common sight in Myanmar. Their habitat are mostly in the corridor stalls of pagodas around the country where they customarily establish their practice because the pagodas are where the pilgrims use to visit all year round especially in the open season from all parts of the country. The most frequented places of pilgrimage are Shwedagon, Mandalay Maha Muni, Mandalay Hill, Kyaik Htiyoe, Bagan Heritage

complex, Inlay Hpaung Taw Oo among many others. Some pilgrims, out of curiosity to tap the realms of tomorrow yet unborn used to consult these pagoda astrologers for thrill and excitement. The client only need to tell about her date of birth, and it is up to the astrologer to do the rest. It is really interesting to see these astrologers scribble mystic figures and numbers, muttering some maxims, consulting dusty piles of texts, and after dilly-dallying for some time to add to the suspense, the predictions are announced. For a reasonable fee they make people happy when the stars are good, pacify them when the stars not good, and prescribe corrective remedies (*adayas*) to lessen the adverse effects of the impending destiny. In the context of predictions they make people laugh, and also keep them enthralled. Such is their art of psychology to magnetize people. In the end the clients are happy for a day's curiosity, and the astrologers too for a day's earnings.

The palmist is also another professional most sought after by the people. With quotes from the famous Cheiro, piles of books stacked on the consulting table for show, and signs of palms with tell-tale lines hung on the walls they can bewitch clients with interpretations on line of life, of heart, of head, line of fate and of the sun, the mound of Venus and the charmed girdle, and the love lines under the little finger. Much of the palmist's enchanting oratory brings giggles and blushes to the young lady clients, and with it a reasonable fee for the time well spent.

It is common for every Myanmar to keep a life-time chart with zodiac computation called 'zartar', the day he is born, which is consulted on every occasion to more learned astrologers with credible reputation. There are also palmists with impressive name plates and credentials, the Ph.Ds moving with trends of the time. Now computerized predictions are the order of the day. How magnificent!

The sentient world of Nats is another realm predicting human destiny in attempts to unlock the frontiers of the future. There are 37 famous Nats by popular reckoning, but the more famous are the two prince brothers *Taungpyone Min Nyi-Naung*. Annual festivals are held at *Taungpyone* in Madaya around Wagaung (August), and also at *Ratanagu, Amarapura*, a very boisterous affair indeed.

There is yet another occult world, that of supernormal art (*vijja*). High devotion to occult practices such as alchemy to perfect the philosopher's stone (*padashin*), mantras, runic perfection in search of longevity of life and elixir of youth and achieve supernatural powers to command and guide the destiny of human beings. They are commonly known as Bodaws and hold their disciples with hypnotic devotion. Special offerings are made with a large enamel or steel bowl with three bunches of green bananas, one green coconuts with stem, betel leaves, lephet, eugenia sprigs, jasmine garlands etc, called as "*kataw-pwe*".

Delivering prophetic predictions are not confined only to humans only as was found out during the FIFA Africa World Cup 2010. Along with the din of Vuvuzelas, the Waka-waka song and dance of Shakira, Octopus Paul born in UK and lived in Germany rose to meteoric fame by predicting correctly the winner of all the last eight matches one day before it was kicked. In the final match between Netherland and Spain Paul chose Spain which proved to be correct. Paul was appointed Goodwill Ambassador of UK. Octopus normally live for two years. Born in 26th January 2008, he died in 26th October 2010. Myanmar who believe in afterlife and reincarnation commented that Paul might have been a footballer or bookie in the previous human life, well versed in the wiles of football. Now that 2012 Euro Cup now kicking, and FIFA World Cup 2014 only two years away, let us wait and see who emerges as the new predictor from the animal world.

The desire to know about tomorrow had haunted man through human history. It will continue to haunt man in the future to come, in the unfulfilled search for supreme vision, and elixir of life. I still remember the verses '*Rubaiyat*' of Persian Poet Omar Khayyam lectured by the late scholar Dr Htin Aung, and one verse has special significance to this life's philosophy:

*Ah fill the Cup, what boots it to repeat,
When time is slipping underneath our feet;
Unborn tomorrow, dead yesterday,
Why fret about them, if Today be sweet....*

Winners awarded in essay contest



YANGON, 22 June—In commemoration of International Cooperatives Year, the essay contest was held at the central mode hall of Basic Education High School No. 1 in Latha on 15 June morning.

At the ceremony, Latha Township Administrator U Lwin Min made a speech. Staff Officer Daw Myint Myint Than of Township Cooperative Department explained the matters related to prize presentation.

The Township Administrator, the staff officer of Township Cooperative Department, Secretary of Yangon Region Cooperative Union U Tin Myint, Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Aung Hla, Township Education Officer U Maung Maung Toe and Head of Basic Education High School No. 1 U Soe Min presented prizes to the outstanding students.—*Myanma Alin*

Saplings collectively grown in Kyaunggon Township



KYAUNGON, 22 June—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day, the Township Forest Department organized the tree growing ceremony along the approach road to Yaykhalok Bridge in Yaykhalok Village of Kyaunggon Township in Patheingyi District on 8 June morning.

The Township Administrator, township level departmental officials, the head of township forest department and staff together with local people planted 870 saplings.—*Myanma Alin*

DISTRICT NEWS

Agricultural loans disbursed to local farmers

KAWKAREIK, 22 June—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank of Kawkaik Township in Kayin State held a ceremony to disburse agriculture loans for cultivation of monsoon paddy in 2012 on 15 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Myint Tun, Bank branch manager U Thein Myint, Supervisor U Saw Yi Soe and staff disbursed K 50,000 per acre to 42 farmers. The loans as K 10.5 million for 210 acres of farmlands were disbursed to the farmers.

Before 15 June, Kawkaik Township Bank branch had disbursed K 40000 per acres of farmers with the previous year rate. That is why arrangements are being made to add K 10000 each to those borrowers. A plan is under way to disburse loan K 330 million to the farmers this season.

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UNIFORMS PROVIDED: A ceremony to present school uniforms and stationery to students of vendors was held at the office of Township Development Affairs Committee in Minbu on 10 June. The executive officer presents school uniforms to a student.—*MYANMA ALIN*

BGG to hold fourth monsoon golf tournament

YANGON, 22 June—Bayint Naung Golf Group will organize the fourth monsoon golf tournament at Pun Hlaing Golf Course on 13 July.

All members of the group are invited to attend the opening of the tournament. Those wishing to take part in the tournament are to contact U Khin Han (Chairman), Tel: 09-5114700, U Khin Maung Zin (Secretary), Tel: 01-705623, and Joint Secretary U Nay Lin (0973017466).—*Myanma Alin*

Ministry of Transport honours outstanding students

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The prize presentation to outstanding students in 2011-2012 academic year and the stipend presentation for 2012-2013 academic year of the Ministry of Transport was held at the hall of the ministry this morning.

Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung delivered an address.

The Union Minister and wife Daw Wai Wai, Deputy Minister U Win Shein and wife Daw Su Nyunt Oo, departmental heads and wives presented prizes to outstanding students in 2011-2012 academic year. Officials of the departments under the ministry presented stipends to the students.

On behalf of the outstanding students, Ma Saw Mya Thinza Naing who won six distinctions in the matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year, spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Union S&T Minister receives Australian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint received Dean, Faculty of Engineer Prof Graham Davies and party of University of New South Wales of Australia at the ministry, here, this morning.

They discussed cooperation in human resource development, and science and technology sector between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, Director-General Dr Zaw Min Aung of the Technical and Vocational



Education Department and Acting Director-General of Advanced Science and Technology Department Dr Aung Kyaw Myat.—MNA

Union Minister U Aye Myint receives Dean, Faculty of Engineer Prof Graham Davies and party of University of New South Wales of Australia.—MNA

Union Education Minister meets Indonesian Ambassador and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Sebastianus Sumarsono and party, at his office here this

morning. At the meeting, they had a discussion on mutual cooperation in education.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Zaw Htay of Higher Education

Department (Lower Myanmar), Director-General Dr Soe Win of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) and officials.

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Micro-Finance Development Supporting Committee meets

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Chairman of Micro-Finance Development Supporting Committee Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun addressed the committee's meeting (3/2012) at the ministry here this morning.

He said permits have been granted to 20 organizations to date to perform micro-finance activities. He highlighted the need to ensure the low-income people enjoy financial rights in order to alleviate poverty.

Committee Secretary Managing Director U Htein Lin of Myanma Micro-Finance Supervisory Enterprise reported on applications for license to run micro-finance businesses.

The Union minister said capacity building of the respective staff plays an important role in economic development of the country.

Applications for license by 31 companies were passed at today's meeting.

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Attorney-General of the Union receives foreign guests



Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives Legal Adviser Ms Jacqueline Chan of Singapore-based MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY & McCLOY LLP.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received Legal Adviser Ms Jacqueline Chan of Singapore-based MILBANK, TWEED, HADLEY & McCLOY LLP at

the hall of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union, here, this morning.

They cordially greeted existing laws in Myanmar and international legal affairs.

Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General U Kyaw Hsan of the Office of the Attorney-General of the Union and officials.

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Office of Auditor-General of the Union holds rainy season tree-planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—Rainy season tree-planting ceremony 2012 of Office of Auditor-General of the Union was held in the front of the office, here, this morning, attended by Auditor-General of the Union U Lun Maung.

At the ceremony, departmental heads and officials planted teak saplings at designated places. The Auditor-General of the Union and heads enjoyed the tree-growing of staff. A total of 350 saplings were planted at today ceremony.—MNA

Committee for drafting Vacant Land, Fallow Land and Virgin Land Management Rules (draft), Farmland Rules (draft) meets

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The seventh meeting of Working Committee for drafting Vacant Land, Fallow Land and Virgin Land Management Rules (draft) and Farmland Rules (draft), was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry

of Agriculture and Irrigation on 20 June, with an address by Committee Chairman Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than.

In his speech, the deputy minister said that it needed to systematically

carry out land use policy, land use management and land reform in the President's the state of Union address. It was important for the Committee to follow the President's guidance.

After that, Director-General U Myint Swe of Settlement and Land Records Department presented the report on amendments to Vacant Land, Fallow Land and Virgin Land Management Rules (bill), and those present committee members discussed their respective sectors. The deputy minister urged the members to give suggestions, and it will be sent to the Union Attorney-General Office after making finishing touches.

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More aids for relief camps in Rakhine State arrive in Sittway

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—More aids provided from every corner of Myanmar for relief camps in Rakhine State arrived in Sittway this morning by Tatmadaw aircraft.

Local Tatmadawmen transported onion, Mamee noodle, snack, coffee mix sachets, umbrellas, slippers, mats, pillows, mosquito nets, tarpaulin and kitchen accessories and stuff for

monks and nuns to the relief camps as soon as possible.

Medical team of local battalion in Sittway this morning provided medical treatment at relief camp at the monastery in Sittway.

A team composed of medics from Directorate of Medical Services under the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and staff under Township Health Department provided

treatment to relief camp at No (1) Basic Education Middle School in Buthidaung.

From 15 June to date, 1348 patients in Sittway and 232 in Buthidaung have been provided medical treatment by the medical teams from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army) and local medical battalion.

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Medical team of local battalion in Sittway giving medical treatment at relief camp.

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Prizes, stipends provided to offspring of Construction Ministry's Staff

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—The Ministry of Construction held the prize presentation for outstanding students in 2011-2012 matriculation examination and stipend presentation at the ministry, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin, departmental heads, officials, parents and prize winning students.

First, the Union Minister made a speech on presentation of the prizes to the outstanding students and stipend presentation.

He gave prizes to Maung Kaung San Hein, Ma Toe Ekari Hlaing and Maung Tin Htoo Aung who won six distinctions each in the

matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year.

Deputy Ministers U Soe Tint and U Kyaw Lwin also awarded five-distinction and four-distinction winners.

Officials presented prizes to other distinction winners.

Next, the Union Minister presented stipends for students through Head of Office U Kyaw Win, Deputy Managing Director (Admin) U Kyi Win Oo of Public Works and Director-General U Maung Maung Ohn of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development.

Today's ceremony, the ministry honoured 339 outstanding students in 2011-2012 academic year.

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NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—General Manager Mr Takayoshi Nakao of Marubeni Corporation (Yangon branch) paid a call on Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik, at the minister's office here this morning.

The guest discussed purchase of refined copper and tin and laws, regulations and procedures for making cooperation with local copper and tin extraction companies in the long run.

After that, the Union Minister explained the work processes. It was also attended by the directors-general and the managing directors under the Ministry.—MNA

Union Mines Minister receives Marubeni Corporation GM



Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik receives General Manager Mr Takayoshi Nakao of Marubeni Corporation (Yangon branch).—MNA

School uniforms, stipends, stationery donated in Mandalay Region

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—A ceremony for donation of school uniforms, stipends, books and stationery by

Maung Maung Si (Sithu Myanmar) Education Foundation was held at No. 21 Basic Education High School in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay this morning with an address by Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing.

Next Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Win Hlaing, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ko Gyi, in-charge Director-General U Myo Nyunt, Region Education Officer U Soe Myint Tun and responsible persons and donor Daw San San Oo of Maung Maung Si (Sithu Myanmar) Education Foundation donated school

uniforms, stipends, books and stationery, slippers and bags worth K 1051200 to 16 students from No. 38 Post Primary School and 32 students from No. 21 Basic Education High School, totaling 48 students. Moreover they contributed

K 250000 to No. 37 Basic Education Primary School for installing electric meter, K 100000 to No. 12 Basic Education Primary School for ceiling and K 1700000 to No. 21 Basic Education High School for building two bath rooms.

The responsible persons accepted the donations.

MNA

Winners awarded in Pencak Silat event of Army Champion Challenge Cup

YANGON, 22 June—Jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Martial Arts Federation, the prize presentation for Pencak Silat event of the Army Champion Challenge Cup 2012 was held at Theinbyu sport ground in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here yesterday.

The principal of

Myanmar Martial Arts Federation, the joint secretary and executive presented prizes to the winners in the 40-45 kilos event, 45-50 kilos event, 50-55 kilos event, 55-60 kilos event, 60-65 kilos event, 65-70 kilos event, 70-75 kilos event and 75-80 kilos events.

Chairman of the Tatmadaw Martial Arts Committee Lt-Col Han Min

Aung presented best sportsman award to Aye Win Hlaing (Kyansittha Club), Deputy Director U Chatkio of Sports and Physical Education Department, third and second prizes to Bandoola and Bayinnaung clubs.

Vice-President of the federation U Ye Myint gave championship trophy and cash award to Kyansittha Club.—MNA

Slight earthquake hits 180 miles southeast of Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June—A slight earthquake at magnitude 3.8 Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about 25 miles southeast of Kunhing) about 180 miles southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at 09 hrs 52 min 20 sec MST today, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

Relief aids transported to locals of Rakhine State

YANGON, 22 June—Wellwishers are donating relief aids to local people who have lost houses and properties due to the unrest and violence in Rakhine State. Relief aids—800 bags of rice, 77 packages of Calsome cracker, 250 boxes of date-

palm jam, foodstuff, clothes, medicines and stationery donated by wellwishers to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement were transported to Rakhine State by ship through Botahtaung jetty in Botahtaung Township, here, this

afternoon. Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing of Fire Services Department and Director U Kyaw Thura supervised it and 150 auxiliary fire brigade members from Yangon Region participated in it.

A ceremony to donate cash and foodstuff was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township, here this morning.

Yangon Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint and wife Daw Khin Aye Nwe family donated K 0.15 million; U Than Tun of M.K Trading Co. Ltd, 54000 packages of Ma Ma instant noodle; Myanmar Tokiwa Corporation, 375 gross of pencil and 3600 dozens of colour pencil; U Ye Myo Min of M.K Trading Co., Ltd, 15000 fish cans worth K 4.35 million; Myanmar Overseas Employment Agency Association, K 3 million for 200 bags of rice; Myanmar Information Technology Co.,

Ltd, K 2201,000; Managing Director U Win Than Htut of Thet Trading Co., Ltd, 100 boxes of Coffee mix and two packages of cloth worth K 2.16 million wellwishers from Tachilek Township, K 1.5 million; Design and Drawing Branch of Irrigation Department, K 518,500 and ten boxes of cloth; Administration branch of Irrigation Department K 84,000 and two boxes of cloth; Myanmar wellwishers from Japan, K 0.5 million; Ingyinmay, Thuzar Kyaw and Ma Cho Aye (Tourists guide), K 30,000; U Tin Maung Oo (Tourist guide), K 50000; U Tin Moe+ Daw Khin Cho Than (Htoohmahtoo traditional medicine enterprise), 10 dozens of traditional medicine worth K 70,000; U Htin Aung Kyi+Daw Khin Thanda Oo, two bundles of cloth; Daw Thanzin and son Maung Moe Thu, K 15,000 and two bundles of cloth; Daw Aye Aye Kyu family, two bales of cloth; Impact Co., Ltd, 30 packages of Good dry noodle worth

K 0.18 million; U Than Swe+Daw Mya Si, K 20,000; U Myint Soe+Daw Myint Myint Win, K 6000; U Phyu Tha Htoo, K 0.55 million; U Tin Hla+Daw Hla Myint, seven bundles of cloth; UNFPA, 20 parcels; Myan Star Garment Union Success Shipping Co., Ltd, two packages of cloth worth K 0.218 million; staff and family of Lawkanat Cafe and Golden Star Restaurant, K 50,000, one package of cloth, one box of plate and two boxes of dry noodle; U Win + Daw Aye Aye Kyi family, K 50,000; Daw Kyi Kyi Thin, five packages of cloth; U Chit Swe+Daw Aye Aye San family, K 0.1 million; Daw Khin Soe Soe family, three packages of cloth; U Nay Min, K 0.111 million; Ma Tin Nwe Win and Ma Aye Thinzar, two packages of cloth; U Tun Win+ Daw Tin Yi family, K 25000, one blanket and one mosquito net; Finance Department of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board (YESB) (head office), K 0.1 million; U Hla Aung+Daw Yin Mya family of Myinbet of Pyawbwe, K 0.2 million; U

Myint Tun (deputy director of Fire Services Department) and daughters, K 0.1 million; Dr Than Win+ Daw Nan Mon Myat family, K 0.1 million; U Soe Min Oo+Daw Yu Yu Maw family, K 30,000, 22 packages of plate and one table clock; Ko Akar Win+ Ma Su Su, K 20000; staff from Moegeo Sulfuric acid factory, K 105,000; U Myint Tun+ Daw Hla Hla Aye (Weiza Real Estate), K 0.1 million; Insein Ywama mosque board of trustees, K 0.15 million; Captain Aung Kyaw Moe+ Daw Htay Htay Zan family, K 0.1 million; Captain U Wunna Tun+ Daw Khin Myo Thwe family, K 0.1 million; Daw Aye family, K 30000 and two bundles of cloth; and Dr Chaw Su Lat and Dr Chan Myae Aye, K 50000 each through Deputy Director-General U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials. Then, they spoke words of thanks.

So far, the donation has reached K 155,792,676.

MNA



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

Literary talks mark Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 22 June—As a gesture of hailing the Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July 2012, the literary talks, organized by Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization, was held at U Ba Lwin Hall of Basic Education High School No 2 in Dagon Township of Yangon West District on 18 June.

Patron of Yangon Region WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech. Writer



Myinmu Maung Naing Moe talked about poem in life and life in poem, writer Kyu Kyu Thin on nursery of gardener and writer Ledwintha Saw Chit on Myanmar women and

Myanmar tradition.

It was attended by members of region and district WAO and Maternal and Child Welfare Association and guests.

Myanma Alin

Essay contest hails International Cooperatives Day

YANGON, 22 June—Hailing the International Cooperatives Day, Kamayut Township Cooperative Syndicate organized the essay contest at Basic Education High School No 3 on Nanattaw Road in Ward 6 of Kamayut Township on 15 June morning.

It was attended by Staff Officer Daw Tin Tin Win of Township Cooperative Department, Township Education Officer Daw



Sanda Aung, Headmistress Daw Than Than Nwe of No 3 Basic Education High School, Chairman of Township Cooperative Syndicate U Maung Maung

Ohn and contest organizing committee members.

Altogether 20 students at high school level are taking part in the contest.

Myanma Alin

School uniforms, stationery presented to students

MINBU, 22 June—The ceremony to present school uniforms and stationery to offspring students of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers, organized by Township Development Affairs Committee, was held at the General Administration Department in Minbu Township on 6 June morning.

Township Administrator U Khin Maung Aye made a speech. The

Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee explained the purpose of presenting school uniforms and stationery.

Later, the township administrator and departmental officials presented school uniforms and stationery worth K 701,900 to 192 students.

Township GAD



BOOKS DONATED: In commemoration of the 12th anniversary of Thakin Mya Library in Htonbo of Padaung Township in Pyay District on 7 June, reporter U Kyaw Mya Than (Lanmadaw) and Aye Zaw Moe (Sethmu) of Phyto Moe Theinkha Photographic House donate magazines and journals to library officials.

MYANMA ALIN

Vegetables of Chin State high demand

HAKA, 22 June—The vehicles small and large with the loads of vegetables from Haka, Falam, Tiddim and Thantlang of northern Chin State flow into vegetables brokerage in Tartan Ward on Bogyoke Road in Taungphila Ward of Kalay

daily. Vegetables are put on sales at the brokerages in Kalay at fair prices through wholesale and retail systems. Due to high demands, the bags of vegetables are unloaded from the trucks for sales immediately.

Vegetables are high demands in Kalay, Kalewa, Mawlaik, Phaungpyin, Homalin and Hkamti of Sagaing Region, Namtaw, Beikthanoe, Marmaing, Haungpa, Phakant, Tawhmaw and Lonkhin of Kachin State.

The vegetables are transported by tuk-tuk or truck to the market in Kalay. Then, the products are transported to the townships upstream Chindwin River by watercraft.—Myanma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

Banking accountancy course kicks off

TOUNGOO, 22 June—The banking accountancy course No 1/2012 of Bago Region was opened at Toungoo Bank branch on 11 June.

Manager of Bago Region U Thein Pe made a speech.

District Manager U Nyunt Swe explained the purpose of conducting the training course. Trainees from bank branches in Bago Region (East) are attending the two weeks course.—Myanma Alin



Books donated to YaunggyiU Library in Einme Township

EINME, 22 June—A ceremony to donate books to YaunggyiU Library was held in Intami Village of Einme Township in Myaungmya District on 10 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Yazar Win made a speech. Staff Officer Daw Hla Kyi of Myaungmya District Information and Public Relations Department explained advantages of reading. Head of Township IPRD Daw Khin Yi donated 115 books and departments concerned 270 books. Chairman of the library U Kyaw Shwe accepted the donations.

The library was built at a cost of K 2.1 million by the State and the people.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Yazar Win, Staff Officer Daw Hla Kyi of Myaungmya District IPRD and Intami Village administrator U Kyaw Shwe formally opened the library.—Township IPRD

Signboards on traffic rules put up

PYAPON, 22 June—The signboards bearing traffic rules were put up at busy places of the town in Pyapon District of Ayeyawady Region on 17 June.

The signboards were put up by members of the District Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee, in-charge of the District Traffic Police Corps IP Chit Sein and members.

Myanma Alin

Writers Association reconstituted in Nyaunglebin Township

NYAUNGLEBIN, 22 June—A ceremony to constitute Nyaunglebin Township Writers Association was held at the hall of Township Administrator Office on 13 June morning.

Deputy Head of Department of Township General Administration Department Daw San San Win and Chairman of Township Writers

Association Dr Myint Tha (Nyaunglebin) gave addresses.

Nyaunglebin Township Writers Association was constituted with Chairman Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglebin), Vice-Chairman U Thein Aung (Thein Aung Oo-Nyaunglebin), Secretary U Nay Lin (Reporter Nay Lin), Treasurer U Hein Htet Aung

(Thitsa Ayeik-Nyaunglebin) and member U Thein Nyunt (Peinzalok Thein Nyunt).

Dr Myint Than (Nyaunglebin) was chosen as Representative to the conference.—Myanma Alin

National Workshop on Human Trafficking Prevention commences

YANGON, 22 June—Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control of Myanmar and UNIAP jointly opened the National Workshop on Human Trafficking Prevention at Summit Parkview Hotel, here on 21

June, with an address by member of Advisory Committee to the President U Sit Aye.

The ceremony was attended by member of the Advisory Committee to the President Daw Khin Myo Myint, Director of

Transnational Crime Department of Myanmar Police Force Police Col Ralyan Hmon, departmental officials and officials of UNIAP, UNICEF and NGOs.

Altogether 36 trainees attended the workshop.

Zaw Tun (MNA)

Trees planted in Thegon Township

THEGON, 22 June—Thegon Township Forest Department of Pyay District in Bago Region marked the 2012 World Environment Day in the compound of Basic Education Primary School in Ywahtaunggon Village on 5 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw made a speech. Head of Township Forest Department U Kyaw Min Thant explained the purpose of growing saplings and distribution of saplings in the township.

The township administrator, departmental officials, students, members of NGOs and local people planted 1500 saplings.—Township Forest



Palethwe hybrid paddy purchased

PYINMANA, 22 June—A total of 164 farmers put 269 acres of farmlands under Palethwe paddy in Mezaligon Village-tract of Pyinmana Township and produced 52231 baskets of paddy.

Ayeya Hintha Co purchases paddy at 100 baskets per K 400,000 and has so far bought 40,000 baskets of paddy.

In Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, plan is under way to purchase Palethwe summer paddy in remaining townships.

Kyemon

Chinese airline to begin Wuhan-Bangkok direct flights

WUHAN, 22 June — China Southern Airlines will launch direct services on 5 July between the city of Wuhan in central China's Hubei Province, and Thailand's Bangkok.

Three round-trip flights will take off every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, according to a Thursday statement from the airline's Hubei branch. The Wuhan-Bangkok flight will take off from Wuhan at 11:40 pm and arrive in Bangkok at 3:10 am local time.

The Bangkok-Wuhan flight will take off from Bangkok at 4:10 pm local time and arrive in Wuhan at 7:40 am. China Southern Airlines also plans to start offering five round-trip weekly flights between Wuhan and Singapore to accommodate booming outbound tourism during the summer season.— *Xinhua*

Wall Street suffers worst loss in three weeks

NEW YORK, 22 June — Stocks posted the worst day in three weeks on Thursday on mounting evidence that slowing manufacturing growth worldwide threatened corporate profits. Shares of energy and materials companies led declines as commodity prices fell. US crude futures slipped below \$80 a barrel for the first time since October and the

S&P energy sector index lost 4 percent. Investors said weak overseas demand was responsible for the decline in those industries.

Stocks' slide was accelerated by a bearish call from Goldman Sachs, which recommended clients build short positions in the broad S&P 500 index on expectations of more economic weakness." We

are recommending a short position in the S&P 500 index with a target of 1,285," (roughly 5 percent below current levels), Goldman Sachs said in a note. The investment bank cited the Philly Fed's mid-Atlantic factory index, which fell to minus 16.6 in June, an unexpected contraction in the region's factory activity.

Semiconductor stocks weighed on the Nasdaq after chipmaker Micron Technology Inc posted a net loss for the fourth straight quarter. Micron lost 7.8 percent to \$5.65 and the PHLX semiconductor index dropped 4.1 percent. Stocks had enjoyed a two-week run that brought the S&P up more than 7 percent on hopes for additional stimulus from the Federal Reserve.

Business activity across the euro zone shrank for a fifth straight month in June and Chinese manufacturing

contracted, while weaker overseas demand slowed growth by US factories." While we've seen only two of many regional manufacturing surveys for June, there is a clear deterioration taking place, with only the degree being the broad issue," said Peter Boockvar, equity strategist at Miller Tabak & Co in New York.

The KBW Bank Index fell 2.3 percent amid expectations Moody's Investors Service would announce downgrades in the banking industry. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 251.35 points, or 1.96 percent, at 12,573.04.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 30.19 points, or 2.23 percent, at 1,325.50. The Nasdaq Composite Index was down 71.36 points, or 2.44 percent, at 2,859.09. The day's decline was the worst since June 1 when the S&P 500 fell 2.5 percent.

Reuters

Crashes fuel uproar in Japan over US aircraft

TOKYO, 22 June — Recent crashes involving the US military's latest transport aircraft are fueling an uproar in Japan that could threaten plans to deploy them to the southern island of Okinawa by the end of the year.

Following an uproar on Okinawa and in another city likely to host the Osprey aircraft, US officials were to brief Japanese government representatives in Washington on Friday. The Osprey craft can fly like a helicopter or an airplane and has been used in combat in Afghanistan and Iraq. But a crash in April killed two Marines and another last week injured five airmen.

Japan's top government spokesman said last week the plan to deploy the aircraft to Japan this year couldn't move forward until Tokyo received assurances of its safety. While

saying the US takes Japan's concerns seriously, a Pentagon spokesman on Thursday said the US stands by the aircraft."The Osprey is a highly capable aircraft with an excellent operational safety record," Pentagon press secretary George Little said. But coming just as Washington and Tokyo were finalizing plans to send the first Ospreys to Okinawa — where the US military footprint is always a sensitive political issue — the accidents could not have happened at a worse time.

In hopes of easing longstanding complaints that Okinawa bears too much of the burden of hosting the US troops in Japan, the two governments in April announced that about 9,000 of the nearly 20,000 Marines there will be moved elsewhere.— *Internet*



A foreign visitor learns to make Zongzi, a pyramid-shaped dumpling made of glutinous rice wrapped in bamboo or reed leaves, in Beijing Folk Arts Museum to celebrate the upcoming Dragon Boat Festival in Beijing, capital of China, on 21 June, 2012. XINHUA



A specialist trader gives out a price on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange on 21 June, 2012.— REUTERS

One police officer dead, two injured in Algeria terror attack

ALGIERS, 22 June — One Algerian police officer was killed and two others injured on Thursday in a terror attack in downtown Bouira Province, 120 km east of Algiers.

Citing security sources, the local TSA news website reported that the three Judicial police officers were in a mission near the prefecture headquarters when the armed militants were shooting them boarding a Renault Master vehicle.

The militants fled away, while the three police officers were transferred to hospital for medical treatments.

Security services have opened an investigation to determine the circumstances of this attack.

In August 2011, militants attempted to perpetrate terror attacks near the prefecture headquarters of Bouira, as security service managed to defuse a bomb deposited near a cafeteria.

Xinhua

S Korea's productive population to shrink 20 pct by 2040

SEOUL, 22 June — South Korea's productive population will shrink 20 percent in 2040 compared with the data for 2010 amid aging population and lower childbirth, the statistical agency said on Friday. The country's productive population aged 15-64 reached 35.98 million, or 72.8 percent of the total population, in 2010, according to Statistics Korea. The figure was up from 12.27 million 30 years earlier.

The statistical agency estimated the productive population will start reducing after peaking in 2016, and plunge to 28.87 million, or the 80.2 percent level of the 2010's productive population, in 2040. The population aged 65 and above stood at 5.45 million, or 11 percent of the total population, in 2010, the agency said, expecting the elderly aged over 65 to surge to around 11 million 30 years later. The country, which became an aging society in 2000, was forecast to be an aged society in 2018, before being a super-aged society in 2026.

Societies whose proportion of the population

aged 65 and over surpasses 7 percent, 14 percent and 20 percent are called aging society, aged society and super-aged society each. The old age dependency ratio, or the ratio of those aged over 65 to production population aged 15-64, advanced to 15.2 in 2010 from 6.1 in 1980, according to the agency. The ratio was estimated to surge to 57.2 in 2040, weighing on younger workers who participate in economic activities.

Meanwhile, the nation's fertility rate, gauging the total number of children born by a woman of childbearing age, dropped to 1.23 in 2010 after falling below the population replacement rate of 2.1 in 1983, but the rate was expected to rise to 1.42 in 2040, the statistical agency said. Low fertility rate and aging population entails rising share of the elderly. The aging will pull down potential economic growth as it reduces the number of productive population, while pushing up costs for senior care. Falling working people and soaring costs for seniors will lead to low productivity and heavy fiscal burden.— *Xinhua*

Australia's Qantas has warned the government it could "go under" if Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways is allowed a greater stake in rival carrier Virgin Australia, a report said on Friday. INTERNET



Qantas fears Etihad rise could see it 'go under'

SYDNEY, 22 June — Australia's Qantas has warned the government it could "go under" if Abu Dhabi-based Etihad Airways is allowed a greater stake in rival carrier Virgin Australia, a report said on Friday. Its executives have been lobbying the government, saying that if Etihad doubled its stake in Virgin Australia it could hurt Qantas by undercutting its domestic fares, *The Sydney Morning Herald* said. Etihad has built its holding in Virgin over recent weeks to 3.96 percent and has said it wants to boost it to 10 percent.

The paper said Qantas executives were pushing the government to limit Etihad's plans, or reduce legal restrictions on Qantas under

the Qantas Sale Act, saying otherwise: "We could go under." A briefing paper cited by the *Herald* said Qantas feared a Virgin-Etihad partnership would "pick the eyes" out of the most lucrative domestic routes, while ignoring the less profitable services that Qantas flies. "Virgin/Etihad will be able to flood the market with capacity until its competition is forced to significantly reduce its own operations or worse," the paper says, according to the *Herald*.

Qantas said chief executive Alan Joyce and other senior executives were in Canberra this week to speak to lawmakers but would not confirm the report. "The nature of those discussions is private," a spokesman told

AFP. State-backed Etihad has been on a buying spree, increasing its stake in not just Virgin Australia but also upping its position in Air Berlin to almost 30 percent. It also owns 40 percent of Air Seychelles. Joyce has long complained that the Qantas Sale Act — which dictates that the airline remain majority Australian-owned and limits foreign investment — creates an uneven playing field against state-backed foreign carriers.

Qantas — which was once a state-owned carrier but was fully privatized in 1995 — is losing money on its international routes and believes it is being undercut by state-owned operations such as Etihad and Singapore Airlines.— *Internet*

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/VO6/12)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PLATINUM JADE VOY NO (PJ/VO6/12) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(4) where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S HUB SHIPPING SDN-BHD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV OSSIAN VOY NO (12014)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV OSSIAN VOY NO (12014) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S T.S LINES
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Wedding Anniversary

Wishing our dear and beloved parents
Dr Mynn Thu Khine (Nyan Khine),
(Consultant Psychiatrist, UK)

and

Daw Khin Myint Khine (Ma Lay)
A very happy and joyful 41st Anniversary
on 23rd June 2012

From your loving children:

Htaik Htar Khine (Beatrice) New York
Ye Mynn Khine (Noel)
Aung Mynn Khine (Dominic)
Mya Myitzu Khine (Emerald)
Nyi Mynn Khine (Ricardo)
Dr Oo Mynn Khine (Sean)

Drought hits Yellow-Huai regions, affects agricultural production

BEIJING, 22 June — China's drought relief authority said on Thursday the severe drought parching the Yellow River and Huai River regions has affected normal agricultural production.

As of Thursday, 77.61 million mu (5.17 million hectares) of arable land in Henan, Anhui, Shandong and Inner Mongolia have been suffering drought conditions, according to a statement on the website of the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters. The drought has also left 4.28 million people and 4.85 million heads of livestock in Yunnan, Hubei and Inner Mongolia short of drinking water, the statement said.

The Yellow River and Huai River regions, including parts of Shandong, Jiangsu, Anhui, Henan and Shaanxi, have received below-average rainfall since the beginning of June, disrupting agricultural production in those areas. The drought relief authority called on local governments to intensify drought relief efforts and take measures to minimize the extreme weather's effects on the farming industry, according to the statement.— *Xinhua*

Emerging markets drive change in New Zealand tourism industry

WELLINGTON, 22 June — New Zealand tourism operators are taking greater responsibility for adapting their products and services for emerging markets such as China, according to a new report by a New Zealand university and the tourism industry.

Private sector tourism operators were doing more to improve their business outlooks in the face of continuing challenges, said the State of the Tourism Sector 2012 report by the Tourism Industry Association New Zealand (TIA) and Lincoln University published on Tuesday.

Professor of Tourism at Lincoln University, David Simmons, said there had been a shift among respondents towards a more active stance over the last 12 months.

"This is resulting in more interest in networking and collaboration as a way to build the industry collectively," Simmons said in a statement. TIA chief executive Martin Snedden said respondents interviewed for the report had identified a range of opportunities, including cruise tourism, the conference

and incentive markets, and the government-backed New Zealand Cycle Trail.

There was also an acceptance that visitor markets were changing quickly with the greatest growth coming from new markets like China, and operators needed to adapt their products and marketing to meet the demands of new and niche markets, Snedden said in the statement. "TIA members are facing a range of challenges, including the continuing impacts of the global financial crisis, recovery from the Christchurch earthquakes and the need to adapt to changing visitor markets," Snedden said.

"Working in partnership with government, we can ensure that tourism continues to grow its contribution to New Zealand's economy."

According to Statistics New Zealand, the government statistics agency, 2.61 million overseas visitors arrived in New Zealand in the year to the end of April, up 4 percent from the April 2011 year. The largest increases were in visitors from Australia (up 41,300), China (up 38,600) and Malaysia (up 14,600).— *Xinhua*



Visitors look at a classic sports car during the 2012 China International Auto Repair, Maintenance Technology and Equipment, Auto Parts Show in Beijing, capital of China, on 20 June, 2012. More than 20 classic cars were displayed at the show here on Wednesday.

XINHUA

Terrifying moment thousands were evacuated from seven-storey government building in India after major blaze sweeps through

MUMBAI, 22 June — This is the terrifying moment thousands of employees were evacuated from a seven-storey government building in Mumbai today after a huge blaze tore through. Television images showed people perching on window ledges as orange flames licked the outside of the building.

Others made a scramble towards firefighters' ladders, propped precariously against the towering block. More than two dozen fire engines battled the fire that raged for several hours. Fourteen people were injured, and 10 of them were hospitalised, said TP Lahane, dean of the state-run JJ Hospital in southern Mumbai. One person was in a critical condition.

People were being taken on stretchers as the blaze and the billowing smoke engulfed the Maharashtra state government headquarters from the fourth floor upward. A strong sea breeze fanned the fire, which could be seen for



Firefighters from more than two dozen engines battled the blaze that raged for several hours in the Maharashtra state government headquarters.

INTERNET

miles. Firefighters used hydraulic platforms to evacuate trapped people, and two navy helicopters hovered over the building to pick up people from the rooftop. The cause of the fire was not immediately known. Some witnesses complained that the firefighters took almost half an hour to reach the site.— *Internet*



Photo taken on 21 June, 2012 shows a classic mechanical clock during the Hong Kong Jewellery and Gem Fair held at the convention and exhibition center of Hong Kong, south China. A total of 422 exhibitors from 16 countries and regions participated in the four-day exhibition that kicked off on Thursday.

XINHUA

More rockets fired into southern Israel from Gaza

JERUSALEM, 22 June — Two more rockets fired into southern Israel from the Gaza Strip landed in the coastal area of Ashkelon city on Thursday, Israeli media reported. The attack, which caused no casualties and damages, was the latest in the conflict between Israel and Hamas, who rules the Gaza Strip. Early Thursday, two rockets were reportedly landed in southern Israel despite talks of a truce between the two sides. One rocket was intercepted by Israel's Iron Dome rocket-defence system.

On the same day, Israel lodged an official complaint with the United Nations over rocket fire into southern Israel from the Gaza Strip in the past several days. Israeli Ambassador to the UN Ron Prosor complained to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon that "the lives of about one million Israelis are paralyzed" by the rocket fire, *The Jerusalem Post* reported. Prosor was quoted as saying that "as long as Israel's southern communities will not know quiet, it will not be quiet in Gaza."

Since confrontations broke on Monday, more Qassam rockets have been launched to Israel from the Gaza strip and four Israeli citizens have been injured in the fire exchange. According to Palestinian sources, at least eight people died in the coastal strip, six of them were Jihad militants, while two children have been killed during Israel's air strikes.— *Xinhua*

Michelle Obama makes surprise cafe visit

The manager of a Las Vegas coffee shop said she expects an uptick in business following a surprise visit from first lady Michelle Obama.

Ria Farmer, 19, manager of Sunrise Coffee, said the first lady dropped by for two small passion fruit iced teas before her Tuesday rally at the Henderson Convention Centre, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported.

Farmer said it had been a slow day Tuesday before 3:30 pm, when she was informed the shop would be receiving a special visitor.

"We were excited, and no one knew what to expect," Farmer said.

Farmer said Obama discussed the weather with her, chatted with her fellow customers and posed for some cellphone pictures before continuing on to the rally.

The manager said on Tuesday remained slow after Obama left, but the visit boosted her shop's popularity on social media sites.

"Just judging by how many comments people will see online," she said. "I have friends from out of state texting me saying, 'Dude, Michelle Obama was at your coffee shop.' So hopefully" there will be an increase in business.



Michelle Obama, shown in a 12 June file photo, visited Sunrise Coffee in Las Vegas.

Roulette wheel hits seven 19s in a row



Experts said a Las Vegas casino's roulette wheel beat odds of 114 billion to 1 when it hit No 19 on seven consecutive spins. Web site Beyond the

Best said the phenomenon, which was photographed by visitors to the Rio at 8:32 pm on 19 June, surpassed the 114 billion to 1 odds and the event was made even more unlikely when the streak-breaking number, a 15, was followed by another 19, the *Las Vegas Sun* reported.

Officials with Caesars Entertainment, owner of the casino, said they were unaware of the event.

\$241 million jackpot goes to 'Shipping 20'

Twenty co-workers at the Quaker Oats Co plant in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who call themselves "The Shipping 20," claimed a \$241 million Powerball jackpot on 13 June.

The shipping department workers—18 men and two women—took a \$160.3 million instant payoff, so each of them will bank about \$5.6 million after taxes, *The*

(Cedar Rapids) Gazette reported.

The lucky lottery players, looking to protect their privacy, are expected to become the first jackpot winners to take legal steps to keep their full names from being revealed publicly, the newspaper said.

Their spokesman, Al, 61, said he bought the tickets for

the group, who have been pooling their money for about a decade. They're habit was to buy \$100 worth of Powerball tickets whenever the jackpot got above \$150 million.

"A lot of times we get nothing," Al said.

"But not this time" chimed in one co-worker.

The *Gazette* said at least 11 of the winners, ages 35-64,

indicated they intend to retire from their jobs at Quaker Oats. Al said the members of the group relish their privacy.

"Obviously, we don't want people knocking at our doors. We're common people, simple people.

We don't want the limelight. I don't want this, but I'm here," Al told reporters.

News Album

Justin Bieber honoured with special day

NEW YORK, 22 June—Teen sensation Justin Bieber has been honoured with a special day called the Justin Bieber Appreciation Day. A city official said it will be celebrated on 19 June every year.

The 18-year-old attended a record signing on Tuesday at an electronics store in Manhattan where he was visited by the Manhattan Borough President Scott M Stringer, reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

According to *amny.com*, the borough official handed the pop star a framed certificate to mark the special day and made reference to Bieber's new album, "Believe".

"This proclamation is on behalf of the 1.6 million people who live in Manhattan, and it's very exciting to have Bieber here with us. I don't give proclamation unless I believe," said Stringer.—*Internet*



Teen sensation Justin Bieber

Mel C upset with Olympic play list

LONDON, 22 June—Former Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm, also known as Mel C, is upset because their tracks have not been mentioned in the Olympic play list, which has 86 songs.

The 38-year-old says she would be disappointed if Spice Girls are not included in the ceremony.

"I don't know exactly where this list has come from, and obviously sometimes things come out that aren't quite right," *mirror.co.uk* quoted Mel C as saying.

"But I'd be really upset if the Spice Girls weren't included in the Olympics, whether it be the opening or closing ceremonies or any other playlists, because I think we absolutely represented Britain in the 1990s," she added.

The playlist includes names like David Bowie, Oasis, Sugababes, Arctic Monkeys, Duran Duran, Blur and Coldplay.—*Internet*



Former Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm

Daniel Radcliffe plays drunk in new video

LONDON, 22 June—Actor Daniel Radcliffe, who revealed his battle with drinking last year, has played a drunkard in a new music video.

The "Harry Potter" star plays a drunk in a deserted bar in Slow Club's new video

accompanying the track "Beginners", reports *dailystar.co.uk*.

Radcliffe, who jumped at the chance to be part of one of his favourite group's promos, shot the video at the Faltering Fullback pub here.

Singer Rebecca Taylor was thrilled when the actor agreed to star in the group's new video.

"We'd known Daniel was a fan and found this pretty cool, but then we met him, got to hang out and chat, and now we have him in our video," said Taylor.

"He is one of the most energetic and exciting people to be around and has been committed to getting the video right and for that we are so in awe. He made us realise how lazy we all are when it comes to videos," added Taylor.

Internet



Actor Daniel Radcliffe

Meditation makes Russell Brand happier

LONDON, 22 June—British comedian Russell Brand says meditation has helped him become a happier man.

Brand's divorce with estranged wife singer Katy Perry is to be finalised in July, but he isn't stressed about it. Instead, he says the transcendental meditation

has helped him acquire a happy state of mind.

"I try not to compartmentalise things too much into years, but generally speaking, I'm happier than I've ever been in my life," *thesun.co.uk* quoted Brand as saying.

"Of course I went through a divorce, which isn't good



British comedian Russell Brand

for anybody, but that was that bit of time—that was really lovely—this is this bit of time—this is really lovely," he added.

Brand and Perry ended their 14-months-old marriage and filed for divorce earlier this year. Since then, Brand has been linked to various women like TV host Emily Hartridge, while Perry has been linked to guitarist Rob Ackroyd.—*Internet*

Beyonce Knowles buys Jay-Z private plane



Singer Beyonce Knowles

LOS ANGELES, 22 June—Singer Beyonce Knowles has bought a 25-million-pound aircraft—Bombardier Challenger 850, to gift it to her husband Jay on Father's Day.

"Beyonce thought this would be the perfect way to show Jay how much of a great dad he is. The aircraft has a flash interior, including a cream leather living room, a kitchen, a bedroom and two bathrooms," a source told *dailystar.co.uk*.

"Beyonce bought a larger plane which can seat up to 15 people so that they could take trips with their extended family," said the source.

Internet

Axl Rose falls on stage, again!

PARIS, 22 June—Singer Axl Rose experienced his second stage fall in less than a month when he crashed on the floor during a performance here.



Singer Axl Rose

Post the 50-year-old's performance on Saturday, he was forced to take medical treatment backstage, reports *contactmusic.com*.

A similar incident had happened in Liverpool on 22 May when he had tripped over an equipment and fell backwards.

This time, while singing "Sweet child of mine", Rose climbed on a raised platform but lost his balance and fell forward.—*Internet*

Ronaldo inspires Portugal to semifinal at Euro 2012



Petr Cech (R) and Michal Kadlec (C) of the Czech Republic vies with Cristiano Ronaldo of Portugal during the quarterfinal match between the Czech Republic and Portugal at the Euro 2012 football championships in Warsaw, Poland, on 21 June, 2012.

XINHUA

WARSAW, 22 June — The Czech Republic failed to turn back the clock and repeat their 1996 glory on Thursday night when Cristiano Ronaldo headed Portugal to a convincing 1-0 quarterfinal victory at the European Championship. Ronaldo's powerful header rewrote the

duo's rivalry at the same stage of the tournament 16 years ago when an less unknown Czech side beat a star-studded Portuguese squad 1-0. "We showed great quality in the match. We were efficient in attack and defence. We always created more chances than the opponent. They dominated the first 20 minutes, but we controlled the second half and simply played much better," said Portugal's head Coach Paulo Bento.

With the third victory in their fifth successive Euro quarterfinal, Portugal will take on either Spain or France in the semifinals in Donetsk, Ukraine on 27 June. "There are a lot of work before semifinals. We should try best to reach the pitch in the best condition. I was never worried about the players with their quality. Our aim is to beat Spain or France," added by Bento.

The Czechs started solid and dynamic in the first 20 minutes, highlighted by the left-wing attack from Vaclav Pilar and the linking contribution from the playmaker Vladimir Darida. Ronaldo tested the keeper Petr Cech's nerves in the 33rd

minute when a corner was not cleared far away by the defenders and the Portugal's skipper tried a brilliant overhead volley which just flew past the post. Portugal nearly broke the deadlock just before the half-time whistle when Ronaldo showed adapt footwork to control Raul Meireles' pass and struck low from the right area, only seeing the ball hit the post.

Ronaldo's effort was rejected by the post again five minutes into the second half when the forward's 23-meter freekick swerved over the wall and Cech's touch but hit the outside of the right post, which was Portugal's sixth time hit to the woodwork in this tournament, creating a Euro record. With 11 minutes left, Ronaldo finally made the breakthrough. The Real Madrid winger made an in-time run onto Joao Moutinho's right-flank pass to head into the dead corner in front a desperate Cech. "He (Ronaldo) was a great player. He penetrated the defence a lot. It's very hard to defend him. He is a man who can decide the match," said Michal Bilek, the head coach of Czech. Cech, the

Chelsea's talisman for the club's first Champions League Cup in May, proved that he was no doubt one of the best keepers in the world with his many sharp saves to stop a bunch of clear chances from Portugal.

"We fought very hard against a opponent better than us. We were losing energy in the second half when we didn't hold onto the ball that mattered. "But it also was a great success for us to reach quarterfinals," added by Bilek, whose side upset the co-host Poland in Group A to qualify for the last eight. The duo met twice before the clash, both in the European Championships. The Czechs won their quarterfinal 16 years ago thanks to a Karel Poborsky's goal while Portugal were 3-1 winners in group stage in 2008.

Though Portugal were a much well-known side, the Czech squad were also supported a lot by both their fans and Polish fans in the National Stadium. "We are going home. The Polish people created fantastic atmosphere for us. Thanks a lot for the hospitality of the host country," said Bilek.

Xinhua

Czech striker Baros ends international career

WARSAW, 22 June — Czech striker Milan Baros ended his international career after the Czech Republic were eliminated from Euro 2012, Czech team spokesman Jaroslav Kolar told AFP on Friday. "He only said it to the guys in the locker room, I can't quote him," Kolar said shortly after midnight as the team were digesting Thursday's 1-0 quarter-final loss to Portugal in Warsaw that sent them home.



Czech forward Milan Baros heads the ball during their Euro 2012 quarter-final match against Portugal, on June 21, at the National Stadium in Warsaw. Baros ended his international career after the Czech Republic were eliminated from the tournament, 0-1.—INTERNET

"The other players and the coach reacted with a big applause that lasted about five minutes. It was pretty long and it was pretty emotional," Kolar added. The 30-year-old Galatasaray striker scored 41 goals in 93 games for the national team. He did not score at Euro 2012, but five goals at Euro 2004, where the flair-filled Czech team reached the semi-finals, made him the tournament's top scorer.

Baros won the Champions League with Liverpool in 2005, but his form has slumped since then, with the player featuring as often on the gossip pages as the sports pages.

He gradually fell out of favour with Czech fans and earned criticism from media, but remained the first-choice striker for Czech coach Michal Bilek at Euro 2012. Baros received boos when the Czechs lost their opener against Russia 4-1, but he fought on to finally hear his name chanted by fans after both the 1-0 victory against Poland in the group and the quarter-final against Portugal.— Internet

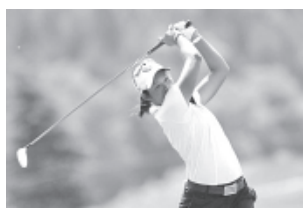
Feng surges to 2nd, Changkija leads at storm-hit LPGA event

ONTARIO, 22 June — Feng Shanshan, coming off the first major victory by a golfer from China, fired a five-under par 66 to stand second during the first round at the storm-halted Manulife Financial LPGA Classic.

US rookie Sandra Changkija matched the low first-round score of the LPGA season, an eight-under par 63, to grab the lead with half of the field of 144 unable to finish their opening 18 holes because of a threat of lightning. The first round will resume on Friday morning at Grey Silo Golf Course in the inaugural edition of the \$1.3 million event.

Feng, ranked fourth in the world, won her first career LPGA title two weeks ago at the LPGA Championship and shined in her first competitive round as a major champion. "I thought a lot before I started because I know after you win a tournament, maybe sometimes you'll be expecting yourself to do too well and then that would give yourself actual pressure," Feng said. "But that was what I was trying to tell myself. I said, 'Just keep patient and just focus on shot by shot and try your best.'"

Feng birdied the second, par-5 sixth and par-4 eighth,



Sandra Changkija hits her second shot on the sixth hole in the first round of the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic at Grey Silo Golf Course, on 21 June, in Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.—INTERNET

the par-3 12th and par-4 14th ahead of her lone bogey at the par-4 15th, which she answered with a birdie at the par-5 18th to claim second place all to herself.

Sweden's Karin Sjodin, Norway's Suzann Pettersen and Americans Lacey Agnew and Angela Stanford shared third on 67. Sweden's Anna Nordqvist was on five-under with five holes yet to finish when play was stopped. Changkija, ranked 527th in the world, is trying to raise \$25,000 on Facebook to help with expenses in her rookie LPGA season but so far had gotten only \$40. A triumph on Sunday would be worth \$195,000 to the 23-year-old American.

"My ball striking has been good for most every tournament I've played," she

said. "I just missed a few fairways here and there. I've been keeping up with my ball striking and just needed to make some good strokes." Changkija, who began off the 10th tee, fired a six-under 30 on her inward nine, the course's front side.

After birdies at 16 and 18, she added another at the second and then began a run of five birdies in a row at the par-4 fourth.

Changkija has made only two cuts in seven events this season with a best finish of 55th at the ShopRite Classic, giving her only \$6,708 in prize money for the year.—Internet

Spain united as French squabble

GNIEWINO, (Poland), 22 June — Spain must beat France in a competitive match for the first time if they are to reach the Euro 2012 semi-finals and the latest French squabbling can only



Spain's national soccer players Xavi Hernandez, Fernando Torres and Juan Francisco Torres (Juanfran) (L-R) attend a training session for the Euro 2012 in Gniewino on 20 June, 2012.—REUTERS

have boosted their chances of finally vanquishing Les Bleus in a major tournament.

Off-pitch quarrels among the French players led to an ignominious early exit from the 2010 World Cup and officials and players have admitted that fur was flying again after Tuesday's 2-0 Group D loss to Sweden.

Holder Spain, by contrast, have presented a typically upbeat and united front ahead of the quarter-final in Donetsk, the winners of which will meet Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal in the last four.

Of the six tournament meetings between Spain and France, the French have won five, including a 2-1 quarter-final victory at Euro 2000 when Spain's Raul missed a late penalty and a 3-1 success in a last-16 clash at the 2006 World Cup.

Raul's successor at centre forward Fernando Torres believes his team learned a lesson from the World Cup reverse that helped turn them into world champions and said it was high time Spain ended their poor run against the French.

Reuters

International Sports

Ferrer beats Sijlsing to reach UNICEF Open semis

DEN BOSCH, 22 June — David Ferrer routed Igor Sijlsing of the Netherlands 6-0, 6-1 on Thursday to reach the UNICEF Open semifinals. The top-seeded Spaniard needed just 43 minutes to advance and next plays Frenchman Benoit Paire, who beat Ito Tatsuma of Japan 6-3, 7-5. Sijlsing won only one game in front of his home crowd at the grass-court tournament. Philipp Petzschner of Germany and Xavier Malisse of Belgium will meet in the other semifinal match.

On the women's side, Kim Clijsters of Belgium beat the 2010 French Open champion Francesca Schiavone 6-3, 7-6 (7) in a match that was held up by rain. It was Clijsters' third win of the tournament, providing a boost after she had been sidelined most of the season due to injuries. She next plays Urszula Radwanska of Poland, who defeated Sofia Arvidsson of Sweden, 6-2, 7-6 (3). Clijsters will play in Wimbledon, but is unseeded at the Grand Slam tournament that starts on

Monday.

"It was a very intense match. Schiavone is a player who keeps fighting and has all sorts of different strokes," Clijsters said.

Also on Thursday, eighth-seeded Nadia Petrova of Russia overpowered third-seeded Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-2, 6-0 in just over an hour. Petrova will play the winner of the match between Kirsten Flipkens and Roberta Vinci, which was suspended due to rain with Flipkens leading 6-4, 5-4.

Internet



David Ferrer of Spain returns in his match against Igor Sijlsing of The Netherlands at the Unicef Open grass court tennis tournament in Rosmalen, central Netherlands, on 21 June, 2012.—INTERNET

Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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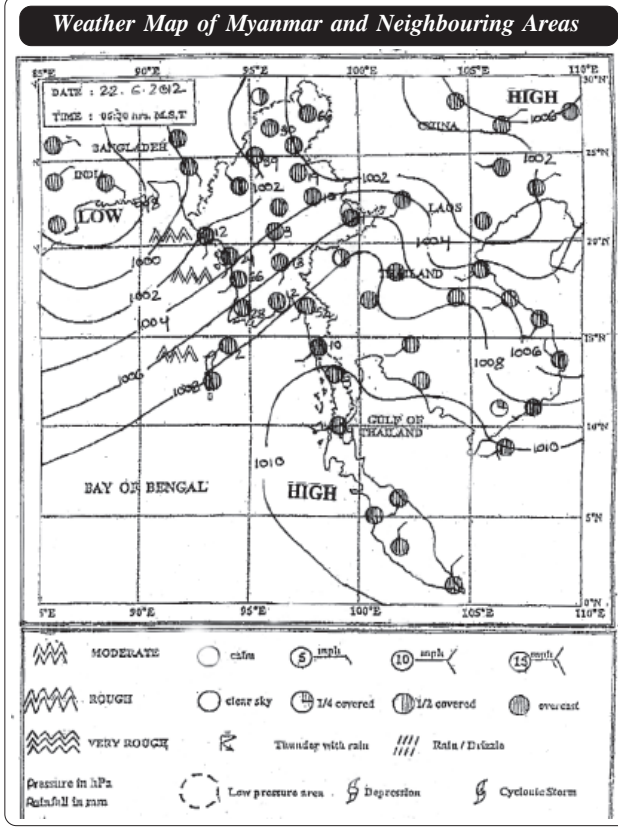
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MYANMAR TV

(23-6-2012) (Saturday)

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 1. Paritta By Hilly Region Missionary Sayadaw
- 7:25 am
 2. To Be Healthy Exercise
- 7:40 am
 3. Nice and Sweet Song
- 7:50 am
 4. Health Programme
- 8:10 am
 5. Poem Garden
- 8:30 am
 6. Songs for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 11:10 am
 7. Musical Programme
- 11:25 am
 8. Game For Children
- 2:30 pm
 9. Song Of National Races
- 4:15 pm
 10. Cultural Dances
- 4:25 pm
 11. Teleplay (Health)
- 4:45 pm
 12. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -First Year (Law)
- 5:15 pm
 13. Songs for International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 5:25 pm
 14. Beautiful "Asean"
- 5:45 pm
 15. Documentary
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
- 17. TV Drama Series



Weather forecast for 23rd June, 2012

Sr. No.	Location	Temperature (°C/°F)		For Tomorrow	
		Maximum	Minimum	Forecast	Percent
1	Kachin	30/86	24/75	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
2	Kayah	29/84	21/70	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
3	Kayin	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
4	Chan	22/72	17/63	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
5	Upper Sagaing	28/82	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
6	Lower Sagaing	34/93	27/81	Isolated rain or thundershowers	(100%)
7	Taninthayi	32/90	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
8	Bago	30/86	25/77	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
9	Magway	33/91	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
10	Mandalay	35/95	27/81	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
11	Mon	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
12	Yangon	33/91	24/75	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
13	Rakhine	30/86	23/73	Widespread rain or thundershowers (H)	(100%)
14	Southern Shan	24/75	18/64	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
15	Northern Shan	29/84	23/73	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
16	Eastern Shan	31/88	24/75	Scattered rain or thundershowers	(100%)
17	Ayeyawady	33/91	26/79	Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers	(100%)
18	Neighbouring Nay Pyi Taw	31/88	25/77	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
19	Neighbouring Yangon	33/91	24/75	One or two rain or thundershowers	(80%)
20	Neighbouring Mandalay	35/95	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 Magway Region, fairly widespread in Mandalay Region, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (5.08) inches, Myauku (3.86) inches, Thandwe (3.27) inches, Putao and Hkamti (2.75) inches each, An (2.71) inches and Paletwa (2.56) inches.

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

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of strong monsoon in the Rakhine coast.



HEALTH CARE PROVIDED: Specialists led by Medical Superintendent Dr Thin Thin Aye of Pakokku General Hospital provide health care services to members of the Sangha led by State Ovadaçariya Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Viçara at Maha Withutayama (Central) Monastery in Pakokku on 20 June.—MYANMA ALIN

Mawgyun takes preventive measures against DHF

Mawlamyinegyun, 22 June—Jointly conducted by Mawlamyinegyun Township Health Department and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever was held in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 17 June morning.

Chairperson of Township MCWA Daw Thin Thin Aye, executives and officials of the Township Health Department put medicines into the water.

Spraying works were undertaken across the township at the same time.

Myanma Alin



In a photo made on Tuesday, 19 June, 2012, and made available on Wednesday by the Colorado National Guard, firefighters from the Monument, Colo, fire department march to dinner at sunset in a base camp near the High Park wildfire about 15 miles west of Fort Collins, Colo.

INTERNET

Hart looking forward to meeting hero Buffon



English goalkeeper Joe Hart speaks during a Press conference at Andel's hotel in Krakow. Hart is looking forward to measuring himself against one of his idols on Sunday when he starts opposite Gianluigi Buffon in England's quarter-final showdown with Italy.

INTERNET

KRAKOW, 22 June—Joe Hart is looking forward to measuring himself against one of his idols on Sunday

when he starts opposite Gianluigi Buffon in England's quarter-final showdown with Italy. Two years ago, Buffon tipped Hart to emerge as the world's best goalkeeper over the following decade, hailing the then 23-year-old Manchester City stopper as the natural heir to the likes of himself and Spain's Iker Casillas. "They do really have a great goalkeeper in Joe Hart," Buffon said at the time. "I don't see any reason why, in five years when Iker and I are old men, he can't be the best in the world."

Hart still keeps a press clipping of Buffon's comments at his home, a cherished endorsement from the Juventus goalkeeper,

widely regarded as among the finest ever to have played the game. The admiration is entirely mutual, with Hart needing little encouragement to wax lyrical about the 34-year-old's standing in the game ahead of this weekend's Euro 2012 meeting in Kiev. "He's a huge name in football, goalkeeping-terms as well. He's been a legend for years," said Hart.

"He's their captain, someone they look up to. I love the way he plays. He's got a great style about him and he seems to have good mannerisms, the way he plays,

is in control of the situation and seems like a likeable person. "I'm really looking forward to playing against him. He's calm and in control and he makes the big saves when required."

Hart said he was most impressed by Buffon's game-management, consistently rejecting the flamboyant option if a more straightforward choice is available.

"He doesn't go looking for action, which is key goalkeeping-wise," Hart said.

Internet

Hot, windy weather to challenge Colo fire crews

BELLEVUE, 22 June—The return of hot, dry and windy weather on Friday will challenge firefighters working to encircle a wildfire burning on over 68,000 acres in northern Colorado.

A red flag warning was in effect for much of Colorado as well as Utah and parts of Wyoming, Arizona and Nevada. The mix of conditions that makes it easy for new fires to start and spread and cause existing

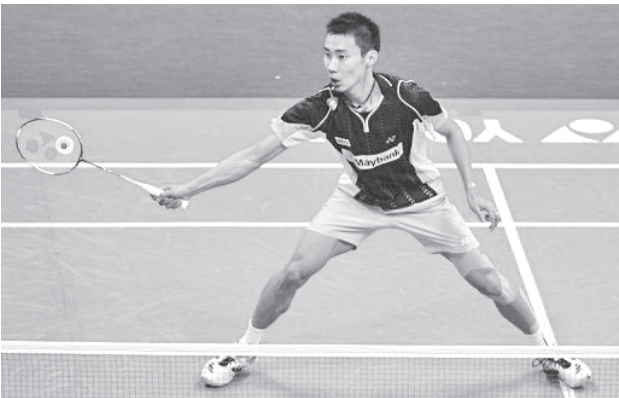
fires to flare up could last through the weekend in Colorado, where the fire west of Fort Collins has now destroyed at least 191 homes. It's also blamed for the death of a woman found dead at her ranch. Authorities surveying the burn area on Thursday found two additional houses previously burned by the fire. They expect the toll to rise as they continue the work.

Heat and low humidity is also a concern at the 1,150-acre wildfire burning near Lake George, which is 57 percent contained.

Conditions are so dry that sparks from bullets hitting targets can ignite wildfires.

Authorities are investigating whether recreational shooting sparked the fire near Lake George.—Internet

Lee Chong-Wei toppled from top No 1 badminton ranking



Malaysia's Lee Chong-Wei, pictured during a match played in New Delhi, in April. Lee has surrendered his world number one ranking to arch-rival Lin Dan of China after nearly four years at the top.—INTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 June — Injury-hit Malaysian badminton hero Lee Chong-Wei has surrendered his world number one ranking to arch-rival Lin Dan of China after nearly four years at the top.

Lee, who is racing to recover from an ankle injury before the London Olympics, drops to second place in the latest Badminton World

Federation standings. The 29-year-old damaged a ligament at the Thomas Cup last month. He has been undergoing stem-cell injections and 12 hours' rehabilitation a day in a desperate bid to be fit for London. Lee became world number one in August 2008, after the Beijing Olympics — where he lost in the final to Lin.—Internet

Union Hotels and Tourism Minister meets officials of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June— Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan this morning held a meeting with the incharges of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services (Nay Pyi Taw Head Office), PyinOoLwin, Kengtung, Chaungtha and MraukU branches including Shan State (South and North), at the meeting hall of the ministry here this afternoon.

He said that necessary measures are to be taken in order to generate more money than before. Managers and staff are to carry out marketing effectively. Hotel managers are to make supervision for generating more money and cutting expenses.

Those present respectively reported income expenditure account and profits and loss account of the hotels to the Union Minister. After that, Managing Director U Hla Htay and Deputy Minister U Htay Aung gave supplementary reports.—MNA

Union Hotels and Tourism Minister U Tint Hsan delivering speech at the meeting.—MNA



Union Religious Affairs Minister receives Ven Mon Tak of ROK

NAY PYI TAW, 22 June— Union Minister for Religious Affairs Thura U Myint Maung met a delegation led by Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Ven Mon Tak of the Republic of Korea and party, at his office, here this morning.

At the call, they cordially discussed promoting cooperation of religious affairs between two countries, promotion and propagation of Theravada Buddhism and enhancing amity.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Moe Zaw Shwe of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General U Khaing



Aung of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, head of office U Myint Oo and officials.

MNA

Union Religious Affairs Minister Thura U Myint Maung receives Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Ven Mon Tak of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

US-made six generators arrive at Myanmar Industrial Port



Photo shows uploading of six generators imported via Indonesia onto vehicles at Myanma Industrial Port.—MNA

YANGON, 22 June—Yangon City Electricity Supply Board Joint-Secretary U Tun Tun Swe, on behalf of the Union Minister for Electric Power No.2, made closed supervision on uploading six generators imported via Indonesia onto vehicles at Myanma Industrial Port on Strand Road in Ahlon Township, here, this morning.

Those 1.8 MVA generators are of

Caterpillar type made in USA and imported by MSP Tractors Pte., Ltd. This morning, they arrived at Myanmar Industrial Port by voyage No. 181 Morotai vessel.

Among six generators, two will be transported to Mandalay, one each to Monywa, and Pyay and the remaining two are to be used in Yangon.

MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Nay Pyi Taw

Notification No.31/2012

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Four Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives substituted

According to the request made in accordance with Section 33 of Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute four Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in first multiparty democracy general election held on 7 November 2010, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted four Defence Services Personnel Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives stated hereunder in Notification No.3/2011 of the commission dated 20-1-2011 with personnel shown against them.

Chin State Hluttaw

(1) BC 28267
Major Thet Lwin

(Substitution) BC 34724
Major Officiating Tin Aung Moe

Sagaing Region Hluttaw

(2) BC 33483
Major Aung Zay Nyein

(Substitution) BC 21082
Major Kyaw Min Htut

Mon State Hluttaw

(3) BC 29408
Major Zaw Htet

(Substitution) BC 28034
Major Zaw Lin Aung

Rakhine State Hluttaw

(4) BC 25550
Captain Thein Tun Oo

(Substitution) BC 28375
Major Aung Zin Than

By order,

Win Ko
Secretary
Union Election Commission

Myanmar Women's Day commemorative signboard erected in Bahan Tsp

YANGON, 22 June—Hailing Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3rd July, a ceremony to erect signboard of Myanmar Women's Day organized by Yangon Region Women's Affairs Organization was held near U Htaung Bo roundabout in Myoma ward of Bahan Township, here, this morning.

Patrons of Region WAO Daw Thin Thin Mya and Daw Khin Aye Nwe and

Chairperson Daw Thaug Mya cut the ribbon to open it. After that, Patron of Region WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay pressed the button to unveil the signboard.

Also present at the ceremony were members of social organization of the Region/District/Township, departmental officials, administrators of townships and wards, totaling over 350.—MNA

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