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We are making constant efforts for standing as a credible, responsible country in the world community as both supporters and dissidents would bear the fruits of our reforms

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—The following is the translation of President U Thein Sein's speech through radio programmes to the entire people the length and breadth of the nation.



Esteemed people,

I would like to explain our government's reforms during May as I always give speech on our country's current affairs through radio.

As all our people know, I paid a working visit to the United States of America from 19 to 22 May. My working visit is an important milestone in the history of the two countries' relations as being the first-ever visit during forty years as a country leader as well as ensuring amity and a new form of relations between

the two countries.

It can be said that my historic visit is crucial for relations between the two governments as well as for the amity between the peoples of the two countries thanks to the future cooperation prospects.

During my visit to the US, I held a cordial discussion with US President Obama, government leaders and the Senate and Congress leaders on difficulties, challenges and prospects that Myanmar might face in democratic reform processes, and cooperation.

Moreover, I could make

a trust-building for easing of sanctions that hamper setting up of a national economy that we are implementing. I visited Johns Hopkins University to study US's education system. And I cordially met professors and students and delivered an address there.

Here, I would like to express a special thank for a warm welcome of Myanmar citizens in the US as well as for their sympathy and understandings on country's reforms. On the other hands, I had to face suspicions and critics on our reform processes.

It is natural that every country has to face such disagreements, low-trust and conflicts in their reform processes. I have assumed that for me, politically practical points are even more critical. For the success of our reform processes, what Myanmar gets engaged with the world countries is of great importance. We

are making constant efforts for standing as a credible, responsible country in the world community as both supporters and dissidents would bear the fruits of our reforms.

The visit of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe to Myanmar is the first ever visit in the 36-year history of the two countries. And his visit reflects the support of Japan in the Myanmar reform process. Myanmar welcomes the assistance to be provided by Japan and will utilize it in the people-centred development projects. Accordingly, Japan will be able to enjoy more opportunities in trade and investment in Myanmar market that will be open and transparent, thereby contributing to mutual benefit.

The improvement of Myanmar's relationship with the international community during the period of two years can be attributed to the

deserving support of global countries in the democratic transition being undertaken by Myanmar people.

Here, I would like to touch upon political reforms being carried out in the country. Necessary measures are being taken along with adopting strategy and plans for re-execution of national economy that is directly related to politics. At the same time, reconstitution,

transformation and amending of the necessary institutions are being carried out. As the task is huge, there have been tangible changes rather than vivid changes. When there are vivid changes, our national economy will make progress with momentum.

Steps are being taken for farmers and SMEs entrepreneurs to have small

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Enforcement of the 2013-Minimum Wage Law

The 2013-Minimum Wage Law comes into force on 4 July, 2013 (11th Waning of Kason, 1375 ME) under the Section 1, Sub-section (b) of the 2013-Minimum Wage Law.

Sd/Thein Sein
President

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

PR System aims at benefiting reforms



Vice-President U Nyan Tun makes address at third work coordination meeting of the Permanent Residence System (PR) Management Committee.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Permanent Residence (PR) System policy of Myanmar, one of the reforms of the country, is aimed at granting foreigners who can contribute their expertise positively to the reforms and Myanmar citizens in foreign countries, said Vice-President U Nyan Tun.

At the third work coordination meeting of the PR System Management Committee at the Ministry of Immigration and Population today, the Vice-President said the government is working to achieve the national aim of building a new Myanmar which has transparent and inclusive political and economic processes.

Tolaystrongfoundations for the long-term interests of the country, the government has carried out reforms step by step in accordance with the needs of the country,

he added in his key-note address.

The government is implementing the PR system to create better socio-economic environment in the country as the country has seen investments and assistance from foreign countries for the country's inclusive economic system while maintaining better relations with international community.

The Vice-President also called on the participants of the meeting for taking legal measures systematically.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister U Khin Yi, Secretary of the management committee, Union ministers Lt-Gen Ko Ko, U Wunna Maung Lwin, Dr Mya Aye, U Win Shein, Dr Kan Zaw, U Kyaw Lwin and U Maung Myint, Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin and departmental heads.—MNA

WATER SUPPLY**Wells sunk, lakes dredged in Mandalay Region for better access to safe water**

MAHLAING, 4 June—Mandalay Region government is sinking artesian wells, dredging old lakes and digging new lakes and cascades for adequate supply of potable water in arid zones in Mandalay Region.

Local people are pleased with easy access to water as artesian well in Thabukgon in Yayhtwet village-tract in Mahlaing Township starts to supply safe and clean drinking water. The well was sunk by Mahlaing Township Development Affairs Committee.

The 200-foot artesian well was sunk with the fund

of K 3.5 million allotted by the region government. The well is now distributing water for 653 residents from 118 households in the village.

Daw Khin Sein said, "I'm seventy something. I have lived in this village since times of my descendants. It took a dear amount of time to collect a pot of water from the creek in the western part of the village. We even had to swear we were worth dying if we got the fresh water. I could now die happily as we have got the fresh water (source) in the village."

The Township Development Affairs

Indaw Tsp village taps stream

INDAW, 4 June—Nantsiaung Pegon village in Indaw Township in Sagaing Region installed a pipeline to tap Nant-thae-lein natural stream on 31 June.

The stream which is about one mile upstream the village has already been tapped by the monastery of Pegon village since 2012. Presiding monk U

Carinda shared the water to 15 households in the village through a pipeline network.

The water is now shared to five staff quarters in Nantsiaung timber extraction yard. The installation of the pipeline is funded about K 0.5 million by the staff of the timber extraction yard. *MMAL-Khin Maung Swe*



Committee is sinking 17 artesian wells in Natsingonkan village, Ohnnyaesu, Nyaungbintha, Gaungsakan, Thabutbyone, Kyauktan, Thabutgon, Segwe, Butaungchaung, Kyetsekan, Letpansauk, Pyukan, Kyin, Theebingon, Kyaechaung, Bwetkal and

Kanthit villages with the fund of K 80 million allotted by the region government.

Alei lake, Kya-ai lake, Ywakangyi lake and Ywaalei lakes were dredged with K 19 million fund for irrigation water.

Repair works are also being carried out at 15 lakes of drinking water—YwaU lake, Myauk lake, Tamabin lake, Thabutgon lake, Monbin lake, Phonegysi lake, Kyaukdwinyoe lake, Chaukpaukgyi lake, Myindwin lake, Taung lake, Phaya lake, Ywa lake, U Thila lake, Thakkaltaw lake, Kanbya lake with K 11.7 million fund allotted by the region government.

*MMAL-Aung Htay
(Mahlaing)*

**Motor roads being upgraded in Kachin State**

MOHNYIN, 4 June—Shwebo-Myitkyina road in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State is being upgraded in road construction special group (2).

The upgrading of two miles and six furlongs long section has been completed.

The motor road is the key road linking Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

The road is in critical condition at the border of

Kachin State and Sagaing Region, but the section has yet to be repaired.

The muddy road is also risky for vehicles.

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**FIRE**

SAGAING, 4 June—Two were injured in a fire outbreak in Datpaung Zedi street in Poedan ward in Sagaing from an overheated pan at 9.50 am on 2 June.

Firefighters managed to put out the fire at 10.10 am.

U Khin Maung Tun and Ma Naychi Myint Aung sustained minor injuries and were admitted to the hospital.

MMAL-Zaw Myint Naing

Data Entry Project launched for workers

YANGON, 4 June—The Data Entry Project for insurance workers in social safety network was introduced at Labour Welfare Residence on Strand Road in Ahlon, here, on 2 June.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Labour, Employment and Social Security U Maung Myint said that social security sector is one of the main tasks in building a new nation, adding that it should include electric system. At present, over 600,000 workers are benefiting from social security system and the ministry is making endeavors for human resources development by hiring foreign experts as there have been difficulties in collecting data, he added. The task was carried out starting from 7 January which needs more systematic and advanced

activities, he said. The Union minister suggested the employers and employees to fill data completely in order to undertake these tasks conveniently and called for cooperation with a sense of duty. The Union Minister presented a certificate of honour to Principal U Aye Kyaw of Myanmar Human Resources Institute (MHR) who committed to conducting in-house training courses of the ministry.

Then, the Union minister, Deputy Minister Daw Win Maw Tun and officials opened data entry centre which fill insurance worker's data in computer programme and viewed undertaking of data entry project. In conjunction with the data entry project, a computer-aided course was opened with the attendance of 40 trainees.—*MNA*

Oxygen containers donated to Mandalay philanthropic group

MANDALAY, 4 June—Oxygen containers were donated to a philanthropic group in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay Region by wellwishers on 30 May.

The Buddhist Way Beautiful Heart Philanthropic Group was founded by Presiding monk Bhaddanta Kumuda of Eiksathaya monastery in

Kankauk ward.

Daw Thu Nandar and

family and Maung Zarni

Tun and wife Ma Khaing

Mar Tun donated oxygen

containers to the group.

Those who wish to

donate oxygen containers

may contact the office of the

group (0991021379).

MMAL-Tin Maung

(Mandalay Sub-Printing

House)

Two injured in Sagaing fire outbreak

WORLD

IAEA chief Amano raps Iran over uranium enrichment

VIENNA, 4 June—The head of the International Atomic Energy Agency criticized Iran on Monday over its uranium enrichment activities and the construction of a new experimental reactor, saying the country is violating IAEA and UN Security Council resolutions.

IAEA Director General Yukiya Amano said at the start of a five-day meeting of the U.N. nuclear watchdog's Board of Governors that Iran "continues to advance its heavy water related projects" and that "the number of centrifuges installed by Iran also continues to increase, as does the amount of enriched uranium it holds."

"These activities are in clear contravention of resolutions adopted by the Board of Governors and the United Nations Security Council," he said.

According to an IAEA report issued in May, Teheran has installed 689 upgraded centrifuges at a uranium enrichment facility in Natanz, central Iran.

The construction of the experimental heavy water reactor has also advanced in Arak in western part of the country. It is believed to be easier to extract plutonium, which can be diverted for use in nuclear weapons, from spent nuclear fuel at a



International Atomic Energy Agency Director General Yukiya Amano (L) attends an IAEA regular board of governors meeting in Vienna, Austria, on 3 June, 2013.

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heavy water reactor, compared with a light water reactor.

Amano said talks between the IAEA and Iran have been "going around in circles" and urged Tehran to address the UN agency's requirement to "conduct effective verification."

He called on Iran to allow the IAEA access to a military facility in Parchin on the outskirts of Teheran, where the country is suspected to have tested a powerful explosive for use in nuclear weapons.

The IAEA chief urged Iran to "engage with us to achieve concrete results in resolving all outstanding issues with a sense of urgency."

The 35-nation IAEA Board of Governors is not likely to discuss a resolution condemning Iran over its activities, with members looking to the new leadership to be formed following the Iranian presidential election slated for 14 June.

As for the IAEA's response to the 2011 Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant disaster, Amano said the agency is "actively supporting the Fukushima Prefecture in remediation and decontamination, management of waste generated during remediation activities, radiological mapping, and radiation monitoring in the environment."

Kyodo News

Defiant Erdogan denounces riots in Turkish cities

ISTANBUL, 4 June—Anti-government protesters responsible for Turkey's worst riots in years are "arm-in-arm with terrorism", Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said, in a defiant response to four days of unrest in dozens of cities across the country.

Hundreds of police and protesters have been injured since Friday, when a demonstration to halt construction in a park in an Istanbul square grew into mass protests against a heavy-handed police crackdown and what opponents call Erdogan's authoritarian policies.

The demonstrations showed no sign of abating on Monday with protesters returning to Taksim Square. Barricades of rubble hindered traffic alongside the Bosphorus waterway and blocked entry into the area. Leftist groups hung out red and black flags and banners calling on Erdogan to resign and declaring: "Whatever happens, there is no going back."

In Ankara, police charged mostly teenage demonstrators and scattered them using teargas and water cannon. Protesters had erected a barricade in the Kizilay government quarter

and lit a fire in the road as a helicopter circled overhead.

Erdogan has dismissed the protests as the work of secular enemies never reconciled to the election success of his AK party, which has roots in Islamist parties banned in the past but which also embraces centre-right and nationalist elements. The party has won three straight elections and overseen an economic



Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan gives a speech at the start of an official four-day tour of the Maghreb, in Rabat on 3 June, 2013.—REUTERS

boom, increasing Turkey's influence in the region.

"This is a protest organized by extremist elements," Erdogan said before departing on a trip to North Africa. "We will not give away anything to those who live arm-in-arm with terrorism."

On arrival in Rabat,

flanked by Moroccan Prime Minister Abdelilah Benkirane, Erdogan blamed parties that had lost elections for the violence, which he predicted would be short-lived: "In a few days the situation will return to normal."

Turkey's leftist Public Workers Union Confederation (KESK), which represents 240,000 members, said it would begin a two-

day "warning strike" on Tuesday to protest at the police crackdown on what had begun as peaceful protests. The unrest delivered a blow to Turkish financial markets that have thrived under Erdogan. Shares fell more than 10 percent and the lira dropped to 16-month lows on Monday.—Reuters

More than 60 countries sign UN arms trade treaty

NEW YORK, 4 June—Delegates from more than 60 countries on Monday took up their pens to loud cheers in the chamber to sign a historic treaty on arms trade at the United Nations, taking a first step towards ratification.

The ceremony came after an overwhelming majority of member states backed the treaty, the first of its kind to regulate the global flow of conventional arms, at the General Assembly two months ago.

Only North Korea, Iran and Syria voted against the treaty on 2 April.

"This third day of June represents the junction between the outcome of the complex negotiation process and the opening of a new chapter in which states will sign up to an international contract bringing responsibility and transparency to the global arms trade," said Angela Kane, UN high representative for disarmament affairs.

Mari Amano, Japan's



Mari Amano (L), Japan's ambassador to the Conference on Disarmament, signs a treaty on arms trade at the UN headquarters in New York on 3 June, 2013.—REUTERS

sword,'" Amano said in his speech. "It is not arms that end conflict but words that prevent one."

Major arms exporters such as Britain, Germany and France and emerging exporters such as Brazil and Mexico were among countries signing the treaty.

Oxfam International estimates that more than 500,000 people are killed by armed violence annually with millions living in fear of rape, assault and death from the proliferation of conventional weapons.

Meanwhile, the United States, the world's largest

arms exporter, is set to sign the treaty once the official translations are completed, according to a statement released by the US State Department.

"The treaty will require the parties to implement strict controls, of the kind the United States already has in place, on the international transfer of conventional arms to prevent their diversion and misuse and create greater international cooperation against black market arms merchants," US Secretary of State John Kerry said in a Press release.—Kyodo News

US targets Iran with currency, auto-sector sanctions

WASHINGTON, 4 June—The United States on Monday ratcheted up its efforts to isolate Iran for its suspected nuclear weapons programme, targeting Teheran with currency and auto-sector sanctions.

President Barack Obama imposed sanctions on foreign financial institutions that conduct or facilitate significant transactions in the Iranian rial, meant to further weaken a currency that has already lost two-thirds of its dollar value since late 2011 as a result of Western sanctions.

A senior administration official said the low level of the rial was a key vulnerability for the Iranian government.

"The objective is to take aim at the rial and to make it as unusable as possible, which is all part and parcel of our efforts to apply significant financial pressure on the government of Iran," the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said on a call with reporters.

In his ninth executive order against Iran, the president also approved sanctions against people who do business with Iran's auto sector, which the White House said was a major source of revenue for Teheran. The sanctions go into effect on 1 July.

Reuters



A woman enters a currency exchange shop in Teheran's business district on 24 Oct, 2011.

REUTERS

Shenzhou-10 spacecraft to be launched in mid-June



The first and second stage launchers of the Long March 2-F rocket which will carry China's new manned spacecraft Shenzhou-10 are placed at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre for further test in Jiuquan, northwest China's Gansu Province, on 3 May, 2013. The Long March 2-F rocket was delivered to the centre on 2 May and it is technologically advanced and more reliable compared to the one that carried the Shenzhou-9. Shenzhou-10, scheduled to blast off early next month, was delivered to the launch center in northwest China on 31 March. —XINHUA

JIUQUAN, 4 June—The *Shenzhou-10* manned spacecraft is scheduled to be launched in the middle of June, a spokesperson for China's manned space programme announced on Monday. The mission has entered the final phase of preparations, with the modified model of the *Long March-2F* carrier rocket and spacecraft being transported to the launch site on

Monday morning, said the spokesperson.

The spacecraft, which will be launched in mid-June from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China, will carry three astronauts and dock with the *Tiangong-1*, a target orbiter and space module sent to space in 2011. During the mission, astronauts will also teach a lesson to a group of students

via a video feed, said the spokesperson.

The spokesperson said that after propellant was injected into the *Shenzhou-10*, the launch platform carrying the spacecraft and carrier rocket was safely transported out of the assembly and testing plant to the launch tower on Monday morning. The spokesperson added that the functional examination and the joint tests of the spacecraft, carrier rocket and ground facilities will be conducted at the launch site in the next few days.

The *Shenzhou-10* will dock with the *Tiangong-1*, where astronauts will conduct space science experiments and offer lessons to students back on Earth. The space module entered the appropriate docking orbit at the end of May and is now running normally, the spokesperson added. Preparations are going smoothly for all eight major systems of the missions. Astronauts have finished training sessions, including special simulated training on the ground for space experimentation and teaching during the mission, said the spokesperson.—Xinhua

Panasonic to expand home appliance output if yen drops to 105 vs dollar

TOKYO, 4 June—Japan's Panasonic Corp said it will boost domestic production of washing machines and other appliances to half of its overall output from about a third should the yen weaken to 105 to the dollar, reversing a strategy of shifting production offshore.

At 105 yen or lower it will cost less for Panasonic to build appliances it sells in Japan rather than importing them from factories abroad,

Reuters



Panasonic Corp's Logo is pictured at an electronics store in Tokyo on 28 March, 2013.

REUTERS

Lenovo says in initial talks on smartphone venture

HONG KONG, 4 June—China's Lenovo Group Ltd, the world's No 2 PC maker by shipments, said on Tuesday it was in preliminary talks with an unidentified party on a potential smartphone business joint venture. It gave no further details. Japanese media have reported that Lenovo, just shy of overtaking Hewlett-Packard Co as the top global PC maker, would set up a joint venture with Japan's NEC Corp to focus on smartphone manufacturing and distribution.

NEC was in talks with Lenovo, already a joint venture partner in PCs and tablets, early this year on the sale of its mobile unit, according to media reports and a source familiar with the discussions. An NEC spokesman declined to comment on the possibility of a joint venture but acknowledged the troubles that unit is facing. "Our mobile phone business is in a difficult state and we acknowledge that we need to decide on a direction for the business. For that, we are considering various opportunities and that stance up until now has not changed."

Lenovo has spent heavily over the past few years to strengthen its PC business,

with purchases such as Brazilian electronics maker CCE last year, Germany's Medion in 2011 and IBM's PC business in 2005. It is also conducting a roadshow for a US-dollar-denominated notes issue on Tuesday, although it has given no details. "The board would like to inform the shareholders of the company and potential investors that the company is in preliminary negotiations with a party in connection with a potential joint venture transaction," Lenovo said in a statement to the Hong Kong stock exchange.

"With demand booming for mobile computing gadgets, Lenovo has been aggressively pushing out

smartphones and tablet PCs and is now the second largest smartphone maker in its home market in China. Apart from NEC's mobile's mobile phone business, Lenovo has been rumored in the market over the past year to be on the hunt for other acquisition targets, including IBM Corp's low-end server business, Nokia Oyj and blackberry maker Research In Motion.

"Lenovo lacks expertise in its enterprise and smartphone businesses, so I wouldn't be surprised if it is making acquisitions in these areas to consolidate its position," said Vincent Chen, a PC analyst at Yuanta Research.—Reuters



Lenovo tablets and mobile phones are displayed during a news conference on the company's annual results in Hong Kong on 23 May, 2013.—REUTERS

Online demand boosts market for rarest books, expert says

HAY-ON-WYE, (Wales), 4 June—Prices of the rarest books are rising as the Internet drives the trade off dusty shelves and into the digital age, a leading expert said this weekend. Matthew Haley, head of the books, manuscripts and photographs department at auction house Bonhams in London, said the rise of online catalogues and aggregators of booksellers' stock meant more collectors were aware when a rare find came on the market.

"More people can find it and there is only one of them around," he told an audience at the Hay Festival, adding this was pushing prices of the rare and the one-off higher. At the same time, demand was growing for what he termed "quirky-

ana" or books on specialist, niche topics. "We see that the mid-rank is really the struggling area of the market, which in our terms would be books between 100 pounds and a thousand," Haley said.

Into this category he



A commuter reads on his Kindle e-reader as a subway train arrives in Cambridge, Massachusetts, on 18 March, 2011.—REUTERS

Russia launches European telecom satellite

MOSCOW, 4 June—A Russian *Proton-M* rocket carrying a European-owned telecommunication satellite blasted off Monday from the Baikonur space center in Kazakhstan, the rocket's operator said.

The rocket was launched at 01:18 pm Mos-

cow time (0918 GMT). The *SES-6* telecommunication satellite, built on the Eurostar 3000 platform, was expected to be separated from the *Briz-M* booster at 04:49 am Moscow Time (0049 GMT) on Tuesday, according to the Khrunichev company, the rocket's operator.

The 6,100-kg satellite, owned by European satellite operator SES World Skies, is equipped with 43 C-band and 48 K-band transponders and has a service life of 15 years.

It will be used to deliver the next generation broadcast services, includ-

ing HD video distribution and mobile services, to customers in North America, Latin America, Europe and the Atlantic Ocean, the SES said on its website. The *SES-6* will be the 53rd satellite in the company's global fleet.

Xinhua

BUSINESS & HEALTH**Global employment not returns to pre-crisis level: ILO**

GENEVA, 4 June—The global employment has not returned to pre-crisis level and the performances are uneven among different countries and regions, said an annual report issued by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on Monday. Most emerging and developing countries have experienced rising employment and advanced economies, particularly in the euro area, see a more problematic employment situation, said the report. The report, named as World of Work Report 2013: Repairing the Economic and Social Fabric, found that the global employment rate in the fourth quarter of 2012 was 55.7 percent, 0.9 per-

centage points lower than the pre-crisis level in the fourth quarter of 2007, and over 30 million jobs were needed for the employment to return to the level before the crisis.

According to the report, the global unemployment was estimated to rise from the current 200 million to almost 208 million by 2015. The employment landscape in emerging and developing economies are more positive than the global picture, with employment rates in 2012 surpassing pre-crisis rates in 13 out of 28 economies with available information, 11 seeing some recovery and only 4 showing continuous decline, showed the

report, which noted that in general these economies were less affected in terms of job destruction during the crisis but suffered from the deceleration in employment growth.

The employment situation in advanced economies is more problematic, said the report, with only six out of 37 advanced economies with available information having employment rates exceeding pre-crisis levels and nearly half of those ana-



lyzed countries and regions witnessing a sustained fall of their employment rates since the kickoff of the crisis. As for the income inequalities, the report said the average Gini coefficient of income inequalities was around 30 in advanced economies (with the exception of the United States, whose level was around 47) and over 40 in the majority of developing and emerging economies.

Xinhua

Daily sunscreen may prevent skin aging

NEW YORK, 4 June—Using sunscreen every day may help protect against aging skin, according to a new study from Australia. Although the benefits of sunscreen are well known when it comes to preventing sunburns and lowering skin cancer risks, researchers said rigorous studies were lacking on how sunscreen use affects the signs of skin aging, or photoaging. Still, one dermatologist who wasn't involved in the new study said the findings just reinforce what skin doctors already know and tell their patients.

"If you ask most dermatologists... they'll tell you the two things they recommend for people who really want to avoid photoaging are, don't smoke and use sunscreen," said Dr Alan Boyd, from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville. "There are definitely a diminished number of people who have pre-cancerous (skin) changes if they are regular users of sunscreen," he told Reuters Health. "It's not too much of a leap to assume the signs and features of photoaging would follow hand in hand." For their new study, Dr Adele Green from the Queensland Institute of Medical Research and her colleagues analyzed data from 903 adults younger than 55 who were followed between 1992 and 1996.

Reuters

New drugs trail many old ones in effectiveness against disease

NEW YORK, 4 June—Despite the more than \$50 billion that US pharmaceutical companies have spent every year since the mid-2000s to discover new medications, drugmakers have barely improved on old standbys developed decades ago. Research published on Monday showed that the effectiveness of new drugs, as measured by comparing the response of patients on those treatments

to those taking a placebo, has plummeted since the 1970s. While that is already unwelcome news to drug and biotech companies, the consequences for the pharmaceutical industry could get worse under President Barack Obama's healthcare law. The law established an independent research institute to compare the effectiveness of different treatments for the same con-

dition. That way, patients as well as private insurers and government programs such as Medicare can stop paying for less effective therapies. If the new analysis is correct, then "comparative effectiveness research" could conclude that older drugs, which are more likely to be generics, are better than pricey new brand names that deliver the most profits for drugmakers.—Reuters

Start-up tries tapping market of uninsured dental patients

SAN FRANCISCO, 4 June—While many healthcare startups are hoping the new healthcare law going into effect next year will help drive more business their way, dental network Brighter believes being left out of the law will help it more. Dental services for adults are not part of the Affordable Care Act, which Brighter founder and chief executive Jake Winebaum believes could encourage more businesses to drop their existing dental-care

coverage. That could help Brighter win customers, he says.

Brighter, which launches its new service on Monday in Los Angeles, connects its customers with dentists with whom it has negotiated discounted rates. The rates would be similar to the ones a dental insurance company might negotiate. Unlike with dental insurance plans, Brighter customers do not have to pay premiums or submit paperwork.

It is part of a group of start-ups seeking to shake up the health care business, many spurred along by the ACA. The group includes Practice Fusion, which digitizes medical records; ZocDoc, which automates doctor-appointment booking; and One Medical, which provides same-day doctor appointments for patients who pay a membership fee.

Reuters



Claudio Levato, a dentist, works on removing a tooth for Janet Zamora at Comprehensive Dentistry in Bloomingdale, Illinois, on 21 April, 2012.—REUTERS

Vegetarian diet tied to fewer deaths over time

NEW YORK, 4 June—People who limit how much meat they eat and stick to mostly fruits and vegetables are less likely to die over any particular period of time, according to a new study. "I think this adds to the evidence showing the possible beneficial effect of vegetarian diets in the prevention of chronic diseases and the improvement of longevity," said Dr Michael Orlich, the study's lead author from Loma Linda University in California. In 2012, a Gallup poll found about 5 percent of Americans reported to be vegetarians. Previous research has found that people who eat mostly fruits and vegetables are less likely to die of heart disease or any other cause over certain periods of time. Another study from Europe, however, found British vegetarians



A couple lunches at vegetarian restaurant Artemisia in Buenos Aires on 7 July, 2010.—REUTERS

were just as likely to die at any point as meat eaters, so it's still an "open question," Orlich said. For the new study, he and his colleagues used data from 73,308 people recruited at US and Canadian Seventh-day Adventist churches between 2002 and 2007. At the start of the study, the participants were asked about their eating habits and were separated into categories based on how often they ate dairy, eggs, fish and meat.

Overall, 8 percent were

S Korea worries uncertainties over QE in US

SEOUL, 4 June—South Korea's top economic policymaker and central banker on Tuesday expressed their worries about uncertainties over the earlier-than-expected end of quantitative easing in the United States. Finance Minister Hyun Oh-seok and Bank of Korea (BOK) Governor Kim Choong-soo shared the view that external uncertainties were escalating amid the growing expectations for the early shutdown of bond purchasing program by the US Federal Reserve.

The country's top two economic and monetary policymakers held the first meeting since Hyun's inauguration in March, according to the joint statement by the ministry and the central bank. The finance ministry and the central bank planned to actively take a joint response to the negative side effects from the quantitative easing, while closely monitoring a change in external conditions.

Their meeting came after the ministry and the bank showed conflicts over

Xinhua

WORLD

Nagasaki begins adding new names to list of A-bomb victims

NAGASAKI, 4 June—The Nagasaki city office on Monday began the annual task of adding names to the list of victims of the 1945 US atomic bombing of the city. The newly confirmed victims, who died between 1 August last year and 31 March, total 1,178. The names and dates of death of the deceased, along with those of more victims likely to be found by the end of July, are to be added to the list, which contained 158,765 names as of 9 Aug, 2012. Their details will be in-

scribed by two citizens with ink brushes in time to be dedicated on 9 Aug at a ceremony commemorating the 68th anniversary of the bombing. "I feel anew the cruelty of atomic weapons," Masahiro Tanigawa, 75, a hibakusha, or atomic bombing survivor, and former officer of the city government.

"I will write while praying for the victims," he said as he engaged in the work for the eighth time.

Takako Morita, 65, is a second-generation hibaku-

sha and calligraphy master who is inscribing names for the 12th time. "I feel the importance of inheriting A-bomb experiences more and more as time goes by," Morita said, adding, "I hope to convey the preciousness of peace step by step."

The list of names, which is contained in 160 volumes as of last year, is usually kept at the Nagasaki National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims.

Kyodo News

Kerry says time running out to revive Mideast peace



US Secretary of State John Kerry speaks to the media about Syria at the State Department in Washington on 31 May, 2013.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 4 June—US Secretary of State John Kerry urged Israel and the Palestinians on Monday to revive stalled peace talks, warning that the alternative was a "negative spiral of responses." "We're running out of time. If we do not succeed now, we may not get another chance," Kerry said in a speech to the American Jewish Committee in which he urged American Jews to support peace efforts to revive stalled peace talks. "The status quo is simply not sustainable."

Kerry said the best way to ensure Israel's security was by ending "once and for all conflict with the Palestinians by summoning the courage to achieve peace and by reaching a negotiated resolution."

"The absence of peace is perpetual conflict. ... We will find ourselves in a negative spiral of responses and counter-responses that could literally slam the door on a two-state solution," he said. Kerry, who has visited Israel four times in his four months in office to try to restart peace talks, acknowledged scepticism that the two sides could resolve their differences.

US-brokered peace efforts broke down in 2010 in

a dispute over Jewish settlements in the West Bank. The Palestinians want a settlement construction freeze, while Israel insists talks should be held without pre-conditions.

"I fully recognize the challenges and predicament in which Israel finds itself, but I also firmly believe this is a hopeful time if we choose to make it so. This can actually be a time for possibility, a time for promise," Kerry said.

"I still believe peace is achievable," he added.

Kerry said a stable Palestinian state and a flourishing economy would strengthen Israel's security. During a visit to Jordan last month, he announced a plan to spur Palestinian growth with up to \$4 billion in private investment.

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair is leading a group working to identify opportunities in tourism, construction, energy, agriculture and high-tech industries in the Palestinian territories.

Earlier on Monday, Kerry said he would decide at some point whether to return to Israel and the Palestinian territories to push for decisions by the two sides on reviving talks.—Reuters



Masahiro Tanigawa (R), a "hibakusha" atomic bombing survivor and former employee of the Nagasaki city government, and Takako Morita, a second-generation hibakusha and calligraphy master, add the names of newly confirmed victims of the 1945 US atomic bombing of Nagasaki on a list, an annual task conducted by the city, at Nagasaki city hall in Nagasaki Prefecture, southwestern Japan, on 3 June, 2013.—KYODO NEWS

Czech capital on alert as floods swamp central Europe

PRAGUE, 4 June—Volunteers piled up sandbags to keep a swollen river from overwhelming the Czech capital's historic centre on Monday after floods across central Europe forced factories to close, drove thousands from their homes and killed at least eight people.

Six people died in the Czech Republic from the worst flooding in a decade and a state of emergency was declared, while in Austria two people died and another two were missing.

The flooding, which also affected parts of Germany, Slovakia, Hungary and Poland, sent shares in reinsurers Munich Re and Hannover Re down by about 2.5 percent, with markets anticipating big claims from property owners once the waters recede.

The flooding arose from several days of torrential rainfall. In some places

two months worth of rain fell in just a few days.

Carmaker Volkswagen temporarily shut its plant in Zwickau, in the eastern German state of Saxony, because the flooding stopped workers reaching the factory.

In the centre of the west German town of Passau, people took off their shoes and rolled up their trousers to walk through the ankle-deep water.

The last time central Europe saw similar floods was in 2002, when 17 people were killed in the Czech Republic, and damage estimated at 20 billion euros (16.9 billion pounds) was inflicted.

Officials in Prague, the Czech capital listed by the UN cultural agency as a World Heritage Site, said they did not anticipate the waters of the Vltava river would reach 2002 levels.

But they were taking



Members of the emergency services travel by boat along a flooded street in the centre of the Austrian village of Emmersdorf, about 100 km (62 miles) west of Vienna on 3 June, 2013.

REUTERS

Women's pensions 40 pct lower than men's in EU

BRUSSELS, 4 June—Women's pensions are nearly 40 percent lower than the men's on average in the European Union, according to the European Commission's latest study released here on Monday.

The widest gender gaps in pension are found in Luxembourg and Germany, while Estonia and Slovakia have the lowest gaps. The study reveals that the effects of lower employment rates among women extend into their retirement age.

Marriage and motherhood can also increase the inequality as the gaps are narrower for single women. The data shows that having children can lead to pension disadvantages for women in nearly all member states.

The Commission has been trying to address gender inequality issues for years, in particular in the labor market, where women are often over-represented in lower paid sectors and under-presented in decision-making positions.

Xinhua

Israeli DM says Syria not to receive S-300 before 2014

JERUSALEM, 4 June—Israeli Defence Minister Moshe Ya'alon said on Monday that he does not expect Syria to receive an advanced anti-aircraft system before next year, rebutting Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's recent claim of having already received the first shipment of S-300 missiles from Russia.

"We are following with concern the possibility that the system will be supplied. At this stage, judging from Russian chatter, the system has not yet been sent to Syria," Ya'alon told Parliament's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, according to a statement released by his office.

"If they will make the delivery, it would only take place in 2014," Israel's Channel 10 quoted Ya'alon as saying.

The comments were dramatically subtle in comparison to those made by Ya'alon last week, when he hinted that Israel was prepared to take military action to prevent Russian

assad.

Xinhua

Swiss billionaire gets 18 years jail for Italian asbestos deaths

MILAN, 4 June—A billionaire Swiss industrialist convicted for his part in Italy's biggest asbestos scandal had his jail sentence lengthened to 18 years on Monday, in a ruling campaigners said would set a precedent for work-safety lawsuits.

Stephan Schmidheiny, found guilty of negligence that led to more than 2,000 asbestos-related deaths, was also ordered to pay millions of euros in damages to local authorities, victims and their families by an appeals court in Turin.

The former owner of Swiss building material maker Eternit was found guilty in February last year



Posters reading "Stephan Schmidheiny your place is in prison" are displayed outside the courthouse during a trial against the Swiss firm Eternit's Italian plant in Turin on 13 Feb, 2012.

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and originally sentenced to 16 years in prison and ordered to pay other damages.

He was not immediately sent to jail — prison sentences in Italy are often not enforced until appeals processes, which can take years, are exhausted.

The 65-year-old was not in court when the appeals judges rejected his appeal against the sentence and extended it on Monday.

A spokesman based in Zurich said the industrial-

REUTERS

Poland hit by floods after days of rain

WARSAW, 4 June—Three days of heavy rain have wreaked havoc in south part of Poland, local media reported on Monday.

Pawel Fratczak, spokesman of National Headquarters of the State Fire Service, said that there are 35 locations registered water levels above normal standards, while in 51 locations surging water had exceeded the alert level.

Xinhua

WORLD NATO to discuss training Libyan security forces

BRUSSELS, 4 June—NATO defence ministers concerned about the growing presence of al-Qaeda-linked rebels in southern Libya will this week discuss the possibility of training Libyan security forces, US defence officials said on Monday.

Libyan Prime Minister Ali Zeidan requested the assistance at a meeting last week with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, who raised the issue with US President Barack Obama in Washington last Friday.

"That was something the president and the secretary general talked at length about, about the way the NATO alliance could perhaps take on a greater role in training for the Libyan security forces," said a senior US official on Defence

Secretary Chuck Hagel's plane en route to Brussels.

This week's meeting of NATO defence ministers will be Hagel's first as Defence secretary, although prior to becoming the Pentagon chief he chaired the Atlantic Council, a top think-tank on issues important to the Western alliance.

The meeting will consider the scope of NATO support and training of Afghan forces after the full transfer of security authority from the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force at the end of 2014. The group will also hold its first meeting on cyber security.

Officials are not expected to decide on the size of the post-2014 Afghan deployment this week.

US defence officials, who spoke on condi-

US to send warplanes, anti-missile system to Jordan

WASHINGTON, 4 June—The US military said on Monday that it is sending F-16 fighter jets and a Patriot anti-missile battery to Jordan, so as to bolster the country's security in case the violence in Syria spills over.

According to a statement from Lieutenant Colonel TG Taylor, spokesperson of the US Central Command, the deployment will take place before this month's multinational training exercise in Jordan, codenamed Eager Lion. The systems will take part in the exercise, but it is un-

derstood that they may stay in Jordan after the drill.

"In order to enhance the defensive posture and capacity of Jordan, some of these assets may remain beyond the exercise at the request of the government of Jordan," Taylor said.

It is unclear how many F-16s would be taking part in the exercise, or how many aircraft might stay in Jordan afterwards. The Patriot battery is expected to be sent to Jordan from Fort Bliss, the US state of Texas. It will provide missile defense for the country.

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Britain links decision on arming Syrian rebels to peace talks



Free Syrian Army fighters from The Syrian Islamic Liberation Front are seen sitting on an artillery in Hama, on 2 June, 2013.

REUTERS

BERLIN, 4 June—Britain will decide whether to arm Syrian rebels only after planned peace talks

involving President Bashar al-Assad's government and his opponents, the British foreign minister said.



Members of the Libyan Army's "Thunderbolt" special forces are deployed in the streets of Benghazi to secure the city after a series of explosions by unknown assailants in recent weeks, on 19 May, 2013.

REUTERS

tion of anonymity, said not locking in a number now would give NATO a chance to see how Afghan forces perform this year while they are in the lead for combat operations, and then adjust the number accordingly.

In Libya, NATO played a critical role in toppling Muammar Gaddafi two years ago by imposing a no-fly zone and using air power to try to prevent his

Reuters

Russian Pacific Fleet unit starts "Cruise of Memory"

VLADIVOSTOK, 4 June—A unit of Russian Pacific Fleet ships left Vladivostok on Monday for a "Cruise of Memory."

The unit includes the missile destroyer Bystry, large landing ship Oslyabya and sea tug Kalar.

The so-called "Cruise of Memory" is dedicated to three historical events:

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the Victory Day, the 282nd anniversary of Russia's Pacific Fleet and the 200th anniversary of the birth of Russian explorer Admiral Gennady Nevelskoy.

The ships will visit Sakhalin, the Kuril Islands, the Kamchatka Peninsula and Okhotsk during the cruise.

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William Hague told Germany's *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* daily in an interview published on Monday that the priority was US-and Russian-led efforts to get the warring sides to the negotiating table, but said he was "not overly optimistic".

"A decision on whether to deliver lethal weapons will depend on how those negotiations go and other countries' attitudes," he was quoted as saying.

Hague said it was not too late to arm the rebels, despite the risks involved, given that the more than two-year-old war in Syria had no end in sight.

"We need a political solution as soon as possible," he said. "Unfortunately we don't know if there

will be one. The conflict could go on for months or even years."

He said Russia, a long-time ally of Syria, agreed on the need for a political solution, but the question was "how much they are prepared to influence Assad".

"The situation is getting exponentially worse and putting the stability of the region at risk. That is the way Moscow and Washington, London, Paris and Berlin see it," Hague said.

The United States and Russia announced last month they were jointly trying to convene an international peace conference on Syria, but have set no date for the talks in Geneva.

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PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 5 June, 2013

Stick to monogamous relationships

It has generally been assumed that marriage is the legal relationship between a husband and wife. With attitudes towards courtship appear increasingly relaxed, some take marriage for granted as a natural phenomenon paying no attention to the ingredient of love in marriage.

Many young lads seem to think they can be married and single at the same time, for they are too young to realize their full significance. Not many women nowadays are daft enough to put up with that sort of caper. Yet the age-old craving for friendship and companionship lives on.

For all our current easygoing attitudes, most people still firmly believe in marriage. Some disagree with the statement that marriage is dead but agree that marriage should be forever. There used to be the perils of early marriage in life which usually ends in divorce and many are facing the same predicament.

Most couples attribute a widespread divorce to poor economy. Lengthy working hours and little leisure time of a family are also to blame. Nothing good will happen when the one is in a dilemma for the sake of marriage. Marriage could easily go awry when a couple is unfaithful towards each other. The key ingredient is tolerance—the ability to recognize that you are both individuals and you must not expect your partner necessarily to have the same views or ways of doing things as yourself. If you work at it, marriage improves as the years go by.

People have become used to instant rewards in everything from fast food to personal relationships. There will be the unfaithful in our society. And in the future they will be more inclined to stick to monogamous relationships.

Public notice of wheel tax forgery

Directorate of Road Administration announced today that the public is requested to inform the department of those who sell, make and hold fake wheel tax, including departmental staff. Action will be taken against those involved in the forgery in accord with the existing law.

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Nay Pyi Taw Office (067-510062)
Shan State Office (Taunggyi) (081-23848)
Affiliated State Office (Lashio) (082-30187)
Affiliated State Office (Kengtung) (084-22084)
Yangon Region Head Office (01-562757)
Mandalay Region Head Office (02-71870)
Bago Region Head Office (052-30046)
State Office (Mawlamyine) (057-24039)
State Office (Hpa-an) (058-21161)

Directorate of Road Administration

**Union Foreign Affairs Minister
U Wunna Maung Lwin holds talks with UNFPA Representative
Ms. Janet E. Jackson.—MNA**

THE TWO SCENES

U Maung Hlaing

If it rains, we'll have a bath.

When Mom comes, her breast will be sucked.
When Dad comes, we'll split the coconut.

Being children, we sang this childhood song while playing in the rain. No sooner had the rain set in than we the children felt happier as we had no worries in those days. Indeed, the monsoon is always welcome to agricultural countries like Myanmar. Whenever the monsoon sets in, I cannot help visualizing our childhood days.

Before the monsoon sets in, the heat is unbearable. Due to the intense heat, people are looking forward to seeing the rain clouds to release some showers. As the to Myanmar sayings goes: "Water is diminished in the month of Tagu and it is dried up in the month of Kason", we usually long for the rains.

Indeed, the onset of monsoon awakens our interest in the two scenes—one is school-going season and another one is growing or farming season. Months and years have elapsed, but the two scenes have never changed.

When the monsoon sets in, parents are busy with their children who are going to school. The new academic year 2013-2014 for students of Basic Education Primary, Middle and High Schools has commenced.

After a period of rest and recreation and

attending the training courses they have chosen, the students will soon be back in their classes to begin a new academic year, fresh and more mature from their summer training courses.

The new term, as usual, will be scheduled with educational subjects on curricula all aimed at bringing about the physical, intellectual and more development of the students. As the education policy aims at all-round development of the students, the State will provide them with the best means for the realization of the aims.

Now is the time when we are endeavouring for the uplift of the education standard of the country. With the increase in the student population from year to year, the State is making concerted efforts to open more schools, providing all necessary facilities and increasing the number of teachers to cope with the increasing number of students.

As the students are about to begin their education for a new academic year, the parents and teachers alike must make the new academic year a success, profitable for the students as well as for the State and the people.

Teachers and school authorities are to strive their best to mould the young children and bring them up straight and

energetic so that they may turn out as a worthy reserve force of the nation. It is appropriate that all necessary preparations are made to fully equip them to grow up into good and able citizens who will shoulder responsibilities of the country.

According to the statistics, there were about over 700 million adult illiterates across the globe. It was also found that more than 70 million children of school-going age were unable to go to school. The figure may be depressingly high.

For the development of human resources, every school-going age and disabled children to be able to go to school.

For every school-going age child to be able to go to school, school enrollment campaigns are launched in the last week of May every year.

It has been generally accepted that the best investment is that made in education. With emphasis on physical, cultural and intellectual development of the children, future leaders of the nation, the government has been utilizing the increasing amount of manpower, materials and money for the purpose.

The multi-faceted education system has been adopted and is being applied for improvement of student youths' morale, discipline and education, training and development programmes are being implemented

for modernization of the education system to catch up with the international standard.

With sustained government efforts in the uplift of education standards coupled with due attention and participation of the youths, there can be no doubt that the investment made in education will prove to be best investment.

On the other hand, when the monsoon sets in, work is surging ahead in the fields with the cultivation of paddy. The farmers are going ahead with the cultivation of paddy. The farmers are going ahead with their tasks with are an essential part of the nation's economic development and the welfare of the entire people.

As they toil in their fields, the cultivators are surely mindful of the fact that they are not only earning their livelihood but are also serving the interest of their fellow citizens and their motherland. They are indeed performing a duty which will bring much fruits for the people. This is simply because, the people depend on rice as the staple food and rice is also the main export item of our country.

When the monsoon sets in, the two scenes of school-going season and farming season will build up their strength to move forward in parallel.

Union Foreign Affairs Minister meets UNFPA Representative



NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—

Ms. Janet E. Jackson, UNFPA Representative in Myanmar called upon and presented her Credentials to U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, yesterday evening.

Afterward, the Union Minister and UNFPA Representative discussed and exchanged views on potential of development cooperation between Myanmar and the UNFPA.

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We are making constant ...

(from page 1) and medium loans as cultivation cost and capital. In addition, efforts are being made for release of prisoners with a view to fostering national reconciliation. It is my wish that there should be no prisoners of conscience in jail. However, we have to take time in the scrutiny of political cases of the past that were subtle and complicated. In doing so, the committee for scrutinizing remaining political prisoners was formed and all prisoners of conscience will be released soon. But those who had

committed crimes such as violence, murder, rape, etc, in combination with politics will have to serve their sentence. I had already explained the matter to the relevant governments and parliamentarians when I was in the United States.

Our government released the political prisoners with the sheer intention of forging national reconciliation. Apart from taking a certain period we have no intention to have political gains over this. Therefore, we have no intention to enforce Section 401 as a political tool in the grant-

ing of amnesty for political prisoners.

I would like to say thanks to all MPs and the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw and the Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw for holding the first special session of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw to approve the ordinance No. 1/2013 which has been issued to control the conflict in Meiktila.

In May, the Storm Mahasen had caused the people worries. To be able to quickly respond the storm, the government had set up the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee and National Disaster Preparedness man-

agement work committees and prepared for taking emergency measures on humanitarian grounds to all the people of different faiths in the areas which can be hit by the storm. All relevant committees also made efforts for disaster preparedness joining hands with the ministries concerned and the Tatmadaw. We were not hit by the storm. But, it is delighted to see that the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have the power to overcome the challenges in the face of disasters by joining hands each other.

Regarding the progress of peace making, May 30

is a historic day for peace making and the people were also delighted on that day. It is the day that Union peace-making delegation and KIO signed the seven-point agreement on reaching a ceasefire and bringing eternal peace to the country in Myitkyina of Kachin State. The agreement is considered a great step towards ceasing 60-year long armed conflicts and also great triumph of the people. I would like to say thanks to the peace making committee, the Tatmadaw, leaders from KIO and civil organizations. My special thanks also go to the people for their heartfelt support

for peace when peace talks were on going.

Our country is moving along the transition path that any country in the world has never experienced. I pledge that I, as a leader who is maneuvering the country's reforms which is facing uncertainties, big challenges and hindrances, am committed to carrying on the reforms with pure altruistic based on the co-operation and participation of the government, Hluttaws, political forces, civil society organizations, the Tatmadaw and the people.

May all the people enjoy good health.

Myanmar ready to hold ASEAN chair: Ms Madeleine Albright

YANGON, 4 June—"I will convey a message to American people that Myanmar, a beautiful country, with might and main is in the process of reform trying to gain its place in the international community," said former US Secretary of State Chairperson of National Democratic Institute (NDI) Ms Madeleine Albright in meeting with civil societies organizations at Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University, here this evening.

Ms Madeleine Albright said that Myanmar is ready to hold chair of ASEAN; that investments in Myanmar's basic infrastructures would have to take time, most

importantly the trust-building. Success of democratization process called for the trust building. Resource-rich Myanmar saw a flood of progress even though democracy is still young. Myanmar became an important part of the world's economy and highly valued education, she added.

It was attended by US ambassador to Myanmar Mr Derek Mitchell, responsible persons from social and religious organizations, faculties and students from International Relations Department of Dagon University and Yangon University and media men.

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Delegates to 22nd WEF on East Asia arrive

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Delegations led by Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr. Keat Chhon and Information and Communication Technology Minister of Thailand Mr. Anudith Nakornthap arrived here to attend 22nd World Economic Forum on East Asia to be hosted in Myanmar by special flight, here, this evening. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Director-General

of Consular and Legal Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Tha Aung Nyunt, Director-General UTun Tun Naing of Central Statistical Organization and officials.

In the morning and evening, the delegations from East Asian countries and economic organizations arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by air and by car. The officials welcomed them and sent to the hotels where they will stay.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann receives ROK Deputy National Defence Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Deputy Minister of Policy Affairs of Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Korea Mr. Lim Kwan-Bin at the meeting hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Complex, here, this morning.

They had a cordial discussion on political reform

process in Myanmar and amity and mutual cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Commission members U Khin Maung Tun and U Khin Soe and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann poses for documentary photo with Deputy Minister of Policy Affairs of Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Korea Mr. Lim Kwan-Bin.

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**Rural development tasks being undertaken in Letpadaungtaung Copper Mines Area**

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—Chairman of Committee for Implementation of Report of Investigation Commission on Letpadaungtaung Copper Mines Project Union Minister at the President Office U Hla Tun together with Committee Vice-Chairman Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye, Committee Members Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung and the deputy ministers, region ministers and departmental heads attended the opening of tailoring course conducted by the Ministry of Industry at No 6 Garment Factory in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Region, on 3 June morning.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Industry U Myo Aung made a speech and the managing director of Wenbao Company presented curriculum and training suits. A total of 150 train-

ees will be given not only theoretical but also practical methods at 3-month course by 18 course instructors.

The Union minister and party held a coordination meeting on region development with local village representatives at the meeting hall of the garment factory. The Union minister said that the committees had been formed to effectively implement findings and suggestions of the commission, mentioning that the committee is creating job opportunities by studying socioeconomic status of local people.

The committee is implementing the project with less environmental impacts in accord with international norms and standards, he added. The Union minister underscored that the importance of rule of law and stability in implementing those tasks. He also pledged

that the government will provide necessary assistance for rural area development.

Committee Vice-Chairman Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Tha Aye explained job opportunities for local people and ongoing works. Then, Committee Member Union Minister for Mines Dr Myint Aung invited participation of local people in implementing the project.

Next, Region-wise group leaders Region Forestry, Mines and Energy Minister U Than Htaik, Region Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Minister U Saw Myint Oo, Region Social Affairs Minister Dr Myint Thein, Region Development Affairs Minister U Tin Hlaing Myint made clarifications and Project In-charge U Win Kyi of Union of Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd gave explanation.

Afterwards, the officials answered the queries raised by the village-tract administrators.

In his concluding address, Union Minister U Hla Tun said that environmental conservation and social environment development tasks will be carried out constantly.

The Union minister and party went to Basic Education High School in Salingyi where they donated stationery and sports gear at the headmaster office. They also attended the stake-driven ceremonies for primary school and nurseries in Hsete-Zetaw Village in Phaungkata Village-tract and Wethmay-Kantaw Village in Ywasae Village-tract in Salingyi Township and donated school uniforms and stationery to the students.

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Post-primary school upgraded to BEMS (Branch) in Hsipaw



HSIPAW, 4 June—A ceremony to set up of No. 1 post-primary school into Basic Education Middle School

Photo shows teachers and town elders at opening of upgraded BEMS (Branch) in Hsipaw.

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(branch) was held at the school in Hsipaw of Shan State (North) yesterday morning. Township Education Officer Daw Myint Myint made a speech and Headmistress Daw Khin Nyunt Lu explained facts about the upgrading of the school.

The school board of trustees and officials discussed preparation for furniture which is necessary for the classroom and set up basic education middle school (branch) signboard.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Leik and U Sai Tun Hlaing and officials presented completion certificates and outstanding awards to the trainees.

Similar courses were held in Naungkawgyi and Panmaik Villages in Hsipaw Township and the course supervisors and officials presented completion certificates and gifts to the trainees.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)

Basic Shan Literature Courses conclude in Hsipaw

HSIPAW, 4 June—Organized by Hsipaw Township Shan Literature and Culture Committee in Shan State (North), the concluding of Basic Shan Literature Course took place at Myodaw Hall on 1 June morning, with an address by Shan Literature and Culture Committee Chairman U Sai Ngo Kwan.

The chairman and members of Shan Literature and Culture Committee, course Supervisors U Sai



Rural library broadens horizons of people in Nyaunglebin Tsp

NYAUNGLEBIN, 4 June—A ceremony to open Alin Mahar library donated by U Po San Aye and family of Gyobin Village of Nyaunglebin Township was held at the library on 2 June morning.

Bago Region Hluttaw representative U Soe Paing, Chairman of Township Writers Association Dr Myint Than, Head of

Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Ni Ni Win, U Thaung Lwin on behalf of the well-wisher, Major Maung Soe (Rtd) and Chairman of the library committee U Myint Lwin made remarks.

Village administrator U Myint Oo spoke words of thanks.

Chairman of the library

committee U Myint Lwin accepted cash donation and books donated by well-wishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

The 18 feet wide and 22 feet long one-storey library was built at a cost of K 3 million and facilitated with four chest drawers, 900 books and other furniture.

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Commercial teak saplings planted in Namma forest reserve

HSIPAW, 4 June—Under the close supervision of Staff Officer U Soe Moe of Township Forest Department in Hsipaw of Shan State (North), the staff from the department in cooperation with local people planted 27000 teak saplings in 50-acre commercial teak

plantations in Namma forest reserve in 2013-14 financial year.

According to the rural housing establishment plan of the township forest department, planting of three teak saplings in one household was carried out in Kyaungpyain Village.

Hsipaw Township

Forest Department plans to grow 30050 teak saplings, 30300 others saplings, 10000 Maezali saplings, 5000 more teak saplings and 6000 perennial crops with the assistance of the state government in commercial teak plantations in this rainy season.

Kyemon-Sai (Hsipaw)



allowed to pass on that bridge starting from 8 May. The 960 ft long two-lane RC type Hlwachaung Bridge was constructed at an estimated cost of K 2700 million under the close supervision of Assistant

Engineer U Zeyar Soe and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Win Htay from Road Special Group (11).

The 1080ft long Mindon Bridge near Butaung Village in Mindon Township is under construction by spending K

3200 million. Arrangements are being made to allow vehicles to pass through the bridge for the public convenience although it is not completed yet.

Kyemon-Kaung Khant
(Maezali)



Bailey bridges replaced with RC type facilities on Pathein-Monywa Road

MINDON, 4 June—Two bailey bridges were replaced with RC type facilities in Mindon Township, Magway Region. The construction of the bridges started since November, 2010. A creek-crossing bridge near Maezali Village in Mindon Township has been completed and the opening ceremony will be held soon.

The vehicles was

REGIONAL

Malaysian PM calls for greater cooperation among Asian countries to tackle challenges

KUALA LUMPUR, 4 June—Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak on Monday called on Asian countries to strengthen cooperation in face of major challenges which might hamper the growth and development in the region.

Speaking at the 27th Asia-Pacific Roundtable meeting, which started here on Monday, Najib said the focus of the world is shifting toward Asia, accentuated by recent financial crisis in the West.



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak (C) attends the 27th Asia-Pacific Roundtable meeting with guests in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 3 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Yahoo Japan to start Japanese food shopping service in Hong Kong

TOKYO, 4 June—Yahoo Japan Corp will start a fresh food shopping service in Hong Kong, opening a website this month to take orders for fruit, beef and marine products produced in Japan, sources familiar with the matter said on Tuesday.

Using Yamato Holdings Co's parcel delivery service and All Nippon Airways Co's flights, the Internet portal site operator will deliver products to consumers in Hong Kong a day after they are collected from Japanese producers, cutting the time typically needed for such delivery by half, they said.

The new online shopping service comes as the popularity of Japanese food grows in emerging Asian markets, particularly among affluent consumers.

Ordered products will be sent to Naha airport in the southernmost prefecture of Okinawa through the nationwide service networks of Yamato and ANA for customs clearance.

Kyodo News

Police prove shooting incident in Osaka, Japan

OSAKA, 4 June—Local police in Osaka announced on Tuesday morning that at least five bullets were fired near the entrance of an apartment house in a residential square in the western Japanese city of Osaka, local Press reported.

The police investigators found cartridge cases near the entrance door of the apartment house after they

Other people nearby

At least three killed in Thai quarry rock collapse

BANGKOK, 4 June—At least three workers were killed and four others injured on Monday as a cliff-side collapsed and buried a quarry in Thailand, police said, adding the casualty might rise as several work-

ers are reportedly trapped under the rocks.

The incident occurred in Khao Yoi District of Phechaburi Province, about 110 km southwest of the capital Bangkok following days of heavy rains.

The police investigation is ongoing.—Xinhua

Firemen try to extinguish a fire occurred at a gas station in Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, on 3 June, 2013. The fire came from a gasoline truck and injured three staff members of the gas station. XINHUA



The victims include two Myanmar workers and one Thai backbone driver, the *Bangkok Post* reported. Three backhoes, three trucks transporting stone, and two pickup trucks were also destroyed.—Xinhua

TOKYO, 4 June—Japanese supermarket chain operator Aeon Co said on Monday it will create a framework to supply safe food products to Southeast Asian customers in cooperation with the UN Industrial Development Organization.

Aeon plans to start with a project in Malaysia, under which its local affiliate will instruct producers, and medium-sized and small companies about

Aeon to work with UN agency to promote food safety in SE Asia

how to secure quality control, while UNIDO will send experts to support Aeon's efforts.

Aeon opened its first overseas store in Malaysia in 1985 and has business ties with many local companies.

At a ceremony to sign the agreement with UNIDO in Tokyo, Aeon President Motoya Okada said, "We would like to help raise the level of food safety in all of Asia."—Kyodo News



Chinese President Xi Jinping (C) and his wife Peng Liyuan (L) receive the Key to the city of San Jose from San Jose's Mayor Johnny Araya (R) in San Jose, capital of Costa Rica, on 3 June, 2013. XINHUA

China, Costa Rica agree to enhance bilateral communication, cooperation

SAN JOSE, 4 June—Chinese President Xi Jinping and his Costa Rican counterpart Laura Chinchilla agreed on Monday to enhance communication and cooperation between the two countries for further development of bilateral ties.

He then proceeded to the potential conflicts in the region, urging that "Asia must place its trust in diplomatic solutions" when confronted with complex disagreements between states.

"Our final challenge, then, is to ensure Asia's development brings economic opportunity for all, not riches for a few; that it expands not just nominal GDP figures, but also critical social infrastructure," he added.

Xinhua

In talks with Chinchilla, Xi said China-Costa Rica relations, although only six years old, have achieved sound development, adding the closer ties are proven to be in the fundamental interests of both

countries and their people.

The China-Costa Rica relationship is in a position to become a paradigm of cooperation between countries of different size and national condition, he said.

Chinchilla said the two countries, since the establishment of bilateral relations, have witnessed frequent high-level exchanges and fruitful results in cooperation in various fields, which brought tangible benefits to both sides.

Costa Rica wants to deepen mutual trust, coope-



Photo taken in Tsuru, Yamanashi Prefecture, on 3 June, 2013, shows Central Japan Railway Co (JR Tokai)'s L0 series magnetically levitated train cars designed for commercial runs, being demonstrated at a test line for the first time to the Press.

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People look at the wreckage of a crashed police helicopter in Lantian County in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 3 June, 2013.

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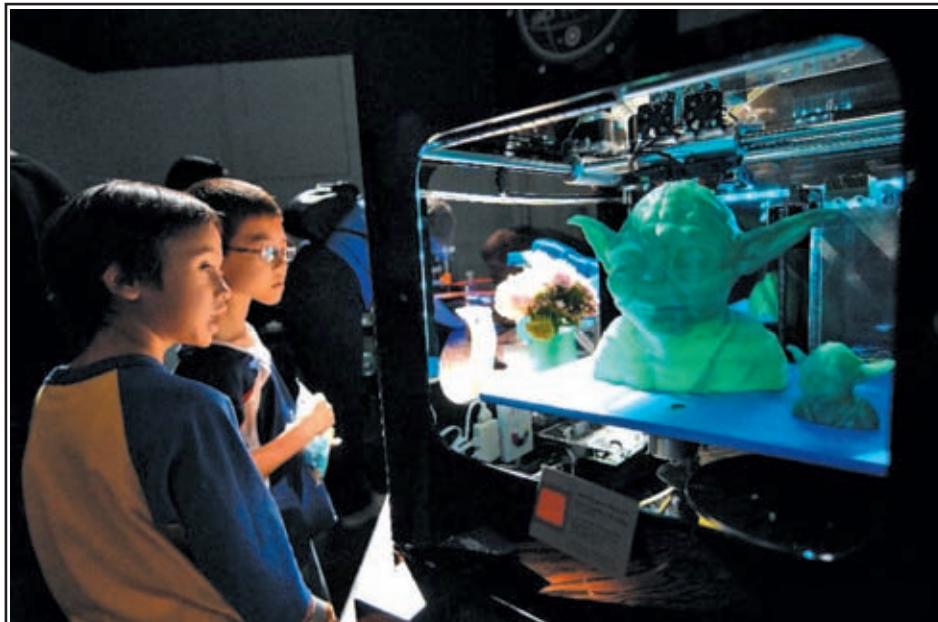
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Children look at a bust of Yoda, a character of US movie Star Wars, created with 3D printer, at the Vancouver Mini Maker Faire 2013 in Vancouver, Canada, on 2 June, 2013. The Maker Faire is a family-friendly showcase of invention, creativity and resourcefulness. It's a place where people show what they are making, and share what they are learning.—Xinhua

Innocent man detained for 12 years files compensation claim

ZHENGZHOU, 4 June—A farmer in central China's Henan Province on Monday initiated state compensation proceedings after he was found not guilty in a murder and rape case and released after 12 years in detention.

Li Huailiang was the prime suspect in the rape and murder of a 13-year-old girl that occurred in Yexian County in the city of Pingdingshan in August 2001.

From 2001 to 2006, Li stood trial seven times and was given three different verdicts. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison, death and death with reprieve, respectively. But all three verdicts were ultimately overturned due to a lack of evidence.

The case started receiving more attention in June 2012, when China Comment magazine reported that the Pingdingshan Intermediate People's Court signed a "death penalty guarantee" with the girl's parents in 2004, promising to sentence Li to death so that the girl's mother would not appeal to higher authorities, even if the verdict was ultimately overturned by the Henan Higher People's Court.

The intermediate court responded by saying the agreement had no legal standing.

In the latest court session held on 25 April, Li was found not guilty and was finally released.

In the claim he filed to the intermediate people's court, Li asked for 3.79 million yuan (619,222 US dollars) in compensation from the court.—Xinhua

Panda lives well in the wild

BEIJING, 4 June —The State Forestry Administration on Monday reported on the success of an artificially-bred panda's life in the wild over the past eight months.

A group of experts have been following the panda named Tao Tao with the help of a GPS ring attached to the animal's neck,

radio positioning tools and DNA extracted from its excrement. They have also been studying the panda's activities and hormones, the SFA said.

Tao Tao, a three-year-old male panda born in Sichuan's Wolong Nature Reserve in 2010, is living a healthy life in the Liziping Nature Reserve in Shimian

County, Sichuan Province, the SFA said.

In addition to surviving a cold winter, the panda has also experienced the seasonal activities of his wild peers, including estrus cycles and interactions between groups of pandas, according to the administration.

Xinhua

Police chopper crash kills two in NW China

XI'AN, 4 June—Two people died and another person was severely injured after a police helicopter crashed during a training mission in northwest China's Shaanxi Province on Monday, local authorities said.

The helicopter, operated by the public security bureau of Xi'an, the capital of Shaanxi, crashed near a village in Lantian County around 6 pm, killing two people aboard the helicopter, according to Xi'an police and the county government of Lantian.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT



Lou Reed says he is 'bigger and stronger' after liver transplant

LOS ANGELES, 4 June — Lou Reed says he is "bigger and stronger than ever" after a life-saving liver transplant and is looking forward to getting back to performing on stage. "I am a triumph of modern medicine, physics and chemistry," the 71-year-old rocker said on his website after his wife revealed news of the transplant at the weekend.

"I am bigger and stronger than ever. My Chen Taiji and health regime has served me well all of these years," Reed said, referring to a traditional martial arts workout regime aimed at promoting health and relaxation. "I look forward to being on stage performing, and writing more songs to connect with your hearts and spirits and the universe well into the future," said the veteran musician and songwriter, who rose to prominence as the frontman of the 1960s rock band, The Velvet Underground.

Akshay Kumar: Avoid using mobile phones in theatres

NEW DELHI, 4 June—Bollywood star Akshay Kumar is dissuading viewers from using mobile phones inside theatres. He has



Akshay Kumar will be playing a gangster in the movie Once Upon A Time In Mumbaai Again.

PTI

shot for a short film, which hit the theatres on Friday, where he is seen making the request.

The actor, who will

be seen playing gangster Shoaib in Once Upon A Time In Mumbaai Again, features as his character from the gangster drama while giving the message in the clip, helmed by Milan Luthria, who has also directed the feature film.

The short message is being played in PVR and Cinemax properties in the country from 31 May and will be shown till 8 Aug, when the film releases.

"We thought it was a great platform to remind viewers to desist from using their mobile phones."

PTI

'Sopranos' listed best-written US TV series, ahead of 'Seinfeld'

NEW YORK, 4 June — The New Jersey mob saga "The Sopranos" was listed as the best-written US TV series above comedy show "Seinfeld" in a list compiled by the Writers Guild of America. The guild, which represents writers in the motion picture, broadcast, cable and new media industries, released its ranking of the 101 best-written TV shows based on a poll of its members, with comedies and dramatic series evenly represented in the top 10.

The guild favoured recently-produced shows.

Only one top 10 entry, third-placed "The Twilight Zone," pre-dated the 1970s and nearly half the entire list aired in the past decade. In releasing the list on Sunday with "The Sopranos" at the top, the guild's Paul Brownfield said: "No show has been more responsible for TV's storytelling renaissance." In the HBO hit, mobster Tony Soprano, played by James Gandolfini, struggles with domestic life even as he orders mob hits and confides in his psychiatrist.

Comedies joining "Seinfeld" high in the poll

included 1970s-era hits as "All in the Family," "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "M*A*S*H," along with bar-room comedy "Cheers." "The West Wing," "The Wire" and "Mad Men," the only currently airing show, rounded out the top 10. Long-running animated show "The Simpsons" was ranked 11th, followed by the 1950s hit "I Love Lucy." "The Daily Show With Jon Stewart" at 17 placed highest among series outside the scripted comedy or drama format.

Reuters

Soul singer Sharon Jones says she has cancer, postpones album



US musician Bob Dylan (R) performs on the second day of the Hop Farm Music Festival in Paddock Wood, Kent on 30 June, 2012.—REUTERS

Bob Dylan set to be awarded France's Legion d'Honneur

PARIS, 4 June — American singer Bob Dylan may soon be awarded France's highest distinction, the Legion d'Honneur, after his nomination was reportedly first tossed out over his marijuana use and opposition to the Vietnam War. The green light given by the Legion d'Honneur's council means France's minister of culture may soon decorate Dylan — a symbol of 1960s counterculture — with the five-pointed star of the top "Chevalier" order.

He would join the

ranks of singers such as Britain's Paul McCartney and France's Charles Aznavour to be so honoured. The 17-member council determines whether nominations put forward by government ministers conform to the institution's principles. Its grand chancellor, Jean-Louis Georgelin, confirmed it had approved Dylan's nomination. In a letter to the daily Le Monde published on Sunday, Georgelin called the singer-songwriter an "exceptional artist" known in the United States and internationally as a "tremendous singer and great poet".

Satirical weekly Le Canard Enchainé reported in May that Georgelin had rejected Dylan's nomination on the basis of his opposition to the war in Vietnam, where France was a former colonial power, and his presumed pot smoking. Georgelin acknowledged to Le Monde that he had originally thrown out the nomination and cited what he called a "controversy" but did not elaborate further. The culture ministry did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

Dylan's ballads like "Blowing in the Wind" became anthems of the civil rights and anti-war movement in the United States, while the musical innovation and cynical lyrics of "Like a Rolling Stone" established him as a counterculture icon. Culture Minister Aurelie Filippetti had nominated Dylan — who in 1990 was given a lower rank of the award — for the highest "Chevalier" distinction.

The singer was awarded the top civilian honour in the United States, the Presidential Medal of Freedom, in May 2012.—Reuters

Singer Sharon Jones of Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings arrives at the Apollo Theater Spring Benefit Concert & Awards Ceremony in New York, in this file picture taken on 14 June, 2010.—REUTERS

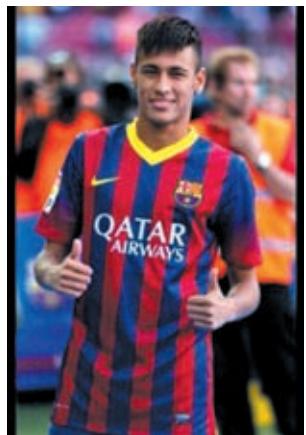
LOS ANGELES, 4 June — Soul group Sharon Jones & the Dap-Kings on Monday postponed the release of its forthcoming album and tour after Jones was diagnosed with early-stage bile duct cancer, according to a statement on the band's website. The singer, 57, is to undergo surgery, and is expected to make a full recovery but will require a "lengthy" rehabilitation period, the statement said.

"Over the last few weeks I haven't felt good and I didn't know what was going on," Jones said in a statement. "We just found out that I have a stage-one tumor on my bile duct. Luckily we caught it really early and fast and the doctors say it's operable and curable!" Bile ducts carry bile produced by the liver from the gallbladder into the small intestine to aid with digestion.—Reuters

SPORTS

Nadal finally finds a reason to smile**Neymar signs with Barcelona in 57ml euros deal**

MADRID, 4 June—Brazilian sensation Neymar signed with Spanish La Liga powerhouse Barcelona for five years in a deal worth 57 million euros on Monday.



Neymar, 21, became the eighth most expensive signing in football history. His contract also includes a buyout clause worth 190 million euros.

Neymar helped Brazilian club Santos win the 2010 Brazilian Cup, the 2011 Copa Libertadores and three straight São Paulo state championships, becoming the team's leading scorer in the post-Pele era with 138 goals in 230 matches.—Xinhua

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Federer ready to pour more cold water on French hopes

PARIS, 4 June—Jo-Wilfried Tsonga will be keen to avoid the same fate as compatriots Julien Benneteau and Gilles Simon when Roger Federer faces his third successive French test at Roland Garros on Tuesday. Federer gave himself the thumbs up after downing Benneteau in straight sets in round three, declared he was still fairly fresh after surviving a five-set thriller against Simon and is now rubbing his hands at the prospect of taking on his friend “Jo-Willy” in his own backyard.

“Obviously it’s a big challenge playing him here in Paris,” said the 17-times grand slam champion. “He feeds off the fans and I think he’s moving better than he has ever in his life on clay. That’s so important on this surface.” For Tsonga, Tuesday’s match will no doubt remind him of the highs and lows of his 2012 French Open adventure. The French showman had four matchpoints to beat Novak Djokovic at the same stage last year but blew the lot.

Standing in her way will be another former champion, Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova. While Polish fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska faces off against 2012 runner-up Sara Errani in the other quarter-final, fans should come prepared for a long day out on Suzanne Lenglen as the second match will feature an all-Spanish duel between warriors Tommy Robredo and David Ferrer.

Reuters



Jo-Wilfried Tsonga of France hits a return to Viktor Troicki of Serbia during their men's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 2 June, 2013.—REUTERS

PARIS, 4 June—All the complaints about lousy weather, windy courts and rotten schedules were forgotten as the sun finally shone on birthday boy Rafa Nadal’s pursuit of a record eighth French Open title on Monday. Nadal spent the first week labeling Paris “too cold”, the Chatrier Court “too windy” and the playing schedule “a joke” after three wobbly performances but he was all smiles as the mercury finally crept over 20 degrees Celsius for the first time in this year’s event.

The Spaniard, bidding to become the first player to win the same major eight times, took a step closer to a possible semi-final blockbuster against Novak

Djokovic with a 6-4, 6-1, 6-3 last-16 win over Japan’s Kei Nishikori. After the fans serenaded Nadal by singing ‘Happy Birthday’, the 27-year-old smiled sheepishly as organizers wheeled out a giant, four-tier cake decorated with rackets, golden tennis balls and an array of sparklers. Nadal’s grin would have grown wider after watching his next opponent, Stanislas Wawrinka, dragged into a four-hour struggle before the Swiss squeezed past French favorite Richard Gasquet 6-7(5), 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, 8-6.

Just how Wawrinka’s weary body will recover for the task ahead is anyone’s guess but for now Wawrinka will be glad to have



Rafael Nadal of Spain poses with his birthday cake after winning his men's singles match against Kei Nishikori of Japan at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 3 June, 2013.

REUTERS

survived a lively marathon in which he raged against the umpire, ordering him to “change the guy...making the bad linecalls”, and produced 92 rip-roaring winners. Kohlschreiber earned the distinction of becoming the first player to snatch a set off Djokovic

at the tournament but that was as good as it got for the German. Top seed Djokovic, who left Roland Garros in tears two days ago after learning of the death of his first coach Jelena Gencic, kept his emotions in check for a 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 win. Reuters

Knicks guard Kidd retires after 19 seasons

Former All-Star point guard Jason Kidd

RALEIGH, 4 June—Former All-Star point guard Jason Kidd is retiring after 19 seasons in the National Basketball Association (NBA), the New York Knicks player said on Monday. Kidd, 40, completed his career ranked second overall in assists (12,091) and steals (2,684) to Hall of Famer John Stockton and averaged 12.6 points and 8.7 assists per game. He

earned All-Star honors 10 times while playing for Dallas, Phoenix, New Jersey and New York. He won an NBA title with Dallas and played on two gold medal-winning US Olympic basketball teams.

“My time in professional basketball has been an incredible journey, but one that must come to an end after 19 years,” Kidd

said in a statement. “I look back fondly at every season and thank each every one of my teammates and coaches that joined me on the court.” He said it was time to think about coaching or working as a broadcaster. “One of the best point guards ever and one of the fiercest competitors I have ever played with,” Dallas Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, who won an NBA title with Kidd in 2011, said on Twitter.

“Amazing career. He always put the team and winning first.” To Brooklyn Nets General Manager Billy King, Kidd, who captained the Nets to NBA Finals appearances in 2002 and 2003, “is considered the greatest player in the Nets’ NBA history.” His retirement came two days after the Los Angeles Clippers’ Grant Hill, also 40, announced he was

leaving the game. The two shared rookie of the year honors in 1995. Highly respected around the league, Kidd became the first back-to-back winner of the NBA’s sportsman of the year award in April.

“Jason provided an incredible voice inside our locker room and I considered it an honor to say I coached him,” Knicks coach Mike Woodson said. Kidd started 48 of the Knicks’ 76 games last season, posting averages of 6.0 points and 3.3 assists. He had two years remaining on his Knicks contract but said he decided over the weekend now was the time to retire. “We told them (earlier) that I wanted to come back and play,” Kidd said. “But this weekend was when we got a chance to relax.... It is the right thing to do.”—Reuters

Sharapova shows Stephens who is the boss

PARIS, 4 June—Maria Sharapova showed fast-rising American Sloane Stephens how it was done again to reach the French Open quarter-finals with a no-nonsense 6-4, 6-3 victory on Monday. The Russian was at her most clinical to seal a last-eight clash with old sparring partner Jelena Jankovic. While Sharapova made her breakthrough in stunning fashion by winning Wimbledon as a 17-year-old in 2004, Stephens’s ascent has been more gradual and reaching the Australian Open semi-finals this year after beating Serena Williams has been the 20-year-old’s standout moment.

“is the new 17,” Sharapova told reporters. “I think she has a tremendous amount of potential. There’s a lot of room for a few things to improve and I think she will. I think she has a big game. She has big strokes, a pretty good



serve. If she’s in the right hands at the right time, I’m sure she’s gonna have a great career.” Defending champion Sharapova beat Stephens easily in Rome in the build-up to Roland Garros but Monday’s clash was a more competitive affair

with nothing to separate the players in the opening six games on Chatrier.

Sharapova then pounced as Stephens faltered on serve for the first time, converting her third break point.

Reuters

Maria Sharapova of Russia celebrates defeating Sloane Stephens of the US in their women's singles match during the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 3 June, 2013. Sharapova showed Stephens how far she has to go to become a grand slam contender, scoring a 6-4, 6-3 victory on Monday to reach the quarter-finals of the French Open.—REUTERS

GENERAL

Azarenka eyes first semi-final spot at Roland Garros

PARIS, 4 June—Women's third seed Victoria Azarenka roared past Italian former champion Francesca Schiavone into the quarter-finals of the French Open on Monday, winning 6-3, 6-0 on Chatrier Court.

A match more notable for the wails, groans and kung-fu style yelps coming from both sides of the net featured five consecutive service breaks in the first set before Azarenka pulled clear to dominate the 2010 winner.

Belarussian Azarenka will now face Russian Mari Kirilenko chasing her first ever semi-final appearance at Roland Garros after Kir-



Victoria Azarenka of Belarus celebrates defeating Francesca Schiavone of Italy during their women's singles match at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 3 June, 2013.—REUTERS

ilenko beat American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 7-5, 6-4. It was a bad day for Americans with Sloane Stephens losing to defending champion Maria Sharapova and Jamie Hampton falling to Serbia's Jelena Jankovic.

"I played Maria a lot of times," Azarenka told

reporters. "She's definitely improved a lot over the last couple years since she's very motivated player." Kirilenko has reached her first quarter-final at Roland Garros but is troubled by a shoulder injury. "I think it's the cold and the heavy balls," she said.—Reuters

Hashimoto to propose airport southeast of Osaka for Osprey training

OSAKA, 4 June—Osaka Mayor Toru Hashimoto said on Monday he will propose to the central government that an airport just outside of the western Japan city host part of the training exercises for US Osprey transport aircraft.

The mayor, who co-heads the opposition Japan Restoration Party, told reporters he will suggest to Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga on Thursday that Yao Airport host

training exercises for the MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft currently deployed at a US Marine base in Okinawa Prefecture, southern Japan.

"The Honshu main island (of Japan) should at least accept Osprey training to alleviate the burden on Okinawa from hosting (the bulk of) US military forces," Hashimoto said at Osaka city hall.

The mayor said, however, his proposal has not been "closely examined in

view of defense policy" and its feasibility is not clear.

"The ball will be in the (central) government's court," he said. State-run Yao Airport, located southeast of the city of Osaka, has crossed runways measuring 1,490 metres and 1,200 meters. It does not host regular flights but serves as a base for small aircraft and helicopters engaged in aerial surveys and those owned by the Osaka police and firefighters.—Kyodo News

Concern mounts over agriculture development plan in Mozambique

YOKOHAMA, 4 June—While Japan advocated investment and private sector-led growth in Africa at a just-ended conference on the region's development, concern mounted among civil society groups that an agriculture project in Mozambique, which Tokyo is pushing through as one of its key projects in Africa, may end up depriving local farmers of their land.

"Small farmers are really concerned about the

project," Augusto Mafigo, president of Mozambique's National Peasants' Union known as UNAC, said in an interview with Kyodo News.

The programme dubbed "ProSavana," which is promoted by the Japanese, Brazilian and Mozambican governments, eyes developing a vast area of intact savanna in northern Mozambique, encompassing more than 10 million hectares of land in

three provinces.

However, the Civic Commission for Africa, which represented members of Japanese and African civil society at the three-day fifth Tokyo International Conference on African Development through Monday, also expressed concerns that ProSavana is actually designed to promote agribusiness that will only benefit foreign companies. "TICAD...should ensure that its process does

not lead to the dispossession of the small farmers' land in what is commonly referred to as land grabbing," it said in a statement issued on Monday.

Japan is tying up with Brazil on the project in Mozambique to make use of its experience from the 1970s, when Japan helped Brazil, both financially and technologically, develop the Cerrado savanna area, which had been thought unsuitable for farming.—Kyodo News



Employees at the Environment Ministry work in casual wear in their office in Tokyo on 3 June, 2013, the first day of this year's "Super Cool Biz" campaign to promote energy conservation in the workplace by having air conditioners set at 28 C and encouraging employees to dress more casually.

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| 8:25 am | 5:15 pm |
| 7. Sing A Song | 23. Teleplay |
| 9:00 am | 6:00 pm |
| 8. News/ International News | 24. News/ Weather Report |
| 9:20 am | 7:00 pm |
| 9. Documentary | 25. News |
| 10:00 am | 7:30 pm |
| 10. News | 27. Documentary |
| 10:15 am | 8:00 pm |
| 11. TV Drama Series | 28. News/ International News/ Weather Report |
| 11:00 am | 8:35 pm |
| 12. Barkery World | 29. People Talks |
| 11:15 am | 8:45 pm |
| 13. Approaching Science Discovery World | 30. Hit Songs of Stars |
| 12:00 pm | 9:00 pm |
| 14. News/ International News/ Weather Report | 31. News |
| | 32. My Mind Game My SEA Games |
| | 33. Nostalgia to Myanmar Cultural Arts |



Tourists make their way to detour a rock-fall blocked road in Nantou County, southeast China's Taiwan, on 2 June, 2013.

Three people died, one person missing and 20 others were injured, including 3 severely, in an earthquake that shook Nantou County on Sunday afternoon.

XINHUA

Five foreigners sentenced to death for drug smuggling in Egypt

CAIRO, 4 June—An Egyptian court sentenced five foreigners to death by hanging on Monday for smuggling drugs, an official said. British citizen Charles Raymond Ferndale, 74, and three citizens of the Seychelles were held in a cage inside the courtroom in the popular tourist destination

of Hurghada on the Red Sea coast as the verdict was read out. The fifth defendant, a Pakistani, escaped during the arrest and was sentenced in absentia. The convicted men were arrested in 2011 in possession of three tonnes of hashish on board a ship off Egypt's eastern coast, according to the court official.

The British foreign office said it was "extremely concerned" at the sentence. "We are opposed to the death penalty in all circumstances. Our consular team in Cairo are in contact with the British prisoner and we will do our utmost to prevent this execution," a spokesman said.

Reuters

Fighters, helicopters commissioned into service

NAY PYI TAW, 4 June—

New fighters and helicopters were commissioned into service at Meiktila Flying Training Base in Meiktila today and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing officiated the commissioning ceremony.

During the ceremony, the Chief of Staff (Air) announced the commissioning of the fighters and helicopters and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presented scale models of fighters to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and senior military officers to mark the ceremony.

Firstly, a helicopter and a jet fighter performed composite formation flying.

Afterwards, a helicopter hovered in the sky to salute the Commander-in-Chief



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party pose for documentary photo with newly-commissioned aircrafts in the background.—MNA



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sprinkles scented water on new fighter jet.—MNA

of Defence Services and Stop Management in the sky.

A group of five jet fighters performed

arrowhead formation, releasing smoke trail to salute the Commander-in-Chief. A group of four jet fighters performed diamond

Myanmar youth golfers won prizes in 2013 European Championship

YANGON, 4 June—A Myanmar youth golf team led by Joint General Secretary U Myo Tun took part in 2013 European Championship World Youth Golf Tournament held at East Lothian golf course in Scotland from 28 to 31 May.

A total of over 500 youth golfers around the world participated in the tourney and Myanmar woman youth golfers Yin May Myo stood third in Girl Age Group 15-18 and Thin Wai Khaing, seventh in Girl Age Group 11.

In the first three days of the tournament, Yin May Myo won first prize in Van

Horn Cup which can take part only the teams representing international and Europe teams. It was second successes for Myanmar youth golfers at international level.

Myanmar youth golfers Yin May Myo and Thin Wai Khaing secured first and fourth in US Kids Golf World Championship which was participated by over 400 youth golfers from 22 countries from Europe, America and Asia held in Saujana Golf & Club, Selangor in Malaysia from 3 to 7 December 2012. So, they were invited to compete in this tournament.—NLM

formation and simultaneous roll. Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the already-repaired two training helicopters.

After the performances,

the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and senior military officers sprinkled scented water on the aircrafts and greeted the pilots.

Senior General Min

MNA



New fighter jets show off excellent skills at the ceremony to commission them into service at Defence Services (Air).—MNA

Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium

- (1) The Central Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium of the Ministry of Mines holds Golden Jubilee Myanma Gems Emporium at Maniyadana Jade Hall and Myanma Gems Museum (upstairs of Yadana Market) in Nay Pyi Taw from 15 to 27 June.
- (2) Jade, gems and pearl lots will be sold through open tender system and competitive bidding system. Till 4-6-2013, the committee has received 9657 jade lots, 269 gems lots and 234 pearl lots for the open tender system and 346 jade lots, 98 gems lots and 21 pearl lots for the competitive bidding system.
- (3) Over 280 foreign gems merchants and 29 local merchants have already registered to attend the emporium till 4-6-2013.

Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee

Press Release

Regarding the recent attacks on Myanmar citizens working and residing in Malaysia, His Excellency U Zin Yaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gave Aide Memoire to His Excellency Dr Ahmad Faisal Bin Muhamad, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this afternoon. In Aide Memoire, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar calls upon the Malaysian authorities: to launch immediate investigation on the attacks made to the Myanmar citizens and take legal actions to persons who are responsible; to provide adequate protection for the safety of Myanmar citizens living in Malaysia; to take appropriate measures to ensure that such undesirable attacks resulting in physical injuries and loss of life and property do not occur in the future, it is learnt.

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