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President U Thein Sein felicitates Icelander counterpart, PM

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Olafur Grimsson, President of the Republic of Iceland and His Excellency Mr Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson, Prime Minister of the Republic of Iceland, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Iceland, which falls on 17 June, 2013.—MNA

Union L & F Minister meets milch cow breeders in Pobbathiri, Zabuthiri Tsp



Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint views breeding of milch cows in Pobbathiri Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Union Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met with milch cow breeders

in Aung Thukha Village in Pobbathiri Township, here, this morning. In meeting with them, the Union minister

said that the ministry was striving for development of livestock breeding sector to increase per capita income

of rural people through people-centered approach. He urged them to breed more milch cows for feeding

milk to young students and public and the ministry is widely engaged in cow breeding sector, said the Union minister. He invited enthusiasts to attend the breeding courses organized by the ministry.

He continued that the veterinarians were vaccinating animals in the villages and the productivity of milk and dairy products will increase by vaccinating animals monthly. He vowed to distribute ox from Shwebo and Sagaing Regions to the villages

and called for extended breeding of poultry and pigs in the region.

The Union minister proceeded to Alynlo Village in Zabuthiri Township where he met milch cow breeders and explained programmes to provide them with cows for milk and cows for meat, health care service for animals and management procedures for development of livestock breeding sector. He also asked about difficulties the breeders are facing.

MNA

Union SWRR Minister meets UNFPA Resident Representative

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin received UNFPA Resident Representative Ms. Janet Jackson and party at Maykhalar Hall of the ministry, here, on 14 June morning.

They cordially discussed knowledge dissemination for gender equality being jointly carried out by SWRR Ministry and UNFPA, reproductive health and submission of a report on capacity-building for women by Myanmar in 2014.

MNA

Myanmar seafood exports to go up

Seafood exports from Myanmar are going to grow significantly this year, as European Union removed its trade restrictions imposed on Myanmar, according to Van der Pijl, business developer and consultant for the Netherlands-based socio-economic research firm.

A plan to be implemented by EU to import farmed seafood

products from Myanmar would help Myanmar to ensure boosting seafood products export.

Buyers from the EU, the U.S. and, other countries are looking to the country to fulfill global short supplies of wild shrimp and other wild and farmed species such as tilapia. Myanmar produced an impressive 4.1 million tons of wild and farmed species in 2011

and is expected to produce 4.5 million tons of seafood products in 2012, according to the report.

Most of the companies that have EU approval of seafood export to Japan.

Bangladesh and Myanmar have produced Black Tiger and Pacific white shrimp which fetch a good price in the Japanese market, and the EU will be a good market as well.

However, the farmed seafood sector is struggling to be revitalized while its products are in good demand. The infrastructure of the farmed shrimp sector in Myanmar is badly affected by the natural disasters and there will be a need of financial support from international donors for its rehabilitation, said Pijl.

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Public Service Media under Democratic Reform-6

Situation in Asian region

Asian region has lagged behind in development of Public Service Media except India, South Korea and Japan where PSMs have developed while Europe has seen sustainable development in PSMs.

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IRRI distributes flood resistant paddy strains



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AGRICULTURE

Monsoon season cultivation starts in Ayadaw



AYADAW, 16 June — Aimed at ensuring improvement in socio-economic status of rural farmers and workers, meeting their basic needs and more production of quality agricultural produce

by farmers, agricultural works start in rural areas when the monsoon season comes.

“I had a bumper harvest of pulses and beans as the area had a good rainfall last year and crops were provided with natural and chemical fertilizers. It is difficult to forecast whether the area will have an annual high rainfall or not. Now I am growing groundnuts, sesames and pigeon peas,” says a farmer who is busy ploughing his field in monsoon season.

Kyemon-Ayadaw Tint Wai

Upgrading of cooperative societies based on microfinance scheme stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June — Ceremonies to provide microfinance to members and villages for rural region development and socio-economic improvement took place separately in Pale Township of Sagaing Region on 9-10 June.

Agricultural loans were presented to 86 members in Inkan village of the township, cash assistance for construction of village libraries in Yayshin and Lokethar villages,

publications for village libraries in four villages and stationery for primary schools in Inkan and Kaingtwin village were handed over to responsible persons.

In his addresses at the ceremonies, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan stressed the importance of the role of parents to encourage their children to broaden their horizons. He called for participation of members for sustainable development

COOPERATIVE

of microfinance scheme in accord with the prescribed methods so that the visions will be realized.

It is required to upgrade the cooperative societies in five models to assist the country to develop her economy based on microfinance scheme, he added. He vowed to provide cooperative societies with capital by the ministry for their upgrading process and urged members to repay the loans in instalments.

MNA

CRIME

Yamethin fish farm stabbing: Three dead and one injured

YAMETHIN, 16 June — One worker was hospitalized and three others were stabbed to death at fish farm No (104) in company block of Paunglaung area in Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region at about 2.30 am on 12 June.

A young man was taken into police custody in relation to the stabbing three fish farm workers to death and wounding of one who were under knife attack while they fell asleep at a hut.

U Thein Lwin, 50, Zaw Zaw Han, 33, Maung Thein, 20, awoke to a shout from Yan Naing Tun, 18, who also fell asleep together with them.

At that time the light was off. Lin Lin, 18, stabbed U Thein Lwin in the upper part of the chest, Zaw Zaw Han in the left side of the chest and Maung Thein in the left breast with a knife one after another.

The three victims died of a single stab wound to their chest on the spot. Then Lin Lin tried to attack Yan Naing Tun who fled the scene and shouted for help after being stabbed in his left arm. The injured was given medical treatment at Yamethin hospital.

Lin Lin who is believed to have stabbed three men to death and knifed one has been charged with murder at Tukon police station.

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Insein fire reduces four houses to ashes

YANGON, 16 June — A fire broke out in East Ywama ward of Insein Township, here, yesterday evening.

The fire is said to have started from an overheated inverter while it was loading a battery

with electric power at the house of U Pho Cho, 72, on Dhammayon lane No (1) in the township at about

FIRE

4.55 pm. Fire crew accompanied by 19 fire trucks and four administrative vehicles rushed there and put out the fire which died down at about 5.30 pm.

The fire engulfed four houses and left Daw Khin May, 93, injured.

She was taken to Insein hospital for treatment. A total of seven households with 29 fire victims are being accommodated at the Insein Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative's office in the ward.

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DEVELOPMENT

Yadana Theinga Bridge to be commissioned into service soon

YANGON, 16 June — According to Public Works, Yadana Theinga Bridge linking east and west banks of Ayeyawady Region will be put into service in July.

Upon completion, people will be able to travel from Nwentyein village in Kyaukmyaung Township in Sagaing Region to Singu Township in PyinOoLwin District of Mandalay Region.

The facility framed with steel trusses will be 2480 feet long and it will have a 28 feet wide two-lane motorway flanked by three feet wide sidewalks.

Its water clearance area will be 320 feet in width and 47 feet in height. It can withstand 75 tons of loads per vehicle.

Local people said that the bridge could bring equitable development to eastern and western parts of Ayeyawady Region; that businesses would be good in the region; that transportation between Shan State and Kachin State would be swift and smooth; that crops from plain regions would be able to transport to Shan State; and that time and money can be saved to travel to Kachin State thanks to the bridge.

Kyemon-Shwe Htoo

Swa sees more transformers

YEDASHE, 16 June — With the aim of ensuring supply of electricity with full voltage, reducing possible dangers of electricity and minimizing the unit loss of electricity, the Ministry of Electric Power is installing more transformers at Htaukkyantkwin village in Swa of Yedashe township.

According to the

engineer in-charge of Electrical Engineer's Office in Swa, replacement of wooden posts with concrete ones, installation of power lines and a 11/0.4 KV (315) KVA transformers is not only good for supply of electricity with full voltage to the users but can help protect against loss of electricity. — *Kyemon-578*



TRAFFIC RULES ENFORCEMENT

Yangon to see punitive actions against undisciplined vehicles



YANGON, 16 June — It is high time to carry out a thorough inspection of all passenger vehicles and to make necessary

arrangements for the convenience and safety of passengers on board the vehicles of the bus lines under the supervision of

Yangon Region All Bus-line Control Committee (Central) in the rainy season.

Road accidents and rollover crashes may occur due to weak foundation of road shoulders and big

holes on some narrow roads in Yangon while overhead bridges are under construction. Lubricants and fuel oil spilled on the roads and mud which are partly covered on roads are also contributing factors to road

crashes.

The onus is on all of drivers and conductors not to drive fast switching on the headlights during the heavy rains and make a dash stop while driving.

As directives have been

released by Yangon Region government to take punitive actions against undisciplined vehicles that broke the traffic rules, officials concerned are urged to supervise and monitor traffic rules enforcement. — *Kyemon-701*

WORLD

World Bank, UN join hands in conflict zones but face hurdles



A UN peacekeeper escorts UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and World Bank President Jim Yong Kim (R) during their joint trip to Goma, in the Democratic Republic of Congo's war-torn east, on 23 May, 2013.

REUTERS

GOMA, 16 June—When the heads of the World Bank and the United Nations flew into the violence-racked African city of Goma on a cloudy day last month, it was the first time the giants of international development had joined forces in the struggle to help the world's most fragile regions.

World Bank President Jim Yong Kim and UN Secretary-General Ban

Police raid on Istanbul park triggers night of rioting

ISTANBUL, 16 June—Thousands of people took to the streets of Istanbul overnight on Sunday, erecting barricades and starting bonfires, after riot police firing teargas and water cannon stormed a park at the centre of two weeks of anti-government unrest.

Lines of police backed by armoured vehicles sealed off Taksim Square in the centre of the city as officers raided the adjoining Gezi Park late on Saturday, where protesters had been camped in a ramshackle settlement of tents. Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan had warned hours earlier that security forces would clear the square, the centre of more than two

weeks of fierce anti-government protests that spread to cities across the country, unless the demonstrators withdrew before a ruling party rally in Istanbul on Sunday.

They announced the funding in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), even as mortar shells were falling in the country's eastern edge in Goma. But the men, both born in South

“We have our Istanbul rally tomorrow. I say it clearly: Taksim Square must be evacuated, otherwise this country's security forces know how to evacuate it,” he told tens of thousands of flag-waving supporters at a rally in Ankara. Protesters took to the streets in several neighbourhoods across Istanbul following the raid on Gezi Park, ripping up metal fences, paving stones and advertising hoardings to build barricades and lighting bonfires of trash in the streets. Some

At least 20 killed in spate of car bombings in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 June — At least 20 people were killed and 111 others wounded in a series of car bomb attacks and shootings in Iraq on Sunday, police said.

Two car bombs went off in al-Arousa Square in the center of Basra, some 550 km south of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, killing five people and wounding 10 others, a local police source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, two car bombs exploded in two areas in Nasriyah, some 375 km south of Baghdad, killing two people and wounding 35 others, a local police source told Xinhua.

In central Iraq, a car bomb hit the city of Aziziyah, some 70 km southeast of Baghdad, killing a civilian and wounding ten.

Separately, a car bomb was detonated in the industrial area in the city of Kut, 170 km southwest of

Korea, pledged to continue their trip.

“We're going there because our belief is that peace, security and economic development are intertwined,” Kim said in Kinshasa. “We're going with a very specific purpose in mind: there must be a peace dividend.”

The organizations admit the effort to work together faces hurdles. Both have vast, unwieldy bureaucracies that have historically competed with each other, and the bank had been wary of loaning to fragile states with shaky governments and murky institutions.

Further, development analysts warn that no one has yet figured out a surefire way to bring lasting development to countries caught in cycles of violence. But with half the world's poorest people set to live in conflict-torn regions by 2018, the institutions can ill afford to do nothing, the World Bank and analysts say.—Reuters



Protesters clean the entrance to Gezi park in Istanbul's Taksim square on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

chanted, “Tayyip, resign.”

Local television footage showed groups of demonstrators blocking a main highway to Ataturk airport on the western edge of the city, while to the east, several hundred walked towards a main bridge crossing the Bosphorus waterway towards Taksim. Thousands more

of Baghdad, a local police source said.

In the town of Mada'in, some 30 km south of Baghdad, a car bomb and a roadside bomb hit a police patrol in the two, killing a policeman and wounding seven others, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Elsewhere, two civilians were killed and 18 wounded when a car bomb went off at a popular vegetable marketplace in the holy Shiite city of Najaf, some 160 km south

Deadly Colorado wildfire mostly contained

DENVER, 16 June—Crews battling a deadly wildfire that is the most destructive on record in Colorado have contained more than half of the 15,500-acre (6,275-hectare) blaze that has incinerated nearly 500 homes outside Colorado Springs, authorities said on Saturday.

Cooler temperatures, calmer winds and a rain-storm that moved over the burn area on Friday allowed fire managers to increase the containment of the fire to 55

percent from 30 percent the day before.

But the number of homes confirmed destroyed by the so-called Black Forest Fire jumped to 483 on Saturday, compared with a count of about 420 homes on Friday, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office said on its website.

The tally increased as assessment crews combed through areas that had cooled, El Paso County Sheriff Terry Maketa told reporters earlier in the day.



Rich Harvey, incident commander with the National Incident Management Team, shows the updated fire lines during a containment briefing on the Black Forest Fire near Colorado Springs, Colorado on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Maketa said the bulk of the homes were lost in the first 24 hours of the blaze, and voiced optimism the threat from the fire was diminishing.

“I think we're getting the upper hand,” Maketa said, adding that when he toured the area, it “looked like a nuclear bomb went off.”

Fueled by tinder-dry vegetation and fanned by high winds, the blaze erupted on Tuesday in a wooded area northeast of Colorado Springs.

Flames roared out of control for two days, charring a 24-square-mile (62-square-km) swath through rolling hills on the outskirts of Colorado's second-largest city.

Two people were found dead inside the garage of a home that was reduced to ashes when flames ripped through the area. The sheriff said the cause of the fire was under investigation, but he believed it was caused by humans, because there were no lightning strikes in the area that could have sparked the blaze.—Reuters

US puts jets in Jordan, fuels Russian fear of Syria no-fly zone

BEIRUT, 16 June—The United States said on Saturday it would keep F-16 fighters and Patriot missiles in Jordan at Amman's request, and Russia bristled at the possibility they could be used to enforce a no-fly zone inside Syria.

Washington, which has long called for President Bashar al-Assad to step down, pledged military support to Syrian rebels this week, citing what it said was the Syrian military's use of chemical weapons—an allegation Damascus has denied. Defence Secretary Chuck Hagel has approved a Jordanian request for American F-16s and Patriot missiles to remain in the Western-backed kingdom after a joint military exercise there next week, a Pen-

tagon spokesman said.

Western diplomats said on Friday Washington was considering a limited no-fly zone over parts of Syria, but the White House noted later that it would be far harder and costlier to set one up there than it was in Libya, saying the United States had no national interest in pursuing that option.

Russia, an ally of Damascus and fierce opponent of outside military intervention in Syria, said any attempt to impose a no-fly zone using F-16s and Patriots from Jordan would be illegal. “You don't have to be a great expert to understand that this will violate international law,” Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said.

Reuters



A Free Syrian Army fighter looks through a periscope in the Mouzafeen neighbourhood in Deir al-Zor, on 14 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Two more car bombs ripped through the town of Mahawil, some 70 km south of Baghdad, at least wounding six people.

Xinhua

EU quizzes telecom firms, handset makers on Google's Android

BRUSSELS, 16 June—European Union antitrust regulators are asking mobile telecoms operators and handset makers if their Android deals with Google block rivals in mobile telephony, a move that could lead to a second investigation into the company.

Google is already seeking to settle a three-year probe into complaints it squeezed out online search rivals.

The Internet search company has offered concessions including labelling its products in search results and providing links to competing sites. EU Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia has said he will likely ask for more.

The EU regulators' latest action was prompted by complaints, including from Microsoft and Nokia, to the European Commission in April that accused Google of using its Android operating system for smartphones to divert traffic to its search engine.

Android is widely used in smartphones and tablets, with a 60 percent global market share compared to Apple's 19 percent, according to consultancy Canalis.

The Commission asked telecoms providers and handset makers whether the Android agreements with Google "contain clauses preventing or limiting you from launching/distributing

non-Android devices," according to a questionnaire seen by Reuters.

The EU competition authority also wanted to know if there were restrictions for Android devices that did not meet Google's compatibility requirements.

Regulators asked if Google-branded Android devices could be shipped with mobile services that compete with the Internet search engine's own mobile services.

Google spokesman Al Verney said: "Android is an open platform that fosters competition. Handset makers, carriers and consumers can decide how to use Android, including which applications they want to use."



Android mascots are lined up in the demonstration area at the Google I/O Developers Conference in the Moscone Centre in San Francisco, California, on 10 May, 2011.—REUTERS

Respondents have until 26 July to reply to the list of 82 questions, which

could determine whether the Commission will open a new investigation into the world's most popular Internet search engine.

Reuters

Google to launch new Nexus 7 tablet in July for \$229

WASHINGTON, 16 June—Google managed to make a big splash in the tablet market with the launch of its Nexus 7 tablet last year. It was expected that the company will be unveiling its successor at this year's Google I/O but that did not happen. A recent report by CNET claims that Google is very close to launching its next generation of Nexus 7 tablet. The website has got this bit of information from market research company IHS. The report also illustrates that Japan Display and AUO have been roped to manufacture the display second genera-

tion Nexus 7. In addition to this, Quanta is the company that is making the tablet itself. Another news report by DigiTimes claims that this Nexus 7 tablet will indeed start retailing in the month of July. This report adds that Google will price the 16GB version of Nexus 7 successor for \$229. The report adds that the price of this tablet has been deliberately kept higher than its predecessor so that the company is not competing directly with the low-end tablet makers.

The other rumoured specifications of the forthcoming 7-inch tablet

from Google include a 1920 x1200 display, with a pixel density of 323 pixels per inch. It is expected that this tablet will be powered by Qualcomm's Snapdragon processor rather than the

NVIDIA Tegra 3 processor on-board its predecessor. This tablet from Google is likely to compete head on with next generation iPad mini and Kindle Fire HD tablets from Apple and Amazon.—PTI



The devices will also feature the much touted 'Air View' feature, that lets users preview information in emails, photos in Gallery, and speed dial contacts without opening them.—PTI

Samsung Galaxy Mega 6.3 up for pre-orders at Rs 30,990

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 June—Samsung's recently launched jumbo screen phone, Galaxy Mega 6.3 is now up for pre-order on e-commerce websites, listed at a price of Rs 30,990.

The phone has been listed on Flipkart and Infibeam. While Flipkart mentions that the phone will be available by the fifth week of June, Infibeam says that it will launch on 22 June. Flipkart is also offering zero processing fee if you buy the phone on EMIs. It comes with a 1 year warranty.

The Samsung Galaxy Mega 6.3 sports a 6.3-inch 720x1280 display and features the same camera as that of Galaxy Mega 5.8. It is powered by a dual-core processor clocked at 1.7GHz.

The Galaxy Mega has 1.5GB of RAM, Bluetooth 4.0, Wi-Fi 802.11 a/b/g/n and A-GPS. The phone

comes with a 3,200 mAh battery and runs Android 4.2 Jelly Bean. The phone comes with 16GB internal storage capacity and has a microSD card for expanding the storage up to 64GB. The phone was launched at an MRP of Rs 31,490.

Along with the Mega 6.3, Samsung had also launched the Galaxy Mega 5.8 smartphone, which is available for Rs 24,900 on both commerce websites.

The Galaxy Mega smartphones offer split screen capability for a variety of applications including email, messages, 'MyFiles,' 'S Memo,' 'S Planner', amongst others.

The devices will also feature the much touted 'Air View' feature, that lets users preview information in emails, photos in Gallery, and speed dial contacts without opening them.—PTI

Microsoft mocks Apple's iPad in yet another television commercial

SAN FRANCISCO, 16 June—Microsoft has mocked Apple iPad yet again in a new TV commercial. This time the competition is between the Apple iPad and the Windows RT based Dell XPS 10 tablet. The ad features a Siri voice over just like Microsoft's previous commercial that compared the iPad with the Asus VivoTab PC. Surely, Microsoft is taking competition seriously and is using humour to make that point. The commercial begins

with Microsoft taking on the iPad's home screen and it's no zoom out limitation. The commercial has a user use a pinch out gesture on the iPad only to have Siri say, "I am sorry. I don't zoom out like that." and mumble "Ouch" in protest. The Dell XPS 10 on the other hand, easily zooms out to view the entire start screen on the tablet.

The next take is on the lack of an SD card slot on the iPad. Just as a user unsuccessful-

ly tries to insert a microSD card at various places on the iPad, the commercial has Siri say "You can't put an SD card there. Or there. Or there." The Dell tablet on the other hand easily puts the card on and displays the photographs on the SD card. The multitasking feature on Windows 8 RT that lets you perform two tasks at once has been touted as a strength time and again. In the commercial, as the Windows tablet splits its screen

to watch a movie and browse the calendar simultaneously, Siri appreciates the coolness of the feature by saying, "You can do two things at once. That's cool."

Finally the prices of the two tablets are revealed with the 32GB iPad priced at \$599 and the 32GB Dell XPS 10 Windows RT Tablet coming with a limited offer price of \$399. Siri's response to the price comparison is, "That's not cool." Watch the commercial to decide whether you think the advert is cool or not.

Microsoft perhaps seems to be on a mocking marathon when it comes to its rivals. The Windows tablets with the Siri voice overs are a great dig at the most popular tablet in the market. Also, the company's commercial for Nokia Lumia 920 with a 'Don't fight. Switch' message, is also an interesting way to suggest that amidst the Android and iOS rivalry it might be wise to just 'switch' to the Windows Phone.—PTI



BUSINESS & HEALTH



A customer shops for clothing at a Tesco shop in Bishop's Stortford, southern England on 26 Nov, 2012.

REUTERS

Tesco stops sourcing from a Bangladesh factory due to safety concerns

LONDON, 16 June—Tesco, the world's No 3 retailer, has stopped sourcing clothes from a factory in Bangladesh after discovering serious problems with the safety of a building, the company said on Saturday.

The move follows a survey the British-based supermarket chain conducted in the wake of the collapse of the Rana Plaza factory complex in Dhaka in April that killed 1,129 people.

"A structural survey of a site we source from in Bangladesh, owned by Liberty Fashions, has revealed serious problems with the safety of one of the buildings," Tesco said in a statement.

"We immediately made the owners aware of our findings, and tried to find an alternative to ceasing production

of Tesco products on this site. We are disappointed that this was not possible.

"Our concerns about the structure of this building are so serious that we decided our only option was to stop taking clothes from this site with immediate effect."

Tesco, which has promised to conduct structural surveys of all the factories it sources from, said it had urged the owners of the site to stop all production and to evacuate the premises to ensure the safety of its workers. It had also informed the relevant authorities, other customers of the site and the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BMGEA) of the survey results and its decision to stop sourcing from the site.—Reuters

BOJ's REITs purchase to exceed previous estimate

TOKYO, 16 June—The Bank of Japan will likely expand its purchase of Japanese real estate investment trusts (J-REITs) beyond its buying scheme announced earlier this year as part of the central bank's hyper-easing steps, the *Nikkei* business daily said on Saturday.

The BOJ said in April that it would boost the balance of its J-REITs holding by 30 billion yen (\$317.18 million) a year, and forecast 140 billion yen in holding for the end of 2013.

The central bank's aggressive buying, however, has already boosted the balance of its J-REITs holding closer to the 140 billion yen level, triggering a decline in the J-REITs market amid worries that the bank's

buying spree will soon lose steam.

The *Nikkei* said, without citing sources, that the BOJ is now expected to continue purchasing J-REITs so that the balance of the central bank's holding at the end of the year will likely exceed the 140 billion yen mark by up to 10 billion yen.

The Tokyo Stock Market's J-REITs subindex .TREIT fell 19 over the past two months.

Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda said on Tuesday that it is difficult to boost J-REITs buying within a short term because the J-REITs market itself is not big, but that the bank will closely watch the market and respond flexibly.

Reuters

A pedestrian holding an umbrella walks past the Bank of Japan building in Tokyo on 11 June, 2013.—REUTERS



Amplats workers end underground protest at South African mine

JOHANNESBURG, 16 June—Anglo American Platinum (AMSJ.J) said on Saturday operations at its Thembelani mine in South Africa were back to normal after a "group of employees" on Friday prevented 2,400 workers from going above ground.

Mitsubishi Motors eyes new Indonesian plant

TOKYO, 16 June—Mitsubishi Motors Corp (7211.T) is considering boosting output capacity in Indonesia and possibly building a new plant there to capitalize on brisk demand in emerging Asian economies.

"It is true that we are considering strengthening our operations in Indonesia, but nothing has been decided as of now," a company spokesman said on Saturday.

A *Nikkei* business daily report said the automaker, along with trader Mitsubishi Corp (8058.T) and local partners, plans to build a new Indonesia plant by around March 2017, with investment totaling at about 40 billion yen (\$422.90 million).

The spokesman said

"The situation at the mine is normal, people came above ground yesterday evening," Amplats spokeswoman Mpumi Sithole said.

The industrial action followed the dismissal of four union shop stewards for "inappropriate behaviour".

Reuters



A Mitsubishi Motors logo is seen on display at the New York International Auto Show in New York City.

REUTERS

Mitsubishi, the maker of Triton pickups, the Outlander Sport SUV and i-MiEV electric car, aims to post a net profit of 100 billion yen (\$1.06 billion) by the year ending March 2017.

If it were to build a new

Spain's public debt climbs to 88.2 pct of GDP in Q1

MADRID, 16 June—The Spanish public debt climbed to 88.2 percent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP) to total of 922.828 billion euros (1,228 billion US dollars) in the first quarter of 2013, hitting a record high according to new data released on Friday by the Bank of Spain.

In annual terms the Spanish public debt in-

creased by 19.09 percent since the first quarter of 2012, while on a quarterly basis the country's public debt increased by 4.4 percent since the last quarter of 2012, when it had reached 883.848 billion euros.

The three levels of the Spanish administration (central, regional and local) experienced increases in their public debt.

The debt of the Spanish central administration rose from previous 655.365 billion euros of the first quarter of 2012 to 796.817 billion euros of the first quarter of 2013 (76.2 percent of Spain's GDP).

The debt of the regional governments (Comunidades Autonomas) climbed to 189.589 billion euros in the first quarter of 2013 from 146.395 billion euros of the first quarter of 2012, which meant a 29.51 percent increase in annual terms.

Finally, the debt of Spain's local administrations stood at 4.1 percent of GDP in the first quarter, 42.795 billion euros, which meant a 16.1 percent increase after having declined for the last two consecutive quarters.

Xinhua

Venezuela considers taking bottles from babies' mouths



A nurse fills baby bottles inside the child care unit at the Santa Ana public maternity hospital in Caracas on 22 Oct, 2011.—REUTERS

CARACAS, 16 June—Promotion and Support for Breast-Feeding, passed in 2007, did not establish any sanctions for using formula. However, she did not say what the sanctions might be if the proposed change to prohibit bottle feeding is passed by Congress, where the Socialist Party has a majority.

Monzon said, however, that exceptions would be allowed, such as in the case of the death of a mother, or for women with limited breast milk production, as determined by the health ministry. She did not respond to phone calls seeking details, including how long babies would be breast-fed.

"We want to increase the love (between mother and child) because this has been lost as a result of these transnational companies selling formula," Monzon said on state television on Thursday. She said the Law for the

Such legislation would likely raise the ire of opposition sympathizers who say the government of the late President Hugo Chavez excessively extended the reach of the state into the lives of private citizens. "People are free to feed their children as they see fit," said Ingrid Rivero, a 27-year-old mother in Caracas. "My daughter

stopped breast feeding after seven months. What can I do? Force her?"

Chavez ally Nicolas Maduro, who was elected in April after his mentor's death from cancer, has vowed to extend his predecessor's 14-year self-styled revolution that enjoyed strong support among the country's poor.

Reuters

Spain's Rajoy calls on ECB to create bank lending scheme for smaller companies

MADRID, 16 June—Spanish Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy on Saturday called on the European Central Bank to create a cheap funding scheme for small businesses, mirroring those used by authorities outside the euro zone to try and get credit flowing via banks.

Rajoy, who has previously urged the ECB to change its collateral rules to help smaller companies access financing at better conditions, said the ECB could emulate plans such as a Bank of England scheme.

The British central bank launched a 'Funding for Lending' scheme in mid-

2012 aimed at encouraging banks to give credit by providing them with cheap financing.

"I would like the ECB to act like other central banks, to do as the Bank of England has done—giving cheap loans to financial entities so that these financial entities can lend at cheaper rates to small and medium-sized companies," Rajoy said at an event in Tarragona, northern Spain. Small companies in southern Europe are having to pay higher rates for financing than those in other EU countries, a problem exacerbated by a prolonged recession in Spain.—Reuters

WORLD

Attacks on university women, hospital leave 21 dead in Pakistan



Firefighters spray water to extinguish fire from a burning bus at the site of a bomb blast in Quetta on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

ISLAMABAD, 16 June—At least 21 people, including 11 female university students, are dead and dozens are wounded after an explosion inside a student bus and an attack on a hospital in Pakistan's Quetta on Saturday afternoon, hospital and other officials said. The incident began when a bomb exploded as students at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's Uni-

versity were getting on the bus in the university compound on Brewery Road in the capital of Baluchistan Province.

Hospital officials said several of the wounded students were brought to hospital in critical condition. Then, a second bomb went off at the Bolan Medical Complex in Quetta as the injured from the first explosion were being given

emergency medical care.

Armed men then took positions inside and on the rooftop of the hospital and were firing on people trying to leave or enter the hospital building. The explosion in the hospital took place when senior administration and city police officials had already rushed to the hospital and it was thronged with relatives of the students killed or injured in the earlier bomb attack on the bus.

Later reports said female students and seven others, including doctors and nurses, were killed in the explosion inside the operating theatre of the Bolan Medical Complex. Khalid Hussain, a doctor still locked inside the hospital, told the ARY News Channel that several of the wounded students who were receiving medical aid in the operating were killed by the explosion reportedly set off by a suicide bomber.

Kyodo News

South Africa's Mandela 'recovering very well', grandson says

QUNU S AFRICA, 16 June—Former South African president and anti-apartheid hero Nelson Mandela is recovering well from a lung infection which has kept him in a serious condition in hospital for a week, his grandson said on Saturday.

The comment by Mandla Mandela was the latest indication that the health of his 94-year-old grandfather, South Africa's first black president, was showing signs of improvement. Mandela has been receiving visits from family members after he was rushed to hospital a week ago with a re-

currence of lung problems.

"Madiba is recovering very well and looks good," Mandla Mandela said in Qunu, a village in the Eastern Cape Province where Mandela was born and spent his early years.

Speaking in Xhosa at a funeral of another relative, Mandla used the clan name 'Madiba' by which Mandela is popularly known.

"I thank the nation and the world for the prayers for Madiba, and the doctors and the office of the ANC for keeping the family updated," he said.

South Africa's government said on Thursday that



Police officers read messages from well wishers pasted outside the hospital, where former South African President Nelson Mandela is being treated, in Pretoria on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Mandela was continuing to recover but his condition remained serious.

Mandela's hospitalisation is his fourth since December and has reinforced growing awareness among South Africa's 53 million people that they will one day have to say goodbye to the father of the "Rainbow



Workers prepare the Arena Pernambuco stadium in Sao Lourenco da Mata, a suburb of Recife on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS

RECIFE, (Brazil), 16 June—For football fans flocking to Confederations Cup matches in Brazil's tropical northeast next week, getting tickets to the stadium should be simple—but two in three will not find accommodations in the host city Recife.

Officials are sending visitors as far as 120 kilometres (75 miles) inland to spend the night, a detour on

par with staying in Philadelphia for a New York Knicks game.

The tournament starting on Saturday, a dress rehearsal for the 2014 World Cup, will lay bare for visitors what may surprise many: despite gorgeous beaches, a tempting climate and legendary hospitality, Brazil's tourism industry

Colombian police rescue two kidnapped Spanish tourists

BOGOTA, 16 June—Colombian police early on Saturday rescued two Spanish tourists held captive by a criminal gang for nearly a month in northern Colombia, finding them sleeping in hammocks, and two men collecting a ransom were arrested in Spain, police officials said.

Maria Concepcion Marlaska, 43, and Angel Fernandez, 49, were seized on 17 May while travelling by car to the popular tourist destination of Cabo de la Vela on Colombia's northern peninsula.

"They are free and in good health," Colonel Elber Velasco, commander of La Guajira Province police, told reporters. "It was a lightning rescue that required very important intelligence, an operation that did not require the use of weapons."

As part of a coordinated effort with Spanish authori-

pales next to its neighbours.

The country takes up half the South American continent but receives just a fifth of its international visits.

The land of Carnival and beach cocktails ranks behind everywhere in the western hemisphere but Venezuela in foreign tourists per capita.

To be sure, it is exceedingly difficult to find someone who regrets a vacation in Brazil. The country's growing middle class has also provided enough domestic demand to make its tourism industry the world's sixth largest.

As with much of the Brazilian economy, a captive local market seems to have made things too easy for the sector, pushing up prices, sapping competitiveness and contributing to a troubling foreign deficit.—Reuters

ties, a ransom worth 500,000 euros (\$667,000) was paid in Madrid, General Humberto Guatibonza, head of Colombia's anti-kidnapping police, told reporters.

Spanish police later arrested the two bag-men, one Spanish and one from Syria, he said. The cash was recovered.

The tourists were freed just after midnight near the city of Maicao on a stretch of land which juts into the Caribbean Sea and borders northwestern Venezuela.

Police officials said no arrests were made during the rescue and gave no other details about the operation beyond saying the couple were found sleeping in hammocks.

The couple were held in the homes of several Wayuu Indians close to the border with Venezuela. They were chained at times, according to Velasco.—Reuters



Spanish citizens Angel Fernandez Sanchez gestures to the media next to Maria Concepcion Marlaska after their arrival at the Catam military airport in Bogota on 15 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Xi-Obama summit opens up possibilities for new advances in China-US ties

WASHINGTON, 16 June—The first summit between Chinese President Xi Jinping and his US counterpart Barack Obama in California last week opened up possibilities for making new progress in advancing bilateral relations, former US Ambassador to China Stapleton Roy said recently.

"It's very significant that both top leaders have concluded that the trend toward growing strategic rivalry was damaging to the interests of their countries," Roy said during a conference call hosted by

the National Committee on the US-China relations on Thursday.

Fortunately, Xi and Obama reached consensus that they must reverse recent trends by creating a new type of relationship between major countries in the summit, which included informal one-on-one talks, Roy said. "In that respect, the summit was very successful," he said. "It reinforced the engagement we are already engaging in and opened up possibilities for moving in new areas."

It is also significant

that China is now talking about creating a new type of military-to-military relationship, one of the least developed areas of cooperation between the two countries, Roy noted.

As far as the Korean Peninsula is concerned, the tension originated during 2010-2011 has been replaced by a reaffirmation that both countries believe denuclearization of the peninsula is a common strategic interest, he said.

"(Each side) struck positive notes about where we want to go," Roy said.

"This is important because we need from the two presidents a sense of strategic direction of where we want the relationship to go. And I think that has been provided more clearly now than ever before," he said.

"Both sides want to move the relationship in a positive direction," he said.

The upcoming China-US Strategic and Economic Dialogue will provide some feedback as to whether the discussions between Xi and Obama are being reflected at the senior official levels, Roy added.—Xinhua

LOCAL NEWS



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe unveils the signboard of IKBZ Insurance Co Ltd at the launch of insurance services of the company at the corner of Bo Sun Pak street and Merchant street in Pabedan Township in Yangon on 12 June.—MYANMA ALINN

Anti-human trafficking knowledge shared in Tachilek

TACHILEK, 16 June— Under the supervision of District Anti-Human Trafficking Committee, Tachilek Township Anti-Human Trafficking Police Squad and Shwetachi Tourism Service jointly shared knowledge on human trafficking at the Dhammayon of Yanaungmye Monastery in Parlyan (1) Ward in Tachilek on 12 June. It was attended

by 120 motorcyclists from No 60 Taxi Gate. At the talks, Police Captain Yin Yin Aye of Anti-Human Trafficking Squad explained the meaning and penalty of human trafficker and smuggler and the government's currently endeavors in anti-human trafficking task and preventive measures on trafficking in person.

She also invited those present's participation as taxi drivers are partnerships to implement special plan 2012 and urged them to cooperate with Anti-Human Trafficking Police Squad. Then, those attendees were distributed pamphlets on knowledge about human trafficking by officials. *Kyemon-Myintmo (Tachilek)*



Pre-SEA Games activities billboard erected in Mogok a few months away from XXVII SEA Games to be hosted for the first time in Myanmar.— MMAL-TOWNSHIP IPRD

Tributary in Mandalay dredged for proper drainage

PATHEINGYI, 16 June — Mandalay Canal is 40 miles long constructed since 1902, stretching from the original dam to Amarapura. The idea was to link Aung Pinle lake, Nanda Lake, Zaungkalaw Lake and Tamokesoe Lake with Ayeyawady River to irrigate more than 100,000 farmlands along the canal. The canal passes through Madaya Township, Patheingyi Township and

Amarapura Township. Dinga, Mingala and Parantaw tributaries were also dug to prevent inundation. Human encroachments in years have formed ghettos in the former farmland areas, suffering the flood each year due to the tributaries which are not functioning well. Mandalay Region Irrigation Department is dredging Mingala tributary for proper drainage. *MMAL-Aung Kyaw Tun (Patheingyi)*



Tree planting ceremonies held in Sagaing Region



A tree planting ceremony is in progress in Sagaing Region. Tree planting ceremonies were held in townships in Sagaing Region on 5 June.

KAWLIN, 16 June— Jointly organized by Shwebo, Katha, Mawlaik, Hkamti District Forest Departments in Sagaing Region, tree planting ceremonies were held simultaneously in Taze, Katha, Kawlin, Pinlebu, Bamauk, Indaw and Homalin Townships on 5 June to mark World

Environment Day 2013. Around 1700 attendance of district/ township departmental personnel and the local people turned up at the ceremony. A total of 8167 saplings of teak, ironwood, Eucalyptus and Mahogany were planted. *MMAL-Township IPRD*

MPs visit Yazagyo people's hospital construction site

KALAY, 16 June— Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Thein Hlaing and Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Tin Hlaing, accompanied by village authorities, visited the construction site of Yazagyo station hospital on 8 June.

The construction started since 2011 on 8-acre land has only completed its foundation, according to the local people. The station hospital could cover more than 29000 population in Yazagyo, Nankyinhsaung, Kangyi, Khontha and

Sawbwayeshin village-tracts. The construction is stalled due to the lack of fund, requiring K 100 million to complete. MPs said they had requested fund for the construction project in 2013-2014 fiscal year. *MMAL-Shin Nay Min*

DISASTER

Old staff quarters in Yangon collapses

YANGON, 16 June—A dilapidated wooden staff quarters of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications Office in Kyimyindine Township in Yangon West District in Yangon Region collapsed in 14 June evening, hurting no one. The 80 years old building is regarded as the dangerous one by Yangon City Development Committee and no one lived there. Township authorities including the commander



of Township Fire Brigade and officials of Township Development Affairs Committee visited the scene and investigated the collapse. *MMAL-Tin Win Lay (Kyimyindine)*

School milk campaign launched in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 16 June—Mandalay Region Government launched milk campaign in Basic Education Schools at No (32) Basic Education Primary School on 13 June. The chief minister of Mandalay Region delivered an address at the campaign.

The chief minister and officials then fed milk to the schoolchildren. The region government sponsored the free milk campaign in 10 basic education schools and Myanmar Fisheries Federation (Mandalay Region) in three schools on

13 March. Under aegis of Mandalay Region Government, Tetra Laval Co Ltd and M.K Co Ltd will feed 17500 schoolchildren from 79 schools in July. *MMAL-Tin Maung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)*

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Yaungkaw village in Myitkyina Tsp taps stream

MYITKYINA, 16 June— The launch of water supply from the programme tapping the natural stream funded by the Sawlaw Development Affairs Committee was held in Yaungkaw village on 5 June morning. Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya, Township Police Commander Police Major Win Myint, the executive officer of

Township Development Affairs Committee and engineer in-charge U Nu Aung formally launched the water supply. It was attended by township officials, village-tract administrators, members of political parties and local people. *MMAL-Township IPRD*



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 17 June, 2013

Broadest public support

The main task of the present government is to move towards an economy that is equitable, that is fair and based on a level playing field, that develops our abundant natural wealth but in a way that protects our natural environment. To achieve all this we need maximum international support to train and educate, share knowledge, trade and invest, and encourage all the people to do the same.

The past two years under the incumbent government have been a time of transformation in Myanmar. Military rule ended, a new constitution was put into effect and the nation has begun a series of political and economic reforms that we hope will build a strong democracy and a strong market-oriented economy. And we are trying hard to end Myanmar's isolation, see the removal of all sanctions, and make the contributions we can to both regional and global security and development. At the same time the government is working hard to peacefully end the armed conflicts that have plagued the nation since independence in 1948.

A key part of that agenda will be to reach peace agreements with all non-state armed groups. The government in office has reached ceasefires with ten non-state armed groups. We are confident we can soon reach a ceasefire with the remaining major non-state armed group, the Kachin Independence Organization and Army. But that is not enough.

Our goal cannot be less than sustainable peace. It will mean compromise. It will mean the further devolution of power to the state and regional levels. It will mean new agreements on resource sharing. We wish to do this in a way that includes all citizens. We want to include not only the armed groups, but also political parties and civil society from all ethnic communities in the political dialogues to come. Peace must be rooted in the broadest possible participation of public support.

Union FM felicitates Icelander counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 17 June—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Gunnar Bragi Sveinsson, Minister of Foreign Affairs and External Trade of the Republic of Iceland, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Iceland, which falls on 17 June, 2013.

MNA

24/7 electricity supply resumed

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—Electricity Supply Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power is resuming 24/7 electricity supply to the industrial zones, factories

and public in the regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions through national grid starting from 14 June.

MNA

ARTICLE
Public Service Media under Democratic Reform-6

Situation in Asian region

Asian region has lagged behind in development of Public Service Media except India, South Korea and Japan where PSMs have developed while Europe has seen sustainable development in PSMs. So, Asia-Pacific Institute of Broadcast Development, AIBD has strived for emergence of PSMs in the region since early 1990.

However, the director of AIBD confirmed that there are many challenges of ensuring development of PSM in Asia and Pacific region due to priority given to economic sector, public finance limitation, opposition of influential private media, misunderstanding on the nature of PSM, and lack of human resources and political willingness. Nonetheless, countries in the region acknowledged the need to introduce a type of PSM aiming at ensuring implementation of media pluralism, anti-media monopoly and free flow of information to all citizens.

So, a meeting of Information Ministers of Asia-Pacific Region held on 27 May 2004 endorsed the Bangkok Declaration that encourages to implement PSMs in order to gain benefits of informing the public, improving freedom of expression, contributing

towards free flow of information and ensuring mass participation.

The Bangkok Declaration includes points to be adhered to guarantee financial and editorial freedom in PSMs and to share information to all citizens and methods of providing funds to PSMs.

Indonesia was a pioneer of implementing PSM among ASEAN countries including Myanmar. When it initiated reform process in 1998, state-owned television and radio broadcasting centre were transformed into PSMs. According to a report of Mapping Media Policy in Indonesia compiled by Centre for Innovation Policy and Governance with the help of Ford Foundation in March 2012, only media with profit motive extremely developed and media monopoly occurred as Indonesia failed to systematically manage the media sector.

The report revealed that Indonesian PSMs lacked the competence to manage themselves as the organization had many problems and it is inappropriate that media freedom is used for seeking economic profit, not for the sake of the people. The report also pointed out that media services should be run in a separate way as they are different from

other economic entities. In real situation, it is found that not only newspapers, journals and magazines and private television and radio broadcasting centres but also all media services including popular Internet media websites are owned by 12 media groups.

In Thailand, Thai Independence Television, TITV was transformed into the public service broadcasting by law in 2008. It is found that Thai PSB has gained recognition at home and abroad for its qualified services even though it was transformed into PSB just in 2008.

The Philippines has not yet achieved success for establishing PSM despite its efforts since 2007. Amy Daquilanea-Tanoy, Associate Professor, Broadcasting, of the University of the Philippines Visayas, pointed out that the reason why the Philippines did not succeed in it was political unwillingness of the government and the parliament, the opposition of private commercial media firms in their own interests and lack of thorough public knowledge on PSM.

While PSM is introduced to ASEAN member countries, Myanmar has brought the PSM bill to the parliament. The bill has become a subject of debate and it deserves to be debated from different points of views and ideologies as

Banya Aung

Myanmar is a democracy. We all welcome it.

However, as part of efforts for transition to democracy, Myanmar is carrying out to modify some existing institutions, abolish some and establish new ones at the same time.

The current PSM bill is the new one and it is aimed at establishing a new institution which has not yet established in Myanmar. Therefore, to be suitable for the situation of Myanmar, the PSM bill is drafted based on PSMs in European countries which started it and gained recognition of their PSMs from international community.

However, it is found that most criticisms of the bill come from personal feelings, doubts and private interests, not meeting with international media standard. In fact, criticisms of the PSM bill which is the first ever institution of Myanmar, should come from international standards to bring benefits to all stakeholders rather than from personal feelings and past experiences. It is hoped that the information included in this article would help the bill to a certain extent to be looked at objectively.

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Road to BEHS in Dabein upgraded, exercise books donated to 14 schools



Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe visits the hospital in Dabein of Hlegu Township.—MNA

YANGON, 16 June—Wellwishers donated exercise books worth K 4.42 million to school children

from 14 schools in Dabein, Yangon Region, yesterday.

The ceremony to donate books to the schools was

held in conjunction with a ceremony to open an upgrade road to the Basic Education High School in Dabein.

Correction

Please read “newspaper readers has dropped by 13% in North America, 24.8% in West Europe and 27.4% in East Europe, while there is an 9.8% increase in Asia” in third paragraph of fourth column in the article under the heading “Public Service Media under Democratic Reform-5” that appeared on page 8 of this daily issued on 16-6-2013.—NLM

Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe formally opened the 77-foot-in-length and 8-foot-in-width road which was upgraded to a concrete one at a cost of over K 9.3 million.

After the ceremony, the Union minister visited the sites chosen to build a new school building and a 16-bed hospital for Dabein.

MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Lamp-posts erected in downtown Ayadaw



AYADAW, 16 June—With the aim of enabling the local people to have access to electrification, the township electrical engineer and skilled electricians erected and installed lamp-posts and power lines in No 2 Ingyinhla Ward of Ayadaw of Monywa District in Sagaing Region on 13 June.

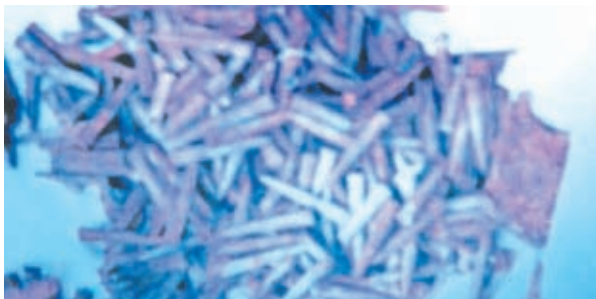
a village located two miles from the urban area. Due to growing population, the village is close to the No 2 region and it then became an urban area. To have town characteristics, the Government provided 40 lamp-posts and cable power lines to the area with the fund of the local people.

Ingyinhla Ward 2 was

Kyemon-Ayadaw IPRD

ODD NEWS

Rounds of ammunition found in Bago



BAGO, 16 June—U Zaw Moe of Taungthusu Village in the area of No 1 police station in Bago Township of Bago Region found old rounds of ammunition in two feet depth he dug for construction of the brick water tank in front of his house.

his findings. Therefore, Police Captain Hla Thein fo No 1 Police Station, SIP Nay Tun Aung, SIP Myat Thaw and policemen inspected 301 rounds of ammunition.

The police officials make arrangements for handing over the bullets to the local military battalion.

He informed No 1 police station in Bago of

Kyemon-Zaw Shin (Oktha)

IRRI distributes flood resistant paddy strains

MYAUNGMYA, 16 June—A ceremony to present flood resistant paddy strains to farmers by International Rice Research Institute was held at the hall of Central Agricultural Research Farm in Myaungmya District on 13 June morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Tun Min Zaw made a speech. Head of District Agriculture Department U Myint Aye and the in-charge of the farm explained matters related to the flood resistant paddy strains. Officials presented 80 baskets of paddy seeds to



Myaungmya Township, 40 baskets to Einme Township, 40 baskets to Wakema Township, totaling 160 to farmers through officials.

Some parts of Myaungmya District are

flooded. Therefore, the farmers face difficulty to grow paddy and loss of cultivated paddy plantations. The new paddy strain can resist the flooded areas.

Kyemon-District IPRD

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Monghsat marks World Environment Day



MONGHSAT, 16 June—Organized by Township Forest Department of Monghsat District in Shan State, the communal tree growing ceremony in commemoration of the World Environment Day took place near Bayintnaung Golf Course beside Mongh-

sat-Mongkok Road on 8 June morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Kyaw Ohn of District General Administration Department made a speech.

Next, the deputy commissioner, Township Administrator U Aye Naing and departmental personnel, the head of Town-

ship Forest Department and staff, members of Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross and Fire Brigade together with local national races totaling over 270 participated growing of 540 teak saplings at the designated places.

Kyemon-Wai Yan Lin Let (Monghsat)

Stipends provided to students of staff from Kyaukse District Police Force

KYAUKSE, 16 June—A ceremony to grant stipend for students of staff from Kyaukse District

Police Force was held at the meeting hall of District Police Force Office on 12 June, with an address by Commander of District Police Force Lt-Col Hi Zar Ouk.

The school uniforms, exercise books and cash assistance K 426,300 were presented to 38 students who are from primary to university levels.

Kyemon-Tun Tun Naing (Kyaukse District IPRD)

Commander of Kyaukse District Police Force Lt-Col Hi Zar Ouk presents stipends to student of members of District Police Force.



HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY

Free health care services given to locals in Loilem

LOILEM, 16 June—With the assistance of Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Thi and Shan State Hluttaw Representatives U Khun Degull and U Sai Ba Oo, a 20-member medical team including specialists and nurses led by Dr Aung Soe from Loilem Hospital (200-bed) gave free health care services to locals at Panglong Hospital in Panglong Sub-Township in Loilem Township on 13 June.

First, the Pyithu Hluttaw representative and Shan State Hluttaw representatives donated over K 500,000 for the fund to give medical treatment to locals at the meeting hall of Panglong Hospital through officials. Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Khin Maung Thi made clarification on free medical treatment. Then, the specialists, assistant doctors and nurses gave free medical services to local people.

A total of 378 patients received free medical services by the specialists team. Arrangements are being made to continue free health care services to locals from Loilem and its surrounding areas.

Kyemon-Moe Lwin Oo (Loilem IPRD)



DRAIN DREDGED: DaikU Township Development Affairs Committee of Bago Region is dredging drains for proper flow of water with the concerted efforts of workers from Township DAC in wards of DaikU on 15 June. Engineer in-charge of the township DAC U Tin Soe Naing and Kyaungsu Ward administrator supervise sanitation and dredging works.—KYEMON-NAY LIN

US spy agency paper says fewer than 300 phone numbers closely scrutinized



An undated aerial handout photo shows the National Security Agency (NSA) headquarters building in Fort Meade, Maryland.—REUTERS

WASHINGTON, 16 June — The US government only searched for detailed information on calls involving fewer than 300 specific phone numbers among the millions of raw phone records collected by the National Security Agency in 2012, according to a government paper obtained by Reuters on Saturday.

The unclassified paper was circulated on Saturday within the government by US intelligence agencies and apparently is an attempt by spy agencies and

the Obama administration to rebut accusations that it overreached in investigating potential militant plots.

The administration has said that even though the NSA, according to top-secret documents made public by former agency contractor Edward Snowden, collects massive amounts of data on message traffic from both US based telephone and internet companies, such data collection is legal, subject to tight controls and does not intrude on the privacy of ordinary Americans.

The paper circulated on Saturday said that data from the NSA phone and email collections programmes not only led US investigators to the ringleader of a plot to attack New York's subway system in 2009, but also to one of his co-conspirators in the United States.

The paper discusses an NSA programme that collects "metadata"—raw information that does not identify individual telephone subscribers—from major US phone companies showing all calls made by those companies' subscribers to phones within the United States and overseas.

It also mentions another NSA programme, called Prism in leaked documents, that collects from internet companies what the paper says are emails of foreigners who might be of interest to counterterrorism or counter-proliferation investigators.

Millions of phone records were collected in 2012, but the paper says US authorities only looked in detail at the records linked to fewer than 300 phone numbers.—Reuters

Italian PM announces package to fund public works, cut red tape

ROME, 16 June—Italian Prime Minister Enrico Letta on Saturday announced a package of measures to fund public works projects and cut red tape in a bid to pull the euro zone's third-largest economy out of recession while respecting European budget limits.

Letta said the government would meet again on Wednesday and Friday to introduce further measures to simplify bureaucracy, loosen hiring rules and fight youth unemployment.

The decree law reduces some of the harshest penalties available to a much-hated tax collection agency, Equitalia, and streamlines the legal process for civil disputes. "These are all measures that are needed to restart the country's economy," Letta said after a cabinet meeting that lasted more than five hours. They include a "significant impulse for many public works projects", he said.

The decree frees up nearly 3 billion euros for public works projects this year, which will create 30,000 temporary construction jobs, the Public Works

Ministry said in a statement. The funds will be re-directed from other projects that were not going to be able to spend the money this year, Public Works Minister Maurizio Lupi said.

About 600 million

newable energy providers, Industry Minister Flavio Zanonato said, without saying how much this would cost producers.

Letta, now in his second month as head of an uneasy right-left coalition



Italy's Prime Minister Enrico Letta addresses a news conference during a European Union leaders summit in Brussels May 22, 2013.—REUTERS

euros will go to improvements in the national rail network, 300 million euros for maintaining tunnels and bridges, 300 million euros for improving school buildings, and 100 million euros for projects in small communities.

Electricity bills will be reduced by a total of 550 million euros in part by reducing the tax to fund

government, is seeking to spur growth without increasing the budget deficit, already seen coming in just under the European Union's 3 percent of GDP ceiling. Earlier on Saturday, Letta assured European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso that Italy would stick to its goal to keep the deficit at 2.9 percent of output this year.—Reuters

EgyptAir plane diverted after threatening note found

CAIRO, 16 June—An EgyptAir jet heading to New York from Cairo was diverted and landed in Scotland on Saturday after a passenger found a note in a toilet containing a threat to set the plane on fire, the Egyptian airline told Reuters.

The pilot informed air traffic control and landed at Glasgow Prestwick Airport, where the 310 passengers disembarked, Tawfik Assy, chairman of the state-owned airline, said in Cairo.

A note written in English and reading "This flight will be on fire" was found next to a pencil in one of the plane's toilets by a woman passenger, Assy said.

Once the crew were made aware, the pilot diverted. "According to the rules, we have to be on the ground as soon as possible," Assy said. Scottish police confirmed the incident.

Reuters



Kuninori Matsuda (L), Japanese consul general in Detroit, speaks to students at Oakland Community College in Michigan in May 2013. While the pace of growth in the number of people learning Japanese has slowed across the United States since the 1990s, Michigan has seen a remarkable increase over the past couple of years, apparently as a result of promotional activities by government, academia and industry. KYODONNEWS

Over 530,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 16 June—The United Nations Higher Council for Refugees said on Sunday that the number of Syrians who fled their war-torn country to Lebanon has exceeded 530,000 after an increase of 19,000 in a week.

In its latest report on Syrian refugees, the UN agency said more than 455,000 Syrian refugees have registered with UN offices in Lebanon while over 75,000 others are waiting for their registration process to complete.

The registered refu-

gees are benefiting from aid provided by the UN, the Lebanese government and various nongovernmental aid agencies, according to the report.

The report added 167,900 Syrian refugees have been registered in north Lebanon; 156,500 in the eastern Bekaa region; 77,500 in Beirut and Mount Lebanon and 53,600 in south Lebanon.

Lebanon has called on the international community to help bear its burden of hosting the Syrian refugees, who are expected to exceed

1 million by the end of the year.

Earlier this month, Lebanese President Michel Suleiman sounded the alarm on Lebanon's incapacity of dealing with the rampant spate of displaced Syrians coming into the country. UN Higher Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said last month that the number of refugees in Lebanon had surpassed 25 percent of its population and that they were inflicting a huge burden on the government and people of Lebanon.—Xinhua

Regional leaders weigh in on Zimbabwe's poll date

MAPUTO, 16 June—Southern African leaders on Saturday urged Zimbabwe to consider delaying the general elections set on 31 July by the country's veteran leader Robert Mugabe, citing the need to prepare "peaceful, credible, free and fair elections."

The 15-member Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), which mediated the Zimbabwean political crisis during the 2008 elections, convened a special summit on Saturday in Mozambican capital Maputo, attended by Mugabe and Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai as well as leaders from other SADC states including South African President Jacob Zuma, the facilitator of the Zimbabwe political dialogue.

After one day's close-door session, the regional bloc's secretary general Tomaz Salomao told reporters that the summit "agreed on the need of the government of Zimbabwe to engage the constitutional court to request more time beyond the 31 July deadline."

Meanwhile, Zuma was

urged to "make more efforts" to ensure the country's major political parties to undertake immediate measures to create conducive environment for holding peaceful, credible, free and fair elections, Salomao said.

The Constitutional Court of Zimbabwe earlier this month ruled that the country's harmonized elections, which combine presidential, parliamentary, and council polls on the same day, should be held no later than 31 July.

President Mugabe on Thursday proclaimed the election day on 31 July, a decision denounced by his arch-rival Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai, arguing that little time is left for crucial reforms to ensure a credible vote.

In response to the call of the SADC summit, Mugabe spoke through state media that it remains to be seen if the Constitutional Court will grant the relief. "Perhaps we should appeal to the court to examine the reason for the argument ... for giving the people a little longer time," Mugabe said.

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Photo shows buildings containing the No 3 reactor (R) and No 4 reactor at Kansai Electric Power Co's Oi nuclear plant in Fukui Prefecture on 15 June, 2013. The Nuclear Regulation Authority conducted an on-site inspection the same day at the nuclear plant to assess whether the two reactors can meet new safety requirements coming into force in July.—KYODO NEWS

Sri Lankan president says key elections will go ahead

COLOMBO, 16 June—Sri Lankan President Mahinda Rajapaksa said on Saturday that elections for the Northern Province, most of which was once under Tamil Tiger rebel control, will go ahead as scheduled.

Elections for the Northern Province are scheduled to take place in September but the dates have not yet been announced.

Rajapaksa, who visited the former rebel stronghold of Kilinochchi on Saturday said that at the elections the public will have the opportunity and independence to select the representatives who will bring further development to the region.

"We are in the process of restoring everything that was destroyed during the past 30 years. You all need protect them. Development has been four years. Look at the difference. Your region is developing very fast. It should be developed more," he said.

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Diving supplies prepared for China's manned sub

ABOARD XIANGY ANGHONG 09, 16 June—The crew of China's manned deep-sea submersible *Jiaolong* has finished preparing underwater supplies ahead of the mission's first diving operation, scientists said on Saturday.

The supplies prepared aboard the *Xiangyanghong 09* oceanographic vessel carrying *Jiaolong* include daily and emergency materials, said Tang Jialing, one of the divers on the mission.

Early on Thursday morning, *Jiaolong* reached a cold spring operation area where the water depth is no more than 1,000 metres amid high waves and strong gales. The adverse weather forced the sub to move on

very dangerous and that the country doesn't need narrow political ideals, according to the president who urged people not to believe false publicity, noting that he believes the people will make a decision that won't ruin their children's future.

Having declared open a renewed section of a highway connecting the north and south of the country, known as the A-9 road, and a new airstrip in Iranamadu, a short distance from Kilinochchi, which was used by the rebels during the war, Rajapaksa said that during the past four years, the region has seen many new facilities in a number of sectors including housing, road development, power, education, health, trade and banking.

The Sri Lankan army defeated the rebels in May 2009 and since then the war-affected north has been developed with local and foreign assistance.

Xinhua

from the area, but scientists nevertheless installed and tested research devices.

On Saturday, the mission's crew members prepared enough oxygen supplies for the sub in normal and emergency conditions, as well as enough back-up oxygen to last 60 hours.

They also finished preparing food, drinking water and other necessary supplies including cameras, urinals and computers designed to be resistant to moisture, salt spray and fungus.

It is expected that *Jiaolong* will now return to the cold spring area. The time of its diving operations will be decided based on sea conditions.—Xinhua

Rate of births from donor eggs trebles in 3 years in Japan

TOKYO, 16 June—The percentage of births from donor eggs more than trebled in Japan in 2012 from three years earlier, a government survey showed Saturday.

The rate rose to 0.051 percent in 2012 from 0.015 percent in 2009, having increased each year, according to the survey by a study group of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

The survey found that

State Grid expects more summer power demand

BEIJING, 16 June—The State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC), the country's biggest power distributor, said on Saturday that electricity demand is expected to increase 8.4 percent year on year this summer in the regions it covers.

The growth is 5.3 percentage points higher than that of last summer, said the company, which supplies power to 80 percent of China's territory.

Seven provincial-level grids will see power demand grow by over 10 percent, with most of them in less-developed western regions, said the company.

The SGCC said it is launching safety inspections on power lines, and

donor eggs were involved in 117 births from among the 163 hospitals that responded to the survey about babies delivered between January 2009 and September 2012.

The questionnaire was sent to 302 medical institutions nationwide by the research group led by Keio University professor Yasunori Yoshimura.

"Our survey suggests 300 to 400 babies are born from donor eggs each year

in Japan," Yoshimura said.

The average age of women who received donor eggs was 45.2.

Of the 117 births from donor eggs, 65 cases used eggs donated from the United States, 18 from Thailand, seven from Japan, four from South Korea and one each from Taipei, Malaysia and Russia.

Women aged 45-49 accounted for the largest number—46—of women giving birth from donor eggs.

Four women were 55 or older.

Some 68 percent experienced pregnancy complications such as hypertension among those who attempted to have babies by using donor eggs.

Debate is expected to intensify in Japan about the health risks faced by older women becoming pregnant and over the establishment of rules regarding donating and receiving eggs, observers say.—Kyodo News



Train dispatchers work in their office at the Lhasa West Railway Station in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 15 June, 2013. The China Railway Corporation, a commercial arm separated from the nation's ex-railways ministry, said Saturday that it will push its freight transport services to cover a bigger market. A company spokesman said it will work toward that goal through a slew of reforms focused on efficiency and better services, in efforts to transform the company's freight transport into a modern logistics business.

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All eyes on 37th session of World Heritage Committee in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 16 June—The 37th session of the World Heritage Committee (WHC) will begin on Sunday at Cambodian capital's Peace Palace with the participation of around 1,300 delegates from more than 120 countries, said a media statement released by host Cambodia.

Cambodia is the fourth Asian country, which was elected as host country of the 37th WHC session from 16 to 27 June, the statement said on Wednesday.

The session will be opened at the Peace Palace in Phnom Penh in the evening of 16 June by

Prime Minister Hun Sen and closed in Siem Reap Cultural City on 27 June by Deputy Prime Minister and Cabinet Minister Sok An.

Besides the local media, some 350 foreign journalists have registered to cover the 12-day event.

Phay Siphan, Spokesman for Cambodia's Council of Ministers, said it is a pride for Cambodia to host such a significant meeting and it would be an opportunity to show the world about the richness of Cambodia's culture and civilization.

"Cambodia has nearly 1,000 ancient temples and

is the country with the oldest culture in Southeast Asia," he told *Xinhua* on Saturday. "The session will be the chance to tell the world that Cambodia is rich in culture and civilization and is putting its efforts to protect and conserve those ancient temples for tourists and next generations."

According to the statement, the upcoming session would identify, on the basis of nominations dossiers submitted by States Parties, cultural and natural properties of Outstanding Universal Value which are to be listed.

It would also review

the state of conservation of properties inscribed on the World Heritage List and decide which properties need to be placed in the World Heritage List in Danger or to be removed from the World Heritage List.

In addition, it would examine international assistance requests managed by the World Heritage Fund.

Xinhua

At least four killed in NE China chemical plant explosion

DALIAN, 16 June—At least four people were killed in a chemical plant explosion in northeast China's Liaoning Province on Saturday evening, local authorities said.

The explosion happened at about 6:40 pm in Jinzhou District, Dalian City. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

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A child sits on his father's shoulder at a musical festival in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, on 10 June, 2013. The third Sunday in June marks the Father's Day, which falls on 16 June this year.

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UAE lenders seek to lure SMEs community

DUBAI, 16 June — Amid fierce competition in retail banking, local and foreign lenders in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) increasingly lure the growing community of small and medium-sized enterprises, while entrepreneurs still complain about multiple headwinds.

With the UAE economy booming, the 23 local banks and 28 foreign banks present, on almost weekly basis, new solutions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which according to the ministry of economy, account for over 90 percent of all businesses in the Gulf Arab country, a major oil supplier.

Earlier last week, Dubai's biggest lender operating in line with Islamic law or Shar'iah Emirates Is-

lamic Bank, known as EIB, launched a finance for new products for SMEs wishing to purchase machinery, equipment and company cars. There are some 230,000 SMEs licensed in the UAE which has about 8 million residents.

A month ago, the UAE's biggest lender by assets Emirates NBD introduced RISE, an e-platform in cyberspace that provides SME business owners in the UAE an organized channel to learn, connect and grow their businesses. Ajman Bank, an Islamic financial institution from the same-named UAE sheikhdom, established Mahra (Arabic for filly), a segment which is solely run by women bankers exclusive for female customers, especially women entrepreneurs.

According to Faisal Aqil, the deputy CEO of Emirates Islamic Bank and responsible for consumer wealth management, retail banking is the most competitive segment in UAE banking. "Because of this and also because new SMEs are mushrooming, we increase our range of products and services in this field." The will to found a company is popular among local Emiratis and expats likewise high," said Aqil.

But many entrepreneurs say access to capital, good advice and well-trained staff was still difficult and anti-entrepreneurial. "The existing visa and employment system is very anti-startups and small business," said Mohamed Al-Awadi, founder of restaurant chain Wild Peeta

which he closed down at the end of last year, in an interview with *Gulf News*.

By developing products customized for the SME sector, banks try to lure new business owners and improve their reputation which has suffered so much in recent years in the wake of the global financial crisis. According to Abdulrahman Al-Ghurair, the chairman of the Dubai Chamber of Commerce and Industry, SMEs contribute around 60 percent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in the UAE.

Xinhua



A man sells fish at the beach in Recife, Pernambuco state, Brazil, on 15 June, 2013. Recife is one of the venues for the FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013. The FIFA Confederations Cup Brazil 2013 will be held from 15 to 30 June.—XINHUA

China's mobile game market booms in Q1

BEIJING, 16 June—China's mobile game market reached a value of 2.16 billion yuan (352.3 million US dollars) in the first quarter of 2013, a major tech and Internet information provider has said.

The figure represents a 30.26-percent increase compared with the volume in the last quarter of 2012, according to the results of a

seasonal survey released by Analysys International on Friday.

The booming market is largely attributable to the growth of mobile network gaming, gaming which requires an Internet connection.

This has the most potential for driving the overall mobile game market along with the 75.28 mil-

lion new smartphones sold in the Chinese market in the first quarter of 2013, said Xue Yongfeng, an analyst with the firm.

In the first quarter, mobile network games contributed about 1.14 billion yuan, a 53.17-percent increase compared with the last quarter of 2012, to the whole mobile game market.

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Venezuela's President Nicolas Maduro (C) poses with young men during the proclamation of the Law for Disarmament and Control of Weapons and Ammunitions, in Punta de Mulatos, in the state of Vargas, Venezuela, on 15 June, 2013. XINHUA



Ecuador approves controversial Communications Law

QUITO, 16 June—Ecuadorian National Assembly approved on Friday with a large majority a controversial Communications Law that seeks to regulate the country's media.

The 127-article law was passed by a 108-26 margin in the parliament after four years of stagnation.

"We are guaranteeing the right to freedom of speech and opinion. We are preventing previous censorship. We are beginning to change the history of communications," said Mauro Andino, the ruling party lawmaker who sponsored the bill.

The right-wing opposition and journalists who consider the law as a "Gag Rule" criticized that the law will allow the government to control media and limit freedom of speech. "This law is a reality because now speech is for all," retorted Gabriela

Rivadeneira, president of the National Assembly.

The law was approved with the changes and reviews made in the last days by President Rafael Correa who has said the country needs laws "to sanction the abuses made under the name of freedom of speech."

Under the new law, there will be a redistribution of open-signal radio and television frequencies with 33 percent for public media, 33 percent for private media and 34 percent for community media.

This reduces the share of the private sector in media, which currently controls 85.5 percent of the radio frequencies and 71 percent of the television frequencies, according to the Superintendence of Telecommunications.

The law also gives priority to the national production, bans monopoly on the

media, recognizes the rights of journalists and requires that 10 percent of the private advertising received by media will be invested in local or regional media to strengthen them.

Most importantly, the law allows to establish a regulatory body to restrict violent, sexual or discriminatory content and to sanction and fine violators and it also bans "media lynching".

According to the new law, media should refrain from spreading information in an indirect way or by third person, or discrediting a natural or legal person.

Since 2007, when president Correa assumed power, he has had strong disagreements with right-wing private press, which he refers as "factual power, corrupt, profit-seeker and mediocre," due to distorted information on him.—Xinhua

Ukraine aims to enhance strategic partnership with China

KIEV, 16 June—Ukrainian Deputy Foreign Minister Viktor Maiko said here on Friday that his country aims to deepen its strategic partnership and cooperation

with China.

"This year we plan to sign a programme of enhancing the strategic partnership between Ukraine and the People's Republic of China during

2013-2017. The programme will include specific measures to be implemented in various areas of cooperation," Maiko said during talks with Chinese Ambassador to Ukraine Zhang Xiyun on the sidelines of the international business conference.—Xinhua

ENTERTAINMENT

Paris Jackson never got over her father's death



Paris Jackson

LOS ANGELES, 16 June —Late pop legend Michael Jackson's daughter Paris, who is in hospital after an

alleged suicide attempt, hasn't properly mourned the death of her father, and she is perhaps yet to over-

come the tragedy of his death.

If a source is to be believed, one of the reasons

behind Paris' cry for help is that she has never properly mourned the passing of her father, who died from acute Propofol intoxication in 2009.

Paris is currently receiving psychological help at UCLA Medical Centre and is said to have developed an obsession with the comments that people leave on social media sites about Michael Jackson, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

A source said that Paris is a "rebel" and she was almost expelled from school after punching a student who "talked smack about her father".

Paris had also come close to her birth mother Debbie Rowe before the incident. It is said that once Paris is discharged from the medical center, the duo will spend six to eight weeks together.—PTI

Dated Cheryl Cole, claims choreographer

LOS ANGELES, 16 June —Choreographer Derek Hough has revealed that he had a brief relationship with singer Cheryl Cole in 2010. Derek appeared in Cheryl's 2010 song Parachute video and the duo was rumoured to be dating, but neither of them confirmed the news that time.

"We dated for a while. I don't speak about my time with her because I think often in this culture peo-

ple take advantage of their friendships," thesun.co.uk quoted Derek as saying.

Derek has always valued Cheryl's performance and insists that they are still friends.

"I've never spoken about her because her friendship is important to me. We are still friends, we are still very close," he said.

Cheryl is currently dating choreographer Tre Hol- loway.—PTI



Cheryl Cole

Victoria Beckham: I design for modern, stylish woman

LONDON, 16 June—Victoria Beckham made her designer debut in 2004 and became an instant favourite in the fashion world with her creations.

Singer-turned-fashion designer Victoria Beckham has said her designs are for women, who appreciate quality and luxury.

"I design for a chic, modern and stylish woman, who appreciates quality and luxury, as well as having the confidence to make what she wears her own," femalefirst.co.uk quoted Victoria as saying.

Not just clothes, but Victoria has diversified into accessory designing as well. "Bags and accessories are a natural complement to my clothing lines. I want to offer beautifully crafted pieces for every part of a woman's wardrobe," said the former Spice Girl.

Posh made her debut as a designer in 2004, when she collaborated with denim label Rock and Republic. Two years later, she launched denim line dVb style. In 2008, she introduced her signature label, Victoria Beckham.—PTI



Victoria Beckham

Arnold Schwarzenegger to return as Terminator



Arnold Schwarzenegger was last seen as Terminator in Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 16 June —Actor Arnold Schwarzenegger is set to star in Terminator 5 and he is reportedly "very happy" about it as well as looking forward to the experience.

The 65-year-old will reprise his most iconic role as the killer cyborg for the first time since 2003 film Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines, reports contactmusic.com.

During an appearance at the 21st Century Financial Education Summit in Australia, Schwarzenegger is reported to have said: "I'm very happy that the studios want me to be in Terminator 5 and to star as the Terminator, which we start shooting in January. I feel very proud of that. I feel very happy and I'm looking forward to (it)."

The star did not make an appearance in the series' fourth installment, Terminator Salvation, because he was working as the Governor of California at the time.—PTI

Miley Cyrus' parents divorcing?

LOS ANGELES, 16 June —Singer Miley Cyrus' father Billy Ray has reportedly filed for a divorce from wife Tish after being married to her for 20 years.

"This is a personal matter and we are doing what is in the best interest of our family. We ask that you respect our privacy at this time," eonline.com quoted Billy as saying.

Billy, 51, had first filed the divorce two-and-a-half years ago but withdrew his petition in March 2011 after an apparent reconciliation.

Tish, who has also filed her own divorce pe-

tion here citing irreconcilable differences as the reason, said: "This is a personal matter and we are working to find a resolution that is in the best interest of our family. We ask that you respect our privacy at this time."

Billy and Tish tied the knot in 1993 and are parents to sons Braison, Noah and Trace, and daughters Miley and Brandi.

Trace and Brandi were Tish's kids from a previous marriage, both of whom Cyrus adopted. He also has a son, Christopher, from a previous relationship.

PTI



Singer Miley Cyrus

SPORTS

Horner and Lawrie honoured in Queen's birthday list

LONDON, 16 June—European Ryder Cup golfer Paul Lawrie and Red Bull's Formula One team principal Christian Horner were recognized by The Queen in the monarch's birthday honours list on Friday.

Scot Lawrie was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire) for the work his foundation does in encouraging youngsters to

play golf.

"It's a huge honour but there are an awful lot of people who do a lot of work for my foundation," the 1999 British Open champion told the BBC.

"I would rather one of the foundation kids won a tournament. I get a huge kick from that," added Lawrie who was already an



Europe Ryder Cup team golfer Paul Lawrie



MBE (Member of the British Empire).

Horner has been Red Bull's team principal since 2005. He led them to the last three world constructors' titles and also helped German driver Sebastian Vettel win three successive individual crowns.

"I'm naturally shocked," said Horner after

he was awarded an OBE for services to motorsport. "It's all a bit unexpected, incredible really.

"To be in the company of men and women who have achieved such great things for the country is something very, very special. This is right up there with what I have achieved in motorsport."—Reuters

Red Bull Formula One team principal Christian

Japan hammered by Neymar, Brazil in Confederations Cup opener

BRASILIA, 16 June—Japan flunked their first test at the Confederations Cup as Alberto Zaccheroni's side went down 3-0 to two-time defending champions Brazil in the opening match on Saturday.

A cracking third-minute strike by Neymar and second-half goals from Paulinho and Jo easily handed the three points to Luiz Felipe Scolari's side, who will face Mexico on Wednesday. Japan play Italy next at Recife the same day.

Manchester United's Shinji Kagawa tipped his hat to Neymar for the goal, but said Japan did not help themselves with a lackluster performance littered with mistakes.

"We knew the impor-

tance of starting the match well, and then that happened," Kagawa said, referring to Neymar's half-volley from outside the box. "But you just have to credit him on that one; no one

could have done anything about it."

"Brazil were obviously good. But we had the rare opportunity of playing on a stage like this and we didn't take it. We said this and that

about trying to win today, but we didn't even come close to trying."

"This one is a much worse defeat than the one in October," he said of Japan's 4-0 defeat to Brazil in a friendly last year.

Man-of-the-match Neymar was substituted in the 74th minute as an injury precaution, Scolari said.

"Everything's OK, no problem," said Neymar, Barcelona's latest signing. "It was a quick play with Fred controlling the ball beautifully. I was lucky to have scored a fantastic goal."

Added Scolari, "The most important thing today was the result because it takes us a lot closer to the second round."

Kyodo News



Brazil's Thiago Silva (C) vies for the ball with Japanese Shinji Okazaki (L) and Shinji Kagawa (R) in the Confederations Cup match at Brasilia's National Stadium Mane Garrincha, in Brasilia, Brazil, on 15 June, 2013.

KYODO NEWS

Selfish players cause big trouble, says Mourinho

LONDON, 16 June—Jose Mourinho has told his players not to act selfishly in his second spell as manager of Chelsea otherwise there will be "big trouble" at Stamford Bridge.

Divisions emerged in the dressing room during the last few months of Mourinho's reign at his previous club Real Madrid and he seems determined to avoid a repeat.

"If you are a top professional, if you are not a selfish person, if you put the club in front of yourself and if you are here to work 100 percent for me, for your fellow play-

ers and for the club, we will have a wonderful relationship," he told reporters.

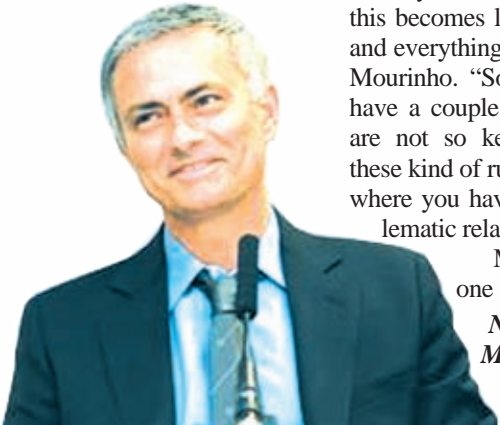
"If you are selfish, if you don't care about the club, don't care about the fans,

don't care about the image... we are in big trouble.

"Sometimes you have groups that adapt to this in a very easy way. Sometimes you have groups that this becomes like a doctrine and everything is easy," said Mourinho. "Sometimes you have a couple of guys who are not so keen to accept these kind of rules and this is where you have some problematic relationships."

Mourinho is one of eight Chelsea

Newly reappointed Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho speaks during a news conference at Stamford Bridge stadium in London on 10 June, 2013.—REUTERS



Abramovich never interfered in team affairs - Mourinho

LONDON, 16 June—Jose Mourinho has rejected the notion Roman Abramovich interfered in team affairs in his first spell as Chelsea manager and also denied the Russian owner went over his head to land big-money buy Andriy Shevchenko in 2006.

Mourinho said he was in complete control of all playing matters between 2004-07 and also gave an insight into the behind-the-scenes activity that led to the signing of AC Milan striker Shevchenko for 30 million pounds.

"The owner never, never during my time did he try to interfere in the basic things of the manager," the 50-year-old Portuguese told reporters.

"The basic things are training sessions, team selection, profile of the players you want to bring."

Mourinho, who signed a four-year contract earlier this month to return to Chelsea, said the Shevchenko transfer was a good example of how he and the billionaire owner used to work in tandem in his previous three-and-a-half-year stint at Stamford Bridge.

"We wanted to buy Samuel Eto'o from Barcelona," said the former Real Madrid, Inter Milan and Porto manager. "Why? Because he was the only player I could play with Didier Drogba, changing the system to two strikers."

The boss (Abramovich) did everything to bring Eto'o. In the end Barcelona said 'we don't sell, forget it'.

"After that we went to other options and got to Shevchenko, and I was happy with Shevchenko," Mourinho said.—Reuters



Russian billionaire and owner of Chelsea football club Roman Abramovich

Mickelson with one-shot lead at US Open

ARSMORE, (Pennsylvania), 16 June—Phil Mickelson moved a step closer to one of his biggest goals, a US Open title, as he emerged from a see-saw third round battle at Merion to take a one-shot lead into Sunday's final round.

Mickelson rolled in a nine-foot birdie putt at the 254-yard 17th hole to leapfrog playing partner Luke Donald, who slipped out of the lead with a bogey on the mammoth par-three.

Four-times major winner Mickelson, looking for his first US Open title after finishing runner-up a record five times, bogeyed the daunting 18th hole but still came away with the lead after completing an even-par 70 for a one-under-par 209 total.

"It is a hard challenge, but it is a lot of fun," said

Mickelson, keen for the next step in his quest for a first US Open crown.

"Let's go. I can't wait to get back out playing."

Sunday could be a dream day for Mickelson, who would add a missing line to his impressive resume with an Open victory as he celebrates



his 43rd birthday and Father's Day with his dad watching him play at Merion.

"I've had opportunities in years past, and it has been so fun, even though it's been heart breaking to come so close a number of times and let it slide," Mickelson said.—Reuters

GENERAL

People watch a watermelon of about 50 kilograms during a watermelon contest beside the Daminghu Lake in Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 15 June, 2013. A watermelon contest was held here on Saturday, with the biggest watermelon weighing about 50 kilograms.



XINHUA

Chalk Art under foot as pen shows its appeal in Pasadena California

LOS ANGELES, 16 June—To those over 600 artists, nothing is more exciting than painting on the cement ground of the whole street block with chalk: they are creating their art pieces under foot with imagination and creativity.

More than 600 chalk artists from all over the country came to Pasadena, a city in California where the famous annual New Year Rose Parade takes place, to spend the weekend creating artworks in every imaginable style in the tradition of the Italian "madonnari" street painters.

This year's highlights include "Animation Alley," featuring animators and graphic designers; the new "Chalk of Fame," showcasing chalk versions

of famous movie posters at the ArcLight movie theatre; and a mural of Pasadena's hometown baseball legend Jackie Robinson by Tom Matousek, a local artist.

Chalk paintings won't last, and after the two-day festival, they will disappear. But chalk artists do not care. Two days are enough to show their talent and imagination.

In 2010, the chalk painting event in Pasadena was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest public art event of its kind, and this year it is 10 percent larger, according to the event organizer.

Also, the appeal of watching the chalk art taking shape on concrete crosses all boundaries of

age and levels of sophistication. Last year, about 100,000 visitors attended the two-day event, and this year, more visitors are expected.

William Zin, who graduated from the California State University, Long Beach with an art degree, was working hard on his chalk painting "Going to the West" on Saturday morning.

Zin said this is his fifth year here, adding that as an immigrant from China, he wants to show Americans the rich Chinese culture with his chalk.

"Visitors would always come to me and ask me what the painting tells, and I would tell them the story I learned when I was a child," Zin said.—Xinhua

Murray tames fired-up Tsonga to reach Queen's final

LONDON, 16 June—Neither a revved up Jo-Wilfried Tsonga nor the awful British weather could prevent Andy Murray reaching a third Queen's Club final on Saturday as the world number two battled back from a set down to win 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Local favorite Murray now faces champion Marin Cilic in Sunday's final after the fifth-seeded Croat triumphed 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 against Lleyton Hewitt who was bidding to roll back the years by winning a fifth Queen's title.

After persistent showers kept the players off court for most of the day, Britain's twice champion Murray emerged into the evening gloom to find fourth seed Tsonga playing aggressive tennis of the highest caliber.

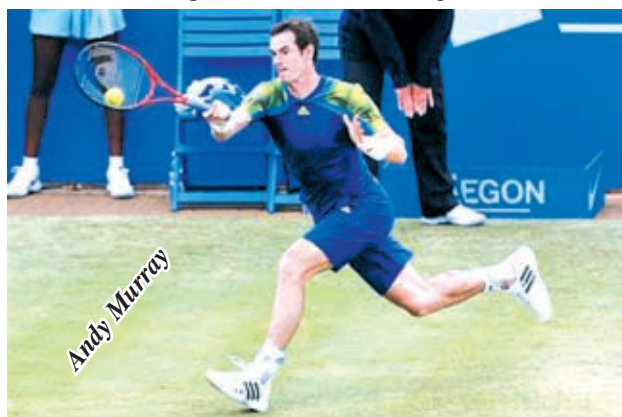
The US Open champion was outclassed in the opening set and faced two break points in the seventh game of the second as the big-hitting Frenchman tightened the screw.

Murray, however, managed to get a handle on the

Tsonga serve that had bamboozled him in the early stages and turned the encounter on its head, quickly gaining the psychological edge to extend his winning run over his opponent to seven matches.

Having missed the French Open with a back injury, Murray is still easing his way back to full fitness and will be pleased to have come through a testing workout against a player who battled to the semi-finals at Roland Garros this month, beating Roger Federer on the way.

"I'm much happier," the Scot told reporters. "I



Andy Murray

said yesterday you don't always come into this tournament with high expectations because you haven't had that long to prepare and it's always a tough draw here.

"With the situation I was in, this week has gone well. I have had a good win today against a top player and, providing I get some good practice next week and don't take my eye off the ball and just be content, I have had a good week here."

Cilic finally overcame unseeded Australian Hewitt in a match that began on Center Court but was shunted to neighboring Court One when organizers realized

French interior minister condemns attack on Chinese students

PARIS, 16 June—French Interior Minister Manuel Valls on Saturday condemned the attack on six Chinese students in France's western Gironde Province, describing the incident as an act of xenophobia.

Valls said in a statement that the three attackers will be punished by law and the French government will provide full support for the relatives of the injured students.

According to the statement, three drunk local men attacked six Chinese oenology students on Friday evening at the students' home in Hostens, located in the south of Gironde.

A female student at the age of around 20 was seriously injured in the face by a glass bottle and has already been sent to a hospital in the western city of Bordeaux for further treatment, it said.

Two of the alleged suspects have been detained, the statement added.

Xinhua

there was little hope of finishing both semi-finals on the main arena.

With rain forecast for Sunday, the prospect of a Monday finish is looming but the court switch still frustrated Hewitt.

"It was all weird," he said. "I think the ATP Tour guy panicked under pressure.

"I think he has to take a lot of the blame because there has not been another drop of rain since."

The 32-year-old Hewitt was attempting to become the oldest player to win at Queen's but Cilic proved an awkward opponent.

The Croat's steely serve bounced high off the skiddy turf, pushing Hewitt out of his comfort zone, and his low slice prevented the veteran attacking with his usual gusto.

Yet after losing the first set, Hewitt scrapped his way back into the match in the second.

While some of the old dynamism has gone, the fiery competitive streak

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6:00 am	1. Paritta By Venerable Mingun Sayadaw	2:45 pm	16. Man U Former Players Tour
6:25 am	2. To Be Healthy Exercise	3:15 pm	17. Teleplay
6:35 am	3. Song & Dance of National Races	3:45 pm	18. Instrumental Music
7:00 am	4. News/ Weather Report	4:30 pm	19. University Of Distance Education (TV Lectures) -Fourth Year (Law)
7:20 am	5. People Talks	4:50 pm	20. Dance Variety
7:35 am	6. Documentary	5:15 pm	21. Songs Programme
8:00 am	7. News/ International News	6:00 pm	23. News/ Weather Report
8:25 am	8. SEA Games Go For Gold (Futsal)	6:50 pm	24. TV Drama Series
9:20 am	9. Cartoon Series	7:00 pm	25. News
10:00 am	10. News	7:15 pm	26. TV Drama Series
10:15 am	11. TV Drama Series	8:00 pm	27. News/ International News/ Weather Report
11:00 am	12. Beautiful ASEAN	8:35 pm	28. People Talks
12:00 am	13. News/ International News/ Weather Report	8:50 pm	29. Hit Songs of Stars
12:25 pm	14. Myanmar Movies	9:00 pm	29. News
2:25 pm	15. Solo Favourites	30. Cartoon Series	30. Cartoon Series
		31. India Drama Series	31. India Drama Series

8-1 losing record to Murray including a straight-sets defeat at Wimbledon last year. "He plays well here," Murray said. "He's the Australian led the world number one and two grand slam titles in his heyday was still on show as he frequently queried calls and pointed accusing fingers at linesmen.

Tempers flared in the second set when Cilic felt Hewitt's persistent jibes were beginning to have some influence.

The normally placid Croat shouted 'he's putting pressure on your calls' when umpire James Keothavong overruled a linesman in Hewitt's favor.

Cilic kept his head and then piled on some pressure of his own, racing away with the deciding set.

The fifth seed has an

won nine matches in a row and he's beaten some top grasscourt players this week.

"He's one of the top 10 grasscourt players in the world, I would say."

Reuters

Mass participation is needed in dam construction

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing went on a tour of a 400-acre honey orange plantation in PyinOoLwin Township of Mandalay Region yesterday.

Next, the Union minister heard reports on growing methods and advanced water supply system and observed fruit processing.

On his arrival at a chosen site for Chaunggyi

Dam construction Project in Nawngkio Township of Shan State (North), the Union minister went to Chaunggyi waterfalls together with experts.

Then the Union minister accompanied by Shan State Minister for Agriculture and Livestock Breeding U Sai Sa Lu, local farmers and engineers visited watershed area near the chose site.

In meeting with local people at the briefing

hall, the Union minister elaborated on the dam construction project and follow-up tasks and development of agricultural sector being implemented by the Union government.

He said that the implementation of the project would be of great benefit to local people in growing more crops in the township, thereby generating more incomes and improving their living standard. Moreover,

regional development tasks could be realized as waterfall would produce hydropower, contributing towards full supply of electricity in nearby villages.

He called for mass participation in the project, understating the goodwill of the government.

Upon completion, the dam will benefit nearly 10000 acres of crops including paddy in the nearby villages. —MNA

Eastern hilly area of Pyinmana Township gets inter-village road

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—A ceremony to inaugurate Zeeyaing-Mayantaung-Myalin-Myatha-Labettaung inter-village earthen road was held at Myalin Village on eastern hilly area of Pyinmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

At first, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Col Myint Aung Than explained the efforts of the council for better transportation in the township. Member of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee U Kyaw Myint explained the construction of the road.

The Nay Pyi Taw Council member, Nay Pyi Taw Development

Committee U Myo Aung and village executive U Win Bo formally opened the road.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member Col Myint Aung Than presented school uniforms and stationery to students of No 168 Basic Education Primary School in Myalin Village. Headmaster U Thant Zin Oo spoke words of thanks.

Thanks to 22.5 miles long earthen road, the local people have easy access to villages along the road and enjoy fruits of education, health, social and economic development.

The ceremony was also attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun and officials.—MNA

Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continues for second day



Photo shows the gem merchants at the second day of the Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium at Mani Yadana Jade Hall.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium organized by Myanmar Gems Emporium Organizing Central Committee continued for the second day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, this morning.

Local and foreign gem

merchants observed jade lots to be sold through tender and competitive bidding system displayed around the hall.

They also viewed gem lots displayed at the jewellery market on the first floor of the hall.

The jewellery ornament fashion show continued

for the second day at the Jade Hall. The merchants took photos on Myanmar traditional costumes and jewellery ornaments of the participant damsels.

The shops of jewellery and ornaments were packed with visitors and enthusiasts.

This morning, the

merchants of 17 companies from Japan, Singapore, India, Thailand, Korea and Hong Kong purchased 76 of 78 pearl lots through tender. The remaining pearl lots will be sold through competitive bidding as of tomorrow and jade and gems lots on 18 June.

MNA

Victorious Myanmar golfers arrive back home

YANGON, 16 June—A Myanmar golfer team led by Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Federation U Min Thein and manager Joint General Secretary of the federation U Myo Tun took part in the 11th Mercedes Benz Junior Golf Championships 2013 in Burapha Golf & Resort of Thailand from 12 to 14 June.

Eight men and six women Myanmar golfers participated in the age-wise events.

A total of 140 golfers from Japan, India, China, China (Taipei), Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia, Canada, Australia and

Myanmar joined the championship.

Yin May Myo of Myanmar retained her previous year's title by securing the first prize in the Girl Class 3.

May Oo Khaing (Girl Class 4) stood third. Thin Wai Khaing (Girl Class 1) won the most progressive award. Zin Min Thu (Boy Class B 4) secured the third prize and Thiha Htay the fourth.

The victorious Myanmar golfer team was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of MGF, relatives and stewardesses from Air Bagan yesterday afternoon.

NLM

AIR KBZ adds one more ATR 72-600 aircraft to its fleet

Myanmar is an amazing country with a lot of beautiful scenic places. So it has become a tourist attraction spot. With a surge of tourist arrivals, the country's smokeless industry has developed. So AIR KBZ, a private-owned domestic airline, purchased a new aircraft to operate more domestic flights in the country.

AIR KBZ Chairperson Daw Nan Lai Kham and responsible persons received documents

related to a new ATR 72-600 aircraft handed over by CEO Mr. Filippo of ATR Company in Toulouse of France on 31 June. It is planned to run more domestic flights with the use of six aircrafts—two ATR 72-600 aircrafts including the newly-arrived aircraft and four ATR 72-500s. Plans are underway to resume flights to Monywa and Homalin.

Depending on the need of air travellers and increasing demand

for domestic flights by more arrivals of tourists, AIR KBZ has a plan to add two more passenger airplanes to its fleet prior to the open season of 2014 for the convenience of globetrotters in the country. AIR KBZ Chairperson Daw Nan Lai Kham said that the new aircraft would arrive this week. It is learnt that air tickets of AIR KBZ airline are available at Reservation Ph: 01 373766.

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