

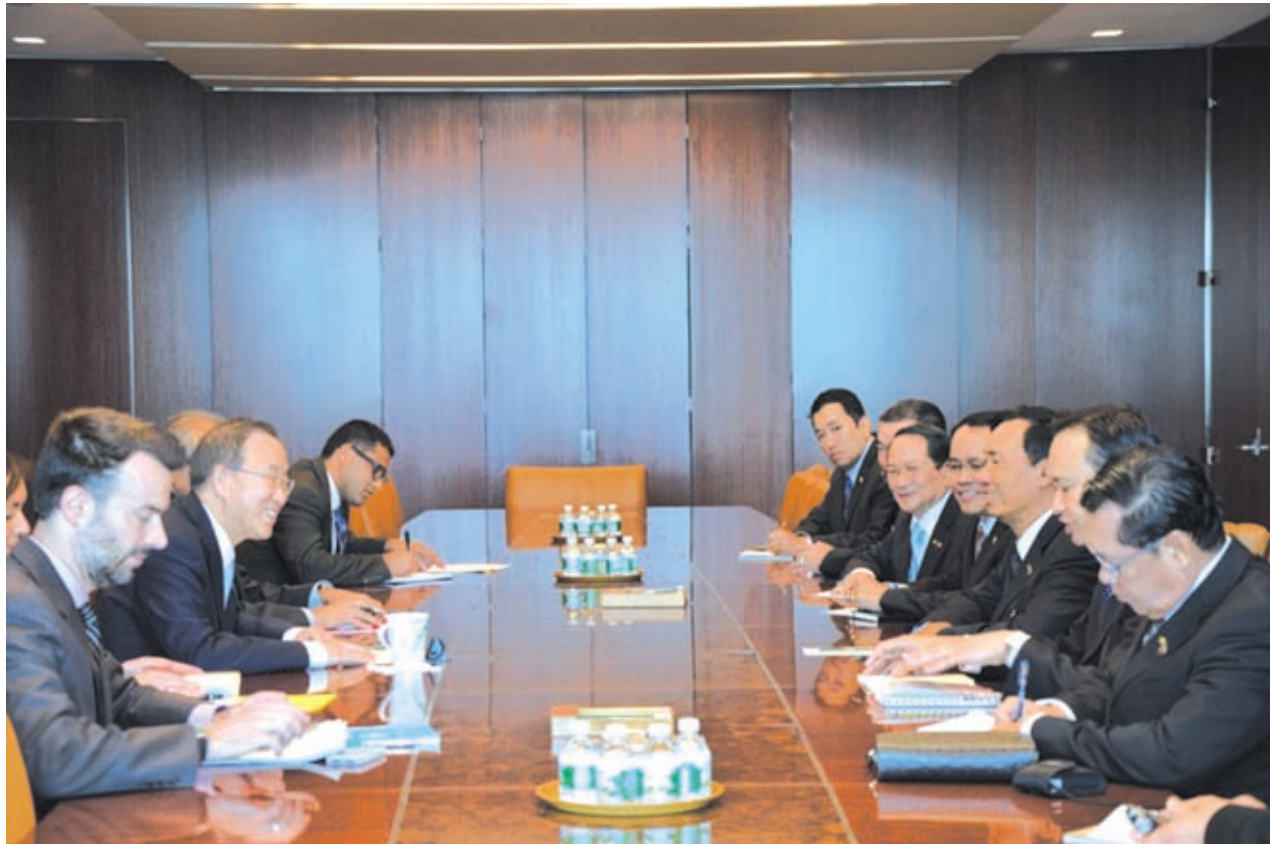
Arrangements made to review existing laws including the Constitution: Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann who was on tour of the United States of America, held talks with UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon, at UN Headquarters in New York on 14 June.

Mr Ban Ki-moon recognized Speaker's crucial role in Myanmar's Hluttaws. He was delighted to see passing of laws by Hluttaws in the interest of people. Plans were under-way to make amendments to the Constitution before 2015. He expressed his delight for success of Myanmar's political reforms and other reforms.

The Speaker expressed thanks for the latter's efforts for Myanmar affairs. Reforms are taking place in Myanmar. He recognized the latter's advices and helps in the reform processes and democratization and his leading role in relief and resettlements after the post-Nargis.

Recent Kachin Peace Talks in which the latter's advisor Mr Vijay Nambiar participated has achieved



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann holding talks with UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon.—MNA

some success. Thanks to cooperation between Hluttaw representatives for the interests of people and the State, Hluttaw undertakings have achieved success. Hluttaw committees are making cooperation in local-peace making processes. He urged the latter to

deal with national races affairs on the ground. A commission will be formed to review the Constitution. Arrangements are being made to review existing laws including the Constitution and promulgate new laws. He pointed out the weakness of rule of law in the outbreaks of violence

in Rakhine and Meiktila.

Mr Ban Ki-moon called for the Speaker's continued leading role and release of more prisoners for more trusts from the international community. Reforms and freeing of prisoners would achieve success through cooperation between the

President and the Speaker.

The Speaker pledged that coordination would be made for it. The Speaker and party were welcomed by UN Under-Secretary-General Mr Vijay Nambiar at UN Headquarters on 14 June and conducted them round.

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Central economic zone project under implementation for development of Muse



Urbanization projects are under implementation in Muse of Muse District in Shan State.

The Central Economic Zone Project is being implemented on 288.163 acres of land, located on

the bank of Shweli River which is opposite of China. Great Hawkham Public Company Ltd,

which is joining hands with New Star Light Company Limited that put its investment in the project, held a general meeting of share-holders in conjunction with the cash donation ceremony at the office of the company in Silver Elephant Housing in Muse on 15 June.

The ceremony was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw representative U San Win Maung, Deputy Commissioner of the district U Kaung San Oo, Township Administrator U Ko Ko Zaw, Managing Director of Great Hawkham Co Ltd U Sai Ohn Myint, members of the Board of Directors, share-holders

and observers.

At first, legal adviser to the company U Thein Shwe and Managing Director U Sai Ohn Myint explained efforts of the company for implementing the project.

The deputy commissioner of the district gave words of advice.

BOD member U Aung Kyi presented K 3 million donated by the company to No 3 Basic Education High School of Muse through member of School Board of Trustees U Mya Zin.

“Our public company is established with the investments of 273 share-holders. Each share of the company is worth K 100,000. Our company

starts land preparations and construction of roads in the Central Economic Zone Project and participates in undertaking other construction works. We are ready to serve the interest of Muse for its development with genuine goodwill,” said an official.

Indeed, Muse needs cargo yards. Arrangement has been made for construction of the detour as the town is facing traffic congestion due to growing number of cargo trucks and other vehicles. That is why experts gave advise that it is necessary to construct the subways in Muse.

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More than K 1.4 million stolen from hotel bedroom in Chaungtha

PATHEIN, 20 June — Chaungtha police station is investigating the case in which K 1.4 million has been stolen from a hotel bedroom of Thiri Hotel on Chaungtha beach in Shwe Thaugyan sub-township in Pathein

Township.

U Aung Zaw Oo, 33, of Thingangyun Township who has been at room No (303) in the hotel together with his wife since the day before the incident happened informed the

police that he found K 1.4 million kept in a handbag was stolen at about 7 am on 16 June.

Police opened a case and the case still remains under investigation.

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CB Bank donates cash for Myanmar citizens in Malaysia

YANGON, 20 June — CB Bank Chairman U Khin Maung Aye handed over donation of US\$ 200,000 to Yangon Region Minister for Development Affairs Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint for Myanmar citizens in Malaysia recently.

At the opening ceremony of Citizen Business Insurance Public Ltd, Chairman U Khin Maung Aye presented K 50 million for purchase of medical equipment for Yangon General Hospital to Deputy Medical Super-



intendent Dr Daw Pa Pa and K 50 million for Khawechan School for the Blind to U

Thein Lwin of the School respectively.

Kyemon

Construction Ministry holds prize-giving ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June — A prize presentation ceremony of the Ministry of Construction was held at the ministry, here, on 18 June, with an address by Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin.

The Union minister presented certificates of honour and cash prizes to four six-distinction winners and six five-distinction winners for 2012-2013 academic year. Next, the deputy minister and departmental heads awarded outstanding students.

Then, Retired Chief Engineer U Tint Hsan handed over the trophy for the inter-ministry Nay Pyi Taw Maha Thingyan Yein competition for 2013 that the ministry was awarded four years in succession to the Union minister who presented cash awards.



At the today's prize-giving ceremony, four six-distinction winners, six five-distinction winners, 15 four-distinction winners, 16 three-distinction winner, 23 two-distinction winners, 34 one-distinction winners and 184 students who

passed the matriculation examination totaling 282 and two outstanding staff who were awarded in basic clerical course No (38) at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) were presented cash awards. MNA

ACCIDENT

Airport police struck, killed by taxi

YANGON, 20 June — A police corporal died in North Okkalapa Hospital after knocking down by a taxi on an entrance road to Yangon International Airport.

Police Corporal Thein Lwin of Airport police station in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region was struck by the taxi driven by U Maung Maung Oo, 50, of Ahlon

Township while he was on his motorbike to drive off on the entrance road to the airport at about 11 pm on 18 June.

The victim with a life-threatening injury was taken to North Okkalapa Hospital where he died of serious injuries at 11.50 pm on that day. Mingaladon Myoma police station filed a lawsuit against the taxi driver.

Kyemon-Tin Tun Aung

Speedster meets his end in motorbike crash

KAWLIN, 20 June — A fatal road accident happened to a 32-year-old motorcyclist on Kawlin-Okkan motorway, one-mile west of Yartaung village in Kawlin Township of Sagaing Region at about 2.30 am on 17 June.

Kawlin police station explained that the victim had been killed on the spot as the motorbike skidded out of control and overturned on the road filled with gravel

for repair works. He was found dead at a place eight-foot from his motorbike; and that he is believed to have been flung off from the motorbike by the impact and collapsed on the ground. Police blamed the tragic accident on excessive speed.

The victim was identified as Yangon Aung of Shwebo Township, a group leader of Three Friends Company.

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20-year-old cyclist killed in crash with container truck

YANGON, 20 June — A young man died in the hospital after being hit by a container truck on concrete Strand Road near Thakin Mya Park in Ayeyawady ward in Ahlon Township, here.

The Nissan container truck driven by Than Tin Hlaing, 27, of Hlinethaya Township struck Aung Kyaw Thet, 20, on a bicycle

in front of MIP container yard at about 9.10 pm on 17 June. The victim of Kangyidaunt Township was taken to Yangon General Hospital where he died of serious injuries at about 9.30 pm.

Ahlon police station charged the container truck driver over bicyclist death.

Kyemon-Tin Maung Oo (Ahlon)

Tamway's 155th street sees inundation after heavy downpour

YANGON, 20 June — Due to torrential rains at the night of 18 June and 18 June morning, 155th streets in Tamway Township got caught in a inundation, causing street dwellers to wade into the ankle-deep water.

"Whenever we get

caught in a heavy downpour, our street situated in low-lying area is inundated. An underground drain from Banyar Dala street to Kyaikkasan street which is frequently choked with waste and rubbish floods the 155th street. Despite frequent dredging of the underground

drain by the department concerned, there is always a blockage in the drain due to reckless throwing of unwanted things into the drain by some people.

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Milk makes you smarter, healthier and more intelligent



Photo shows a Yangon FC striker trying to get a score after passing through a defender of Ayeyawady United FC in the match between the two teams on 19 June evening. The match ended 2-1, allowing defending champion Yangon United FC to lead the table.

KYEMON-SHINE HTET ZAW

WORLD

Abe, Kenny affirm cooperation to realize Japan-EU FTA soon

DUBLIN, 20 June—Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny affirmed on Wednesday their cooperation to realize a free trade agreement between Japan and the European Union at an early date.

During the first visit to Ireland by a sitting Japanese Premier, Abe agreed to bolster ties with Ireland, which currently holds the rotating presidency of the 27-member European Union.

On Abe's economic policies dubbed Abenomics, Kenny expressed support and said a strong Japanese

economy will be a benefit to the world, Japanese officials said.

The bilateral meeting in Dublin came after Abe attended the G-8 summit in Northern Ireland, where he joined other leaders from the Group of Eight nations to discuss issues of international concern.

"Asia and Europe are closely linked and we share responsibility for and benefits of the world's peace and stability," Abe said at a joint Press conference after his meeting with Kenny. "We will strengthen cooperation and policy dialogue with the European



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (far L) and Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny (far R) are seen before their talks in Dublin on 19 June, 2013, during the first visit to Ireland by a sitting Japanese premier.

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partners" in the security areas, Abe added.

During the talks, Abe invited Kenny to visit Japan. The two leaders also agreed to strengthen their economies' competitiveness by promoting private-level economic exchanges including in the medical

field. As a key part of his economic growth strategies, Abe aims to promote exports of Japanese medical devices and products, especially to markets like Ireland's where Japanese pharmaceutical and electronics equipment makers have already made inroads.—Kyodo News

Afghan government to shun US talks with Taliban



Afghan President Hamid Karzai speaks during a joint news conference with NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen following a security handover ceremony at a military academy outside Kabul on 18 June, 2013.—REUTERS

KABUL/WASHINGTON, 20 June—Revived Afghan peace talks hit their first roadblock on Wednesday, a day after they were announced, as Afghan

President Hamid Karzai said his government would not join US talks with the Taliban and would halt negotiations with Washington on a post-2014

troop pact.

The United States and the Taliban had announced on Tuesday that officials from both sides will meet in Doha, the capital of Qatar, in coming days, in a step forward for a stuttering peace process after 12 years of bloody and costly war between US-led forces and the insurgents.

But the precise timing of the negotiations was uncertain on Wednesday as US officials worked furiously to keep the nascent peace talks on track.

Officials of Karzai's government, angered by the opening of a Taliban political office in Doha on Tuesday, said the United States had violated assurances it would not give official status to the

insurgents. "As long as the peace process is not Afghan-led, the High Peace Council will not participate in the talks in Qatar," Karzai said in a statement, referring to a body he set up in 2010 to seek a negotiated peace with the Taliban.

Karzai's objections appeared to focus on the way the Taliban unveiled the office in Doha, which suggested the Islamic movement would use it as an official embassy or even a base for a government-in-exile. When Taliban envoys appeared at the building on Tuesday, it was decorated with a banner referring to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the name the Taliban used during its 1996-2001 rule of the country.—Reuters

Abbas, Ashton discuss US efforts to revive Mideast peace

RAMALLAH, 20 June—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and European Union Foreign Policy chief Catherine Ashton discussed on Wednesday evening the United States' efforts to resume Middle East peace talks.

An official Palestinian statement issued after a meeting held in Ramallah said Abbas and Ashton reiterated that halting settlement construction and releasing Palestinian prisoners would create a better atmosphere for resuming the talks. The statement added that serious talks must start to achieve the hopes and aspirations of the Palestinians to establish their independent Palestinian state.

Abbas reiterated during the meeting that the Palestinians are keen to succeed the US efforts to rescue the peace process and resume the talks that lead to an end to the Israeli military occupation and establish the Palestinian state.

According to the statement, Ashton also asserted that the EU is backing the US efforts, adding that the EU stance is clear in its issued statements concerning its support to the peace process and to the two-state solution.—Xinhua



The EU's High Representative for Foreign Policy Catherine Ashton (L) meets with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas at his office in the West Bank city of Ramallah on 19 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Somali Islamist rebels attack UN base, 22 dead

MOGADISHU, 20 June—Islamist militants carried out a deadly assault on the main UN compound in the Somali capital on Wednesday, dealing a blow to fragile security gains that have allowed a slow return of foreign aid workers and diplomats.

The assault, claimed by Islamist group al Shabaab, began before midday when a car bomb exploded outside the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) base. Rebel gunmen forced their way into the compound and fought with security guards.

The African Union (AU) peacekeeping force, which sent soldiers and armoured vehicles to the compound, which includes several buildings, said it was under the control of friendly troops after a gun fight that lasted more than 90 minutes. Interior Minister Abdikarim Hussein Guled said four

foreign UN security staff and four local guards were killed in the gun battle that left seven insurgent fighters dead.

An ambulance service official said his crew carried away seven dead civilians, bringing the total dead to 22. It was the first significant attack on UN premises by al Shabaab since they were driven out of Mogadishu in fighting with AU and Somali government forces about two years ago.

More than a million Somalis live in crisis conditions, according to the United Nations, which has started building up offices and international staff after security improved.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he was "outraged by the despicable attack" in a telephone call to Somali President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud. Al Shabaab accused the United Nations of serving US interests.—Reuters



Somali government soldiers arrive to secure the United Nations compound following a suicide bomb attack in the capital Mogadishu, on 19 June 2013.

REUTERS

Obama proposes cutting US strategic nuclear weapons by one-third

BERLIN, 20 June—US President Barack Obama on Wednesday proposed reducing stockpiles of US strategic nuclear weapons by up to one-third and said he will discuss the move with Russia. "So long as nuclear weapons exist, we are not truly safe," Obama said in a speech delivered at the historic Brandenburg Gate in Berlin.

Obama stated that the United States is ready to reduce the number of deployed strategic nuclear warheads from the 1,550 allowed the United States and Russia under their New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty to roughly 1,000.

The New START, in effect since February 2011, also restricts the number of delivery vehicles for nu-

clear warheads, such as intercontinental ballistic missiles, to 800.

In addition, Obama vowed to "work with our NATO allies to seek bold reductions in US and Russian tactical weapons in Europe." Tactical nuclear weapons have smaller yields than strategic warheads and are not restricted under the New START.

Obama expressed confidence in reducing the role nuclear weapons play in US defence capabilities while maintaining "a strong and credible strategic deterrent." He added that he would work toward the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty by the United States. He also announced plans to host a nuclear security sum-

mit in the United States in 2016, the final year of his second term. The mayors of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the two Japanese cities devastated by the U.S. atomic bombing near the end of the World War II, hailed his speech.

"I welcome President Obama's strong resolve to achieve a world without nuclear weapons and count on his continued leadership in abolishing them," Hiroshima Mayor Kazumi Matsui said. Nagasaki Mayor Tomihisa Taue said "the speech offered a tangible plan toward nuclear disarmament, and as victims of a nuclear attack we are hopeful that this will lead to the abolition of nuclear weapons."

Kyodo News

Beetles, housefly larvae open new frontier in animal feed sector

PARIS, 20 June—French start-up company Ynsect has identified a cheap, nourishing and locally sourced alternative to soybeans as a vital source of protein in animal feed. The clue is in its name.

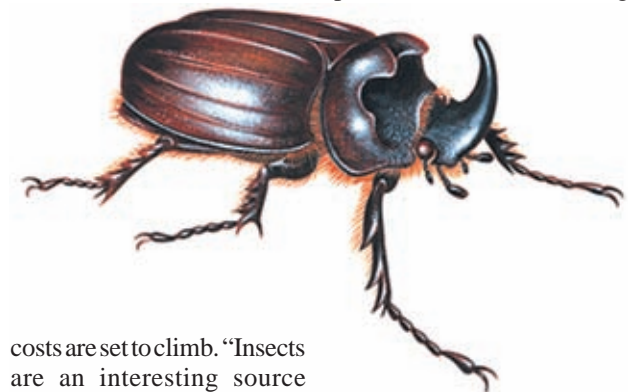
Ynsect is not alone in looking to invertebrates to meet a jump in demand for meat and fish, and so for feed, in coming decades.

Black soldier flies, common housefly larvae, silkworms and yellow mealworms were named as among the most promising species for industrial feed output in a report last month by the FAO, the United Nations food agency.

“Given insects’ natural role as food for a number of farmed livestock species, it is worth reconsidering their role

as feed for specific poultry and fish species,” the Food and Agriculture Organization’s report said.

Jean-Gabriel Levon, co-founder of Ynsect, said new protein sources were essential in a market where



costs are set to climb. “Insects are an interesting source which can be bred locally,” Levon said. “We are in the same situation as oil, with resources getting scarcer and

more expensive.” According to the FAO, protein such as meat meal, fishmeal and soybean meal make up 60 to 70 percent of the price of feed.

Soybean prices have more than doubled over the past decade due to soaring

demand and fishmeal prices have also jumped. The 2-year old company has been developing an

insect-based meal that could make up 5-30 percent of feed products, Levon said.

Ynsect, which has around 10 rivals globally, is now raising funds to build the first European insect meal production unit by 2014-2015. One well-heated part of the plant would breed insects and the other would crush them into powder.

It aims to focus on using flies and beetles and Levon says a great advantage is that they can eat just about anything—for example human food leftovers such as potato peelings.

Once crushed, co-products such as shells can be used in the pharmaceutical sector, for cosmetics and wastewater treatments.

Reuters

Australian scientists identify 280 new moon craters

SYDNEY, 20 June—Australian scientists have identified 280 craters on the moon that have never been mapped before, utilizing ultra-high resolution mapping techniques.

The researchers at Curtin University in Western Australia used computer modelling of lunar gravity and topography data to explore detailed basins that would be obscured using other methods.

66 of the craters identified were described as “distinctly visible” from a gravity and topographic view. Curiosity drove the scientists to extend their original search from the identification of two basins on the lunar far side, to the entire surface of the Moon, said Will Featherstone, professor at Curtin’s Institute for Geoscience Research.

Such an undertaking did not come without difficulties. “The dark side of the Moon is particularly challenging because Moon-

orbiting satellites cannot be tracked from Earth when they are over the far side, Featherstone said.

The researchers fine-tuned their techniques in the initial development of an ultra-high resolution gravity map of Earth, for which they received multiple Australian Research Council grants.

The team is now planning to apply their techniques to new gravity data collected by NASA’s GRAIL mission, which used high-quality gravitational field mapping to look at the Moon’s interior structure and surface. GRAIL’s two satellites, named Ebb and Flow, were crashed on the Moon on 17 Dec, 2012.

From Earth and the Moon, the researchers have also developed an ultra-high resolution gravity map of Mars—preparing the way for landing missions, inertial navigation and high-resolution mapping of the red planet.

Xinhua

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Microsoft says it freed millions of computers from criminal botnet

BOSTON, 20 June—Microsoft Corp said that an assault it led earlier this month on one of the world’s biggest cyber crime rings has freed at least 2 million PCs infected with a virus believed to have been used to steal more than \$500 million from bank accounts worldwide.

“We definitely have liberated at least 2 million PCs globally. That is a conservative estimate,” Richard Domingues Boscovich, assistant general counsel with Microsoft’s Digital Crimes Unit, said in an interview on Tuesday.

He said the vast majority of infected machines were in the United States, Europe and Hong Kong.

Microsoft and the FBI, aided by authorities in more than 80 countries, on 5 June sought to take down 1,400 malicious computer networks known as the Citadel Botnets by severing their access to infected machines. Microsoft’s Digital Crimes Unit is working

with its partners overseas to determine exactly how many of the Citadel botnets are still operational.

“We feel confident that we really got most of the ones that we were after,” he said. “It was a very, very successful disruptive action.”

The ringleader, who goes by the alias Aquabox, and dozens of botnet operators remain at large and the authorities are working to uncover their identities.

Reuters



A woman surfs the Internet on a computer for visitors at a registration desk at South Korean mobile carrier KT’s headquarters in Seoul on 2 Dec, 2011.

REUTERS

Call records of fewer than 300 people searched in 2012

WASHINGTON, 20 June—The US government in 2012 searched for the phone records of less than 300 people in a database containing tens of millions of Americans’ phone records, intelligence officials have claimed.

“Only a very small fraction of the information acquired under the programme is ever reviewed,” intelligence officials said on Sunday in a statement to US Congress.

The release of the figure

of fewer than 300 people being targeted is part of a push by officials to allay privacy concerns following recent disclosures of National Security Agency surveillance programmes that collect massive amounts of data in an effort to thwart terrorist attacks, *The Washington Post* reported. The “metadata” collected includes phone numbers dialed and length of call but not call content, caller identity or location



Acer laptops are displayed in a computer mall in Taipei on 19 March, 2013.—REUTERS

Acer sees tablet, notebook PC shipments to be flat in 2Q

TAIPEI, (China) 20 June—Acer Inc, the world’s No 4 PC vendor, said on Wednesday that it expects notebook and tablet PC shipment to be flat in the second quarter from the first quarter, versus an prediction of 0-5 percent growth made in April.

Acer Chairman JT Wang

made the comment to reporters at the firm’s annual shareholder meeting. Early this month, Wang told *Reuters* in an interview that he expects up to 80 percent of Acer’s products to have touch-screen technology by next year or the year after, hoping new tablets and touch-notebook computers will revive its sales in a PC market where quarterly shipments are at their lowest in nearly four years.

Acer said its sales were 19 percent lower in the first five months than in the same period a year ago.—*Reuters*

Telecom Italia eyes network deal with regulator by early 2014

ROME, 20 June—Telecom Italia aims to reach a deal with Italy’s telecommunications regulator AGCOM on the spin off of its domestic fixed line network by early next year, the company’s chairman said on Wednesday. The board of Italy’s biggest phone company approved on 30 May a plan to hive off fixed-line network assets into a new company, a move that could help it raise cash and that could trigger a regulatory overhaul.

“Our hope is that the regulatory process will conclude by the end of 2013/early 2014, in order to get a timely start to operations at the new company,” Franco Bernabe said during a hearing in the Senate. The separation of the network, which has an estimated value of 13-15 billion euros (\$17.4-20.1 billion), could pave the way for a sale of a stake in the new company to state-backed fund Cassa Depositi e Prestiti (CDP). A source previously said the network spin off could take up to 18 months to complete.—*Reuters*



BUSINESS & HEALTH

China's central bank signals no policy loosening

SHANGHAI, 20 June—People's Bank of China (PBoC) on Tuesday drained 2 billion yuan from the money market despite banks' reported call for cash injection, suggesting regulators are keen to keep liquidity tight amid growing jitters of China's financial risks.

The 2-billion 91-day bills, though tiny by amount, were viewed as the central bank's commitment to squeezing out excessive funding. Shanghai Interbank Offered Rate (SHIBOR) overnight rate rose 78.30 base points to 5.596 percent as of 11:30 am on Tuesday.

Traders in the interbank market said the cash crunch would continue for the next few weeks.

Foreign capital inflows are dwindling and a huge amount of wealth management products sold



by banks are due at the end of June, according to a report of Guotai Junan Securities.

Wall Street Journal on Tuesday quoted a senior executive at one of China's big four banks that they were hoping for a reserve-requirement ratio cut by the end of Wednesday. Borrowing costs between Chinese banks soared last week with SHIBOR overnight rate shooting up to 9 percent. UBS said the spike in rates may have been caused by a significant drop

in foreign exchange inflows, under-estimated holiday and unseasonal liquidity demand, and market's misperception of the central bank's policy intention.

"The PBoC has made it clear in the past 10 days that overly-rapid credit expansion would not be accommodated and banks may have to scale down their credit growth plans and manage their own liquidity more prudently," said Wang Tao, chief China economist at UBS.—*Xinhua*

Sitting less better for workers' health: study



SYDNEY, 20 June—A study has found that for desk-bound office workers, introducing interventions such as sit/stand workstations can reduce sitting time by over an hour each working day — leading to better health. "What we know now is that adults still need their minimum 30 minutes of exercise a day, but it's also important to avoid prolonged sitting to reduce your risk of early

death from heart disease," said NSW Heart Foundation CEO Kerry Doyle.

Doyle said she was intrigued by a so-called "Meerkat phenomenon" introduced to the Heart Foundation HQ, where staff continually switch between sitting and standing throughout the day.

The Heart Foundation and University of Sydney study tracked 40 staff over

a three month period to see whether changes in sitting behaviour were detected. The findings of the project were released on Monday at the Australian Health Promotion Association Conference.

Feedback from staff showed a "positive impact on their health and wellbeing in the workplace," according to Michelle Daley, Heart Foundation Research Lead and Active Living Senior Manager.

"Some staff found they improved their posture by standing more, or suffered less back pain. Others said they stayed more alert and were able to focus on their work better, especially later in the afternoon which has benefits for both the individual and their employer," she added.

Since the end of the research trial, more than

Risk of oesophageal cancer much higher for men

LONDON, 20 June—Men are almost three times more likely to get oesophageal cancer than women, which is one of the biggest gender gaps in cancer rates, according to figures released on Tuesday from Cancer Research UK.

The latest figures showed more than 5,600 men in the country develop oesophageal cancer every year, compared to 2,800 women. This equates to rates of almost 15 in 100,000 men getting the disease, compared to around 5 in 100,000 women. Oesophageal cancer is the ninth most common cancer in the country.

There are two main types of oesophageal cancer, adenocarcinoma and squamous cell carcinomas. According to study, the difference between two genders' risk of oesophageal cancer seems to be caused mainly by adenocarcinoma,

which is linked to obesity as well as long-term acid heartburn or indigestion.

"These figures show a worrying number of oesophageal cancers being diagnosed each year, particularly among men," said Tim Underwood, an oesophageal surgeon and

researcher at the University of Southampton. "Diagnosing the disease earlier is key to improving the chances of survival." "Food getting stuck when you swallow and persistent heart burn are not normal. If this is happening to you, you need to see your GP," he said.—*Xinhua*



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XINHUA

Egypt's economy grows by 2.2 pct in fiscal year 2012-13

CAIRO, 20 June—Egyptian Investment Minister Yehya Hamed said on Tuesday that his country's economy grew by 2.2 percent during the fiscal year 2012-13, citing it as a proof of Egyptian economy's capabilities to stand despite its intense political conditions. Hamed said the government targets to boost economic growth rate to 3.5 to 4 percent in the coming fiscal year, official news agency *MENA* reported.

Egypt's current state budget deficit hits 220 billion Egyptian pounds (31.4 billion US dollars), or 11 percent of the GDP, due to the "huge subsidy expenses,"

especially the petroleum commodities subsidy which reached 150 billion Egyptian pounds (21.4 billion dollars), the report said.

The minister said the direct foreign investments volume in Egypt during the current fiscal year ranges 350 million to 400 million Egyptian pounds (50 million to 57 million dollars), adding that the government is pursuing a plan to increase the investments to 700 million Egyptian pounds (100 million dollars) in the coming fiscal year which will start on 1 July and end on 30 June, 2014.

Xinhua

Tesla recalls some Model S cars due to seat-mount defect



Tesla Motors CEO Elon Musk speaks next to the company's newest Model S during the Model S Beta Event held at the Tesla factory in Fremont, California on 1 Oct, 2011.—REUTERS

FREMONT, 20 June—Electric car maker Tesla Motors Inc said it is recalling 1,228 of its 2013 Model S cars manufactured between 10 May and 8 June due to

a defect in the mounting bracket of the rear seat. "This reduces our confidence that the left hand seat back will be properly retained in the event of a crash," Tesla founder

and Chief Executive Elon Musk said in a statement on Wednesday posted on the company's website.

The recall blemishes a clean public record for the Model S, which received a near-perfect score from the influential *Consumer Reports* magazine. In a filing, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said in the event of a crash, if the seat becomes unmoored, there is an increased chance of injury to a passenger. Musk said there have been no customer complaints and that the company was not aware of any injuries because of the defect. The recall was not in response to any regulatory warning, he said.—*Reuters*

Chrysler agrees to recall 2.7 mln Jeeps over fire risks

CHICAGO, 20 June—US auto giant Chrysler Group LLC said on Tuesday it has agreed to recall 2.7 million older-model Jeeps over fire risks, averting a showdown with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). The Auburn Hills-based automaker said it would recall the 1993-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee and 2002-07 Jeep Liberty SUVs. Chrysler Group will conduct a voluntary campaign with respect to the vehicles in question, in addition to a visual inspection of the vehicle, if necessary,

will provide an upgrade to the rear structure of the vehicle to better manage crash forces in low-speed impacts, according to local media the *Detroit News*.

However, the automaker isn't agreeing that there is a formal defect. "Chrysler Group's analysis of the data confirms that these vehicles are not defective and are among the safest in the peer group," it says. "Nonetheless, Chrysler Group recognizes that this matter has raised concerns for its customers and wants to take further steps, in coordination

with NHTSA, to provide additional measures to supplement the safety of its vehicles," the automaker said.

It came after two weeks ago that Chrysler defied a NHTSA request to recall the vehicles. The government sought the recall after a lengthy probe into rear-end collisions in which at least 51 people died. According to NHTSA's assessment, plastic gas tanks behind the axles of 1993-2004 Grand Cherokees and 2002-07 Libertys can be punctured and catch fire when the SUVs are hit from behind.—*Xinhua*

WORLD

Time to stop arguing about climate change, World Bank says



World Bank President Jim Yong Kim speaks at a Thomson Reuters Newsmaker event, at Canary Wharf in east London on 19 June 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 20 June — The world should stop arguing about whether humans are causing climate change and start taking action to stop dangerous temperature rises, the president of the World Bank said on Wednesday.

Jim Yong Kim said there was 97 to 98 percent agreement among scientists that global warming was real and caused by human activity. “If you disagree with the science of human-caused climate change you are not disagreeing that

there is anthropogenic climate change. What you are disagreeing with is science itself,” Kim told a Thomson Reuters Newsmaker event in London.

“It is time to stop arguing about whether (climate change) is real or not,” he said.

A study last month found that 97 percent of around 4,000 scientific reports giving an opinion about the cause of climate change since the 1990s said it was mainly human. Sceptics said the survey wrongly

omitted thousands of papers which did not give a view.

Governments across the world have agreed to limit global temperature rise to below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit).

Estimates differ over how high temperatures may rise and over what period of time. The World Bank and others have estimated that the globe has already warmed by about 0.8 degrees Celsius (1.4F) since the Industrial Revolution and 2 degrees Celsius is widely viewed as a threshold to dangerous changes such as more floods, heat waves and rising sea levels. The World Bank wants more focus on the issue.

In a report on Wednesday, it cited Bangkok as an example, saying much of it could flood within the next two decades if global warming stays on its current trajectory. Kim said that as extreme weather events continue, public opinion about climate change should start to change.

Reuters

Gang crime threatens the future of Congo’s capital

KINSHASA, 20 June— Once the leafy art-deco jewel of the Belgian Congo and later the buzzing cultural heart of dictator Mobutu Sese Seko’s Zaire, Kinshasa has become a playground for violent gangs sowing fear and transforming swathes of the city into “no-go” zones.

The well-organized and ruthless “kuluna”, whose name derives from the Portuguese for infantry column, prey on residents with machetes, stones or iron bars under the noses of the city’s corrupt and ineffectual police, activists say.

Harriet Senga watched a gang of men strike her 19-year-old neighbour with a machete and rape her in broad daylight as she collected water from a muddy stream.

When Senga tried to intervene, the men chased her through the creek. By the time the police arrived, the attackers were long gone.

“Authorities have got to start taking the gang

problem seriously,” the 32-year-old said. “Even if criminals are robbing and killing, police never intervene till they have left.”

Youth poverty and unemployment are fuelling criminality in Congo’s teeming capital, threatening government efforts to overhaul the decrepit city and attract investment.

Authorities recognise urgent action is needed to stop gang violence in the city of 10 million spiralling

out of control.

According to the United Nations, Kinshasa is the fastest growing city in Africa, expected to hit 12.7 million people by 2020.

“It’s now or never to tackle this,” said Kinshasa police chief General Jean de Dieu Oleko. “Everyone needs to get together and reflect on how we stop it. If not, in five years we’re going to have problems in our society that are unmanageable.”—Reuters



A homeless child stands along a street in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in capital Kinshasa on 16 June 2013.—REUTERS

HK Internet system intact despite Snowden’s claims

HONG KONG, 20 June —Hong Kong’s security minister said on Wednesday there has been no sign of the territory’s Internet connection hub being hacked as reportedly claimed by former US intelligence contractor-turned-whistleblower Edward Snowden.

Secretary for Security Lai Tung-kuok said there was no report of an unusual data flow from the Hong Kong Internet Exchange at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which would

be an indication of hacking.

“The Internet Exchange has told us its 24-hour monitoring found no sign of it being hacked,” Lai said during a special meeting held by the Legislative Council. “But we are readily prepared.”

In an interview with a Hong Kong newspaper earlier this month, Snowden said that the US government has been hacking computers in Hong Kong and China since 2009, with targets including Chinese

University of Hong Kong, public officials, businesses and students in Hong Kong and the mainland. As for Snowden, who is believed to be in Hong Kong, Lai declined to reveal whether the US government has contacted Hong Kong for his extradition. “Due to the complicated matters (of Snowden’s case), it is not appropriate for me to reveal any operation in the past or future, but that the authorities will strictly act according to laws and re-

main highly concerned about Hong Kong’s Internet safety,” Lai said. Hong Kong has signed an extradition treaty with the United States, but no official procedure on that has been taken. Snowden has said he will stay in Hong Kong until he is “asked to leave.” *The Global Times*, a Chinese state-run English newspaper, said in its editorial on Wednesday that extraditing Snowden now seems “an inconceivable option.”—Kyodo News

Kerry to attend Asia security forum in Brunei

WASHINGTON, 20 June —US Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to the Bruneian capital Bandar Seri Begawan from 30 June through 2 July for an annual meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum and other talks, the State Department said on Wednesday.

After attending a series of meetings involving the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the top US diplomat will participate in the ARF and East Asia Summit foreign ministers’ meetings on 2 July the department said in a statement.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. They form the ARF together with Japan, South Korea, China, India, Australia, New Zealand, the United States, Canada, Russia, the European Union, North Korea, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Bangladesh, East Timor, Mongolia and Sri Lanka. The EAS comprises ASEAN plus Australia, China, India, Japan, New Zealand, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

Kyodo News



Rescuers work at the accident site in Changji City, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region on 18 June 2013. The death toll has risen to 15 in an accident in which a tourist bus fell into a valley on Tuesday in Changji, according to the local government. Four people died at the scene, while another 11 people died after hospital treatments failed. The other 21 passengers sustained injuries and are still being treated. Heavy fog that reduced visibility has been blamed for the accident.

XINHUA

Helicopter crashes 400 km northwest of Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 20 June —A helicopter operated by a private airline crashed 400 kilometres northwest of Nepal’s capital Kathmandu on Wednesday evening, but all six on board have survived, four of them with injuries, police said.

The helicopter operated by Fishtail Air was travelling from Hilsa to Simikot in the Humla District when it crashed in the district’s Muchu village, police Inspector Yuvraj Chowdhary said by phone.

“There were six peo-

ple, an Italian pilot and five Nepalese nationals in the helicopter,” Chowdhary said.

Of the four hurt, one has been seriously injured, Chowdhary said, without identifying the seriously injured person.

“A police team that has reached close to the site of the accident reported to us that the helicopter’s rotor appears broken,” he said.

Initial reports had indicated a different company operated the helicopter.

Kyodo News

At least four killed, 21 wounded in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 June— At least four people were killed and 21 wounded in separate shooting and bomb attacks in Iraq on Wednesday, the police said.

In one attack, three people were killed and 15 wounded in a roadside bomb explosion at a popular football field at a village near the city of Maqadiyah, some 100 km northeast of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, a local police source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, an Iraqi army colonel was shot dead by gunmen

while he was driving his car in southern the city of Kirkuk, some 250 km north of Baghdad, a local police source anonymously told *Xinhua*.

In Baghdad, six people were injured when a roadside bomb ripped through Shula District in the northwestern part of the capital, an interior ministry source told *Xinhua*.

Violence is still common in the Iraqi cities despite the dramatic decrease since its peak in 2006 and 2007 when the country was engulfed in sectarian killings.—*Xinhua*

LOCAL NEWS

Tachilek honours first-ever five-distinction winner



TACHILEK, 20 June—Tachilek Township honoured the township's first-ever five-distinction winner Nan Aung Maw Maw who studied and sat for the matriculation exam at Basic Education High School of Mongkoe village-tract in 2012-2013 academic year on 17 June.

She collected the honour on the lawns of the school and spoke words of thanks.

Tachilek Township Education Officer U Sein Tun Hla congratulated her.

Among those honoured were Tachilek District Deputy Commissioner U

Thaung Tin Htway and wife Daw Nway Nway Lin, Township Administrator U Ye Htoo and wife Daw Shwe Moe Thuzar and townsenders.

The brilliant daughter of ailing farmer U Bway Hlyan Htaung and Daw Nan Nun scored five stars in Myanmarsar, English, Chemistry, Physics and Biology without taking any tuition. She was named district and state well-rounded student in previous years. She made 30-student list to learn in Singapore with the scholarship granted by the President.—MMAL-

Maung Yin Kyae

Trees planted as greening activities in Ayadaw



Monsoon tree planting ceremony organized by Ayadaw Township Management Committee in Monywa by Myinmu-Ayadaw-Naunggyiaing road.

AYADAW, 20 June—Under the arrangement of Ayadaw Township Management Committee of Monywa District, the monsoon tree planting ceremony was held near Langwa Thidinton Lake in Htangyi Village at mile post 25/5 on Myinmu-Ayadaw-Naunggyiaing Road in Ayadaw Township on 15 June.

A total of 300 people including staff from Forest Department and Arid Zone Greening Department, departmental personnel led by Chairman of Township Management Committee Township Administrator U Nyein Maung Maung grew over 500 saplings of teak, neem, tamarind and other species.—Kyemon-Tin Win

Lay (Kyimyindine)

Make hay while the Sun shines.

Yangon industrial zone warehouse demand soars

YANGON, 20 June—Yangon property market witnesses an increase in demand of sites in industrial zones in the outskirts of the commercial city as the rainy season enters, according to real estate agents.

“Most leases are for use as warehouses. Buildings that could overcome rains or storms are on high demand. Good but basin ones are not selling well. Many a buyer find a place to store industrial products,” an agent said.

Safe and weather-friendly buildings are used for storage in the rainy season, but some goods are not suitable to be stored in warehouses used in winter

and summer.

“This year, the warehouses rental for no fine products but for raw materials is on the increase. The buildings available for lease become scarce. Buildings not only in the zone but in nearby townships are also on lease,” Ko Zaw, a property agent, said.

The lease is on the increase in South Dagon, Shwelinpan, Yangon, Dagon Seikkan, East Dagon and Shwepyitha Industrial Zones.

The fee for lease of warehouses range from K 0.1 million to K 0.4 million, according to market sources.

MMAL-Khin Yadana



Stone bowl in NyaungU donated by Lord Kinwun's offspring

NYAUNGU, 20 June—There is a stone bowl in Shwesigon Pagoda, one of four hair relic pagodas in Bagan, the ancient city of Myanmar.

According to inscription on the bowl, it was donated by offspring of Lord Kinwun in Konbaung era in 1240 Myanmar Era.

Lord Kinwun was one of the most influential patricians

of that time serving for the last two kings of Myanmar, King Mindon and King Thibaw.

He is known to be regular visitor to Shwezigon Pagoda and donated a bell and composed poems about the pagoda. The 130-year-old bowl has nine-inch diameter and one-foot-and-five-inch height.

MMAL-Ye Thura Aung



DISASTER

Heavy rains inundate Meiktila market circular road



Meiktila market circular road inundated after heavy rains.

MEIKTILA, 20 June—Heavy rains inundated road circling the market in Meiktila, causing difficulties for residents and shopkeepers.

“The road is already low lying. When respective authorities repair the road, they just repaired it, rather than lifting it. When the rain pours, houses by the road are flooded.

Local residents find it difficult to use when it is filled with water,” a resident of the ward, east of the market said.

The road is being used by vendors, merchants, bicycles, motorbikes, pony carts, cars and trucks.

The inundation is attributed to the poor flow of water in the drains.

MMAL-Htilar Thar

Trees, lamp-posts fell, buildings damaged in stormy wind in Kyaukme



Authorities clearing debris after stormy wind in Kyaukme that fell trees and damaged buildings.

KYAUKME, 20 June—Stormy wind that accompanied heavy rain in northern Shan State town Kyaukme brought down trees and lamp-posts and ripped off roofs of some buildings including a primary school on 18 June afternoon.

Two lamp-posts on Panglong road were broken, causing outage of telephone communications.

The wind also destroyed the stand of the district stadium with debris ripping of the roof of Basic Education High School No (3).

The Grade (1) schoolchildren were frightened by the incident, but were then evacuated to safety.

At the scene, Township Administrator U Aung Lwin, Township Development Affairs Committee Senior Engineer of U Tin Shein, Township Electrical Engineer U Saw Oo and Township Fire Brigade Head U Ko Ko Gyi led the staff and workers to clear debris which blocked the road which were reopened at 5 pm.

MMAL-Kyaukme

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 21 June, 2013

Corporate Social Responsibility

With a number of reforms, the influx of foreign investments is flowing into the country. Here, we need to know what Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) is. The term "Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) or Corporate Responsibility (CR) or Sustainable Business" came into common use in the late 1960s and early 1970s after many multinational corporations formed the term stakeholders. CSR is the process of assessing an organization's impact on society and evaluating their responsibilities.

CSR is a process with the aim to embrace responsibility for the company's actions and encourage a positive impact through its activities on the environment, consumers, employees, communities, stakeholders and all other members of the public sphere who may also be considered as stakeholders. Many organizations have a CSR Policy, which defines areas of concern and initiatives to improve relations with the people and environments affected by business operations.

CSR policies often dictate a system for monitoring responsible performance. CSR policy functions as a built-in, self-regulating mechanism whereby a business monitors and ensures its active compliance with the spirit of the law, ethical standards, and international norms. For a business to take responsibility for its actions, that business must be fully accountable. Social accounting, a concept describing the communication of social and environmental effects of a company's economic actions to particular interest groups within society and to society at large, is thus an important element of CSR. So, local and overseas companies should have CSR.

PowerEdge VRTX – Converged IT solution designed for remote and small office environment

YANGON, 20 June—Lertluk Kunlasutti, Regional Director of Dell Rest of Indochina, recently introduced facts about new products Dell PowerEdge VRTX. It is first converged IT solution designed specifically for remote and small office environments, with enterprise-class capabilities in a desk-side, space-saving design. The product integrates server, storage and networking capabilities features functionality and raw power that sophisticated data centers have, but in a package that costs as much as some high-end business desktop computers.

The PowerEdge VRTX is a shared infrastructure platform offering extensive performance and capacity. It is an ideal solution for small and medium-sized businesses as well as remote

and branch offices of large enterprises. Applying the latest PowerEdge technology and high-availability features, VRTX can help users gain fast application response times and run multiple applications.

All four server nodes have access to the low-latency internal shared storage that is ideal for virtualization and clustering. Local storage is also available in the chassis. Full-functioned unified system management with Chassis Management Controller (CMC) and GeoView helps take much of the time and effort out of system administration and control. Deploy, monitor, update and maintain through a unified console covers servers, storage and networking. Dell PowerEdge VRTX is now available in Myanmar. *Sagawah*

Arrangements made to review existing laws including ...

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In the afternoon, the Speaker attended a lunch hosted by Mr Vijay Nambiar and replied to the queries raised by officials from UN agencies.

After that, the Speaker visited office of Senator Charles Schumer of US Congress. In the evening, he held discussions with Ms Halen Clark of UNDP on poverty alleviation,

agricultural technology and markets for socio-economic development of farmers, human resources development and SMEs development and job opportunities.

On 17 June, the Speaker and party arrived at the Asia Foundation and the Pacific Council in San Francisco.

There, Chairman Mr David Arnold of Asia Foundation extended greetings and explained the facts about the Foundation. Then, the Speaker explained Myanmar's reform processes and replied to the queries raised by those present.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Thai guests



YANGON, 20 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann received a delegation led by Speaker of Thai Parliament and House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Somsak Kiatsuranont at the Hluttaw Branch (Yangon) on Thanlwin Street in Kamayut Township this morning.

At the call, they frankly discussed cooperation

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann shakes hands with Speaker of Thai Parliament and House of Representatives of Thailand Mr Somsak Kiatsuranont.—MNA

between Myanmar and Thai Hluttaws, further straightening friendly relations and cooperation.

Also present on the occasion were Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Hla Myint Oo, Pyithu Hluttaw Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members U Myint Swe, U Win Thein, U Khin Maung Soe, Dr Daw Tin May Tun and Dr Daw Thida Oo and officials of the Hluttaw Office.

The Thai delegation was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pisanu Suvanajata.

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UK minister meets press after four-day visit

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—UK's International Development Minister Mr Alan Duncan held a press conference here today after his visit to Rakhine and Kachin States.

During the press conference after four-day visit, he called on the communities for working together towards a peaceful solution so that vulnerable people at risk from flooding and disease in Rakhine and Kachin States can return to their homes.

He also called for making greater efforts to help that people and support peacetalkstore solve internal conflicts in Myanmar.

The minister from DFID—the UK Department responsible for leading the UK government's fight against world poverty—said, "UK humanitarian support is already making a difference and we are actively looking at what more we can do, but now the international community must wake up to these forgotten crises and come together to find lifesaving and a lasting solution."

British have supported to Rakhine State now totals £6.4 million and £4.4 million announced in May 2013 is providing nearly 80,000 people with access to safe drinking water

and improved sanitation facilities, malnourished children aged 0-59 months with treatment for acute malnutrition in rural camps, hygiene kits to nearly 40,000 people.

The UK will provide an additional £1.5 million of humanitarian support for people displaced by the conflict in Kachin, taking the total support provided to £3.5 million with the UK the largest bilateral humanitarian donor to Kachin State.

The first UN international aid convoy for almost a year was able to deliver humanitarian assistance in non-



UK's International Development Minister Mr Alan Duncan.—MNA governmental controlled areas in Kachin State.

The UK is one of the largest bilateral donors to Myanmar, with a programme of over £180m from 2011 to 2015.—MNA

Monsoon agricultural loans disbursed to local farmers in Sagaing Township

SAGAING, 20 June—The township bank (branch) of Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region, yesterday disbursed agricultural loans for 2013 monsoon to Aungtha Village-tract of the township that early cleared its debt on agricultural loans of last year's monsoon.

Till 31 August, loans

totaling K 3708.820 million were granted to 56 village-tracts at the rates of K 100,000 per acre for cultivation of monsoon paddy and K 20,000 per acre for growing other crops.

Loans are to be granted to the villages on a first settle, first enjoyed basis.

Kyemon-Zaw Myint Naing

Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continues for sixth day

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The Golden Jubilee Myanmar Gems Emporium continued for the sixth day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall, here, today.

Local and foreign gems merchants visited the Jade Hall and put the price proposals into the tender boxes.

Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems

Enterprise and officials gave necessary assistance.

Price proposals were submitted for 1636 jade lots to be sold tomorrow through the tender.

Dr Myint Aung, Union Minister for Mines, and party arrived at the Jade Hall and viewed the local and foreign merchants who put the price proposals for jade lots into the tender boxes.—MNA

NATIONAL

Union Ministers meet entrepreneurs in Kayah State

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—A ceremony to meet with the entrepreneurs in Kayah State was held at the conference hall of State Government on 18 June, with an address by Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo.

In his speech, Union Minister for Electric Power U Khin Maung Soe said electricity sector is important for development of the region, adding that Beluchaung (3) Hydropower Project will be completed soon and the electricity from the plant will be supplied to Kayah State as first priority. But, it needs to make survey and build sub-

power stations and plans are underway to build a 132 KVA sub-power station in the coming year.

Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay pledged to assist in selling, purchasing and importing of fuel for the entrepreneurs in Kayah State.

Then, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint said that Thailand and the central regions in Myanmar will benefit through their trading after opening border trade camp in Meisei Region which borders Kayah State in Myanmar and Mae Hong Son Province in Thailand. He said that International Trade rules

and regulations course will soon be conducted in Loikaw and the ministry would assist in holding exhibitions in Kayah State. The Union minister invited the entrepreneurs from Kayah State to participate in Trade Fair to be held in Yangon by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) for penetrating their goods into the market. He also pointed out the importance of the unity and cooperation among the entrepreneurs.

The Union ministers replied to queries raised by the entrepreneurs.

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Delegation from OCSC pays visit to UCSB

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Under the program for promoting and cooperation among the ACCSM (ASEAN Conference on Civil Service Matters) member states, a delegation led by Mrs Ratana Ubolsing, Director of the Office of the

Civil Service Commission (OCSC), Thailand, paid a study visit to the office of the Union Civil Services Board this morning.

The delegation was welcomed by U Than Tun, member and departmental heads of the Union Civil

Service Board. The delegation was given a presentation about the role and functions of UCSB.

The delegation comprises 140 high-ranking officials from the Government and public sector of Thailand.—MNA

British Minister of State for International Development, Deputy Border Affairs Minister inspect rehabilitation tasks in Rakhine State



British Minister of State for International Development Right Honourable Alan Duncan MP and party view shelters for victims in Sittway.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The visiting British Minister of State for International Development Right Honourable Alan Duncan MP and party, accompanied by Secretary of Rakhine State Peace and Development Implementation Central Committee Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win and officials concerned, arrived at Sittway Airport via Yangon on 18 June evening, to

inspect rehabilitation and development tasks in Rakhine State.

They held a meeting with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin and state ministers and officials concerned at Sittway Airport Lounge.

Afterwards, the delegation and the chief minister, the deputy minister looked around the building constructed by the CDN group with the contribution of Britain and water supply

at Ye Nwe Su relief camp in Sittway, and inspected progress of the housing complex for victims in the industrial ward.

They proceeded to relief camps in Myebon. At Myebon Township Administrator's Office, the township administrator presented reports on construction of shelters for victims and fulfilling their needs for their livings and then Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win explained

Union Attorney-General receives guests from Asia Foundation



Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin receives country representative to Thailand Mr. Kim McQuay of Asia Foundation and Director Ms. Kirsten Bishop of Law and Justice Programmes from Bangkok-based Asia Foundation.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Attorney-General of the Union Dr Tun Shin received country representative to Thailand Mr. Kim McQuay of the Asia Foundation and Director Ms. Kirsten Bishop of Law and Justice Programmes

from Bangkok-based Asia Foundation at the international hall of the union attorney-general office, here, this morning.

At the meeting, the guest side offered help for rule of law in Myanmar being implemented by Union

attorney-general office and raised questions for their knowledge. The Union attorney-general clarified works being carried out by the ministries, organizations, Union attorney-general office and law offices.

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lim communities at Aung Mingalar Ward in Sittway.

At the meeting held at the Rakhine State government's Office, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin made clarifications on undertakings of relief and rehabilitation tasks by Union government, Rakhine State government, UN agencies and international organizations after communal clashes in June and October 2012 and works being undertaken by forming Central Committee for Implementation of Peace and Stability and Development in Rakhine State and work committees.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win explained ensuring of stability and Rule of Law, short- and long-term plans for rehabilitation task and plans for the two communities to live in peaceful way and security measures for preventing riots in related areas, accommodation for victims at relief camps and coordination to accept provisions from local and international organizations and opening of coordination center in Sittway for two sides.

Deputy Minister U Thein Aung then explained distribution of power-tillers, paddy strains, fertilizer and fuel and opening of temporary schools and clinics in relief camps.

The British Minister expressed thanks to those present for giving full explanations. He said he visited Myanmar to provide necessary assistance and he saw development of foreign investment and living standard of people. But, economic development can be hit hard by social violence, he mentioned. Britain will provide not only UN Emergency Fund but humanitarian assistance for Rakhine State, the British minister pledged.

Head of Office Ms. Barbara Manzi of UNOCHA, Programme Officer Ms. Nic Pyatt from Save the Children and Programme Officer Ms. Vicrie Hawkins clarified progress of works and necessities in Rakhine State.

The British Minister, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win and party left Sittway by air and arrived in Yangon in the evening.

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HRD

Nyaunglebin upgrades BEMS Branch

NYAUNGLEBIN, 20 June—A ceremony to upgrade Basic Education Primary School to BEMS Branch was held in East Zeegan Village of Wapadaw Village-tract in Nyaunglebin Township of Bago Region on 17 June morning.

Assistant Director U Ye Lwin of Region Education Department, Township Education Officer Daw Naw Chit May and ward administrator U Maung Kyaing formally opened the signboard of the school.

Assistant Director U

Ye Lwin made a speech and presented certificates of honour to wellwisher U Than Kywe-Daw Tin Tin Nwe (Kyamin Oil Mill) and U Kyaw Kyaw-Daw Mar Mar Aye (Mya Electronics Trading) of Nyaunglebin.

Headmistress Daw Khin Mar Aye explained the purpose of upgrading the school. The ward administrator donated K 50,000 to the fund of the school through TEO Daw Naw Chit May.

Kyemon-Nay Lin
(Nyaunglebin)

Hopang gets new two-storey school building



HOPANG, 20 June—A handing over ceremony of Saw Khun Hsaing new two-storey school building at Hopang Basic Education High School in Hopang District, Northern Shan State, was held in front of the school on 18 June.

At the ceremony, Shan State Social Affairs Minister Dr Myo Tun, Chairman of Leading Body of Wa Self-Administered Division U Khun Tun Lu and Deputy Director U Myint Kyi of Northern Shan State Education Department cut the ribbon to open the building. After that, the State Social Affairs Minister unveiled the signboard. Then, the State Social Affairs Minister and the Chairman gave speeches on the occasion.

Managing Director U San Maung of Mya Myint Zu Construction Co., Ltd of Lashio Township handed over documents related to the building to Hopang Township Education Officer U Kyaw Hsan Oo. Then, the State Social Affairs Minister donated K 1 million to Headmaster U Sein Win and townselder U Sai San Aung spoke words of thanks.

The two-storey brick noggin building with 16 classrooms was built at a cost of K 168.3 million—K 165.3 million by No. 2 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education and K 3.3 million by the Leading Body of Wa Self-Administered Division.

Kyemon-Township IPRD

Farming rights certificates issued in Yebyu

YEBYU, 20 June—A ceremony to present farming rights certificates to the farmers was held at Aungthawady Hall of Yebyu Township General Administration Department in Taninthayi Region on 16

June morning.

Head of Region Settlement and Land Records Department U Min Thein stressed the need for farmers to abide by the rules and regulations in operating their farmlands

ILLEGAL TRADE PREVENTION

Mobile team sends seized commodities to ST Branch



BAGO, 20 June—A mobile team formed by Sittoung Bridges in Waw Bago Region government is discharging its duties to check vehicles with loads where there is legal or illegal at the junction

of roads to old and new Township of Bago Region.

On 16 June, the team transported illegally imported beer, cans, detergent powder and

snacks worth K 17 million to Supply and Transport Branch of the Customs Department in Ahlon township of Yangon by car.

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Poverty alleviation tasks in Pakokku District

PAKOKKU, 20 June—Officials from UNOPS (LIFT Fund) observed the development tasks being undertaken by Actionaid

and ADRA in Seikpyu Township, Pakokku District, Magway Region on 16 June.

Actionaid and ADRA

has conducted vocational, water supply, environmental conservation, health care, tailoring and other courses in 15 villages in Seikpyu township.

Capital equivalent to

FEC100 for job opportunities has been funded.

The project period is from October, 2010 to October, 2013.

Kyemon- Aung
(Mandalay University)

Blood donation ceremony held at Central Women's Hospital



Blood donors are happy for their meritorious deeds.

MANDALAY, 20 June—The 12th blood donation ceremony organized by Myanmar Brewery Ltd was and then presented farming rights certificates to the local farmers.

At the ceremony, Head of District SLRD U Chit Ko Ko, Township Administrator U Tint Naing and Head of Township SLRD U Tint Zaw also presented certificates to the farmers.

Kyemon-Yebyu IPRD

held at the blood bank of Central Women's Hospital, here, on 7 May and Staff of Myanmar Brewery Ltd and blood donors participated in the blood donation.

Myanmar Brewery Ltd, KTM purified drinking water and Calsome cereal served the blood donors with Myanmar traditional snacks, refreshments and soft drinks and presented gifts to them.—*Kyemon-Thiha*

KoKo (Mandalay)

Drug addict rehabilitation course conducted in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 20 June—The organizer course for drug addict rehabilitation was opened at the youth training centre in North Ward of Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay from 12 to 14 June with the aim of contributing to 15-year Drug Elimination Project of Myanmar.

The course conducted by Social Welfare Department of Mandalay Region was aimed at enabling the students to avoid narcotic drugs and preventing danger of narcotic drugs. It was attended by faculty members of universities and BEHSs in Mandalay District.

The Minister for Planning and Economic of Mandalay Region made a speech at the opening ceremony of the course.

The training was sponsored by wellwisher U Win Myint-Daw Khin Win.

In-charge of the centre U Khin Tun explained the centre accepts those wishing to receive treatment for drug addicts. Although the centre admits the trainees as of 18 years old, some of parents join the centre to treat their children. The centre trains them vocational training courses as much as possible.

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POWER SUPPLY

Solar panels installed free of charge in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 20 June—Village Electrification (Solar System) Committee of Rural Area Development Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs distributed solar panels, LED bulbs and wires worth K 0.3 million free of charge to 120 households in Theepin village, Kyaukse District in Mandalay Region on 4 May.

As of March, 2013, the committee has installed solar panels in four village including Theepin village. The committee will continue to install solar panels in the remaining villages.

Kyemon-Thiha
Ko Ko (Mandalay)

REGIONAL

Xi: China, Vietnam should follow path of friendly cooperation

BEIJING, 20 June—Chinese President Xi Jinping on Wednesday urged China and Vietnam to “unswervingly march together along the path of friendly cooperation” despite distractions.

Xi made the comments during his three-hour-long talks with visiting Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang.

They exchanged views on how to strengthen the bilateral comprehensive strategic cooperation under a new environment and reached broad consensus.

Noting that China and Vietnam are important neighbours and partners of cooperation, Xi said over 60 years of history of bilateral relations tells the two countries that they should unswervingly pursue the path of friendly cooperation despite problems and distractions ahead.

Xi emphasized that China is striving for the goals and tasks set by the 18th National Congress of the Communist Party of



Chinese President Xi Jinping (L) and Vietnamese President Truong Tan Sang wave during a welcoming ceremony in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 June, 2013.

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China and therefore needs peaceful and stable surroundings. China attaches great importance to developing relations with Vietnam and will firmly uphold the fundamental policy of developing friendly ties, he said.

Xi said that under complicated and profound changes of international political and economic circumstances, the two countries are facing an important stage of affirming traditions

and ushering in the future. He said this requires the two sides to follow the development of the bilateral relationship, unswervingly cement and promote friendship, increase strategic mutual trust and properly handle differences.

Sang said that Vietnam and China enjoy a deep traditional friendship, which is the treasure of the two peoples and serves as the foundation for the two countries' future development.

He said the party, the government and people of Vietnam will never forget China's support and assistance and hope the Chinese people will make greater achievements in building socialism with Chinese characteristics and realize their goals in building a comprehensive well-off society.

Vietnam is willing to work with China to strengthen good neighbourhood and comprehensive cooperation, increase mutual trust, properly handle differences, carry forward traditional friendship and forge a stronger bilateral relationship to create sound surroundings for their respective development.

Both heads of states agreed during the talks that China and Vietnam are facing key stages of their respective economic and social development and the two sides need to further strengthen comprehensive cooperation.

Xinhua

S Korea approves purchase of bunker-busting missiles from Europe

SEOUL, 20 June—South Korea decided on Wednesday to buy German bunker-busting air-to-ground long-range missiles to strengthen its air force in light of North Korean threats, the Defence Acquisition Programme Administration said.

The plan to purchase Taurus KEPD 350s for South Korea's F-15K strike fighters was approved in a meeting presided over by Defence Minister Kim Kwan Jin.

The GPS-guided missile, manufactured by German company Taurus Systems, has a 500-kilometre range and is used by Germany and Spain. The Taurus will be the first strategic weapon bought from Europe rather than the United States. A spokesman for the state procurement agency said details have to be discussed with the supplier.

According to Yonhap News Agency, South Korea plans to buy about 170 missiles, costing about 2 billion won (\$1.8 million) each.

Missiles launched from South Korean airspace can hit strategic targets in North Korea with precision, including nuclear and missile bases, Yonhap said, adding the Taurus has a 480-kilogram warhead capable of penetrating up to 6 meters of reinforced concrete with an error rate of a mere 2 to 3 metres.

South Korea has reportedly been attempting to introduce long-range air-to-ground missiles since 2008.

South Korea had expressed interest in Lockheed Martin's Joint Air-to-Surface Standoff Missile, a rival to the Taurus, but the Pentagon did not approve the sale of the 370-km range missile to Seoul. “At the beginning, we tried to push ahead with the acquisition programme through competitions,” the spokesman for the state procurement agency said, adding, “However, we had to make a decision quickly in light of North Korea's continuing threats.”

Kyodo News

ASEAN, China eye more cooperation in search, rescue in South China Sea



Pham Quang Vinh, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, speaks during a workshop in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 19 June, 2013.

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HANOI, 20 June—Some 40 representatives from ASEAN and China on Wednesday attended a workshop on strengthening ASEAN-China cooperation in search and rescue of persons and vessels in distress in the South China Sea.

Addressing the workshop, Pham Quang Vinh, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, said the workshop is a part of the implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), which is a milestone document in cooperation between ASEAN and China.

The document reflects the joint commitment of relevant parties on the respect of the international law, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the implementation of principles of restraint, not conducting activities that further complicate the situation, non-use of force, and peaceful settlement of disputes along with measures to build trust, Vinh said.

Fully implementation of the DOC and the adoption of COC to ensure maritime peace, security, safety and freedom of navigation are among measures to build

trust in accordance with DOC, he said.

The South China Sea is a complex area with potential risks. There are many factors leading to the distress of peoples and vessels in the sea, including weather, sickness or damaged vessels. ASEAN and China need to work together to adopt necessary and appropriate policies and measures to coordinate in search and rescue for humanitarian and trust building purposes.

During the two-day workshop, participants will discuss the necessity to set forth measures to support people and vessels in distress in the South China Sea, the factors affecting the coordination of humanitarian assistance in the region, and the specific recommendations to enhance cooperation in the field of search and rescue operations in the South China Sea.—Xinhua

Transboundary haze pushes Singapore's air pollution to “hazardous” level

SINGAPORE, 20 June—The transboundary haze as a result of bush burning in neighbouring Indonesia pushed Singapore's three-hour pollutant standards index (PSI) to an unprecedented “hazardous” level on Wednesday evening.

The three-hour PSI soared to 290 at 9:00 pm, before climbing further to 321 at 10:00 pm.

A reading above 100 means that the air quality is “unhealthy,” and a reading above 200 is “very unhealthy.” It is considered “hazardous” if the reading hits 300.

The previous worst smog reading was 226 in 1997.

The index has stayed above 100 most of the time since Monday, when the haze started to visibly affect the air quality and shroud the landmarks in the city state. The haze was largely



Vehicles are seen on the highway in Singapore, on 19 June, 2013.—Xinhua

a result of fire used to burn bushes on Sumatra so that the lands can be utilized for agricultural purposes.

Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said Singapore authorities have voiced their concerns with Indonesia and urged its neighbour to take tougher actions to reduce the haze.

Singapore's National Environment Agency said

the haze has been affecting Singapore since 13 June. It had advised children, the elderly and those with heart or lung diseases to avoid outdoor activities. Others are also advised to limit prolonged or heavy outdoor activities.

The hazy conditions are expected to persist for a few days, it said.

Xinhua

India announces 10 b rupee aid package for flood-hit areas

NEW DELHI, 20 June—Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, after an aerial survey on Wednesday of flood-ravaged areas in the northern state Uttarakhand, announced a relief package of 10 billion rupees (\$170 million) for relief and rescue work.

More than 100 people

have so far died and “large scale devastation” has occurred over the past few days, Singh said.

Accompanied by Congress President and Chair of the ruling alliance Sonia Gandhi, Singh said, “As of now 102 people have died in this ghastly tragedy. It is feared that the loss of lives

could be much higher. Until now, more than 10,000 people have been rescued, but many are still stranded. There has been large scale devastation.”

Rescue and relief work is being carried out by 5,500 soldiers from the Indian armed forces, 3,000 men from the border roads organ-

ization and 600 personnel from the Indo-Tibet border police, the premier added.

In addition, teams from the national disaster response force have been deployed and 18 helicopters from the Indian Air Force and several private helicopters have joined the operations.

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People ride boat to higher ground after floodwaters inundated homes along the banks of the Yamuna River in New Delhi, India, on 19 June, 2013. The Indian capital has been put on flood alert after its main Yamuna river breached the danger mark following incessant rainfall since on 16 June.

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**The Government of the Republic of the
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Invitation to open tender to construct building

1. Open tenders are invited from Myanmar entrepreneurs to construct buildings at Myanma Radio and Television of Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw Pinyinmana (Thapyaytaung).

Sr.	Location	Work name	Quantity
1.	Nay Pyi Taw, Pinyinmana (Thapyaytaung)	one-storey 120x25x12 ft 60-person-capacity RCC building with water and power supply	2 Lots
2.	Nay Pyi Taw, Pinyinmana (Thapyaytaung)	one-storey 60x30x10 ft 60-person-capacity mess hall of Brick Masonry Building with water and power supply	1 Lot
3.	Nay Pyi Taw, Pinyinmana (Thapyaytaung)	8-unit 20x10x8 ft Common WC Brick Masonry Building	1 Lot

2. The open tender forms and rules are sold out during office hours from 20-6-2013 to 19-7-2013. Open tender forms are to be submitted not later than at 16:00hr on 20-7-2013 and the tenders will be opened the same day.

3. Those wishing to submit the open tender are to pay deposit to Myanma Radio and Television for respective works and open tenders are to be submitted along with the copy of receipt. If more than one tender is submitted, deposits for the works must be paid before submitting the open tender.

4. The place where open tender document will be sold and submitted is Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw (Tatkon).

5. For further information about full text of the announcement, detailed rules, price of tender form and deposit, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv and www.moi.gov.mm/mrtv:zg.

6. Detailed information are available at the maintenance section, Ph-067 79377 and Purchasing section, Ph 067 79135.

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Sr.	Work name
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2.	Generator House (10' x 10' x 9') building Brick Nogging
3.	(40'x 20' x9') two-unit staff quarters Brick Mansory
4.	(200' x 200' x 6') fencing with concrete post and barbed wire (including gate)
5.	Sinking of brick tube-well (3' x 30') in depth and repairing work of brick water tank (4'-0 x 3' -0 x3'-6")
6.	Erection of five lamp-posts for electricfication
7.	Laying 1m x 1m x 1m eight concrete foundations for tower foundation work

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Invitation for Open Tender

1. No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines invites open tender for **TINTUNGSTENSEPERATION PLANT (LOIKAW)** in co-operation between the department and the private company.

2. Tender closing date and time is **9th July, 2013, (16:00) Hrs.**

3. Tender document are available from the Procurement Department, No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Mines, Office Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw and detail can be asked to +95 - (0)67 - 409390 and 409391 within the office hours.

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**Asians rank
prominently
among
top young
universities but
not Japanese**

LONDON, 20 June—Asia features prominently in a new ranking of the world's top 100 universities under 50 years of age but countries such as Japan, China and India were exceptions, according to data released on Thursday by the *Times Higher Education* magazine.

Asia makes an "impressive showing" this year with eight countries represented in the top 100, although there were no places for China or India.

Japan only had one institution on the list, the University of Tsukuba, which fell from 39th to joint 49th.

For a second consecutive year, South Korea's Pohang University of Science and Technology came top of the list, while the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology moved up to third from fifth place in 2012.

Hong Kong's University of Science and Technology was fourth, and Hong Kong has a claim to be Asia's number one economy in the rankings, as its four representatives in the top 100 are more highly placed than Taiwan's five, giving it a stronger overall rankings point tally. Singapore enters the world top 10 for the first time, with Nanyang Technological University moving up into eighth place. Britain had the most representatives on the list, with 18, followed by Australia with 13. In all, 28 countries are represented in the second year of the survey.—*Kyodo News*



Photo taken on 19 June, 2013 shows egg carving handicrafts made by Pu Derong, a man from Dongzhuangtou Village in Zhuozhou City, north China's Hebei Province.

Pu, who started egg carving in 1995, have won several awards in various contests and exhibitions.—XINHUA

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Jennifer Aniston and clothes are not F.R.I.E.N.D.S

LOS ANGELES, 20 June —Former Friends star Jennifer Aniston, who recently moved in with her fiance Justin Theroux to their new mansion, reportedly stays naked in the house.

If a source close to Aniston is to be believed, the actress spends days by walking around her house

in the buff and cooks in the nude too, reports mirror.co.uk. The 44-year-old was reportedly shy at first, but has now become confident thanks to Theroux.

"Both of them (Aniston and Theroux) have incredible bodies, so they're more relaxed," the source said.—PTI

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Mick Jagger (2nd L) performs with Ronnie Wood (rear L-R), Keith Richards and Charlie Watts of the Rolling Stones at a concert during the band's "50 and Counting" tour in Chicago May 28, 2013.—REUTERS

Rolling Stones release back catalogue on iTunes

LONDON, 20 June—The Rolling Stones released a career-spanning digitally re-mastered back catalogue on Apple Inc's iTunes Store on Wednesday as part of their 50th anniversary celebrations.

The new iTunes release chronicles the British group's entire oeuvre, from their introductory 1963 cover of Chuck Berry's "Come On" to last year's Greatest Hits collection "GRRR!", their record label Universal Music said on Wednesday.

The Rolling Stones — Mick Jagger, Keith Richards, Ronnie Wood and

Charlie Watts — emerged alongside the Beatles in the early 1960s.

They became one of the most successful groups in rock and roll history with hits such as "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction", "Jumpin' Jack Flash" and "Sympathy for the Devil".

The new releases have been re-mastered exclusively for iTunes and will feature all the band's classic studio albums as well as live albums and compilations.

In addition, the complete catalogue is available in two parts on iTunes,

spanning the periods 1963-1971 and 1971-2013.

The Stones kicked off their biggest tour in six years in Los Angeles last month after a sell-out mini-tour of Europe and the United States last year.

The veteran rockers are also set to headline Britain's biggest musical festival, Glastonbury, for the first time on 29 June, and perform in London's Hyde Park for the first time since a tribute concert to founder member and guitarist Brian Jones 44 years ago, two days after his death.

"It seems like yester-

day," Richards told the BBC in April. "It's going to be a great summer, man ... All the gigs we haven't done or wanted to redo are popping up."

They last went on the road for their "A Bigger Bang" tour from 2005 to 2007, playing 144 shows around the world and grossing more than \$550 million, one of the world's most lucrative rock tours. The Stones have sold more than 200 million albums worldwide and toured 40 times, mostly across Europe and North America in the 1960s and 1970s.—Reuters

Johnny Depp's shocking revelation

LONDON, 20 June—Hollywood superstar Johnny Depp has revealed he is completely blind in one eye.

The Lone Ranger star,

who is rarely photographed without a pair of tinted glasses, said he is near-sighted in the other eye and that's why he relies heavily on prescription glasses,

reported Contactmusic.

"Everything is just very, very blurry. I've never had proper vision," he said.

The 50-year-old actor, who has two children Lily Rose, 14, and Jack, 11, with his ex-girlfriend Vanessa Paradis, said he can only see a few inches from his face if he is playing a character that does not wear glasses or sunglasses.

Meanwhile, the actor, who is now dating actress Amber Heard, also revealed that he thinks about retiring from Hollywood 'every day'.



Johnny Depp

"I think while I've got the opportunity and the desire and the creative spark to do the things that I can do right now, I should do them," he said.—PTI

Kate Middleton celebrated Father's Day in hometown

LONDON, 20 June—The Duchess of Cambridge, whose maiden name was Kate Middleton, celebrated Father's Day with her dad, Michael Middleton, in her hometown.

The pregnant royal spent the day in the West Berkshire village of Bucklebury, where she grew up. The father-daughter were spotted together, along with Kate's security, at a petrol station filling up their car,

reports eonline.com.

"I was getting petrol too and she offered to let me go first. She was really sweet...She was lovely, I guess she was visiting her family," said an eye witness.

The source said that Kate was wearing a big coat and stood outside the car while one of her guards filled it up. She and her dad reportedly had lunch at a local restaurant.—PTI



Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux

SPORTS

Nadal seeded a dangerous fifth for Wimbledon



Rafael Nadal of Spain kisses the trophy after defeating compatriot David Ferrer in their men's singles final match to win the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 9 June, 2013.

REUTERS

LONDON, 20 June—Rafa Nadal could face world number one Novak Djokovic, defending champion Roger Federer or home favourite Andy Murray as early as the Wimbledon quarter-finals after he was seeded fifth for the grasscourt major on Wednesday.

Friday's draw for the tournament, which begins at the All England Club on Monday, could now produce a nightmare scenario for top three seeds Djokovic, Murray and Federer if any of them end up being in the same quarter as 2008 and 2010 winner Nadal.

The Wimbledon seeding reflects Nadal's current ranking, with the Mallorcan behind fourth-ranked Spanish compatriot David Ferrer whom he beat to win an eighth French Open title this month.

Wimbledon is the only grand slam that does not automatically follow the men's rankings when seedings are decided. Instead, officials rely on a three-stage formula which also takes into account grass-court performances of the past two seasons.

As Nadal suffered a shock second-round exit in southwest London 12 months ago, after which his ranking slipped as he spent seven months on the sidelines with a knee injury, Wimbledon's seeding formula failed to bump him above Ferrer, who reached the quarter-finals last year.

John McEnroe, the retired three-times Wimbledon champion, said on Tuesday that it would be 'totally wrong' for 12-times grand slam champion Nadal to be seeded outside the top four.

"In my opinion there is

no doubt he should be in the top four," American McEnroe said in a conference call.

"If he ran into Ferrer in the quarter-finals it would be the same old, same old because Ferrer is used to running into one of the big four in the last eight.

"But if Nadal played Djokovic in the quarters, or possibly Murray or Federer, that would be a big difference, and absolutely wrong for that to happen, in my opinion."

US Open champion Murray had already resigned himself to a possible last-eight clash with Nadal.

"I know there will be a lot of interest in the draw this year as Rafael Nadal looks like being seeded fifth but as a player you can't get too obsessed about the draw," Murray had said in a column for the BBC website on Monday.

"I'd sign up to be in the quarter-finals against Rafa tomorrow if someone offered me that."

The Wimbledon seedings by and large reflected the current ATP rankings, with Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga bumped up a place to sixth and Queen's Club runner-up Marin Cilic profiting from two spots to 10th.

There were no surprises among the women after five-times champion Serena Williams was named top seed ahead of Victoria Azarenka and Maria Sharapova in second and third in accordance with the rankings.—Reuters

Italy overhaul Japan to reach Confederation Cup semis

RECIFE, (Brazil), 20 June—Substitute Sebastian Giovinco tapped in a late goal to secure Italy a thrilling 4-3 win over Japan on Wednesday and a semi-final berth in the Confederations Cup. Giovinco slotted home the winner in the 86th minute after latching onto a cross in the area, capping a pulsating contest that saw the Azzurri edge ahead with three consecutive goals after trailing 2-0 before halftime.

Shinji Okazaki nodded a lovely, glancing header past Italy keeper Gianluigi Buffon from a Yasuhito Endo free kick to level at 3-3 in the 69th minute, and Japan tried desperately to respond to Giovinco's late score in a frenetic finish but to no avail.

Italy join Brazil in the semi-finals and might consider themselves lucky after starting poorly and benefiting from an own goal

by Japan defender Atsuto Uchida.

Coach Alberto Zaccheroni worried his side might be overawed by the four-times world champions but they began confidently and had their first goal in the 21st minute when Keisuke Honda slotted home a penalty kick after Buffon was adjudged to have brought down Okazaki.



Italy's Mario Balotelli (9) celebrates with teammates as Japan's Shinji Okazaki reacts after their Confederations Cup Group A soccer match at the Arena Pernambuco in Recife on 19 June, 2013.—REUTERS

The Blue Samurai doubled their lead in the 33rd minute after the Italian defence missed a high ball and it fell to Shinji Kagawa who swiveled and hammered it home.

Italy pulled one back in the 41st minute when de Rossi rose to powerfully head home a Pirlo corner and almost had an equaliser on the stroke of halftime

Woods out of action until British Open due to elbow strain

LONDON, 20 June—Tiger Woods has been diagnosed with a left elbow strain that will keep him out of competition until next month's British Open at Muirfield, the world number one said on Wednesday.

Woods had been suffering minor discomfort before last week's US Open at Merion, where he aggravated the problem and was seen wincing and shaking his left arm on several occasions.

"I was examined after I returned home from the US Open, and the doctors determined I have a left elbow strain," the American said in a statement on his website.

"I have been advised to take a few weeks off, rest and undergo treatment. I'll be ready to go for the Brit-

ish Open and I'm looking forward to playing at Muirfield." The 14-times major champion

The 18-21 July British Open at Muirfield in

was a big favourite to win the US Open but poor putting and iron play left him 12 shots behind winner Justin Rose.

Woods had been scheduled to play in the 27-30 June AT&T National at Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland, where he triumphed last year to move past Jack Nicklaus into second place on the all-time PGA Tour winners' list.

Scotland is the third of golf's four annual major championships.

Reuters

Russia's Kuznetsova pulls out of Wimbledon



Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia wipes her face during their women's singles quarter-final match against Serena Williams of the US at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on 4 June, 2013.—REUTERS

LONDON, 20 June—Twice grand slam champion Svetlana Kuznetsova pulled out of Wimbledon on Wednesday with an abdominal strain.

Officials said Czech Klara Zakopalova had been installed as 32nd seed following the Russian's withdrawal with the original seeds between 32 and 27 be-

ing moved up one place.

Kuznetsova, who was seeded 26th for the grass-court major which begins on Monday, was the only player to take a set off eventual champion Serena Williams at this month's French Open.

The 27-year-old, who has never been past the quarter-finals in 10 previous visits to Wimbledon, was a first-round loser a year ago.

Reuters

Juventus sign Ghana midfielder Asamoah from Udinese



Juventus' Kwadwo Asamoah kicks the ball during his Italian Serie A soccer match against Siena at the Juventus stadium in Turin on 24 February, 2013 file photo. REUTERS

ROME, 20 June—Juventus have bought Ghana international Kwadwo Asamoah outright on a four-year deal after ending their co-ownership deal with Udinese for the midfielder, the Serie A club said on Wednesday.

Juve will pay Udinese a total of nine million euros (7.69 million pounds) over the next three financial years for the 24-year-old.

"Juventus Football Club announces that it has terminated the current co-ownership agreement with Udinese Calcio concerning

the registration rights of Kwadwo Asamoah," the club announced on their official website (www.juventus.com).

Asamoah has been a hit since signing for Antonio Conte's side before the start of last season, making 27 league appearances and scoring two goals, and the club have been keen to make him their own.

Juventus have also extended co-ownership deals for Mauricio Isla and Cristian Pasquato with Udinese until next June.

Reuters

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A man takes a look at the beeswax handicrafts during the 2nd China (Tianjin) International Stone Blocks, Products & Equipment Exposition in Tianjin, north China, on 18 June, 2013. The exposition, opened here on Tuesday, has attracted more than 800 related enterprises both at home and abroad.—XINHUA

Fujitsu to test student data management system at Thai university

TOKYO, 20 June—Japanese computer builder Fujitsu Ltd said on Wednesday it will start this month a nine-month long test of a student data management system at Chulalongkorn

University in Thailand.

The system enables administrators to centrally manage basic information, curriculum registrations, academic records and other student data stored in vari-

ous departments within the university, Fujitsu said.

The company said it has provided computer services to many Japanese universities to improve education quality.—Kyodo News

Two killed in shooting at Slovenia's kindergarten

LJUBLJANA, 20 June—A bloody gunshot occurred on Wednesday at a kindergarten near the town of Domzale, some 10 kilometres northeast of Ljubljana,

Slovenia, killing a man and a woman.

The woman, an employee in the Rodica kindergarten, was shot and killed by the man. The uni-

dentified gunman, who was jealous of the victim, committed suicide after the killing. The shooting is the first of its kind in Slovenia, local mass media said.—Xinhua

Neymar strikes again as Brazil beat Mexico

FORTALEZA, (Brazil), 20 June—Brazil's Jo (C) celebrates with teammates Neymar (L) and Dani Alves after scoring against Mexico during their Confederations Cup Group A soccer match at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 19 June, 2013.

Brazil's David Luiz (R) and his teammate Neymar (C) walk together after winning their Confederations Cup Group A match against Mexico at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 19 June, 2013.

Brazil's Neymar reacts against Mexico's Carlos Salcido (L) during their Confederations Cup Group A soccer match at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 19 June, 2013.

FORTALEZA, Brazil - Neymar struck with a stunning early volley for the second Confederations Cup game in a row and brilliantly set up the second goal to give Brazil a 2-0 win over Mexico on Wednesday.

Neymar met the ball at a difficult height after Mexico defender Francisco

Rodriguez failed to properly clear a header and showed great technique to volley the ball left-footed past Jose Corona in the ninth minute.

He brought the crowd to its feet against in stoppage time when he slipped between two Mexican defenders and crossed for substitute Jo to score easily.

Earlier, the Barcelona-bound 21-year-old said on Facebook that he had been "inspired" by the protests which have rocked Brazil-

ian cities in the last few days. Brazil, who have won both Group A games without conceding a goal, dominated the first 20 minutes but Mexico, who have lost their two matches, came close to an equaliser several times.

The game went ahead against the backdrop of demonstrations outside the stadium with protesters demanding "health, education, not corruption."

The nationwide pro-



Brazil's Neymar fights for the ball with Mexico's Hiram Mier (R) during their Confederations Cup Group A match at the Estadio Castelao in Fortaleza on 19 June, 2013.—REUTERS

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Drug problem costs S Africa yearly 2 bln USD

CAPE TOWN, 20 June—South Africa has approximately 15 percent of its population having a drug problem, costing the country 20 billion rands (about 2 billion US dollars) a year, according to figures released on Tuesday.

The use of drugs among the youth is even more worrying as youth are the biggest target of drug dealers, Police Minister Nathi Mthethwa said in remarks published by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS).

This problem poses a bigger threat to the future than the Aids pandemic, Mthethwa said at the just concluded Future Leaders Annual Youth Conference in Durban, according to the GCIS.

The minister cited a study as saying the use of drugs among teenagers had increased over the last 10 years by more than 600 percent, with the average starting age of abuse at 12 years and younger. "Compound-

ing the increase in substance abuse is the sad reality that some segments of society perceive drug-taking to be cool, normal and acceptable. This is a social problem that cuts across all demographic groups," the minister said.

According to Mthethwa, South Africa is both a transit and end user country with over 41 drug laboratories closed down by the law enforcement agencies last year alone.

He raised concerns over the links between growing gangsterism and the illicit trade in drugs as well as the links between drugs and violence.

The anti-drug fight, he said, must focus on production, consumption and cross border trafficking.

"Shared responsibility is a key part of the formula for suppressing drugs. The drug problem must be dealt with using an integrated approach that aims to reduce, on the one hand, supply and on the other, demand.

Xinhua

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Second round of Union-Level Peace Talks between a delegation led by Union Peace-making Work Committee Vice-Chairman Union Minister U Aung Min and Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) continued at local station in Loikaw in Kayah State this morning.

KNPP Vice-Chairman Khu U Yal discussed regional development and KNPP's needs. After that, Union Minister U Aung Min said that the President welcomed reentering of Internally Displaced Persons (IDP).

He pleaded that the State would provide necessary assistance for accommodation of IDP and make cooperation with the donors. Both sides would cooperate in clearance of landmines in the places where IDP are resettled. The State could provide necessary aids thanks to the frank discussions.

Union Minister U Than Htay and Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut also

discussed respective aids pro-grammee.

The talks focused on holding of step-by-step political talks, establishment of a model village for resettlement of IDP, cooperation in clearance of landmines, extended opening of liaison offices, approval of monitoring group and the remaining talks.

A separate talks between officials of Union Peace-making Work Committee and KNPP was held at 7.30 am today. In the afternoon, officials from both sides held separate talks on forces. Eight-point agreement was signed at the local station.

In the evening, KNPP hosted a dinner to those who attended the second round of Union-Level Peace Talks at Soebawthe Village of Dimawhso Township in commemoration of 138th Karenni National Day.

It was attended by the committee members Union Minister U Win Tun, U Khin Maung Soe, U Than Htay and U Win Myint,

Second round of Union-Level Peace Talks between Union Peace-making Work Committee and KNPP concludes



Second round of Union-Level Peace Talks between a delegation led by Union Minister U Aung Min and Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) at Loikaw local station in Kayah State in progress. —MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut Kayah State Chief Minister U Khin Maung Oo (a) U Commander-in-Chief (Army), Bu Yal, the Eastern Com- mand Commander, the Myanmar Peace Center and Deputy Attorney-General, responsible persons from officials from KNPP. MNA

Union Peace-Making Committee, KNPP agree to push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—The Union Peace-Making Committee and Karenni National Progressive Party (KNPP) have entered into an agreement, vowing to push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord.

The committee and KNPP held negotiations on 19 and 20 June in Loikaw with Vice-Chairman of the committee Union Minister U Aung Min and Vice-Chairman of KNPP Khu U Yal in attendance.

The two parties released an eight-point agreement today, which is as follows:

- (a) To push ahead with nationwide ceasefire accord and continue efforts for all-inclusive political dialogue;

- (b) The delegates of the two parties have discussed military affairs and the results have been more constructive and progressive and agreed to continue to discuss military matters in next rounds of discussions;
- (c) The two parties agreed to form joint monitoring committee as follows:
 - (1) Two committee members to be nominated by Kayah State government, two by KNPP and six righteous community elders, totaling ten members;
 - (2) Personnel of the two sides in coordination to

- adopt the terms of reference (TOR) to be able to cooperate with civil society organizations (CSOs), individuals and local NGOs;
- (3) The two parties not to harm, threat or take illegal actions against monitoring individuals and organizations
- (d) To allow the public and social organizations to observe the new major projects to be implemented in Kayah State including New Village Project; the implementation process to be transparent with responsibility and accountability and the government and persons concerned to guarantee local people do not suffer loss;
- (e) The two parties to coordinate measures on clearing of landmines in places to where internally displaced persons (IDPs) will be relocated;
- (f) The two parties to coordinate a pilot project in Dawtakhe in Shadaw Township for resettlement of IDPs;
- (g) The two parties to form technical teams to undertake policy agreements;
- (h) The government and KNPP to cooperate for regional development.

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Clarification of the Daily Eleven newspapers' announcement

1. Legislations at Hluttaws include promulgation of new laws, revocation of and amendment to the old ones. The Section 100, Section 138 (b) and Section 158 (b) of the Constitution say that submission of bills can be carried out only by respective Union Ministries/organizations and Hluttaw representatives.

2. The Daily Eleven daily issued on 13-6-2013 covered the news that **plans are underway to submit the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law which is amended by the government, and the majority of Union Hluttaw representatives will remonstrate about it.**

3. It can be seen that according to news heading and first paragraph, those representatives have already known why they have to remonstrate. The news also stated that majority of Hluttaw representatives will object the points in the bill that don't exist in practice as the Ministry of Immigration and Population has no plan to amend that law. It can be reviewed whether or not the news is true.

4. The Union Minister for Immigration and Population himself has already explained ministry's attitudes towards the 1982-Myanmar Citizenship Law at the session of Amyotha Hluttaw. The full text was stated in the State-owned newspapers on 18 June. Among them, the following are main points stated in the newspapers.

- (a) history of citizenships which is a part of State's sovereignty and ways to designate the citizens;
- (b) histories of drafting Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982);
- (c) advantages of Myanmar Citizenship Law (1982);
- (d) Points why the Ministry should not amend that law;

5. It is also seen that **reporters from the Daily Eleven daily failed to get confirmation from the Ministry whether or not the Ministry is planning to amend and submit that law to the Hluttaw.**

6. The Daily Eleven daily stated the false that the Ministry of Immigration and Population is **planning to draft and submit that law to the Hluttaw. The clarifications have been issued by the State-owned newspapers as there may be misunderstandings between the government and people about much-interested existing law.**

7. To avoid misunderstandings among the people about the citizen affairs which is a part of the sovereignty of the country, the media should get confirmations from respective ministries/organizations regarding the news in accord with the points described in first para of Code of Ethics of Myanmar Press Council (Temporary).

Ministry of Immigration and Population

Myanmar exporters enjoy exemption of EU's GSP

NAY PYI TAW, 20 June—Myanmar has been exempt from taxation of the EU on Myanmar products (except ordnance) since 12 June.

Myanmar, in the past, paid 13.7% of the export values of Myanmar marine products to the EU's Generalized Scheme of

Preferences.

Thanks to the tax exemption, those putting investments in Myanmar will get low-tax opportunities apart from Myanmar marine products exporters who will sell their goods at the right price meeting the international standard.

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