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President U Thein Sein sends felicitations to Governor-General, Prime Minister of Canada

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent messages of felicitation to the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor-General of Canada and the Right Honourable Stephen Joseph Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, on the occasion of the National Day of Canada which falls on 1 July 2013.—MNA

Union A&I Minister oversees rice research farmlands, thriving groundnut plantations



Paddy saplings being cultivated with the use of paddy transplanting machine at Rice Research Farm in Tegyikon Village of Zabuthiri Township. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — On his inspection tour of Satake Rice Mill construction site of Alliance Stars Company near Aung Thukha Village

in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning, Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing observed cent per

cent arrival of machinery at the worksite and final installation of machine parts.

Next, the Union minister proceeded to 65-

President U Thein Sein's radio message on air

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—A radio message to be delivered by U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will be broadcast through radio programmes from 2 to 4 July. Myanmar Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message at 7 am, 11 am, 6 pm and 8 pm respectively.—MNA

acre paddy plantation of Rice Research Farm of Agriculture Department near Tegyikon village in Zabuthiri Township where he inspected thriving paddy plantations. Then, he looked into 10-acre groundnut plantation near Chaing village in Dekkhinathiri Township, 200-acre paddy plantation in Zeyathiri Township and farmlands irrigated by Ngalike Dam in Pobbathiri Township.

During his inspection tour, the Union minister called for constant learning the nature of the market and

growing of selected crops and value added processes to keep pace with other countries. He stressed the need to work hard for market competition. He highlighted the role of private and cooperative sectors in establishing modern rice mills and edible oil mills, calling for collaborative efforts.

He stressed the need to make records on investment of the Japan-made 70-ton rice mill, operation costs and benefits to be able to report to officials concerned and to educate the people.

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Conservation of urban heritages in Yangon

High-rise buildings are coming out one after another in Yangon.

The under-construction buildings can be seen everywhere. It is true that Yangon is being transformed into modernity. So there arises a need of conservation for heritage buildings in Yangon.

Yangon Heritage Trust is carrying out a task of protecting heritage buildings in Yangon. As its first step towards urban heritage conservation, it is collecting the photos of heritage buildings in downtown townships of Yangon.

“The mission of the YHT is in progress in cooperation with Yangon Region Government, Yangon City Development

Committee, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development and Association of Myanmar Architects. Firstly, we took photos of more than 50-year-old buildings in Kyauktada Township. So far taking photos of landmark buildings in Kyauktada, Pabedan, Latha and Botahtaung Townships have been done,” says Director Daw Moe Moe Lwin of Yangon Heritage Trust.

Yangon was built centering Sule Pagoda. During British administration, Bombay Burma, BOC and Banks and offices were built in the neighbourhood of Sule Pagoda. Now, more than 50-year-old buildings in

Yangon are required to be listed as urban heritages, calling for a need of conservation.

“It is necessary to protect, preserve and value landmarks in Yangon where many heritage buildings still remain while Singapore and Hong Kong sees a few. We are now trying hard to develop public awareness of heritage buildings,” Daw Moe Moe Lwin continues.

She added that Kawareik Hotel and Yangon Institute of Technology (now called Yangon Technological University) at Gyokon in Insein Township should be listed as landmark buildings and conserved.

Measures will be taken how to protect

and preserve urban heritages and how to allow construction of new buildings in the designated zones with the consultation of YCDC, DHSHD, JICA, Ministry of Science and Technology and members

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of Association of Myanmar Architects.

Environsof Shwedagon Pagoda, Kandawgyi and Inya Lake in Yangon and Yangon University in Kamayut Township are

also heritage sites. Now, task for conservation of rich cultural heritages is gaining momentum, designating zones.

Myanma Alinn (29-6-13)

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LOCAL NEWS

Government targets today's youth to be good and able citizens



EDUCATION

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — A prize presentation ceremony for outstanding offspring of staff from the President's Office, the Union Government Office, Nay Pyi Taw Council and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee was held at Mingala hall of City Hall, here, yesterday morning.

In his address, Union Minister U Thein Nyunt called for outstanding students to try their best for the sake of the country while the government is nurturing the today's youth to be good and able citizens.

Next, Union Minister

U Thein Nyunt presented prizes to five-distinction winner Ma Yamon Myat Tun and two-distinction winner Maung Kyaw Zin Win. Union Minister U Soe Maung and officials awarded outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2012-2013.

At the today's prize presentation ceremony, one five-distinction winner and one two-distinction winner from the President's Office, one five-distinction winner and two one-distinction winners from the Union Government's Office, two three-distinction winners and one one-distinction winner from Nay Pyi Taw Council, one six-distinction winner, one five-distinction winner, three

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Let all basic education schools participate in activity
Ministry of Education

three-distinction winners, one two-distinction winners and five one-distinction winners from Nay Pyi Taw

Development Committee were presented certificates of honour and prizes.

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Bogyoke Aung San Market to see major repair works while another Bogyoke market (open air market) being improved

YANGON, 30 June — While building Yangon into a modern city, repair, upgrading and construction of new markets in the municipal area of the city of Yangon are among the tasks being supervised by Yangon City Development Committee. It is learnt

that major upgrading of Bogyoke Aung San Market which is listed as one of Heritage Buildings in Yangon is included.

The Bogyoke Aung San Market was built in 1926. It was called Scot market in pre-wartime period, Bo Yan Naing market during

the Japanese occupation of Myanmar and the market was named Bogyoke Aung San Market after gaining independence. The 87-year-old landmark building with various names is going to be upgraded without harming its original forms. Partly damage of some buildings

in the market and leaked roofs need major repair. Central building, buildings in east wing and west wing, upstairs shop and all shops on the front will be included in major repair.

The Bogyoke Aung San Market comprises 10 buildings with 1033 shops. A total of K 300 million from the funds of YCDC will be spent on repair works. The Engineering Department of YCDC will take the responsibility of upgrading task and no repair charges will be collected from shopkeepers.

Likewise, construction of new Bogyoke Aung San Market (open air market) which is situated on the other side of the road will be carried out. While

construction works are in progress, 437 shops of the open air market will be relocated to a temporary market which is next to construction site of the open air market.

"The government invited tenders for construction of the new Bogyoke Aung San market through dailies. The YCDC markets department informed us of the project. There will be no structural changes between the old market and the temporary market and no charges will be collected. The temporary market will be built by a company under the supervision of YCDC. Officials concerned guaranteed to relocate the shops on the ground floor of the new market that will be built by Shwedaung Development Company," says U Soe Win, chairman of new Bogyoke market development committee.

It was learnt that YCDC and Shwedaung

Development Company signed an MoU on 10 May for the project and it is set to complete four years later.

Managing Director U Aung Than (construction) of Shwedaung Development Company said that the new Bogyoke market would be built in cooperation with Singaporean architects.

Upon completion of the new market, 51.63 per cent of the Gross Floor Area will go to YCDC and 48.37 per cent to the company. The new market will include 23-storey, 25-storey and 28-storey buildings where supermarkets, playgrounds, gymnasiums, restaurants, apartments, offices, conference halls, hotels, shop houses and car parks will be included, based on YCDC market department.

Kyemon-Nyunt Than & Nandar Win



DEVELOPMENT

TANINTHAYI, 30 June — Socio-economic development of local national races in Myeik district which is situated at the southern part of the country calls for not only smooth and speedy transport and but also local and foreign investments in trading and industrial sector as it is a major driving force for economic growth to keep pace with other countries. Now, Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung can be reached from Yangon by road, rail, boat and air at all time.

As people can travel from Yangon to Mandalay by rail, road and air, Public Works is carrying out road works along Imphal road

for enabling local people from Mandalay, Monywa, Yargyi, Kalewa, Kalay, Tamu and Moreh to travel from one place to another. With the emergence of inter-district and township-to-township roads and bridges in Taninthayi Region and establishment of Dawei deep-sea port special economic zone, Myeik deep-sea port development zone, Kyaukphyareconomic zone, Bokpyin deep-sea port, Karathuri deep-sea port special economic zone, Htwe-khwee trading camp and Mawtaung trading camp, there has been a growing interest from foreign investors in the country.

While foreign investors eye economic opportunities of the country, plans are underway for an Asian Highway that links between Imphal of Manipur Province in India to Bangkok of Thailand via Kalay, Monywa, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mawlamyine, Dawei, Myeik, Mawtaung and Parachut (Pakyut) to be commissioned into service in 2018.

Arrangements are being made by Yangon Taxi Air Bus to operate an Air Bus service between Myeik and Imphal. Yangon

Asia Highway linking Kawthoung-Myeik with Myawady-Tamu-Imphal to emerge in 2018



Photo shows Tamu-Imphal road section of Asia Highway.

Region Minister U Aung Khin envisaged that The Myeik-Imphal Air Bus

service would contribute to a tripartite economic development of Myanmar,

Thailand and India.

Kyemon-D Soe & Dana Thekka

WORLD

Obama sees no threat in China rivalry for Africa business



US President Barack Obama participates in a town hall-style meeting with young African leaders at the University of Johannesburg Soweto, on 29 June, 2013.—REUTERS

PRETORIA, 30 June—The United States does not feel threatened by the growth of trade and investment in Africa by China

and other emerging powers, US President Barack Obama said on Saturday.

“I don’t feel threatened by it—China doing busi-

ness with Africa. I feel it’s a good thing,” Obama told a news conference during a visit to South Africa.

The more countries

invest in Africa, the more the world’s least developed continent can be integrated into the global economy, the first African-American US president said.

“I want everybody playing in Africa. The more the merrier.”

China has greatly expanded its reach in Africa since the start of the new century. It overtook the United States as Africa’s largest trading partner in 2009, a February report by the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) showed.

China’s advantage in trade stems mostly from how much it sells to Africa. Chinese exports to the continent in 2011 were almost triple the level of US exports.

When it comes to investment flows, however, the picture is different. Data for 2007-2011 suggest US foreign investment flows to the region were larger than China’s, the GAO said.

“China’s role as an investor, aid donor and financier is not outsized,” Johns Hopkins University China scholar Deborah Brautigam wrote recently.

“Although Western countries fret about China’s growing role in Africa, the United States alone disbursed more official finance to African countries than China did in 2010.”

Still, China’s influence looms large over the continent, partly because it has been so aggressive in its courtship.

Beijing and Washington should be partners in Africa to foster development and peace, said an official Chinese commentary after Obama’s made his re-

marks.

In contrast, Chinese presidents and vice presidents have visited 30 African countries over the same period, said Mwangi Kimenyi, a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

There is also a sense that the United States may be resting on its laurels.

“There hasn’t really been a presence of US companies since 1994, taking advantage of the new opportunities,” Haroon Borhat, a professor at the University of Cape Town said recently, speaking of South Africa. “So, you’ve seen new emerging markets entering into other emerging markets like South Africa and taking advantage of economic opportunities in a way where the US, already with a foothold, arguably hasn’t done enough.”

Reuters

N Korea wants end to “hostile” US policy, draft ARF statement says

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 30 June—North Korea is urging the United States and other countries to immediately end their “hostile” policies against Pyongyang, blaming such policies as the root cause of tensions on the Korean Peninsula, a draft statement of a regional security bloc showed on Saturday.

The proposed chairman’s statement of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Regional Forum is different from the initial version. The draft

statement containing the North Korean assertion has been sent to the ASEAN members and dialogue partners ahead of the ARF in Brunei next Tuesday.

According to the latest draft, ARF members singled out North Korea and voiced concern over the current situation on the Korean Peninsula.

North Korea, meanwhile, says it reaffirms its continued efforts to achieve peace and stability on the peninsula.

Tensions have

stemmed from North Korean threats of war and retaliation over the South Korea-US joint military drill and United Nations sanctions for Pyongyang’s third nuclear test in February.

But North Korea recently has apparently shifted to being more willing to have a dialogue with the United States and South Korea. Attention has been focused on whether Pyongyang will make contact with either of the countries in Brunei.

Kyodo News

Egypt protests set for showdown, violence feared



Volunteers from the opposition movement, carrying a crossed-out picture of President Mohamed Mursi and banners reading “Get out”, stop traffic to campaign for a major protest during the day, in Alexandria on 30 June, 2013.—REUTERS

CAIRO, 30 June—Mass demonstrations across Egypt on Sunday may determine its future, two and half years after people power toppled a dictator they called Pharaoh and ushered in a democracy crippled by bitter divisions.

The protesters’ goal again is to unseat a presi-

dent, this time their first freely elected leader, Mohamed Mursi. Liberal leaders say nearly half the voting population — 22 million people — have signed a petition calling for change.

Several people have been killed, including an American student, and hundreds were wounded in

days of street fighting.

Mursi calls opponents bad losers backed by “thugs” from the rule of Hosni Mubarak. He is banking on the “Tamarud—Rebel!” coalition fizzling out, as other challenges in the streets have done since he took power a year ago on Sunday.

US President Barack Obama called on Egyptians to focus on dialogue. His ambassador to Egypt has angered the opposition by suggesting protests are not helping the economy.

Mursi, who on Saturday met the head of the military he appointed last year, interprets that to mean army support for election results. Opponents believe that the army may heed the popular will as expressed on the streets, as it did in early 2011 when the generals decided Mubarak’s time was up.

Reuters



Argentina’s President Cristina Fernandez makes a speech during the event of presentation of candidates for the Primaries, Open, Simultaneous and Obligatory elections (PASO, for its acronym in Spanish) which will take place on 11 August, in Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina, on 29 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Japan, US eye technology to measure melted fuel in Fukushima plant

TOKYO, 30 June—Japan and the United States have begun joint research on the development of technologies that can measure the amount of uranium and plutonium contained in melted fuel at the Fukushima Daiichi power plant, Japanese and US officials involved in the project said on Saturday.

Under Japan’s safeguards agreement with the International Atomic Energy Agency, Japan is obliged to report to the IAEA the

quantity of nuclear substances in the nuclear fuel at power plants to show that none of it is converted for use in arms.

Japan aims to begin monitoring of the substances from the early 2020s in line with the government timetable for scrapping reactors, said the officials from Japan Atomic Energy Agency and US Department of Energy that are chiefly responsible for the project.

The agency called it the “world’s first” to come

up with a method of measurement since technical issues had prevented such an attempt in the case of the 1979 Three Mile Island accident in the United States.

But the process of measuring the substances may prove difficult as melted fuel must be removed from the containment vessels, the officials said.

The JAEA and the Department of Energy signed a contract on the joint research in November, said Keiichiro Hori, a member

of the JAEA’s special team designed to introduce new technology for decommissioning the damaged Fukushima reactors.

In February, technical experts held their first meeting at the JAEA’s head office in Tokaimura, Ibaraki Prefecture. The US side was represented by 14 experts including those from the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

A rough outline of the road map of developing

such technologies has been drawn up and several technologies applicable to the Fukushima Daiichi plant will be chosen in fiscal 2013, the officials said.

Experts from both nations will also develop a technology in fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2015 that can measure the gamma and neutron rays coming out from melted fuel removed from the containment vessels and placed inside a special container, they said.

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY



'Anti-social' app to help you avoid friends

MUMBAI, 30 June—A new smartphone app that can inform you where your friends are and suggest best possible routes to avoid them has been developed by a US student.

The app named "Hell Is Other People" utilises FourSquare a location-based social networking website for mobile devices—to track check-ins made by friends to determine the best routes and areas to avoid them.

The experimental anti-social media app was created by Scott Garner, a graduate student at New York University, 'ABC News' reported. The Web app is simple to use. First, a person connects his or her FourSquare account through "Hell is Other People." Then, the Web app conjures up an avoidance map. The map contains orange and green points. Orange points indicate check-ins by other users, and green points represent "optimally distanced safe zones," as suggested by

the app. James George, NYU adjunct faculty member, said his final assignment required students to create a system that enabled individuals to behave a certain way.

"I thought it was an amazing interpretation of that idea," George said.

"I think Scott was resistant to doing group projects throughout the class. He was like 'No, I do not want to rely on other people. He was able to turn that personal anxiety and channel it into the concept of that piece," he said. The thought of an "anti-social media" app may seem ironic, but Garner said the initiative isn't as ridiculous as it seems, the report said.

"In some ways, social media and on-line media are kind of anti-social in that you are interacting in a virtual space. Some people retreat to Facebook in place of personal interaction. It's something I am trying to explore," he said. —PTI

Adobe to buy digital marketing software company for \$600 million

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 June—Adobe Systems Incorporated said it had agreed to acquire privately held Neolane, which operates a software platform for managing digital marketing campaigns over multiple platforms, for \$600 million in cash.

The maker of Photoshop and Acrobat software said the move would "bring critical cross-channel campaign management capabilities to the Adobe Marketing Cloud."

Adobe Marketing Cloud is a set of tools encompassing analytics, social, advertising, targeting, and web experience management solutions.



Neolane, whose clients include Barnes & Noble and Bridgestone Tires, operates a software platform for automation and execution of campaigns across the Web, email, social, mobile, call center, direct mail and point of sale.

Adobe said the acquisition, expected to close next month, will not materially affect its revenue forecast and adjusted financial results for the current fiscal year.

Neolane CEO Stéphane Dehoche will continue to lead the former Neolane team as part of Adobe's digital marketing business.

Reuters

Nokia Asha 210 with dedicated WhatsApp button now up for pre-orders at Rs 4,499

ESPOO, 30 June—Nokia Asha 210 is now up for pre-orders with online retailer Flipkart for Rs 4,499. The phone was unveiled back in April as the first phone in the world with a dedicated WhatsApp button.

Nokia Asha 210 is a dual-SIM phone that comes with

a QWERTY keyboard, Wi-Fi connectivity and a free WhatsApp subscription for life. It features a 2.4-inch QVGA (240x320 pixels) display, a 2-megapixel camera, 32MB RAM, and 64MB internal storage, expandable by up to 32GB via microSD card.

Asha 210 comes with



Little Kirobo to become 1st robot space talker



The first human-robot conversation in space will take place later this year aboard the International Space Station.

The chat will be between Kirobo, one of two humanoid communication robots developed under Japan's Kibo Robot Project, and Japanese astronaut Koichi Wakata after he arrives at the station sometime in November or December.

Xinhua

Nokia Xpress Browser which, according to Nokia, reduces data consumption by up to 90 percent.

The phone also features Nokia Nearby, a web app that lets people discover points of interest such as restaurants, shopping and ATM machines close to their location. Other pre-installed apps include YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, and of course, WhatsApp. The built-in email client comes with support for popular services such as Gmail. Nokia Asha 210 comes with Bluetooth and FM radio but no 3G connectivity.

Reuters

Vine app for Android updated with front-facing camera support

SAN FRANCISCO, 30 June—Twitter had rolled out Vine app for Android earlier this month. However, this app had a major drawback as it could not access the front-facing camera of an Android smartphone. However, the iOS version of the Vine app came with front camera support from the very start.

The micro-blogging website has now addressed this issue with an update in the form of Vine for Android version 1.2.0. The other major improvements that this update has brought are:

- * New upload manager for un-submitted posts
- * Improvements to settings
- * Improvements to camera loading time and support for more devices
- * Speed improvements overall
- * Bug fixes and UI improvements

The biggest improvement in speeds seems to be in the camera, which now loads faster than before.

Twitter had launched Vine app for iOS in January 2013. Vine lets users record six-second video clips, which can then be seamlessly

embedded within the tweets.

The Android version of Vine had got a minor update last week as well. This update added search, mentions, hashtags, and Facebook-sharing.

On 20 June, Vine co-founders Dom Hofman and Rus Yusupov had posted videos to give a glimpse of changes that might be in the near future.

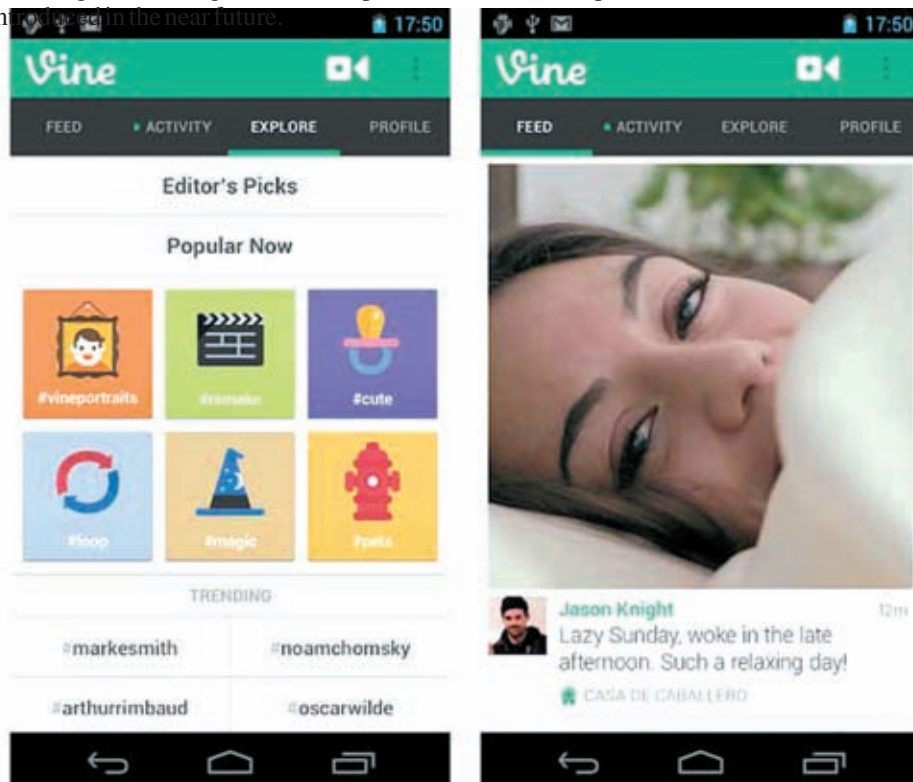
Based on one of these Vine videos, it appears that the company is looking at revamping the design. The new design will let users see larger, full-screen videos.

Another interesting addition that may come with future Vine updates is the option to reuse older video clips. Currently, users need to capture a fresh video clip

every time they are looking to upload something to Vine.

Recently, Facebook added Vine-like features to its popular photo-sharing app Instagram. Instead of restricting users to 6 seconds, like Vine does, Instagram lets users share 15-second videos.

PTI



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BUSINESS & HEALTH

US sets birth control rule for employers with religious ties

WASHINGTON, 30 June—The Obama administration on Friday made it final that employees of religiously affiliated, nonprofit institutions would receive insurance coverage for birth control amid mounting legal challenges to a rule in the recent healthcare law.

The White House proposed in early 2012 an

RCS Mediagroup may be split into three after cash call

MILAN, 30 June—RCS Mediagroup (RCSM.MI), the publisher of influential Italian newspaper *Corriere della Sera*, could be split into three units after a capital hike that is changing the balance of power among its shareholders, *La Repubblica* reported on Saturday.

The split, aimed at extracting value from the debt-laden company, could open the door to new investors, the Italian daily said in an unsourced report.

Fiat (FIA.MI) said on Friday it will almost double its stake in RCS to 20.1 percent after a 400 million-euro capital increase that ends next week.

The carmaker, which already controls Turin newspaper *La Stampa*, will likely become the biggest shareholder in RCS as other investors sell their rights and their stakes are diluted.

arrangement that allows universities, hospitals and other employers with a religious affiliation to avoid paying directly for contraceptives. Instead, insurance companies provide coverage and foot the bill under the law.

The rule requires an institution's health insurer or third-party insurance administrator to notify employees about birth control benefits and provide beneficiaries with direct payments that cover the cost of contraceptive services.

The announcement was made by the US Department of Health and Human Services. It puts into effect a requirement that has been beset by more than a year of talks between administration officials and religious employers.

The US Roman Catholic bishops and other denominations oppose contraception on religious grounds and have protested against the requirement as have conservatives.

"Today's announcement reinforces our commitment to respect the concerns of houses of worship and other non-profit religious organizations that object to contraceptive coverage,

while helping to ensure that women get the care they need, regardless of where they work," HHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said in a statement.

The rule formally takes effect on 1 August. Thanks but the administration gave nonprofit employers an additional five months to adjust to the new regulations by having it apply to plan years beginning on or after 1 January. Other employers have been required to make contraceptives coverage available to their workers since last August.

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Reuters

Hormone therapy, calcium may lower fracture risk

NEW YORK, 30 June—Women taking a combination of hormone therapy and calcium and vitamin D tablets after menopause were less likely to fracture their hip than those not taking hormones or supplements, in a new study.

"We always tell women to take calcium and vitamin D," said Dr Michele Curtis, a women's health researcher from the University of Texas Health Science Centre at Houston.

"At the end of the day

what this study really says is, what you thought was a good thing to do really is a good thing to do."

Because of the known risks of hormone therapy, one of the study's authors said women should not take it solely to ward off fractures—but if they're taking hormones for other reasons, it might be a good idea to add calcium.

Although many women take calcium and vitamin D for bone health, evidence has been mixed on how much



Seven foods make you younger

1. Pear
2. Tremella
3. Lily
4. Sugarcane
5. Coix Seed
6. Milk
7. Chinese yam

Xinhua

ThyssenKrupp mulls selling part of European steel business

FRANKFURT, 30 June—ThyssenKrupp (TKAG.DE), Germany's biggest steelmaker, is examining the possibility of selling part of its European steel business to an investor, *Rheinische Post* newspaper said on its website on Saturday, citing unnamed

supervisory board sources.

A company spokesman declined comment to *Reuters* and pointed to previous statements by Chief Executive Heinrich Hiesinger that Thyssen had no plans to divest European steel operations.

ThyssenKrupp, reeling from losses at its Steel Americas unit it is trying to sell, cannot rule out a capital increase in the next six to nine months, its Chief Executive Heinrich Hiesinger said in May.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung on Friday cited industry

sources as saying that as part of a capital increase of as much as 1 billion euros (\$1.30 billion), state-owned RAG foundation could buy fresh shares to ensure the steelmaker's independence.

A source familiar with the matter told *Reuters* on Friday that RAG, which controls chemicals maker Evonik (EVKn.DE), could buy shares in ThyssenKrupp as part of a possible capital increase at the steelmaker.

The Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation, also known as the Krupp Foundation, has a 25.3 percent stake in Thyssen and has been a guardian of its independence but analysts said it was unlikely to take part in a capital increase. There had been speculation that if the Krupp Foundation lost its blocking minority, Thyssen could become a takeover target.

Reuters

supplements really help over and above what women get through their diets.

In February, the government-backed US Preventive Services Task Force said there were no benefits but some risk for post-menopausal women taking low-dose vitamin D and calcium. The group recommended against supplement use to prevent broken bones.

For the new study, Jean Wactawski-Wende from the University at Buffalo and her colleagues compared seven years' worth of fracture data for women in their 50s, 60s and 70s participating in the Women's Health Initiative (WHI) study. In one arm of the trial, participants were randomly assigned to take either hormone therapy or a drug-free placebo. In

trogen alone or estrogen and progesterone—and calcium and vitamin D. In total, 214 women had a hip fracture during the study. The researchers found that women assigned to both the hormone therapy and vitamin groups were about half as likely to have a fracture as those in the placebo groups.

During an average one-year period, they calculated that 11 out of 10,000 women taking both hormones and calcium and vitamin D would suffer a hip fracture, compared to 22 per 10,000 using neither. However, the combination treatment had no effect on women's bone mineral density - a reflection of osteoporosis and fracture risk, Wactawski-Wende and her team reported in the journal *Menopause*. Some



another, they took 1,000 milligrams of calcium and 400 IU of vitamin D or placebo tablets each day. About 16,000 women were part of both the hormone and vitamin trials, including 4,000 randomized to both hormone therapy—either es-

previous studies have suggested that vitamin D may protect against fractures less by strengthening bones than by improving muscle strength and thereby reducing falls, but others have not found the same effect.

Reuters



The headquarters of Germany's industrial conglomerate ThyssenKrupp AG are pictured in Essen on 16 Jan, 2013.—REUTERS

WORLD

President Xi promises to shake off GDP obsession in promoting officials



Chinese President Xi Jinping, also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and chairman of the Central Military Commission (CMC), addresses a meeting attended by delegates from the Party's Organization Department in Beijing, capital of China, on 28 June, 2013.—XINHUA

BEIJING, 30 June—Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday noted that China would never assess the performance of an official simply based on his record of boosting economy.

The Communist Party of China (CPC) should adopt more comprehensive criteria for assessing the performance of its officials, said Xi, also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, at a meeting

on the work of personnel resources on the eve of the 92nd founding anniversary of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

It should consider a local official's work in various aspects including people's livelihood, the development of local society and the quality of environment.

"We should never judge a cadre simply by the growth of gross domestic product (GDP)," he said.

British PM begins official visit to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 30 June—British Prime Minister David Cameron arrived in Islamabad on an official visit on Saturday to hold wide-range talks with Pakistani leadership, officials said.

Cameron arrived in Pakistan after his two-day visit to Afghanistan where he met with British soldiers and held talks with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on peace process.

Minister for Science and Technology, Zahid Hamid, received the British Prime Minister on his arrival in Islamabad.

Cameron will hold talks with Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif on the regional situation with particular reference to the Afghan peace and reconciliation process.

Both leaders will also discuss ways to further expand bilateral cooperation

in various fields. Cameron will call on President Asif Ali Zardari on Sunday.

He will also meet business leaders and discuss new avenues of bilateral cooperation in enhancing trade and investment.

He will have interaction with young students and discuss various regional and international issues with them.

Reports said that during the visit, Cameron and Sharif would get a chance to assess the progress achieved in the Enhanced Strategic Dialogue the two countries have been holding since 2011.

The dialogue covers five areas of bilateral cooperation, including trade and business, finance and development assistance, education and health and culture, and defence and security.

Xinhua

When promoting officials, the CPC organization departments should consider integrity as a priority and then capability, he said.

"The Party's cadres should be firm followers of Communist ideal, true believers of Marxism and devoted fighters for the socialism with Chinese characteristics," he said.

They must serve the people heart and soul, exercise their power carefully and resist corruption, he said.

A CPC official's integrity will not grow with the years of service and promotion of his post but with persistent efforts to discipline himself and study Marxist classics and theories of the socialism with Chinese characteristics, he said.

To select and promote good officials, the Party needs an efficient and reasonable system, Xi said.

More efforts should be made to improve the transparency of promotion and promote an upright style in the recommendation and

assessment of officials, he said, adding that the promotion of officials should not be decided by simple head-count of votes. The President also stressed the training and promotion of young Party officials and pledged that more opportunities will be offered to young promising candidates.

Xi urged to punish disciplinary violations and corruption during official selection procedures.

Buying and selling of official positions as well as canvassing must be punished without any appeasement, Xi said.

Organization departments across the country should stick to justice and honesty, which is the leading principle for improving their work styles, said Xi.

Officials should be treated fairly and reviewed equally. Those good at currying favour with others and falsifying their work without doing any concrete jobs should be punished, Xi said.

Xinhua

US asked Ecuador not to give Snowden asylum

QUITO, 30 June—Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa said on Saturday the United States had asked him not to grant asylum for former US spy agency contractor Edward Snowden in a "cordial" telephone conversation he held with Vice President Joe Biden.

Correa said he vowed to respect Washington's opinion in evaluating the request. The Andean nation says it cannot begin processing Snowden's request unless he reaches Ecuador or one of its embassies.

Snowden, who is wanted by the United States for leaking details about US communications surveillance programmes, is believed to still be at the

Sheremetyevo airport in Moscow after leaving Hong Kong.

Praising Biden's good manners in contrast to "brats" in the US Congress who had threatened to cut Ecuador's trade benefits over the Snowden issue, Correa said during his weekly television broadcast: "He communicated a very courteous request from the United States that we reject the (asylum) request."

Biden initiated the phone call, Correa said.

"When he (Snowden) arrives on Ecuadorean soil, if he arrives ... of course, the first opinions we will seek are those of the United States," Correa said.



Photo from a Kyodo News helicopter shows police officers in Miyoshi, Saitama Prefecture, on 28 June, 2013, surrounding a man (C) suspected of attacking three elementary school boys with a knife in Tokyo earlier in the day. The children suffered non life-threatening injuries.—KYODO NEWS

UN General Assembly chief to visit Hiroshima in August

NEW YORK, 30 June—Vuk Jeremic, president of the UN General Assembly, plans to attend the annual peace memorial ceremony in Hiroshima on 6 August, he told *Kyodo News* on Thursday.

"I'm honored," Jeremic said of his visit to one of the two Japanese cities hit by US nuclear bombs

in August 1945. He added that an annual visit by a UN secretary general or a general assembly president to the bombed sites should be "fixed."

Jeremic from Serbia will also hold talks with senior government officials in Tokyo during his stay in Japan.

Kyodo News

Park delivers speech at Tsinghua University

BEIJING, 30 June—South Korean President Park Geun-hye has recalled a deep cultural bond between China and South Korea, in a speech given at Tsinghua University. Speaking in Chinese, the President called for more cultural exchanges between young people to enhance bilateral ties.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye delivered a speech to students in Tsinghua, the alma mater of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Park said cultural ties have paved the way for rapid development in bilateral relations over the past 20 years. She boasted impressive bilateral trade figures and said that about 60,000 students study in each other's country.

South Korean President Park Geun-hye said, "I have read many Chinese articles and believe only cultural exchanges can close the distance between hearts. I have advocated a trust politik.

Xinhua



Ecuador's President Rafael Correa addresses the National Assembly during his inauguration ceremony in Quito on 24 May, 2013. REUTERS

LOCAL NEWS



“Myanmar Women’s Day”
3rd July

KOICA donates teaching aids to kindergarten

YANGON, 30 June—A ceremony to donate teaching aids worth USD 29500 for children in No (1) Kindergarten of Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Kanbawza street in Bahan Township of Yangon Region was held at the hall of the kindergarten on 27 June.

Mr Shin Man Shik, resident director of Korean International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), a South Korean aids organization,

handed over computer sets and accessories, equipment for playgrounds, TV and CCTV for six classrooms and communications devices and related documents to U Tin Zaw Moe, deputy director of Yangon Region Social Welfare Department.

The deputy director returned a certificate of honour and headmistress Daw Lwin Lwin Nwe spoke words of thanks.

Kids then performed songs and dances.

MMAL-Aung Than
(Mingala Taungnyunt)



Ambulance donated to Myinmu social services group

MYINMU, 30 June—A new Mazda and three tents were donated to Nyatithingaha Health and Social Services Association in Nyaung Yin village in Myinmu Township.

They were donated by Ma Khin San Win, Ma Khin San Mar and family, owners of Nyaung Yin fashion

shop in Bandoola ward in Myinmu.

The vehicle will be kept at Zabudipa monastery in Nyaung Yin village in Myinmu Township.

Residing monk of Zabudipa Monastery U Sopaka and U Pamokha of Mahagan-dayon Monastery in Amara-pura Township accepted the



Fire drill conducted in Natmauk

NATMAUK, 30 June—Firefighters in Natmauk Township in Magway Region had a fire drill as part of efforts to prevent outbreaks of fire at filling stations on 25 June morning.

The drill was participated by Head of Township Fire Services

Department U Hsan Oo and firefighters, police officers, filling station staff and travelers.

The Natmauk Township Fire Services Department inspected the filling stations whether the stations had taken adequate fire preventive measures,

safety behaviours and oil storage tanks.

Head of Township Fire Services Department U Hsan Oo and firefighters led the fire drill which was participated by filling station staff and passengers of vehicles at the stations.

MMAL-Nay Lin

HEALTH CARE ACTIVITY

Anti-DHF measures carried out in Kyauktaw

KYAUKTAW, 30 June—Under the directives of the Rakhine State Health Department chief, Head of Kyauktaw Township Health Department Dr Khin Maung Yin led a group of health staff, Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association

Chairperson Daw Sein Sabai Hlaing and members, Township Women’s Affairs Organization members and volunteers conducted anti-Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever measures in the township on 22 June.

They sterilized water sources and gave educative

talks in Myothit ward in the urban area.

The anti-DHF measures would be carried out every Saturday and village branches have been directed to follow the suit as well.

MMAL-Lay Wadi Tun
Saw Khaing



Anti-DHF measures being carried out in Kyauktaw Township by Township Health Department and social organizations. The township is organizing anti-DHF efforts every Saturday.

Educative talks on DHF organized

KYEEKHA, 30 June—An educative talk on Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever was organized in Kyeekha Sub-Township Basic Education High School in Chin State on 19 June.

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Administrator U Min Aung delivered a speech at the ceremony. U In Khant Khot of Sub-Township Health Department and U Nan Doe Sone Man of Development Affairs Committee gave talks on the disease most common

in rainy season.

The ceremony was attended by departmental personnel, townsenders, residents, NGOs, teachers and students, totaling 350.

MMAL-Nay Su
(Chin Yoma)

Monywa honey production affected by climate change

AYADAW, 30 June—Honey producers by Shwebo-Monywa highway in Ayadaw Township in Monywa District witnessed downfall in production rate due to impacts of climate

change.

“The production rate used to be good in monsoon sesame and sunflower seasons. Though, the honey production rate shrinks because the dried buds can not give much pollen due to very low rainfall,” a honey producer said.

The honey production in Ayadaw Township relies on thriving plantations on Mu River bank in eastern Ayadaw Township.

Some 20 honey producers are working in the area in this monsoon. Some producers have withdrawn their production and returned to their native regions as the production this year proved no profitable.

MMAL-Awza (Monywa)

Timber extraction elephant poached in Mawlaik

TAMU, 30 June—A 31 years old elephant used for timber extraction was poached for its tusks in western timber extraction area of Mawlaik in Sagaing Region.

The elephant was found dead with two gun shot wounds at the head and two tusks removed.

Forester in-charge U Aung Din informed

Khampart Sub-Township Police Station in Tamu District on 23 June.

The police station has filed a case and is investigating into the case.

The tusks of the poached elephant is one foot and nine inches long, and one foot and one inches round. It is worth around K 7 million.

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ANTI-DRUG DRIVES

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking organized

MAWLAMYINE, 30 June—A ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was organized in the state hall in Mawlayine in Mon State on 26 June morning.

The ceremony was attended by Mon State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htay Myint Aung and other state ministers, Mon State Advocate-General U Win Kyi, Mon State Commissioner U Zaw Lin Tun, Mon State Police Force Commander Police Col Myo Swe Win, Deputy Commander Police Lt-Col Win Bo, police officers, state/district/township level departmental officials, professors/deans of Mawlamyine University, students from Education College, teachers and students from Basic Education High Schools, Middle Schools and Primary Schools in Mawlamyine, totaling about 1000.

State Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Htay Myint Aung delivered an address and State Commissioner U Zaw Lin Tun read out the message sent by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko.

They then viewed round the booths of paintings, cartoons, posters, computer arts and essays from commemorative contests of the day.

Assistant Law Officer U Soe Naing from Mon State Advocate-General Office gave talks on offenses and penalties of drug abuse and an official from the Health Department on its health impacts.

Police Lt-Col Win Bo elaborated on the background history of Myanmar’s anti-narcotics efforts.

MMAL-Hteik Tin
Htut (Mawlamyine)

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 1 July, 2013

More fun for tourists

Well over three million! It's a large number of people, and they would be our guests coming in from all over the world, strolling around our places of historical significance, natural wonders, impressive ancient edifices, and closely studying our diverse ethnicity and cultures in 2015!

But when compared with the number of visitors to other Southeast Asian countries such as Thailand and Malaysia, this figure of three million is still low, because the latter hosted 25 million visitors earning a hefty amount of USD 24.7 billion in 2011 while the Kingdom could pocket US\$ 23 billion from 19.23 million guests the same year.

As for us three million is a target for the period only two years from now, and to host this number we need much better infrastructure, facilities and services both in accommodation and transport for their full convenience and satisfaction which are the cornerstone of our reputation. Bad accommodation, transport and services will tarnish our reputation, deterring the long-term growth of the tourism industry.

Accordingly, it is extremely important for ensuring the convenience and satisfaction of our visitors as the leisure industry depends much on reputation. Another important factor here is the extra services to earn extra income from the visitors as the revenue of the industry in some cases does not depend on the numbers alone. It depends on how much they spent in the country. The more they spend the more we get.

In consequence, we must have shops especially stores that sell souvenirs and local gourmets adapted to international taste, special cultural and entertainment shows and programs at places like museums, short, swift and convenient trips to surrounding places of a main destination, home-stay and temple-stay programs that may entice visitors to spend more and give an impression that they got more fun than they initially anticipated.

Child protection course concludes in Dawei

DAWEI, 30 June—The child protection course organized by Taninthayi Region Social Welfare Department Daw Khin Nwe Tun gave a conclusion remark. A total of 23 trainees of four Ward Administrative offices from Dawei Township, members



of Women's Affairs Organization, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the head and committee members of five Philanthropic houses from Dawei and Yebyu Townships attended the 4-day course.

Kyemon-Poe Shwe
Thun (Dawei)

Myanmar's Leadership Needed on ASEAN
Illegal Wildlife Trade

Earlier this month, leading government, industry and civil society leaders descended upon Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar for the 22nd World Economic Forum on East Asia. With Myanmar poised to take over as Chair of ASEAN in 2014 leading up to the charted 2015 realization of the ASEAN Economic Community, the gathering marked a new milestone in Myanmar's political and regional leadership. One key issue was not squarely tabled.

As Chair of ASEAN, Myanmar would be well served to address the illegal wildlife trade. It is not only an environmental issue, but has economic, security, and health implications. This year, the United Nations called Illegal Wildlife Trafficking a serious transnational criminal activity because it has fueled and funded conflicts, terrorism, and other illicit activity. Myanmar should focus on this issue, or its omission will have grave costs.

Myanmar has some of the world's greatest biodiversity. Its Northern Forest Complex is the home to elephants, bears, leopards, and hundreds of species of birds. At the core of the forest lies an 8,500 square mile tract—the Myanmar's Hukaung Valley Wildlife Sanctuary—which is the world's largest tiger reserve, a place biologically critical in a world where only about 3000 wild tigers remain. Myanmar also has the most elephants in Southeast Asia.

To protect this biodiversity, Myanmar has an elaborate system of forest laws, which pre-date the military government, and a new government commitment to ban all

timber exports starting next year. In 1994, Myanmar also enacted the Protection of Wildlife and Wild Plants, and Conservation of Natural Areas Law, which forbids the possession, sale or export of endangered animals or their parts, making such acts punishable by a fine of 30,000MMK-50,000MMK and /or imprisonment of up to 7 years. Three years later, Myanmar signed the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES). In 2010, Myanmar chaired the 5th Annual Meeting of ASEAN-Wildlife Enforcement Networks, and in 2011 created a national inter-agency Wildlife Enforcement Law Enforcement Task Force.

However, reports suggest significant trade in elephants, Asiatic bears, sun bears, tigers, leopards,

to monitoring the illegal wildlife trade, found that widespread distribution of big cat parts occurred through markets in Mongla, near the China border and Tachilek, on the Thai border. According to TRAFFIC, in just a 12 day period, researchers found, parts from at least 215 bears being openly traded in Myanmar border markets near China and Thailand. Thus despite its wildlife laws, enforcement is at most ad-hoc; and of low priority in areas where armed groups control.

Why is this a problem? From other countries, we know that wildlife crime destroys biodiversity and the services that healthy ecosystems provide. Illegal wildlife trade deprives governments direct revenue from sales of state managed natural resources and avoids indirect revenue

national ivory trade, with legal loopholes allowing imported foreign ivory to be passed off as a legal domestic product. Vietnam was told that rhino horn smuggling was increasing across its borders.

These issues are of serious international importance. African countries spend millions of dollars annually on protection efforts, while clashes with heavily armed militant groups cost dozens of rangers their lives each year. But both Thailand and Viet Nam are now taking strong measures to address the crisis.

With greater openness, escalating regional demand from China and other ASEAN countries, and realization of the ASEAN Economic Community, the situation is likely to accelerate. Under moves toward economic integration, any inconsistencies in national laws or enforcement will see wildlife criminals moving to exploit the weakest nations in the bloc. To address the similar possibility, the European Union established a common CITES framework that encompasses all of its member states when it was first formed. ASEAN would benefit by adopting a similarly consistent approach to wildlife laws and enforcement.

Thus, as Myanmar assumes the ASEAN chairmanship in 2014 and plays a key role in leading the ten-member group towards the ASEAN Economic Community, it should consider the challenges that greater openness can bring, and should steer ASEAN to adopt a strong framework to stop the illegal wildlife trade and ensure it is enforced.

Moe Thuzar Soe

snow leopards, cloud leopards, turtles, tortoises, and pangolins from Myanmar to its neighbors. Bears are hunted for their gall bladder and bile, which are used in Traditional Chinese Medicine. Big cats parts such as whole skins, paws, bones and penises are used for religious amulets, decorative pieces, aphrodisiacs, and Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Moreover, what makes Myanmar a potential hub for regional trade also makes it ideally located as a transit point for the illegal wildlife trade. Myanmar shares porous borders with China, Bangladesh, India, Lao PDR and Thailand. For example, one study by TRAFFIC, a world-wide non-government organization dedicated

from taxes on private sector exports. It prevents local communities obtaining sustainable livelihoods, with small-scale local poachers receiving but a fraction of the value end-users pay.

It can undermine national security because insurgent groups often support their activities via sales of contraband that includes wildlife. It also poses serious threats to health as the transport of wildlife products can spread disease.

These challenges are not unique to Myanmar but occur across South-east Asia. Thailand and Vietnam, for example, came under scrutiny in March this year at the 16th CITES meeting in Bangkok. Thailand was criticized for failing to properly regulate its

MoU signing ceremony for...

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US\$ 1 million to the State to carry out as platinum sponsor. Platinum sponsors KBZ Bank, MAI, AIR KBZ and IKBZ will be allowed to use the rights of logo and mascot of the SEA Games in social zones in Yangon,

Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Ngwehsaung where sport events will be held.

Moreover, KBZ Bank will install ATM in the social zones to be able to use VISA card, MASTER card and MPU card for the convenience of international

athletes. Exchange counters will be opened and mobile cars will be used in some places. KBZ prepaid cards bearing SEA Games logo will be sold to the visitors during the SEA Games. Special service will be offered to the passengers at charter flights of MAI and AIR KBZ during SEA Games.—MNA

LOCAL NEWS

Myanmar-Japan Legal Research Center to be opened at Yangon University

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Union Minister for Education Dr Mya Aye received a Japanese delegation led by the President of the University of Nagoya at his office, here, on 28 June.

During the meeting, they discussed signing of an agreement on educational cooperation and an MoU on knowledge exchange between the Department of Law at Yangon University and the University of Nagoya of Japan to open Myanmar-Japan Legal Research Center at Yangon University.

The agreement and

MoU include exchange of students, professors, researchers, staff, issuing publications, exchange of knowledge about researches on legal affairs and others, doing researches together, conducting more seminars and paper-reading sessions, enhancement of Myanmar-Japan legal affairs on the campus of Yangon University, making cooperation in implementing a new Myanmar-Japan Legal Research Center and making other cooperations depending on both sides' agreement.—MNA

Malaysia Palm Oil Exhibition opens



YANGON, 30 June—A ceremony to open Malaysia Palm Oil Exhibition,

organized by Malaysia Palm Oil Council (MPOC) and Malaysia Palm Oil Board (MPOB) was held at Traders Hotel, here yesterday in conjunction with paper reading session.

Experts form MPOC

and MPOB, Dr Khin Maung Lwin from the Ministry of Health and U Kyaw Myint from e-Trade Myanmar Co Ltd submitted the papers on investments in palm oil manufacturing, trade and trade opportunities,

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Malaysia's palm oil products and technologies.

Myanmar and Malaysia entrepreneurs signed MoU on trade cooperation at Felda Global Group Exhibition, Myanmar 2011 held at Traders Hotel in November, 2011, which was attended by Former Malaysian Prime Minister Tun Dr Mahathir Mahamad.

Myanmar's annual oil consumption per head is around six viss and 0.5 million tons for the country as a whole while industries account for nearly 0.3 million tons. Myanmar has to import 0.3 million tons of oil from Malaysia and Indonesia yearly as domestic production is 0.5 million tons. Grand Wynn Enterprises Ltd distributes palm oil base products imported from Felda Delima Oil Products Sdn. Bhd.

Kyemon-Myo Min Thura

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Biodiversity conservation carried out in Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary



NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—For the local people who reside near Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary to understand the important of ecosystem of flora and

fauna and law for protection of wildlife and conservation of natural environs, Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Forest Department jointly shared knowledge about

biodiversity conservation in Hawhsai, Yepawmee, Yetpha, Htonmalok and Namthelin Chaungwa Sakhon Villages which are close to gold mining area outside Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary from 14 to 26 June.

It was attended by 430 local people. It is learnt that not only local people but also those from other areas who are facing natural environmental conservation issues are actively taking part in Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary tasks.—Kyemon

Tree planting hails Myanmar Women's Day



DAWEI, 30 June—The monsoon tree growing in honour of Myanmar Women's Day was held near ancient Hsutaungpyae Pagoda in Zalun Village of Dawei Township yesterday.

Chief Minister of Taninthayi Region

U Myat Ko presented saplings to members of social organizations and departmental officials.

The Chief Minister and Chairperson of Region Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin San plant Gangaw saplings

(*Mesua ferrea*). The Chief Minister and officials viewed round growing of saplings by the people.

Together with the Deputy Speaker of the Region Hluttaw, the region ministers, the chief justice of region High Court, the

Illegal timber seized in States and Regions

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—The staff from Forest Department in Kengtung of Shan State (East) seized 6.6582 tons of ownerless illegal teak, hardwood, pine and sawn timber logs in Kengtung, Mongton, Monghset and Mongphyat Townships on 2, 6, 9 and 13 June.

Likewise, while making a surprise check to seize illegal timber and forest products, the staff of Forest Department in Yangon Region on 6 June found uploading change of 1.7682 tons of illegal hardwood sawn timber logs from vehicle No 9Ka/5010 to vehicle No 5Ka/4350 at the corner of Kyansittha and Mandalay Streets in Hlinethaya Township. Four culprits including two drivers, one bus conductor and one timber owner have been charged under the forest law.

Similarly, the staff from Forest Department in Sagaing Region seized 99.3747 tons of ownerless illegal teak, hardwood and sawn timber in Kalewa,

Wuntho, Htigyaing, Kawlin, Bamauk, Mingin, Pinlebu and Kani Townships in Katha, Monywa and Kalay Districts from 20 to 23 June. Six persons including U Kyaw Win of Alekyun Village in Indaw Township who were owners of 1.7806 tons of illegal teak sawn timber seized in the south of Mintha Village in Indaw Township were charged under the law.

Moreover, the staff of Forest Department in Pyay District in Bago Region searched illegal timber and forest products and seized 12.2144 tons of illegal timber



Danger of drug, child law, traffic enforcement talked in Pyawbwe

PYAWBWE, 30 June—Talks on danger of narcotic drugs, child law and traffic rules was held at Basic Education High School No. 2 in Pyawbwe on 28 June morning. Commander of No. 8 Police Battalions Group Poilice Col Aung

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logs and one chain saw in villages in Padaung Township and Kyaukpyu and Thuyetan forest reserves on 21 and 22 June. Three owners are under investigation in connection with seizing 27.825 tons of illegal firewood.

A combined team of the staff from Forest Department, Township GAD and Myanmar Police Force seized 10.982 tons of illegal timber and three vehicles near Shweli River, north of Maugon Ale Village in Mabein Township in Lashio District of Shan State (North) on 21 June.

Kyemon-Forest Department

Myat Moe and officials gave lectures on danger of drugs, legal affairs on child and traffic rules enforcement.

It was attended by Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Thin, teachers and students totalling 1632.

Kyemon-U Min Min Htwe

region advocate-general, the auditor-general of the region, departmental officials and local people, the Chief Minister planted 1500 saplings of various species at the ceremony.

Kyemon-Kyaw Kyaw Latt

Obama to unveil broad African electrical power initiative

JOHANNESBURG, 30 June— Pointing to Africa's crippling lack of electrical power, President Barack Obama is due to announce on Sunday a \$7 billion initiative over five years to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa.

"We see this as the next phase in our development strategy and a real focal point in the president's agenda going forward," deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes told reporters travelling with the president. Obama is midway through a three-country tour of Africa and is due to give what aides bill as his

fullest description of his vision for the US relationship with the continent on Sunday.

The president has chosen historically resonant locations for the address, and is due to speak at the University of Cape Town after touring the prison on Robben Island. Robert F Kennedy's 1966 speech at the university linked the struggles against apartheid and the US civil rights movement and was seen as giving encouragement to the movement, while Robben Island is where anti-apartheid icon Nelson Mandela was imprisoned

for 18 of his 27 years in jail.

The president will cite South Africa's long struggle to defeat apartheid and the US civil rights movement's success in overcoming racial inequality as models of movements that brought about change in the face of daunting obstacles, aides said.

He will call on young Africans to summon similar energy to complete the work of those movements and to firmly establish economic growth, democratic government, and stable societies across the continent.

Obama has been faulted for lacking a grand programme to benefit Africa like the HIV/AIDS initiative launched by President George W. Bush or the broad reductions of trade barriers achieved by President Bill Clinton.

Reuters

Syrian army, backed by jets, launches assault on Homs



A general view shows buildings damaged by what activists said was shelling by forces loyal to Syria's President Bashar al-Assad in the Al-Khalidiya neighbourhood of Homs on 28 June, 2013.—REUTERS

BEIRUT, 30 June—Syrian President Bashar al-Assad's forces launched a major offensive on Saturday against rebels in Homs, a centre of the two-year-old uprising, in their latest drive to secure an axis connecting Damascus to the Mediterranean.

Activists said jets and mortars had pounded rebel-held areas of the city that have been under siege by Assad's troops for a year, and soldiers fought battles with rebel fighters in several districts.

"Government forces are trying to storm (Homs) from all fronts," said an activist using the name Abu Mohammad.

There were no immediate details of casualties but video footage uploaded by activists showed heavy explosions and white clouds of smoke rising from what they said were rebel districts. Loud, concentrated rounds of gunfire could also be heard.

One clip showed thick black smoke rising from a mosque identified as the 13th-century Khalid ibn al-Walid mosque, on the edge of the Khalidiyah neighbourhood.

Syrian state media said the army was "achieving great progress" in Khalidiyah but the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an anti-Assad monitoring group, said there were reports that rebels had destroyed an army tank as troops tried to penetrate the Old City in the centre of Homs.

The attack on Homs follows steady military gains by Assad's forces, backed by Lebanese Hezbollah militants, in villages in Homs Province and towns close to the Lebanese border.

Three weeks ago Hezbollah spearheaded Assad's recapture of the border town of Qusair, a former rebel bridgehead for smuggling in guns and fighters.

Reuters

Petrocaribe leaders agree to focus efforts on boosting trade



Besides Ortega and Maduro, Bolivian President Evo Morales also attended the summit, as did Cuban Vice President Miguel Diaz-Canel and Ecuadorean Foreign Minister Ricardo Patino.—REUTERS

MANAGUA, 30 June— Delegations from over a dozen countries that are members of the Venezuelan-led oil alliance Petrocaribe agreed on Saturday to adopt a framework for promoting trade within the block.

At the close of the eighth-annual Petrocaribe

summit hosted by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega in this Central American capital, leaders agreed to focus efforts on boosting trade in regional transportation, communication, agriculture, tourism and social service projects.

"The journey has been very encouraging because

in short order ... we have organized the essential components of a Petrocaribe economic zone," said Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro at the close of the summit.

The trade agreement did not go into details, nor did the gathering formally discuss changing Petrocaribe's existing oil deals.

Maduro inherited leadership of the block after his predecessor, leftist firebrand Hugo Chavez, died in March, and Maduro won the election a month later to succeed him.

Chavez founded Petrocaribe in 2005 as an alliance that allows its current 18 member-states to buy oil from Venezuela at favourable rates and easy payment plans.

"Hugo Chavez's legacy will prevail," added Maduro.

Reuters

Thousands march in Istanbul in solidarity with Kurds

ISTANBUL, 30 June— Thousands of protesters marched to Istanbul's Taksim Square on Saturday chanting slogans against the government and police after security forces killed a Kurdish demonstrator in southeastern Turkey.

The protest had been planned as part of larger unrelated anti-government demonstrations that have swept through the country

since the end of May, but became a voice of solidarity with the Kurds after Friday's killing.

"Murderer police, get out of Kurdistan!" some protesters chanted. "This is only the beginning, the struggle continues. The murderer state will pay!"

Turkish forces killed the man and wounded 10 others when they fired on a group protesting against the

construction of a gendarmerie outpost in the Kurdish-dominated region.

The incident, in the Lice District of Diyarbakir Province, appeared to be the most violent in the region since a ceasefire declaration in March by jailed Kurdish rebel chief Abdullah Ocalan in a decades-old conflict between his fighters and the Turkish state, and it risks de-

railing the nascent peace process.

Around 10,000 protesters descended on Taksim, which has been the centre of weeks of anti-government demonstrations, but were prevented from entering the square by riot police.

Erdogan tried on Friday to reassure Turkey's Kurds that the anti-government would not harm the peace process.—Reuters

High-temperature records fall as western US bakes

TUCSON, (Arizona), 30 June—Dozens of people were treated for heat-related ailments, and cities and towns across the western United States took emergency measures to help residents cool off, as the region sweltered on Saturday in dangerous triple-digit temperatures.

At least one heat-related death was reported by authorities in Las Vegas, where a man in his 80s was found dead inside a house that had no air-conditioning. The victim suffered from other medical issues, but paramedics suspect heat was a contributing factor in his death, said Las Vegas Fire and Rescue spokesman Tim Szymanski.

"It's not unusual for people with medical condi-

tions, their problems worsen when it gets really hot," he said.

Extreme heat enveloped most of California and Nevada and parts of southern Arizona, with a large high-pressure system trapping hot air across the area, National Weather Service meteorologist Todd Lericos said. "It involves pretty much the entire West Coast at this point," Lericos said, adding that the stifling conditions, which began in some areas on Thursday afternoon, would likely continue through the weekend and linger into next week.

Triple-digit temperatures extended as far east as Texas, with Corpus Christi shattering its all-time high with a reading of 107 Fahrenheit (42 Celsius).



People gather in the shade at Belvedere Lake Park as a potentially dangerous heat wave grips the western US, in Los Angeles, California, on 29 June, 2013.—REUTERS

In Utah, Salt Lake City hit 105F (41C) at the airport, a record high for the date.

In Los Angeles County, many people have been hospitalized or treated for dehydration, exhaustion and heat stroke, county Fire Department spokesman Keith Mora said. At an outdoor concert in Las Vegas on Friday, 34 people were taken to the hospital after succumbing to the heat, and

another 170 suffered nausea and fatigue.

An elderly man who been driving through Las Vegas with no air-conditioning was found suffering from heat stroke and was hospitalized in serious condition after he pulled off a highway and called for help, Szymanski said.

Precautions were taken for athletes and animals alike.—Reuters

REGIONAL

Most LDP candidates favour revision of Constitution

TOKYO, 30 June—Most of those who plan to run in the 21 July House of Councillors election on the governing Liberal Democratic Party's ticket favour revision of the 1946 Constitution as sought by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the party leader, a *Kyodo News* poll shows.

Of those who plan to run on the LDP ticket, 97.1 percent said the Constitution should be revised. None of the LDP's candidates said the national charter should not be revised.

The poll also found that 63.6 percent of those who plan to run on the ticket of the New Komeito party, the LDP's coalition partner backed by the lay Buddhist organization Soka Gakkai, think the Constitution should be

revised, compared with 27.3 percent who replied in the opposite.

In contrast, only 23.4 percent of the candidates who plan to run from the DPJ favoured revision of the Constitution. In a set of election promises for the upcoming poll, the DPJ promised to consider a "future-oriented constitution."

The survey covered 406 expected candidates in the election from all parties as of 24 June, of whom 374 responded.

The respondents comprised 70 who plan to run from the LDP, 62 from the Japanese Communist Party, 47 from the main opposition Democratic Party of Japan, 42 from the Japan Restoration Party, 30 from the Your

Party, 11 from the New Komeito party, eight from the Social Democratic Party, seven each from the People's Life Party and the Green Wind party, 73 from minor parties, and 17 independents.

Of those who favored constitutional revision, 64.7 percent of the LDP's expected candidates called for strengthening of the prime minister's powers in the event of an emergency, and 63.2 percent called for writing Japan's right of collective defence into the Constitution. Multiple answers were allowed for the question.

All of the New Komeito party's expected candidates called for clearly enshrining new human rights, such as environmental rights.

Among other parties,

all of those who plan to run on the Japan Restoration Party's ticket replied that they favour revision of the Constitution.

None of the respondents among the expected candidates from the JCP, SDP and the Green Wind party support constitutional revision, while 71.4 percent of the expected candidates of the People's Life Party are opposed to revisions.

Of all the respondents, 59.1 percent support constitutional revision, while 54.3 percent are opposed to the LDP's proposal to relax requirements to initiate a constitutional revision to a majority of each house from the current two-thirds as stipulated in Article 96.

Kyodo News



Brunei's Prince Mohamed Bolkiah attends a welcome dinner in Bandar Seri Begawan on 29 June, 2013. The 46th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) will be held on Sunday at the International Convention Centre, Brunei Darussalam. —XINHUA

Philippines on alert as tropical storm "Rumbia" lands

MANILA, 30 June—The Philippine government has alerted all concerned departments as Tropical Storm "Rumbia" (local name Gorio) made a landfall over central Province of Eastern Samar before noon on Saturday.

In the latest weather bulletin, the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) placed eight provinces in northern part of the country and five others in central

Philippines under public storm warning signal No 2 and 26 provinces, including the National Capital Region, under signal No 1.

The storm has maximum sustained winds of 65 km per hour (kph) near the center and gustiness of up to 80 kph. In an interview over a state-run radio station, deputy presidential spokeswoman Abigail Valte said that the

government has provided 6.9 million pesos (159,353 US dollars) worth of emergency relief resources for those who would be affected by the weather disturbance. "We continue to monitor those areas (affected) in cooperation with the local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Councils (DRRMCs)," she said.

Xinhua

10,000 killed in monsoon floods in N India

NEW DELHI, 30 June — More than 10,000 people may have died in the monsoon floods which swept through the northern Indian state of Uttarakhand, washing away towns and roads two weeks ago, the speaker of the State Assembly said on Saturday.

"No one can give the exact death count but after travelling to different disaster affected areas and information gathered from

victims and other locals of the area I could say that death toll is around 10,000," the speaker, Govind Singh Kunjwal told the media in state capital Dehradun. Meanwhile, authorities have been folding up evacuation in many parts of the state even as some 4,000 people are still said to be stranded in the mountains. The state was hit by floods on 16 June.

Xinhua



A sunflower blossoms at the Olympic Forest Park in Beijing, capital of China, on 29 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Japan, S Korea ministers to hold talks in Brunei

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 30 June—Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and his South Korean counterpart Yun Byung Se will hold talks in Brunei on the sidelines of a series of meetings related to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, the Japanese government said on Saturday.

Arrangements are being made for their meeting on Monday but are not yet finalized, according to government officials.

Kyodo News

Indonesia says forest fire more under control



Firefighters spray water to put out a fire that has continued smoldering under peatland at an oil palm plantation in Bengkalis Regency, Riau, in Indonesia on 26 June, 2013. Fires on Sumatra have caused haze not only in Indonesia but also in Singapore and Malaysia.

KYODO NEWS

BANDAR SERI BEGAWAN, 30 June —The rampant forest fire in Indonesia's Sumatra island, which led to the thick haze in neighbouring Singapore and Malaysia, is now more under control, Indonesia Foreign Ministers Marty Natalegawa said on Saturday.

"It's becoming more and more positive. As of now, the affected area is down to around 4,081 hectares, whereas previously it was as high as 16,500 hectares. So there has been a substantial reduction in terms of the area affected," Marty told a joint Press conference with Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman and Singaporean Foreign Minister K Shanmugam on the haze.

The foreign ministers

are in Brunei for the ASEAN foreign ministers' meeting and related meetings.

Marty said the number of hotspots has been fluctuating but now down to seven from the peak of 265 previously.

"Through combination of efforts from on the ground and from the air in terms of cloud seeding, water bombing and friendly weather .. things are becoming more under control, but we must continue with the efforts because this is a commitment by the Indonesian government to ensure that we address the problem in a comprehensive way," he said.

The smoke, largely attributable to forest fire from Indonesia, has driven air pollution to dangerous

levels in Singapore and parts of Malaysia, causing a spat of words. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono apologized to the two neighbours later, with Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong saying it was gracious of him to apologize.

The three countries have agreed to bring forward a ministerial meeting on transboundary haze to July from August.

The air quality has improved in Singapore and Malaysia, partly thanks to the increase of rain.

Marty said the informal meeting on haze with his Malaysian and Singaporean counterparts was "very frank and candid, and very constructive."

"We had not only exchanged information on the latest developments but also on how to take the matter forward, in terms of prevention, in terms of mitigation, if the situation were to occur again," he said.

But the three ministers declined to comment on the details of their closed-door discussion.

Meanwhile, Marty said his country may need more time to put out the fire. "What we are dealing with is not simply forest fire or burning trees," he said. "We are also dealing with burning peat, 10 or 15 meters underground."

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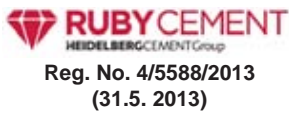
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Don't Smoke

US bugged EU offices, computer networks — German magazine

BERLIN, 30 June—The United States has bugged European Union offices and gained access to EU internal computer networks, according to secret documents cited in a German magazine on Saturday, the latest in a series of exposures of alleged US spy programmes. Der Spiegel quoted from a September 2010 "top secret" US National Security Agency (NSA) document that it said fugitive former NSA contractor Edward Snowden had taken with him, and the weekly's journalists had seen in part. The document outlines how the NSA bugged

offices and spied on EU internal computer networks in Washington and at the United Nations, not only listening to conversations and phone calls but also gaining access to documents and emails.

The document explicitly called the EU a "target".

A spokesman for the Office of the US Director of National Intelligence had no comment on the Der Spiegel story. Martin Schulz, the president of the European Parliament, said that if the report was correct, it would have a "severe impact" on relations between the EU and the United States.—Reuters

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Shadow of soldier's death lingers as Britain toasts troops

LONDON, 30 June—Tens of thousands of Britons celebrated the work of the military on Saturday in the fifth annual Armed Forces Day, with one of the largest events being held near the site in London where a soldier was murdered in broad daylight.
 Lee Rigby, a 25-year-old veteran of the Afghan war, was killed last month outside Woolwich barracks in east London. Two men will stand trial in November. The Woolwich barracks hosted a marching band and military display at the start of celebrations expected to draw around 20,000 people over the weekend. Fearing possible violence, police banned a planned march there by the English Defence League (EDL), a far-right group that has led an anti-Muslim backlash against Rigby's killing.—Reuters

ENTERTAINMENT

Adele gets a new tattoo

LOS ANGELES, 30 June—Singer Adele has had the word ‘Paradise’ tattooed on her left hand.

She has got herself inked by renowned tattooist Bang Bang, reports contactmusic.com.

Bang Bang posted a photograph of the Grammy Award winner flaunting the new body art, on social networking site Facebook, with the caption: “The lovely Adele came in to get tattooed today.”

The Skyfall hitmaker already has the letter ‘A’ inked behind her right ear. It is said to be a mark of tribute to her baby boy Angelo, whom she gave birth to last year.

PTI



Singer Adele

Justin Bieber wants to get married



Justin Bieber was earlier dating singer Selena Gomez.—PTI

LOS ANGELES, 30 June—Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber, who is reportedly dating a married model Jordan Ozuna, wants to tie the knot soon.

The 19-year-old Baby hitmaker said he does not believe in love but wants to start a family, reported *Us* magazine.

“My grandparents Bruce and Diane Dale (are my relationship role models). They love each other so much, after so many years! When I’m their age, I want to be as in love with my wife as my grandfather is with his,” he said.

Bieber split with longtime girlfriend Selena Gomez, 20, early this year though the pair reunited several times in the following months.

In May, the pair were spotted exchanging a friendly hug and a kiss at the Billboard Music

Awards after Bieber took home two awards for the night.

“As long as people are kind to each other during a breakup, there is no reason they can’t be friends. A lot of people give me relationship advice. Be patient and listen. I’m still growing. I’m trying to be a better person every day,” he added.

Reuters



Cameron Diaz

Cameron Diaz to make musical debut with Annie remake?

LOS ANGELES, 30 June—Actress Cameron Diaz will be reportedly making her musical debut with *Annie* remake.

Actress Sandra Bullock was reportedly approached twice to play the brutal orphanage headmistress Miss Hannigan, but she refused.

Diaz, 40, is said to have accepted the role and will star opposite nine-year-old Quvenzhané Wallis, reports *usmagazine.com*. Actor Jamie Foxx is expected to play Daddy Warbucks in the film, which is being directed by Will Gluck.

Annie is slated for release on 25 Dec, 2014.

PTI



British supermodel Kate Moss

Kate Moss prefers natural look at music festivals

LONDON, 30 June—British supermodel Kate Moss doesn’t like to go overboard with make-up during music festivals and sports a natural look at such events.

“My festival look is always natural, never too much make-up. For my hair, I use a bit of salt spray to create that kind of tousled look, to bring the beach to the festival,” *femalefirst.co.uk* quoted Moss as saying.

The supermodel is a regular at music festivals such as Glastonbury.

“I’ll be wearing the normal little hot pants and wellingtons this festival season. But, if I can get away with a heel then I will,” she said.

PTI

Ruthless Djokovic and Williams march on

LONDON, 30 June—Novak Djokovic continued to match title rival Andy Murray stride for stride with a nonchalant march into the last 16 as the leading seeds flourished in the Wimbledon sunshine on Saturday.

The Serbian world number one neutralized Frenchman Jeremy Chardy with a 6-3, 6-2, 6-2 victory in 86 minutes and, like Murray, has now won all nine sets he has played.

American Serena Williams, bidding to equal Roger Federer's 17 grand slam titles by successfully defending her crown, has also been blemish-free and offered no concessions to 42-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm under the Centre Court roof.

The women's top seed was scheduled last on Court One but with other matches dragging on she was switched across to Centre where she dispatched the Japanese veteran 6-2, 6-0 in an hour.

While Djokovic and Murray have been in perfect harmony, elsewhere the opening week has been a turbulent one with a head-spinning spate of shocks, injuries and withdrawals.

Surprises were thinner on the ground on Day Six with men's fourth seed David Ferrer coming closest to falling through the trapdoor before battling back to beat unorthodox Ukrainian Alexandr Dolgoplov in five sets to reach the fourth round.

The 31-year-old was joined there by 2010 runner-up Tomas Berdych, the Czech seventh seed, who beat giant South African Kevin Anderson for the ninth time in a row, and Argentine number eight seed Juan Martin del Potro who survived a collision with a court-side chair to overpower Slovenian Grega Zemlja.

As in the men's draw, only six of the top 16 women have reached Monday's fourth round which will feature a total of nine players aged 30 or over—equalling a professional era record at Wimbledon.

Australian 14th seed Samantha Stosur was the main casualty in the women's singles on Saturday, losing to Germany's Sabine Lisicki, but there was better news for fellow Australian Bernard Tomic as the 20-year-old continued to shake-off his bad-boy image by knocking out dashing French ninth seed Richard Gasquet.

Japan's Kei Nishikori also fell short, the 12th seed losing a long match to Italy's Andreas Seppi who has now won his last seven matches that have gone the five-set distance.

Women's fourth seed Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland, last year's runner-up, ended the run of American teenager Madison Keys in a hard-fought three-setter, while sixth-seeded Chinese Li Na and former champion Petra Kvitova, the Czech eighth seed, remained in contention after also being taken the distance.

The queue at the medical room has shrunk since Wipeout Wednesday when seven players withdrew or retired but Dutchman Igor Sijsling quit mid-match against Ivan Dodig on Saturday to take the total to a tournament record-equalling 13.

Croatia's Dodig, who is up against Ferrer next, has reached the fourth round despite finishing only one match.

Djokovic was the definition of efficiency against Chardy, who he had never dropped a set to in six previous meetings. The 26-year-old Serb made only three unforced errors and crunched surgical winners for fun in a sobering display for British fans dreaming of Murray holding the trophy aloft next Sunday.—Reuters

Victory would regain lost credibility, says Scolari

RIO DE JANEIRO, 30 June—"Spain are a fantastic team, but they have their flaws and they can be defeated.

"I think what would be so important for us is with a victory we would regain a lot of credibility and respect from our own fans in Brazil."

In defeating Italy 7-6 on penalties in Thursday's semi-final, Spain extended their world record unbeaten stretch in competitive matches to 29 games.

Their last competitive defeat was at the 2010 World Cup in South Africa when they were stunned 1-0 by Switzerland in their opening group match.

"Perhaps at the moment Spain are superior to us," Scolari said. "They have more or less had the same side for five or six years now, and they have won two European titles and a World Cup so they may have an advantage."

Brazil, though, have shown glimpses of past glo-

ry during this competition.

Asked what message a Brazil win over Spain would send to the rest of the world just a year before the World Cup finals are staged in the country, Scolari enthused: "A very clear message that we are on the right path for the title in 2014.

"We would show to the world we are among the group of teams who can win the World Cup, but even if we don't win on Sunday as can happen in a football match, I still think we have done a lot this month and now we want to



prove it to the Brazilian crowds who have been fantastic and supported us so much." Scolari guided Brazil to their fifth World Cup final success over Germany in Yokohama on 30 June, 2002, and, although he said he did not live in the past or know the dates of all his successes, he would natu-



Brazil's Neymar and coach Luiz Felipe Scolari take part in a training session at Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro on 29 June, 2013. Brazil will play against Spain in their Confederations Cup final soccer match on Sunday.

REUTERS

rally be delighted for another win on the same date.

"The past is the past, it has gone, you have to live for today, but it would

Resilient Ferrer outlasts Dolgoplov to make last 16

LONDON, 30 June—

Fourth seed David Ferrer came through a punishing five-set test against Alexandr Dolgoplov to move into the last 16 in the evening gloom at Wimbledon on Saturday.

Ferrer eventually ground down the 26th seeded Ukrainian 6-7,(6) 7-6(2), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in three hours 12 minutes.

"It was a very hard match," this year's French Open finalist Ferrer said. "I tried to fight a lot and to be focused in the right

moments and eventually I won."

There were only been 12 five-set matches in the



David Ferrer

first two rounds of the men's singles at Wimbledon, which was the fewest at the grasscourt grand slam in the Open era.

Ferrer's famed staying power came into its own as he got on top in the fourth set and ended the resistance of Dolgoplov to set up a fourth round match against Croatia's Ivan Dodig.

Reuters

Ledecky breaks Evans' 1500 freestyle record at US Nationals

NEW YORK, 30 June—Katie Ledecky broke Janet Evans' 25-year-old meeting record to claim the women's 1500 metres freestyle at the US National Championships on Saturday, and becoming the second fastest American of all time in the event.

Ledecky finished in 15:47.15 and was ahead of compatriot Kate Ziegler's 2007 world record of 15:42.54 through 800 metres before backing off, still beating second place getter Chloe Sutton by more than 20 seconds.

It was also the fastest time of the year and capped a great meeting, which dou-

bled as selection trials for the Barcelona world championships from 28 July 4 August, for Ledecky who also won

and see what I could do and I'm looking forward to seeing what the US can do in Barcelona."



Winner Katie Ledecky of the US

Olympic champion Ryan Lochte claimed the men's 200 individual

the 400 and 800 freestyle titles.

"I was really happy with it," the 16-year-old told reporters. "It was a swim I was looking forward to all week. I just wanted to go out with a bang.

"I just wanted to swim a controlled swim, feel good

medley, also in the fastest time of the year at 1:55.44.

Lochte was ahead of world record pace but faded in the back half much to his disappointment. "That's the story of this meet for me—going out fast and holding on for dear life," he said.

Reuters

Hamilton rewards British fans with pole

SILVERSTONE, (England), 30 June—Lewis Hamilton stormed to pole position for his home British Formula One Grand Prix on Saturday with German team mate Nico Rosberg qualifying alongside him in an all-Mercedes front row.

The 2008 world champion, chasing his first win for Mercedes after leaving McLaren last year, started the session with a wave for the crowd from the pit wall and ended it with the fans

saluting him. "Storming job there, Lewis, storming job," the team told him over the radio.

The pole was the 28th of Hamilton's career and Mercedes' fifth in eight races.

"The crowd do make a huge difference...I come here with an extra boost of energy. I just want to pay them back," said Hamilton, who also qualified on pole at Silverstone in his debut 2007 season and won in 2008.

Reuters



Mercedes Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain takes a curve during the final practice session ahead of the British Grand Prix at the Silverstone Race circuit, central England, on 29 June, 2013.

REUTERS

GENERAL



Yu Zhengsheng (C), member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, addresses a meeting attended by local officials in Urumqi, capital of northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 29 June, 2013.—XINHUA

Heavy rain to hit north China, Sichuan

BEIJING, 30 June—China's meteorological authority forecast on Sunday that heavy rain will hit some regions in the north and Sichuan Province in the southwest from Sunday to Tuesday.

The National Meteorological Centre (NMC) said heavy rain or rainstorms will pelt the central and eastern part of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and some regions in north China and northeast China.

Some of those regions may also see downpours,

thunderstorms or hails, the centre said.

The central and western part of the Sichuan basin will witness heavy rain from 100 to 200 millimeters, while some parts will have rainfall of up to 300 millimeters.

The NMC also said that the Rumbia, the sixth tropical storm to hit China this year, will enter the eastern part of South China Sea around midday Sunday, and then head towards Guangdong and Hainan provinces as its force strengthens.

The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said Saturday that the storm may come ashore in Guangdong on Monday night or Tuesday, and it may also be felt in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Hainan, Hunan and Guizhou.

The headquarters urged local authorities to enhance monitoring, issue early warnings, timely evacuate residents in the threatened areas and call back fishing boats to port.

Xinhua

Park heads towards US Open title

NEW YORK, 30 June—South Korean golfer Inbee Park forged to a four-shot lead after the third round of the US Women's Open at Sebonack Golf Club in New York on Saturday, giving her the chance to win the first three major championships of the year.

Park fired a one-under 71 in the third round, the only player in the field to post a sub-par round in red figures in difficult winds, to move to 10-under 206, four shots clear of compatriot I.K. Kim (73) at six-under 210.

England's Jodi Ewart-Shadoff (74) appears the only other legitimate challenger at three-under with Korea's Ryu So-Yeon (73) and American Angela Stanford (74) the only other players under par, nine off the pace at one-under in a tie for fourth.

"The wind was a bit stronger than (Friday), so the conditions were tough," Park said. "The pin positions were tough, a lot of long irons hitting into the greens."

It was just a very tough

day, but I think I battled it really good out there. "I had my tough times in the middle but ended up finishing very good, so I'm happy with that." The 24-year-old Park is keeping the dream of a grand slam alive having already won the Kraft Nabisco Championship and the LPGA Championship earlier this year.

Should she prevail she will not only claim a fourth major but will be just the second LPGA Tour player to win the first three majors

in a season. Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias won all three majors played in 1950, the Titleholders Championship, the Women's Western Open and the US Women's Open.

"It's tough not to think about it ... I just try to think that's not a big deal," Park told reporters.

"If I want to do it so much, it's just so tough and it puts too much pressure on you. I try to not think about it so much. I'm just going to try to do the same thing that

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8:00 am	6:25 pm
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12. TV Drama Series	28. People Talks
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16. Musical Programme	

UN lifts sanctions on Iraq

BEIJING, 30 June—Iraq is celebrating what it calls a historical achievement, after the United Nations voted on Thursday to lift its long-standing sanctions against the country.

The UN Security Council has voted to remove Iraq from Chapter 7 of the UN Charter, unanimously agreeing to lift the UN sanctions imposed on Baghdad following the 1990 invasion of Kuwait by the executed dictator Saddam Hussein. On Thursday, the 15-member body agreed that the issue of missing Kuwaiti people, property and archives should be handled under Chapter 6, instead of Chapter 7.

Chapter 6 of the UN Charter urges peaceful resolution of any conflict between the countries, while Chapter 7 authorizes the council to allow measures such as sanctions or military intervention if countries do not meet its demands. The decision is regarded as a major political upgrade for

Iraq as it struggles to restore its international status a decade after the US-led invasion toppled Saddam in 2003.

In his speech the Iraqi Prime Minister stressed the importance of taking this achievement as a chance to make further efforts to solve the internal political disputes. "Iraq has been released from the international chains which have been imposed as results for the irresponsible behaviors of the old suppressive regime towards the international community and its people," Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri Al Maliki said.

The Iraqi officials have described the removal of Iraq from chapter seven as a historical resolution for Iraq.

Political observers praised the efforts of the Iraqi officials in this regard and said that the Iraqi people are today rewarded for their patience and sacrifice.

The UN has voted to put Iraq under chapter seven after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in 1990.—Xinhua



Inbee Park of South Korea hits her 2nd tee shot during the third round of the 2013 US Women's Open golf championship at the Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, New York on 29 June, 2013.—REUTERS

Three ancient Pyu cities to be included in World Heritage List



Union Minister U Aye Myint Kyu makes a speech at the meeting with staff of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department and officials at Archaeology Technological Training School (Pyay).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—Union Minister for Culture U Aye Myint Kyu met staff of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department and officials at Archaeology Technological Training School (Pyay) in Hmawza Village-tract of Pyay Township yesterday morning.

In his address, the Union minister said that strenuous efforts are being made to enlist three ancient

Pyu cities namely Hanlin, Vishnu and Sri Khestra to the World Heritage List. Members of the World Heritage Central Body will inspect the ancient Pyu cities whether these cities are in line with nomination dossier and systematic management. Thus, he stressed the need to keep maps and survey works in Sri Khestra city systematically. He urged all to participate in preservation of cultural

heritage in the respective zones.

Officials submitted reports on systematic garbage system around the ancient city, illegal extraction of soil

and discussions with local people.

Later, the Union minister met teachers and students at the training school (Pyay).—MNA

Union FM felicitates Canadian Counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 1 July—U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitation to the Right Honourable John Baird, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada, on the occasion of the National Day of Canada which falls on 1 July 2013.—MNA

MoU signing ceremony for main sponsor in 27th SEA Games held

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June—To be named as official main sponsor of 27th SEA Games, the MoU signing ceremony between Kanbawza Group Co Ltd and Dentsu & JK Co Ltd, organizer of 27th SEA Games, took place at Parkroyal Hotel, this afternoon, with an address by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Dr Maung Maung Thein.

Then, CEO Mr. Chaiyos of Organizer JK Consultant & Management Co Ltd extended greetings.

On behalf of Kanbawza Group Co Ltd, Senior Managing Director U Than Cho said that KBZ would sign MoU to give a helping hand to the country, playing a role of main sponsor not for profit. He expressed his belief that the bank would offer best service the cash payments of the foreign players and Kanbawza Co Ltd would pay US\$ 1 million to the State to be granted as official main sponsor.

Senior Managing Director U Than Cho of Kanbawza Co Ltd and CEO Mr. Chaiyos of Organizer JK Consultant & Management Co Ltd signed the MoU and exchanged the notes. The officials replied queries raised by the media men.

Kanbawza Co Ltd signed the MoU as a first step to its official main sponsor bid in 27th SEA Games and the main contract will be inked soon. Kanbawza Co Ltd will pay

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MoU signing for official main sponsor in 27th SEA Games in progress.—MNA

Weather Forecast for 1st Dekad (10-days) of July 2013

Bay of Bengal Condition

A low pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is strong in the Andaman sea and the Bay of Bengal.

Rain Condition and Rainy Days

Rainy conditions are likely to be above normal in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and about normal in the remaining Regions and States.

Lagunpyin project to add 4 million gallons of water per day to supply water to Yangon

Higher population density along with increase in settlement of internal migrants in Yangon has led to demands for basic needs of their living standard. To supply clean water to them, Yangon City Development Committee launched the Lagunpyin Water Supply Project.

“Lagunpyin Water Supply Project is aimed at supplying drinking water to the people in Yangon municipal area, especially to those who are experiencing scarcity of safe drinking

water and have not accessed to safe drinking water,” said U Thet Lwin, Assistant Head of the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) of YCDC.

The project is located at the corner of No.2 Road and the Ring Road near the Ma So Creek in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. It is built on 50.37 acres of land.

The project would purify the water in the Labunpyin Dam at the border of Hlegu Township and Bago Township and would pipe the drinking water to the people.

“On completion, Lagunpyin project is expected to purify about 40 million gallons of water per day and would supply 30 million gallons to the people and 10 million gallons to Thilawa Industrial Zone,” said U Thet Lwin.

The people in Dagon Myothit (East), (South), Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Yuzana Garden City, Thingangyun, Thakayta and Dawbon townships and water-scarcity areas would share the 30 million gallons of water.

Ground work of the project started on 5 May,



2013. The project is being implemented by YCDC

and it is scheduled to be completed in two years.

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