

Myanmar workers afraid of arrest amidst Thai military crackdown on illegal migrants

By Aung Khin

The Thai military crackdown on illegal immigrants has led to Myanmar workers in the Kingdom feeling insecure and anxious, a source at the Thai border told the NLM, adding that although many Myanmar nationals are working in the border town Mae Sot legally, they do not want to cross the border at the moment to avoid unnecessary problems with Thai security forces.

The Myanmar worker from Myawady Township near the border said that, "As the Thai military is cracking down on illegal immigrants in Mae Sot, most of the Myanmar workers do not go to work there at the moment, because they are afraid of being arrested. Most of the Myanmar workers who are going to work in Mae Sot used to pass the border through an informal route crossing Moei River, because the fee to pass the Myanmar- Thailand Friendship Bridge is high."

Thai military personnel, immigration police and officials, on 3 June, began arresting hundreds of illegal immigrants in Mae Sot in Tak Province that borders Myawady Township, Kayin State of Myanmar.

Some reports said that the Thai military, security police and 500 civilians also conducted an operation to arrest undocumented Myanmar immigrants in Chaing



Myanmar people waiting to get a border pass from Myawady to Mae Sot in May, with the current situation across the border making it impossible for workers to return to their work place.

PHOTO: THUZAR (MYAWADY TOWN)

Mai on 11 June morning.

According to media reports thousands of Myanmar migrants were arrested after the Thai military started its crackdown in early June, with a Thai journalist, who spoke on condition of anonymity, saying that other nationalities are targeted as well.

"The military junta wants to deport illegal immigrants. Thousand of workers mostly Cambodians have already fled Thailand," he said, as rumours circulated that many Cambodian workers were arrested after the military coup last month.

As many as 37,000

Cambodian left Thailand on 13 June and another 6,000 tried to leave 14 June morning, according to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for Asia Pacific.

The journalist said, however, that Thai immigration authorities have plans to extend work permits for immigrant workers in the Kingdom, but the decision would not be made without consulting with the military.

He added that more than 11,224 Myanmar, 86,000 Cambodian and 60,535 workers from Laos have registered with Thai

authorities, but they have not yet obtained work permits due to the long process of nationality verification.

Thailand's Foreign Ministry's spokesman Sek Wannamethee said that illegal immigrants who want to return to work could contact formal channels to work in Thailand legally.

He also said that the current crackdown is not as massive as the international media portrays it as.

Thailand employs more than 2 million workers from neighboring countries. As of May this year, 1.7 million Myanmar, around 438,000 Cambodians and

130,000 Laos were registered to work in Thailand, according to the Thai Labor Ministry.

Thai permanent representative to the United Nations in Geneva Thani Thongpakdi said that the Thai law provides all workers in Thailand with protection in relation to work conditions as well as related benefits regardless of nationality.

The International OM is an inter-governmental organisation with 155 member states, with a further 11 states holding observer status and offices in more than 100 countries.

Rights of land mine victims should be included in bill on rights of disabled people: activists

By Aye Min Soe

YANGON, 15 June — Activists have urged the government to include the rights of people who lost their limbs in land mine accidents in the bill on the rights of disabled people.

"The 2008 constitution stipulates that the state shall care for the disabled but there is no rights for landmine victims in the bill," said Thein Han Thu,

Joint Secretary of Association of Myanmar Affairs of Disabled Women at a recent meeting of experts in Yangon.

Currently, around 60,000 people with amputated legs and arms are living in the country and still many villagers need to have limbs amputated, said ex-Col Thant Zin, who is also a land mine victim, and has organized a mobile team to provide door-to-door free service to victims

who need to have amputations.

His mobile team delivers about 50 prosthetics every month, but it is not enough to meet the demand, the former colonel said, adding that in seven of 10 ethnic areas land mines are still a major problem.

He has also called on the government and NGOs to change their strategies to be able to effectively support land mine victims who cannot come to Yan-

gon for medical treatment due to the lack of financial support.

The activist quoted an assistant director of the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Ministry as saying that the number and quality of prosthetics are limited due to the State's budget and technology and that there is only one state-owned factory in Yangon which produces prosthetics in Myanmar.



Most land mines in Myanmar are scattered across the states of Kayin, Kachin, Shan and Kayah, with locals hoping that the United Nations will help solve the issue.—PHOTO U.N.

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Sailing contests mark International Olympic Day

YANGON, 15 June—As a gesture of hailing International Olympic Day which falls on 23 June 2014, the sports federations of Myanmar will organize sports competitions.

On Saturday morning, the Olympic Day commemorative sailing contest and the 4th Myanmar Yachting Federation President's Cup sailing contest were held at Inya Lake in Yangon. Four sailing clubs are taking part in the Sharpie A, Sharpie B, Ratar and Optimist Open Class events on 14, 15, 21 and 22 June. The prize presentation ceremony will take place there on 28 June.

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TV, Sky Net donated to Township IPRD

MYITKYINA, 15 June—Chipwe Township General Administration Department organized a ceremony to donate a 32-inch flatscreen TV and one set of Sky Net at the office of Township Information and Public Relations Department in Kachin State recently.

Township Administrator U Khin Zaw and a responsible person of Hsan Linn Company presented the donations to Head of Township IPRD U G Khaw Yein.

District IPRD

New bridge put into service in Bago Region



TOUNGGOO, 15 June—Myitta Creek Bridge was

commissioned into service in Gwa-aing Village

in Htantabin Township in Bago Region on Friday.

Stipends, stationery provided to students

Gwa-aing Monastery Sayadaw U Tejaniya and other Buddhist monks organized the construction of a RC type bridge, with the contributions—K1 million by Bago Region Government's Development Fund, K1.4 million by Bago Region Hluttaw MPs' regional development fund and K1.16 million by local people and donors.

The 246 feet high and six feet wide bridge will become a link between Htantabin Township and Zayatkyi, Thapyaynyunt and Kyaukkyipauk villages in Kayin State.

Kyaw Swa (Toungoo)



NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Nay Pyi Taw Police Force presented stipends and stationery for the 2014-15 academic year to offspring of its members at the office in Nay Pyi Taw on

Saturday morning.

After delivering a speech, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Col Ko Ko Aung and officials presented stipends, copy books, pencil, ball-pens, raincoats and umbrellas to 18 university students, 32 high school students, 35 middle school students and 64 primary students.—Min Min Latt (Mandalay University)

officials of the central farm plan to cultivate 215 acres of paddy plantations.

Pho Shwe Thun (Dawei)

Waingmaw Tsp to emphasize development of agriculture, meat and fish sectors

MYITKYINA, 15 June—Kachin State Minister for Planning and Economy Dr Khin Maung Tun met township level officials and local authorities at the hall of the General Administration Department in Waingmaw of Kachin State on Friday.

At the meeting, the

state minister said priority is being given to development of the whole of Kachin State based on the wishes of local people. He invited participants to give suggestions on improvement of agriculture, meat and fish sectors in Waingmaw Township.

Township IPRD

Cooperative Department disburses loans to farmers in Hopin

HOPIN, 15 June—A ceremony to present agricultural loans to local farmers took place at the hall of General Administration Department in Hopin Sub-Township of Kachin State recently.

Head of the Sub-Township Coopera-

tive Department U Thein Win explained matters related to loans from Exam Bank from the People's Republic of China and Chairman of Cooperative Syndicate U Than Win delivered loans to farmers through ward and village administrators.

Plans underway for quality paddy seeds at Wedi central farm in Launglon Tsp

DAWEI, 15 June—Head of the Agricultural Department of Taninthayi Region U Tun Aung Kyaw participated in talks on nurturing Hsinthwelatt and Shwewahtun quality paddy strains at Wedi central farm in Launglon Township in Taninthayi Region on Friday.

He also looked into preservation of quality paddy seeds at warehouses.

A total of 22 acres will be put under Kyawzeya paddy strain, 17 acres under Hsinthwelatt strain, 16 acres under Shwewahtun

Departmental officials and local authorities disbursed loans to 325 members of 10 village cooperative societies from 11 to 13 June.

Township IPRD

strain and five acres under Paethwe strains totalling 60 this year.

For integrated farming,



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NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—The Speaker of the Lower House Thura U Shwe Mann delivered a speech at a ceremony to honour distinction winners in the 2013-2014 matriculation examination and their teachers in Pyu Township, Bago Region, on Sunday.

The ceremony was held at the Sabei Hall of No. 1 Basic Education High School in Pyu.

Thura U Shwe Mann said at the ceremony that Pyu is one of the most distinctive townships in political, economic and social fields and it was a politically most active township in the struggle for independence of the country.

As the township is full of potential for the agriculture, meat and fish and

electricity sectors, living standard and human resources in the township have developed, he added.

In conclusion, he said that the government has increased the education budget and has been trying to enroll all school-aged children as the development of the education sector was essential for the national development.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister of Bago Region U Nyan Win urged school officials to review the weakness and to further strive for a better pass rate in the future.

The chief minister and officials presented cash prizes to one five-distinction winner, six four-distinction winners, 20 three-distinction winners, 36 two-distinction winners

Lower House speaker attends ceremony to honour distinction winners, teachers



and 140 one-distinction winners.

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Lower House Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann cordially converses with local people and students in Pyu.—MNA

Meeting on development of Rakhine State held



Union ministers meet officials at a meeting in Sittway of Rakhine State.

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NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—A meeting on the development of Rakhine State took place on Sunday at the State Government Office in Sittway to exchange views on development including the economic, social and administrative sectors of the state.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers U Soe Thane, U Tin Naing Thein, Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win, U Aung Kyi and U Khin Yi as well as Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin.

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Priority to be given to development of rural and urban areas in Ayeyawady

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Union Minister for Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development U Ohn Myint urged staff to actively participate in rural development tasks on Saturday at the rural development and enhancement of living standard ceremony in Myaungmya Township.

The Union Minister also met members of Development Affairs Committees from 26 townships in Ayeyawady Region on Thursday in Patheingyi Town-

ship to discuss development tasks for the region.

During the meeting, U Ohn Myint urged the attendees to participate in people-centered development tasks as much as possible. He also elaborated on the current activities on providing loans through the Rural Development Bank to develop markets in rural areas and assist underdeveloped townships under the framework of rural development strategy.

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Myanmar Citizenship Law topic at Union ministers' visit to Rakhine

SITTWAY, 15 June—Union Minister Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win of Progress of Border Affairs and National Races, Union Ministers U Soe Thane and U Tin Naing Thein of the President's Office, Union Minister U Khin Yi of Immigration and Population, Union Minister U Aung Kyi of Information were on an inspection tour of Rakhine State from 13 to 15 June, officials said.

On 13 June, the union ministers met state-level departmental officials, townsmen of Sittway, and social organizations, explaining to them matters concerning the scrutinizing of citizenship for Bengalis under the Myanmar Citizenship Law of 1982, with a preliminary

survey starting at a Bengali relief camp in Myebon.

According to officials, the union ministers and the chief minister visited Sittway University, where they had a meeting with faculty members.

In Sittway, they met with departmental officials from the districts of Sittway, Maungdaw and MraukU and An Township, followed by frank talks on regional development issues, officials said.

On 14 June, they went to Myebon, where they had a meeting with departmental officials, townspeople and social organizations.

They also visited Rakhine relief camps and Bengali relief camps in Myebon and Sittway, urging camp officials to make systemat-

ic arrangements for health care and humanitarian aids and prevention of diseases common in the rainy season.

They explained scrutinizing for citizenship of 35 Bengalis in Myebon.

On 15 June, the union minister had a meeting with the Rakhine chief ministers and his ministers at the chief minister's office, briefing on future steps to be taken for regional development and stability, management of refugees after the conflicts, and the country's image in the eyes of the international community.

In the afternoon, they left Sittway for Nay Pyi Taw by air.

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Development of technological universities discussed in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Ko Ko Oo pledged to provide modernized teaching aids to technological universities in the country at a coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on Saturday.

The Union Minister urged the attendees to re-

port on construction of laboratories, workshops and other facilities for learning.

He also urged them to arrange extension of e-libraries and libraries that can help raise the reading habits of the students, faculty members and staff.

Faculty members should also teach their

students with the use of language labs in order to improve English language skills, and hold training seminars for faculty members.

The attendees reported on development plans, a master plan, and academic and management matters of the universities.

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Myanmar marks ASEAN Dengue Day

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Nearly 2.5 billion of the world's population live in dengue-prone areas, and over half of them are from Southeast Asia, with the Myanmar health minister saying that Indonesia, Myanmar and Thailand are the countries hardest hit by the mosquito-related disease, which also poses a health threat to Asia Pacific

Region. Speaking at a ceremony that mark ASEAN Dengue Day at his ministry here on Sunday morning, Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin admitted shortages of technology, equipment and research in treatment and prevention measures despite the country's strategies to combat dengue.

"It is imperative that

ASEAN countries improve regional collaboration and shared responsibility to control dengue by raising public awareness of the risks of its transmission," the health minister said, adding that his country has added new momentum to dengue control through the cooperation of local and foreign social organizations.—MNA

Awareness on hazards of narcotic drugs raised in Mandalay

MANDALAY, 15 June—Under the arrangement of ASEAN-Korea cooperation in combating narcotic drugs, talks on the dangers of drugs were held at the hall of Mandalay Education College in Mandalay on Friday, with an address by Mandalay Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col Aung Kyaw Moe.

Dr Thet Zaw of Mandalay Region Health Department, Region Law Officer U Soe Naing, Daw Khin Thein of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association and Police Major DD Yaw Han of No 17 Mandalay (North) anti-drug squad gave talks on drug addiction and measures taken to



eliminate narcotic drugs.

The talks were attended by departmental person-

nel, university students, basic education students, company employees and

responsible persons of bus lines, totalling 621.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Mandalay men and women join volleyball tournament

MANDALAY, 15 June—The Mandalay Region Chief Minister's Cup Inter-District Volleyball Tournament for 2014 kicked off at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay on Saturday.

PyinOoLwin District beat Yamethin District 3-0 in the men's event while Mandalay District trounced Meiktila District 3-0 in the

women's event.

The men's event comprises two groups—Yamethin, Myingyan and PyinOoLwin districts in group A and Meiktila, Kyaukse and Mandalay districts in group B. The women's event includes Meiktila and Mandalay Districts.

The tournament continues until 18 June.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)



School for disabled children to soon open in Mandalay



MANDALAY, 15 June—The Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has built a school for disabled children on 26th street in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay, with officials saying that the first students were admitted on 6 June 2014. The school is the first of its kind in Mandalay and will provide education to chil-

dren with disabilities under 18.

Up to 12 June, about 60 students enrolled at the school. They are divided into three classes under the care of specially trained teachers who will educate the children with systematic methods. Arrangements are being made for opening the school soon, said an official.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Development Affairs Committee members, NGOs clean debris in Magway

MAGWAY, 15 June—Workers of the Magway Township Development Affairs Committee of Magway Region participated in public welfare tasks on Saturday, carrying out sanitation along both sides of Strand Road.

“The committee supervises public welfare tasks every Saturday. Today, members of the Environmental Conservation and Greening Group and seven NGO joined hands with our committee in conducting the sanitation tasks. We had about 70 members of NGOs together with 150 members of the commit-

tee. And they also plan to work together with us next

week,” said Deputy Director U Nay Myo Naing of

the committee.

Magway Hla Myint



Dengue fever prevention measures carried out in Taninthayi Tsp



TANINTHAYI, 15 June—Taninthayi Township has stepped up measures to prevent dengue fever as several students have been hospitalized and are in intensive care, officials said.

As part of efforts to reduce the high infection rate with DHF, local authorities and members of social or-

ganizations carried out sanitation task in the streets of Chaunggyi Ward, in Taninthayi Basic Education High School, the post-primary school and the township hospital. They also sprayed buildings, offices, schools and houses in the wards to combat DHF.—*Nanthayi-Htein Win (IPRD)*

Rural road maintained on self-reliant basis in Tatkon Tsp

TATKON, 15 June—To ensure smooth transport of people and swift flow of commodities, the maintenance of a 1,750 feet long and 15 feet wide earthen road linking Aungtha and Nyaungbinwin villages in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area was

undertaken on Friday.

Local people from Aungtha, Nyaungbinwin, Kantha and Peintaw villages participated in the maintenance of the rural road. They also dredged the drains along both sides of the road.

Township IPRD

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In Indonesia's presidential race, ex-general a winner in proxy TV battle

JAKARTA, 15 June — If Indonesia's presidential election were to be decided by favourable coverage on its television channels, ex-general Prabowo Subianto would be in the driver's seat and frontrunner Joko "Jokowi" Widodo would trail far behind.

Jokowi is ahead in opinion polls but Prabowo is catching up with less than a month to go for the 9 July election, according to surveys. But the surveys say about 40 percent of the electorate is undecided and television channels could decide, or at least heavily influence, who will lead the world's third-largest democracy for the next five years. "The real war is to win the 41 percent of voters that are still undecided. In this case, the role of the media will be crucial," said Amir Effendi Siregar, the head of pr2media, a private media watchdog group. The viewership numbers heavily favour Prabowo — two media moguls who control nearly half of Indonesia's TV audience are firmly with the former special forces chief.

Aburizal Bakrie, the head of the Golkar party which has thrown its weight behind Prabowo, owns media group PT Visi Media Asia (VIVA.JK) and its two free-to-air nationwide tele-



Indonesian presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto greets supporters during a campaign rally in Medan, North Sumatra on 11 June, 2014. — REUTERS

vision stations, ANTV and TVOne.

Hary Tanoesoedibjo, a member of Prabowo's inner circle of advisers, owns the Media Nusantara Citra (MNCN.JK) group and its three national TV stations RCTI, MNCTV and Global TV. The other presidential hopeful, Jokowi, is backed by media tycoon Surya Paloh, chairman of the small National Democrat party that is part of his alliance, and owner of leading

news channel MetroTV.

"The use of media in political campaigns this year compared to other elections is much more intense and the bias is more obvious because TV owners are involved," said Siregar, adding that the owners could use their businesses as bargaining chips to further political ambitions.

Paloh's MetroTV however has just 3 percent of the country's viewership, compared to 44 percent for

the five stations that are pro-Prabowo, according to Nielsen Indonesia.

According to the market research group, Indonesia's 11 privately-owned national TV stations reach 95 percent of the country's 240 million people. Newspapers reach only 12 percent. Most of Indonesia's people live on the islands of Java and Sumatra, but the rest are scattered across thousands of islands spread over 5,000 km (3,000 miles). The role

of mass media in political campaigns, especially in close contests, is crucial.

"It is definitely having an impact on the election. In terms of TV stations, Prabowo's camp has much more than Jokowi's," said Tobias Basuki, a political analyst at think tank CSIS.

"We can't say exactly how much of an impact it will have, but the election (media watchdog) is not able to force TV stations to be objective." — Reuters

Afghan election workers among 11 killed by roadside bomb

MAZAR-I-SHARIF, (Afghanistan), 15 June — Eleven people, including election workers, were killed in Afghanistan when a roadside bomb blew up their bus, the governor of the northern province of Samangan said on Sunday.

The blast came on Saturday evening, after polls closed in a second-round, run-off vote to elect a successor to President Hamid Karzai, in what is hoped will mark the country's first democratic transfer of power.

"Three local IEC workers and two observers from Dr Abdullah's team were among them," Samangan's governor, Khairullah Anosh, told Reuters, referring to the Independent Election Commission and candidate Abdullah Abdullah.

The election pits

Abdullah, a former anti-Taleban Northern Alliance leader who served for a period as foreign minister under Karzai, against ex-World Bank economist Ashraf Ghani, a former finance minister.

Whoever wins will take over as most foreign troops withdraw, leaving behind a potent Taleban insurgency and a growing economic crisis.

The 11 people killed in the bus brought civilian deaths on election day to at least 31, according to a Reuters tally. Another 11 people had their ink-stained fingers chopped off by the Taleban as punishment for voting. Voters had to dip a finger in a pot of ink to prevent them voting twice. As well the civilians killed on Saturday, 11 policemen and 15 soldiers were killed in clashes.—Reuters

India's Modi visits Bhutan on first step of bid to reassert regional sway

THIMPHU, 15 June — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi begins on Sunday his first visit abroad since taking office, arriving in Bhutan to launch a drive to reassert Indian influence in the region, offering financial and technical help and the lure of a huge market.

The tiny Buddhist nation, wedged in the Himalayas between India and China, is the closest India has to an ally in South Asia, a region of bristling rivalry where China is making inroads.

While India has been struggling recently with policy paralysis and a slowing economy, China has been building ports in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and in its "all-weather ally" Pakistan. China overtook India as the biggest foreign investor in Nepal in the first six months of this year.



Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Modi's Hindu nationalist party has vowed to end the neglect of neighbours and in an unprecedented gesture, he invited all regional leaders to his inauguration last month.

On Sunday, Modi will lay the foundation of a 600 MW hydroelectric power station in Bhutan and inaugurate a parliament building constructed by India.

"Bhutan and India share a very special relationship that has stood the test of time," Modi said before his departure for Bhutan's capital, Thimphu, which is nestled in mountains and was for centuries closed to outsiders.

"Thus, Bhutan was a natural choice for my first visit abroad."

In the longer term,

Airstrike kills over 100 militants in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 15 June — Over 100 militants were killed and eight hideouts destroyed in a predawn air strike launched by the Pakistani army in the country's northwestern tribal area of North Waziristan, local Urdu TV channel Dawn reported on Sunday.

Media reports said Abu Rehman, an Uzbek militant group leader who is believed to be the mastermind of the last Sunday attack on Karachi airport, was also killed in the operation.

The operation started at about 2:30 am local time on Sunday morning when the army F-16 fighter jets launched a massive air strike at eight hideouts of Uzbek militants in the Boya and Datta Khel Tehsil areas of North Waziristan, said the reports.

Late on Saturday, prior to the operation, the Pakistani army has reportedly issued an ultimatum to the foreign militants dwelling in North Waziristan, a restive tribal area bordering Afghanistan, demanding them either to leave the area or give up arms.

Xinhua

Modi's government aims to make India the dominant foreign investor across South Asia as well as the main provider of infrastructure loans, in the same way China has done in much of the rest of Asia and in Africa.

Consolidating ties with difficult neighbours like Pakistan and Bangladesh could reduce poverty and transform regional security relationships, Indian officials say.

"Although India would like to have a greater say in South Asian matters beyond trade, so far we have not been able to exercise substantial political clout," said PD Rai, a member of India's parliament from the Sikkim state, which shares a border with Bhutan. "Modi's first visit to Bhutan will have to be looked at in this light."

Reuters

UN says 50,000 children face death in South Sudan as launches aid plan

JUBA, 15 June — Tens of thousands of children in South Sudan could die this year without assistance from aid agencies, the United Nations said on Saturday, as it appealed for more than \$1 billion to help those hit by six months of civil war.

Fighting that erupted in December has driven 1.5 million people from their homes, and seven million were at risk of starvation and disease, said Toby Lanzer, UN Humanitarian Coordinator in South Sudan.

“Unless fighting ends and people can return to their homes and resume their livelihoods, the situation will continue to worsen,” he said at the launch of a plan to support 3.8 million people.

“The consequences could be dire: 50,000 children could die this year if they do not get assistance”.

Government forces backing President Salva Kiir and soldiers loyal to his sacked deputy Riek Machar violated the latest ceasefire signed in May hours after it took effect,



A United Nations peacekeeper keeps guard outside the Bor camp for the internally displaced in Bor town Jonglei state, South Sudan, on 29 April, 2014.—REUTERS

with the continued bloodshed compounding the humanitarian crisis in the world's youngest nation.

Lanzer said the seasonal rains had set in and conditions for South Sudanese were deteriorating by the day.

“Cholera has broken out and malaria is rampant and many children are malnourished. Millions of people need emergency healthcare, food, clean water, proper sanitation and shelter to make it through the year,” he said.

Lanzer said aid groups were so far attending to 1.9 million people and had raised \$740 million out of a total \$1.8 billion needed by December to address the humanitarian crisis.

“This leaves a gap of just over \$1 billion — or

only \$1.50 per day for each person to be assisted. With sufficient resources, we will be able to do much more,” he said.

A UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs response plan for South Sudan re-

leased on Saturday said that by December up to 1.5 million people would have been displaced within South Sudan and more than 835,000 would have sought refuge in neighbouring countries.

Even if a new ceasefire took effect, fighting and displacement had already “shattered the lives of millions of people,” Lanzer told reporters in the capital Juba.

Warring parties have been accused of blocking or interfering in relief operations in South Sudan, forcing aid agencies to resort to more expensive airdrops of supplies. “We need the water ways to be opened, it costs us 10 times less to deliver relief to some locations by (river) barge than it does to fly supplies into those locations,” Lanzer said.

Earlier this week, East African states threatened to slap South Sudan's warring sides with sanctions unless they cease all military operations in the conflict which has sparked fears that it could spiral into genocide.

Reuters

Gunmen attack army bus in Yemen's Aden, ten killed

ADEN, (Yemen), 15 June — A total of ten people were killed, and ten others were wounded when a group of unidentified gunmen fired at an army bus on Sunday in Yemen's southern port city of Aden, according to a government official.

“Masked armed men

ambushed a military bus of the armed forces in Aden's neighbourhood of Sheikh Othman... which led to the killing of ten people including high-ranking officers,” the local government official said on condition of anonymity.

“The bus carrying

military and medical officers was targeted while traveling in a main street and heading toward the Basuh military hospital in Aden Province,” the government source added.

However, the identities of the armed militants remained unclear.

Xinhua

France deports Tunisian accused of jihadist recruitment for Syria

PARIS, 15 June — France has deported a Tunisian national suspected of recruiting young French people for jihadist forces in Syria's civil war, the interior ministry said on Saturday.

France, home to Europe's largest Muslim population, is clamping down on jihadist networks operating on its soil amid fears that people who go to fight in Syria may return home dangerously radicalised. It has arrested several people suspected of recruiting fighters for Syria.

The 28-year-old Tunisian man was deported to his country late on Thursday, the interior ministry said. Police sources said he had been arrested last week.

“He played a key role in the recruitment of young jihadists in the Grenoble area (in south-

east France) to go to Syria,” the ministry said in a statement.

French police arrested another four people last week suspected of ties with Islamist groups fighting in Syria. The authorities are also holding a French national, 29-year-old Mehdi Nemmouche who is thought to have returned recently from Syria, over a deadly shooting on 24 May at Brussels' Jewish Museum.

The death toll from the Brussels shooting now stands at four. Nemmouche is still in detention and is expected to be extradited to Belgium to stand trial over the attack.

After Nemmouche's arrest was announced on 1 June, French President Francois Hollande said about 700 French jihadists were either in Syria or had returned to France after fighting there.—*Reuters*

Drone strikes kill five suspected militants in Yemen

ADEN, 15 June — A drone strike killed five suspected al-Qaeda militants in Yemen late on Friday, a local official and a tribal source told *Reuters* on Saturday. Yemen is the main stronghold of al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), one of the Islamist militant group's most active

wings. The United States acknowledges using drones to combat AQAP in Yemen but does not comment publicly on attacks.

The strike targeted a vehicle in the Mafrag al-Saeed area of the Shabwa Province in southern Yemen, the sources said.

Of the five men killed

in the vehicle, two were Saudis, the tribal source said. The source said they were buried on Saturday.

Two soldiers also died in southern Abyan Province when al-Qaeda militants targeted the military truck they were in with a missile, a local official and local residents told *Reuters*. Al Qa-

eda has carried out several hit-and-run attacks since the Yemeni army drove it out of its strongholds of Shabwa and Abyan last month. Wealthy Gulf neighbours and the West fear for the stability of the country, which shares a long border with the world's top oil exporter, Saudi Arabia.—*Reuters*

Qatar says diplomat's comments criticizing Tripoli fake

TRIPOLI, 15 June — Qatar has told Libya that comments attributed to Doha's ambassador denouncing a Libyan court ruling were fake after Tripoli “urgently” requested an explanation, Libya's state news agency *LANA* said on Saturday.

There has been an

outcry on Libyan social media and news websites about alleged comments of the Qatari ambassador on his twitter account criticizing a Supreme Court ruling, which had declared last week the election of Ahmed Maiteeq as Libya's new prime minister had violated the constitution.

Maiteeq was elected last month in a chaotic vote with the backing of independent lawmakers and the Muslim Brothers, an Islamist group that has enjoyed Qatar's backing in Egypt but which has been declared a terrorist organization in Cairo.

“The (Libyan) minis-

try of foreign affairs and international cooperation urgently requested from the Qatari foreign ministry a clarification about what was written on the personal twitter account of the Qatari ambassador in Libya regarding Libya's affairs”, *LANA* said.

Reuters

HEALTH & BUSINESS

Sanofi and Medtronic team up on diabetes drug-device combination

PARIS, 15 June — French drugmaker Sanofi said on Saturday it was teaming up with US medical device maker Medtronic in diabetes.

The announcement comes as Sanofi seeks to defend its No 2 spot in a global diabetes market worth over \$40 billion, at a time when top-selling drug Lantus, the world's most prescribed insulin, is set to lose patent protection early next year.

Under the terms of a memorandum of understanding, Sanofi and

Medtronic will initially cooperate on developing drug-device combinations and offering care management services for diabetes patients. Depending on the results, they will consider other areas for collaboration, the companies said in a statement.

Financial terms were not disclosed.

"...Sanofi will tap into technology advances that aim to create holistic treatment solutions which take into account the individual patient's needs," Pascale Witz, Sanofi's ex-

ecutive vice president of global divisions and strategic development, said in the statement.

The alliance, which covers type 2 diabetes, will bring together Sanofi's insulin portfolio and Medtronic's insulin pumps and glucose monitoring, with a focus on sufferers unable to achieve glucose control despite multiple daily injections of insulin, the companies said in the statement.

An estimated 382 million people worldwide have diabetes, according to the International Diabetes Federation, with type 2 diabetes, which is often associated with obesity, accounting for 90 percent to 95 percent of all cases.

Sanofi and Medtronic already have an agreement in Europe covering an implantable insulin delivery system for type 1 diabetes and plan to add this to their alliance, they said.



French drugmaker Sanofi

Diabetics have inadequate blood sugar control which can lead to complications including nerve and kidney damage.

Worldwide deaths from the disease are running at over 5 million a year, as over-eating and lack of exercise fuel an ep-

idemic of type 2 diabetes.

Sanofi faces tough competition from market leader Novo Nordisk and close rival Lilly & Co, in addition to much smaller generic producers. Its star diabetes drug Lantus, also known as insulin glargine, was developed in the 1990s

and currently accounts for close to a fifth of the company's sales and over a third of operating profit.

As a successor for this cash cow, it is developing an improved, long-acting version of Lantus called Toujeo.

Reuters



US medical device maker Medtronic

Valeant senior official leaves amid Allergan takeover battle

NEW YORK, 15 June — An executive vice-president of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc (VRX.TO) will leave the company, even as the Canadian drugmaker fends off criticism about management turnover from its takeover target Allergan Inc (AGN.N).

Executive vice-president and company group chairman Ryan Weldon will leave, Valeant confirmed late on Friday after inquiries by Reuters. Like Chief Executive Mike Pearson, Weldon previously worked for management consulting firm McKinsey & Co.

Valeant said Weldon's departure was planned, and takes effect after it completes a \$1.4 billion sale of several injectable treatments to Nestle SA (NESN.VX). The sale was made to allay potential anti-trust concerns about Valeant's takeover bid for Allergan.

"Although his leadership will be missed, the company has created and developed a strong management team and I am confident Ryan will assist us successfully through this transition period," Pearson

said in a statement.

Weldon called his six years at Valeant "extraordinary" and said it was a privilege to work with Pearson and the rest of the company.

Weldon exits as Allergan has criticized Valeant's "significant management turnover" and accused the Laval, Quebec-based company of lacking the experience to manage complex global businesses.

In a 27 May investor presentation, Allergan said that of the current management team, only Pearson and general counsel Robert Chai-Onn were in executive officer positions three years ago.

Pearson answered that criticism and others the next day, in a 3-1/2 hour meeting with investors and analysts in New York.

"We make those changes through people that we bring in through our acquisitions, we go outside for key talent and we continue to look to upgrade the talent," Pearson said. "We think this is a strength, not a weakness in terms of our business model." Valeant and its ally Pershing Square Capital Management — Allergan's biggest shareholder — have offered to buy the Botox maker for \$53 billion in cash and shares.

Reuters



The head offices of Valeant Pharmaceuticals International Inc. are seen in Laval, Quebec on 20 May, 2014.

REUTERS

Nestle strives to leap in Japan amid rising coffee demand

AVENCHES, (Switzerland), 15 June — As the Japanese coffee market steadily expands, Swiss food giant Nestle aims to capitalize on the growing demand with a machine that lets users distill high-grade coffee at home, targeting consumers who have become more particular about taste.

Nestle Nespresso SA, which entered the Japanese market in 1986, the same year the company was established, sees significant growth potential, as many people in Japan have begun buying coffee at a time when even convenience store chains are selling freshly brewed cups to compete with famous chains like Starbucks.

"Now coffee habits are developing a lot in Japan, which represent really interesting climates for the brand to get strong positioning to the high-quality segment and providing high qualitative experiences to Japanese consumers," said Diane Duperret, corporate PR manager at Nestle Nespresso based in Lausanne.

The Swiss company



Undated supplied photo shows employees at a Nestle Nespresso plant in Switzerland tasting coffee to conduct quality checks of the company's capsule-type coffees. — KYODO NEWS

currently markets capsule-type coffees in 59 countries worldwide, with strong business opportunities seen in Asia and North America, it said.

The capsules used in its Nespresso machines are entirely processed within Switzerland to produce high-quality coffee meeting its strict standards, by going through more than 40 quality inspections, the company said.

Such quality checks include skilled employees testing green coffee beans to make sure they are suit-

able for producing coffee capsules and tasting finished products to examine consistency of its quality, the company said.

"We know that Japanese consumers value high-quality products, so this is, I think, where we can play a key role in the coffee market," Duperret said, adding that the company plans to enhance communication efforts to share details on how the coffee capsules are made from sourcing green beans to testing finished products.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar needs reliable energy sources to prevent commodity price hike

By Aung Khin

The global crude oil price has seen an about 4 percent price hike since early June, reaching US\$107 per barrel in the third week of this month for the first time since September 2013.

Experts commented that fear of decline in the shipment of oil exporter countries later this year includes the spike in oil prices, while the global demand is increasing.

Fuel prices are an issue in Myanmar with the ever-growing number of vehicle owners and higher demand for fuel. According to statistics

by foreign investors, the country with an estimated population of nearly 60 million uses 35,000 to 40,000 barrels of oil each day. Its neighbour Thailand with only 10 million more residents needs around one million barrels each day. The statistics have showed that the demand of fuel oils in Myanmar is expected to reach 60,000 barrels a day by 2020, assuming a 6 to 7 percent increase of economic growth a year.

According to the New Crossroads Asia consultancy group in Singapore, there are six cars for every 1,000 Myanmar citizens, compared with 14 per 1,000 Vietnamese and 270 per 1,000 Thais. The passenger-vehicle market of the country has expanded by almost 60 percent to around 383,000 cars in the five years up to the fiscal year 2013-14, while the number of light and heavy trucks has doubled to 125,000 in the same period.

These situations have warned that the up-trend of the country's fuel demand will continue in the future. If Myanmar, therefore, could not make sound policies to be able to withstand disruption in oil supplies both on short and term

bases, the spike in fuel prices will hit a blow to the manufacturing sector of the country, causing higher commodity prices.

External conditions that affect oil prices include two reasons: one is the law of demand and supply and the other is political, social or economic fear. Instability in global fuel markets will have a negative impact on people who are suffering from many hardships during the political transition period of the country.

Myanmar, with natural gas reserves estimated at 22.5 trillion cubic feet is not worth suffering the serious blow of global oil price hike which could turn into problems for low-income citizens. Therefore, the country needs alternative and reliable energy sources to get momentum of development.

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Education beyond traditional school subjects

By Myo Myint

One of the goals of the education sector of nations is to ensure that all school aged children gain access to education and receive a solid foundation and the thinking skills necessary to further develop themselves. Education is also seen as a means to cultivate the intellectual, imaginative and innovative strengths necessary to build a competitive nation. Along with the impetus to bring quality education to the reach of all, its scope is also being extended to help learners attain all-round development. Consequently, education is not only expected to deliver up-to-date knowledge of specific subjects and job relevant skills, but it is also expected to play a role in developing life skills, values and positive attitudes in young people.

The development of life skills can basically be seen in terms of three concentric circles with the child at the centre. The innermost circle is related to knowledge of how to take care of the health of oneself and one's family members; the middle circle is related to the promotion of one's emotional intelligence and social skills to effectively interact with members of one's society and the global society; and the outermost circle is related to the enhancement of one's sur-

roundings, the conservation of the environment and minimizing dangers from natural disasters in our interaction with the natural world.

It is very important to impart health knowledge to students of all ages. With both infectious and non-infectious diseases on the rise, with new forms of drug and other addictions on the increase, with greater mobility between different regions and countries, and with lax moral behaviours on the upsurge, such matters as reproductive health, communicable diseases, HIV prevention, drug abuse, causes of addiction to young people at the appropriate age and level of maturity in addition to imparting basic healthy habits such as keeping oneself and one's surrounding clean, and eating nutritious food.

Similarly, it is essential for young people to be emotionally well-developed in order to be able to have self-control and to be able to react to anything disagreeable in a cool, calm, collected, mature and intelligent way. Development of emotional intelligence also assists in the growth of social skills which aids persons to effectively relate with people, whether at home, school, workplace or social gatherings. Academic ability is important, but it alone does not guarantee success. A certain degree of social skills is necessary

to accomplish our goals as well as achieve long term success in society. Social skills range from very basic interactional skills such as smiling when greeting, talking to people using polite expressions to more advanced abilities such as making friends and maintaining friendships, caring about what others feel, dealing with people in a tactful manner and being able to sustain conversation with people. There are more complex interactional skills such as managing conflicts and carrying out negotiations, which to be successful, must be done without displaying anger or fear. In addition, social skills involve knowing etiquette, having good manners and being aware of what to wear on which occasion.

In our daily life, we do not just interact with our fellow human beings but we also interact with other animate and inanimate things in our environment. What is left of our environment is what has been left by our forefathers. Our environment not only provides us with the means to survive and to further enhance our living standards but also shields us from all kinds of danger. The ancient monuments, religious edifices, historical buildings and artifacts that remain till today are the living testimonies of the skill, intelligence and creative powers of our forefathers and these are the

things that make us distinct from other cultures and nations and that we can take great pride in. However, sometimes, knowingly, or unknowingly, we destroy nature and our irreplaceable heritage. The destructive habit some of us acquired, when we were young, makes us insensitive and blind to the need to preserve our environment and our heritage. Even worse, in later life, some selfishly exploit and exhaust the natural resources meant for all the citizens of the country, in order to enrich themselves. Hence, it is important that since from a very young age, we should learn to appreciate and preserve our heritage and we should be taught about the value of conserving our environment and the danger of overexploiting our natural resources in order to create a sustainable future. Moreover, we must remember that our country is situated in a region prone to natural disasters. Therefore, it is vital for us including students to be able to predict, prepare and carry out the necessary action in times of natural disasters, such as earthquakes, floods, storms and mudslides. Information on disaster risk management can help young people to save themselves as well as others and also to educate other members of their family and the community.

As in the case of life skills, the enhancement of

morality and values, and character building are important for the prevalence of justice, happiness, tranquility and progress in society. There are universal basic principles of right and wrong shared by all societies, such as refraining from murder, stealing, robbery, lying, adultery, and rape. There are also norms of behaviour as regards the aged, the weak and the young. There are also qualities that need to be instilled in the young such as honesty, patience, perseverance, loyalty, self-control, kindness, sharing with others, helping others, living amicably with others, accepting differences, etc. Equally important to be ingrained in young people are how to behave appropriately in public, and what shameful acts are.

Myanmar culture already possesses values of high standard and these are based on consideration for the well-being of others and the priority placed on modesty. The good traits of the Myanmar people such as generosity, helpfulness and forgiving nature are well-recognized by foreigners. These qualities are usually gently instilled at home in children from a very young age and reinforced through discipline, reward, praise, example, advice, exhortation, punishment, persuasion, and religious instructions.

The home, the com-

munity and education institutions all play a part in the development of the necessary awareness and skills. But probably due parents having to give more priority to earning a living, and families spending less time together, parents may not be giving priority to such matters. In addition, some parents of teenagers and young children may themselves not have been taught the norms and values of Myanmar culture. Communities may also be not much aware of the role they can play in the holistic development of young people. Hence, it is the educational institutions, with their skilled teachers, systematic curriculum, appropriate methodology and effective technology, that can play the biggest role in imparting life skills, values and building character, and both parents and the community are looking to educational institutions to carry out this function.

In Myanmar schools, life skills education has been introduced at the primary level focusing on six areas: personal health and hygiene, physical development, awareness of communicable diseases, social skills, mental health, conserving the environment using materials developed with the assistance of UNICEF. Values education and character building have also been initiated in Myanmar schools. Life skills development, especially the social skills component, can be done using a variety of interesting

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NATIONAL

More condominiums will be built in Yangon

YANGON, 15 June—International standard condominiums will be built in Yangon, according to the United GP Development Co., Ltd on Sunday at the opening ceremony of the 68 Residence Sale Gallery on Saya San Road in Bahan Township in Yangon, attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe.

KHG Development Co., Ltd. introduced Infinity condominium to local residents. —MNA



Renovation of former Rowe & Co Building almost completed

By Myint Win Thein

The renovation of one of the treasures of the colonial era, the former building of Rowe & Co. department store is almost completed, officials said. The building is located at the heart of the former colonial capital Yangon, near the Sule Pagoda, the city hall and the high court building.

It was built in 1910 and once one of the largest

shopping centers in Southeast Asia. After the nationalization about half a century ago, it became the head office of the Immigration and Population Department.

When government departments in Yangon moved to the new capital Nay Pyi Taw it was almost abandoned. It was bought by a businessman a few years ago, who is renovating the

building to turn it into a luxury hotel. A request by the NLM for further information about the planned luxury hotel has not received an answer.

Yangon is the only Myanmar city still teeming with hundreds of colonial buildings although some of them were demolished by developers.

The Yangon Heritage Trust said it is trying to save the remaining colonial buildings. —NLM



Education beyond traditional school subjects

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activities based on child-centred approach. It is important that students are not just asked to listen to the teacher, but they should all have the opportunity to take part in the activities which should be in the form of group or pair work to maximize student participation. To further raise the quality of teaching of this very important component in the curriculum, evaluation

of the syllabus, the teaching materials and method of instruction may need to be carried out from time to time. Moreover, regular systematic inspection should be done and feedback given to teachers and materials developers in order to enhance the teaching of life skills and values education.

The teaching of morality is complex and for the very young it may be

too difficult or subtle to understand the examples and explanation given by their elders. Morality and ethics have to be taught step by step and must be in accordance with the age and maturity level of students. Some topics may have to be repeated to be reinforced. The same topic may also have to be included in different levels and elaborated according to the level. Some topics may be dealt with overtly while others must be done subtly through school subjects or by giving exam-

ples from real life situations. Some of the topics may need to be carried over to higher education institutions from schools and dealt with according to the maturity level of students. Some topics can be reinforced while teaching a subject such as history. Some topics can be taught by inviting a member of the community, or a specialist to give talks. Exhibitions can be held on certain topics and students can be asked to take part in impromptu talks, presentations, round table discus-

Bago Region champion in ISD Boxing Championship

YANGON, 15 June—The Bago Region Chief Minister's Trophy Inter-State/Region Boxing Championship was held at the gymnasium in Bago on Saturday afternoon.

Aye Min (Bago) secured victory in the men's 46-kilo event, Zaw Myint Moe (Yangon) in the 49-kilo event, Min Ko Ko (Nay Pyi Taw) in the 52-kilo event, Win Ko Oo (Bago) in the 65-kilo event, Aung Ko Ko (Yangon) in the 61-kilo event, Aung Naing Win

(Shan) in the 64-kilo event, Aung Swe Mon (Bago) in the 75-kilo event and Ye Lin Tun (Mandalay) in the 81-kilo event.

Pailai (Chin State) won the best man boxer award and Aye Myat Mon (Bago), the best woman boxer award. Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win presented the championship award to the Bago Region boxer team that secured eight gold, seven silver and four bronze medals in the tournament. —MNA



Agricultural machinery delivered to cooperative member farmers

YEDASHE, 15 June—Agricultural machinery was sold to members of cooperative societies in installment at the office of Yedashe Township Cooperative Department in Bago Region on Saturday.

The department sold agricultural machinery worth over K132 million to 53 farmers. "The department bought agricultural machinery from companies for cooperative society members. Those who are not members of the socie-

ties may buy the farming equipment," said an official.

Cooperative Departments of respective town-

ships are providing necessary assistance to farmers for transforming the manual to mechanized farming. —Ko Lwin (Swa)



sions and debates on certain topics to enable them to express their views and learn the views of other young people. In imparting values to young people, it is important to inform them what the acceptable and unacceptable behaviours are, in accordance with Myanmar cultural norms. As intelligent beings, students should also be informed of the reasons behind the norms and the advantage of following them and the consequences of not following them.

As both basic and higher education institutions can contribute a lot in imparting the necessary knowledge and skills, it is hoped that they will provide more attention to the development of more comprehensive curricula for life skills and values education and better teaching techniques so that our young people will have all the skills and knowledge needed to lead happy, healthy and harmonious lives in a more complex and swiftly changing society.

Iraq insurgent advance slows, US sends carrier to Gulf

BAGHDAD, 15 June — An offensive by insurgents that threatens to dismember Iraq seemed to slow on Saturday after days of lightning advances as government forces regained some territory in counter-attacks, easing pressure on the Shi'ite-led government in Baghdad.

As Iraqi officials spoke of wresting back the initiative against Sunni militants, neighbouring Shi'ite Iran held out the prospect of working with its longtime US arch-enemy to help restore security in Iraq. US President Barack Obama said on Friday he was reviewing military options, short of sending troops, to combat the insurgency.

Secretary of State John Kerry told Iraq's foreign minister in a call on Saturday that US assistance would only succeed if Iraqi leaders set aside their differences and forged the national unity needed to confront the insurgent threat.

The United States ordered an aircraft carrier moved into the Gulf on Saturday, readying it in case Washington decides to pursue a military option after insurgents overran areas in the north and advanced on Baghdad. Ships like the *USS George HW Bush*, which are equipped



Volunteers, who have joined the Iraqi Army to fight against the predominantly Sunni militants who have taken over Mosul and other Northern provinces, travel in army trucks in Baghdad on 14 June, 2014.

REUTERS

with sophisticated anti-ship and anti-aircraft missiles, are often used to launch airstrikes, conduct surveillance flights, do search, rescue, humanitarian and evacuation missions, and conduct sea-borne security operations, a US defence official said.

Thousands of Iraqis responded to a call by the country's most influential Shi'ite cleric to take up arms and defend the country against the insurgency,

led by the Sunni militant Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant, or ISIL.

In a visit to the city of Samarra, Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki vowed to rout the insurgents, whose onslaught has put the future of Iraq as a unitary state in question and raised the specter of sectarian conflict. The militant gains have alarmed Maliki's Shi'ite supporters in both Iran and the United States, which helped bring him to

power after invading the country and toppling former Sunni dictator Saddam Hussein in 2003.

Oil prices have jumped over fears of ISIL disrupting exports from OPEC member Iraq.

But having encountered little resistance in majority Sunni areas, the militants have now come up against the army, which clawed back some towns and territory around Samarra on Saturday with the

help of Shi'ite militia.

"We have regained the initiative and will not stop at liberating Mosul from ISIL terrorists, but all other parts," said Major-General Qassim al-Moussawi, spokesman for the Iraqi military's commander-in-chief, pointing out areas the army had retaken on a map with a laser pen. In the northeastern province of Diyala, at least seven members of the Kurdish security forces were killed

in an airstrike, police said.

The secretary general of the Kurdish security forces said, however, that only two people had died near the town of Jalawla in what he described as shelling, and that it was not yet clear whether Iraqi forces or militants were responsible.

The incident and divergent accounts show the potential for security in Iraq to deteriorate further, given the deployment of several heavily armed factions and shifting areas of control. Militants in control of Tikrit, 45 km (27 miles) north of Samarra, planted landmines and roadside bombs at the city's entrances, apparently anticipating a counter-attack by government forces.

Residents said the militants deployed across the city and moved anti-aircraft guns and heavy artillery into position. Families began to flee north in the direction of Kirkuk, an oil-rich city that Kurdish forces occupied on Thursday after the Iraqi army fled.

Security sources said Iraqi troops attacked an ISIL formation in the town of al-Mutasim, 22 km (14 miles) southeast of Samarra, driving militants into the surrounding desert on Saturday.

Reuters

Minesweeping may be mulled under collective defence criteria: Abe

TOKYO, 15 June — Self-Defence Forces' participation in minesweeping operations in international sea lanes should be considered under a newly proposed set of conditions for Japan to exercise the right to collective self-defence, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Saturday.

The issue of taking part in such minesweeping "should naturally be discussed (under the conditions)," Abe said in Sakaiminato, Tottori Prefecture, referring to the three conditions that his Liberal Democratic Party presented to its coalition partner New Komeito party on Friday in their ongoing talks on security policy.

"Oil and food supply from overseas is vital for resources-scarce Japan," said Abe, who visited the western Japanese prefecture to inspect local efforts



Prime Minister Shinzo Abe

to revitalize the regional economy.

The SDF participation in multilateral minesweeping operations in international sea lanes, which are crucial for Japan in securing stable imports, has been cited by the government in recently unveiled specific scenarios of possible security threats that could be dealt with through Japan's exercise of collective self-defence right.

Japan has long main-

tained it has the right but cannot exercise it due to Article 9 of the Constitution that bans the use of force to settle international disputes.

The Abe administration is trying to lift the self-imposed ban by reinterpreting the past governments' constitutional interpretation.

Under the three-point criteria presented by the LDP to New Komeito, Japan would be allowed to exercise the right if "the country's existence, the lives of the people, their freedoms, and the right to seek happiness are feared to be profoundly threatened because of an armed attack on Japan or other countries."

The second condition is that no other appropriate means exist to repel aggression and protect the rights of Japanese people,

while the third requires the use of armed strength to be kept to the minimum necessary.

The ruling camp has yet to agree on the new set of conditions, with New Komeito still saying they are "not satisfactory."

LDP Secretary General Shigeru Ishiba Saturday echoed Abe's view on minesweeping operations. Ishiba, speaking to reporters in Hiroshima, western Japan, said he thinks all of the scenarios for Japan's exercise of collective self-defence right could be dealt with under the proposed three conditions.

The SDF could cope with the scenarios including minesweeping operations "if the lives of the people are feared to be profoundly threatened (as set forth under the conditions)," Ishiba said

Kyodo News

Merkel tells Putin she's concerned about plane shoot-down

BERLIN, 15 June — German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed her concern to Russian President Vladimir Putin over pro-Russian separatists shooting down a Ukrainian army transport plane on Saturday, saying it made a ceasefire all the more important.

The German government said in a statement Merkel and French President Francois Hollande had spoken together by telephone with Putin following the incident, in which 49 servicemen died.

"During the call, the Chancellor voiced her dismay over the shooting down of a military plane in Ukraine, during which numerous people lost their lives," government spokesman Georg Streiter said in a statement. "This incident illustrates the urgency of a ceasefire." France's Elysee also "stressed the importance" of a ceasefire in a

separate statement issued in Paris. Pro-Russian separatists earlier shot down an army transport plane in east Ukraine, dealing a blow to a military campaign to defeat the rebels and hold the country together.

Merkel also urged Russia to control its borders effectively and stop the influx of arms and combatants into Ukraine and to exert its influence over the separatists to stick to a truce.

Scores have been killed in violence in Ukraine since April and over 100 protesters, most of them seeking closer ties with the West, were killed in clashes with police in Kiev which led to the fall of Ukraine's Moscow-leaning president in February. Russia fears losing influence in Ukraine which was governed from Moscow in Soviet times and is seen by Russians as the cradle of their civilization; but it denies being behind the uprising.—Reuters

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Warm blooded or cold? Dinosaurs were somewhere in between

WASHINGTON, 15 June — The hot question of whether dinosaurs were warm-blooded like birds and mammals or cold blooded like reptiles, fish and amphibians finally has a good answer.

Dinosaurs, for eons Earth's dominant land animals until being wiped out by an asteroid 65 million years ago, were in fact somewhere in between.

Scientists said on Thursday they evaluated the metabolism of numerous dinosaurs using a formula based on their body mass as revealed by the bulk of their thigh bones and their growth rates as shown by growth rings in fossil bones akin to those in trees. The study, published in the journal *Science*, assessed 21 species of dinosaurs including super predators *Tyrannosaurus* and *Allosaurus*, long-necked *Apatosaurus*, duckbilled

Tenontosaurus and bird-like *Troodon* as well as a range of mammals, birds, bony fish, sharks, lizards, snakes and crocodiles.

"Our results showed that dinosaurs had growth and metabolic rates that were actually not characteristic of warm-blooded or even cold-blooded organisms. They did not act like mammals or birds nor did they act like reptiles or fish," said University of Arizona evolutionary biologist and ecologist Brian Enquist.

"Instead, they had growth rates and metabolisms intermediate to warm-blooded and cold-blooded organisms of today. In short, they had physiologies that are not common in today's world."

There has been a long-standing debate about whether dinosaurs were slow, lumbering cold-blooded animals — as



The dinosaur named "Sue," a 41-foot-long *Tyrannosaurus rex*, is shown on display at the Field Museum in Chicago, Illinois in this on 17 May, 2000 file photo. — REUTERS

scientists first proposed in the 19th century — or had a uniquely advanced, more warm-blooded physiology.

As scientists unearthed remains of more and more fast-looking dinosaurs like *Velociraptor*, some cham-

pioned the idea dinosaurs were as active and warm-blooded as mammals and birds. The realization that birds arose from small feathered dinosaurs seemed to support that view.

University of New

Mexico biologist John Grady said the idea that creatures must be either warm-blooded or cold-blooded is too simplistic when looking over the vast expanse of time. Like dinosaurs, some an-

imals alive today like the great white shark, leather-back sea turtle and tuna do not fit easily into either category, Grady added.

"A better answer would be 'in the middle.' By examining animal growth and rates of energy use, we were able to reconstruct a metabolic continuum, and place dinosaurs along that continuum. Somewhat surprisingly, dinosaurs fell right in the middle," Grady said.

The researchers called creatures with this medium-powered metabolism mesotherms, as contrasted to ectotherms (cold-blooded animals with low metabolic rates that do not produce much heat and bask in the sun to warm up) and endotherms (warm-blooded animals that use heat from metabolic reactions to maintain a high, stable body temperature).

Reuters

Cluster of ancient tombs found in E China



Ancient tombs, relics unearthed in E China

NANJING, 15 June — Archaeologists have discovered more than 100 Eastern Han Dynasty (24-220 AD) tombs in east China's Jiangsu Province.

The graves in Pizhou City are mostly two meters long and a metre wide. They lie under a large pool and were found when the pool was drained, Ma Yongqiang, a researcher with the Institute of Archaeology of Nanjing Museum told *Xinhua* on Saturday.

Such a large cluster of Han tombs are a rare

discovery and valuable for studies on funeral customs of the time. The tombs were buried only 20 to 30 centimetres beneath the earth and about two dozens have been plundered.

The pool's contractor has asked for 1.5 million yuan (about 240,000 US dollars) from the archaeologists before allowing them to unearth the tombs, but only 100,000 yuan is available. The city's cultural bureau are watching the site and negotiating with the contractor. — *Xinhua*

Zynga loses Nasdaq compliance after two directors step down

NEW YORK, 15 June — Zynga Inc said it was not in compliance with Nasdaq listing rules after two independent directors stepped down from the social gaming company's board on 11 June.

Nasdaq requires that the board of a member company must be comprised of a majority of independent directors.

Zynga has until 27 July

to submit a plan outlining how it intends to regain compliance, the company said in a regulatory filing on Friday.

LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman, director since 2008, and DreamWorks' CEO Jeffrey Katzenberg, director for three years, would not run for re-election, the company had said in April.

Reuters

Canada's top court bolsters Internet privacy protection

OTTAWA, 15 June — Canada's constitution bars authorities from forcing Internet providers to turn over the identities of customers without a warrant, the Supreme Court ruled on Friday in a decision that better protects online anonymity.

Privacy advocates say the ruling makes unconstitutional a Conservative government bill currently before Parliament that would broaden the ability of police to monitor online traffic. The legislation, which would amend existing laws covering search warrants and other investigative techniques, is intended to combat cyberbullying, but critics say it would allow excessive online spying.

The high court handed



A cup of tea is seen on an office table at the Tregothnan Estate near Truro in Cornwall on 15 January, 2013. — REUTERS

down an unanimous ruling on Friday in the case of Matthew David Spencer, convicted of possessing child pornography by a Saskatchewan provincial court. Spencer, who gained access to the Internet from an account registered in his sister's name, used his own computer to store hundreds

of sexually explicit images and videos of children.

The court said police effectively conducted a search without a warrant when they requested and received subscriber information for the account from Shaw Communications Inc, the Internet provider. — *Reuters*

Smartphone chipmakers cut customers' costs by finding phone components

TAIPEI, 15 June — Suppliers of chips to smartphone makers are taking the unusual step of helping customers procure other phone components such as speakers and camera lenses in a bid to win more business in an increasingly competitive sector.

Demand for smartphone chips, needed to support capabilities ranging from voice recognition to flash photography, is growing in part due to a spurt in the low-end but feature-packed phone segment.

As phone makers rush to push out more budget handsets with features formerly reserved for premium models, they need to keep their costs in check as they incorporate more chips into their lower-tier mod-



Visitors walk past the Qualcomm stand at the Mobile World Congress in Barcelona, on 24 February, 2014.

REUTERS

els. The spotlight on costs has ramped up competition among chipmakers like Qualcomm Inc (QCOM.O) and MediaTek Inc (2454.TW). Besides cutting prices, they are also saving phone makers the expense of finding and testing, for instance, the speakers and camera lenses that get the most out of their audio and photography chips.

"In the past, Qualcomm would just offer the chips and the manufacturer would do the whole device," David Tokunaga, a senior director in product management at Qualcomm, told *Reuters*. "Now we offer a whole hardware ecosystem that makes it very easy for customers to just plug and play what they want." — *Reuters*

China respects Taiwan's social system, senior official says

BEIJING, 15 June — China respects Taiwan's social system and values, a senior Chinese leader said on Sunday, in the wake of sweeping protests in Taiwan over a controversial trade deal.

Yu Zhengsheng, China's top political adviser and a member of the elite Politburo Standing Committee, said problems in cross-Straits relations should be resolved by China giving "more understanding, respect and consideration from the perspective of a family" to Taiwan, the official *Xinhua* news agency reported.

Yu made the remarks at a forum on cross-strait ties in the coastal city of Xiamen.

"We respect their identification with the current social system, values and lifestyles; and we know that some friends still harbour misgivings on the development of the cross-strait relations," Yu



**Yu Zhengsheng,
Chairman of the
Chinese People's
Political Consultative
Conference**

said, according to *Xinhua*.

China's top official in charge of relations with Taiwan is to make his first visit to the self-ruled island this month.

China and Taiwan have been ruled separately since Nationalist forces, defeated by the Communists, fled to the island at the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949. China considers Taiwan a renegade province and has never ruled out the use of

force to bring it under its control.

In recent years the two sides have built extensive economic ties, and their first direct government-to-government talks in China in February marked a big step towards expanding cross-strait dialogue beyond trade.

But many younger people feel little connection to Communist-ruled China and there has been a recent upsurge in pride in Taiwan's own cultural and historic identity, including use of the island's indigenous languages, as opposed to the official tongue of Mandarin.

Protesters occupied Taiwan's parliament during three weeks of mass agitation starting in March, angered by a trade pact with China they fear will benefit wealthy companies with Chinese links and undermine Taiwan's cherished democratic institutions.

Reuters

Ten killed in clashes in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 15 June — At least 10 people were killed on Saturday in a clash at a refugee camp over firecrackers exploding during a religious event in Bangladesh, police and witnesses said. The dispute arose after morning prayers at a camp in Mirpur, on the outskirts of the capital Dhaka.

Using firecrackers during Shab-e-Barat, a Muslim festival, is prohibited in Bangladesh. "Nine people, including two children, were burnt to death after the houses were set on fire during the clashes," local police official Imtiaz Ahmed told reporters. An angry mob also clashed with po-

lice and pelted stones, forcing the security personnel to fire bullets and teargas to disperse them, witnesses said. Another man, who was hit by bullets, died in a hospital and several others were injured, doctors said.

An investigation into the clashes has been launched.—*Reuters*



Local people watch bodies of victims on a street following a clash at a refugee camp in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 14 June, 2014. —XINHUA

Israeli war jets launch intensive airstrikes on Gaza



Israeli soldiers patrol in the West Bank City of Hebron early on 15 June, 2014. Israel's security forces continued a massive manhunt for three Jewish youths who went missing in the West Bank on Thursday night. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said that the Jewish youths were kidnapped by a terrorist organization.—XINHUA

GAZA, 15 June — Israeli war jets on Saturday night carried out a series of intensive and successive airstrikes on various military targets in southern, central and northern Gaza Strip, injuring one person, medics said.

Security officials in Gaza told *Xinhua* that Israeli war jets, which hovered over the coastal en-

clave at night, fired several air-to-ground missiles at various targets that belong to militant groups all over the territory.

The officials said that the war jets fired one missile at a training facility that belongs to Islamic Jihad in the southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah, while two other missiles targeted areas used for launching

rockets into southern Israel.

They also said that the war jets fired two missiles on training facilities that belong to Islamic Hamas movement's armed wing in the southern Gaza Strip town of Khan Younis.

Witnesses said that huge explosions were heard all around the targeted areas in southern and central Gaza Strip, adding that Is-

raeli war jets also targeted a training facility for Hamas near Nuseirat refugee camp in central Gaza Strip.

The Gaza emergency spokesman told reporters that one Palestinian was moderately injured in the airstrikes on southern Gaza Strip town of Rafah.

The airstrikes were Israel's response to the rockets fired earlier from the coastal enclave into southern Israel, for which no one has claimed responsibility.

Earlier on Saturday morning, Israeli war jets also carried out two airstrikes on training facilities that belong to Islamic Hamas movement. No injuries were reported.

The intensive Israeli airstrikes on the Gaza Strip were carried out amid a growing tension between Israel and the Palestinians after Israel officially announced that three Israelis were kidnapped in southern West Bank on Thursday.

The spokesman also said that a seven-year-old boy died of his wounds sustained late this week when Israeli war jets struck a Palestinian militant who drove a motorbike in northern Gaza Strip and killed him.

Xinhua

Three Gaza rockets fired at southern Israel

JERUSALEM, 15 June — Three rockets fired from the Gaza Strip hit southern Israel on Saturday evening, after Israeli air raid against southern Gaza earlier the same day, the Israeli military said in a statement.

No injury or damage was reported in the wake of the attack, though rocket alert sirens were set off in western Negev communities. The Israeli military

said one projectile landed in an open area near the coastal city of Ashkelon. The military is searching for the remains of the rest rockets.

Earlier on Saturday, the Israeli Air Force struck two targets in southern Gaza, including a "terror activity site" and a weapon storage facility, in response to a rocket attack that was fired from the coastal territory, the army said. The rocket fell in an open field, causing no injury or damage.

Xinhua



A 15-year-old Palestinian girl receives medical treatment at a hospital after she was wounded in an Israeli airstrike in the southern Gaza Strip, city of Rafah, on 14 June, 2014. Israeli war jets on Saturday night carried out a series of intensive and successive airstrikes on various military targets in southern, central and northern Gaza Strip.—XINHUA

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S Korea to repatriate 5 N Korean fishermen rescued at sea

SEOUL, 15 June — South Korea will send back home five North Korean fishermen who were rescued after their vessel sank in the Sea of Japan, the Unification Ministry said on Sunday. The ministry said the five men had expressed their desire to return to North Korea.

The repatriation will take place on Monday through Panmunjom, the border village in the demilitarized zone dividing North and South Korea.

The North Korean fishing boat sank on Friday near the South Korean-controlled Dokdo isles, which are claimed by Japan. The pair of uninhabited isles are known in Japan as Takeshima.— *Kyodo News*

Obama rips climate change deniers in graduation speech

ANAHEIM, 15 June— With a feisty tone and a touch of aggravation, President Barack Obama on Saturday laid into Republicans who question the science of climate change and urged graduating college students to take on global warming as a cause.

A few weeks after unveiling rules to limit carbon emissions from power plants, Obama used a commencement address for the University of California, Irvine, to rally support from young people and slam opponents for denying that climate change is real.

"When President Kennedy ... set us on a course for the moon, there were a number of people who made a serious case that it wouldn't be worth it ... but nobody ignored the science. I don't remember anybody saying that the moon wasn't there, or that it was made of cheese," he said.

"Today's Congress, though, is full of folks who stubbornly and automatically reject the scientific evidence about climate change. They will tell you it is a hoax, or a fad."

Obama said some climate questioners ducked the issue by asserting they were not scientists themselves. "I'm not a scientist either, but we've got some really good ones at NASA. I do know that the overwhelming majority of scientists who work on



US President Barack Obama speaks as he attends the commencement ceremony for the University of California, Irvine, while at Angels Stadium in Anaheim, California on 14 June, 2014. —REUTERS

climate change, including some who once disputed the data, have put that debate to rest." Most scientists say the earth is warming and human beings are contributing to it, but the issue is politically controversial. Many Republicans and some Democrats oppose Obama's plans to limit emissions from pow-

er plants because of the potential economic consequences. Obama's record on climate change is also under fire from some environmentalists, who are pressing his administration to deny approval for the Keystone XL pipeline, which would bring oil from Canada to the US Gulf Coast.



The missile destroyer Haikou (R), missile frigate Yueyang (C) and supply ship Qiandaohu (C) are seen during the supply at sea in Pacific Ocean, during the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) multinational naval exercises on 13 June, 2014. After 6 days' sail, the Chinese fleet participating in the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) multinational naval exercises joined naval forces from Singapore and the United States in waters off Guam on Saturday. —XINHUA

Former US congressman: Diaoyu Islands part of China

BEIJING, 15 June — The Diaoyu Islands belong to China since ancient times, former US congressman David Wu said.

The Japanese government's behaviour on the issue has brought troubles for the China-US relations and put the Obama administration in a very awkward situation, Wu said in a recent interview with the Hong Kong-based newspaper *Wen Hui Po*. Wu, who stated during his term of office that historically and geographically the Diaoyu Islands have always been a part of China, said he still holds this viewpoint and it is unfortunate and unnecessary for the United States to get involved in the issue of the Diaoyu Islands.

It was Shinzo Abe's government which complicated the East China Sea situation and the Japanese prime minister's 2013 vis-

it to the Yasukuni shrine, which enshrines 14 convicted Class-A war criminals, also irritated East Asian countries, Wu said.

Japan has never made enough apologies for what it did during World War II, which has infuriated China and other countries and made unnecessary troubles for the United States, Wu said. Wu believed the United States does not hope to intensify its relations with China.

He said a lot of companies from America and other countries have made huge investment in China in the past 30 years and that it is likely these countries will receive a great amount of investment from China in the next 30 years.

A peaceful solution to the Diaoyu Islands issue is in the interest of both China and the United States, Wu said.—*Xinhua*

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When Saif Ali Khan charmed Madhuri Dixit with a poem

MUMBAI, 15 June — Actor Saif Ali Khan put his Nawabi style to use when he shared the stage with Bollywood beauty Madhuri Dixit and recited a poem to flatter her.

Saif, who is currently busy in the promotions of his forthcoming comic caper Humshakals, recently visited the set of Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 7, and there, he

confessed he was a fan of Madhuri.

He didn't just recite a poem for her, but also sang and danced with her on the song Caller Tune.

A source close to the team said, "Saif is a very avid reader, and he loves reading poems. During the promotion, while he was on stage with Madhuri, he charmed her by narrating

poetry."

"Saif couldn't stop blushing while dancing with her," the source added.

Directed by Sajid Khan, Humshakals also stars Riteish Deshmukh, Ram Kapoor, Bipasha Basu, Tamannaah and Esha Gupta. The film will release on 20 June.

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Saif and Madhuri on the sets of Jhalak Dikhhla Jaa 7.—PTI

Britain makes Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie an honorary dame



Actress and campaigner Angelina Jolie arrives at a summit to end sexual violence in conflict, at the Excel centre in London on 13 June, 2014.

REUTERS

LONDON, 15 June — Britain has made the Oscar-winning Hollywood actress Angelina Jolie an honorary dame for services to UK foreign policy and her campaigning to end sexual violence in war zones.

Jolie, who is special envoy of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), was among 1,149 people to receive an award for their contribution to British society in the annual Queen's Birthday Honours list pub-

lished on Saturday.

The list includes a posthumous MBE for teenage cancer sufferer and fundraiser Stephen Sutton and a knighthood for actor Daniel Day-Lewis.

Jolie, 39, co-founded the Preventing Sexual Violence Initiative with Foreign Secretary William Hague in 2012 and was among the speakers at a major conference on the subject in London this week.

Since she is not a British citizen she cannot be

addressed as Dame, but receives the award on an honorary basis.

"To receive an honour related to foreign policy means a great deal to me, as it is what I wish to dedicate my working life to," she said in a statement.

Cancer campaigner Sutton accepted the Member of the Order of the British Empire award before his death last month, the Cabinet Office, which announces the awards, said in a statement.

"It is clear that Stephen touched and inspired a huge number of people and that his ambassadorial work for the Teenage Cancer Trust was greatly appreciated by all those he helped," it added.

Sutton's fundraising campaign went viral on social media and raised 4.2 million pounds (\$7 million) before his death in May at the age of 19.

Day-Lewis, 57, the first ever winner of three Best Actor Oscars and the star of "Lincoln" and "There Will Be Blood," was made an Officer of the

Celebrity Lookalikes: Netherlands' Arjen Robben and Actor Jason Statham #SameGuy

NEW DELHI, 15 June — One is an action star, the other drives all the action on the football field. Netherlands' goal scoring hero Arjen Robben, whose double goals helped the Dutch to a stunning 5-1 victory over Spain in the ongoing FIFA World Cup, is a dead ringer for Hollywood actor Jason Statham, star of films such as The Transporter, The Expendables, Revolver and Snatch.

Jason Statham, 46, was a keen footballer before eventually turning to modelling and acting. He played a soccer coach in The Pink Panther 2, co-starring Steve Martin and Beyonce.

The 30-year-old Robben, who is regarded as one of the finest wingers of his generation, plays a leading role in big matches and remains one of the first names on the Netherlands teamsheet.

The 2014 World Cup could prove to be Robben's last while Statham's career is still going strong and he



Arjen Robben is a hero on the football field while Jason Statham is known for his stunts on the screen.—PTI

may portray the main antagonist in Fast and Furious 7.

Here's what Twitter had to say about this pair of celebrity lookalikes.—PTI

Tracy Morgan still in hospital but showing signs of improvement



Actor and comedian Tracy Morgan

LOS ANGELES, 15 June — Actor and comedian Tracy Morgan is showing signs of improvement following a highway crash that badly injured him and killed one of his friends, his spokesman said on

Thursday.

A former star of Saturday Night Live and 30 Rock, Mr Morgan was still in hospital, in critical but stable condition, on Thursday but his medical team is "optimistic that his recovery is progressing," spokesman Lewis Kay said. "Today was a better day," Lewis said. The actor's fiancée was by his side and was relaying to him everyone's prayers and good wishes, Lewis said.

Mr Morgan, 45, suffered broken ribs and a broken leg in the Saturday morning crash on the New Jersey Turnpike. The crash killed fellow comedian James McNair and seriously injured two other people in Mr Morgan's limo bus. Prosecutors say Wal-Mart driver Kevin Roper's truck hit the American-comedian's limo. The Georgia resident has pleaded not guilty to death by auto and assault by auto charges.

A criminal complaint alleges that Mr Roper hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident when he swerved to avoid slow traffic on the turnpike and plowed into the actor's limo. Wal-Mart Stores Inc, based in Arkansas, has not explained what Mr Roper's driving route was. It has said it believes he was in compliance with federal safety regulations.

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Song Hye Kyo, Gong Li shine at Shanghai Film Festival



South Korean actress Song Hye Kyo and Chinese actress Gong Li attend Shanghai International Film Festival on 14 June, 2014. —XINHUA

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Young gun Fowler, journeyman Compton converge in Pinehurst



Rickie Fowler of the US hits his tee shot on the 15th hole during the third round of the US Open Golf Championship in Pinehurst, North Carolina on 14 June, 2014. — REUTERS

PINEHURST, (North Carolina), 15 June — Rickie Fowler and Erik Compton have followed very different paths to the PGA Tour but they converged in impressive style at the US Open on Saturday as they ended the third round tied for second place.

Fowler, one of the most exciting talents to emerge in recent years, and journeyman Compton, a double heart-transplant recipient who has played mainly on the satellite tours, soared into contention with matching three-under-par 67s.

Though they trail tournament leader Martin Kaymer of Germany by five shots heading into Sunday's final round at Pinehurst Resort, the two Americans have so far relished their performances in the second major championship of the season.

"I'm very, very pleased with today's work," Fowler, 25, told reporters after he and Compton were the only two players in the 67-man field to shoot under par on

a difficult day for scoring. "I kept it in play and stayed out of trouble when I could.

"I kind of minimised mistakes when I was in trouble, and made some good swings in bad spots. I made some really good iron swings, and got up and down when I needed to. It was all about moving forward today."

Fowler, who made the 2010 US Ryder Cup team during his rookie PGA Tour season before clinching his first title on the circuit at the 2012 Wells Fargo Championship, has been especially delighted with his form in this year's majors.

He tied for fifth at the Masters in April and is in good position to record the fourth top-10 of his career in the majors at Pinehurst on Sunday.

"The main goal going into the year was to be ready for the majors and go contend in the majors," said the Californian. "I put myself in that position at Augusta and I've done that this week.

"I would definitely be

very happy at the end of the year if I was in contention at all four majors. I really wouldn't care about what happened in the other tournaments just because my main goals were to be ready for the majors."

Compton, who was diagnosed with an enlarged heart as a child and had his first transplant aged 12, is competing in only his second major championship this week and has loved every minute.

"It's very special," said the 34-year-old, who missed the cut when he made his major debut in the 2010 US Open at Pebble Beach. "I'm just happy to be able to play golf.

"But to play at this high level and in such a big tournament, it is something that I carry with me. And it gives me a lot of strength when I do have moments where I feel like I get emotional for a second. "I'm just really, really happy to be here. I'm taking really tight lines off

the tee and swinging hard. When you're doing that, it's pretty fun."

Compton, who had a second heart transplant in 2008 before playing his rookie season on the PGA Tour in 2012, has enjoyed a high comfort level this week at Pinehurst despite competing in only his second major. "I've been playing good golf for a long time, since I was a junior golfer, college golfer, and playing at other pro levels, and this year I've had a great year," he said. "We're playing against the same guys.

"I just try to hit fairways and greens. It shouldn't feel any different than any other tournament. I have been through a lot in my life. And putting things in perspective may help me. "Today I didn't feel much adrenaline or pressure. I just kind of enjoyed the round. It was just a good, solid day. Just really, really happy to be here."

Reuters



Photo taken on 5 June, 2014, shows an exhibition of training shoes at the hub of Nike Inc.'s Japan unit in Tokyo as the company makes the most of the business opportunities generated by the World Cup.

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400-kg giant sturgeon caught in west Canada

VANCOUVER, 15 June — An American from California has fished a giant Fraser River sturgeon with his son in the British Columbia province in west Canada, a local report said on Sunday.

The report said that Don Jarvis and his son Paul were in BC on Thursday on a three-day father-son fishing trip when Paul hooked into one of the largest white sturgeon ever caught on the Fraser River.

The giant fish measured more than 3.5 metres

long and 1.1 metres around in girth. Since it was never removed from the water, its weight was calculated, based on a mathematical formula, at 400 kg.

The father and son fought the sturgeon for more than an hour before the fish was brought to shore by Dean Werk of Great River Fishing Adventures, the boat's lead guide.

It's the fourth giant sturgeon captured on the Fraser River in the last two years.

In September 2012, a

500-kg white sturgeon was caught. The massive fish was tagged and released back into the water.

Sturgeon of this size are very old, said Marvin Rosenau, an instructor at the British Columbia Institute of Technology's School of Environment.

"These aren't fish that were just born, last week, last year, last decade, last half century," said Rosenau. "These were born around the time of the start of Canada," which was more than 140 years ago.—Xinhua



Diners enjoy their meal above the Cinquantenaire Park in Brussels, Belgium, on 11 June, 2014. "Dinner in the Sky" was initiated by Belgian David Ghysels in 2004. The event accommodates 22 guests, seated at a table suspended by a crane at a height of 40 metres. A seat at the event costs 250 euro. —XINHUA

Yadanabon FC still top of chart in MNL 2014



The Myanmar National League 2014 continued with the 12th fixture at the Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna, Aung San Stadium and Bahtoo Stadium on Sunday.

Chin United in the relegation zone managed

to edge out Magway with a 3-2 result at YTC. Chin United's striker Matuna showed off his skills in the match by scoring two win-

ning goals together with Nyi Nyi Min with one goal.

At the start of the match, Magway players controlled the football, but Chin players built a systematic defensive line. Nyi Nyi Min of Chin United scored an opening goal in the 37th minute and Matuna added one more for the club in the 38th minute. In the early minutes of the second half, Myo Zaw Oo kicked one goal into the net of Chin but Matuna netted the ball as third for his club in the 54th minute through penalty kick. Although Hein Zar Aung of Magway added the second goal for his club, Magway players could not break the deadlock win of Chin till the final whistle.

At Bahtoo Stadium, Kanbawza beat Yadanabon 1-0 while Zwegabin and Southern FCs played a goalless draw.

After the 12th fixture, Yadanabon stood first with 27 points on the table, followed by Magway and Kanbawza with 24 points each in second and third positions.—By Shine Htet Zaw

'World Cup is over for me', says Beckenbauer

RIO DE JANEIRO, 15 June — Franz Beckenbauer will skip the World Cup in Brazil after the former West Germany captain and coach was banned by FIFA for 90 days for allegedly refusing to co-operate with an investigation into World Cup bidding. FIFA confirmed on Saturday that Beckenbauer is banned from attending any match at any level for the next 90 days, even in a private capacity. He will, however, be allowed to continue as a television pundit from a studio

I assume that I'm not welcome by FIFA any more."

Beckenbauer was on the FIFA executive committee which controversially awarded the 2022 World Cup hosting rights to Qatar.

His ban was imposed at the request of US lawyer Michael Garcia, head of the investigatory chamber of FIFA's ethics committee, who is leading an investigation into alleged corruption over the awarding of the 2018 and 2022 World Cups to Russia and Qatar.

Alan Sullivan, the deputy chairman of FIFA's ethics committee's adjudicatory panel, said in a statement on Saturday: "Franz Beckenbauer cannot participate in any football-related activity which includes amongst other things being invited to attend or attending on a private basis any football match in any capacity." Beckenbauer is regarded as one of the greatest players to have graced the game and is revered in Germany, where he is honorary president of Bayern Munich, and abroad.

As a player, Beckenbauer redefined the role of libero and captained the West Germany side which won the 1974 World Cup.

He led West Germany to World Cup victory as a coach in 1990 and was head of the local organising committee when Germany hosted the tournament in 2006.

Beckenbauer is an honorary president of Bayern Munich and a special adviser to FIFA's football committee. He had planned to go on Bayern Munich's pre-season tour of the United States in August.

Reuters



Franz Beckenbauer

in Germany.

In an interview with Germany's *Bild* newspaper published on Saturday, Beckenbauer said he had decided to cancel his plans to attend the semi-finals and final after being banned on Friday. FIFA said Beckenbauer had received repeated requests to provide information to an ethics committee investigation. Beckenbauer said he wanted the questions posed in German.

Beckenbauer, 68, has said he had nothing to hide from the committee and that he would answer questions in his native German language.

"The World Cup is cancelled for me," Beckenbauer said. "I'll drop the plans to travel to Brazil.

Reuters

My tactics worked says Prandelli after Italy sink England

MANAUS, (Brazil), 15 June — Italy coach Cesare Prandelli was generous in his praise of an improving England side but said his tactical approach had paid off with the 2-1 victory in Group D on Saturday.

"Our logic was that we don't have players who are as powerful as England's but we have technically skilled players and in the first half we had better ball possession," said the Italy coach, whose team won thanks to a 50th minute Mario Balotelli header.

"This is the way to play and in our substitutes we have players who can go the extra mile.

"We lined up Andrea Pirlo, Daniele De Rossi and Marco Veratti to have numerical superiority in the centre of the pitch and it worked.

"We had to be very good at closing down England whose players have the ability to turn quickly and sprint."

Prandelli said it was "crazy" not to have had time-outs or drink breaks in

the intense heat and humidity but was pleased by the way his team coped with the energy-sapping environment.

"We suffered tonight but the response of the players to the conditions were extraordinary."

"It was an epic match and I feel that England is one of the strongest teams in the World Cup. We played a great game," he said.

Prandelli said though that he was impressed by the way that England's game had progressed.

"Up until just a few years ago England relied on long balls but they are now a skilled team with excellent triangular passing.

"They have changed a lot and now have one of the strongest attacks in the World Cup, that is why I am so satisfied with the result," he said.

Striker Balotelli said it had been a classic example of the Italian way of playing.

"Italy suffer, they always suffer but the important thing is to win," said the forward.

"Now we have to keep

our feet on the ground and just focus on each game that comes."

The other Italy scorer, midfielder Claudio Marchisio, said the Azzurri had shown their true personality in the heat in the jungle city of Manaus.

"It was important to start with a win, above all on a day when playing football was really difficult.

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Italy's Mario Balotelli walks out of the pitch next to Italy's coach Cesare Prandelli during the 2014 World Cup Group D soccer match between England and Italy at the Amazonia arena in Manaus on 14 June, 2014. — REUTERS

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