

## Mobile teams to start crackdown on illegal trade at container ports and airport cargo warehouse in Yangon



Photo shows Bo Aung Kyaw Terminal in which mobile team operation will be launched on 2 July to increase legal trade volume and improve consumer protection.—PHOTO: YE MYINT

**By Ye Myint**

YANGON, 27 June—The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs of the Ministry of Commerce told media persons on Friday at a press conference that it will launch mobile team operations at five container ports in Yangon and airport cargo warehouse at Yangon International Airport commencing the next month to

crack down on illegal trade.

Starting from 2 July, mobile teams with a manpower of more than 250 members from Customs Department, Marine Police Force, Aviation Police Force, Department of Civil Aviation, Myanma Port Authority, General Administration Department, UMFCFI and affiliated associations will be stationed to start cracking down on illegal trade at five container ports—Htidan, Asia

World, Myanmar Industrial Port, Sule and Bo Aung Kyaw—in Yangon and air cargo and custom warehouse at Yangon International Airport, said Deputy Director-General U Nyunt Aung who is also the administrator in charge of the Central Committee of Illegal Trade Control.

So far there have only been mobile teams deployed at border checkpoints.

To increase legal trade

volume and improve consumer protection, mobile team operations started cracking down on illegal imports at border checkpoints in November 2012.

Border trade makes up 20 per cent of the country's total trade volume and illegally imported goods amounted to about K17 billion in the last twenty months, he added.

Legal trade volume has increased due to trade relaxations and stricter

controls.

The ministry has been stepping up mobile team operations at border checkpoints across the nation, leading to an increase in the nation's trade volume in the last two years, with \$18.4 billion recorded in 2012-13 FY and \$24.96 billion in the 2013-14 FY, the official voiced.

“We will strive to reach \$30 billion this fiscal year, exceeding the trade (See page 2)

## Myanmar business model contest 2014 launched

**By Khaing Thanda Lwin**

YANGON, 27 June—The fourth Myanmar business model contest 2014 was launched on Friday at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry-UMFCCI office tower on Minyekyawswa Road in Lanmadaw Township in Yangon, aimed at inspiring and promoting the new generation of Myanmar entrepreneurs and creating the new business ideas, according to the press release of the UM-FCCI.

During the press conference, Dr Myo Thet, Vice President of UMFCFI, and Mr Hideo Okubo, Founder and Chairperson

of Cross-Border International Education Support Foundation-CIESF of Japan, signed an MoU on holding the contest.

Mr Hideo Okubo said the CIESF will be a link between Japanese entrepreneurs and the participants of the contest who create the best business models if they win victory in the contest.

The contest is to be organized at two levels. Level I is for students and youths under 25 and Level II for youths under 32 with work experience. Each team must consist of two to three members.

Application forms are available at the UM-

FCCI tower from 27 to 30 June and all entries must be submitted with the attachment of an outline of their business models in power points in English version and in both soft and hard copy as well as registration fee K2,000, not later than 4:30 p.m. on 31 July. Of them, the ten best teams from both levels will be chosen to compete in the second stage in which the judges will select five teams for the final.

Winners of the final stage will be competed in Mekong Business Challenge 2014 which will be held in Hanoi of Vietnam and Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Yunnan Province of China will participate in the

contest.

The trainers from UM-FCCI and CIESF will provide three training sessions to all participants to upgrade their skill and knowledge.

The courses cover creating a business model, financial management, comparative strategy, presentation skills and so on, said Daw Cho Thiri Maung, member of Central Executive Committee.

She also urged the youths to compete in the contest with own creations as the best opportunity.

All interesting participants may attend the orientation lecture on business model at UMFCFI training institute on July 5.

For further informa-

tion, dial 214344~9 and HRD department at UM-217480 (Ext. 133, 134) of FCCI office tower.—NLM



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## President U Thein Sein sends congratulatory messages to Chinese, Indian Presidents

NAY PYI TAW, 28 June—On the occasion of commemorating the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Announcement of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence which falls on 28 June 2014. U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has sent congratulatory messages to His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China and His Excellency Mr. Pranab Mukherjee, President of the Republic of India.—MNA

### His Excellency Mr. Xi Jinping President of the People's Republic of China Beijing

I have the pleasure to extend to your Excellency my warmest congratulations and best wishes on the auspicious occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Announcement of the five principles of peaceful Co-existence by Myanmar, China and India.

I am fully confident that this important event will bring further understanding and closer cooperation among our three countries. As the five principles of peaceful Co-existence reflect the basic norms governing international relations: Unholding Mutual Respect for each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, mutual non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit and peaceful co-existence, I am convinced that we can work together to further strengthen these principles for peace, stability and prosperity in the region and the world as a whole.

The Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence reflected the aspirations of the Asian and other developing countries to achieve independence and the purposes and principles of the charter of the United Nations, and complied with the historical trend towards peace and development as well as the common interest of all peoples. Despite the test of international vicissitudes over the past 60 years, the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence have been widely accepted and observed by the International Community as a Basic Norm Governing State-to-State relations, and made an important contribution to world peace and progress of the humanity.

While the new world trend is moving towards a Multi-polar world and economic globalization, countries are becoming more interconnected and interdependent, and working towards peace, development and Win-Win cooperation.

As China is a good neighbouring country for Myanmar, I firmly believe that our long standing Pauk-Phaw relationship and our comprehensive strategic partnership will be further enhanced to a new level through our joint efforts based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

May I take this opportunity to convey my sincere wishes for your excellency's personal well-being and success as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of the People's Republic of China.

**Thein Sein**  
President  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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As India is a good neighbouring country of Myanmar, the long standing friendly relations between Myanmar and India will be further strengthened to a new stage in the coming years through our joint efforts based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence.

May I take this opportunity to convey my sincere wishes for your Excellency's personal well-being and success as well as for the continued progress and prosperity of the Republic of India.

**Thein Sein**  
President  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Systematic town planning plays a critical role in the establishment of trade centres, with union ministers saying that a feasibility study on road areas should take into consideration possible effects that can arise in the future.

As part of an inspection tour of northern Shan State on 26 June, Union Ministers U Soe Thane,

U Tin Naing Thein and U Win Myint arrived at the 105-Mile border trade zone in Muse, to instruct local officials to ensure a speedy flow of commodities and accelerating transactions.

"Just as the development of a township is important, a town planning is to be systematic too," a union minister said.

At the 105-Mile check point, officials briefed the

union ministers on trade between Myanmar and China, the needs for new store houses, construction projects for factories and plants, and the current trade volume.

U Tin Naing Thein instructed officials to find ways to reduce congestion, to equip check points with high-tech machinery, and to improve the caliber of employees.—MNA

*Union ministers hear reports on progress of trade between Myanmar and China.—MNA*

## Mobile teams to start ...

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target of \$25.7 billion for 2014-2015 FY," the deputy director-general told The New Light of Myanmar.

While taking the floor at the press conference, he informed the media that the ministry will offer an international tender to hire X-ray machines from foreign companies to ensure smooth and speedy operations of the mobile teams.

Regarding rewards for the efforts of the mobile teams, coordination is underway to offer rewards for those teams who do their job well.

Answering the ques-

tion on imported alcohol he said plans are underway to allow imports of wine and other types of alcohol soon, saying that a workshop was recently held with the participation of parties concerned. In Myanmar, supermarkets sell fake or illegally imported alcohol.

According to officials, action will be taken against the import of illegal goods at the above-mentioned ports and airport after a so-called education period between 2 and 31 July in which the mobile teams will educate importers on the rules.

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## Wireline New Technology Seminar and Exhibition held in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June — The Wireline New Technology Seminar and Exhibition organized by the Ministry of Energy and Schlumberger Logelco Inc took place at the Parkroyal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

Union Deputy Minister for Energy U Aung Htoo said at the seminar that it would contribute

## Urban planning important for trade zones in Muse: Union Ministers



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YANGON, 27 June—A presentation and discussion on a strategy for a local humanitarian response in Kachin and Northern Shan states were held in Yangon on Friday, with organization leaders discussing scenarios with IDP camps of up to 150,000 people.

Officials said that a budget of \$ 20 million was needed for the response in 2014 to cover basic needs and deal with issues, including sexual violence in

conflict and human trafficking. Among the key activities would be the provision of education and shelters as well as the protection of children and women.

The organizations involved in the project are the Kachin Baptist Convention, Kachin Relief and Development Committee, Karuna Myanmar Social Services, Metta Development Foundation, Shalom Foundation, Wunpawng Ninghtoi and BRIDGE.—NLM

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## NATIONAL

# Myanmar, China hold talks on bilateral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—President U Thein Sein left Nay Pyi Taw on Friday morning to pay a goodwill visit to the People's Republic of China.

The president arrived at Beijing International Airport of China in the afternoon, welcomed by Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Liu Zhenmin, Myanmar Ambassador U Thit Lin Ohn and officials.

Chinese President Xi Jinping welcomed President U Thein Sein with a red carpet at the Eastern Plaza in Beijing.

They attended the Myanmar-China Summit at the Eastern Hall of the Great Hall of the People, where they exchanged views on bilateral strategic cooperation in trade and investment, energy, health and education, technical assistance to agricultural growth in Myanmar, the implementation of the Kyaukpau special economic zone, rural development and poverty reduction, the promotion of relations between ASEAN and China, regional security and stability, and cultural

cooperation.

The two leaders also reaffirmed their commitments to the five principles of peaceful co-existence for both mutual and international relations, followed by the signing of memoranda of understanding on the establishment of cultural centres in the both countries, promotion of cultural heritage, and a feasibility study on a project for Yangon General Hospital.

China promised assistance with necessary equipment for a communications network to be installed in Cyber City of the University of Technology (Yadana-bon).

President U Thein Sein attended a dinner hosted by his Chinese counterpart at the West Hall of the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

In Beijing, the president met Chairman of National People's Congress of China Mr Zhang Dejiang at 4 pm local standard time and discussed cooperation in political, economic and legal sectors and promotion between the peoples of two countries.



*President U Thein Sein and Chinese President Xi Jinping being paid respect by the Guard of Honour in Beijing.—MNA*

During the visit, the president will attend the Commemorative Ceremony of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Announcement of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence by Myanmar, China and India

in Beijing of China. He is also scheduled to meet Chinese President Xi Jinping.

The President is accompanied by Union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Hla Tun, U Kyaw Hsan, U Khin Maung Soe,

U Zeyar Aung, Dr Myint Aung, U Win Shein and Dr Kan Zaw and Deputy Ministers U Ye Htut, Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay and Daw Sanda Khin, and other officials. Since taking office, the president has visited

China several times, attending the ASEAN-China Expo in Nanning from 18 to 22 September 2012 and the Bo'ao Forum in Hainan Island from 5 to 7 April 2013, where he also met the Chinese President.—MNA

## Lower House Speaker, U.S. guests discuss Myanmar's reform process

YANGON, 27 June—Thura U Shwe Mann, Speaker of the Lower House, met the U.S. dele-

gation led by Mr. Tom Malinowski, Assistant Secretary of the State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labour,

on Friday in Nay Pyi Taw to exchange views on political, economic and social reforms of Myanmar.—MNA

## Myanmar to promote bilateral ties between armed forces of US, Japan

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, received Mr. Thomas Malinowski, Department of State Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour of the United States and Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association and former MP of House of Councilors of Japan Mr Hideo Watanabe at Zeyathiri Beikman hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

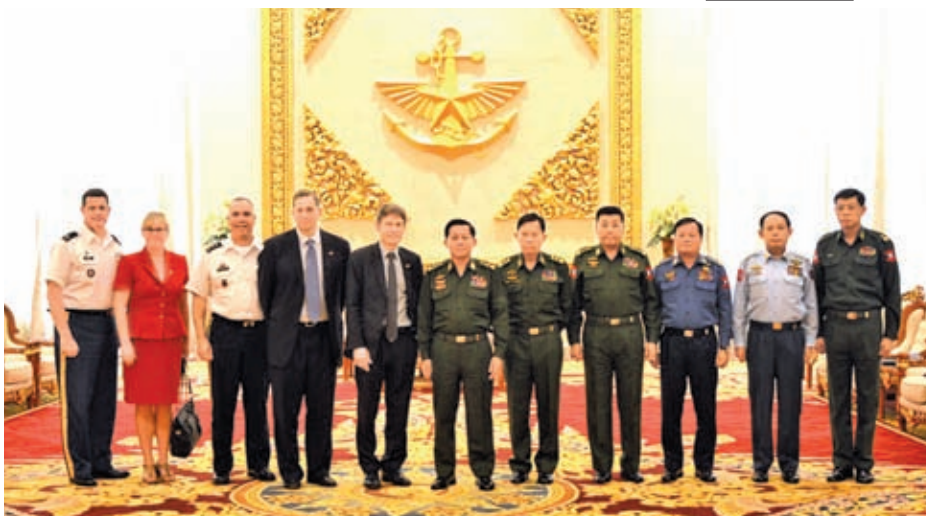
During the meeting, the Senior General and the US delegation exchanged views on the present democratization process and reform process of Myanmar, human rights issues, peace-making processes, constitutional affairs, and releasing farmlands confiscated by the armed forces.

A major point of discussion was the promotion of bilateral relationship between the armed forces of the two nations.

In a meeting with the Japanese delegation, they focused on exchange of

trainees to attend language courses between the armed forces of the two countries, holding of friendly sports matches and promotion of bilateral ties between the two armed forces.

*Myawady*



*Senior General Min Aung Hlaing with Mr. Thomas Malinowski, Department of State Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labour of the US.—MYAWADY*

## Accusations of bribery need firm evidence: Deputy Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Authorities are not taking bribes to cover up drug trafficking, gambling, illegal karaoke lounges and illegal massage parlors, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Kyaw Zan Myint claimed in the Lower House on Friday.

The deputy minister said Myanmar Police Force is trying to expose

drug trafficking, gambling, illegal karaoke lounges and illegal massage parlors in townships in cooperation with local authorities and partner organizations in accordance with the law and departmental rules and regulations.

If complaints are received with firm evidence, authorities will take action against those who turn a blind eye on such illegal activities after accepting a payoff for them, he contin-

ued.

Another topic discussed in Friday's Lower House session focused on conservation of mangrove forests and coral reefs.

At the Upper House session on Friday, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung explained how the government is supervising the drinking water production industry.

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## 7,160 jade lots available at 51<sup>st</sup> Gems Emporium

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—A total of 7,160 jade lots will be sold through an open-tender system from 28 June to 3 July at the 51<sup>st</sup> Myanmar Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw.

The gem emporium opened for the fourth day at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw on Friday.

A total of 30 pearl lots were sold through a com-

petitive bidding system while 319 out of 342 pearl lots were sold through the tender system on Friday. A total of 79 out of 271 gem lots were sold through the tender system while 126 out of 436 gem lots were through competitive bidding system on the same day. The event drew a large number of foreign bidders.

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## 90-foot long section of retaining wall improved in Myinmu



MYINMU, 27 June—A gravel-filled retaining wall was damaged along the bank of the Ayeyawady River in Minye Kyawswa Ward of Myinmu in Sagaing Region recently.

On 22 June, the retaining wall was repaired at the 90 feet long section to prevent its collapse. The old retaining wall was 1.5 feet wide and six feet high.

The old retaining wall was upgraded to a 8.5 feet high one to endure the loads and pressure of vehicles, said Assistant Engineer U Myat Min Tun of Directorate of Water Re-

sources and Improvement of River Systems.

The authorities allotted K7 million on upgrading the retaining walls.

*Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)*

## Health staff, local authorities inspect buildings to prevent DHF



NYAUNGLEBIN, 27 June—Preventive measures are being taken against dengue haemorrhagic fever which is one of the common diseases in the rainy season in various areas of the nation. A team comprising officials of Nyaunglebin Township Health Department, Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association and local authorities checked the systematic storage of water at houses in Myoma Ward 2 in Nyaunglebin of Bago Region on Thursday.

They chlorinated water tanks and pots and gave health educative talks to local people on how to carry out sanitation and to take DGF preventive measures.

*Nay Lin (Nyaunglebin)*



## Wundwin Township upgrades BEHS branch to BEHS

WUNDWIN, 27 June—A ceremony to upgrade the Daingkaungkon Basic Education High School Branch to a BEHS was held in Daingkaungkon Village of Wundwin Township in Mandalay Region on 25 June.

Officials of district and township education offices opened the signboard of the new school.

On the occasion, Chairman of the school board of trustees U Ohn Myint said that the students

residing in the northern part of Wundwin had to go to downtown Wundwin to receive education in the past, but can now learn at the BEHS in Daingkaungkon village, located in the northern part of Wundwin Township.

With the new school, the students from villages in the northern part of the township will have the opportunity to receive high school education in their area.

*Win Nwe San (Wundwin)*

## Prize winning students honoured in Myawady

MYAWADY, 27 June—A prize presentation for winners in the district painting, cartoon, poster, and computer arts to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was held at the hall in Myawady of Kayin State on Thursday.

Deputy Commissioner of District General Administration Department U Lwin Ko Oo presented a certificate

of honour to police inspector Hsan Win for his performance in combating drugs.

*Thuza (Myawady Town)*

*The Commander of Myawady District Police Force speaking at prize presentation ceremony for winner students in contests to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.*





## REGIONAL

# China looks to gain by joining big US-led Pacific naval drills

WASHINGTON, 27 June — A giant US-led naval exercise began off Hawaii on Thursday with China joining its Asia-Pacific rivals for the first time, but analysts doubted the drills would ease tensions over Chinese maritime claims and some said Beijing could use them to strengthen its navy.

Washington and its allies hope China's participation in the five-week Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) exercises, involving 55 vessels, more than 200 aircraft and some 25,000 personnel from 22 countries, will build trust and help avert misunderstandings on the high seas that could escalate into crisis. But analysts say the maneuvers may only help Beijing strengthen its growing naval capability by observing the forces of the United States and its allies.

Twenty-three nations had been expected to participate in RIMPAC this year. But Thailand will not



*The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) Navy replenishment ship Qiandaohu (866) (L) sails past the PLA Navy hospital ship, Peace Ark, as it docks at the Joint Base Pearl Harbor Hickam to participate in the multi-national military exercise RIMPAC 2014, in Honolulu, Hawaii, on 24 June, 2014.—REUTERS*

take part, the Pentagon said on Thursday. Thailand is a long-time US treaty ally, but Washington has suspended some cooperation projects with the country since its 22 May military coup.

China has sent four ships for its debut at RIMPAC, which runs until 1 August. The Chinese ships are the missile destroyer *Haikou*, the missile frigate *Yueyang*, the supply ship *Qiandaohu* and the

hospital ship *Peace Ark*. Chinese forces include two helicopters, a commando unit and a diving unit, a total 1,100 personnel.

The *Haikou* has a sophisticated battle-management system similar to the

*Aegis* system used on many US warships, which uses integrated radar and computer systems to track and destroy targets.

The Chinese ships rendezvoused off the US Pacific island of Guam with warships from the United States, Singapore and Brunei before sailing to Hawaii. Nine ships from the four countries conducted drills involving maneuvering, communications and live weapons fire while en route to Pearl Harbour, where they arrived on Tuesday.

US Navy chief Admiral Jonathan Greenert said last year RIMPAC allowed participating forces to practice high-end ballistic missile defence, surface and anti-submarine warfare in simulations and live-fire missile and torpedo exercises.

This year's exercises will include "cross-decking," where liaison officers from one country will be aboard the ship of another

during the maneuvers, a US defence official said.

"It benefits both countries and helps communications. It's a win-win situation," the official said.

China's Defence Ministry, in comments carried in the official *People's Liberation Army Daily*, said China's participation showed the country's willingness to promote the healthy development of military ties with the United States.

"While China and the United States have a vast array of joint interests, certainly there do exist disagreements," ministry spokesman Yang Yujun was quoted as saying, pointing to people in Washington who seek to "exaggerate" the military threat of China.

US officials say exercises like RIMPAC help navies involved learn how to work together in a wide range of operations, including disaster relief and countering pirates.—Reuters

## Jokowi remains frontrunner in Indonesia's presidential race



*Indonesia's presidential candidate Joko Widodo (L) reacts as he listens to an elder woman's speech to support him during a campaign rally in Majalengka, West Java Province on 18 June, 2014.—REUTERS*

JAKARTA, 27 June — "Jokowi" Widodo has a Jakarta Governor Joko nine percentage point lead

over ex-general Prabowo Subianto with less than two weeks before Indonesia's 9 July presidential election, according to the latest opinion poll published on Friday.

In a survey of 790 voters between 5-24 June, the state-funded Indonesian Institute of Science found 43 percent support for Jokowi, 34 percent for Prabowo, with 23 percent undecided.

All of Indonesia's polls show Jokowi leading Prabowo but the gap between the two was narrowing.

Reuters

## Japanese minister holds talks with Chinese vice premier

BEIJING, 27 June — Japanese transport minister Akihiro Ota met with Chinese Vice Premier Liu Yandong on Friday to discuss bilateral relations that have been badly damaged over territorial and historical issues.

It is the first time a Japanese minister has visited Beijing since Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government was formed in Tokyo in December 2012.

Ota's meeting with Liu at the Great Hall of the People comes as China has started softening somewhat its stance toward Japan in recent months, saying it

is open to promoting exchanges with Japanese political parties, companies and local government officials.

Still, China has not toned down the harsh rhetoric from its leadership against Abe and has told various Japanese delegations to Beijing since this spring that the cause of heightened tensions between the two countries boils down to Abe's hawkish political stance.

Ota is a former leader of New Komeito, the junior coalition partner of Abe's Liberal Democratic Party. China has historically

maintained close ties with the LDP's junior partner, which is backed by the major lay Buddhist organization Soka Gakkai, as it has pursued dovish foreign and security policies.

Chinese leader Xi Jinping met with New Komeito's leader Natsuo Yamaguchi in January 2013.

During his visit through Saturday, Ota is also to meet with Chinese officials, including the head of the National Tourism Administration Shao Qiwei, and former Chinese State Councilor Tang Jiaxuan, according to Japanese officials.—Kyodo News

## Malaysia to announce details of contracted assets for search for missing plane

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 June — Malaysian Defence Minister Hishammuddin Hussein said on Friday in a statement that the details of the contracted assets that would be deployed as Malaysian Government Furnished Equipment for the various stages of the search for the missing MH370 flight would be announced soon. He said the deployment of the assets would cover both the bathymetric survey and the search of

the sea floor, which would include assets with specific capabilities such as the Multi-Beam Echo Sounder and the Prosas Towed Side Scan Sonar to join the search efforts in the coming months.

Hishammuddin said Rahim Bakri, chair of the Asset Deployment Committee, led a delegation to Australia recently.

"The delegation met with their Australian counterparts to discuss and

coordinate the arrangements for Malaysia's participation in this phase of the search operation," he said.

The minister added that Hamzah Zainudin, chair of the Next of Kin Committee, would be leading a delegation of all four Chairs of the Ministerial Sub-Committees and other senior officials to China on Friday in a bid to update the Chinese side on the "latest efforts at the Tripartite

level and Malaysia's contribution." He reaffirmed Malaysia's commitment to continue the search for the missing plane.

Australia announced Thursday a new area for the search of the missing aircraft. The new area, covering about 60,000 square kilometres, would be to the south of the area previously searched, according to Australian Deputy Prime Minister Warren Truss.

Xinhua

## More than a dozen killed in blast at GAIL India gas pipeline

NEW DELHI, 27 June — More than a dozen people were killed on Friday after a blast at a gas pipeline operated by state-owned energy company GAIL (India) Ltd (GAIL.NS) in Andhra Pradesh, the company said. "As per the information received from the GAIL official at the site there are 13-14 casualties," a GAIL spokeswoman said. The victims were local residents and a fire at the scene had been brought under control. The 18-inch diameter pipeline supplies gas to a power plant operated by Lanco Infratech Ltd. (LAIN.NS).

Prime Minister Narendra Modi asked the federal oil ministry and GAIL chairman to ensure immediate relief at the scene, according a statement issued by his office.

The state government has ordered an inquiry and will set an action plan to avoid similar accidents in future, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu said in a tweet.

Initial reports suggested that the blast had affected an oil refinery operated by state-controlled oil company ONGC (ONGC.NS), but the refinery is located some 50 km away and is not connected to the gas pipeline.—Reuters



# Ukraine warns on ceasefire as rebels agree to fresh peace talks

KIEV, 27 June — Ukrainian separatists agreed on Thursday to resume peace talks to end the conflict in the east, but President Petro Poroshenko warned he might not extend a ceasefire beyond Friday night if their gesture was aimed only at buying time. The move by the pro-Russian rebels, who have been fighting government forces since April, came after German Chancellor Angela Merkel spoke to Russian President Vladimir Putin for the second time in two days to discuss how to end the crisis.

In Berlin, a government source said the aim of the

phone call, which Moscow said took place at Merkel's initiative, was to find a way of prolonging Kiev's ceasefire which is due to expire at 10 pm (8:00 pm BST) on Friday. More than 420 people, including Ukrainian servicemen, rebels and civilians, are estimated to have been killed in the fighting, the United Nations said in a statement dated on 24 June.

Poroshenko said he had heard of the rebels' readiness to hold a second meeting on Friday with the so-called "contact group" which includes former Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma, Moscow's envoy to Kiev

and a high-ranking official from the OSCE security and rights watchdog. But, despite Western pressure on him, Poroshenko hinted heavily that there might be no extension of the ceasefire unless Kiev was satisfied with the results of contact group talks.

"It (Friday) is a very important day: if our conditions for the peace plan are not accepted, then we will make a very important decision," online newspaper *Ukrainska Pravda* quoted him as telling the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, France. Poroshenko, installed as president only on 7 June

and under pressure from his electorate not to bow to the separatists, has warned that government forces would switch to a "detailed Plan B" — widely assumed to be a government offensive — if the rebels use the ceasefire to re-arm and regroup. Numerous breaches of the ceasefire — including the downing of a helicopter by rebels, killing nine servicemen, on Tuesday — have increased pressure on him to call the truce off. In Strasbourg, he said almost 150 Ukrainian servicemen had been killed by rebels, including 18 in the past week since the ceasefire was declared. He again

criticised Russia for failing to give fuller support to his peace plan and for failing to halt arms supplies to rebels and stop "mercenaries" crossing into Ukraine. Moscow denies arming the rebels. "It is clear that this peace plan can work only with the support of Russia. Unfortunately, the support of the Russian Federation is completely inadequate. Instead of them calling back their mercenaries, even more new, well-equipped and motivated fighters are arriving from the Russian Federation," Poroshenko told the Council of Europe session.

Reuters

## Russia insists on snap drill to enhance combat readiness

Moscow, 27 June — Russia is going to carry on more snap military drills in order to keep the armed forces on constant alert, enhance combat readiness and maintain reliability of national defence, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday. The armed forces are required to fully match modern requirements of the 21st century, Putin said at a meeting with graduates of military institutions. He stressed that only mobile and highly-efficient military forces could guarantee Russia's security, sovereignty and national interests.

The president encouraged the graduates to secure social stability and order with allegiance, fight terrorism and extremism with perseverance, as well as to counter crime and corruption.

Russia has been increasing its military activities in recent weeks. In June, drills were carried out in Kaliningrad region confronting NATO military exercises. Snap drills in the southern Urals began last Friday, while Putin ordered the troops of Central military district on full combat readiness for a snap check only one day later. Besides, military drills were launched at Chkalovsky airfield in east Moscow on Monday.

Xinhua

## Ukrainian rebels free four OSCE hostages, four still in captivity

DONETSK, (Ukraine), 27 June — Rebels in southeast Ukraine early on Friday released four out of eight international observers, captured over a month ago, in an apparent goodwill gesture that could help pave the way to a resolution of the conflict that has so far claimed hundreds of lives. Pro-Russian separatists had detained eight observers from the Vienna-based Organization for the Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), a key security and rights body, tasked with monitoring an agreement drafted in Switzerland in April to de-escalate the crisis that has pitted the rebels against leaders in Kiev.

Four observers from Switzerland, Turkey, Estonia and Denmark, part of the 100-strong mission,

were brought by heavily armed rebels to a hotel in downtown Donetsk, where they were handed over to their colleagues. Another four remain in rebel captivity in the neighbouring Luhansk region.

"It was a long road and this release is the fruit of good will and it was unconditional," Alexander Borodai, prime minister of the self-styled Donetsk People's Republic, told reporters. "I am hoping we can facilitate the release of the four remaining observers."

Securing the release of the four OSCE hostages has been a part of peace consultations between mediators of the Kiev government, OSCE, Russia and rebel leaders.

The ceasefire between the rebels and the govern-



Unidentified members of OSCE Special Monitoring Mission in Ukraine get out of a vehicle next to Alexander Borodai (R), Prime Minister of the self-proclaimed "Donetsk People's Republic", on arrival at the city of Donetsk after being released from captivity, on 27 June, 2014.—REUTERS

ment, set to expire later on Friday, has already been marred by a number of vio-

lations, including the downing of a Ukrainian helicopter earlier this week with the

loss of all nine people on board.

Reuters

## As many as 30 people injured in Houston building collapse

HOUSTON, 27 June — As many as 30 people may have been injured after a garage apartment structure collapsed in the US city of Houston on Thursday, according to local media outlets.

The collapse happened early Thursday afternoon at a residential neighbourhood in west Houston, media reports said. A gathering of some kind was taking place when the structural collapse occurred. Local media KHOU said it was the second floor of the garage apartment that collapsed.

Local TV KTRK,

quoting sources with Houston fire department, said dozens were injured and at least 30 have been sent to hospitals. The severity of their injuries is unknown. TV footage showed several people being treated in front of the home's garage, which had a tent set up at the door. A few patients were loaded onto stretchers and taken to the hospital by ambulance. It's not immediately known how many people were possibly trapped or what led to the collapse. Emergency crews were at the scene rescuing victims.

Xinhua

## Thousands march on Afghan president's palace to protest elections

KABUL, 27 June — Thousands of angry protesters marched on the Afghan president's palace on Friday in support of candidate Abdullah Abdullah's allegations that mass fraud had been committed during the presidential election by organizers and state officials. The run-off pitting the former Northern Alliance leader against ex-finance minister Ashraf Ghani on 14 June has fallen into a deadlock over Abdullah's decision to drop out last week.

The impasse has revived longstanding ethnic tensions in Afghanistan because Abdullah's base of support is with the Tajiks, the second largest ethnic group while Ghani is Pash-

tun, the largest group.

"Our beloved president is Abdullah Abdullah," shouted many supporters, along with additional cries blaming the incumbent, President Hamid Karzai, for the political stand-off. Karzai was constitutionally barred from running for third time. Abdullah has accused Karzai, provincial governors and police of complicity in efforts to rig the election.

At least 10,000 people joined the protest, according to Reuters witnesses. Some demonstrated their outrage by destroying posters of Karzai and shouting angry slogans against the president and the independent election commission. The march was otherwise

largely peaceful and well coordinated by its organizers.

Water was distributed to protesters and organizers formed a protective cordon around sensitive locations like the Serena Hotel, where many top Afghan and foreign officials stay.

The inconclusive election has left Afghanistan in limbo at a dangerous time, with the Taliban insurgency still raging, and most NATO-led forces preparing to leave the country by the end of the year. An agreement with Washington to allow a smaller US military presence to stay on remains unsigned, as Karzai had wanted to leave it to his successor.

The United Nations' top representative in Afghan-



Afghan presidential candidate Abdullah Abdullah speaks during a news conference in Kabul on 23 June, 2014.

REUTERS

istan warned of the risk of "a protracted confrontation with a danger of a slide into violence" in a briefing to its security council on Wednesday and urged Abdullah to return to the electoral process.—Reuters



## WORLD

# World powers plan strategy to rescue Iran nuclear deal



A general view of the Bushehr main nuclear reactor, 1,200 km (746 miles) south of Teheran, on 21 Aug, 2010.—REUTERS

BRUSSELS, 27 June — Senior diplomats from six world powers met in Brussels on Thursday to search for ways to resuscitate negotiations with Iran over its contested nuclear programme, with less than four weeks left until a late-July deadline to strike an accord.

Western officials have said very little progress has been made after five rounds of talks since February towards striking a deal that could end years of hostility, and defuse the risk of a new war and a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

Iran, for its part, accused the powers — the United States, Russia,

China, France, Britain and Germany — after the latest round of talks ended on 20 June of making “excessive demands” and torpedoing chances of a historic deal.

In the coming weeks, the sides will have to decide how far they are willing to go, if at all, to compromise on major sticking points such as the extent of uranium enrichment capacity Iran would be allowed to keep under any deal and the future of its atomic sites.

For the six powers, the overarching goal is to extend the time Iran would need to assemble an atom bomb, if it chose to do so, and to achieve this, they

want it to cut down the number of uranium centrifuges in operation.

Iran denies seeking nuclear weapons and wants to construct more of the machines, which spin at supersonic speed to increase the ratio of the fissile isotope in uranium, to meet its stated goal of energy production.

Both sides have said publicly their goal is to have a deal by 20 July and avoid a difficult extension of an interim accord which expires then and grants Iran modest relief from crippling economic sanctions in return for some curbs on its atomic work. “The meeting affirmed the

determination of the (six nations) to reach a comprehensive agreement by 20 July,” EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton’s spokesman, Michael Mann, said in a statement.

Privately, Western diplomats say they would be willing to consider extending the interim deal and continuing talks beyond 20 July only if an agreement was clearly in sight.

Some say talks may be extended by a few days or weeks, but only if the sides need more time to iron out technical details of an otherwise clear deal. Even a full, six-month extension envisaged as a possibility under the interim agreement may be acceptable only if a deal is in sight, according to others.

A new round of talks starts on 2 July and will continue until at least 15 July. Other than Iran’s enrichment capacity, other issues that will need to be part of the final deal are the schedule of sanctions relief, the timeframe of the deal and the extent of monitoring in Iran by the United Nations’ nuclear watchdog.

Diplomats have said there is little clear agreement on any of the main issues but some have cited the length of a future deal — which can run for years — as one of those easier to solve.—Reuters

## Israel names two Hamas militants as key suspects in kidnappings

JERUSALEM, 27 June — Israel on Thursday named two Hamas Islamists as leading suspects in the 12 June kidnappings of three Israeli teenagers, in the most concrete report yet of results after weeks of searches in the occupied West Bank.

An Israeli military spokeswoman confirmed reports that troops were seeking Marwan Kawasme and Amar Abu Aysha, militants in their 30s from the Hebron area of the occupied West Bank, both of whom have served time in Israeli prisons in the past.

Israel’s Shin Bet Security Agency said in a statement both men had been wanted and at large since the kidnappings, adding that several other Palestinians suspected of involvement in the abductions were being questioned.

Aysha was jailed without trial under so-called administrative detention for six months in 2005, about the time his brother was killed by Israeli forces as he attempted to throw explosives at soldiers, Israeli security officials said.

Kawasme once served a 10-month prison term and trained for military action in the Hebron area, in addition to being involved with Hamas recruitment efforts there, the officials said.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said the suspects were only part of the group behind the kidnappings and reiterated his call on Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to abrogate a unity pact with Hamas, a group that holds power in the Gaza Strip and calls for Israel’s destruction.

Reuters



Israeli soldiers take part in an operation to locate three Israeli teens in valley of Haska near the West Bank City of Hebron on 24 June, 2014.—REUTERS

## US drone strikes risk ‘slippery slope’ to endless war, panel says

WASHINGTON, 27 June — The Obama administration’s reliance on drone strikes abroad threatens to create a “slippery slope” toward endless war and sets a dangerous precedent that other countries could follow, former senior US officials said in a report on Thursday.

The report acknowledged that the armed unmanned aircraft are a useful tool in the US counter terrorism arsenal and are “here to stay,” but it called on President Barack Obama to allow increased public scrutiny and tighter oversight for the secretive program while developing international norms.

“We are concerned that the administration’s heavy reliance on targeted killings as a pillar of US counter terrorism strategy rests on questionable assumptions



People gather at the site of a suspected US drone strike on an Islamic seminary in Hangu district, bordering North Waziristan, on 21 Nov, 2013.—REUTERS

and risks increasing instability and escalating conflicts,” said the independent

panel, which was sponsored by the Stimson Centre think tank. The report by the

10-member task force, including former high-ranking State Department and

Pentagon officials, comes as the United States considers drone strikes in support of

beleaguered Iraqi government forces fighting Sunni insurgents who have taken over a large swathe of northern Iraq. It concluded that “while tactical strikes may have helped keep the homeland free of major terrorist attacks,” this has come at a cost of “blowback” for Washington in places like Pakistan and Yemen.

The former officials warned that, given the low-risk, low-cost nature of drone technology, “the increasing use of lethal UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) may create a slippery slope leading to continual or wider wars.” US drone use “outside of hot battlefields is likely to be imitated by other states as well,” the report said, citing the risk of widening conflicts around the world because of the “dangerous precedent” set by Washington.—Reuters



## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 28 June, 2014

## Ignorance is not always bliss

By Kyaw Thura

Unity is strength, which is an often-quoted saying, especially when there looms a climate of disintegration or distrust. It is, however, ironic that people have been accustomed to turning a deaf ear to this saying.

At a time when everything has gone global, the idea of political, racial and religious segregation is more of a hindrance than a help to a young

democracy like Myanmar, which has recently crawled out of the cave of military rule.

As an old saying that goes “No man is an island”, it is no longer fashionable to place higher priority on egoism. Instead, it is time to learn to accept the reality that we are now living in a multicultural society. History shows that failure to promote political, racial and religious tolerance and unity in diversity leads communities to conflict and war. Patriotism is one thing, internationalism is quite another.

Variety is the spice of life, as a saying goes. True to this saying, diversity in itself is a beauty. Bearing this in mind, all Myanmar citizens, no matter what parties they support, no matter what race they are born into, no matter what religion they practise, are responsible for the welfare of the country.

Now is the time for all people of the country, regardless of race and religion, to come to their sense that the situation in Myanmar is now calling for greater national unity than ever before. Let bygones be bygones, for anyone who entertains malice, grudge and suspicion is sure to end up in failure sooner or later.

Although it is never too late to leave differences behind and forget about the past, it is important to remember that the sooner, the better. All things considered, ignorance is not always bliss.

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GOLD PRICE,  
FE RATE (27-6-2014)

## Yangon Gold Price

Buying K677,500 per tical: Selling K678,500

## Mandalay Gold Price

Buying K677,500 per tical: Selling K678,500

## FE RATE

USD Buying K973 - Selling K978

SGD Buying K777 - Selling K785

Euro Buying K1320 - Selling K1333

Traditional costume show  
on June 28 to mark  
Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 27 June—As a gesture of marking Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, a Myanmar women's traditional costume show, organized by the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Yangon Region WAO, will take place at the National Theatre on 28 and 29 June.

John Lwin (Star Event Production) and Myat Myat Oo will present performances with the participation of artistes and vocalists to the visitors.

Costumes of ethnic groups in the show will represent the traditional culture of the people in successive eras of the nation. Ethnic women of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine, Shan and Bamar will participate in the show wearing traditional dresses.

The MWAFF has organized the traditional costume show ten times.

Po Thant



## Officials urged to conduct market surveys for competitiveness of production



Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint looks round installation of machinery at No 25 Heavy Industries of No 2 Heavy Industries Enterprise in Myaung.—MNA

Young women pose for photo in front of the signboard of Myanmar women's traditional costume show.—PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Factory officials are to make arrangements for distribution of machinery to customers by conducting surveys over markets, said Union Minister for Industry U Maung Myint on his inspection tour of No 25 Heavy Industries of No 2 Heavy Industries Enterprise in Myaung Township of Magway Region on Wednesday.

He urged officials to reduce production costs of machines so as to compete its products in the markets.

The general manager of the industry reported on projects to manufacture moulds and dies, progress of workshops and installation of machines.

After inspecting the productions, the Union minister urged officials

and staff to broaden their horizons in their works in harmony with the Third Wave acceleration process in nation-building tasks of the State.

While in Myaung Township, the Union minister explained the future plans of the government in its term to the local people and donated publications to the township library.

MNA

## Donor sponsors stipends, cash awards to outstanding students

MYAUNG, 27 June—Daw Ohn Nyunt Family held a ceremony to present stipends to students for the 2014-15 academic year at the hall of Basic Education High School in Myaung of Sagaing Region on 25 June.

On behalf of the donor, the headmaster and mem-

bers of the school board of trustees presented stipends to the students. According to the decision of the school meeting on 20 June, the matriculation students received K50,500 the ninth standard students K40,500, eighth standard students K35,500 and seventh standard students K25,500

each. This year, the donor presented stipends to 30 students, amounting to over K1.1 million.

Daw Ohn Nyunt family has spent K12.908 million on eight prize presentations for outstanding students and eight stipends presentation ceremonies.

Tin Ko Ko



## LOCAL NEWS

PAKOKKU, 27 June—According to a poverty alleviation plan for rural people, Head of Pakokku Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Khin Nge Aung and staff goats distributed through loans from the Rural Development Bank to local people in Padeetwin village of Pakokku Township in Magway Region on Thursday.

The head of Township LBVD explained the purpose of distributing the goats to the people and handed over 240 animals worth K12 million to 90 households through officials.—Aung (Mandalay University)

## Goats distributed to local people to improve living standard in Pakokku



## Course to educate housewives opened in Myaung Tsp

MYAUNG, 27 June—Shwe Nyar Myay self-reliant association was formed at the Dhammayon on 22 June and it opened the women's efficiency course on 24 June.

"The course is aimed at improving the intellectual power of women. For example, most of the women focus on nurturing the children and taking an important role in house-keeping works. As such, the training was given to them so as to improve their intellectual power," said a

trainer.

"Women will get a wider scale of knowledge in various fields thanks to the course," said a female trainee. Chairperson of Township Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Win Kyi explained matters related to the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and treasurer Daw Kyi Sein, reduction of maternal mortality rates.

Altogether 32 trainees from 11 villages attended the training course.

Tin Ko Ko

MYINMU, 27 June—Yassacariya social welfare association held the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary ceremony at its hall in Myinmu of Sagaing Region on Wednesday, attended by 150 members.

Chairman of the association U Tin Win said that the association has given services to transport over 1,800 patients to hospitals, performed 187 funeral services and sponsored free medical care services to 14,633 patients during the 10-year period.

Ko Ko Naing (Myinmu)

## Social welfare association holds annual ceremony



## Veterinarians support pig breeders in Taikkyi Tsp

TAIKKYI, 27 June—A meeting on methods of pig breeding and diseases was held at the hall of the ward administrator in Okkan of Taikkyi Township in Yangon Region on Wednesday.

Head of District Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Kyaw Thu explained that due to media reports on infection with "blue pit ear disease" in Taikkyi, breeders sold some pigs to avoid a spread of the disease at their farms. Lab tests are needed to detect the infection, with officials saying they would announce it if there was a local outbreak.

Breeders have been urged to ask for help from veterinarians to receive medical care for their animals and told to bury dead



pigs. Local authorities, political parties and breeding entrepreneurs are to cooperate with the department to combat any outbreaks, the official said.

The Chairman of Township Livestock Breeding Entrepreneurs Association U Tun Hlaing urged breeders to inject hog

cholera vaccine to pigs and spray their farms to ensure no diseases will occur.

According to the test result from Insein pathological lab, the porcine circo virus type II (PEV-2) disease are infectious and have left some pigs in Taikkyi Township dead.

Tun Hlaing (Myaing)

## Community-centred capacity building course conducted in Magway

MAGWAY, 27 June—A community-centred capacity building course was conducted at the hall of Myanma Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry in Magway of Magway Region on Thursday.

Instructors from Magway Region General Administration Department, Magway University and respective sections gave lectures on 10 subjects on public-centred activities in production and extraction of timbers to 40 trainees from Timber Extraction

Division, Domestic Trading and Sawmill Division, Financial and Accounts Division and Engineering Division of Myanma Timber Enterprise.

Khin Marlar (Magway)

## Thaphanaing Bridge ready to be commissioned into service in Kalay

KALAY, 27 June—Thaphanaing reinforced a concrete bridge built on the rural road to Thaphanaing Village of Kalay Township of Sagaing Region, as construction that began on 1 April has almost been completed.

The bridge is 30 feet long and 18 feet wide, funded with K45.49 million by the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Kalay Township Development Supportive Committee

took the responsibility for construction of the bridge, said an official.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw MP U Tin Hlaing, Amyotha Hluttaw MP U Thein Hlaing and officials inspected progress of the bridge on 24 June.

Thanks to the bridge, rural people from Kyaung-taik Village and those from urban areas can travel to other areas passing the bridge when floods hit the township in the rainy season.

Joe Net





# African leaders' summit urges action on rising militant threat

MALABO, 27 June — African leaders called on Thursday for firm action against a rising Islamist militant threat stretching across the continent from Kenya to Mali and pledged to furnish the tools for Africa to police its own conflicts.

Violence cast a shadow over the opening of the two-day summit of the 54-nation African Union (AU) as Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan rushed home to deal with the aftermath of a bombing in the capital Abuja on Wednesday.

At least 21 people died in the attack by suspected Boko Haram militants.

"The continent faces an increasing challenge in trans-border threats, with terrorism at the forefront," newly elected President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi of Egypt told the opening ceremony in the Equatorial Guinea capital Malabo.

"We need to strengthen our cooperation and align our national policies to effectively counter this."

Sisi pledged Egypt would play an active role in peacekeeping across the continent. The former army chief was marking Egypt's return to the continental bloc after elections meant to turn the page on his ousting of an elected Islamist president.

The African Union is seeking to put in place an African Standby Force (ASF) to deal with regional crises.

A senior AU official said on Wednesday progress had been made toward having the force, which is made up of five brigades from the different regions of the continent, operational by the end of 2015.

The force has been under discussion for more than a decade but its establishment has been ham-



*Egypt President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi talks during the 23rd African Union Summit (AUS) in Malabo in this 26 June, 2014 handout.—REUTERS*

pered by concerns over its command structure and funding.

AU Chairperson Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma said armed Islamist groups from Boko Haram in Nigeria to al Shabaab in Kenya and Somalia were a menace to the entire continent. She

urged the bloc's Peace and Security Council to study new ways of countering it.

A final statement from the summit on Friday is expected to make a commitment to strengthening Africa's security institutions, as well as commitments to promote sustainable agri-

culture on the continent.

UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, addressing the opening ceremony, said the United Nations would work closely with the AU's strengthened security apparatus. He called for an end to violence in Central African Republic and South

Sudan.

In Mali, he urged the government to immediately open talks with separatist rebels in the north, after clashes last month threatened to plunge the West African nation back into chaos. An Islamist takeover of northern Mali in early 2012 led to an intervention by French military forces who repelled the al-Qaeda-affiliated insurgents — a painful reminder to African leaders of their failure to implement their Standby Force. Mali's foreign minister told *Reuters* this week that the first direct talks between the government and the armed groups were due to start in the coming weeks in Algeria.—*Reuters*

## Benghazi suspect expected to arrive in US this weekend

WASHINGTON, 27 June — A suspected leader of the 2012 attack on the US compound in Benghazi, captured by US forces and spirited out of Libya, is expected to arrive in the United States this weekend after his journey at sea, US officials told *Reuters* on Thursday.

Libyan militant Ahmed Abu Khatallah was taken aboard the *USS New York*, an amphibious transport ship, after his seizure in a raid on the outskirts of Benghazi on 15 June. He is expected to be prosecuted in the US criminal justice system. Two US officials told *Reuters* that Khatallah was due back in the United States in a couple of days. A third specified it would be this weekend.

No further details on Khatallah were immediately available. US Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans died in the Benghazi attack. Khatallah is charged with killing a person on US property, a firearms violation and providing material support to terrorism. The charges were filed in July 2013 but kept under a court seal until last week. The US Justice Department filed the charges against Khatallah in US District Court in Washington, DC, a venue that prosecutors have only rarely used for criminal cases involving those suspected of terrorism.—*Reuters*

# Iraq helicopters fire on university campus in insurgent-held city

BAGHDAD, 27 June — Iraqi helicopters fired on a university campus in Tikrit on Friday to dislodge insurgents who overran the city in an onslaught that has given them control of most majority Sunni regions and brought them close to Baghdad.

Tikrit, the hometown of former dictator Saddam Hussein, fell a fortnight ago to Sunnis led by fighters from the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), which split from al-Qaeda.

A rights group said analysis of photographs and satellite imagery "strongly indicate" that ISIL staged mass executions in Tikrit after seizing it on 11 June early in their offensive.

ISIL killed as many as 190 men in at least two locations over three days, Human Rights Watch said. Numbers may be much higher but the difficulty of locating bodies and getting to the area had prevented a full investigation, it added.

Iraqi forces launched an airborne assault on Tikrit on Thursday, flying commandos into a stadium in helicopters, at least one of which crashed after coming under fire from insurgents.

"My family and I left early this morning. We could hear gunfire and helicopters are striking the area," said Farhan Ibrahim



*Shi'ite volunteers, who have joined the Iraqi army to fight against the predominantly Sunni militants from the radical Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), take part in a parade on a street in Kanaan, Diyala Province, on 26 June, 2014.—REUTERS*

Tamimi, a professor at the university who fled Tikrit for a nearby town.

Iraq's million-strong army, trained and equipped by the United States, largely evaporated in the north after the Sunni Muslim fighters led by ISIL launched their assault with

the capture of the north's biggest city Mosul on 10 June.

ISIL emerged after Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, the leader a group then called the Islamic State in Iraq, defied the al-Qaeda leadership by moving into neighboring Syria more

than a year ago to join the civil war against President Bashar al-Assad.

The group is now fighting in both Iraq and Syria, seeking to erase the frontiers and create an Islamic caliphate stretching from the Mediterranean Sea to Iraq.

In Washington, President Barack Obama asked the U.S. Congress on Thursday to approve \$500 million to train and equip moderate Syrian rebels, who have been largely upstaged by the more effective ISIL forces.

*Reuters*



## BUSINESS &amp; HEALTH

# One in 10 deaths among US adults due to excessive drinking: study

WASHINGTON, 27 June — Excessive drinking accounted for one in 10 deaths among working-age adults aged 20 to 64 years in the United States and cost the country about 224 billion US dollars per year, a report from the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Thursday.

The study published in the journal *Preventing Chronic Disease* found that excessive alcohol use resulted in approximately 88,000 deaths in the United States per year from 2006 to 2010, and shortened the lives of those who died by about 30 years on average.

"These deaths were due to health effects from drinking too much over

time, such as breast cancer, liver disease, and heart disease; and health effects from drinking too much in a short period of time, such as violence, alcohol poisoning, and motor vehicle crashes," the CDC said in a statement.

"In total, there were 2.5 million years of potential life lost each year due to excessive alcohol use," it said.

Nearly 70 percent of deaths due to excessive drinking involved working-age adults, and about 70 percent of the deaths involved males, the study said.

According to the CDC report, excessive drinking includes binge drinking, heavy drinking and any alcohol use by pregnant

women or those under the minimum legal drinking age of 21.

Binge drinking is defined as four or more drinks on an occasion for women and five or more drinks on an occasion for men, while heavy drinking is eight or more drinks a week for women and 15 or more drinks a week for men.

The cost of excessive drinking in the United States reached 224 billion dollars, or 1.90 dollars per drink, in 2006, the report said.

Most of these costs were due to lost productivity, including reduced earnings among excessive drinkers as well as deaths due to excessive drinking among working age adults,



it added.

"It's shocking to see the public health impact of excessive drinking on working-age adults," said Robert Brewer, head of CDC's Alcohol Programme

and one of the report's authors.

The US Preventive Services Task Force, an independent panel of experts advising the US government, recommends several

strategies to reduce excessive drinking, including increasing alcohol taxes, regulating alcohol outlet density, and avoiding further privatization of alcohol retail sales. — *Xinhua*

## India's Ranbaxy gains; US drug regulator approves generic version of Novartis drug



A general view of the office of Ranbaxy Laboratories is pictured at Gurgaon, on the outskirts of New Delhi, on 13 June, 2013. — *REUTERS*

MUMBAI, 27 June — India's Ranbaxy Laboratories rose 5.8 percent in early trading after the US

Food and Drug Administration said on Thursday it had approved the company's generic version of

Novartis AG's blood pressure drug Diovan.

Investors say current market size of Diovan in

the United States is \$1.7 billion and Ranbaxy can generate revenue of over \$200 million from generic Diovan sales as it enjoys 180 days exclusivity for the same.

Also, Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd, which in April agreed to buy Ranbaxy, rose 2.5 percent as well on hopes that drugs such as Diovan and Nexium would reduce its effective cost of acquiring Ranbaxy.

Sun Pharma on 7 April agreed to buy Ranbaxy in an all-share deal, betting it can fix the factory quality glitches that plagued Daiichi Sankyo Co and got Ranbaxy's India-made drugs barred from the United States.

*Reuters*

## Mitsubishi Motors to supply Attrage compact to Fiat Chrysler

TOKYO, 27 June — Mitsubishi Motors Corp is set to start supplying its Attrage compact passenger vehicle to European auto giant Fiat Chrysler Automobiles later this year, sources close to the matter said on Friday.

The companies are expected to announce the plan as early as next week.

Mitsubishi is expected to provide Fiat Chrysler with its 1,200-cc Attrage manufactured at its plant in Thailand under the Chrysler brand, the sources said, adding that several thou-

sand units are expected to be supplied annually.

While Fiat Chrysler aims to bolster its sales in the Asian market, Mitsubishi is likely to benefit from the effects of mass production at the plant, which has an annual production capacity of 500,000 units.

Mitsubishi ended its capital alliance with then DaimlerChrysler in 2005 and now teams up with French carmaker PSA Peugeot Citroen and the Renault-Nissan alliance for product supply.

*Kyodo News*



## Crude prices drop as Iraq worries ease

NEW YORK, 27 June — Oil prices fell on Thursday as markets thought Iraq unrest would not disrupt crude output.

Traders kept watch on Iraq. Despite the escalating violence, tensions in the market are fading on signs that crude production from the southern Iraq has not been disrupted.

US economic data

came in mixed on Thursday. US jobless claims slipped last week while consumer spending increased less than expected in May.

In the week ending 21 June, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted initial claims for unemployment benefits was 312,000, a decrease of 2,000 from the previous week's revised level, said the Labour De-

partment.

Meanwhile, the four-week moving average, which helps smooth out week-to-week volatility, was 314,250, an increase of 2,000 from the previous week's revised average, the department added.

US personal consumption expenditures increased 0.2 percent in May, while personal income rose 0.4

percent, the Commerce Department reported. Economists had expected 0.4-percent gains for both aspects. Light, sweet crude for August delivery moved down 66 cents to settle at 105.84 US dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, while Brent crude for August delivery lost 79 cents to close at 113.21 dollars a barrel. — *Xinhua*



# British spymaster John Sawers, head of MI6, to step down

LONDON, 27 June — Britain's foreign spymaster, who at times quoted Machiavelli and fought off demands to ease secrecy around his MI6 intelligence agency, will step down in November after five years, the Foreign Office said on Thursday.

John Sawers, an ex-career diplomat, became the first outsider to head the Secret Intelligence Service (SIS) in 41 years when he took over in November 2009 under then-prime minister Gordon Brown.

MI6, cast by novelists as the employer of some of the most memorable fictional spies from John le Carré's George Smiley to Ian Fleming's James Bond, operates overseas and is tasked with defending Britain and its interests.

"He has done an exceptional job," the Foreign Office said of Sawers in a statement. "Sir John has spent 36 years in a range of jobs in public service, defending UK national interests and keeping our country safe."

Sawers, who argued that al-Qaeda and its affili-



John Sawers the head of MI6

ates posed the biggest threat to Britain, is believed to have wanted to relinquish his sensitive role before a national election next year. MI6 chiefs normally serve about five years.

Sawers is the only name in the SIS that is not secret.

His five-year watch coincided with a busy period in world affairs including the Arab Spring revolutions, the Syrian civil war, the spread of Islamist militancy in Africa and Russia's annexation of Crimea.

But one of his toughest

est battles was at home: Sawers strongly resisted attempts by some politicians and journalists to lift some of the secrecy surrounding MI6, whose existence Britain only publicly admitted in 1994.

"Secrecy is not a dirty word. Secrecy is not there as a cover-up. Secrecy plays a crucial part in keeping Britain safe and secure," Sawers said in 2010 when he gave the first ever public speech by a serving MI6 chief.

Charlie Edwards, an expert at the Royal United

Services Institute in London, said Sawers was one of Britain's most experienced and influential security professionals and that his departure was "a big loss".

"His most important legacy I think was that he modernized the service, getting SIS much more tech-savvy in an effort to respond to current and future threats," Edwards told Reuters.

"And crucially, given the current threat picture overseas, he was a genuine believer in joint working with the other agencies. That collaboration paid huge dividends."

When documents leaked by former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden exposed the scale of Britain's spying, Sawers warned that journalists were not well placed to handle such secrets that he said had been lapped up by al-Qaeda. He and his colleague, MI5 director Andrew Parker, used their first ever joint public appearance last year to argue that the disclosures had damaged British national security.—Reuters

## Nets to catch suicide jumpers may be placed beneath iconic Golden Gate Bridge



An umbrella toting tourist visits the Golden Gate Bridge during a rainfall in San Francisco, California, on 26 Feb, 2014.—REUTERS

SAN FRANCISCO, 27 June — San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge may soon be less of a magnet for people trying to commit suicide, as regional officials consider a plan to install mesh barriers beneath the historic orange span to catch jumpers before they hit the water.

The plan to create suicide barriers on the bridge, where 1,600 people have leapt to their deaths since the span opened in 1937, was a subject of controversy for decades, with opponents arguing that they would mar the structure's beauty.

"This bridge is an iconic symbol of beauty and grace, and it should no longer be associated with suicide," said Democratic state Senator Darrell Steinberg, who urged support for the plan. "It should no longer be associated with untimely death and tragedy."

On Friday, the board of directors of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District are set to vote on whether to accept state funding for the plan negotiated by Steinberg and San Francisco lawmakers. If the measure passes, work would begin on building the barriers, which were initially approved eight years ago.

"Beautiful, majestic, but a harbinger of death it will no longer be," said mental health activist Kevin Hines, who said he survived a suicide attempt from the bridge.

Last year, 48 people jumped to their deaths from the span, which hovers high above San Francisco Bay and connects the city of San Francisco with suburban Marin County. The Golden Gate is the second-most popular bridge for suicide in the world, after China's Nanjing Yangtze River Bridge, officials said.

The state funding, worth about \$7 million, comes from a tax enacted by voters on those who make more than \$1 million per year that is earmarked for mental health services. The rest of the \$76 million project will be paid for with federal funds that recently became available, and local money from the bridge district.

"The final pieces of funding for the suicide barrier, something we know we've been needing for so many decades, is now complete," said Democratic state Senator Mark Leno of San Francisco, who pushed the state to help fund the mesh barriers, or nets, after money initially expected from the federal government was delayed.

Reuters

## Power outage strands thousands at Sydney Airport

SYDNEY, 27 June — A power outage at Sydney Airport on Friday shut down passenger processing facilities stranding thousands of people.

Passengers faced major delays after a power failure at 8.30 am shut down Terminal Two, which caters for domestic passengers on Virgin, Jetstar and Tiger Airways flights. International flights are not affected.

A spokesperson for Sydney Airport said the power interruption affected both check-in and screening and has caused processing delays.

"Sydney Airport has identified an issue with a substation, which caused the power interruption and affected back-up power sources," a spokesperson said in a media statement.

"We are working to restore power as quickly as possible. We apologise for the inconvenience and will provide further updates as information becomes available."

Xinhua

## South Africa's largest union NUMSA says to strike from 1 July



A worker assembles a car at a Nissan's manufacturing plant in Rosslyn, outside Pretoria, on 11 Sept, 2009.

REUTERS

JOHANNESBURG, 27 June — Almost a quarter of a million South African workers in sectors from engineering to communications will strike indefinitely from 1 July in pursuit of a pay claim, the latest of a series of stoppages that have damaged Africa's most advanced economy.

South Africa's largest union NUMSA, which represents metal workers and other mostly skilled employees, said on Thursday the strike over wage

demands was inevitable. It is seeking wage hikes of 12 percent against an inflation rate of 6.6 percent.

Employers are offering 8 percent, NUMSA said. It has said companies that would be impacted include Bell Equipment and industrial group Dorbyl.

South Africa is still reeling from a five-month strike in the platinum mining sector, which ended with a settlement this week. The government, keen to prevent more damage, said

it would talk to all sides in a bid to prevent the NUMSA action.

"We are going to support all the affected parties to make sure this strike doesn't take place," Communications Minister Faith Muthambi told reporters during a briefing in parliament.

Yet the government's ability to influence NUMSA may be limited, as the union, once a political ally of the ruling African National Congress, refused to campaign for the party in elections this year because of disagreements over policy.

NUMSA, which has been having national talks with an employers' group called the Metal and Engineering Bargaining Council, claims to be South Africa's largest union with around 340,000 members, representing mostly black and urban workers.

NUMSA also said its 11,000 members at power

utility Eskom [ESKJ:UL] would be willing to risk a wildcat strike, separate from its other national action, but gave no timeframe for any potential stoppage.

Workers at Eskom are generally not allowed to strike by law because they are considered to provide essential services. A downing of tools there by NUMSA members could hamper the utility's ability to keep the lights on, already a daily battle because of razor-thin margins between power supply and demand.

Labour unrest and frequent strike action have taken a toll on South Africa's reputation with investors and on its economy, which contracted in the first quarter of the year largely because of the platinum strike.

A four-week strike in 2013 by more than 30,000 NUMSA members at major auto makers cost the industry around \$2 billion in lost output.—Reuters



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**Australia set to  
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largest cotton  
exporter**

SYDNEY, 27 June — Australia is on track to be the third largest exporter of raw cotton in the world this year with forecasts of just under 1 million tonnes, according to a bank report released on Friday. The National Australia Bank (NAB) Agribusiness Rural Commodities Wrap said in the report that a recovery in cotton prices was likely to have acted as an incentive to production, with prices above historical average levels and more favorable than alternative crops. However, dryland cotton plantings are minimal due to the extended and extreme drought conditions that impact growing areas.

General manager of NAB Agribusiness, Khan Horne, said the Australian dollar was forecast to track lower to 84 US cents by the 2014 December quarter, which should provide further benefits to exporters.

"We hit record exports of cotton in 2012-13, so it's not surprising the Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) is predicting an easing off of exports this year to just below 1 million tonnes," Horne was quoted by the report as saying. "China has been the biggest influence on global exports over recent years and that looks set to continue. "Two years of stockpiling cotton has lifted China's stocks-to-use ratio to the point where it would be self-sufficient for 18 months without any production or trade. This has pushed the world ratio to an all-time high of 89 percent." "An acceleration in the economic recovery of major developed countries is also contributing to a turnaround in the global textile sector," Horne said.—Xinhua

**Two dead, four missing in boat  
rollover in north China park**

SHIJIAZHUANG, 27 June — Two people have been confirmed dead and four others went missing after their boat capsized in water of a wetland park in north China's Hebei Province, local authorities said on Friday.

Police aided with professional water rescuers

are still searching for the missing in Gongzhu Lake Wetland Park in Guantao County, Hebei.

The accident happened at around 7:30 pm on Thursday. All of the six passengers on the coast-guard vessel were wearing life jackets, according to rescuers.

Investigators said the park's water sports has not been open to business. All of the six on board were friends of a manager of the Jin'E Yacht Company, which won the park's water recreation business operation right through a public bidding.

Xinhua



## Jennifer Aniston, Justin Theroux dismiss split rumours

LONDON, 27 June — Hollywood actress Jennifer Aniston and fiance Justin Theroux put an end to rumours of their split with their latest red carpet appearance. The couple gazed into each other's eyes as Aniston, 45, stood by Theroux's side at the premiere of the 42-year-old actor's new series *The Leftovers*, reported *Daily Mirror*. The famous F.R.I.E.N.D.S star showed off her toned and petite figure in a cute black satin play suit, while her fiance kept it simple in a dark suit.

The pair, who fell in love while filming *Wanderlust*, remained away from paparazzi and red carpet events in the last few months. "Jen and Justin looked really sweet together. They were both absolutely beaming. During the event, Jen was being really social and looked extremely happy. They looked totally in love and seemed very relaxed," a source said.

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Hollywood actress Jennifer Aniston and fiance Justin Theroux

## Polanski wants to make Dreyfus Affair film in Poland

WARSAW, 27 June — Roman Polanski wants to shoot a movie in his native Poland about the 19<sup>th</sup>-century Dreyfus Affair if the director gets assurances that he will have no legal problems stemming from a 1977 sex crime conviction in the United States, associates said.

Polanski, 80, spent part of his childhood in the Polish city of Krakow, where he aims to film, until it was occupied by Nazi German forces. He escaped Krakow's Jewish ghetto but his mother died in the nearby Auschwitz concentration camp.

After World War Two he returned to Krakow, and



Polish-French film director

later emigrated.

"Roman Polanski is considering filming in Poland about the Dreyfus Affair," Jerzy Stachowicz, Polanski's Polish attorney, told *Reuters*, referring to the 19th-century case of French military officer Alfred Dreyfus.—*Reuters*

## Phil Collins donates his Alamo collection to spot of its genesis

SAN ANTONIO, (Texas), 27 June — Grammy-award winning pop star Phil Collins said on Thursday his music wealth helped him satisfy a boyhood fascination with the Alamo and he would donate his extensive collection of artefacts from the 1836 battle for a museum at the Texas shrine.

Collins, 63, said he became fascinated with the Alamo story when he was growing up in the 1950s watching the television series "Davy Crockett, King of the Wild Frontier" starring Fess Parker. The series chronicled the frontier legend of Crockett, who eventually died as one of the defenders of the Alamo. Collins went on to amass the largest known private collection of memorabilia from the Texas Revolution and the Battle of the Alamo. "Some people would buy Ferraris, some people would buy houses, I bought old bits of metal and old bits of paper," the former Genesis drummer and vocalist for hits including "Against All Odds" and "Another Day in Paradise" told reporters in front of the famed structure in San Antonio, Texas. He kept the items at his home in Switzerland.—*Reuters*



British musician Phil Collins

## Mallika Sherawat denies romance with Antonio Banderas, wants to be left alone

MUMBAI, 27 June — Bollywood actress Mallika Sherawat is not pleased with her link-up with Hollywood actor Antonio Banderas. After being held responsible for his split from wife Melanie Griffith, the actress wants her personal life to be kept private.

Mallika, who entered the Indian film industry in 2003 with *Khwahish*, was recorded on video dancing with the *Desperado* star during a party in Cannes two years ago.

"I remember when they danced and they had a lot of PDA (Public Display of Affection)," Los Angeles stylist Ivan Bitton was quoted by *radaronline.com* as saying.

"He was saying 'God you're so beautiful,' like a horndog would talk to a prey," he added.

After the report, the *Murder* actress tweeted on Thursday:

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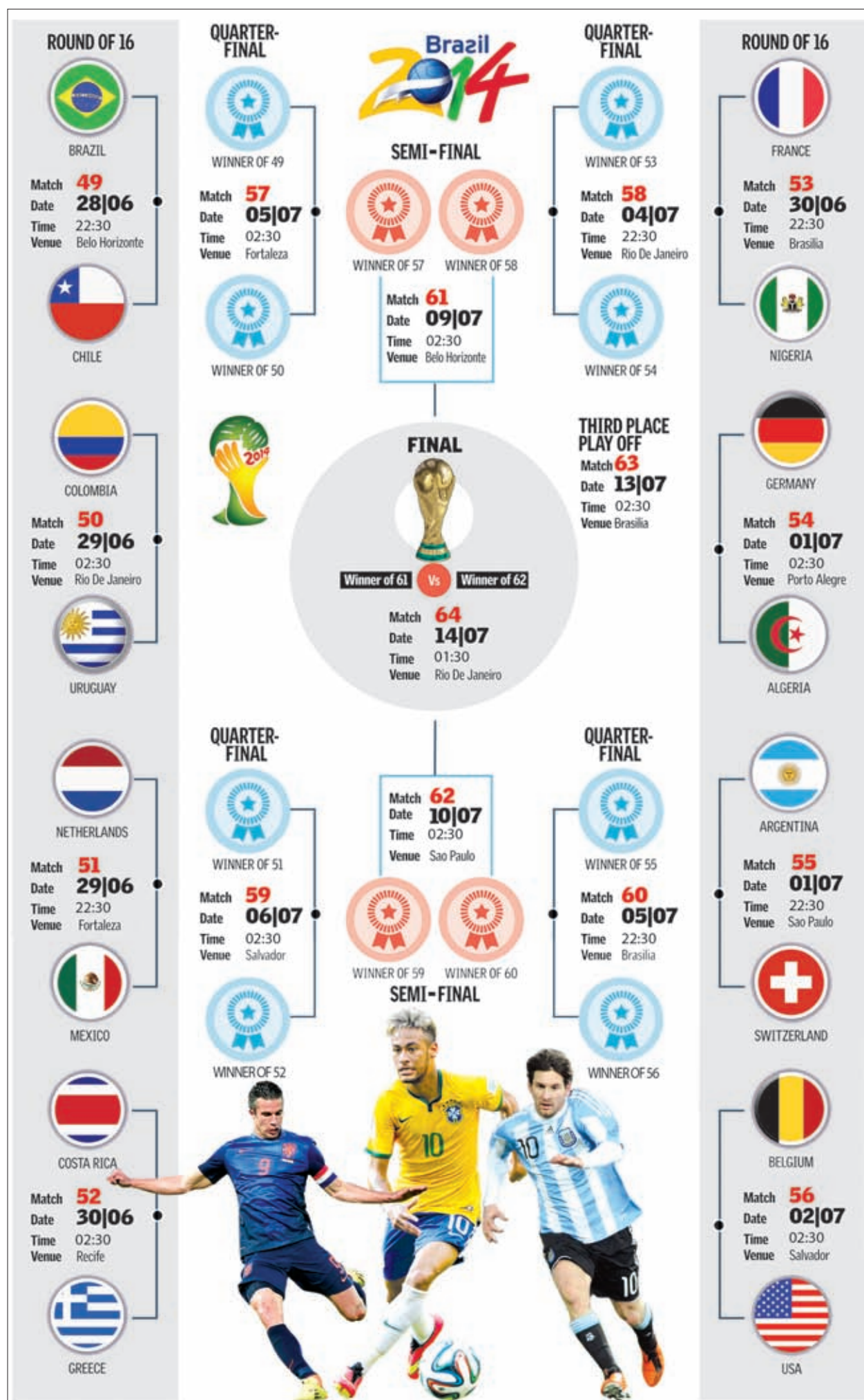
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\* Documentary
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\* TV Drama Series
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Conductor Seiji Ozawa takes the baton in Europe, 1<sup>st</sup> in 3 years

ROLLE, (Switzerland), 27 June — Japanese conductor Seiji Ozawa on Thursday took the baton for a group of young string players from the academy he founded in Rolle, Switzerland. The performance for local residents at the courtyard of an ancient castle on Lake Geneva was the first in around three years outside Japan for Ozawa, who has been in poor health. He last gave concerts in Europe in July 2011, also with musicians from the Seiji Ozawa International Academy. The world-renowned conductor did not appear to be in great condition, requiring rest in a separate room every 20 minutes for the practice

session with around 25 performers. During the practice, however, he looked more vigorous than he was three years ago, occasionally stepping forward and swaying his entire body as if dancing while conducting. Admission was free for the concert at the castle with a view of the snow-capped French Alps across the lake. Ozawa conducted pieces by Bach and Bartok. The event also featured a local Alpine boys folk music choir and a children's brass band. Toward the end of the event, Ozawa, standing by a singer in folk costume, urged the audience to sing along and drew loud applause.

Kyodo News

## Neymar wins appeal for Playboy to withdraw magazine



Brazil's Neymar attends a training session in Teresopolis near Rio de Janeiro on 26 June, 2014.

REUTERS

SAO PAULO, 27 June — Brazil forward Neymar has won an appeal to have the local June edition of *Playboy* magazine, which claimed to feature his ex-girlfriend, removed from the stands.

A court in Sao Paulo state said in a decision on

Wednesday that all copies of the magazine featuring model Patricia Jordane as "The brunette who charmed Neymar" on the cover should be removed from circulation immediately.

The decision can be appealed, a court spokes-

woman told *Reuters* on Thursday.

Neymar's official fan site celebrated the court's decision and said the publisher was "promoting a lie" about the soccer star while "also (using) his name without ... permission."—*Reuters*



Myanmar to play against Japanese club in tune-up match on 28 June



Head coach Marco Pezzaiuoli of Japanese Club and Radojko Avramovic, the head coach of the Myanmar team at press briefing on tune-up match.

PHOTOS: SOE NYUNT

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Myanmar-Japan diplomatic relations, the Myanmar national football team which is making preparations for taking part in the ASEAN Suzuki Cup will play against Cerezo Osaka FC in a tune-up match at the Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna of Yangon on 28 June afternoon.

The press briefing on the tune-up match took place at the MFF Office on Friday afternoon. Head coach Marco Pezzaiuoli said that he has been training the club for about two weeks. While making

preparations, they arrived in Yangon to play the tune-up match. Despite participation of players from Holland, Japan and South Korea, the Japanese club will take part in the match showing a high performance, he said.

Serbian Radojko Avramovic, the head coach of the Myanmar team, said his team is focusing on the participation in the ASEAN Suzuki Cup. As Japanese clubs have higher skills than Myanmar, the tune-up match will provide good experiences for the Myanmar team, he said.

Nyi Myat Thawda

2014 FIFA World Cup Groupstage Standing

Teams	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
<b>Group A</b>								
1) Brazil	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
2) Mexico	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
3) Croatia	3	1	0	2	6	6	0	3
4) Cameroon	3	0	0	3	1	9	-8	0
<b>Group B</b>								
1) Netherlands	3	3	0	0	10	3	7	9
2) Chile	3	2	0	1	5	3	2	6
3) Spain	3	1	0	2	4	7	-3	3
4) Australia	3	0	0	3	3	9	-6	0
<b>Group C</b>								
1) Colombia	3	3	0	0	9	2	7	9
2) Greece	3	1	1	1	2	4	-2	4
3) Côte d'Ivoire	3	1	0	2	4	5	-1	3
4) Japan	3	0	1	2	2	6	-4	1
<b>Group D</b>								
1) Costa Rica	3	2	1	0	4	1	3	7
2) Uruguay	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	6
3) Italy	3	1	0	2	2	3	-1	3
4) England	3	0	1	2	2	4	-2	1
<b>Group E</b>								
1) France	3	2	1	0	8	2	6	7
2) Switzerland	3	2	0	1	7	6	1	6
3) Ecuador	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
4) Honduras	3	0	0	3	1	8	-7	0
<b>Group F</b>								
1) Argentina	3	3	0	0	6	3	3	9
2) Nigeria	3	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
3) Bosnia and Herzegovina	3	1	0	2	4	4	0	3
4) Iran	3	0	1	2	1	4	-3	1
<b>Group G</b>								
1) Germany	3	2	1	0	7	2	5	7
2) USA	3	1	1	1	4	4	0	4
3) Portugal	3	1	1	1	4	7	-3	4
4) Ghana	3	0	1	2	4	6	-2	1
<b>Group H</b>								
1) Belgium	3	3	0	0	4	1	3	9
2) Algeria	3	1	1	1	6	5	1	4
3) Russia	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
4) Korea Republic	3	0	1	2	3	6	-3	1

World Cup over for Suarez after record ban for biting

RIO DE JANEIRO, 27 June — Uruguay's Luis Suarez was hit with the longest ban imposed at a World Cup on Thursday as FIFA threw the book at one of soccer's most talented but controversial players for biting an opponent.

Suarez was suspended from all football-related activity for four months by the sport's governing body which also ruled he could not play in Uruguay's next nine competitive games, immediately ending his involvement in the World Cup in Brazil.

The ban means the striker is unlikely to appear in non-friendly matches for his country until 2016.

"He is totally distraught. He never thought the punishment would be so severe," said Alejandro Balbi who is a member of the Uruguayan Football Association's board and Suarez's lawyer.

The four-month ban means Suarez will have to sit out the first two months of the next English season and he will miss Liverpool's opening Premier League and Champions League matches.

"Such behaviour cannot be tolerated on any football pitch, and in particular not at a FIFA World Cup when the eyes of millions of people are on the stars on the field," Claudio Sulser, chairman of FIFA's Disciplinary Committee, said.

The 27-year-old striker left his Uruguay team mates shortly after FIFA's announcement, depriving them of their most outstanding player two days before a do-or-die match against Colombia in the second round of the World Cup.

FIFA also fined Suarez 100,000 Swiss francs (\$111,000) after 10 hours of deliberations by its Disciplinary Committee.

Uruguay president Jose Mujica was due to meet one of his ministers to discuss a possible response to the ruling, local media said. He summed up the indignation in the South American country where Suarez is considered a hero.

"We didn't choose him to be a philosopher, or a mechanic, or to have good



Uruguay's Luis Suarez reacts after clashing with Italy's Giorgio Chiellini during their 2014 World Cup Group D soccer match at the Dunas arena in Natal on 24 June, 2014.—REUTERS

manners — he's a great player," Mujica said, speaking on Wednesday. "I didn't see him bite anyone."

Hothead Image

The support for Suarez at home is in stark contrast to his image as a hothead for many in Europe where he has been involved in two previous biting incidents.

The Uruguayan FA said it would appeal against the ruling to FIFA as quickly as possible, paving the way for another challenge to the Court of Arbitration for Sport, a final appeals body. But Suarez cannot play even if the challenges are lodged.

Suarez is one of the most gifted players in world football, scoring 31 league goals in 33 games for Liverpool last season.

He returned from a month on the sidelines with an injury to score twice in Uruguay's 2-1 win over England last week, transforming the team's World Cup which began with a

shock defeat by Costa Rica in a game Suarez missed through injury.

But he is also one of the game's most troubled players. As well as two previous bans for biting, Suarez was accused of racially abusing a player in England in 2011.

Former Brazil striker Ronaldo had no sympathy.

"Football must set an example and show examples of good players," he told reporters. "People who are out of line must be punished."

"If my little children bite me, they are sent to the dark room with the big bad wolf. This is football's equivalent."

Suarez cannot even train or attend matches with Liverpool until late October, a big blow to their domestic and European ambitions.

Record ban

Although FIFA has banned many players for life and issued other

lengthy playing suspensions, this is the record punishment imposed for wrongdoing at the World Cup, surpassing the eight-game ban handed to Italy's Mauro Tassotti for breaking the nose of Spain's Luis Enrique in 1994.

As well as the previous biting cases, Suarez was banned for a match at the 2010 World Cup for a deliberate handball that cost Ghana a match-winning goal in a quarter-final.

The latest incident occurred in the tense final minutes of Uruguay's last Group D match against Italy, shortly before the South American champions scored to seal a 1-0 win and knock Italy out of the tournament.

Suarez clashed with Giorgio Chiellini and the defender pulled down his collar to show the mark on his shoulder to the referee, who took no action.

Reuters

### World Cup 2014 Brazil

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Uruguay

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Match 46	USA	0-1	Germany
Match 47	Korea Republic	0-1	Belgium
Match 48	Algeria	1-1	Russia