

President U Thein Sein appreciates intercommunal unity in Mandalay

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—The following is the translation of the excerpts from the radio message on Mandalay riots of President U Thein Sein.

President U Thein Sein on Monday appreciated the unity of religions and communities in prevention of spreading violence in Mandalay, the ancient capital of Myanmar.

During his broadcasting message to the country, the President said that Myanmar has faced some conflicts in racial and religious issues; some problems happened due to poverty, lack of education and

less development, while some others are caused by instigators who are undermining the development of democratic practices in the country.

He also said that such intentionally instigation activates have left the sufferings of innocent people, and the image of the country was tarnished among international community.

President added that people in Mandalay have

traditionally lived together for many decades, keeping in mind that they all are Mandalay residents, and that such practices are the model society for the whole country.

He also said that every cloud has a silver lining after the recent riot as Mandalay people could show their unity and mutual trust among communities.

U Thein Sein also promised that the govern-

ment will take serious actions against activities which pose threat on peace and stability of the country through systematic management.

He also warned that the country has enjoyed media freedom due to the political reform processes of the government, and that the press freedom should be used without threatening the stability of the state.

President U Thein Sein's message on conflict of Mandalay to be broadcast on 7 and 8 July

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—A radio message of the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein on the conflict in Mandalay will be broadcast on radio on 7 and 8 July.

Myanma Radio, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Cherry FM, Padamya FM, FM Bagan and Thazin Radio will broadcast the message at 8 pm on 7 July and at 7 a.m, 11 a.m, 6 p.m and 8 p.m on 8 July.

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Action to be taken against news story about MDCF statement in Bi Mon Te Nay Journal

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—The Bi Mon Te Nay Journal Vol 1 No 29 published a cover-story headlined “Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and National Races Democratic Forces elected as interim government” and the issue was distributed on 7 July ahead of its publication date 11 July. The news story may cause misunderstanding among the readers and defamation

of the government, undermine the stability of the State and damage public interests.

Departments concerned are investigating the matter and if it is discovered that the election of the interim government was true, action will be taken according to the existing laws as this is against the State Constitution.—MNA

Myanma Port Authority releases warning of high tide

YANGON, 7 July—The public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.1 feet to 21.5 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 11th to 17th July 2014. That it is not serious

because the high tide has reached up to 21.9 feet high above datum in the year 2012 and 2013, and that the warning is issued only because high tide reaches over 20 feet high above datum.

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Singapore consortium to create master plan for Rakhine SEZ



A natural gas pipeline laid in Kyaukpyu Special Economic Zone in Rakhine State of western Myanmar.—PHOTO: RAMREE.COM

By Aung Khin

YANGON, 7 July—A Singapore-based consortium led by CPG consultants has been appointed to develop a master plan for one of the three large special economic zones in Myanmar, according to the report by Channel News Asia on Monday.

CPG Consultancy Ltd., signed an agreement in March with the Committee of Bid Invitation and Selection for the Kyaukpyu

Special Economic Zone in Rakhine State of western Myanmar, serving as the key advisor for choosing and inviting international developers to the SEZ.

The project will include a deep-sea port and an industrial park and residential developments with education, health care, and recreational facilities. The zone is valued at US\$227 million, according to official data.

At the completion of the project, it will cover some 75 square kilometres.

CPG said that the project is part of plans to create a ‘mini-Singapore’ on an island off in Myanmar.

The Myanmar government and the Consortium will select construction companies in December using an international bid process that is already underway, said an official concerned.

The companies that are chosen will be expected to draw detailed plans in the first two months of 2015.

While CPG is constructing a new power plant

and power lines for the project, Myanmar will also upgrade the existing road network in this SEZ development project.

The two others SEZs in Myanmar are Dawei in the south of the country and Thilawa near Yangon.

CPG Consortium is a famous development company in the Asia-Pacific area and offers a wide variety of services from building and infrastructure development to management assistance.

NLM

Staff urged to step up tasks in line with Third Wave process

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Officials and service personnel are to step up production and construction tasks at farmlands and dams in line with the Third Wave process of the nation, said Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing on his inspection tour of tractors and combine harvesters at a 3,000-acre mechanized farm near Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone on Monday.

The Union minister visited the 120-ton rice processing plant and 220-ton rice mill construction project in Alyinlo Village of Pynmana Township and inspected progress of construction tasks. He viewed construction of the concrete road, installation of



Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing views delivery of tractors at 3,000-acre mechanized farm near Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone.

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power line and transformers and growing of shade trees in the compound of rice mill. He looked into supply of water from Ngalaik

Dam through feeder canals to the farmlands.—MNA

Mandalay government to cooperate with interfaith organization to prevent further violence

MANDALAY, 7 July—Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint told members of Interfaith Friendship Organization (Central) on Sunday that the regional government would cooperate with the regional interfaith organization to prevent further riots.

He said his regional government was taking strict actions against anyone who was involved in the riots or committed related crimes.

Members of the Interfaith Friendship Organization (Central) explained arrangements to cooperate

with the regional government for the stability of the region and to release news in time.

The chief minister, region ministers and members of the central interfaith friendship organization participated in the meeting.

Mandalay Region IPRD

Interfaith friendship organization officials comfort families of Mandalay riot victims

MANDALAY, 7 July—Chairman of the central Interfaith Friendship Organization U Sein Win Aung and Chairman of the Mandalay Region Interfaith Friendship Organization U Kyaw Win and other leading members sent their

condolences to the family of Ko Tun Tun @ Yaung Pyan from the Aungmyethazan Township timber extraction compound and the family of Ko Soe Min at the corner of 82nd and 31st streets in Chanayethazan Township, with the

organization donating K1 million to each of the families.

Their family members died on 1 July in the Mandalay riots that started after a tea shop owner was attacked by a mob.

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People to cooperate with ministry to preserve ancient cities

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin explained future tasks for ancient Pyu cities Hanlin, Beikthano and Sri Kestra, which have been put on the World Heritage list, in a meeting with the authorities of Pyay, Magway and Shwebo districts and local people in Pyay, old and new Thayaykhittaya in Pyay Township of Bago Region on Friday and

Saturday.

The deputy minister said: “The 38th annual World Heritage Committee meeting in Doha, Qatar approved three ancient Pyu cities in Myanmar for the world heritage list in June 2014. However, there remain many future tasks for these Pyu cities. So, local people are to cooperate with the Ministry of Culture for finishing the tasks before the 40th annual

World Heritage Committee meeting in 2016.”

Wellwishers and organizations donated cash to the fund for giving educative talks and for undertaking maintenance of the ancient Pyu cities.

On Sunday, the deputy minister inspected maintenance of the Thiri Khittaya museum, walls and gates of Sri Kestra ancient city and pagodas.

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Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 8 July—The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr. Mohammad Suflur Rahman as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr. Anup Kumar Chakma.

Mr. Mohammad Suflur Rahman was born in 1964, and holds degrees of B.Sc (Civil Engineering) from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Dhaka and MBA from the Institute of Business Administration, Dhaka University. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh in 1991 as Assistant Secretary. During his diplomatic career, he has held various positions at Bangladesh High Commission offices abroad: New Delhi (1995-1999), Bangladesh Permanent Mission to UN in Geneva (1999 to 2002) and Islamabad (2008-2010). He also served as Director General of SAARC Department and Economic Affairs Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from August 2010 to September 2012.

Mr. Mohammad Suflur Rahman is presently serving as Bangladesh High Commissioner to Sri Lanka. He is married with two daughters and a son.—MNA

Hospitals in Yamethin District inspected



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung views round patient awards at Yamethin District General Hospital.

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NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Than Aung inspected Yamethin District General Hospital (100-bed) and

Wundwin Township Hospital (50-bed) on Friday.

At Pyawbwe Township Hospital, the deputy minister comforted

patients. In Meiktila, the deputy minister met staff and trainees at the district hospital.

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Free 2014 FIFA World Cup final party to be held at Dagon Centre-2

Kyaw The-ein (MNA-External)

YANGON, 7 July—In one week the champions of the 2014 FIFA World Cup will be crowned, with Coca-Cola Myanmar hosting a party here on Sunday, 13 July in front of Dagon Centre-2 from 1 pm to 5 pm. The party, which will be non-ticketed and open to everyone, will be held as part of Coca-Cola's celebrations of the 2014 FIFA World Cup and a follow-up to the brand's recently-held activities which have attracted thousands of people in Myanmar.

Organizers said that

visitors can enjoy “an action-packed afternoon”. There will be music performances by Eaint Chit and Mi Sandy, football games and contests as well as opportunities for people to win exclusive Coca-Cola FIFA World Cup prizes after performing their best rendition of the Coca-Cola “Brrrr” as seen in the Coca-Cola “Brrrr” television commercial.

Attendees will also be treated to a taste of Brazilian culture at the event, linking to Brazil's hosting of the 2014 FIFA World Cup with

a dance performance by a Capoeira Dance Group and samba music played in between the various activities.

On top of that, the Hyrax Dance Crew who featured in the music video of the Myanmar version of “The World is Ours”, the Coca-Cola song for the 2014 FIFA World Cup, will also perform. The song, which was released earlier this year, features vocals from global brand ambassador and international recording artist David Correy as well as Myanmar brand ambassadors Sai Sai Kham Leng and Bobby Soxer.

NATIONAL

Vice President U Nyan Tun receives British, Chinese businessmen

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Vice President U Nyan Tun received a delegation led by Executive Vice President Sir John Grant of Policy and Corporate Affairs of BG Group, plc of England and another delegation led by Ms Hong Bo, President of CITIC Construction Company Ltd of China at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

In the meeting with the British delegation, energy security, implementation of adopted energy policy for sustainable growth and cooperation in exploration and production of offshore natural gas were among the

topics discussed.

At the meeting with CITIC delegation, they talked about increasing the living standard of rural people by establishing a rural development fund and responsible investment in special economic zones.

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Vice President U Nyan Tun in group photo with Ms Hong Bo, President of CITIC Construction Company Ltd of China and delegation.—MNA



Budget allocation to be more transparent in future



Representatives holding discussions at Upper House in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Myanmar is moving toward a more transparent system of budget proposals and implementation year by year, Deputy Minister for Finance Dr Lin Aung told the Upper House on Monday.

He added that the government is cooperating with the World Bank for the development of public finance management and is implementing step-by-step measures to develop more transparent open budgets and citizens budgets in accordance with international standards.

It is the responsibility of every government to inform the public how taxes are used and loans are repaid, he continued.

The citizen budget means releasing basic information on the budget to the public without any

technical terms so that the public can know how much income a government earns and how to allocate it.

After developing the strategy for development of public finance management, the government has been implementing it since 2014-15 fiscal year, according to the union deputy minister.

Other topic discussed on Monday at the Upper House session focused on purchase of raw rubber from local business and issuing land grant documents. At the Lower House session on Monday, representatives and officials discussed matters related to traffic congestion in border town Myawady, withholding taxes on work contracts to private builders and arrangements for closure of old copper

mines.

The speaker of the Lower House informed the representatives of the message he sent to the presi-

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun on Monday discussed mangrove forest conservation and a conservation plan with Ola Elvestuen, head of the Norwegian Parliament's Standing Committee for Energy and the Environment, here.

Norway is now helping Myanmar with the programmes on conservation of biodiversity and forest resources. At the meeting, the two sides also discussed cooperation with INGOs in rehabilitation programmes, mangrove forest conservation activities between the ministry and the World-view International Foun-

dent in which he highlighted the need to protect the birthrights of Myanmar migrant workers in China.—MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing donates Waso robes, alms to leading monks

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attended a ceremony to donate Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha at the hall of Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) in Nay Pyi Taw on Monday.

The Senior General and wife offered Waso robes and alms to the Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Monastery Abbot

Bhaddanta Kumara.

The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife also donated Waso robes and alms to Vice Chairman of the SSMNC Abbot of Dekkhinayama Phayagyi Monastery of Mandalay Bhaddanta Obasabhivamsa, with senior military officers offering robes and alms to other members of the Sangha.

Myawady

Union minister discusses mangrove conservation with Norwegian MP



dation (WIF) by signing MoUs.—MNA

Union Minister U Win Tun holds talks with Norwegian MP Ola Elvestuen and party.—MNA

A photograph showing two men standing behind a large blue table. The man on the left is wearing a plaid shirt, and the man on the right is wearing a yellow shirt. Both have their faces obscured by black boxes. On the table in front of them is a white rectangular object. To the left of the table is a white motorcycle, and to the right is a red motorcycle. The background is a solid red wall.

REGIONAL

Indonesia's tight, dirty presidential race may be decided in West Java

TASIKMALAYA, 7 July — The closest and dirtiest presidential race in Indonesia's young democracy could be decided on Wednesday among the mosques and rice paddies of West Java, the nation's most populous province.

Former special forces chief Prabowo Subianto and Jakarta Governor Joko "Jokowi" Widodo are running neck-and-neck in opinion polls, leaving markets in Southeast Asia's largest economy under pressure and on tenterhooks awaiting the outcome.

Indonesia's 190 million voters face a clear choice: the relatively untested, untainted Jokowi or a tough nationalist in Prabowo who has top military leadership experience but is dogged by decades-old allegations of army brutality, which he denies. "The young democracy of Indonesia is about to face a tough maturity test on 9 July," said Welian Wiranto, economist at OCBC Bank.

This will be the first time in the world's third-largest democracy that a directly elected president hands over the

reins to another. Outgoing president Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who has largely disappointed in his last four years, must step down in October after serving a two-term limit.

Voting starts in Indonesia's distant eastern islands and finishes two time zones away in the densely populated west at 0700 BST. Early counts by pollsters should give an idea of the outcome fairly soon afterwards.

A Prabowo win is expected to weaken markets due to concerns that he will introduce protectionist policies in the financial and farm sectors, and launch big debt-funded spending projects. Stocks JKSE and the rupiah have fallen about 4 percent since mid-May when Jokowi's big lead in the polls began to slip.

Should the race be too close to call, the markets could take an even bigger hit, particularly if it is a long, drawn-out process involving legal battles, protests and violence.

MAIN BATTLEGROUND

All eyes are on the main battleground



Indonesian presidential candidate Joko "Jokowi" Widodo runs on the stage after delivering a speech in front of his supporters at Gelora Bung Karno stadium in Jakarta on 5 July, 2014.—REUTERS

province of West Java, an area the size of the Netherlands but with a population nearly three times larger.

Prabowo has seized a single-digit lead from Jokowi in the province of 46 million people, helped by a smear campaign that raised questions about the Jakarta governor's race and religion — potent topics in a nation that is 95 percent native Indonesian and has the world's largest Muslim population.

"That had a very big impact," said Fitri Hari, researcher at polling firm Lingkaran Survei Indonesia, referring to questions, aired in social media by Prabowo supporters, about Jokowi's Islamic faith and his Javanese ethnicity — even though he was born a Muslim in the Javanese town of Solo.

To counter the smear, Jokowi is set to go on a minor pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia early this week

when there is a ban on public campaigning before the vote.

Jokowi's lead in national opinion polls — as much as 30 percentage points three months ago — has shrunk as the smear campaign has developed, pollsters say. Prabowo, who has not made public comments about Jokowi's race or religion, has appeared to lead a more organized campaign than his rival.—Reuters

Australia returns 41 asylum seekers to Sri Lanka

SYDNEY, 7 July — The Australian and Sri Lankan governments have moved swiftly to return a group of 41 Sri Lankan nationals who attempted to arrive illegally in Australia by boat, Immigration Minister Scott Morrison announced on Monday.

Morrison said in a statement that the asylum seekers were scanned by teleconference at sea before being transferred to the Sri Lankan navy near Sri Lanka on Sunday.

All of the people on board were "safe and accounted for" and the boat was not in distress.

The suspected illegal entry vessel was intercepted by an Australian border protection patrol west of Cocos (Keeling) Islands in late June, the statement said.

Morrison said the transfer follows previous returns to Sri Lanka including 79 illegal maritime arrivals last year.—Xinhua

Military chopper crash kills more than 10 in Hanoi



Airforce personnel guard the area outside the site of a military helicopter crash, outside Hanoi on 7 July, 2014.—REUTERS

HANOI, 7 July — A military helicopter crashed into a residential area on the fringes of Vietnam's capital Hanoi on Monday, killing more than 10

people, a witness and government officials said.

The helicopter came down during exercises early in the morning near a housing area about 30

kilometres (19 miles) west of the city center and local officials were investigating the incident and assessing the damage.

Kieu Van Kinh, an

official at the People's Committee of Thach Hoa commune in Hanoi's Thach That district, said more than 10 military personnel were killed.

Officials did not say whether there were any survivors or if any civilians were hurt or killed. A Reuters witness saw fire trucks arrive and people carrying away what appeared to be pieces of wreckage.

Troops and police blocked access to the crash site, which was near a military airport.

A resident told Reuters she had counted at least 12 bodies around the crash site. Several vendors said those on board were paratroopers who had bought food from them just moments earlier.

It was unclear what model the chopper was. Vietnam's military helicopters are mostly Soviet-era models.

Reuters

Cambodia celebrates 6th anniversary of Preah Vihear Temple on World Heritage List

PENH, 7 July — Cambodia marked the sixth anniversary of the inscription of the 11th century Preah Vihear Temple on the UNESCO's World Heritage List on Monday. The event was held at the complex of Preah Vihear Temple in Preah Vihear province with the participation of about 2,000 people including government officials, UNESCO officials, cultural experts, local authorities and residents.

Chuch Phoeun, culture ministry secretary of State and chairman of the Preah Vihear Temple National Authority, said the celebration was to promote awareness of the temple's status among the public and to show national pride that the temple gained a world heritage status. "The temple is the emblem of Cambodia's pride," he said. You Sovan, deputy chief of the Preah Vihear provincial tourism department, said the temple attracted 63,600 domestic and foreign tourists in the first six months of this year, up 53 percent from 41,600 visitors over the same period last year.

"The temple will be the country's 2nd largest tourist destination in the future after the Angkor Wat world heritage site," he said. Preah Vihear, a Hindu temple, is located on the top of a 525-metre cliff in the Dangrek Mountains, about 500 km northwest of Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia.

It had been a flashpoint of sporadic armed clashes between Cambodian and Thai troops between July 2008 and May 2011. The Hague-based International Court of Justice (ICJ) awarded Cambodia the temple and its vicinity on 15 June, 1962, but Thailand claimed the ownership of 4.6 square km of scrub next to the temple in 2008, triggering deadly armed conflict.

In November last year, ICJ ruled that Cambodia had sovereignty over the whole territory of the promontory of Preah Vihear Temple, and ordered Thailand to withdraw its armed forces from that territory.

Xinhua

Merkel says US spying allegations are serious

BEIJING, 7 July — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Monday allegations that a German man worked as a double agent for US intelligence were serious and, if true, were a clear contradiction of what cooperation between partners is supposed to be about. The case risks further straining ties with Washington, which have been sorely tested by revelations last year of large-scale snooping on Germany by the US National Security Agency.

“If the reports are correct it would be a serious case,” Merkel told a news conference in Beijing, standing next to Chinese Premier Li Keqiang.

“If the allegations are true, it would be for me a clear contradiction as to what I consider to be trusting cooperation between



Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel reviews an honour guard during a welcoming ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 7 July, 2014. — REUTERS

agencies and partners.” The White House and State Department have so far declined to comment on

the arrest of a 31-year-old employee of Germany's BND foreign intelligence agency.

According to intelligence and political sources, the man admits passing documents to a US contact.

Those include information about a parliamentary committee looking into allegations by former US intelligence contractor Edward Snowden that Washington carried out major surveillance in Germany, including monitoring Merkel's phone.

Surveillance is a sensitive issue in a country where memories of the Nazi's Gestapo secret police and communist East Germany's Stasi ensure the right to privacy is treasured.

As Merkel visited China, where she oversaw the signing of agreements involving Airbus Group NV's helicopter division selling 100 aircraft to Chinese companies, a German intelligence chief warned that some firms in China faced a growing threat from industrial espionage by

Chinese government agencies with huge resources.” Germany is against that — regardless of where it comes from,” Merkel said, in reference to industrial espionage.

“We have a duty as the state to protect our economy... We are for the protection of intellectual property.”

China's premier repeated his government's denial that it was involved in such activities.

“China and Germany, it can be said, are both victims of hacking attacks. The Chinese government resolutely opposes hacking attacks as well as the use of the internet to steal commercial secrets or intellectual property,” Li said. “China will engage in dialogue and consultation to protect the security of the internet.”—Reuters

Hillary Clinton says Merkel is Europe's “greatest leader”



BERLIN, 7 July — Former US secretary of state Hillary Clinton called Chancellor Angela Merkel “the greatest leader in Europe” during a visit to Berlin on Sunday and said it was high time America had a woman leader too, though without confirming she would seek the job.

Clinton also referred to **Former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton smiles during a book signing for her book “Hard Choices” at a Waterstones book store in London on 3 July, 2014.** — REUTERS

Russian President Vladimir Putin as a “tough customer with a pretty thin skin” in an appearance at a Berlin theatre to promote her new book, “Hard Choices”.

The former senator and wife of ex-President Bill Clinton is widely expected to run for the White House in 2016 and has cited Merkel as a good argument for the United States having a woman president soon.

“I think we are ready for a woman to break through the glass ceiling,” Clinton said in an interview with *Bild am Sonntag*

newspaper, adding that she would decide whether to run for president “at the end of this year or early next year”.

Clinton joked at the Schiller Theater about her and Merkel's shared taste for pants suits and voiced admiration for the chancellor's leadership of Europe in the euro zone debt crisis.

“I say in the book I think she is the greatest leader in Europe, I think she is a great leader globally, I think she carried Europe on her shoulders and it wasn't easy,” she said.

Reuters

Ukraine says forces will press forward after taking rebel stronghold

SLAVIANSK, (Ukraine), 7 July — Ukraine's government said it would quickly seize more territory from pro-Russian separatists after re-taking their stronghold of Sloviansk in what President Petro Poroshenko called a turning point in the fight for control of the country's east. “My order is now in effect - tighten the ring around the terrorists,” Poroshenko tweeted on Sunday. “Continue the operation to liberate Donetsk and Luhansk regions,” he said, naming Ukraine's two major eastern parts which have boiled with separatist rebellion since April.

There were no immediate figures for casualties caused by the government offensive in Sloviansk, launched after Poroshenko

refused to renew a unilateral ceasefire and ordered the resumption of a government offensive on 30 June.

In Sloviansk, where Ukrainian forces had been tightening their grip for more than a month, around 200 residents lined up in the city's central square for meat, potatoes, onions and bread distributed by troops.

“Everything is different now. Tonight is the first night with no shelling,” said Mikhail Martynenko, 58, a guard at a local market near Sloviansk. “People are in a better mood and there are more people on the streets. Everyone was afraid. They had no idea when another mortar would come flying,” he said. Under rebel commander Igor Strelkov, a Muscovite declared defence



Newly-appointed Ukrainian Defence Minister Valery Heletey (C) walks with troops at a temporary base near the city of Sloviansk on 6 July, 2014. — REUTERS

minister of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, Sloviansk had put up some of the fiercest resistance to Ukrainian forces, bringing down at least three military helicopters and one Antonov-30 intelligence plane.

Slaviansk's re-capture represents Kiev's most notable military victory in three months of fighting in which more than 200 Ukrainian troops have been killed as well as hundreds of civilians and rebels.

“This is not full victory. But the clearing out of people armed to the teeth from Slaviansk has huge symbolic importance. It is the beginning of the turning point in the battle with fighters for the territorial integrity of Ukraine,” said Poroshenko.— Reuters

WORLD

Egypt's Sisi wishes Al Jazeera journalists had been deported, not tried

CAIRO, 7 July—Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi said he wished the imprisoned Al Jazeera journalists, convicted of aiding “a terrorist group”, had been deported and not put on trial, a newspaper reported on Monday.

Sisi's comments sparked hope for the family of Australian reporter Peter Grete who, along with colleagues Mohamed Fahmy and Baher Mohamed, was jailed last month for 10 years. Sisi was quoted by Egypt's *Al-Masry Al-Youm* private newspaper as saying the verdict “had very negative effects”.

“I wished they were deported right after they were arrested instead of getting put on trial,” Sisi added during a meeting with local journalists on Sunday. Sisi's initial reaction to the ruling was that he would not interfere in court ver-



Egypt's President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi speaks during joint news conference with Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir (not seen) in Khartoum on 27 June, 2014.

REUTERS

dicts. Monday's comments could be a hint he might use his presidential power to pardon the journalists, who still have a chance to appeal against the verdict in a higher court.

Peter Grete's brother, Andrew, said he was heart-

ened by the comments.

“I'm sure images of Peter in the cage in the court are not images Egypt really wants distributed around the world,” Andrew Grete told reporters in Brisbane. “And the publicity they're getting out of this

I'm sure is not the publicity any country would want.”

Peter Grete, Al Jazeera English Cairo bureau chief Fahmy, a dual Canadian-Egyptian citizen, and Egyptian network producer Mohamed were detained in December.—*Reuters*

Gunmen kill at least 29 in latest raids on Kenyan coast

MOMBASA, 7 July — Gunmen killed at least 29 people in two coastal areas of Kenya in raids the deputy president indicated on Sunday were the work of political rivals, despite Somali Islamists al Shabaab claiming responsibility.

The raids will hammer Kenya's beleaguered tourist industry after a wave of militant attacks and will deepen public frustrations about poor security, a day before a big opposition rally in the capital. The Interior Ministry said one of the Saturday night attacks killed nine in the trading town of Hindi in Lamu County, close to where 65 people were killed by gunmen last month in Mpeketoni.

Another was further south in the Gamba area, where 20 died. “They went



A policeman sits near the scene where his colleague was killed during an attack by gunmen who raided Gamba police station, on 6 July, 2014. —REUTERS

around shooting at people and villages indiscriminately,” said Abdallah Shahasi, a senior official for the Hindi area, which lies near the old trading port of Lamu.

Militant raids on the coast have fanned an already tense political atmosphere in Kenya, which has sent troops to join African Union soldiers battling al

Shabaab in neighbouring Somalia. Sheikh Abdiasis Abu Musab, spokesman for the military operations of al Shabaab, told *Reuters* in Mogadishu the group was behind both attacks.

The group, which attacked Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi last year killing 67 people, had also said it was responsible for

the Mpeketoni attacks.

But, just as President Uhuru Kenyatta dismissed al Shabaab's claim last month and pointed the finger at local politicians over Mpeketoni, his deputy on Sunday suggested political rivals were again to blame.

“We want to tell our friends they cannot blackmail us using criminal elements in our country,” Deputy President William Ruto said on a visit to the Lamu area. He offered no names.

“If you are unable to wait for the next general election, you are in a hurry, you want to make the country ungovernable so you can get into office through the backdoor, that will not happen in Kenya,” he said. “You can forget about it.”

Reuters

Local official killed in ambush in Sudan's Darfur region

KHARTOUM, 7 July—A local Sudanese official was killed on Sunday and the people accompanying him were injured when unidentified gunmen ambushed them in Sudan's South Darfur State. “Unidentified gunmen on Sunday ambushed Commissioner of Katela Locality Abdalla Yassin while he was on his way back from Nyala, capital

of the state, to the locality headquarter. The commissioner died on the spot,” said Adam Mahmoud Jaral-Nabi, South Darfur state governor, in a statement. He noted that the wounded were sent to a local hospital for medical treatment. However, the governor denied that the ambush suggested that there is a rebellion in the area.

Xinhua

Mortar attack kills three kids in eastern Syria

DAMASCUS, 6 July—Three children were killed and their parents were wounded when mortar shells slammed a neighbourhood in the country's eastern province of Deir al-Zour, the official SANA news agency reported Sunday.

The mortars slammed a house at the al-Ruwad neighbourhood, killing the

three children and injuring their parents while they were preparing for breakfast in the holy month of Ramadan, said SANA, adding that the mother is in critical condition.

Large swathes of the oil-rich Deir al-Zour on the borders with Iraq have spiraled out of the government control over the past year.

Xinhua

Technocrat Mohammed Dionne named Senegal's prime minister

DAKAR, 7 July — Senegal's President Macky Sall on Sunday appointed Mohammed Dionne as prime minister, state television RTS reported, following the sacking last week of Aminata Toure after she failed to win a seat in a on 29 June local election.

Dionne, 55, who had previous stints at the Central Bank of West African States and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, was minister in charge of the implementation of Senegal's \$7.98 billion (4.66 billion pound) development plan in the previous government.

“The head of state gave me and government of the Republic a roadmap that can be broken down into few words... get to work,” Dionne said briefly on state television after

meeting with the president late on Sunday.

Dionne, a computer engineer by training, is President Sall's third prime minister since he won a hotly contested election in March 2012 against veteran incumbent Abdoulaye Wade, promising to tackle poverty and corruption as a priority.

Sall has come under criticism from many voters who say his policies aimed at tackling corruption and improving governance in one of West Africa's most stable democracies have failed to provide jobs and economic growth in the former French colony of 13 million people.

Dionne's appointment may open the way for the government to speed up the reform process and attempt to create more jobs ahead of elections set for 2017.

Reuters

Libya to announce elections results on 20 July



Election officials work in the operations rooms of the High National Elections Commission after elections yesterday in Tripoli, on 26 June, 2014. —REUTERS

TRIPOLI, 7 July — Libya will announce results of last month's parliamentary elections on 20 July, the head of the elections commission said on Sunday, pushing back the results another week.

Fewer than half of registered Libyans voted, reflecting disillusionment with the chaos prevailing since Gaddafi's overthrow. The government and outgoing parliament have failed to produce security and curb militias who helped oust Gaddafi but now defy state authority.

The North African oil producer elected on 25 June a new assembly in a vote marred by a low turnout and violence, opening a new chapter in Libya's bumpy transition toward democracy since the 2011 fall of Muammar Gaddafi

to an armed uprising.

Emad Sayeh, head of the High National Election Commission, said final results would be announced on 20 July. Partial results from some cities have been published but Sayeh said the commission needed more time to produce accurate results.

Results from 24 polling stations are being withheld because of some “illegal acts”, he said, adding that out of 1,751 candidates 41 had been disqualified under a law banning former officials in the Gaddafi regime from taking a public office.

Sayeh also said the commission was still waiting for the old assembly to organize a new vote in constituencies where polling stations remained closed on election day due for security reasons.—*Reuters*

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 8 July, 2014

Strict law enforcement crucial for protection of Myanmar wildlife

By Aung Khin

Myanmar still has a high level of biodiversity in its natural forests. The country also contains many species which are found nowhere else. An estimated number of 233 globally threatened species, including 37 critically endangered and 65 endangered species, inhabit Myanmar.

Even worse, some species of Myanmar's wildlife are being trafficked to neighbouring

countries. This is not just threatening the environment, but also poses economic, security and health implications.

The country's northern forests are home to elephants, bears, leopards and hundreds of species of birds. The Hukaung Valley Wildlife Sanctuary is still the world's largest tiger reserve. Although successive Myanmar governments made conservation efforts, some reports revealed that illegal wildlife trade exists in the country, especially with the neighbouring countries of China, Bangladesh, India, Lao PDR and Thailand. Animal parts of endangered species are in demand in these countries for traditional medicines and decorative pieces.

The TRAFFIC, an international non-government organization of the wildlife trade monitoring network, released a report on 7 July 2014 titled 'An assessment of the live elephant trade in Thailand', which provides details of between 79 and 81 wild elephants illegally captured for sale

into the tourist industry in Thailand between April 2011 and March 2013, suggesting the Kingdom needs urgent changes of its legislation and elephant registration procedures to stop the trafficking.

Amazingly, at least 60 percent of these trafficked animals reportedly originated from Myanmar for tourism industry in Thailand after the young elephants were trained with usually brutal methods before being sold.

To conserve Myanmar's wildlife species, law enforcement should be tightened and penalties for those trafficking should be increased, while educative programmes and livelihoods for residents must be promoted.

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Long lasting old Capital Inwa Part V Fourth Inwa under second Konebaung dynasty

Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja
Sithu Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt

King Bodawpaya's move to his new capital Amarapura in 1783 left Inwa not totally abandoned and neglected. People kept Inwa alive. Bodawpaya made his new capital great and glorious by building it on the then up-to-date urban plan and his palace on the model of a great monarch's residence [which British envoys admired so much] according to traditional designs and rituals.

True to the psyche of a person who possesses excess of power and excess of wealth, Bodawpaya was a magno-phile—a person who loves great things. He had recovered the empire his royal father and brother Kings Alaungpaya and Hsin byu shin respectively had built and he himself had further extended his kingdom by his might and main. Now he turned to realize the dreams of his political asylum years in Mingun just across the River Ayeyawaddy, opposite to his new Capital Amarapura. Four colossi [structures of superlative size] were built there, (1) the largest brick Pagoda of 500 feet high perhaps a brick counterpart of the Great Pyramid at Ghiza in Egypt, (2) largest twain of leogryphs, each 95 feet high, (3) the largest water tank for the storage of rain and river water for Buddhist recluses

residing in the hill ranges, a sub-terranean channel connecting with river to let water into the tank and (4) the largest alloy bell of 12 feet high, 16 feet and 3 inches in diameter at the mouth of weighing 90 tons, the largest ringing bell today in the world.

These four monasteries were built in the 9th year of his long reign [1782-1819 A.D.] 37 years. Only the biggest pagoda was unfinished. The other three were completed and all four colossi are wonders and marvels of the world.

The conquest of Rakhine in 1784 by his son, the Crown Prince, made his military power reach its zenith but kept on for a decade leading military expeditions to Ayudia for customary tribute. To his Capital and court envoys from far and near came for diplomatic relations, trade and religious leaders of Christianity and Islam for propagation of their faiths. All were treated well and given equal favour. A staunch Buddhist and a great patron and promoter of Theravada Buddhism, Bodawpaya followed the policy of religious toleration and provided freedom to all faiths. Father Sungermano of Roman Catholic mission who lived many years at the Capital held a high opinion of Bodawpaya which he sincerely

expressed in his book "A Description of Burmese Empire" published in 1885. In it, he says that Bodawpaya's kingdom was the largest strongest and wealthiest peaceful empire in Southeast Asia of that time.

But his conquest of Rakhine brought the frontiers of his empire nearer to India which had then become part of the British Empire, thus sowing the seeds of border disputes which escalated into war in the time of his succession King Bagyidaw.

During the long reign of 37 years many great events took place that contributed much to his and his country's credits. He himself was a very perseverant king to prove that he deserved "great monarch", by not neglecting every aspect of his country, political, economic, social, religious and cultural as well as foreign relations. Like Tha Lun he compiled Revenue Inquests two times in 1784 and 1803 and recovered many lost revenues and taxes. He promoted agriculture by repairing old irrigation works, building new ones, reclaiming new farmlands, encouraging local and foreign trade, patronizing men of letters, artisans and craftsmen, musicians and performers, sending mission to India to collect treatises on Buddhist literature, Vedas, alchemy, astrology, medicine, and sciences for translation by his learned monks and laymen.

He received tributes and rich presents, including a white elephant from his vassal states which he lavishly favoured.

To enhance his glory and greatness, a special type of white elephant "Saddan Hsin Hpu" appeared in the forest of his Kingdom and upon receiving it, he assumed the special title "Saddam Hsin Min Thakin" Master or Possessor of White Saddam Elephant", an exalted title which no ordinary king could aspire to.

Downfall of Myanmar Empire in Second Konebaung dynasty

The glory and greatness of the Myanmar Empire under the First Konebaung dynasty collapsed with the death of Bodawpaya in 1819. His son, the Crown Prince, died of fatigue and diseurs after his return from march to Rakhine. Therefore Crown Prince's son and grandson of Bodawpaya, Lord of Sagaing [Sagaing Min] succeeded to the throne. But he was well known as Bagyidaw. But he was also no equal to his grand father Bodawpaya just as King Singu was no equal to his father Hsinbyushin with the accession of Bagyidaw began the period of the decline of Myanmar Empire. **Fourth Inwa under the Second Konebaung dynasty**

With the death of Bodawpaya in 1819 and succession of King Bagyidaw begun the second Konebaung dynasty. It was

the period of decline leading to the final fall of Myanmar monarchy in 1885. But we find that Inwa revived as capital and shone its final career under King Bagyidaw. Four years after he succeeded his grand father's throne at Amarapura, King Bagyidaw moved back to Inwa in 1823. Main reason being, as usual, astrological. But he had practical reasons for returning to Inwa. Geographically Amarapura had no good hinterland as Inwa did. Beside, Amarapura was on the bank of the Ayeyawady River, two exposed to attack by water forces of invaders, where as though Inwa was much exposed to naval invasion by enemies due to its position at the confluence of five rivers, it commanded a far larger and better hinterland of Shan pleatues to turn to for refuge. Besides Leidwins of Kyaukse [Eleven irrigated areas of Kyaukse] could enable Inwa with stand any eventuality, war or natural disaster, whereas Amarapura lacked such advantages.

By a grand royal ceremonial procession King Bagyidaw moved to Inwa in 1823 at the auspicious time recommended by his Brahmin priests. Royal family members, Ministers, Commanders, all office bearers and concubines in their colourful country dresses, gowns and attendants bearing their respective regalia and insignias followed their Majesties, the King and the chief Queen in their simple dress as instructed by Brahmin Priests proceeded to Inwa in chariot, on elephant, on horse on palanqueries or on

foot depending upon their ranks to enter newly renovated Inwa and rebuilt Inwa Palace.

Young King Bagyidaw at the age of 37 years was happy to be back to Inwa. So was everyone with him. People of Inwa were happiest now the neglected town became capital again. But the unsettled issues he inherited from his grandfather. Bodawpaya particularly western borders with British India overshadowed his region. Graceful and dignified, privately charming and approachable fond of sports – riding horses, elephants, holding boat races cheerfully giving audience to foreign envoys, gradually fell into moments of mania caused by extensive stress and strain of a King who inherited a disintegrating kingdom. Though he was lucky to have such men of letters and men of swords as court poet U Min, commander Myawady Mingyi U Sa and dozens of learned monks and laymen who helped him in times of need, circumstances and situations at home and abroad had undergone changes beyond the capabilities of a medieval king like Bagyidaw. The Myanmar military power which had carried from Ayudra to MraukU, defended the Manchu armies, made and unmade rajas of Assam and Manipur had been irreparably shattered in Bagyidaw's time. In the year he took possession of the new palace at Inwa 1823 the British made Catcher British Protectorate, challenging Bagyidaw's military strength.

(To be continued)

LOCAL NEWS

Students get citizenship scrutiny cards in Mandalay through one-stop service



MANDALAY, 7 July—The Immigration and National Registration Department, the Ministry of Education and United Pacific Co., Ltd jointly organized the issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to students of schools in Chanayethazan Township in 2014-15 academic year.

On Saturday, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region U Ye Myint said at the ceremony that a total of 387,630 CSCs and 105,466 household registration certificates have so far been issued.

With the contributions of wellwishers, CSCs will

be issued to 28,670 students from 70 basic education schools in 28 townships of Mandalay Region.

The Chief Minister, region ministers and officials presented citizenship scrutiny cards to 7,715 students of Chanayethazan Township through one-stop service.

The wellwishers will sponsor the cost of issuing the cards to students from PyinOoLwin, Kyaukse, Meiktila and NyaungU districts.

Tin Maung (Mandalay)

Maintenance of power lines, sub-power stations undertaken in Hlinethaya Tsp

YANGON, 7 July—The Ministry of Electric Power is focusing on sufficient power supply for people, minimizing loss of power units and ensuring electricity safety, officials said.

Director U Khin Maung Kyaw of Yangon City Electricity Supply Board and officials supervised tasks of workers and electricians from Hline-thaya Township and workers from Township Development Affairs Committee (Parks and Playgrounds Department).

On 28 and 29 June, the workers and electricians cleared branches of trees under the power lines, around transformers and sub-power stations. During their works, sup-

ply of power was cut off along some power lines to residences and industrial zones for ensuring electricity safety.—Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)

Officials of YESB inspecting maintenance of power lines and sub-power stations and minimizing loss of power units in Hlinethaya Township.



Post-Primary School opens in Sagaing Region

KYAUKHU, 7 July—A ceremony to inaugurate the Basic Education Post-Primary School took place in Kyaukma Village of Kyaukhtu Sub-Town-



ship in Gangaw District of Sagaing Region on Saturday.

The Basic Education Primary School was opened in the village in 1955. This year, the school was upgraded to a BEPPS.

Students from Kyaukma Village and nearby villages will have easy access to the school, with officials hoping the literacy rate will be raised.

The school was opened by school officials and local authorities.

Kyemon-465

Rural people of Indaw Tsp to get better telecommunications

MAWHAN, 7 July—Myanma Posts and Telecommunications built a GSM tower in Mawhe Village of Mohnyin Township in Kachin State on Friday.

The construction of the GSM tower started on 22 April. On 18 May, the construction of the tower started near the sports ground, west of Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad and was completed on 4 July.

The tower will be installed with machinery and communication devices in August.

Upon completion, local people from Mawhe, Pinlon, Myaingthaya, Thayagon and Nantsiaung villages be able to make use of the telecommunication facility, said U Myint Zaw, administrator of Mawhe Village.

Khin Maung Swe (Mawlu)



Social security, labour laws explained in South Dagon Industrial Zone

YANGON, 7 July—A talk on labour affairs was given at the hall of Dagon Myothit (South) Township Industrial Zone in Yangon Region on Friday.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw Tun and officials of the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Social Security discussed

social security affairs, labour disputes between employees and employers, worksite safety and the health sector.

It was attended by 73 employers and employees from factories and industries of the industrial zone.—Min Htet Paing (Hlinethaya)



Modern technology on agriculture shared to local farmers

THANDWE, 7 July—An agricultural course showcasing modern machinery was conducted in conjunction with a ceremony to distribute high yield Palethwe hybrid paddy at Chanbyin Village-tract in Thandwe Township of Rakhine State on Sunday.

Head of Thandwe Township Agriculture

Department U Tin Win Maung explained good agricultural patterns in detail and presented Palethwe hybrid paddy strain to 110 local farmers of Chanbyin Village.

Staff of the department then gave lectures to local farmers on respective subjects on good agricultural patterns.—District IPRD

How to fix a broken market in antibiotics



Test tubes filled with samples of bacteria to be tested are seen at the Health Protection Agency in north London in this 9 March, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

LONDON, 7 July — The drugs don't work — and neither does the market, when it comes to antibiotics.

When sophisticated bugs that medicines used to kill within days start to fight back and win, all of healthcare, and the people it keeps alive, is in trouble.

Take gonorrhoea, a sexually transmitted disease contracted by more than 100 million people a year: it used to be easily treatable but has now

developed superbug strains that are drug-resistant and are spreading around the planet.

Tuberculosis is a similar tale. Totally resistant forms of the lung infection emerged in India just a few years ago and have now been detected worldwide. Hospital patients in Africa with untreatable TB are often simply sent home to die.

It's a glimpse of what Britain's chief medical officer Sally Davies calls the

"apocalyptic scenario" of a post-antibiotic era, which the World Health Organisation says will be upon us this century unless something drastic is done.

Waking up to the threat, governments and health officials are getting serious about trying to neutralize it. It may seem like a question of science, microbes and drugs — but in truth it is a global issue of economics and national security.

Fixing the problem is

daunting but past successes in rolling out drugs for HIV, vaccinating millions of children in the developing world and recalibrating rewards for medicines to treat rare genetic diseases suggest it is doable.

The debate moved to centre stage last week when British Prime Minister David Cameron launched a global review of the crisis, securing specific support from US President Barack Obama and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

That builds on a resolution passed at the World Health Assembly in Geneva in May recognizing the pressing need for the world to act in the fight to combat increasing resistance.

"We cannot contemplate failure," Davies told *Reuters* in an interview in her office in London's Whitehall. "We have to find something that works for the world."

What this demands, according to academic and industry experts, is a new business model that rewards drug firms for developing new antibiotics even if they are rarely used.

It is no accident that Cameron chose a

big-hitting economic brain — former Goldman Sachs chief economist Jim O'Neill — to head the review.

"This is...not a science issue. This is an issue of markets and economics," said Davies. "A scientist would just get bogged down and not get it."

Tale of two drugs

In recent decades, drug-makers have slashed investment in antibiotics because of poor returns from a class of low-priced medicines that are only used for short periods, even as overuse of existing drugs has spurred the spread of

resistance.

As a result, the world's biggest investor in the field today is a little-known US firm, Cubist Pharmaceuticals, with an annual research budget for antibiotics of \$400 million.

The industry complains its bug-killing medicines are severely undervalued — and they have a point.

Just over a year ago, Johnson & Johnson won approval for the first drug in 40 years that provides a new way to treat TB, yet sales of Sirturo are forecast by analysts to total just \$75 million this year.—*Reuters*



Two plates which were coated with an antibiotic-resistant bacteria called *Klebsiella* with a mutation called NDM 1 and then exposed to various antibiotics are seen at the Health Protection Agency in north London in this 9 March, 2011 file photo.—REUTERS

Japan, EU begin 6th free trade talks after EU nod to go ahead

TOKYO, 7 July — Japan and the European Union began Monday in Tokyo their sixth round of talks on a free trade agreement and their first since the bloc decided last month to continue negotiating after reviewing Tokyo's efforts to reduce trade barriers.

During the five-day meeting through Friday, the two sides are expected to discuss tariff cuts and the opening up of the Japanese railway sector, a Japanese government official said.

Discussions on tariffs are expected to accelerate after the two sides exchanged their first offers on reducing or abolishing tariffs during the last session of negotiations from late March to early April in Tokyo, the official said.

The latest round comes after EU member countries agreed in June to continue the negotiations with Japan launched in April last year after the European Commission reported on the progress made so far.

The commission had said the bloc might

withdraw from the talks if Tokyo failed to make enough progress in opening up its market in one year.

The European Union is seeking greater market access for exports of cheese, wine and pork, while also calling on Tokyo to remove barriers in the railway sector, including procurement of parts — an area of interest for leading EU member countries such as France and Germany.

Japan, for its part, wants to increase exports of automobiles and electronics goods to Europe.

To win concessions from the European Union, Japan has proposed a plan to scrap tariffs on wine from EU countries over seven years, but the 28-country bloc was not satisfied with the offer, a negotiation source said.

Japan and the European Union, which together account for roughly 30 percent of global economic output, aim to reach a broad agreement by the end of 2015.

Kyodo News

Asian shares ease as investors look to earnings

TOKYO, 7 July — Asian stock markets got off to a slow start on Monday after a US market holiday but held near three-year highs on optimism about the US economy, with investors now shifting their focus to corporate earnings.

MSCI's broadest index of Asia-Pacific shares outside Japan was off 0.2 percent by late morning, staying just under Friday's highs and near its 2011 peak, having risen about 7 percent so far this year.

Japan's Nikkei aver-

age was little changed after closing at a 5-1/2-month high on Friday.

The world's share prices rallied last week, with MSCI's All World share index hitting a record high, as data showed US employment growth smashed forecasts and unemployment fell to near a six-year low of 6.1 percent.

"The US job data was undeniably strong, confirming a strong recovery in the economy," said Tsuyoshi Shimizu, chief strategist at Mizuho Asset

Management.

Investors are now looking at whether record share prices will be justified by quarterly earnings reports and forecasts in the United States and elsewhere, with aluminium producer Alcoa kicking off the US earnings season on Tuesday.

"People said the US earnings would be bad for January-March but in the end the profits were up. I would expect decent results," Shimizu said.

Analysts polled by

Reuters expect earnings growth of 6.2 percent for the second quarter, and a return to double-digits in the third and fourth quarters: 10.9 percent and 11.9 percent, respectively.

"While some people say the valuations of US shares are becoming a bit expensive, I think there's further upside potential given US interest rates are still low," Suzuki also said.

Despite the improvement in the job market, the Federal Reserve is widely expected to keep interest rates near zero for at least a year even as it is trimming stimulus.

In addition, two other major central banks — the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan — are committed to stimulus, keeping cheap money sloshing around possibly for years.

Still, following the job data, the US bond yields jumped, with the rate-sensitive two-year yield staying near a 10-month high.

The two-year US yield stood at 0.528 percent on Monday, after having risen to 0.532 percent on Thursday.—*Reuters*



A pedestrian is reflected on an electronic board showing the graph of the recent fluctuations of Japan's Nikkei average outside a brokerage in Tokyo on 19 June, 2014.

REUTERS

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

100-ton whale found dead on New Zealand beach



BEIJING, 7 July — A large dead whale has washed up on a rocky section of the Taranaki, a region in the west of New Zealand's North Island.

Officials from the Department of Conservation said the whale, which is thought to weigh about 100 tons, is so heavy that it's likely unsafe to move the carcass.

The department is considering leaving the carcass to decompose naturally.

The public are encouraged to avoid contact with the whale carcass as there is a health risk through transfer of disease and the presence of bacteria.

The 19.5-meter-long whale was believed to be a blue whale, the largest species on earth. — *Xinhua*

IBM signs up to help fight China's war on smog

BEIJING, 7 July — IBM Corp has signed an agreement with the city of Beijing to use advanced weather forecasting and cloud computing technologies to help tackle the Chinese capital's persistent smog.

on masks or stay indoors," said Ma Jun, director of the Institute of Environmental and Public Affairs, a non-government group that works to improve emissions data transparency.

Under the agreement



A tricycle travels past a crossroad on a hazy day in Hefei, Anhui Province on 30 March, 2014. — *REUTERS*

smog.

After a series of pollution scares and scandals, China's central government has promised to reverse some of the damage done to the nation's sky, rivers and soil by more than three decades of growth. But China has first had to improve data collection, monitoring and forecasting capabilities before it can work on cutting smog and pollution.

Beijing city already uses an alerting system based on data from 35 monitoring stations, allowing it to shut schools and factories and cut traffic three days in advance, but residents still complain that not enough is being done.

"Predicting is helpful because it helps prevent exposure, but it is not enough if it is only about knowing which days to put

with IBM, Beijing's city government will be one of the partners in the company's China-focused 10-year "Green Horizon" initiative, which aims to draw on IBM's forecasting expertise and the collection of real-time emissions data to predict smog build-ups.

"It is about how we can help cities improve management based on 'Big Data', and better predict (pollution) with accuracy so the government can take proactive action," said Xiaowei Shen, China director of IBM Research, speaking at IBM's lab in Beijing's northwest high-tech district of Zhongguancun.

With China committed to reducing the share of coal in its energy mix, IBM's cloud-based analytic systems could also be tailored to make better use of renewable energy, Shen said. — *Reuters*

Ordinary people outnumber targeted foreigners in NSA data

WASHINGTON, 7 July — *The Washington Post* said on Saturday a study of a large collection of communications intercepted by the US National Security Agency showed that ordinary Internet users, including Americans, far outnumbered legally targeted foreigners caught in the surveillance.

"Nine of 10 account holders found in a large cache of intercepted conversations, which former NSA contractor Edward Snowden provided in full to *The Post*, were not the intended surveillance targets but were caught in a net the agency had cast for somebody else," the *Post* said.

Nearly half of the files "contained names, email addresses or other details that the NSA marked as belonging to US citizens or residents," it said.

The paper said the files also contained discover-

ies of considerable intelligence value, including "fresh revelations about a secret overseas nuclear project, double-dealing by an ostensible ally, a military calamity that befell an unfriendly power, and the identities of aggressive intruders into US computer networks."

Tracking the communications led to the capture of some terrorism suspects,

including Umar Patek, a suspect in a 2002 bombing on the Indonesian island of Bali, it said.

Many other files were retained although, described as useless by analysts, they were about intimate issues such as love, illicit sexual relations, political and religious conversions and financial anxieties, the *Post* said.

The paper said it re-

viewed about 160,000 emails and instant-message conversations and 7,900 documents taken from more than 11,000 online accounts, collected between 2009 and 2012.

US intelligence officials declined to confirm or deny in general terms the authenticity of the intercepted content provided by Snowden to the *Post*.

Reuters



Antennas of the former National Security Agency (NSA) listening station are seen at the Teufelsberg hill, or Devil's Mountain in Berlin, on 5 Nov, 2013. — *REUTERS*

Is volatile fuel used in racing cars a new power source for ships?

SINGAPORE, 7 July — Methanol, a fuel used to power light aircraft and racing cars, is being tried out as alternative for ships, highlighting its potential in an industry under pressure to cut emissions.

From next year, shipping firms will have to cut polluting sulphur emissions in vessels going to parts of Europe and North America, sparking a race for alternatives to standard diesel between fuel sources such as methanol and liquefied natural gas.

As well as being considered a green fuel, methanol is potentially cheaper and more plentiful than diesel or LNG.

But it is trickier to handle than some fuels, such as diesel, due to its lower flashpoint — the temperature where it vaporizes and could ignite — so needs care to prevent fires. "Compared with LNG as an alternative shipping fuel we see methanol in an early stage of development," said Thomas Wybierek, a shipping analyst at Norddeutsche Landesbank.

Methanol is currently more costly than diesel and less efficient to burn, though prices could come down as new projects to produce it come on stream.

South Korean and Japanese shipyards recently won the first or-

ders for ships running on methanol. Engines, using 95 percent methanol and 5 percent diesel, are being developed and should be delivered in mid-2015, said engine builder MAN Diesel & Turbo. "From a risk perspective I can't see that methanol has any drawbacks as compared to LNG," said Joanne Ellis at Swedish maritime transport consultant SSPA, which is working on one of two research programs looking at methanol as a marine fuel.

Methanol can be stored in existing tanks on ships and since it is not kept under pressure will not expand and explode in the way LNG could, she

said. Because LNG is super-chilled it also needs special tanks and could freeze ship equipment or cause injuries if it leaked.

Draft safety guidelines should be finalised this year for ships powered by fuels with low flashpoints such as methanol, the UN's International Maritime Organization (IMO) said.

RACE WITH LNG

There are about 50 LNG-fuelled ships operating globally, excluding dual-fuel LNG carriers.

This will double with around 55 LNG-fuelled ships on order as firms in emission control areas opt to use LNG to comply with tougher IMO rules on

emissions.

But a lack of LNG refueling infrastructure at ports and the tanks needed to store it on ships, taking up space for cargo, are obstacles to its wider use, some experts say.

On the other hand, methanol can be stored in existing fuel tanks and transported to port by road tanker. It is usually produced from natural gas, though can also be made from biomass, carbon dioxide and even household rubbish.

Total methanol demand was 66 million tonnes in 2013, data from consultancy Jim Jordan and Associates showed, while

demand for marine diesel was 372 million tonnes, according to OW Bunker, a supplier of the fuel. Shipping firms will have to cut emissions of sulphur dioxide in emission control areas in Europe and North America from the current 1 percent to 0.1 percent from next year under IMO rules.

Global IMO curbs will lower emissions to 0.5 percent in 2020 or 2025 from the existing 3.5 percent. The controls have led shipping firms to consider alternative fuels as methanol, which is sulphur free and has low levels of nitrogen oxide, as well as low-sulphur diesel and LNG.

Reuters

Shi'ite cleric Sadr urges Maliki's bloc to choose new Iraq PM candidate

BAGHDAD, 7 July— Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki's coalition should withdraw its support for his bid for a third term and pick another candidate, Shi'ite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr urged, amid parliamentary deadlock over the formation of a new government.

Maliki has come under mounting pressure since Islamic State militants took swathes of the north and west of Iraq last month and declared a caliphate on land they and other Sunni armed groups have captured in Iraq and Syria.

In a statement published on his website late on Saturday, Sadr said Maliki "has involved himself and us in long security quarrels and big political crises" and suggested that preventing Maliki from serving a third term would be a "welcome step".

"It is necessary to demonstrate the national and paternal spirit by aiming for a higher, wider goal from individuals and blocs and by that I mean changing the candidates," said Sadr, who gained political influence during the US occupation.

The radical cleric and his political allies had previously advocated the next prime minister should be a Shi'ite chosen from outside of Maliki's State of Law coalition.

"I remain convinced that the brothers in the State of Law coalition must pres-



Shi'ite volunteers from Hezbollah Iraq, who have joined the Iraqi army to fight against militants of the Islamic State, formerly known as the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL), gather together in Baghdad, on 6 July, 2014. —REUTERS

ent the candidate for prime minister ... because it is the biggest bloc within the National Alliance," Sadr said.

State of Law is part of the National Alliance, a bloc comprising the country's biggest Shi'ite parties, including both Maliki's list and his foes.

Dhiya al-Asadi, secretary general of the Al-Ahrar bloc, the Shi'ite political party loyal to Sadr, told *Reuters*: "We are fine with any State of Law candidate as long as he is not Maliki."

The United States, Iran, the United Nations and

Iraq's own Shi'ite clerics have called on Iraqi politicians to overcome their differences to face the insurgency.

Maliki's military spokesman Qassim Atta told reporters on Sunday "the security apparatus is working" to analyse a video posted online of a man purporting to be the leader of Islamic State praying at the grand mosque in Mosul.

The city is one of those seized by the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) last month before the group changed its name

and declared its leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi caliph, a title held by successors of the Prophet Mohammad.

Interior Ministry spokesman Saad Maan had earlier said the 21-minute video, which carried Friday's date, was "false".

Atta said the video was being "cross-referenced with intelligence data to determine whether it is in fact" the reclusive Baghdadi.

Before the video was released on jihadist forums and Twitter accounts associated with the group, reports appeared on social

media that Baghdadi would make his first public appearance.

Government forces were on Sunday continuing to battle Islamic State militants south of the rebel-held city of Tikrit, which the army has yet to retake after an offensive began on 28 June, Atta said.

He said forces had killed 14 militants since Saturday in the al-Dayoum and Wadi Shisheen areas near Tikrit and troops were reinforcing the village of Awja, recaptured three days ago, and preparing to push 8

km (5 miles) north into the city.

Maliki's opponents blame his divisive rule for fuelling the political crisis and want him to step aside. They accuse him of ruling for the Shi'ite majority at the expense of the Sunni and Kurdish minorities.

He has remained defiant, insisting on Friday that he will not give up his quest for a third term in power.

The first meeting of the Iraqi parliament since its election in April collapsed last week without agreement. Kurds and Sunnis walked out, complaining Shi'ite lawmakers had not yet determined who they would put forward as premier.

Maliki's main Shi'ite rivals say there is consensus among some in the Shi'ite coalition and among the Sunnis and Kurds against his bid for a third term.

"There is a wish by all political blocs except the State of Law ... (for) the change," said Ali Shubber, a leading member of the Islamic Supreme Council of Iraq (ISCI), a Shi'ite party that came second to Maliki's State of Law in April's election.

"We feel that it must take place in order to change the political equation."

Another Shi'ite politician, former prime minister Iyad Allawi, called on Maliki on Saturday to give up his bid for a third term or risk the dismemberment of Iraq.—*Reuters*

Six Jewish suspects arrested over death of Palestinian teenager

JERUSALEM, 7 July — Israel has arrested six Jewish suspects in the abduction and killing of a Palestinian teenager whose death sparked violent protests in Jerusalem and Israeli Arab towns, a security source said on Sunday.

Tensions were also high along the Gaza border where Israel killed two Palestinian militants and wounded a third in one of about a dozen air strikes in response to rocket fire at southern Israeli towns. Hospital officials confirmed the fatalities, and the Israeli military confirmed it had bombed central Gaza.

But Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu signalled that broader Israeli action was not imminent.



Mohammed Abu Khudair, 16, is seen in this undated family handout picture released on 6 July, 2014.

REUTERS

The burning-alive of 16-year-old Mohammed Abu Khudair, and the earlier killings of three kidnapped Israeli teenagers, have driven relations between

Palestinians and Israelis to their lowest point since US-backed peace talks broke down in April.

The security source gave no details about the suspects arrested in the investigation into the abduction and killing of Abu Khudair, other than to say they were Jewish and that police saw "nationalist motives" in the case.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said a gag order had been imposed on most details of the case, commenting only that police had arrested a number of Jewish people suspected of carrying out the killing.

Israel's Shin Bet security agency said the suspects were being questioned at one of its installations.

Reuters

Israel frees jailed Palestinian-American boy, places him under house arrest

JERUSALEM, 7 July — An Israeli judge on Sunday released from jail and placed under house arrest a 15-year-old American of Palestinian descent whose apparent beating by Israeli police in East Jerusalem has drawn US concern.

Tariq Khdeir from Tampa, Florida, is a cousin of Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, whose abduction and killing in Jerusalem on Wednesday sparked violent protests and calls from Palestinians for a new uprising against Israel.

A video clip circulated on the Internet on Saturday showed two Israeli border policemen holding down and repeatedly pummeling a masked youth before carrying him away. A later part of the video shows Khdeir's



Tariq Khdeir (L) is kissed by his mother in a mourners tent for his cousin Mohammed Abu Khdeir in the Arab neighbourhood of Shuafat in Jerusalem on 6 July, 2014. — REUTERS

face with a heavy black eye and swollen lip. Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said Khdeir was one of six protesters caught and detained on Thursday during clashes with police. Khdeir's mother told *Reuters* her son was watching the protest and had not taken

part. Khdeir, a high school student who had been visiting family in East Jerusalem, also denied being involved in the clashes, telling reporters in comments that aired on ABC News on Sunday that he "was just watching" the clashes.

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Identity of China bus arsonist still unclear

HANGZHOU, 7 July — The identity of a man suspected by police of setting a bus fire on Saturday in east China's Hangzhou City is still unclear.

On Monday, police posted a photo of the man online and offered rewards for tips on his identity.

Police recovered the video captured by a camera on the bus showing a man near the vehicle's back door pouring liquid from his backpack at 5:03 pm on Saturday and using a lighter to set the fire. Flames quickly spread through the bus.

Police also ascertained from the footage that the stocky man, aged about 30 and wearing shorts and slippers, got on the bus at the terminal station of Lingyin Temple at 4:09 pm.

Lingyin Temple is a famous tourist attraction in the scenic city, known for its picturesque West Lake. Investigators said many of the passengers aboard the bus were tourists outside Hangzhou. There are three minors among the injured.

The suspected arsonist and 28 others are being treated in hospitals.

Hospital sources said the arson suspect is among 15 severely injured people from the fire. They are still under intensive medical care.

Police have found that the fire was ignited by banana oil, a lacquer thinner, which the suspect carried onto the bus in a 10-liter plastic container in his backpack.

Xinhua

Kuwait police disperse rally demanding politician's release

KUWAIT, 7 July — Police dispersed hundreds of protesters in Kuwait late on Sunday as they tried to march from the Grand Mosque to the main court complex to demand the release of prominent opposition politician Musallam al-Barrak.

After warning the chanting protesters that they had failed to obtain a licence for the march and that blocking the road would be illegal, the police fired smoke bombs to break up the gathering, a Reuters witness said.

Kuwait said on Friday it would take all necessary measures against "any signs of disturbance and violence" after police scattered demonstrators the government said had thrown stones, burned car tyres and blocked roads the previous night.

Al-Barrak has been detained for questioning over allegations that he insulted the judiciary. A court hearing for the former lawmak-



A shopkeeper watches from inside his shop as Kuwaiti Special Forces detain a Kuwaiti protester in Kuwait City on 6 July, 2014.—REUTERS

er has been set for Monday.

OPEC producer Kuwait, a US ally, allows more political freedom than other Gulf Arab states. It has a lively press and an elected parliament, but has also banned public gatherings of more than 20 people without a permit.

Unrest flared in 2012 after the ruling emir, Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmed al-Sabah, changed the electoral law before a parliamentary election in De-

cember that year.

Barrak and other opposition groups said the move was intended to deny them a majority, and they boycotted the poll.

Barrak, who draws support from some of Kuwait's powerful tribes, was sentenced to jail for insulting the emir in 2013. His arrest and conviction triggered a series of street protests. He was later acquitted.

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R&B star Rihanna

Rihanna replaced in Balmain fashion ads

LONDON, 7 July — R&B star Rihanna has been replaced in the upcoming ad campaign for French fashion house Balmain. The 'Monster' singer was named the face of Balmain, modelling for their 2014 Spring/Summer campaign, back in December, reported *Digital Spy*.

It appears that Rihanna won't be featured in the next campaign, however, as the new Balmain ads instead feature Britain's Cara Delevingne and Jourdan Dunn.

Balmain designer Olivier Rousteing told Instagram followers that the new campaign would feature "different girls" with "different backgrounds".

Last month, Rihanna was named the Most Desirable Woman at the 2014 Guys Choice Awards. She also recently made headlines for the custom sheer Adam Selman gown she wore at the 2014 CFDA Fashion Awards.—PTI



Actors
Jessica Simpson
and Eric Johnson
arrive on the
red carpet at
the annual
White House
Correspondents'
Association
Dinner in
Washington,
on 3 May, 2014.
REUTERS

Jessica Simpson, Eric Johnson wed in Santa Barbara

NEW YORK, 7 July — Jessica Simpson married former NFL player Eric Johnson in southern California on Saturday, *People* magazine reported.

Simpson, 33, and Johnson, 34, tied the knot at the San Ysidro Ranch in Santa Barbara, according to the magazine which received confirmation from the couple.

"We are overwhelmed with complete happiness and love having made our eternal commitment," Simpson and Johnson said in a statement to *People* on Saturday.

The couple was joined by more than 250 guests, including Simpson's sister Ashlee Simpson and her fiancé Evan Ross, Jessica Alba and Donald Faison.

The couple have two children, one-year-old Ace who served as a ring bearer and Maxwell, 2, who was a flower girl.

Simpson, a pop singer and Weight Watchers spokeswoman and Johnson, a former San Francisco 49ers tight end, began dating four years ago and became engaged in November 2010.—Reuters

"Transformers: Age of Extinction" rules box office in 2nd weekend

LOS ANGELES, 7 July — "Transformers: Age of Extinction" is the most popular movie this weekend, with 36.4 million US dollars in estimated ticket sales in North America.

In its second week of screening, the film dropped 64 percent in ticket sales since last weekend. It has a 10-day tally of 175 million dollars in sales, according to studio estimator Rentrak.

Melissa McCarthy's latest comedy "Tammy" debuted with 21.2 million dollars from 3,456 locations in North America, taking the second place. "Tammy" earned just a C+ from first-night moviegoers and got a 26 percent approval rating from Rotten Tomatoes' critics. All these indicate "Tammy" may have a tough time in the long run.—Xinhua



JACQUELINE FERNANDEZ

thanks mom for naming her after Jackie Kennedy

MUMBAI, 7 July — Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez has thanked her mother Kim for naming her after her idol former US First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy.

The 28-year-old Sri Lankan-born actress took to Twitter and Instagram to share a picture of the wife of the 35th President of the United States, John F. Kennedy.

"Thank you Kim Fernz (her mother) for naming me after the beautiful Jackie O... my idol," Jacqueline posted on Twitter.

The actress, who made her debut in Bollywood in 2009 with 'Aladin', went on to star in movies like 'Murder 2', 'Housefull 2' and 'Race 2'.

Jacqueline is currently gearing up for the release of 'Kick' in which she stars opposite Salman Khan. The film will hit theatres on 25 July.

PTI

'Transformers' producers face new dispute from Chinese location rep

SHANGHAI, 7 July — A scenic Chinese location where scenes in Paramount Pictures' "Transformers: Age of Extinction" were filmed, has threatened to sue the film's producers for failing to display its logo on-screen, the *China Daily* newspaper reported.

The product placement complaint was made by the Chongqing Wulong Karst Tourism Group, which operates the Wulong Scenic Area in southwest China. It marks the second dispute the movie has faced in the world's second-largest film market where buoyant box office revenues is drawing Hollywood film-

makers. *China Daily* quoted Li Chu, a marketing manager for the location, as saying the company was in talks with producer 1905 Internet Technology and Paramount Pictures after they failed to show the area's logo which confused some audiences about where the scenes were shot. Beijing-based 1905 Internet Technology is the movie channel arm of China Central Television.

"If we fail to compromise on a proposal that could remedy our loss we will resort to legal procedures," Li said in the newspaper's report on Monday.

Officials with Paramount Pictures, a unit of Viacom, were not immediately available to comment.

Other media reports said the scenic area should shoulder some of the blame because it contracted with 1905 and failed to deliver its contract payment on time.

The tourism board plans to hold a press conference in Beijing on Monday to explain its case, a spokesman said.

Reuters

HELENA BONHAM CARTER

obsessed with Candy Crush Saga



LONDON, 7 July — Actress Helena Bonham Carter does her best to stop her children using iPads all day — but says she herself is obsessed with playing Candy Crush Saga.

The 48-year-old 'Harry Potter' actress tries to limit the access her children Billy, 10, and Nell, six, have to gaming devices, but feels a bit hypocritical because she plays the sweet-swapping game whenever she can, reported *Hello* magazine.

"The challenge is to find something we all like doing and to get the children away from the screens, like iPads. Although I can't be too strict as I'm a bit addicted to Candy Crush," she said.

When they're not playing computer games, Helena says her family love to get creative together, with her partner Tim Burton being a gifted artist.—PTI



A model of the Transformers character Bumblebee is displayed in front of Qianmen Gate in central Beijing, on 20 June, 2014. —REUTERS

GENERAL

Samsung Electronics faces falling profits as succession looms

SEOUL, 7 July — Smartphone leader Samsung Electronics Co Ltd faces a third straight quarter of profit decline that could become a fourth as cheaper models grab a bigger share of a slowing market and Apple Inc readies the launch of its iPhone 6.

Samsung Electronics' woes, exacerbated by a won that has risen to a six-year high against the dollar, come at an awkward time for the flagship of South Korea's largest conglomerate. The maker of the Galaxy smartphone is expected to say on Tuesday that earnings likely fell 12.6 percent for the quarter ended June, according to a Thomson Reuters I/B/E/S poll. The group's patriarch Lee Kun-hee has been hospitalized since May following a heart attack, and the succession map for his three children — including heir-apparent Jay Y. Lee — remains unclear.

"Samsung's heyday has gone. Its profit growth was abnormally high for the past three to four years, and now that is normalizing," said Chang Sea-Jin, a business professor at Korea

Advanced Institute of Science and Technology and author of the book "Sony vs Samsung".

Analysts say Samsung's top-end Galaxy S5 handset, released in late March, is selling well but not well enough to offset weaker shipments for low- and mid-tier devices. Its next big product launch, the Galaxy Note 4, is expected later this year but is not forecast by analysts to be a game-changer.

Its foray into wearable devices like the Gear smartwatch, meanwhile, remains at an early stage and faces tough competition from Apple and others. That leaves Samsung Electronics under margin pressure and without a clear new growth driver for the immediate future.

"Samsung's heir apparent has no magic wand. It's not something he can tackle in one or two years," said Chang.

Samsung has said it will boost dividends, and those plans are expected to be detailed when full results for the three months ended June are released later this month.

That may placate investors who have sent its shares down about 5 percent this year, lagging the flat performance of the benchmark Korea Composite Stock Price Index.

Some analysts have also said it could buy back shares this year, part of a broader group restructuring tied to succession.

"Obviously, paying dividends is better than nothing, but I question how much merit there is to that given how tech companies are supposed to be growth stocks," said Um Joon-ho, fund manager at Kiwoom Asset Management.

Samsung's cash cow handsets business is suffering from slowing market growth and improving product quality from Chinese manufacturers such as Huawei Technologies Co Ltd [HWT.UL] and Lenovo Group Ltd.

Research firm IDC expects global smartphone shipment growth this year to slow to 19.3 percent from 39.2 percent last year, while average sales prices are also seen falling.

Samsung's first-quarter market share fell to 30.2



Jay Y Lee, son of Samsung Electronics chairman Lee Kun-hee and the company's chief operating officer arrives at the company's headquarters in Seoul on 1 Dec, 2010.

REUTERS

percent from 31.9 percent a year earlier, according to IDC. Huawei and Lenovo gained share. Samsung's shipments were hurt by an apparent move by Chinese carriers to promote cheaper local brands, analysts said.

"If Samsung lowers the prices for its mid-to-low tier line-up, that will hurt their short-term profits, but their competitors will have to slash prices too and may not be able to turn profits," IBK Securities analyst Lee Seung-woo said.

"In the medium to long term, this is the way to pressure the competition."

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Di Maria ruled out, Brazil try to get Thiago Silva back

BRASILIA, 7 July — Brazil launched a desperate appeal to have skipper Thiago Silva's ban for their World Cup semi-final against Germany overturned on Sunday but Argentine hopes of seeing Angel Di Maria in action were ended by injury.

Doctors confirmed Di Maria will miss the semi-final against the Netherlands because of a thigh problem but did not rule the winger out of being fit for the final should Argentina prevail in Sao Paulo on Wednesday.

"Angel has a Grade 1 injury. Of course he won't play in Argentina's next game. After that, we'll evaluate the situation day-by-day," team doctor Daniel Martinez told reporters.

Brazil captain Thiago Silva was also expected to miss the semi-finals after picking up his second yellow card of the tournament in the 2-1 win over Colombia in the last eight on Friday.

The central defender was cautioned for needlessly blocking keeper David Ospina as he was taking a kick and FIFA said they



Brazil's Thiago Silva celebrates after scoring against Colombia during their 2014 World Cup quarter-finals at the Castelao arena in Fortaleza on 4 July, 2014.

REUTERS

were analyzing an appeal from the Brazilian Football Association.

His presence in the team on Tuesday would be a huge fillip for a Brazilian public still reeling from the loss of talismanic striker Neymar, who was ruled out of the rest of the tournament after fracturing a vertebra in the win over Colombia.

That incident continued to appear on Sunday's sports news bulletins on local television but Brazil's former World Cup winning captain Carlos Alberto Tor-

res hoped it might end up being a good omen for the current squad.

The 1970 skipper recalled how Amarildo and Garrincha had stepped up to fill the void left by an injury to Pele in 1962 and helped steer Brazil to the title.

"In the 1962 World Cup, we lost Pele," he told Sportv. "Maybe someone will wake up and become the Garrincha of 1962."

Germany were sure Neymar's absence would not weaken the challenge facing them in Belo

Horizonte, with Bastian Schweinsteiger expecting Brazil to draw strength from the adversity suffered by their posterboy.

Schweinsteiger's coach Joachim Loew, however, was more concerned about the methods Brazil might use in the mouth-watering last four clash, wary of a repeat of the tough tackling that marked their win over Colombia.

"There's precious little left of that traditional Brazilian style of soccer, that artistic style of playing that we all know so well," Loew said in an interview at his team's base camp on the Atlantic coast.

"For sure, Brazil still have good technical players. But they're playing more robustly than any other team here and they have been trying to break up their opponent's attack that way."

Brazil have made no apology for the 31 fouls they committed against Colombia and Dutch goalkeeper Tim Krul was another quarter-final victor unrepentant for his actions.

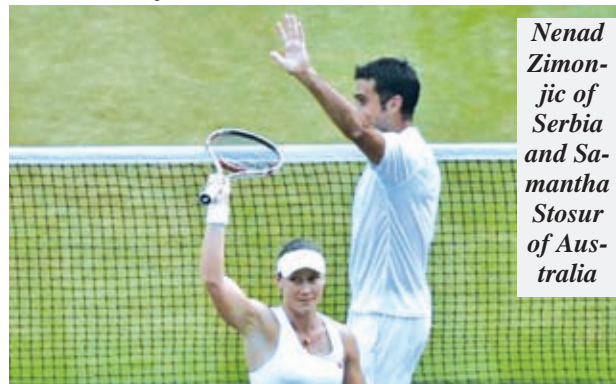
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Stosur and Zimonjic claim mixed doubles title

LONDON, 7 July — Fifteenth seeds Samantha Stosur and Nenad Zimonjic claimed the mixed doubles title with a 6-4, 6-2 win against 14th seeds Chan Hao-Ching of Taiwan and Max Mirnyi of Belarus at Wimbledon on Sunday in the final match of the 2014 championships.

For Australian Stosur, who exited the women's single draw in the first round, it was a second Wimbledon title after she won in 2008 with Bob Bryan. Zimonjic is part of Serbia's Davis Cup team and had earlier watched team mate Novak Djokovic claim the men's singles title before laying claim to some silverware of his own on Centre Court.

"This was kind of a feeling like playing the Davis Cup, watching Novak play and then being ready to step on the court," Zimonjic said.—Reuters



Nenad Zimonjic of Serbia and Samantha Stosur of Australia

RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 July — With two potentially epic semi-finals in prospect this week between Brazil and Germany and Argentina and the Netherlands, Reuters takes a look back at five classic World Cup semi-finals.

Stockholm 24 June 1958 Brazil 5 France 2

Pele, who was 17-years-old, had scored his first World Cup goal in Brazil's 1-0 win over Wales in the quarter-finals but at a time when television was beginning to expand, his fame rapidly spread after his performance in the semi-final against France.

The stage was set for a classic after Vava put Brazil ahead in the second minute and Just Fontaine equalized seven minutes later. Didi put Brazil back in front six minutes before halftime, then Pele took over.

He scored a 23-minute hat-trick with goals in the 52nd, 64th and 75th minutes to secure Brazil's place in the final before Roger Piantoni scored a late consolation to make the score 5-2.

Brazil won the World Cup against Sweden by the same score-line with Pele scoring another two goals to take his 1958 World Cup tally to six.

Mexico City, 17 June 1970 Italy 4 West Germany 3 (AET)

One of the greatest World Cup matches of all time remembered mainly for the astonishing extra time period that settled it and put Italy into the final for the first time since 1938.

Roberto Boninsegna's eighth minute goal looked like winning it for the Italians in front of a 102,000 crowd at the Azteca Stadium but as injury time drew to an end German sweeper Karl-Heinz Schnellinger equalized.

A look back at five memorable World Cup Semi-finals

After four minutes of extra time West Germany struck again with Gerd Mueller putting them 2-1 ahead to start a frantic burst of five goals in 17 minutes.

Tarcisio Burgnich made it 2-2 before Gigi Riva put the Italians back in front later with a shot on the turn.

That lead only last six minutes before Mueller scored to make it 3-3. The Italians went straight up the other end with Gianni Rivera striking in the 111th minute to make it 4-3.

One of the lasting memories of the game is Franz Beckenbauer playing with his arm across his chest in a makeshift sling as he continued playing after dislocating his shoulder.

Italy returned to the Azteca a few days later and lost 4-1 to Brazil in the final.

Seville, 8 July 1982 WEST Germany 3 France 3 (AET)

West Germany won 5-4 on penalties

Twelve years after their defeat to Italy in the 1970 semis, West Germany triumphed in 1982 in one of the World Cup's most dramatic and controversial matches, featuring the infamous assault by German keeper Harald Schumacher on Patrick Battiston.

That incident was crucial to the outcome, because although

Battiston was badly injured by Schumacher's reckless flying mid-air challenge and ended the day in hospital, the goalkeeper was not even yellow carded and kept his place in goal for the penalty shootout which the Germans won. France though, appeared to be heading for their first World Cup final when they led 3-1 after eight minutes of extra time.

Although Pierre Littbarski had given West Germany a 17th minute lead, that had been cancelled out by a Michel Platini penalty soon after and the French, the better side, almost won the game when Manuel Amoros hit the crossbar in stoppage time.

Justice appeared to be done when Marius Tresor and Alain Giresse struck to put France 3-1 ahead after 98, but with injured captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge coming off the bench to lead the fightback, the Germans pulled level with goals from Rummenigge and Klaus Fischer before they won in the World Cup's first shootout.

They then met Italy in the final, and, as they had been in the 1970 semi, were beaten again, 3-1 in Madrid.

Turin, 4 July 1990 West Germany 1 England 1 (AET)

West Germany won 4-3 on penalties

England reached the semi-finals for the first time since 1966 but Germany triumphed in a highly emotional and dramatic clash.

Andreas Brehme put Germany ahead after an hour with a deflected free-kick before Gary Lineker equalized 10 minutes from time.

One of the more famous TV images of those finals, is a shot of Paul Gascoigne welling up in tears after a booking that would have kept him out of the final and the camera then focusing on Lineker, turning to the English bench, and mouthing "have a word with him" indicating they should try and keep Gascoigne calm for the remainder of the match.

Neither team scored again in extra time — though both hit the woodwork — so the outcome was decided by penalties with both sides scoring their first three. Stuart Pearce then missed for England, Olaf Thon scored for West Germany to make it 4-3 before Chris Waddle famously sent

his penalty into orbit to give the Germans victory. Another iconic moment followed as German captain Lothar Matthaeus consoled a distraught Waddle after the game.

The other semi-final between hosts Italy and Argentina also ended in a 1-1 draw and a 4-3 penalty shootout victory for the Argentines who lost 1-0 to the Germans in the final.

Paris 8 July 1998 France 2 Croatia 1

On a night of almost unbelievable tension France, playing at home in their capital city, came from behind to reach the World Cup final for the first time.

Croatia, competing as an independent nation for the first time and riding on an emotional wave of support from home, had impressed throughout the tournament and qualified for the last four in style beating Germany 3-0 in the quarter-finals. France, as hosts had looked superb for most of the tournament too with wins over South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Denmark and Paraguay before reaching the semis with a penalty shootout win over Italy.

But they fell behind to Croatia just after halftime when Davor Suker scored, although the match turned a minute later when defender Lilian Thuram equalized, before scoring what proved to be the winner 20 minutes from time. They were the only goals he scored in a 142-cap, 14-year international career. The match was marred by the sending off of French defender Laurent Blanc 14 minutes from time for elbowing Croatian Slaven Bilic although TV replays proved that Bilic feigned the injury.

That kept Blanc out of the final which France won with a 3-0 victory over Brazil.—Reuters

Argentina has history of adverse results against Netherlands

BUENOS AIRES, 7 July — Argentina has a history of adverse results against the Netherlands, which it will face at the semi-final of the 2014 World Cup on Wednesday.

Argentina defeated the Netherlands only in the final of the 1978 Argentina World Cup, 3-1. They met four times in World Cups with Argentina losing twice.

Argentina lost 4-0 in the second round of the 1974 Germany World Cup, and 2-1 in the quarter-final of the 1998 France World Cup. In the 2006 Germany version, the teams drew 0-0 in the group stage.

Argentina and the Netherlands faced each other eight times internationally, with the Dutch recording four wins, three draws and one loss.

The following is a list of results of the total matches between both teams:

- (1) 1974, at Amsterdam (Netherlands), friendly, Argentina 1 Netherlands 4.
- (2) 1974, at Gelsenkirchen (Germany), World Cup second round, Argentina 0 Netherlands 4.
- (3) 1978, Buenos Aires (Argentina), World Cup final, Argentina 3 Netherlands 1.
- (4) 1979, Zurich (Switzerland), FIFA's 75th Anniversary Cup, Argentina 0 (8) Netherlands 0 (7).
- (5) 1998, Marseille (France), World Cup quarter-finals, Argentina 1 Netherlands 2.
- (6) 1999, Amsterdam (Netherlands), friendly, Argentina 1 Netherlands 1.
- (7) 2003, Amsterdam (Netherlands), friendly, Argentina 0 Netherlands 1.
- (8) 2006, Frankfurt (Germany), World Cup first round, Argentina 0 Netherlands 0.—Xinhua

Dazzling Djokovic savours victory over Federer

LONDON, 7 July — After almost four hours of mental torture, Novak Djokovic sank to his knees, crouched over the hallowed Wimbledon turf, plucked a blade of grass and put it in his mouth — never before had victory tasted so good.

It was a victory that he should have been celebrating almost an hour earlier, it was a victory that almost slipped through his sweaty fingers, it was a victory he had been craving for three years. At 6.07pm local time on Sunday, the Serb's agony finally turned into ecstasy when Roger Federer whipped a backhand into the net to end one of the greatest finals seen at the All England Club. The 6-7(7), 6-4, 7-6(4), 5-7, 6-4 triumph elevated Djokovic to a double Wimbledon champion, while denying Federer a record eighth title.

Fifty two minutes earlier the Serb had also stood one point away from victory at 5-4 in the fourth set —

only to watch Hawkeye deliver the cruellest of blows.

The technology that had left Federer seething in the 2007 final, when he yelled "God it's killing me", came to his rescue at match point down by ruling the Swiss's serve had in fact kissed the line after the line judge had called it out. What should have led to a second serve from Federer had now turned into an ace, producing another twist in the gripping drama that had 15,000 people sitting on the edge of their seats and Djokovic tied up in knots.—Reuters



Novak Djokovic of Serbia holds the winner's trophy after defeating Roger Federer (R) of Switzerland in their men's singles tennis match on Centre Court at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London on 6 July, 2014.—REUTERS

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