

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets locals in Pyinmana and Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann met with local people of Pyinmana at Min-

galar Kandaw Hall in Pyinmana on Sunday.

At the meeting, Thura U Shwe Mann said that governments and organiza-

tions concerned are necessary to cooperate with the Hluttaw to turn people's voice into Hluttaw's voice and people's will into Hlut-

taw's will, before adding that the responsibility of the Hluttaw is to pass the will of the people into laws. Then, he said that

being formed with representatives of people, the Hluttaw will work for the interests of the people and (See page 3)

Asia Cement Public Co Ltd wins tender to run Kyangin Cement Factory with JV

YANGON, 14 June — Asia Cement Public Co Ltd won a tender for running a state-owned cement factory through the joint venture system, according to an announcement of Ministry of Industry on Saturday.

Before the Ministry of

Industry had not reached final agreements with a previous winner for the project, it put Kyangin Cement Factory in Ayeyawady Region out to tender again in December last year, inviting local and foreign companies that competed for the project in the

previous competition to bid for the project.

No.2 Heavy Industries Enterprise of the Ministry of Industry has already put its three cement factories out to tender to operate them through the joint venture system.—GNLM

YANGON, 14 June — Myanma Railways has awarded Mitsubishi Corp and Hitachi a ¥2.4bn contract to modernize signaling on the 140 km Yangon-Pyuntaza route by June 2017, funded by a grant from Japan International Co-operation Agency.

Ministry of Rail Transportation, which controls the railway operator, also spent \$207 million of ODA loans from Japan in March to buy about 100 air-conditioned coaches from Japan to replace ordinary cars currently in use on Yangon's circular railroad.—GNLM

Mitsubishi Corp, Hitachi win contract to modernize signaling on Yangon-Pyuntaza route



Passengers waiting to take a local train on the Yangon-Mandalay route.

PHOTO: AYE MIN SOE

New quality strains essential for agricultural development

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Development of agricultural sector in Myanmar depends a lot on availability of quality seeds and researches on the currently cultivating seeds play an important role too.

Therefore, Myanmar has formed the National Committee for Quality Seeds Production to set up the national seed policy, to exchange quality seeds with international community, to cooperate in seed research with governments, international organizations, local organization and private entrepreneurs, to issue

certificates to recognize new strain seeds and distribution, export and import of seeds that have been recognized by the national seed committee.

At present, farmers and researchers have applied for official recognition of three hybrid paddy strains, eight high-yield paddy strains, nine maize strains, four sweet corn strains, four corn strains, one peanut strain, one sugar cane strain, one long cotton strain, 12 tomato strains and many other new vegetable strains.

Than Oo (Lemyethna)

Girls' orphanage plans to send its matric repeaters to boarding school

By Khaing Thanda Lwin

YANGON, 14 June — Orphan girls who failed the matriculation examination this year will be sent to a boarding school, according to a philanthropist who sponsored their education.

The girls are from Aye Yeik Mon Girls' Orphanage in the township of ChaungU, Sagaing Region.

It is not clear which school the girls will be sent to, generous donor U Hla Min told The Global New Light of Myanmar in an interview, adding his contri-

bution is to empower them through education. He is also an assistant secretary of Shwe Parami Healthcare Foundation.

The students will have to take a test to gain entrance to a selected boarding school, with the donor saying qualified students will be able to pursue education there.

The orphanage has a majority of ethnic minority students, which he said poses a barrier to them studying science subjects

written in English, such as physics and biology.

Twelve orphan girls sat the matriculation examination this year and only one student passed it. Eight new students, together with 11 failed ones, will sit the 2015-2016 matriculation examination, which is usually held in March.

U Hla Min expressed his delight at the pass rate of Grades 5 and 9 from the orphanage. "The school needs more toilets," he said, inviting donations and urging well-wishers to reach a nun named Daw

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3.7-magnitude earthquake hits Myanmar-China border, about 266 km from Mae Sai

YANGON, 14 June— A 3.7-magnitude earthquake erupted on the Myanmar-China border at about 8:40 a.m. Sunday, the Seismology Bureau of the Meteorological Department of Thailand announced.

It said the quake's epicenter was about 266 kilometres northwest of Chiang Rai's Mae Sai district and it was about 9 kilometres deep.—GNLM



Donor U Hla Min

Rupa on her mobile at 09-420 128 993.

Founded twenty years ago by U Win Sein, a former rail transportation minister, Aye Yeik Mon Girls' Orphanage can accommodate up to 100 students.—GNLM

Township authorities honour outstanding students, schools in matriculation exam

TATKON, 14 June — A ceremony to honour outstanding students and schools with high pass rate for 2015 matriculation examination was held at Aung San Hall in Tatkon, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, on 14 June.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Myint Shwe praised the outstanding students and schools for their great performances in matriculation examination.

Officials presented prizes and certificates of honour to outstanding students and the schools with high pass rates.

Tatkon Township turned out two four-distinction winners, seven three-distinction winners,

MYEIK, 14 June — With the aim of ensuring smooth process of trade and enabling the local residents to understand procedures of WTO, the Asian Development Bank and Myeik District Chambers of Commerce and Industry jointly conducted the seminar on WTO valuation in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, recently.

Adviser to the ADB Mr Jereny Roland Welens and party spoke about project arena of Asian Development Bank and mission, background history of WTO valuation, detailed facts about agreement and border trade.

*Khaing Htoo
(Myeik District IPRD)*

Mandalarian, Australian businessmen focus on economic cooperation

MANDALAY, 14 June—Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Australian businessmen delegation held a meeting on econom-



15 two-distinction winners and 68 one-distinction winners among 870 students who passed the exam. Shadaw Village Basic Education High School Branch stood first with 45.45 percent pass rate, Nyaunglunt BEHS second with 40.86 percent, Tawwin Private High School third with 38.16 percent and Taungpotha BEHS Branch fourth with 30.43 percent.—*Tin Soe Lwin (Tatkon IPRD)*

Businessmen join seminar on WTO valuation



ic cooperation at Mandalay Hill Resort in Aungmyethazan Township on 12 June.

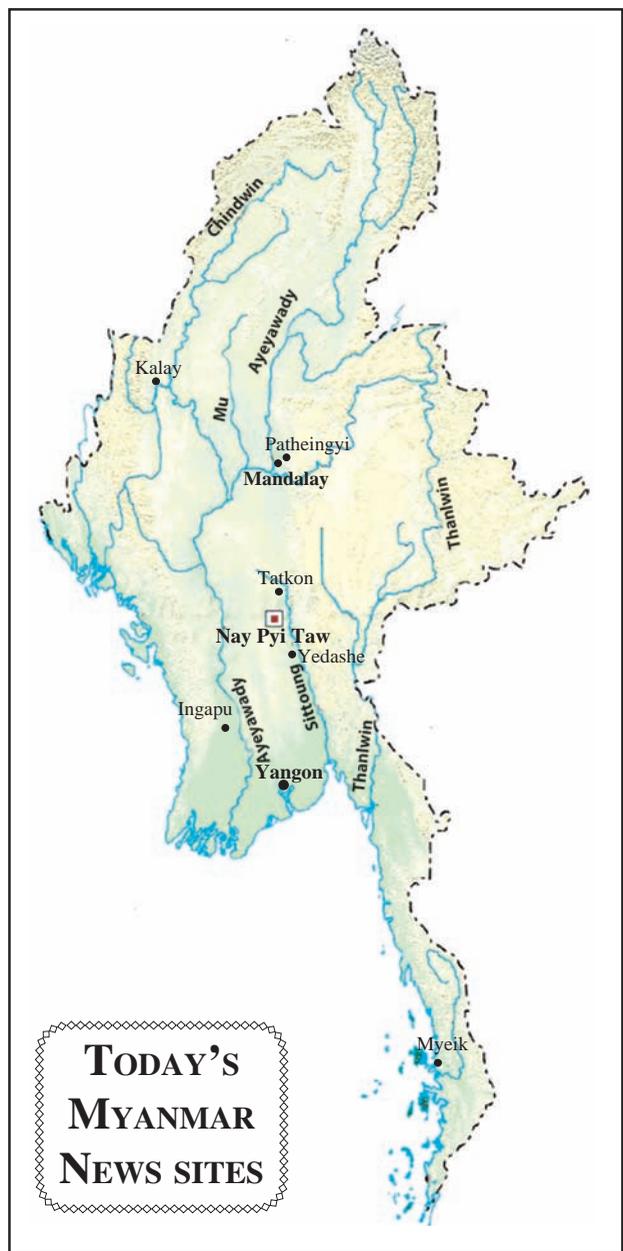
Australian Ambassador Mr Nicholas Coppel extended greetings while Chairman

of the MRCCIU Aung Than spoke on the occasion.

Businessmen from Mandalay Region and those of Australia discussed trade and investment opportuni-

ties in Mandalay Region, buildings and construction tasks, cooperation in mining, education and health sectors in the region.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)



Police officers take course on community policing techniques

MANDALAY, 14 June—The community policing instructor course concluded at the hall of Mandalay Region Police Force, here, on 12 June, with a speech by Commander of the region police force Police Col Han Tun.

The training course was jointly conducted by Myanmar Police Force, European Union and Mandalay Region Police Force.

At present, the trainees

were given training with government's endeavours on modernizing the Myanmar Police Force for ensuring good public relations, solving people's difficulties, and undertaking prevalence of law and order.

Police officers from district and township police stations in the region attended the two-week long training course from 1 to 12 June.—*Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)*



Price of durian fruit still high in market



YEDASHE, 14 June —Thandaunggyi Township in Kayin State yields durian fruits in monsoon yearly. It sells the fruits to other regions and states, especially to Toungoo. This year, production of durian fruits falls in the township due to climate change, said a local resident.

“Temperature is very high this year in the township. In consequence, durian

plants decline fruit production,” he said. Most of the buyers purchase the fruits to present them as gifts to friends, not for eating because its price is still high.

“We sell durian fruits at various prices ranging from K1,000 to K4,000 depending on the sizes of the fruits. In Toungoo, vendors sell the fruits at about K6,000,” said a vendor.

Ko Lwin (Swa)

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the countries without contributing to the interests of any individuals and parties.

Afterwards, the township development supporting committee reported to the speaker on regional development tasks. Local people and politicians also took part in the discussions during the meeting.

In conclusion, the speaker urged local staff to work for the local people.

At 12 noon, Thura U Shwe Mann met with local people at Thirimingalar Hall in Lewe.

At the meeting, the speaker said that the Hluttaw is enacting laws in the interests of the people and the country and authorities

are enforcing the laws, before urging people to abide by the law.

Then, the township development affairs committee chairman reported to the speaker on regional development tasks and local people and politicians engaged in discussions.

Also present at the meetings were Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairmen and members of Hluttaw committees, officials and local people.

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Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets with local people at Thirimingalar Hall in Pyinmana.—MNA



Union minister visits training courses of ActionAid



Union Minister U Htay Aung and officials of ActionAid visit small-scale industries in Pakokku Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Htay Aung inspected tasks being

out by ActionAid in central Myanmar on 12 June.

The union minister arrived at Sharpinkaing Vil-

lage in Pakokku Township and met with local people before hearing report on tasks being carried out by

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Human Rights Human Dignity Film Festival begins in Yangon

YANGON, 14 June — The opening ceremony of Human Rights Human Dignity International Film Festival was held at the Nay Pyi Taw Cinema in Yangon on Sunday afternoon.

Present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Information U Pike Htway, ambassadors from foreign missions, civil society organizations, partner organizations, judges, film directors and guests.

At the ceremony, director of human rights science festival Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi read out the excerpts from the independence declaration of Myanmar (1948) and a film was screened.

During the festival, films directed by local and international directors will be shown free of charge at the Nay Pyi Taw and the Wizaya Cinemas in Yangon from 15 to 18 June.—MNA



Film director Min Htin Ko Ko Gyi reads out excerpt from independence declaration of Myanmar (1948) at opening ceremony of Human Rights Human Dignity International Film Festival.—MNA

ActionAid in Myanmar and potentials for further assistance for socioeconomic development.

ActionAid started its tasks in Myanmar in 2006 and is helping about 900 civil society organizations together with international and local organizations.

Then, the union minister and party visited Chaing Village, where ActionAid is conducting a course on weaving, and Kamma, where ActionAid is conducting courses on manufacturing handicraft from Ingyin rock and cane and bamboo, tailoring and weaving.

In the afternoon, the union minister and party inspected the handicraft shop of ActionAid in NyaungU.

On 13 June, the minister met with officials, hoteliers, tour operators, hotel managers, tour guides and trainees and instructors of the hotel services training school.

Union Construction Minister inspects roads and bridges

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin, together with officials, inspected maintenance of the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, construction of a ring road, a bridge and a river crossing bridge in Bago on 13 June.

Efforts are being made for the timely completion of the river-crossing bridge being built on the Bago River.

Then, the union minister and party inspected

the maintenance tasks of the Yangon-Bago six-lane road being carried out by Max Myanmar Co Ltd.

Afterwards, the minister and party proceeded to Dagon (East) Township bank of Shwepaukkan Bridge and inspected construction tasks.

The bridge, which is 24.2-metres long and 14.6 metres wide, will provide better transportation for people in Dagon Myothit East, Shwepaukkan and North Okkalapa.—MNA

Nissan NP 300 Navara introduced

YANGON, 14 June—The Nissan 3S centre was inaugurated in conjunction with the introduction to the All New Nissan NP 300 Navara on University Avenue in Kamayut Township, Saturday.

Union Minister for

Rail Transportation U Than Htay, Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe and ETCM (Myanmar) Co Ltd Chairman Mr Dato Cheah Sam Kip pressed the button to open the ceremony while deputy ministers Dr Pwint Hsan, U Pike Htway and U Thaug Tin cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

The chief minister, Chairman of United Diamond Motor Co Ltd U Aye Tun and Mr Dato Cheah Sam Kip made speech. Vice Chairman of United Diamond Motor Co Ltd U Dein Yein presented gifts to top buyers. General Manager Mr Lim Meng Thong of ETCM (Myanmar) Co Ltd spoke about 2015 model NP 300 Navara. Nissan NP 300 car is the most suitable for weather and roads in Myanmar.—MNA



Hospital at centre of South Korea's MERS suspends services; seven new cases

SEOUL, 14 June — A South Korean hospital suspended most services on Sunday after being identified as the epicentre of the spread of a deadly respiratory disease that has killed 15 people since being diagnosed in the country nearly four weeks ago.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has called an emergency meeting for Tuesday on South Korea's "large and complex" outbreak of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), the biggest outside Saudi Arabia, where it was first identified in humans in 2012.

MERS was diagnosed in South Korea on 20 May in a businessman who had returned from a trip to the Middle East and has spread through hospitals.

It has stirred fears of a repeat of a 2002-2003 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), which began in China and killed about 800 people globally.



A tourist wearing a mask to prevent contracting Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) asks a sales assistant for directions as they tour Myeongdong shopping district in central Seoul, South Korea, on 12 June, 2015.—REUTERS

South Korea's Ministry of Health reported seven new cases on Sunday, taking the total to 145, as a 15th person died, an official in Busan city said.

The people who died were all elderly or people with existing

ailments.

The Samsung Medical Centre, a prominent hospital in the capital, said it was suspending all non-emergency surgery and would take no new patients to focus on stopping MERS after more

than 70 cases were traced to it.

Its tally has surpassed the number at a hospital in Pyeongtaek, where the first patient sought treatment.

Among the cases at the Samsung Medical Centre was an emergency ward orderly who worked for days after developing symptoms, coming into contact with more than 200 people, the hospital said.

"We apologize for causing great concern as Samsung Medical Center became the centre of the spread of MERS," the hospital's president, Song Jae-Hoon, told a news conference.

"This is entirely our responsibility and failing as we did not properly manage emergency-room staff."

The orderly is believed to have picked up the virus from an infected person who waited three days in different parts of the emergency ward, with nearly 900 staff, patients and visitors coming

and going.

All of South Korea's cases are believed to be linked to hospitals or related services and have been traced back to the businessman who returned from the Middle East.

The WHO said on Saturday it saw no sign the disease was spreading in the community and there was also no indication the virus in South Korea was mutating into one more easily passed between people.

But it said South Korea should anticipate more cases and recommended stepped up disease control and prevention measures.

MERS is caused by a coronavirus from the same family as the one that caused SARS. There is no cure or vaccine.

Authorities have sealed off at least two other hospitals with patients and medical workers inside, and about 4,856 people are in quarantine, either at home or in medical facilities.—Reuters

Thai deputy premier predicts general election in August 2016

BANGKOK, 14 June — Thailand is expected to have a general election in August 2016 if the draft constitution sails through a referendum, which is tentatively slated for next January, Deputy Prime Minister Wissanu Krea-Ngam said on Sunday. A new cabinet is expected to be sworn in by October 2016, after which the interim government and the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) will be dissolved, Wissanu was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying.

The Election Commission said earlier that if the National Re-

form Council (NRC) endorsed the draft charter in early September, a charter referendum could be held on 10 January, 2016.

If the draft charter survives the referendum, the Constitution Drafting Committee (CDC) will draft organic laws in February, which will be forwarded to the National Legislative Assembly (NLA) for deliberation in March and April before going to the Constitutional Court in May, according to the deputy premier.

Once the court approves the organic laws, preparations for a

general election would be made, he added.

The NRC will be dissolved after the charter referendum, regardless of the result, and a reform mobilization committee will be set up instead to carry on with reforms, Wissanu said.

The new reform committee and the CDC will continue to exist until the House of Representatives starts operation, he said, adding the NLA will then remain in existence to perform the duties of the Senate until a new Senate takes shape.—Xinhua



People donate blood on the World Blood Donor Day in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 14 June, 2015. Cambodian Health Minister Mam Bunheng on Sunday called for more blood donations since the Southeast Asian country saw only 4 out of 1,000 people donate their blood.—XINHUA

Photo taken on 13 June, 2015 shows ashes and lava spilling out from the crater of Mount Sinabung in North Sumatra, Indonesia. More than 2,700 people moved from their homes near a volcano on Indonesia's Sumatra island on 4 June following a sharp increase in volcanic activity, an official said.

XINHUA



Oil tanker with 22 goes missing in Malaysian waters

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 June — A Malaysian oil tanker with 22 crew members on board has gone missing off Malaysia's Johor waters on its way from Malacca to Kuantan since 11 June, local media reported on Sunday. Authorities have launched a search operation.

Maritime First Admiral Ibrahim Mohamed, southern region operations director of Malaysian Maritime Enforcement Agency (MMEA), said the tanker, carrying 6,000 metric tons of RON95 petrol, lost contact some 30 nautical miles of Tanjung Sedili east of Johor.

Ibrahim said those missing included 16 Malaysians, five Indonesians and one Myanmar national. The Royal Malaysian Navy (RMN) has deployed three vessels and 150 personnel on the search mission, according to Bernama, Malaysia's state news agency.—Xinhua

Vucci: Serbia needs to guard peace in Balkans

BELGRADE, 14 June — Serbia has to be the guardian of peace and stability in the Balkans, Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic stated on Saturday.

Vucic underscored that he would invest all his energy in Serbia's political stability and economic development.

Those who do not understand this should not meddle in Serbia's politics, Vucic said at the first conference of honorary consuls of Serbia deployed in different parts of the world.

Vucic informed honorary consuls about the reforms the government is implementing and noted that Serbia offers the biggest customs-free market for several countries with a population of almost one billion.

In addition to that, Serbia has contracts on prevention of double taxation and hard-working,



Serbian Prime Minister Aleksandar Vucic

highly qualified workforce, he said.

In Serbia, taxes do not change on a daily basis and are lower than in other countries in the region. Investment conditions are also better and the state can provide assistance to companies that employ a large number of people or intend to bring substantial investments, Vucic said and asked honorary consuls to work on improvement of Serbia's reputation in countries of their deployment and encourage as many investors as possible to place their funds in Serbia. —*Tanjung*

US woman rowing the Pacific alone rescued off Japan coast

SENDAI, 14 June — A US woman was rescued off the Japanese coast on Saturday after she sent a distress signal during a solo attempt to row across the Pacific, the Japan Coast Guard said.

Sonya Baumstein, 30, on 7 June left Choshi port in Chiba Prefecture, east of Tokyo, and sent the signal due to expected bad weather at around 2:20 pm on

Saturday about 250 kilometres off Iwaki, Fukushima Prefecture, according to the coast guard.

Her website says she planned to head for San Francisco without stopping at a port. A freighter travelling nearby rescued her at around 5 pm on Saturday and passed her on to a coast guard ship around 8:55 pm, the coast guard said.

Kyodo News



Workers prepare animal skins in front of animal trophies at the taxidermy studio in Pretoria, South Africa, on 12 Feb, 2015. Africa's big game hunting industry helps protect endangered species, according to its advocates. Opponents say it threatens wildlife. Now a moot change in regulations in the United States could affect the number of foreigners who come to Africa to hunt big game, damaging the industry and possibly hurting wildlife.—REUTERS

Aid-dependent Nepal says needs \$6.6 billion for post-quake rebuilding

KATHMANDU, 14 June — Earthquake-battered Nepal will ask international donors to support a reconstruction plan that is expected to cost \$6.6 billion over five years, the government said on Saturday.

Two quakes on 25 April and 12 May killed 8,787 people and destroyed more than 500,000 homes, affecting 2.8 million of the Himalayan nation's 28 million people. Losses to the economy from Nepal's worst disaster on record stand at \$7 billion, including from tourism, the government said in a Post Disaster Needs Assessment (PDNA) report.

Suman Prasad Sharma, a senior finance ministry official, said 36 countries and 24 donor agencies had been invited to a conference on June 25 to pledge support for reconstruction.

"We have expectations of a very handsome and good support from our donors during the conference," Sharma said at a function in Kathmandu.

Currently, Nepal gets two-thirds of the cost of its economic development in international aid.

Government officials said some donors who cannot pledge more aid could still help Nepal by writing off debt the country owes or delaying repayment schedules. Nepal does not have commercial borrowings from international lending agencies. Concessional loans mainly from the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank account for 18 percent of

Nepal's gross domestic product, according to the officials. The government spends \$300 million in debt repayment every year.

Local donors say post-disaster reconstruction must be more accountable in a country that ranked 126 of 176 nations surveyed in Transparency International's corruption perception index in 2014, compared with 116 a year earlier. Nepal's annual economic growth is expected to slow down to 3.04 percent, the lowest in eight

years, from 4.6 percent estimated earlier, according to its statistics bureau, due to the impact of the earthquakes on tourism and infrastructure.

One in every four Nepalis lives on a daily income of less than \$1.25.

The quakes have also set back Nepal's efforts to fight poverty by increasing the number of poor by 700,000 to 7.78 million, according to Govind Raj Pokharel, vice chairman of the National Planning Commission.—*Reuters*

A member of the Armed Police Force directs an excavator during the demolition of the remains of collapsed houses, a month after the 25 April earthquake, in Kathmandu, Nepal on 29 May, 2015.

REUTERS



1st A-bomb exhibition in 20 years in Washington begins

WASHINGTON, 14 June — An exhibition underscoring the woe of the US atomic bombings of two Japanese cities in 1945 during World War II began Saturday in Washington for the first time in 20 years in the US capital.

Two survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki pleaded for efforts toward the abolition of nuclear weapons before some 150 people who attended the opening ceremony of the Atomic Bomb Exhibition at the American University Museum, which will run through 16 August.

Photos displaying the



Visitors view the so-called Hiroshima Panels, renowned atomic bomb paintings by Japanese husband and wife artists Iri and Toshi Maruki, at the Atomic Bomb Exhibition at the American University Museum in Washington on 13 June, 2015. The exhibition, which began for the first time in 20 years in the US capital the same day, will run through on 16 August.— KYODO NEWS

horror of the bombings and clothes burned by the heat are among the items exhibited. The so-called Hiroshima Panels, renowned atomic bomb paintings by Japanese husband and wife artists Iri and Toshi Maruki, were put on display in the first exhibition of the artworks in Washington.

The two atom-bombed cities and the university jointly organized the event to coincide with the 70th anniversary of the bombings.

Of the survivors, Sadao Yamamoto, 83, from Hiroshima, expressed hope during the ceremony that US people will cooperate toward nuclear arms abolition. He said he was a

junior high school student at the time and that many students were killed in the bombing. The other, Yoshitoshi Fukahori, 86, who lost his sister in the bombing of Nagasaki, said nuclear weapons and human beings cannot coexist. He said he hoped Nagasaki will be the last place to suffer a nuclear attack. A visitor, a 52-year-old woman and employee of the University of Maryland, College Park, said there is an opinion in the United States that the atomic bombings were necessary. The woman said Americans should discuss further whether they were right or not.—*Kyodo News*

Britain pulls out spies as Russia, China crack Snowden files



A motorboat passes by the MI6 building in London on 25 Aug, 2010.—REUTERS

LONDON, 14 June — Britain has pulled out agents from live operations in “hostile countries” after Russia and China cracked top-secret information contained in files leaked by former US National Security Agency contractor

Edward Snowden, the *Sunday Times* reported.

Security service MI6, which operates overseas and is tasked with defending British interests, has removed agents from certain countries, the newspaper said, citing unnamed officials at the

office of British Prime Minister David Cameron, the Home Office (interior ministry) and security services.

The United States wants Snowden to stand trial after he leaked classified documents, fled the country and was eventually granted asylum in Moscow in 2013. Russia and China have both managed to crack encrypted documents which contain details of secret intelligence techniques that could allow British and American spies to be identified, the newspaper said citing officials.

However an official at Cameron’s office was quoted as saying that there was “no evidence of anyone being harmed.”

A spokeswoman at Cameron’s office declined to comment when contacted by *Reuters* and representatives from the British intelligence services did not respond to requests for comment.—*Reuters*

Germany says grappling with hacker threat

BERLIN, 14 June — Germany’s defence minister warned of the growing threat of cyber attacks as a newspaper reported that malware had been found on the parliamentary-office computer of Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The report came a few weeks after it emerged that hackers had attacked the Bundestag’s (lower house of parliament) computer system. Speaking to newspaper *Welt am Sonntag*, Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen said that cyber attacks were one of the biggest challenges for international security, citing the “enormous damage” they can cause to the economy. “The range of threats spans cyber-spying and sabotage to cyber war,” she said.

Separately, newspaper *Bild am Sonntag* reported that malware had been found on a computer from Merkel’s parliamentary office.

It cited a spokesman for Merkel’s Christian Democrats (CDU) as declining to comment. It was also not clear whether information had been successfully taken by the malware.

Germany’s top public pro-



German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen, gestures while addressing a gathering during a lecture themed “India and Europe: A Shared Security?” in New Delhi, India, on 27 May, 2015.—REUTERS

secutor recently closed its investigation into the suspected tapping of Merkel’s mobile phone by U.S. spies, saying there was a lack of evidence that would stand up in court.

Dropping its inquiry in a case that caused strains between Germany and the United States, the prosecutor said it could not find evidence backing allegations from former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden that Merkel’s phone was bugged.

Reuters

Turkey’s Erdogan — Snap vote ‘inevitable’ if no government within deadline



Turkey’s President Tayyip Erdogan makes a speech during a graduation ceremony in Ankara, Turkey on 11 June, 2015.—REUTERS

ISTANBUL, 14 June — Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan said a snap election would be “inevitable” if both the ruling AK Party and the main opposition fail in efforts to form a new government within the constitutional limit of 45 days.

In comments published on Sunday in *Milliyet* newspaper, Erdogan said he planned to grant a mandate to form a new government first to the AKP, which won around 41 percent of the vote in the 7 June election — short of securing the parliamentary majority required to rule alone.

“Let’s say the party who came first in the election could not achieve this (to form a government) and neither did the second one....In such a case, going

to the ballot box again as per the constitution would be inevitable,” Erdogan told reporters late on Saturday as he flew back from Azerbaijan. “I don’t call this a snap poll but a re-run.”

After parliament is sworn in later this month, Erdogan is expected to formally empower the AKP to form a new government. If it does not succeed in doing so within 45 days, he has the power to call a new election.

“To leave the country without a government is unthinkable,” Erdogan said. “The uncertainty should not last long to make sure investments and our international relations are not disrupted. A government should be formed as soon as possible.”

The AKP Erdogan co-founded remains Tur-

key’s largest party but its support fell on 7 June from nearly 50 percent in the 2011 election. Votes were lost to the pro-Kurdish Peoples’ Democratic Party (HDP), which entered parliament for the first time, and to the right-wing Nationalist Movement Party (MHP).

The results have also thwarted Erdogan’s ambition to establish an executive presidency and accumulate greater powers, for now, in the NATO member state.

In the event of a re-run, the AKP would likely struggle to win back many Kurdish votes but could hope to regain those who turned to the MHP and now regret the prospect of an unstable coalition. An IPSOS poll shortly after the results were announced suggested the AKP would have had 4 percent more support if voters had known the outcome in advance.

Erdogan further said he planned to meet with leaders of the four political parties that have entered parliament as quickly as possible. “I would like to invite them separately and get their opinion about the process,” he said. “I may begin these meetings before the lawmakers are sworn in, therefore I could invite them this week.”—*Reuters*

US plans to store heavy arms in Baltic, Eastern Europe

WASHINGTON, 14 June — The United States plans to store heavy military equipment in the Baltics and Eastern European nations to reassure allies made uneasy by Russian intervention in Ukraine, and to deter further aggression, a senior US official said on Saturday.

“We will pre-position significant equipment,” the official said, commenting on a *New York Times* report that the Pentagon was poised to store battle tanks, infantry fighting vehicles and other heavy weapons for as many as 5,000 troops.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to comment on the details of the report, which cited US and allied officials.

The report said the move, if approved, would mark the first time since the

Cold War that Washington has stationed heavy military equipment in the newer NATO member states in Eastern Europe that once formed part of the Soviet sphere of influence.

The proposal, which seeks to reassure European allies in the wake of Russia’s annexation of Ukraine’s Crimea in March 2014, is expected to be approved by US Defence Secretary Ash Carter and the White House before a NATO defence ministers’ meeting in Brussels this month, the paper said, quoting senior officials.

Asked about the article, a Pentagon spokesman said no decision had been made about the equipment.

“Over the last few years, the United States military has increased the pre-positioning of equipment for

training and exercises with our NATO allies and partners,” Colonel Steve Warren said.

“The US military continues to review the best location to store these materials in consultation with our allies,” he said in a statement.

“At this time, we have made no decision about if or when to move to this equipment.” As it now stood, the *Times* said, the proposal envisaged that “a company’s worth of equipment, enough for about 150 soldiers, would be stored in each of the three Baltic nations: Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. Enough for a company or possibly a battalion, or about 750 soldiers, would be located in Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and possibly Hungary.”

Reuters



A US soldier inspects a Patriot missile defence battery during joint exercises at the military grounds in Sochaczew, near Warsaw, on 21 March, 2015. REUTERS

Booby-trapped truck explodes near school in Syria's Homs, injuring 27

DAMASCUS, 14 June — An explosive-laden truck went off near a school in a pro-government district of Syria's central province of Homs on Sunday, leaving 27 people wounded, a monitor group and the official Syrian TV reported.

The car exploded near the al-Buhturi School in the al-Nuzha neighbourhood, while students were taking exams, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

The UK-based watchdog group, which tracks the war in Syria, said confirmed reports indicate the falling of casualties, but without placing a number.

Meanwhile, the official Syrian TV cited preliminary information as indicating that 27 people were injured in the blast, which, it said, was caused by a booby-trapped truck that ripped through Wadi al-Dahab Street in al-Nuzha.

The TV aired video clips of the blast site in Homs, showing scenes of destruction, and people wandering around the rubble-strewn streets.

The neighbourhood is inhabited by people of the Alawite minority, an offshoot of Shiite Islam, to whom the ruling elite in Syria belong. Rebels in Homs have repeatedly targeted pro-government districts, mainly those inhabited by minority groups that back the government, with explosive devices, rockets and explosive-laden vehicles.

Xinhua

UN Syria envoy to visit Damascus, warn on barrel bombs

GENEVA, 14 June — UN Syria envoy Staffan de Mistura plans to meet senior Syrian government officials in Damascus in his effort to find common ground among the parties with an interest in ending Syria's civil war, his office said on Sunday.

De Mistura began the talks last month saying he expected to meet 40 or more delegations for one-on-one discussions in Geneva, including Syrian officials, opposition and civil society, and representatives of governments in the region and with influence in the conflict.



United Nations Special Envoy for Syria, Staffan de Mistura gestures during a news conference at the United Nations European headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 5 May, 2015.

REUTERS

"During his visit, Mr de Mistura intends to raise with the Syrian govern-

ment the issue of protection of civilians, underlining once again the unacceptable use of barrel bombs and the incontestable duty of any government, in all circumstances, to protect its civilians," his office said in a statement.

It did not say if De Mistura would meet President Bashar al-Assad, nor did it specify exact travel dates, which are always kept confidential for security reasons.

Diplomats said that by summoning people to Geneva, De Mistura would be in control of the process and the talks would be on

neutral ground. However, the main Syrian political opposition group refused to come to meet him, inviting him instead to meet them in Istanbul.

Sunday's statement also said De Mistura's series of meetings would continue into July, confirming that the provisional timetable — with a plan to report back to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon at the end of June — had been extended.

The UN statement said De Mistura would also discuss the humanitarian situation in Syria and ways to increase access to besieged

and conflict-affected communities. "In his discussions, the Special Envoy plans to convey once again to Syrian officials his deep conviction that no solution to the Syrian conflict can be imposed by force and that an inclusive and Syrian-led and owned political settlement is urgently needed."

The four-year war has killed more than 220,000 people, injured more than 1 million, driven almost 4 million out of the country as refugees and left 12.2 million others in need of humanitarian aid, including 5.6 million children.

Reuters

Somali Islamists attack military base in Kenya, 11 militants, two soldiers killed

MOMBASA, 14 June — Eleven Somali al Shabaab militants and two Kenyan soldiers were killed when the al-Qaeda-linked fighters attacked a military base in Kenya's northern coastal Lamu County close to the Somali border on Sunday, a local official said.

The militants carried out the early-morning raid

on the military base near the town of Baure, said Lamu's deputy county commissioner, Joseph Rotich.

Militants also entered Mangai village where they forced men out of their houses and took them to a local mosque where they led prayers for an hour before they disappeared.

Kenya is preparing to

mark the anniversary of two attacks in the town of Mpeketoni, also in Lamu County, in which militants killed at least 60 people a year ago.

Although Mpeketoni is inland from Kenya's Indian Ocean coastline, the attacks froze the tourism industry in Lamu, which had been popular with tour-

ists from Europe and North America.

Al Shabaab, which seeks to overthrow the Western-backed Somali government and impose its strict interpretation of Islamic law, has frequently targeted neighbouring Kenya in recent years, saying it is retaliating for Kenya's participation in an African

Union peacekeeping force in Somalia.

In April, al Shabaab militants raided a university in the northern Kenyan city of Garissa, killing nearly 150 students, and in late 2013 militants killed at least 67 people in an attack on Nairobi's upmarket Westgate mall.

Reuters

Afghanistan aid donors face quandary over future of police fund

KABUL, 14 June — Afghanistan is locked in a wrangle with the United Nations over control of a fund for police salaries, highlighting a quandary for aid donors keen to disengage from the country but reluctant to do so until sustainable, graft-free systems are in place.

A bid to revamp the police has been one of the most expensive and problem-plagued projects Afghanistan's Western allies have undertaken since stepping in to rebuild the country after the ouster of the Tale-

ban in 2001. The dispute between the government and the United Nations, exacerbated by a leaked UN report on police corruption, is over control of a Law and Order Trust Fund for Afghanistan, and raises the prospect of more than 100,000 police going unpaid if it is not resolved by the end of June.

While police are expected to get their pay packets, even the suggestion they might not is likely to demoralise a force that is vital to security, especially after the withdrawal of most for-

eign troops, and struggling against a Taliban offensive.

Despite the lavishing of more than \$3 billion through the trust fund since 2002, the police have been unable to shake off a reputation for corruption and poor discipline. The surfacing of the UN report on police corruption, and a suggestion some UN officials tried to cover it up to hide their failings, has helped President Ashraf Ghani press his argument that the fund should be controlled by his government.

While donors want the

fund transferred eventually, several diplomats told Reuters they think ministries are too corrupt and they want strict conditions for transfer to Afghan control.

Negotiations have been heated. At least one major donor has frozen millions of dollars. A diplomat whose country contributes to the fund said more help was conditional on the interior ministry being able to handle it "carefully and responsibly". "The question of how deeply cuts are made will depend on security, reforms

and corruption," the diplomat said. Top government negotiator Narghis Nehan said talks were centred on an 18-month transition during which the UNDP would shift into the role of monitor.

That would address Ghani's concerns about UNDP management, which the president has objected to since it ignored demands last year to plan for a transition, and withheld the corruption report from both the government and donors, undermining trust between them.

Reuters

Houthi forces in Yemen seize provincial capital near Saudi border

SANAA, 14 June — Houthi forces and their army allies in Yemen seized the capital of a large desert province on the border with Saudi Arabia on Sunday, residents said, an important victory for the group ahead of peace talks in Geneva on Monday.

The Houthis, the dominant faction in Yemen's civil war, took control of al-Hazm, capital of the province of al-Jawf, amid Saudi-led coalition air strikes on Houthi positions and heavy fighting with armed tribesmen.

"The Houthi forces and those loyal to the for-

mer president spread out in the city and around government buildings," a tribal source in al-Hazm told Reuters by phone.

A Saudi-led military alliance has been carrying out air raids in Yemen for almost three months to try to restore exiled President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi and repel the Houthis, whom they regard as proxies for their regional archrival Iran.

Since forming an alliance with Yemen's still powerful former president Ali Abdullah Saleh and his loyalists in the army, the Houthis have taken

over the capital Sanaa and swooped into several central provinces.

But their push on the country's southernmost city and major port, Aden, triggered the regional Arab intervention on 26 March, and the air campaign has brought about a virtual stalemate in ground fighting nationwide.

Reuters

Civil defence workers and people search for survivors under the rubble of houses destroyed by an air strike in Sana'a on 12 June, 2015. —REUTERS



PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 15 June, 2015

The will of the people is the basis of government authorityBy *Kyaw Thura*

The establishment of democracy in Myanmar can be seen as a significant achievement of our times and as a product of the call for democratic change which started in 1988.

Democracy is universally recognized as ideal because it provides a core value for the protection and realization of human rights. In democracy, peo-

ple are entitled to choose their destiny and have a say in how they should be governed. The primary objective of the Union Election Commission is to ensure that the electorate can perceive elections as transparent, credible and inclusive. It is therefore imperative for UEC to stay the course.

According to the United Nations General Assembly, "democracy is a universal value based on the freely expressed will of people to determine their political, economic, social and cultural systems and their full participation in all aspects of their lives."

For democracy to thrive, parliaments should promote the checks and balances, strengthen the voice of the civil society, promote human rights and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes, especially women's participation in political and public arenas. In addition, the media should be allowed to enjoy freedom of expression and have ac-

cess to information.

Now the people have already had the sense of whether the representatives they sent to parliament five years ago are truly representing their will. The parliament's motto that reads "The will of the people, the will of the parliament" should no way be empty words.

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Serve The People*Kyi Mun*

Make your life a mission, not an intermission.

-Arnold Glasgow

*** Serve, here, means :**

To help meet the needs of the people; to help solve their problems; and to help develop them in their respective lives.

*** People means:**

- (1) All the persons of a racial or ethnic group, nation, race, etc.
- (2) The persons of a certain place, group or class.
- (3) The persons under the leadership or control of a particular person.

The persons who have the strong spirit of serving the people usually have the following instincts in their blood:

- **S for Spirit of Caring & Sharing**
- **E for Empathy**
- **R for Respect for Individual**
- **V for Valuing Life**
- **E for Endeavouring To Develop the People the**
- **P for Poverty-Stricken People**
- **E for Economically Backward People**
- **O for Opportunity-Seeking Enthusiasts for Jobs**
- **P for Politically Backward People**
- **L for Left-behind People in general**
- **E for Educationally Backward People**

*** SPIRIT OF CARING & SHARING**

In serving the people, the spirit of caring and sharing is fundamental. People with altruistic spirit tend to give their time, energy and/or money in helping other people for financial, medical or soio-cultural purposes. Most people are naturally endowed with the spirit of compassion and mercy. What is more important is that most people are teachable and cultivable. Many a person has the potential of being taught and cultivated to be dispositioned to be compassionate and merciful.

*** EMPATHY**

Empathy means : The ability or disposition of mind to recognize, acknowledge and experience other people's feelings. Empathy is, in other words, placing yourself in the other person's shoes. People with a spirit of empathy are people who do not hesitate to give a helping hand to those who need their help and assistance. Empathy is, in short, active sympathy with hands-on, minds-on and hearts-on camaraderie. To put it in another way, empathy is emotional identification with another person.

*** RESPECT FOR INDIVIDUAL**

Respect means : Feeling or showing honor, esteem, high regard or courteous consideration, or trust for others.

IBM's motto is:

- **Respect for Individual**
- **Excellence**
- **Service**

In serving the people, the sense of respect for them is primary. If you have respect for the people, you will not hesitate to REPRESENT them, with RELIABILITY AND CONSISTENCY. You will always be ready to stand for their righteous grievances and just causes.

*** VALUING LIFE**

Value means : To think highly of; to prize; to esteem, to

cherish, to hold high in estimation, to hold dear. You serve the people, simply because you cannot but value the lives of the people. In serving the people, the underlying purpose is to help preserve or restore the dignity of the people. To serve the people is, in fact, to help raise the levels of political, economic, technological, educational, socio-cultural, ecological development of the people. In serving the people, we should value what the people value most.

*** ENDEAVOURING TO DEVELOP THE PEOPLE**

If you give a person a fish, you feed him for a day; but if you teach him fishing, you feed him for a life time, so it is said. So, in serving the people, we have got to help the people raise the present and future standards of living of the people, with maximum impact, outreach and sustainability.

*** POVERTY-STRICKEN PEOPLE**

In serving the people, priority must be given to the Haves-not, Haves-less and the Needy people. We should serve the people as a whole strategically, but we should give the priority to the most needy, tactically.

In serving the people, it is of paramount importance to open the eyes of the people politically. It must be inculcated into their minds that they are free people with the great potential to develop their lives economically, educationally, socio-culturally. First they must be urged to make their present lives as effective as possible. Secondly, they should be clearly convinced that they can find and realize their potential for development. Finally, they must be helped to start to focus on building their tremendous future lives.

*** ECONOMICALLY BACKWARD PEOPLE**

Economic requirements are the infrastructure; and other socio-cultural aspects are in the categories of superstructure. The foundation must be built first solidly, safely and securely.

Economically, land reforms, rural electrification, and agricultural mechanization policies and programs must be introduced vigorously and staunchly nationwide, and mobilize the rural populace to implement such policies and programs with might and main. At the same time, industrialization and modernization of the national economy must be given top priority, mobilizing the entire broad masses of the people to strive for economic and technological development. Small and medium-sized enterprises must be encouraged and supported financially, legally, technologically, and morally.

*** OPPORTUNITY-SEEKING ENTHUSIASTS FOR JOBS**

In serving the people, the problem of unemployment must also be solved on a sustainable basis. Unemployment should not be solved piecemeal. To solve the unemployment problem, the entire national economy must be dealt with proactively. Agriculture must be optimally developed as the base of the national economy, and industrialization and ICT must be given top priority. The entire people must be proactively mobilized for national development, progress and prosperity.

*** POLITICALLY BACKWARD PEOPLE**

Serving the people means treating the people as masters and not as the slaves. Exploitation of the weak by the strong must be abolished outright. People to people, peer to peer

relationships must be established on a win-win basis.

Under the law and in the eyes of culture and wisdom, all people are equal. All the people must be treated equally in providing them with the opportunities for education, vocation, careers and other privileges. Also, people should be educated that they must live and move and have their being on the fundamental principle of : "One for all and all for one." They must be passionately inculcated with the patriotism and humanism that they have got to contribute sincerely and productively to the development and modernization of their own beloved country. They must be fully convinced that they have got to be excellent citizens of their nation.

*** LEFT-BEHIND PEOPLE IN GENERAL**

People in general, who are left-behind in the national reconstruction and development, must be served in all the needful fields such as health, socio-culture and public relations. In serving the people continuously, proportional development of the whole national economy must be taken into national consensus consideration.

In serving the people, the left-behind people must be actively mobilized economically, educationally, vocationally by creating relevant opportunities. They must be helped for the upliftment of their beliefs and values for the development of their lives. Once the political awakening has been broadly and firmly established, the power of the left-behind people can be profitably harnessed according to the People-centered Development Plans.

*** EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD PEOPLE**

Education levels must be continually developed and upgraded for the people. The mind's eye, the knowledge, the education, the insight, and the light of wisdom should be boldly and continually developed for the broad masses of the people.

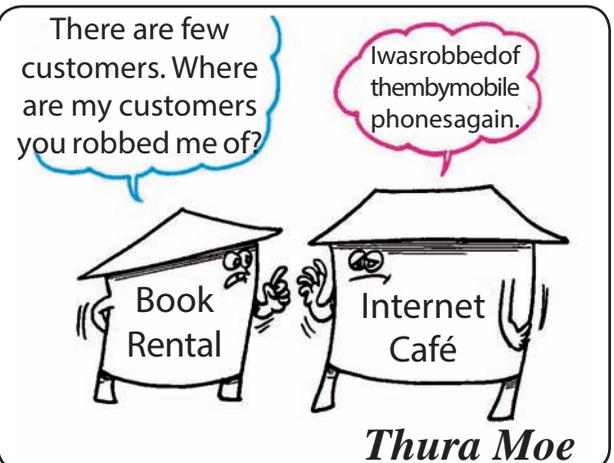
It is said that ignorance has no beginning but has an end; and education has a beginning but no end. So, it is best to provide the people, especially the young and the children with all-round wholesome education to enable them to become worthy citizens of the country.

*** CONCLUSION**

It is mightily glorious:

- **To Love All**
- **To Serve All**
- **To Hurt Never**
- **To HELP EVER**

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LOCAL NEWS

Township officials donate CI sheets to storm-hit school, monastery



KALAY, 14 June — A powerful winds tore the roof of Basic Education Primary School Branch in Aungthaya Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region last month.

Recently, township departmental officials donated 40 corrugated iron

sheets to village administrator U Byet Lin for roofing the school.

They also donated K50,000 to the fund and copies of journals to the abbot of the monastery destroyed by the powerful winds.

Chindwin Thar (IPRD)

Bridge to improve rural transport sector

INGAPU, 14 June — In-gapu Township Department of Rural Development has assigned Zartithar Company to build Zeebinkwin Bridge on community po-

licing in the township, Ayeyawady Region.

The company has completed construction of the bridge with K126.4 million fund allotted by the depart-

ment in 2014-15 fiscal year.

The bridge linking In-gapu and Nyaungkyo benefits more than 13,000 people from 19 villages in the township.—*Township DRD*



Monastic education school gets new school building in Patheingyi Tsp

PATHEINGYI, 14 June — A ceremony to inaugurate a building identified as Manawphyu was held at the monastic education school in Mani Yadana Yama Tawya Monastery in Hsinywataw Ward in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay, on 12 June.

Mandalay Region Minister for Social Affairs Dr Win Hlaing, Town-

ship Education Officer Dr Ohnma Kyi, officials and well-wisher U San Htay of Manawmyay Jade School formally opened the new school building.

After a speech, the region minister donated K500,000 to the fund of the monastic education school, a region Hluttaw MP K500,000, and U Thein Aung of Aungmyethazan

a water purifier worth K2.3 million and its building to the abbot of the school.

The region minister presented 185 dozens of notebooks donated by the region government to primary and middle students.

Township Education Officer Dr Ohnma Kyi and officials presented prizes to outstanding students.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Mandalay Region authorities to sell apartments of Seiktaramahi Housing

MANDALAY, 14 June — Ministry of Construction cooperates with region and state governments in solving housing problems of the people, government service personnel, families of fallen soldiers who sacrificed for their lives and retired service personnel.

In Mandalay, Ministry of Construction and Mandalay Region Government jointly constructed the Seiktaramahi staff housing project in Chanayethazan Township and a low-cost housing project in Chanmyathazi Township.

The housings of Pyidawtha Project built last 60 years between 26th and 27th streets and 72nd and 73rd streets in Chanayethazan Township have been deteriorating year by year. Thus, urban and Housing Development Department of the ministry and five private companies implemented the Seiktaramahi Housing Project from the



early 2014 to June 2015.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Soe Tint and Mandalay Region Transport Minister U Kyaw Hsan on 12 June met with government personnel residing at the Pyidawtha Housing and explained

plans to sell the low-cost apartments of Seiktaramahi Housing to them through installment in cooperation with Construction and Housing Development Bank.

Seiktaramahi Housing is formed with 625 square

feet area of apartments, facilitated with adequate car parking, modern trash bins, lift, emergency fire fighting system, sewerage system and proper drainage system in addition to 10 transformers for power supply.

Thiha Ko Ko (Mandalay)

Training to provide assistance for basic education schools

NAY PYI TAW, 14 June — A short-term course on assistance for schools in Ottara District, conducted by Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education, concluded at the Basic Education High School No 13 in Pobbathiri Township on Sunday.

Ottara District Education Officer U Ba Tun spoke about office works of assistance for the schools and handed over school uniforms provided by the Ministry of Educa-



tion to respective school heads.

A total of 58 school heads from basic education schools and one deputy

staff officer from Pobbathiri Township Education Office attended the short-term course from 12 to 14 June.—*Shwe Ye Yint*



In China's Pearl River Delta, HSBC faces a risky voyage

DONGGUAN, (China), 14 June — Every day hundreds of garment traders alight at the newly-built Humen station to ply their wares in the southern Chinese city of Dongguan, arriving on high speed trains that whoosh through the terminal every ten minutes.

The station, 90 kilometres north of Hong Kong, is on the first open section of a super fast rail network in China's Pearl River Delta that HSBC is betting will turn the prosperous region of 40,000 square kilometres into a seamless metropolis that can fuel the bank's growth in the next decade.

A visit to the area though shows up how infrastructure construction that HSBC is hoping will drive the region's development is moving at a patchy pace, underlining risks the lender faces in its Asia "pivot" strategy.

Roads leading to the huge, gleaming building of Humen station are permanently congested and not properly built, local residents say.

"The government's been constructing the road for over two years but it's still muddy and full of bumps and holes," a factory owner in the nearby town of Daojiao said.

A local taxi driver named Xu complained there are only 200 parking spaces outside the rail station, making access difficult.

"The government had ex-



The Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macao Bridge (HZMB), which will link the three cities in the Pearl River Delta, is seen under construction off Hong Kong's Lantau Island, China, on 12 June, 2015.

REUTERS

pected the high speed railway to bring more people, but they didn't use their brain to plan carefully," he said.

Other, more fundamental, pieces of construction for the region are behind schedule.

Hong Kong's transport minister said in January that a network of bridges and tunnels to link Hong Kong, Macau and the city of Zhuhai across the Pearl River Delta will not be finished by its 2016 target date amid rising costs.

Protests by Hong Kong citizens worried about competition for jobs have also caused delays to Beijing's plans to better integrate the territory into the region.

HSBC investors largely support the bank's plans to beef

up its presence in the Pearl River Delta, which include quadrupling its headcount, and increased lending to mid-sized companies in the infrastructure and real estate sectors.

But they caution the move faces potential pitfalls.

"They will have to be very careful to make sure they don't waste a lot of money or make bad loans," said Hugh Young, managing director of Aberdeen Asset Management Asia, HSBC's 6th largest shareholder.

HSBC declined to comment for this story. Last week executives said the bank's long experience in China and prudent approach to lending will mitigate the risks.

"The GDP per capita in the

Pearl River Delta is similar to Hong Kong in 1991, we know how to capitalize on this opportunity because we've done it before," HSBC's Asia Pacific chief executive Peter Wong told investors.

Rapid urbanization over the past 15 years has caused the Pearl River Delta to overtake Tokyo as the world's most populous urban area. Its population rose from 27 million in 2000 to more than 42 million in 2010, according to World Bank data.

The region has an annual gross domestic product of \$857 billion, which would rank it 17th in the world if it were a country, just below Indonesia, according to the IMF.

Around half of HSBC's China revenue already comes from the area, and it has more branches there than any non-Chinese rival.

But after booming in the 1990s and 2000s as one of China's main export and manufacturing hubs, companies in the Pearl River Delta have struggled in recent years due to falling export demand and tighter credit conditions.

Industrial and Commercial Bank of China said in its 2014 annual report that the Pearl River Delta saw the highest level of bad loans of any region in China, with 1.64 percent of loans soured against 1.18 percent the previous year.

That makes some analysts question why HSBC is choosing

to expand now.

"HSBC has materially increased exposure to mainland China in recent years and this is a building risk factor, given our concerns on its credit bubble and likelihood of credit deterioration in the coming years," CLSA analysts wrote in a 5 June report.

China is hoping road and rail links to integrate the Pearl River Delta's cities, and suck Hong Kong into its folds, will put it back on a faster growth path.

HSBC is not alone thinking this is a policy it can reap potential riches from.

Singapore's Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation has expanded in the region through investing in Hong Kong's Wing Hang bank and, like HSBC, is hoping to work with local companies looking to do more business offshore.

The pair have to contend though with restrictions on how foreign banks can operate, which cede competitive advantages to local players.

During an early afternoon visit to an HSBC branch in Nancheng District in Dongguan last Thursday, *Reuters* saw no customers while local rivals across the street were busy.

"HSBC has very few branches...After dealing with it once I don't want to go back anymore," said a man called Huang outside a nearby ICBC branch, who works in personal finance.

Reuters

Ebola could hit again and we would hardly do better: MSF

DAKAR, 14 June — The Ebola epidemic could flare up again in West Africa and health authorities are no better equipped to control it than they were a year ago, the head of medical charity Medecins Sans Frontieres said on Saturday.

"The reality today is if Ebola were to hit on scale it did in August and September, we would hardly do much better than we did the last time around," Joanne Liu said on the sidelines of a meeting on Ebola in Dakar.

Leaders of the Group of Seven industrial nations vowed this week to wipe out the epidemic that has killed more than 11,100 people across West Africa, but offered little concrete action.

While the virus is

spreading more slowly than at the peak last year and Liberia has defeated the outbreak, cases have risen sharply in the past two weeks in Guinea and Sierra Leone.

"We've been disappointed by the World Health Assembly and again by the G7 in terms of their recommendations," Liu, the international president of MSF, told *Reuters*. She was referring also to a World Health Organization (WHO) meeting last month.

The WHO did not declare an international public health emergency until August last year, eight months after the first Ebola case, delaying resources to the sick.

Jerome Mouton, MSF country head for Guinea, described a state of "semi-denial" about the virus similar to a year ago, adding that another major

flare-up of the disease was possible.

"We are in the same situation where we are overly optimistic, saying that it is almost finished and there's no problem but in fact it's a big problem as there is potential for this to again set off a big epidemic," he said.

Sierra Leone reported the highest daily Ebola case count in nearly three months earlier this week and the government has since introduced a curfew for the affected areas.

In Guinea, the outbreak has spread into districts previously free of the disease in recent weeks, including the border area with Guinea Bissau. "A month ago I thought we would see the end shortly but I am much less optimistic now," Mouton said.

Reuters

Major funds draw up plans to leave London if Britain quits EU — paper

LONDON, 14 June — Several of the biggest fund managers based in London are drawing up plans to move trillions of pounds of assets and thousands of jobs outside of Britain should the country vote to leave the EU in a referendum due by the end of 2017, the *Sunday Times* said.

Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservatives won an unexpected majority in polls last month and are now seeking to renegotiate Britain's relationship with the 28-member bloc ahead of a plebiscite.

Cameron has toured major European capitals to drum up support for reforms but is facing an increasing strong Eurosceptic voice from within his own centre-right party at home.

The *Sunday Times* said that several major funds had said on condition of anonymity that they had set up committees to prepare for a possible move, with Luxembourg being one



Buildings in the Canary Wharf business district are seen from The View gallery at the Shard, western Europe's tallest building, in London on 28 Jan, 2014.

REUTERS

possible country to which they could relocate.

The newspaper said it had spoken to fund managers who believed they could be forced to leave due to EU regulations which only allow the sale of investment products in the bloc when the European headquarters are based in a member state.

On Friday, the only major ratings agency still to give Britain a top-notch

credit rating said it risked a downgrade due to the government's decision to hold a referendum over EU membership.

However, a senior executive with global investment firm PIMCO said earlier this week that the chance of a 'Brexit' was very low and uncertainty over the referendum outcome was not likely to affect business investment.

Reuters

BlackBerry move to embrace Android may bring unexpected reward

TORONTO, 14 June — BlackBerry Ltd's move to embrace Android may be aimed at lifting revenue from its software and device management segment, but analysts say it may inadvertently give its device arm a fillip and a new lease on life.

"From the standpoint of marketing, this is a great way for BlackBerry to get visibility. It really doesn't hurt them much, and the upside is high," said Rob Enderle, who runs technology consulting firm Enderle Group.

Enderle and other financial and tech analysts agree that the move by BlackBerry does present its own set of

challenges as the company would have to support two platforms and potentially put some resources into marketing an Android device, but with little to lose most agree it comes with little downside.

"If Android has one significant weakness it is security and that's just the thing that BlackBerry can fix, so it could play out pretty well and I am actually quite surprised that they did not try this sooner," said Enderle, adding that BlackBerry has to deliver a compelling device in order for the gambit to work. *Reuters* reported on Thursday that BlackBerry was considering a move to



An Android mascot is seen in front of a logo of BlackBerry in this photo illustration taken in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, on 12 June, 2015.—REUTERS

test run Android on its upcoming slider device, as part of a bid to convince potential corporate and government clients that its device man-

agement system, BES12, is truly able of manage and secure not just BlackBerry devices, but also devices powered by Google's Android,

Apple's iOS and Microsoft's Windows operating system.

"In order for BES12 to succeed it has to be viewed by all as platform agnostic, and what better way to demonstrate that other than by doing it yourself," said Ramon Llamas, an analyst with technology research firm IDC.

BlackBerry, which once dominated the smartphone market, has seen its market share drop to under 1 percent, as the iPhone and a slew of Android devices from Samsung have captured market share. John Chen, a turnaround expert brought in to fix its slide, is now pivoting BlackBerry to

focus more on its well-regarded software and device management business.

Although the hardware business is becoming less relevant to BlackBerry as it works through its turnaround, the company still needs revenues from hardware as it ramps up new revenue streams.

"It certainly makes sense for BlackBerry's hardware business to experiment with Android," said Morningstar analyst Brian Colello. "BlackBerry doesn't have much to lose. There's little downside and they just need one hit phone to justify the handset business."

Reuters

Bullish Uber plans to invest \$1 billion in China in 2015



An employee works inside the office of US online cab-hailing company Uber, on the outskirts of New Delhi, on 24 April, 2015.—REUTERS

SHANGHAI/BENGALURU, 14 June — Ride-hailing service Uber Technologies Inc plans to invest more than \$1 billion in China this year as the controversial ride-hailing app looks to rev up growth in the world's second largest economy, an executive at the firm said on Friday.

In an emailed letter to investors, first published by the *Financial Times* newspaper, Uber head Travis Kalanick said China was the "number one priority" for the company worldwide and that the firm was completing almost 1 million trips in China per day.

The letter suggests Uber is taking a bullish approach to China, despite the firm facing raids on its offices and a crackdown on its drivers deemed to be operating illegally. "Since our launch in February 2014, we have found a public that is embracing Uber far beyond our most bullish expectations," Kalanick said in the letter.

An Uber executive based in Greater China confirmed to *Reuters* that the emailed letter was genuine. The person asked not to be named as he was not authorised to speak to the media.

A China-based spokes-

woman for Uber declined to comment.

Kalanick added the firm plans to launch its services in 50 more Chinese cities over the next year and that there was huge potential for further growth. The firm is currently operating in 11 cities in the country. "To put it frankly, China represents one of the largest untapped opportunities for Uber, potentially larger than the US," he said, adding success in the market would however require "commitment over the long haul and a strong will." Despite the promising numbers, Uber's ride in China hasn't been totally smooth for the \$40 billion valued firm. Kalanick said in the letter China was "not for the faint of heart" and that the firm was seeing fierce competition from local rivals. Uber is up against China's dominant taxi-hailing firm Didi Kuaidi — backed by Internet giants Tencent Holdings Ltd and Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. San Francisco-based Uber, which has a tie-up in China with domestic Internet giant Baidu Inc, will launch a fundraising process to help expand its China unit on 22 June, the letter said.

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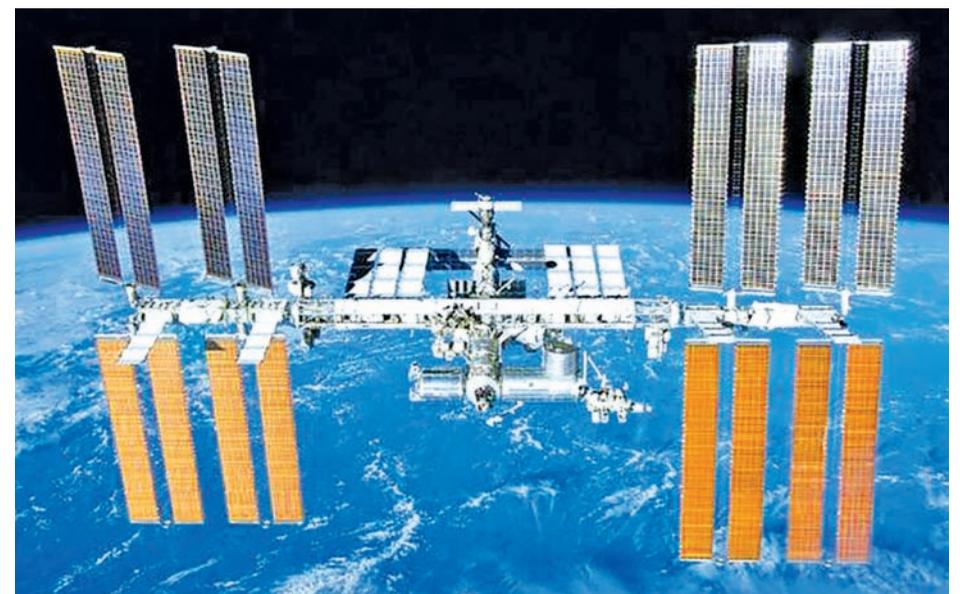
European space chief suggests making room for China, India on station

FRANKFURT, 14 June — The incoming head of the European Space Agency said in a published interview that the *International Space Station* should be opened up to astronauts from India and China.

The \$100 billion space station, visible from Earth to the naked eye, is a habitable research outpost backed by 15 countries including the United States, Russia and Germany. China and India are not part of the group.

"We need to get away from the principle of being a closed club," Johann-Dietrich Woerner told German magazine *Spiegel*.

The space station is funded through 2020 and an extension until 2024 is under discussion. An extension would give the US space agency more time to develop the technologies needed for eventual human missions to Mars, the long-term goal



The International Space Station is seen in an undated NASA handout picture, on 10 June, 2015.—REUTERS

of NASA's human space programme. Keeping the station in orbit beyond 2020 also opens a window for commercial companies and researchers to benefit from hefty US investment in the

outpost. NASA's costs for operating the station, which flies about 250 miles (400 km) above Earth, run about \$3 billion a year.

Woerner also said that Europeans, who currently

rely on Russia to travel into space, could launch their own manned rockets in five years. "I don't give up hope that we Europeans will manage our own take-off into orbit." —*Reuters*

North Korea restricts access to uncensored mobile Internet



A female North Korean soldier uses her mobile phone next to a sentry on the banks of the Yalu River, near the North Korean town of Sinuiju, opposite the Chinese border city of Dandong on 1 June, 2014.—REUTERS

SEoul, 14 June — Foreigners in North Korea no longer have access to the country's 3G network, the

country's mobile phone provider said in a message sent to its subscribers in the country.

North Koreans are unable to access outside uncensored Internet, except for on rare occasions, but foreign residents and visitors to the isolated country are able to buy 3G mobile SIM cards which are largely unrestricted.

"Unfortunately we are facing internet service outage from the local internet provider's side with no estimated time, we will keep you posted once the service is back to normal," the provider, Koryolink, said in a notice sent in English to subscribers and seen by *Reuters*.

It was not immediately clear why access to the mobile network had been

restricted, but the measures were introduced on Friday afternoon, a day after Pyongyang's Koryo Hotel caught fire, a source with access to Koryolink said.

It was not clear if the news of the fire at the hotel had affected the service.

There are more than 2.5 million mobile phone subscribers in North Korea, a country of 24 million people.

Pyongyang has in the past introduced mild restrictions on the ability of foreigners to access mobile 3G Internet. Subscriptions bought by foreign visitors usually only last for the duration of their visa.

Reuters

As election nears, Danish parties vow tighter immigration rules

TONDER, 14 June — Recalling how a group of refugees once threatened his life if he did not retract a police statement, Frank Pedersen is angry about the increasing number of immigrants in Denmark.

They are, he says, running riot in Tonder, the small town on the border with Germany where he lives with his wife and small child and works at the local Job-centre.

“I see a problem with more and more coming. It’s an issue when nothing is being done in areas where they commit crimes. Tipping over social workers’ cars so they have to ride in pairs out of fear,” the 41-year-old navy veteran said.

Pedersen was one of around 200 people who gathered for a garden party held at a former border post with Germany by the right-wing Danish People’s Party (DF). The location was apt: the party wants to reintroduce border controls, scrapped after Denmark entered the passport-free Schengen zone.

Little over a week before a parliamentary election, in which DF has a chance of entering a governing coalition, immigration has become a hot topic and the party’s rhetoric on curbing foreigners coming to Denmark has been adopted by mainstream parties.

The leader of the main opposition Liberals said if elected, he would hold an emergency session of parliament during the summer

to tighten controls and introduce measures such as refusing permanent permits to unemployed immigrants.

“We can look at the figures and see that if we do not do something we will get a massive influx after the summer,” Liberals leader Lars Lokke Rasmussen said. “We can’t just sit around and wait until October, because we know the pressure is greatest in the summer months,” he said, referring to when parliament resumes after its summer recess.

Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt, from the centre-left Social Democrats, is meanwhile trumpeting her record.

Earlier this year the government announced measures which will make it harder for people to claim asylum, which would mean more refugees are granted only short-term permits and it would be harder for their families to join them in Denmark.

“Fewer must come than last year because it is hard to keep up,” she said. “If peace emerges in the country the refugees come from, then people should go back home.”

She did not identify any such country.

Thorning-Schmidt’s centre-left and Rasmussen’s centre-right blocs are running neck and neck in opinion polls.

The number of asylum seekers doubled last year as Syrians fled conflict at home to more than 14,000 people. That compares to 664,000 asylum applications



Supporters of both parties cheer for their candidates as Danish Prime Minister Helle Thorning-Schmidt (L) and opposition leader Lars Lokke Rasmussen attend their first one-on-one debate held in a temporary television studio outside the Danish parliament building, in Copenhagen on 31 May, 2015.—REUTERS

in the whole of Europe, ranking Denmark fifth in proportion to its population. Sweden next door received more than 80,000, by far the largest intake in Europe compared to its population.

Much of the debate as reported in the media is tinged with Islamophobia. For some headscarves, calls to prayer and minarets are an affront to a homogenous Danish culture, and associated with a small group of radical Islamists.

DF, whose members in the past have branded Islam a plague and called for mosques to be shut down, has been more nuanced during the campaign to widen its appeal.

“They are changing society. We are not in favour in having for example a mosque’s call

for prayer,” DF leader Kristian Thulesen Dahl told *Reuters* in an interview. “It’s not that they are Muslim, that is not the problem. It is that people coming to Denmark, living in Denmark, must respect the society.”

While most of the country’s 260,000 Muslims are moderate, and some figures suggest fewer than half are practicing, the media focus on a handful of radicals such as two who last week urged Muslims not to vote, shouting ‘To hell with the constitution’ and calling Denmark a dictatorship.

The pair praised and attended the funeral of Omar Hussein, the Copenhagen gunman who attacked a free speech event and a synagogue, killing two. He had been rapidly radicalized in the

months before the attack.

“When you read about the people who want sharia law in Copenhagen and disallow voting, what kind of ‘thank you’ is that? Shouldn’t they just be happy they’re allowed to be here,” Richard Gugolka, the son of a Polish immigrant, said at the border event.

“I’m not allowed to say it, but we need to decide what kind of refugees we want to take in,” he said.

Such views, and the events that have prompted them, make many Muslims in Denmark feel alienated. Muslim leaders and politicians immediately condemned the pair and Hizb-ut-Tahrir, the radical group with which they are often associated.

“Hizb ut-Tahrir is extremely desperate because more and more mosques and more and more imams preach democracy,” retorted Özlem Cekic, a Turkish-born member of parliament for a smaller party. “They have become completely isolated, and therefore it is important to emphasise that they talk nonsense.”

Meanwhile some leftwing politicians despair of the mainstream parties’ ‘race to the bottom’ on the issue.

“They are competing on who will make the toughest rules. Thorning boasts she has deprived children the right to get to safety with their parents in Denmark,” Johanne Schmidt-Nielsen, a politician and activist, wrote on Facebook.—*Reuters*

Israeli army jeep hits, kills Palestinian in West Bank

QAFR MALIK, 14 June — An Israeli army jeep struck and killed a Palestinian in the occupied West Bank on Sunday, with the military and locals giving conflicting accounts of the circumstances.

A military spokeswoman said the jeep, which was in Qafir Malik village as part of an operation to arrest suspected militants, accidentally hit the Palestinian after

he threw a petrol bomb at it.

“The driver was startled and swerved, hitting the man,” she said, adding that a military investigation would be launched.

Local resident Nail Abdul Latah el Hajj denied the Palestinian had attacked the jeep, however, saying the man was walking to work at a chicken farm when he was run down on the main street

and then crushed as the vehicle crashed into a wall and overturned.

Speaking to *Reuters*, el Hajj said the man’s death sparked confrontations between stone-throwing Palestinian youths and Israeli troops. The military spokeswoman said the disturbances were already under way when the collision happened.—*Reuters*



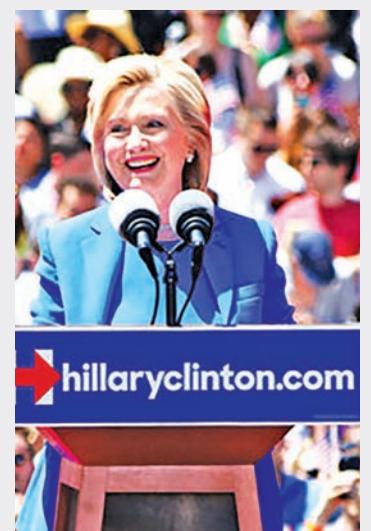
US Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy (2nd from L) takes the wheel of a rice planting machine in a paddy in the city of Shimonoseki in Yamaguchi Prefecture, western Japan, on 14 June, 2015. Kennedy visited Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s constituency to experience rice planting. KYODO NEWS

Clinton starts campaign, vows to be 1st female US president

WASHINGTON, 14 June — Hillary Clinton, who is considered the most likely Democratic candidate, began her campaign toward the 2016 presidential election Saturday demonstrating her determination to become the first female US president.

At a New York rally she pledged an economic policy that doesn’t “leave anyone out,” or one that considers low and middle income earners, the elimination of discrimination against sexual minorities, reforms to immigration systems and getting rid of wage gaps between sexes. The 67-year-old former secretary of state and wife of former President Bill Clinton criticized potential Republican candidates for focusing on rich people and large companies.

Clinton lost to then Sen Barack Obama in the Democratic primary in 2008. Obama appointed Clinton, a lawyer-turned politician from Illinois, as secretary of state after his inauguration in 2009.—*Kyodo News*



Hillary Clinton, who is considered the most likely Democratic candidate, makes a speech at a rally on Roosevelt Island in New York on 13 June, 2015, as she begins her campaign for the 2016 presidential election, expressing her determination to become the first female US president.—KYODO NEWS

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Residential building collapses in SW China, casualties unknown

GUIYANG, 14 June — Four people were rescued and casualties remained unknown after a residential building collapsed in Zunyi, southwest China's Guizhou Province early Sunday morning, local publicity department said. The nine-storey old building on Yan'an Road in the city's Honghuagang District collapsed at around 6 am. Two slightly injured people were sent to hospital, officials said. Rescue work is under way. The cause of the collapse is still unknown. *Xinhua*

Photo taken with cellphone on 14 June, 2015 shows the accident scene where a residential building collapsed in Zunyi City, southwest China's Guizhou Province. Four people were rescued and casualties remained unknown after a residential building collapsed in Zunyi early Sunday morning.

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FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 15th June, 2015: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Aye-yarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Kayin and Mon States, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Shan State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

New York prison employee accused in escape plot moved to new lockup

NEW YORK, 14 June — A New York state prison employee charged with helping a pair of convicted murderers carry out an elaborate escape was moved on Saturday from a cell in the facility where she worked to a county jail about 165 miles (265 km) away, authorities said.

Joyce Mitchell was transferred from the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, where she worked as an industrial training supervisor, to Rensselaer County Jail near Albany.

She was moved as the massive manhunt for the two inmates entered its eighth day. More than 800 local, state and federal officers are searching thick woods, homes and other outposts near the maximum security facility, 20 miles (32 km) south of the Canadian border, New York State Police said.

Prosecutors allege Mitchell facilitated the escape by providing Richard Matt, 48, and David Sweat, 34, with tools such as chisels and hacksaw blades.

She was arraigned on Friday on two counts of promoting prison contraband and criminal facilitation. She pleaded not guilty and faces up to eight years in prison if convicted.

The Clinton County Sheriff's office said Mitchell was transferred to reduce tensions within the prison where she worked and in the surrounding village. Most of the families who live nearby have at least one member who is employed at the fortress-like prison, which houses about 3,000 prisoners. Authorities did not say if Mitchell had provided any information about the men's possible whereabouts.

The focus of the search was on an area near a high-

way that leads from Dannemora to Plattsburgh, about 14 miles (22 km) away, state police spokesman Beau Duffy said on Saturday.

Sweat and Matt escaped the prison late on 5 June or early on 6 June, using power tools to cut through a steel wall, maneuvering over a catwalk, drilling through bricks and crawling through a steam pipe to a manhole on the street.

The complexity of the escape had led to speculation the men had come up with a smooth getaway plan. Possible sightings have been reported from across the border in Canada to Philadelphia.

New York State Police Major Charles Guess told a news conference on Friday there was no evidence the men had made it far from the prison.

Duffy said the search was centering around a 5 square mile (13 sq km) region after a "very significant" lead this week. He urged anyone with information to call in their tips.

"We don't have any evidence they are outside the area. But we do have evidence they are in the area," he said, adding that the search would continue round the clock.

Mitchell, 51, had previously been investigated by prison officials after she was accused of having an improper relationship with Sweat, who was serving a life sentence for killing a sheriff's deputy, Clinton County District Attorney Andrew Wylie said.

There was not enough evidence to bring disciplinary action at that time, he said. The breakout from the maximum security section of the Clinton Correctional Facility was the first in its 150-year history.—Reuters

Rockers, actors unite on London catwalk for male cancer awareness



Model David Gandy arrives to watch the presentation of the Topman Design Spring/Summer 2015 collection during 'London Collections: Men' in London, Britain on 12 June, 2015.

REUTERS

LONDON, 14 June — From veteran shock rocker Alice Cooper to model David Gandy, men from the world of fashion, film and music united on the catwalk to raise awareness about male cancer.

Charity One For the Boys hosted a gala on the sidelines of London's menswear fashion week on Friday night under the helm of Hollywood actors Samuel L Jackson and Stanley Tucci.

"Pulp Fiction" star Jackson led male celebrities such as actor Luke Wilson, Cooper and Gandy down a catwalk at London's Roundhouse for a fashion

show mixing both British and international designs.

The charity, chaired by Jackson, looks to provide men with the information to see the warning signs for cancer and fight the disease. It was founded in 2012 by the actor's publicist Sofia Davis to commemorate a friend who died from cancer.

"It's private stuff and it's not easy for anyone to talk about these issues, not only for guys but for women as well," Formula One driver Lewis Hamilton said on the event's blue carpet. "It's important that we encourage people to be more open about things."

London kicked off its menswear fashion week on Friday. The London Collections Men, now in its seventh edition, mixes top designer labels such as Burberry, Alexander McQueen and Tom Ford, Savile Row tailors Gieves & Hawkes and Hardy Amies and high street brands like Topman.

London is eyeing itself as a leading menswear fashion capital over Paris, Milan and New York with more and more retailers turning their attention to men's clothes and accessories.

London Collections Men runs until 15 June.

Reuters

'Kindergarten Cop' to get a reboot

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — Hollywood action star Arnold Schwarzenegger's classic 1990 film "Kindergarten Cop" is getting a remake, but the "Terminator" actor himself will not be involved in the reboot.

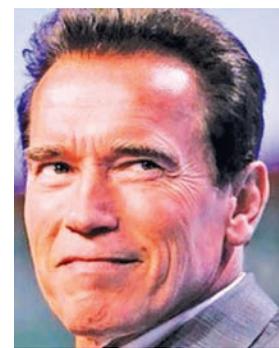
Universal's 1400 division is behind the new film, which is currently in pre-production, *Entertainment Weekly* reported.

The remake will see some big departures from the Ivan Reitman-directed original, which starred Schwarzenegger as a police

officer who is forced to go undercover as a kindergarten teacher in order to catch a drug dealer before he can get to his ex-wife and son.

This time around, the title character will be paired with an Indian sidekick as the pair search for a missing flash drive from the Federal Witness protection programme that has ended up in a kindergarten classroom.

Don Michael Paul will direct the film from a script by "American Pie 2" writer David H Steinberg.



Hollywood action star Arnold Schwarzenegger's classic 1990 film "Kindergarten Cop" is getting a remake, but the "Terminator" actor himself will not be involved in the reboot.—PTI

The "Kindergarten Cop" remake will be re-



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leased straight to DVD.

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One Direction stars to pursue solo projects?



One Direction band

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — Members of boy band One Direction are report-

edly contemplating to pursue a solo career while also staying together.

The "What Makes You Beautiful" hit-makers are choosing to have the best of

both worlds by staying together and pursuing their own projects, reported *Entertainment Weekly*.

"The boys know that by sticking together they can still pursue everything they want to do as a foursome, as well as individually," a friend of the members said.

In March, singer Zayn Malik had left the band to pursue a solo career. The group now comprises Liam Payne, Harry Styles, Niall Horran and Louis Tomlinson.

"Harry, Louis, Liam, and Niall are all very loyal to each other and support each other's future together and on soloprojects, music or otherwise. They are all incredibly loyal despite the multiple offers they get all the time." the friend added.—PTI

I am a shy person: Shraddha Kapoor



Shraddha Kapoor

MUMBAI, 14 June — She is known for portraying outgoing and expressive characters on-screen but actress Shraddha Kapoor says in real life she is a reserved person.

The 26-year-old actress made lukewarm debut with Amitabh Bachchan starrer "Teen Patti" in 2010 but she got fame two years back

with her stint as a budding singer in "Aashiqui 2", opposite rumoured boyfriend Aditya Roy Kapur.

Shraddha, however, feels fame has not changed her reserved self much and she becomes a bundle of nerves whenever she is in public eye.

"I am a shy person in real life. I am not very social person. The only people I open up to are my family and close friends. Over the years, I have become more vocal but at the core I am a reserved girl.

"Many a time I think that I should change myself and become more expressive. People keep telling me to be a certain way as I am an actor but if I don't have anything to say I can't... I come out as a shy, nervous person and a little out of place because I need time and my space to become comfortable with someone," Shraddha told PTI.

The "Ek Villain" star feels lucky that all those people in the industry whom she wanted to go up to and speak to, recognize her because of her work.

The finest example of this is her recent meeting with Amitabh Bachchan.

"I am much more comfortable around Mr Bachchan now. We met at Piku's success bash and he met me so warmly. It was amazing. Back when I did 'Teen Patti', I was so nervous to face him," she said.

Unlike many actors, who complain about rigorous film promotional activities, the self-confessed introvert said she loves this aspect of her job.

"I love promotions. They get exhaustive sometimes but I like taking instant feedbacks and reactions from fans, media. I like interacting with people," said Shraddha, who is on a promotional spree for

her upcoming dance drama "ABCD 2".

The Remo D'Souza-directed film, which co-stars Varun Dhawan, is special for Shraddha as it sees her playing a dancer for the first time.

Calling herself and Varun just the "spokespeople" of the film, the actress said the sequel to 2013's "ABCD" is not about her or Varun but the dancers in the film and their journey.

"It is not shouldered by me and Varun. It is shouldered by dance. It is actually the dance forms and journey of these terrific dancers. Varun, Remo sir and I are predominantly the spokespeople of the film. There is so much more in it."

"ABCD 2", which releases on 19 June, Shraddha will gear up for the sequel to musical drama "Rock On!!" and "Baaghi", opposite Tiger Shroff.

PTI

Annie Wersching joins 'Vampire Diaries' again

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — Actress Annie Wersching is returning to "The Vampire Diaries".

Wersching, who plays Lily Salvatore on the show, will make return to the CW drama series in a recurring capacity in season seven, according to *The Wrap*.

Lily has caused trouble for her sons Damon (Ian Somerhalder) and Stefan

(Paul Wesley) in the past by aligning with a dangerous group of heretic vampires.

The CW series is undergoing a major shake-up for season seven, following the departures of Steven R McQueen, Nina Dobrev and Michael Trevino.

"The Vampire Diaries" returns for its seventh season this fall.—PTI



GENERAL

Scotland come from behind to grab draw against Ireland

DUBLIN, 14 June — Scotland came from behind to draw 1-1 with Ireland in their Euro 2016 qualifier on Saturday and stay two points clear of their opponents in a likely battle for a third place playoff spot in Group D.

Jonathan Walters handed Ireland a deserved first half lead but Shaun Maloney's deflected shot off the back of John O'Shea early in the second half kept Scottish hopes of reaching a first major championship in almost 20 years very much alive.

Ireland dominated the first half hour but were let down by their accuracy in the final third, handing little opportunity the way of Daryl Murphy, starting alone up front ahead of Shane Long and Ireland's top scorer Robbie Keane.

When a cross finally found Murphy, the 32-year-old Ipswich Town striker forced David Marshall into an awkward save and from the resulting corner, another parried Murphy header fell



Republic of Ireland's Jonathan Walters scores their first goal against Scotland during UEFA Euro 2016 Qualifying Group D, Aviva Stadium, Dublin, Republic of Ireland on 13 June, 2015. — REUTERS

at the feet of Walters to open the scoring on 38 minutes.

Murphy, top scorer in England's second tier this season, could have made it two a minute from halftime but he failed to connect with another wickedly whipped in Robbie Brady corner.

All that hard work was nullified a minute into the second half when the hosts

fell asleep and Maloney, whose strike at Celtic Park handed Ireland their only defeat of the campaign so far, was given too much space in the run up to O'Shea's own goal. Murphy could have put Ireland back in front within a minute after being put through by Wes Hoolahan, but he was denied by Marshall who had little to do for

rest of the game as Ireland struggled to regain the initiative. Group leaders Poland's 4-0 win over Georgia means they are three points ahead of Scotland and five clear of Ireland. World champions Germany will move two points clear of Scotland with a win over bottom-placed Gibraltar later on Saturday.

Reuters

World Cup joy for Brazil and England, but France shocked

MONTREAL, 14 June — Brazil became the second team to qualify for the knock-out round of the women's World Cup on Saturday and England picked up a big win, but France suffered a shock defeat that could make their life at the tournament tougher.

Brazil joined defending champions Japan in the next stage with six points after a grim 1-0 win over Spain in a Montreal Group E game, striker Alessandro Alves tapping home in the 44th minute after a defensive error.

While Brazil rarely looked comfortable against a physical Spanish side and only managed two shots on target, coach Vadao brushed off questions about the lack of goals. "I am not concerned about that ... our victories are what we're concerned about," he said after their second somewhat laborious win in a row.

Veteran striker Marta had a game to forget and Brazil will need to play much better if they are to equal their best ever World Cup performance, which was reaching the final of the tournament in 2007. Although the standard of play was poor, organizers will no doubt be relieved that almost 29,000 people

watched the game in Montreal's cavernous Olympic Stadium after just 10,000 watched the opening fixtures. South Korea and Costa Rica put on a much better performance in the second Group E contest, which ended 2-2 after the Latin American side scored an 89th minute equalizer. "It is not the three points we wanted. In South Korea there are many fans cheering for us and I feel very sorry," said unhappy head



Costa Rica forward Maria Barrantes (14) battles with Korea Republic midfielder Kwon Hahnul (13) and midfielder Cho Sohyun (8) for control of the ball during the second half of a Group E soccer match in the 2015 FIFA women's World Cup at Olympic Stadium, Montreal, Quebec, CAN, on 13 June, 2015. The game ended in a draw, 2-2.— REUTERS

coach Yoon Deok-yeo.

Costa Rica are now second in the group with two points while South Korea and Spain have one each.

Third-ranked France suffered the biggest shock of the tournament so far after going down 2-0 to Colombia.

Lady Andrade beat the offside trap to score in the 19th minute and Catalina Usme took advantage of a bad goalkeeper error in second-half stoppage time to

give the South Americans the win in Moncton.

"There were numerous aspects that weren't quite right today. We weren't accurate enough with our passes at key moments," said French coach Philippe Bergeroo. Colombia, ranked 28th, now head Group F with four points and coach Fabian Taborda issued a warning to the other teams.

"We've proved that we're not just here to make up the numbers ... my players are real battlers," he said.

France's loss leaves them on three points and in third place, behind England on goal difference.

England, who lost to France in their group opener, got back on track with a 2-1 win over Mexico with two second-half goals from midfielder Fran Kirby and Karen Carney.

The four best third-placed teams in the six groups will also qualify for the knockout round, which means four points could be enough. This sets up a potentially thrilling final round of games in Group F, where England meet Colombia while France play Mexico, who have one point but could advance with a win.

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Gerard Butler's 'London Has Fallen' pushed to 2016



Actor Gerard Butler

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — Actor Gerard Butler's "London Has Fallen", which was originally slated to release on October this year, will now hit theatres in 2016.

The release of the sequel to 2013's "Olympus Has Fallen" has been pushed to 22 January, said the *Hollywood Reporter*.

The earlier release date

would have seen the action thriller get competition from "The Martian" and "The Walk". Butler will reprise his role as the former Special Forces soldier Mike Banning, who thwarts a plot to assassinate world leaders in London. Directed by Babak Najafi, "London Has Fallen" also stars Morgan Freeman.

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Nicki Minaj to perform at 2015 BET Awards

LOS ANGELES, 14 June — Rapper Nicki Minaj is the latest performer announced for the 15th annual BET Awards to be held on 28 June.

Minaj has bagged six nominations, including best female hip-hop artist and video of the year. The 32-year-old singer and Chris Brown are the lead nominees. Brown is the only other artist to re-

ceive six nods at this year's show, reported Billboard.

Other performers lined up for the upcoming BET Awards are Kendrick Lamar and Brown. More acts will be announced in the days leading up to the event.

The ceremony will be hosted by Tracee Ellis Ross and Anthony Anderson.

PTI

Shootout sends Mali into semis

CHRISTCHURCH, 14 June — Mali continue to defy the odds at the FIFA U-20 World Cup after they booked their place in semi-finals with a 4-3 win on penalties over Germany following a well-fought 1-1 draw in Christchurch.

Julian Brandt's opener had put the tournament favourites ahead, though a Djigui Diarra penalty save and Souleymane Coulibaly header levelled things up, leaving the sides level for an hour.

Niklas Stark then fired the crucial spot-kick wide and sent Fanyeri Diarra's send into dreamland.

The outstanding moment of the opening passages of play was a disappointing one for the match,

as Germany's top scorer Marc Stendera was forced off the field, and without him the tournament's most prolific side struggled to find their rhythm.

Good pressing from the Malians limited their chances, although the Africans often struggled to make any themselves.

A couple from efforts from distance were all that brought either goalkeeper into action before Frank Wormuth's charges broke the deadlock shortly before the break.

A Hany Mukhtar free-kick couldn't get beyond the defensive wall, but the ball eventually fell to Brandt, who hit a volley from the edge of the area that skipped off the turf and

into the bottom corner.

Mali returned after the break looking bright and up for the challenge.

Their early pressure looked to have been for nothing though after the referee pointed to the spot for a foul on Jeremy Dudziak. But the Africans held strong as Mukhtar saw his effort saved and, within two minutes, parity was restored. A foul on the left flank gave Youssouf Kone the chance to swing a cross into the German area and Coulibaly met it perfectly.

The defender got free at the front post and his diving header flashed beyond keeper Marvin Schwaebe and into the far corner.

Later, a weak back-pass left Malian hearts in

mouths as Hamidou Maiga almost gifted the Germans a path into the last four. Mukhtar should also have atoned for his penalty miss, but directed his header wide, ensuring the game went to extra-time.

Malick Toure should have put Mali ahead for the first time when he headed over from three yards out as the Germans seemed to tire as the additional 30 minutes wore on.

A shootout always looked like where it was headed though, and while Adama Traore saw his effort saved, Brandt then fired over before Stark's off-target effort saw Europe's two front-runners go out on spot-kicks in the space of minutes.—FIFA



Niklas Stark of Germany battles with Mohamed Diallo of Mali during the FIFA U-20 World Cup New Zealand 2015 Quarter Final match between Mali and Germany at Christchurch Stadium on 14 June, 2015 in Christchurch, New Zealand.—FIFA

FIFA U-20 World Cup Quarter-finals results 14 June, 2015

Match	Team 1	Score	Team 2
Match 45	Brazil	0-0	Portugal
	Brazil win on penalties (3-1)		
Match 46	Mali	1-1	Germany
	Mali win on penalties (4-3)		
Match 47	USA	0-0	Serbia
	Serbia win on penalties (5-6)		
Match 48	Uzbekistan	0-1	Senegal

Paraguay salvage last-gasp 2-2 draw against Argentina



Paraguay's Lucas Barrios (8) scores a goal against Argentina during their first round Copa America 2015 soccer match at Estadio La Portada de La Serena in La Serena, Chile, on 13 June, 2015.—REUTERS

SANTIAGO, 14 June — Paraguay's Lucas Barrios scored in the 90th minute to give his side a dramatic 2-2 draw against Argentina in the Copa America on Saturday.

The Argentines looked to be cruising to victory thanks to first-half goals from Sergio Aguero and Lionel Messi from the penalty spot.

However, striker Nelson Haedo Valdez pulled a goal back for the Paraguayans on the hour with a cracking long-range shot before second-half substitute Barrios earned his side a point with a fierce drive in the final minute.

"A good Paraguayan side never gives up and we proved that again today," Haedo Valdez said. "Even if we're not as good as they

are as individual players, as a team we're better.

"In the first half we couldn't string two passes together but in the second we knew we had nothing to lose and we grew in confidence. This is like a victory for us."

Argentina's early dominance was such that the game looked to be over as a contest by the break. They enjoyed 75 percent of first-half possession and had seven shots on goal without reply.

Aguero put them ahead in the 29th minute, sprinting on to an underhit backpass from defender Miguel Samudio and rounding the goalkeeper before stroking the ball into the empty net.

Minutes later, Samudio's night went from bad to worse when he was harshly

judged to have pulled down Angel di Maria in the box. Messi tucked away the resulting penalty for his 47th goal for his country.

But the Paraguayans looked like a different side in the second half, and after Haedo Valdez scored their first they poured forward in search of an equaliser.

With time running out, Nestor Ortigoza lobbed a freekick into the box, defender Paulo da Silva nodded it down and Barrios slammed the ball into the bottom right-hand corner of the net to level the scoreline.

Argentina face defending champions Uruguay in their next match in La Serena on Tuesday while Paraguay face Jamaica in Antofagasta on the same day.

Reuters

Ronaldo treble earns 10-man Portugal win in Armenia

Moscow, 14 June — Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo scored a superb hat-trick to secure a 3-2 win away to Armenia that put his side a provisional five points clear at the top of Group I.

Ronaldo equalised with a penalty just before the half-hour mark, added a second 10 minutes after the break and struck a superb third in the 58th before Tiago Mendes was sent off.

Portugal now lead Group I with 12 points from five games ahead of Denmark, who have seven from four, along with Albania, before hosting second-bottom Serbia later on Saturday.

Armenia coach Sargis Hovsepyan was in charge of his first match for the hosts who looked comfortable early on and took the lead in the 14th minute through forward Marcos Pizzelli whose free-kick flew into the top corner via the underside of the bar.

The visitors levelled through Ronaldo's spot kick after Henrikh Mkhitaryan fouled playmaker Joao Moutinho.

Ronaldo then put Portugal in front when he capitalised on a mix-up between Robert Arzumanyan and goalkeeper Roman Berezovski to score into an empty net.

Three minutes later, the Real Madrid forward

completed his treble with a stunning 20-metre strike into the top corner.

Portugal midfielder Tiago was sent off for a

second bookable offence just past the hour mark leaving the visitors to sit back and defend in the closing stages.

Armenia's Hrayr Mkoyan reduced the deficit with his first goal for his country after a mistake by keeper Rui Patricio but Por-

tugal held on despite coming under late pressure.

Basement side Armenia are level on one point with the Serbs.—Reuters



Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo scores the second goal past Armenia's Robert Arzumanyan (R) during their Euro 2016 group I qualifying soccer match in Yerevan, Armenia on 13 June, 2015.—REUTERS

28th SEA GAMES		Medal Standings for 14 June, 2015			
Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	Thailand	87	82	64	233
2	Singapore	81	72	98	251
3	Vietnam	72	51	56	179
4	Malaysia	59	52	65	176
5	Indonesia	44	55	69	168
6	Philippines	28	35	64	127
7	Myanmar	11	24	30	65
8	Cambodia	1	5	8	14
9	Laos	0	4	21	25
10	Timor-Leste	0	1	1	2
11	Brunei	0	0	6	6