Myanmar maintains not only friendly relations with regional countries, ASEAN countries and world countries but also cooperation with the UN, and will give serious consideration to boosting bilateral cooperation and relations with the US.

He believes and accepts Myanmar is on the right track. When he gets back to the US, he will let the US government and his colleagues know that they need to start to talk with Myanmar.

Today Myanmar is on the track of democracy and is in the process of being built into a democratic country, therefore the US and Myanmar are on the path of same policy and are getting closer to each other. However, Myanmar still has to try for smooth democratization, and would like the US to understand that Myanmar cannot achieve the democratic processes overnight that are equal to those the US has experienced for over 200 years.
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**Sight set on development of border areas**

Prevailing peace and stability is the most important in the nation, which is home to over 100 national races. Emphasis has been placed on national unity in successive eras. The country can be shaped as a stable, peace, developed and prosperous nation based on the unity.

Especially, border areas faced disintegration in the post-independence period due to regionalism and racism. The nation lagged behind in development due to armed insurrection. It is necessary to take lessons from the past events.

The government is carrying out development tasks across the Union including border areas. Thanks to new roads and bridges, national races have easier access to various regions and strengthen relationship among them by overcoming natural barriers like mountains, rivers and creeks.

The regions that were unstable in regionalism, racism and dogmatism in the past are enjoying fruits of peace and stability now. Even remote areas and all the regions are gaining development momentum. It is necessary to sustain peace, stability and development for long run.

Priority is being given to education task in the border areas. Education infrastructures have been built for enabling the national race youths of border areas to enjoy better learning opportunities.

Hospitals, dispensaries and rural health centres have been built with the aim of providing better health care services to border people.

A large sum of money have been spent on construction of social economic foundations in border areas since 1989. So it is necessary to encourage development of economic, agriculture, livestock breeding and industries of the people from border areas through collaborative efforts of relevant ministries of regions and states.

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**People's Desire**

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- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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**Union Minister for Border Affairs and for MID receives Swiss Ambassador**

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Maj-Gen Thein Htay received Ambassador of Switzerland to Myanmar Mr Christoph Burgener at the Ministry of Border Affairs, here, at 5 pm today. They discussed promotion and cooperation in humanitarian aids with Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation in border areas.

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**Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Swiss Delegation**

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received a Swiss Delegation led by Mr Christoph Burgener, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Switzerland to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at his office here this afternoon. The meeting focused on strengthening of bilateral ties and cooperation between Myanmar and Switzerland.

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**Work coordinating meeting for 11th ASEAN CITM and 12th ASEAN TITMM held**

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—The 1st work coordinating meeting of Leading Committee for Observance of 11th ASEAN Communication and Information Technology Meeting and 12th ASEAN Telecommunication & Information Technology Ministers Meeting was held at CPT Ministry here yesterday with an opening speech of Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun. In the meeting, the Union Minister urged those present to prepare and carry out their respective tasks precisely to be able to successfully hold the meetings at international level after hearing reports presented by Secretary of the committee Director-General of Directorate of Telecommunications, deputy ministers and officials concerned on tasks to be carried out.
Iraqi security forces, seen through the smashed glass of a damaged vehicle, stand guard at the site of a roadside bomb attack targeting a police patrol that wounded several civilians in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 June, 2011.

Isolated attack kills three in Kabul

KABUL, 2 June— An explosion rocked Ghazni city, the provincial capital of Ghazni Province 125 km south of capital city of Kabul on Wednesday, causing no loss of life.

“An explosive material went off near a mobile-phone tower at around 14:00 GMT in downtown Ghazni City but fortunately no civilian or security forces were hurt in the blast,” provincial police chief Zaráwar Záhir told Xinhua.

However, he did not blame any group for the attack.

The Taleban militants who have been waging a fierce militancy now in its 10th year, often voiced threats to mobile phone companies over the past couple of years.

The Taleban fighters have recently warned the companies to shut down operation especially during night time hours in a number of Afghan Provinces including Ghazni and neighbouring Zabul Province.

Taleban said that locals have been using mobile phone as a spying instrument to call security forces and provide information about their movement at night, thus facilitating Afghan and NATO-led troopers to target them.

Taleban-led militancy has been rampant since the militant group announced on 30 April to start spring offensive against Afghan and NATO-led international forces.

Xinhua

27 Pakistani forces killed after cross-border raid

ISLAMABAD, 2 June— Twenty-seven Pakistani security forces have been killed in fighting in northwest Pakistan after about 200 militants crossed over from Afghanistan and attacked a security checkpoint, a government official said on Thursday.

Skirmishes had been going on for 24 hours in a village in Dir Region, Ghulam Mohammad Khan, a top local government official, said by telephone.

“We are preparing to evacuate 27 bodies from the village,” he said, referring to police and paramilitary forces killed in the fighting that spread to a forest. Khan said he had no figures on militant casualties.

Dir police official Dawar Ali said army troops had arrived in the area to support security forces.

He said more details on the battles were hard to come by because communications had broken down in the area.

The militants had arrived in a pre-dawn operation on Wednesday dressed in military uniforms and killed one policeman.

Pakistan’s Taleban movement, which has close ties to al Qaeda, has stepped up pressure on the US-backed government after vowing to avenge the killing of Osama bin Laden by US special forces on 2 May in a Pakistani Town.

Reuters

Bali international airport receives bomb threat

JAKARTA, 2 June— The international airport of Ngurah Rai in Bali received a bomb threat on Wednesday, an official at the airport said.

Police are combing and carrying out an investigation at the airport to ensure the validity of the threat, Ngurah Wijana official at the airport told Xinhua by phone.

“Yes, there is a bomb threat at this airport. I arrived at the airport at about 13:00 pm here and I saw many policemen,” he said.

Ngurah Rai Airport is a main airport for tourists at the resort island of Bali.

Xinhua

2011. Several people were injured in the attack, police said.

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Radar reveals secrets of Antarctic ice

AUSTIN, 2 June—Ice-penetrating radar has revealed one of the last uncharted regions of Earth, an ice-buried lowland in East Antarctica larger than Texas, researchers say.

The map, created by US, UK and Australian researchers, reveals some of the largest fjords, or ice-cut channels, on Earth, providing important insights into the history of ice in Antarctica.

“We knew almost nothing about what was going on, or could go on, under this part of the ice sheet and now we’ve opened it up and made it real,” said Duncan Young of the University of Texas at Austin’s Institute for Geophysics.

The study has been published in this week’s journal Nature.

The ICECAP project was a multinational collaboration using airborne geophysical instruments to study the ice sheet, a UT release reported Wednesday.

“We chose to focus on the Aurora Subglacial Basin because it may represent the weak underbelly of the East Antarctic Ice Sheet, the largest remaining body of ice and potential source of sea-level rise on Earth,” Donald Blankenship, principal ICECAP investigator, said.

The basin lies well below sea level, allowing seawater to penetrate beneath the ice and cause portions of the ice sheet to collapse and float off to sea.

The study shows the ice sheet has been significantly smaller in the past. Computer models indicate the East Antarctic Ice Sheet grew and shrunk often from about 34 million to 14 million years ago, sometimes causing sea level fluctuations of as much as 200 feet.

“We’re seeing what the ice sheet looked like at a time when Earth was much warmer than today,” Young said.

“Back then it was very dynamic, with significant surface melting. Recently, the ice sheet has been better behaved.”—Internet

Telescope captures Milky Way twin

MUNICH, 2 June—European astronomers say a nearby galaxy is so like our Milky Way it offers a tantalizing sense of how a distant observer might see our own galactic home.

Images captured by the European Southern Observatory in La Silla, Chile, show a viewpoint close to one we would see if we could observe our own Milky Way from intergalactic space, a release from ESO headquarters in Munich, Germany, said Wednesday. Galaxy NGC 6744, one of the largest and nearest spiral galaxies, features striking spiral arms wrapping around a dense, elongated nucleus and a dusty disc. The dusty spiral arms are home to many glowing star-forming regions and give this Milky Way look-alike its striking spiral form, astronomers said.

One difference between NGC 6744 and our Milky Way is size. While our galaxy is roughly 100,000 light-years across, galaxy NGC 6744 extends to almost twice that diameter.—Internet

Internet traffic to quadruple by 2015: Cisco

SAN FRANCISCO, 2 June—Global online traffic will quadruple by 2015 as the number of gadgets linked to the Internet climbs to 15 billion, according to a forecast by networking colossus Cisco.

Cisco’s fifth annual Visual Networking Index Forecast, released Wednesday, predicted that nearly three billion people, more than 40 percent of the expected world population, will be using the Internet by the year 2015.

“The explosive growth in Internet data traffic, especially video, creates an opportunity in the years ahead for optimizing and monetizing visual, virtual and mobile Internet experiences,” said Cisco vice president Suraj Shetty.

Personal computers generated 97 percent of consumer Internet traffic last year, but the share will drop to 87 percent in the next four years as more people turn to smartphones, tablets, and Web-enabled televisions, Cisco said.

Online video traffic, including data rich 3-D and high-definition transmissions, was projected to be 14 times greater in 2015 compared to last year. By then, a million minutes of video will traverse the Internet every second, according to the Cisco forecast.

Mobile data traffic was expected to increase by a magnitude of 26 times in the same period.—Internet

China warns 46 mapping service websites to get license or face punishment

BEIJING, 2 June—China’s State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping (SBSM) has published a list of 46 domestic websites that offered online mapping services without obtaining permission, warning they would be punished if they fail to obtain approval after 1 July.

Those websites include www.map.home-link.com.cn, www.beijing.map.8684.cn and other websites from which many Chinese Internet users search for bus routes or find the locations of real estate projects, according to a notice posted on SBSM’s website Monday.

The SBSM did not elaborate on what punishment the website operators might face.

China launched a nationwide campaign to eliminate illegal online mapping services in March. Administered by a coordinating board made up of 13 ministry-level agencies headed by the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping, the campaign is expected to address major violations, including unauthorized disclosure of confidential information on the maps and mistakes in drawing the country’s borders, especially on islands and coastal areas.

China introduced a new licensing system for Internet mapping services last May and required all providers to acquire a license before the end of March.

As of mid-February, licenses had been granted to 105 websites across the country, including search giant Baidu, leading portal Sina, Nokia and China Mobile, the country’s largest telecommunication operator.

Xinhua
S Korea’s oil product exports surge on growing demand from Asia

SOUTH KOREA, 2 June—South Korea’s oil product exports surged 74 percent on-year in April due to growing demand from Asian nations, a government report showed Thursday.

Overseas shipments of oil products, including gasoline, diesel, kerosene, naphtha and Bunker-C oil, reached 3.15 billion US dollars in April, up 74 percent from 1.96 billion dollars a year earlier, the Ministry of Knowledge Economy said in a statement. The volume of total shipments came in at 40.39 million barrels in April, up 22.7 percent from 32.91 million barrels the previous year, according to the ministry.

The April’s sharp gains came after the 11 March earthquake in Japan disrupted operations of some oil refiners in the nation, resulting in surging demand from Japan as well as other Asian countries, which had previous imported petroleum products from the nation, the ministry said. Exports to Japan expanded 149.2 percent on-year to 7.04 million barrels in April, making the nation the second-largest overseas buyer of South Korean refined oil after Singapore. Refined petroleum products shipped to Singapore soared 183.8 percent on-year to 7.8 million barrels in April, with exports to China and India growing by 12.3 percent and 4.2 percent on-year respectively.

Imports of crude oil reached 8.68 billion dollars in April, up 52.8 percent from 5.68 billion dollars a year earlier, with the volume of imports rising 8.2 percent on-year.—Xinhua

Bolivia reports seven new A/H1N1 flu cases

LA PAZ, 2 June—Bolivia Tuesday reported seven new cases of A/H1N1 influenza and an increase of severe respiratory infections.

Bolivia’s Health and Sports Minister Nila Heredia ordered all health centres in the country to reactivate preventive measures to avoid increase of A/H1N1 influenza cases.

Heredia said severe respiratory infections had increased in past weeks due to strong cold affecting some provinces, mainly including La Paz, Oruro, Potosi and Cochabamba.

She also suggested children should wear more clothes to avoid flu caused by low temperatures.

According to the National Service of Health Information, severe respiratory diseases increased 17 percent in the country last week.—Xinhua

Toyota to recall first generation Prius cars in NZ

WELLINGTON, 2 June—Toyota New Zealand is recalling at least 132 first generation Prius hybrid cars due to a steering fault, local media reported on Thursday. The Japanese vehicle manufacturer is recalling 106,000 Prius hybrids worldwide after it found loose nuts in the electric-power steering could cause the vehicle, if operated over a long time, to steer with too much force.

Toyota NZ spokesman Spencer Morris said the company imported 132 used Prius hybrids but others had been imported by third parties, the New Zealand Press Association reported. A single minor accident thought to have been related to the steering fault has been reported in the United States, but Morris said New Zealand customers should not be concerned.

‘This problem is not going to cause sudden and catastrophic failure of the steering, it’s something that will manifest itself just as a heavier feel to the steering initially and if somebody experiences that then we would recommend that they contact their dealer as soon as possible,” he said.—Xinhua

Health

A mosquito is bloated with blood as it inserts its stinger into human flesh in this undated photo released by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). In the biggest lab breakthrough against malaria in years, scientists on Wednesday said they had identified odor molecules that baffle blood-thirsty mosquitoes.—INTERNET

Health Tip: Protect your feet from corns

Corns are calluses on the toes that develop when the toes rub against the inside of shoes. Causes include poorly fitted shoes, deformities of the toes and socks that don’t fit properly.

The American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons suggests how you can help prevent corns:

* Make sure shoes aren’t too tight or too loose.
* Kick off the high-heeled shoes, in favour of those that put less pressure on the front of the foot.
* Make sure stitches and seams inside the shoes don’t rub against your toes.
* Wear socks that fit well.—Internet

Citicbank sign boards in Hong Kong. Citigroup on Thursday announced a tie-up with Chinese securities firm Orient, giving the US bank a chance to compete with its foreign rivals in China’s booming capital markets. INTERNET

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Health

New FMD outbreak compounds Botswana beef situation

GABORONE, 2 June—The suspected outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in northeastern Botswana has complicated further the troubles bedevilling the cattle and beef industries in the Southern African beef exporter.

The crippling industry has already been hit by a series of misfortunes this year including lumpy skin disease and dissatisfaction with quality standards by the European Union (EU) that resulted in suspension of export to the EU market.

Still fresh from a confirmed outbreak of FMD reported on 5 May in the Matsiloje area, which is in the neighbouring veterinary disease control zone six (eastern Botswana), the shocking news that the disease has now surfaced in zone seven (northeastern Botswana), around the Botswana-Zimbabwe border at Ramagwabwana broke on Tuesday.

This is bad news for the industry as just last month Botswana sent a strong delegation to a EU summit in Paris, France, to assure the market of quality product once they start exportation, which was scheduled for September this year.

Speaking to Xinhua in an interview on Wednesday, the Director of veterinary services in the Ministry of Agriculture Kgosietsile Philemon-Motsu said the recent outbreak is indeed a major setback for the country’s cattle industry.—Xinhua

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Myanmar wishes to establish bilateral relationship between two countries, based on equality and mutual respect. Mutual trust and confidence must be built sideline misunderstanding between two countries. Myanmar welcomes US direct engagement policy.

Myanmar will be able to do better in all aspects in future.
US will continue to hold discussions with Myanmar.

Union EP-1 Minister receives President and Vice-Presidents of China Huaneng Group

President Mr Cao Peixi of China Huaneng Group and party calls on Union EP-1 Minister U Zaw Min. —MNA

UNDP resident representative calls on Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar

Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyein receives a delegation led by resident representative of UNDP Mr Bishow Parajuli. —MNA

Speaker on the occasion, the union minister said that Myanmar will continue to practise the independent, active non-aligned foreign policy based on the five principles of peaceful coexistence. The country will also continue the friendly relations with global nations and cooperation with international organizations as well as regional organizations such as the UN, ASEAN and BIMSTEC. Myanmar wishes to establish bilateral relationship between the two countries, based on equality and mutual respect. So, mutual trust and confidence must be built sideline the misunderstandings between the two countries and Myanmar welcomes the direct engagement policy of the US by the union minister noted.

Next, Mr John McCain asked about the issue of political prisoners. For his part Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin said that Myanmar has firmly announced that there are no political prisoners in the country. Those serving their prison terms in Myanmar’s jails are just law offenders. Although some of them may be associated with political parties, action was taken against them not because they are members of political parties. Anyone who does any harm to peace and stability of the State will face action in accord with the existing laws. For peace and stability of the State, measures will be taken in a democratic way. The State itself could have made democracy transition in a peaceful and stable way, added the union minister.

McCain asked about the attitude towards Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The union minister replied that now, she has the right to act as an ordinary person. She is meeting freely with the persons she wants to, including diplomats. Any Myanmar citizen must accept and recognize the state constitution. For the people, they as individuals or in parties can participate in nation-building tasks if they wish to do so by standing for election. It is the Hluttaw that is the most appropriate place to decide the future of the State.

In his discussion, Mr John McCain said he believed that Myanmar will be able to do better in all aspects in the future. The US will continue to hold discussions with Myanmar and it is hoped that this will contribute to further promoting the relations between the two countries, added the senator. —MNA
We will continue to make attempt to emerge a mature democracy system

It is important to promote relationship between two countries

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint received US Senator Mr John McCain, who is in Myanmar, at Zabuthiri Meeting Hall in Hluttaw Building, here, yesterday afternoon.

At the call, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that Mr John McCain should share knowledge on Parliamentary Democracy System because Myanmar has little experience in practicing it; that in Myanmar there are Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw which combined Pyithu Hluttaw with Amyotha Hluttaw; that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is similar to Congress and has legislative power which is the highest power; that Pyidaungsu Hluttaw includes Hluttaw representatives from 15 political parties and independent Hluttaw representatives, including multi-culture; that those present there are from the 15 political parties and independent Hluttaw representatives; that the Hluttaw representatives raised 106 questions and submitted 45 proposals at the First Hluttaw meetings; that among those present are Chairmen and members from the Committees; that raising and answering questions are freely carried out in line with Parliamentary Democracy System; that so Hluttaw representatives and Mr John McCain can raise any questions directly.

After that, Dr Aye Maung, Dr Myat Nyana Soe, U Nyunt Tin and Daw Nan Wah Nu raised the questions. Mr John McCain said that he was very happy to hold discussion; that he honoured them because of serving tremendous duties for the State and the people; that he had many experience in election including a defeat in a certain election; that Hluttaw representatives should have close contact with voters according to his experience; that if so, they will fulfill desires of voters; that it is important to promote relationship between the two countries; and he wished Myanmar success in all affairs.

Afterwards, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said that exchange of visits between two legislative bodies will benefit a lot; that he would like to invite US senators to visit Myanmar; that Hluttaw representatives from Myanmar listen to the voices of people in their constituencies at a time when there are no Hluttaw meetings; that they will continue to make attempt to emerge a mature democracy system.

Myanmar, Japan to enhance technological cooperation

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi SAITO and party called on Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Japanese Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito and party called on Union Minister for Labour and for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi, at his office here this afternoon.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on natural disaster management and Japan Myanmar technological cooperation and future implementation.

Donate blood

Union Health Minister receives Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin received Swiss Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar based in Bangkok Mr Christoph Burgener and Attaché Mr Thomas Fisler at his office this morning.

The meeting focused on construction of rural health centres, sharing medical knowledge, donation of medicines and medical equipment, cooperation in control of infectious disease and non-infectious disease, resettlements in delta region, and taking measures against health problems in cooperation with social organizations.

Union Health Minister Dr Pe Thet Khin receives Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Christoph Burgener and Attaché Mr Thomas Fisler. — MNA
in accordance with the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

In the post-independence period, the relations between Myanmar and the US were in good conditions and the US cooperated with Myanmar in various sectors and provided aid, a fact he said, adding that even in the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party government, the US cooperated with Myanmar in many fields. He said that today Myanmar is on the track of democracy and is in the process of being built into a democratic country; that therefore the US and Myanmar are on the path of same policy and are getting closer to each other; that however, Myanmar still has to try for smooth democratization, and would like the US to understand that Myanmar cannot achieve the democratic processes overnight that are equal to those of the US; that it has experienced for over 200 years; and that anyhow, has started practising local democracy and will be cooperating with the international community in accordance with the foreign policy in international relations.

He said that in international relations, Myanmar is trying to improve relations with any country irrespective of location and race; that Myanmar will cooperate with any country in bilateral interests in relations if it is beneficial to Myanmar; that in some cases, Myanmar has to cooperate with other countries according to geopolitics; and that Myanmar will give serious consideration to boosting bilateral cooperation and relations. He said that Myanmar maintains not only friendly relations with regional countries, ASEAN countries and world countries but also cooperation with the UN; that regarding North Korea issue, Myanmar deals with all global family members, and North Korea, a global family member; and that nevertheless, after the UN has released provisions of resolutions 1718 and 1874, Myanmar has been abiding by the provisions as it is a UN member.

Regarding the nuclear issue, he said that Myanmar made arrangements for nuclear research with the assistance of Russia in order that Myanmar will not lag behind other countries in that field and to improve its education and health sectors; that Myanmar is no position to take account of nuclear weapons and does not have enough economic strength to do so; and that Myanmar has halted that programme as international community may misunderstand Myanmar over the issue.

He said that he believes that if the two countries work in coordination, they will be able to improve friendly relations and cooperation; and that he believes that the US imposed sanctions against Myanmar, and Myanmar understands the US has to take time to lift the sanctions; that he believes that if the two countries work in coordination, they will be able to improve friendly relations and cooperation; and that he believes that the US will be able to reconcile the two countries for improving Myanmar-US relations as he has political influence in the US.

Mr. John McCain said that he is glad to know that Myanmar is willing to promote bilateral relations according to the frank talks; that according to the statistics of the International Human Rights Council, there are 2000 political prisoners in Myanmar; that in that regard, he wants Myanmar to grant permission to ICRC to visit Myanmar; and that according to the news, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will travel outside Yangon in June, and he hopes that she will be allowed to do so.

He said that he believes and accepts Myanmar is on the right track; and that when he gets back to the US, he will let the US government and his colleagues know that they need to start to talk with Myanmar.

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo said that there are no political prisoners in Myanmar; that Myanmar already made arrangements for Red Cross Societies, but they did many things beyond permission, so they were not allowed for the next time; that however the Senator has talked in all seriousness, and in response Myanmar will take account into it when it is opportune.

Regarding Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issue, he is considered to be an ordinary civilian that the government will not prohibit an ordinary civilian from doing any activities in accordance with the law; that however, it is needed to give priority to State stability and peace and the rule of order; that Myanmar is carrying out democratization, for which State stability and peace is a must; and that only the State sees stability and peace, will it be possible to improve the economic, education and health sectors.

He said that he believes Myanmar will take measures seriously for promotion of bilateral cooperation; that the President extends his greetings to the US President; and that he wishes the US greater development and bilateral relations further improvement. Mr. John McCain said that he will convey the message to the US President.
Now is opportune time to start the dialogue between the two countries; many changes seen in Myanmar

Mr John McCain

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann received US Senator Mr John McCain and party at the hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Committee at Nay Pyi Taw Hluttaw Building yesterday afternoon.

At the call, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann said that he heartily welcomed the Senator and party and invited the discussions.

In his speech, Mr John McCain said that he was glad to hold a dialogue. In his suggestions, it was important that Hluttaw representatives who are representatives of the people must be one with the people. Now is opportune time to start the dialogue between the two countries, he said. He added that he saw many changes in Myanmar. Now, he said that the opportunity of holding dialogue between Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and himself was a significant change. He expressed his believe that more progress can be seen in the future. He wished that progress could be achieved in the tasks in the transition period. Although he understood difficulties related to Myanmar refugees in Thailand, he believed that those refugees can return home at an opportune time.

In his discussions, Thura U Shwe Mann said that the Senator would bring benefit to the Myanmar people. At present, remarkable progress can be seen in Myanmar. Executive, legislative and judicial powers are shared. He urged the Senator to recognize the changes and give encouragement. Concerted efforts are being made for serving the public interest with the concept that the Hluttaw has responsibility for enhancement of socio-economic life of the people, human rights and democratization at the Hluttaw without partism, regionalism, racism and without attaching religion. Hluttaw representatives are interested in matters related to refugees at border areas and consider it. From now on, emphasis should be placed on relationship between Hluttaws and peoples of two countries. He urged the Senator to review some activities that harm Myanmar people.

MNA
China begins construction of world’s highest highway tunnel

SANTIAGO, 2 June—Construction of a tunnel that will traverse Trola Mountain in south-western Sichuan Province began on Wednesday.

At an altitude of 4,240 to 4,380 metres, the Trola Mountain tunnel will be the world’s highest. The tunnel is on the Sichuan-Tibet Highway that links Chengdu, Sichuan in the east with Lhasa, Tibet in the west. The 7-kilometre tunnel will shorten travel time across the mountain from more than two hours to only about 10 minutes, construction manager Li Ming said.

Workers must first build an approach that is 14.06 kilometres long on the east side of the mountain, Li said.

The tunnel is scheduled to be completed in four years with an investment of 1.12 billion yuan (172 million US dollars). The 2.415-kilometre Sichuan-Tibet highway is considered one the world’s most deadly as it traverses a dozen rivers and 14 mountains with altitudes of 4,000 to 5,000 metres.

China’s economic growth could boost Japan: CASS research

BEIJING, 2 June—China’s economic growth and increasing domestic demand are stimulating imports from Japan, a factor that may help boost Japan’s economic recovery, according to research from the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS).

“Following the disaster (earthquake), trade relations between Japan and China will be further strengthened. There will be more opportunities for trade between the two countries,” Zhou Shijian, a senior trade expert from Tsinghua University in Beijing, told Wednesday’s China Daily. The research suggests that overseas demand will be one of the strongest drivers of Japan’s economic recovery.

China is the country’s biggest trading partner and the largest export destination.

At present, China runs a trade deficit with Japan, but that may change during the coming months, because the island nation is likely to need more Chinese goods to aid post-disaster reconstruction, analysts said. Zhang Xiaoji, senior researcher at the Development Research Centre of the State Council, said China’s trade deficit with Japan is not likely to widen in the short term.

Sleep loss can cause testosterone levels to plummet

WASHINGTON, 2 June—Cutting back on sleep can be quite disastrous for healthy young men—it sends their testosterone levels plummeting, says a study.

Men who sleep less than five hours a night for one week in a lab had significantly lower levels of testosterone than when they had a full night’s sleep, according to the study.

Significantly, skipping sleep was found to reduce a young man’s testosterone levels by the same amount as aging 10 to 15 years, or 10 percent to 15 percent.

Low testosterone has a host of negative consequences for young men, and not just in sexual behaviour and reproduction. It is critical in building strength, muscle mass and bone density.

“Low testosterone levels are associated with reduced well being and vigour, which may also occur as a consequence of ‘sleep loss,’ ” said Eve Van Cauter, professor in medicine, University of Chicago Medical Centre, the US, who led the study, according to a Chicago statement.

At least 15 percent of the adult working population in the US gets less than five hours of sleep a night, and suffers many adverse health effects because of it.

Low testosterone is also linked with low energy, reduced libido, poor concentration and fatigue. The group of young men recruited for the study passed a rigorous battery of tests to screen for endocrine or psychiatric disorders and sleep problems.

1,800-yr-old Mexican tunnel could reveal secrets of ancient civilization

LONDON, 2 June—Archaeologists have found a tunnel which was hidden from the human eye for 1,800 years in the ancient city of Mexico, which could reveal secrets about the ancient American civilization.

It is believed to be 120 metres deep leading to secret ‘funeral chambers’.

The tunnel, which is 13 metres below the ground, was spotted by chance in 2003 after heavy rains seeped into a tiny hole in the ground.

Archaeologists found the tunnel under the ruins of the Feathertail Serpent Temple at the archaeological site of Teotihuacan, near Mexico City.

The city is thought to have been built in 100BC, and existed until the 8th century. Archaeologists consider it one of the most influential in pre-Hispanic North America, with a population of 200,000 at its peak. “At the end, there are several chambers which could hold the remains of the rulers of that Mesoamerican civilization.”

A volunteer from Sea Turtles 911 holds a sea turtle before releasing it into sea in Haikou, capital of south China’s Hainan Province, on 31 May, 2011.
Afghanistan judge whips man for drinking alcohol

KABUL, 2 June—A man in Afghanistan was publicly whipped by a judge as punishment for drinking alcohol.

The lashing was carried out inside a courtroom in Jalalabad last week, the BBC reports.

The Afghan Human Rights Commission has expressed concern about the incident. According to the report, most punishments of this nature are carried out by the Taliban.

Such punishments are legal under the Afghan constitution but are rarely implemented.—Internet

Three-year-old dies locked in car

NEW ORLEANS, 2 June—A New Orleans woman who allegedly left her 3-year-old godson locked in a hot car for hours has been charged with negligent homicide, officials say.

Genee Brumfield, 23, was arrested late Tuesday. (The New Orleans) Times-Picayune reported.

Investigators said Brumfield was caring for Winston White Hayes, the son of her best friend. She was supposed to drop him off at day care Tuesday but decided to stop at her mother’s house and apparently then forgot about the boy, who had been left inside her locked car, officials said.

Brumfield’s sister found the boy at about 4 pm. Rita Victorian, who knows both Brumfield and the mother, said the last time she saw Winston he was “smiling and playful.”

“What hurts so bad is that I came here this morning at 10 and I parked by that tree,” she told the Times-Picayune after learning of his death. “I saw her car, but I didn’t think to look in it.”

Empire State settles parachute jump case

NEW YORK, 2 June—The Empire State Building in New York and a stuntman who tried to parachute off it have settled lawsuits over the aborted jump.

Jeb Corliss, a professional base jumper, tried the feat in 2006 for the Discovery Channel show “Stunt Junkies,” amNewYork reported.

He was caught before he could leap off the observation deck, was sentenced to three years’ probation and 100 hours community service, and was fired from the show.


His attorney, Mark Heller, said Tuesday he was “pleased” the case has been “amicably resolved” but could not reveal the terms because of a confidentiality agreement.—Internet

Now, rats ground Qantas Airways’ Boeing 767 plane!

SYDNEY, 2 June—Sydney-based Qantas Airways was forced to ground one of its Boeing 767 jets after five rats were found on board. According to Sky News, flight attendants discovered the rats in the cabin, as they were preparing for take-off from Sydney Airport on Wednesday.

The rats were found in emergency medical equipment. The passengers, who were bound for Brisbane, were moved to another flight while the rats were killed and engineers checked if they had damaged any wiring. Qantas is unsure how the rats got on board.

“We still don’t know how they got on board, but it is obviously not a common occurrence,” a Qantas spokesman said.—Internet

Iran hangs four drug traffickers

TEHERAN, 2 June—Iran hanged four drug traffickers in the central city of Kerman, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported Wednesday. The unidentified drug traffickers were charged with armed smuggling of and keeping different kinds of narcotic, said the report.

The committed people were hanged in the central prison of Kerman, said Mehr without specifying the time of execution. On Tuesday, the local English language Iran Daily reported that 300 drug traffickers are on death row in Iran. Teheran Prosecutor Abbas Jafari-Dolatabadi said Sunday “300 people have been sentenced to death in relation to drug smuggling,” said Iran Daily. Drug abuse remains a primary concern among Iranian public opinion, Jafari-Dolatabadi said, adding that curbing the distribution and transport of illegal drugs is one of the main approaches in fighting drug trafficking.

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Drug trafficking, along with some other crimes including murder, adultery, rape and armed robbery, is subject to death penalty in Iran.—Xinhua

Four killed, two missing in factory explosion in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 2 June—Four people have been confirmed dead and two remained missing in a factory explosion Wednesday evening in Urumqi, the capital city of northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, local authorities said Thursday. Rescuer workers were still combing the debris for the two missing workers, the Urumqi city publicity department said in a Press release.

A furnace exploded at 7:45 pm Wednesday at aluminium alloy production workshop of Xinjiang Yuansheng Technology Development Co in Urumqi’s High-tech Development Zone when more than 30 people were at work.

Body parts were found 50 metres away from the factory, according to reporters on the scene. The blast also severely injured three workers and lightly injured another 13. The explosion was not man-made, an initial investigation showed.—Xinhua

Eight cars go up in flames in Moscow

MOSCOW, 2 June—A Mercedes car has become the eighth vehicle that caught fire under unknown circumstances in the Russian capital in the past week, police said. The Mercedes caught fire Thursday.

On Tuesday evening, a BMW X6, a Volkswagen, a Mazda and a BMW 3 caught fire at a parking lot in the city’s southwest.

Three more cars - a Volkswagen, a Toyota and a Subaru - burned Wednesday in western Moscow. Police said they have discovered no traces of arson on the cars. Investigation is underway.—Internet

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Entertainers perform a dragon dance during the delivery of an Airbus A320 series plane in Tianjin, north China, on 1 June, 2011. The 50th Airbus A320 series plane that rolls off Tianjian assembly line was delivered to Juneyao Airlines here Wednesday. The Airbus 320 assembly line in Tianjin, the first for Airbus outside Europe, is a joint venture between Airbus, the Aviation Industry Corp. of China (AVIC), and Tianjin Bonded Zone Investment Co, and went into production in September 2008.—Xinhua
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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KALSMUT VOY NO (06/11) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3.6.2011 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W(2) where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Shipped cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Brain scan shows mark of bomb blasts, study finds

NEW YORK, 2 June— Servicemen who suffer concussions from wartime explosions struggle with symptoms even though brain scans generally show no damage. Now a specialized type of scan has spotted brain abnormalities in some of these patients. The new work is a first step toward better understanding what happens in the brain and what might be done about it, said Dr David Brody of Washington University in St Louis. He’s senior author of the study in Thursday’s issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

The abnormalities appeared in just 18 of 65 patients from the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, so those physical signs alone can’t be used to diagnose concussion, Brody said. They imply damage to the “wiring” that connects parts of the brain, and it’s not yet clear what if anything the new finding suggests for treatment, he said.

Researchers are now studying whether they reveal anything about a patient’s future course, such as the risk of post-traumatic stress disorder. The scans were done by adding software to an ordinary MRI machine. The results suggest doctors may someday be able to use objective markers to help make a concussion diagnosis, said Katherine Helmick, deputy director for traumatic brain injury at the federally funded Defence Centres of Excellence for Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury.

Russia’s Kamchatka volcano spews ash as high as 9 km

VLADIVOSTOK, 2 June

An active volcano on Kamchatka Peninsula in the Far East of Russia is currently spewing plumes of ash at a height of up to 9 km, local media reported on Wednesday. Scientists have registered two strong eruptions of the Shiveluch volcano in the last 24 hours.

The 3,283-metre volcano increased activity in May 2009 and periodically spews ash from three to eight km. Clouds of volcanic ash could pose threat to air traffic because the tiny particles can cause problems with aircraft engine turbines. There are more than 150 volcanoes on Kamchatka, and 29 of them are active.

French unemployment dips slightly in Q1

PARIS, 2 June— France’s unemployment rate dropped 0.3 percent to 9.2 percent in the first quarter of 2011 year-on-year, the national stats-stics bureau Insee said Wednesday. In mainland France, 2.6 million people were recorded jobless. However, if broad-ening the de-finition to registered job-seekers who already work part-time, the unemployed figure rose to 3.4 million. Young people aged between 25-49 took the biggest share of the unemployment army, with over 1.5 million in the metropolitan.

Nigeria ‘baby farm’ girls rescued by Abia state police

ABA, 2 June— Nige-rian police have raided a hospital in the south-eastern city of Aba, rescuing 32 pregnant girls allegedly held by a human-trafficking ring.

Aged between 15 and 17 years, the girls were locked up and used to produce babies, said Abia state’s police chief. These were then allegedly sold for ritual witchcraft pur-poses or adoption.

But the hospital’s owner denied running a “baby farm”, saying it was a foundation to help teenagers with unwanted pregnancies. The UN organization for the welfare of chil-dren, Unicef, estimates that at least 10 children are sold daily across Ni-geria, where human-traf-ficking is ranked the third most common crime after economic fraud and drug-trafficking.

Russian who buried himself alive dies by mistake

MOSCOW, 2 June— A Russian man has died af-ter persuading a friend to bury him alive for a night, hoping it would bring him “good luck”. The victim dug a hole in a garden in the eastern city of Blagoveshchensk and climbed into an improvised coffin, with hoes for air pipes, taking a mo-bile phone and a bottle of water with him.

His friend covered the coffin with earth and then left, after the buried man phoned to say he was fine. The next morning, he returned to find his friend dead, investigators said.

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“According to his friend, the man wanted to test his endurance and in-stantly asked his friend to help him spend the night buried," said Alesei Lubinsky, a senior aide to the region’s chief investi-gator. “We know that the victim was a computer programmer and that he has a small child.” The coffin was covered with soil to a depth of around 20cm (eight inches), Mr Lubinsky said.

http://www.xinhua.com
Police: Man stabbed himself to avoid court

Police in Florida said a man stabbed himself and made up a robbery story to explain why he failed to show up for court and didn’t have child support money.

Hernando County sheriff’s deputies said Michael Cherubino, 51, told them two men attacked him Tuesday at his Spring Hill home, stabbed him in the stomach and fled with about $4,000 of his money, the St Petersburg Times reported Wednesday.

However, deputies said he later admitted he had cut himself with a piece of glass and invented the robbery story to justify missing a Tuesday court appearance and avoid paying the $4,000 he owes in child support.

The sheriff’s office said Cherubino was issued a notice to appear on a charge of giving a false report to law enforcement.

Leonardo DiCaprio, lively photographed holding hands in Monaco

LONDON, 2 June—Actor Leonardo DiCaprio has fuelled rumours that he is dating actress Blake Lively after the two were photographed holding hands during a night out in Monaco.

The stars sparked dating speculation last month when they were spotted together in New York, and just days later during France’s Cannes Film Festival they were seen embracing on a yacht. Gossip about a new Hollywood romance has now stepped up after they were snapped walking hand-in-hand in Monte Carlo Friday night, reports dailystar.co.uk.

It has been reported that the “Titanic” star even took lively as his guest to a Grand Prix party Sunday.

“He looked very in love. Her face lit up when Leo was talking. He had introduced Blake as his girlfriend. I would say they’re totally smitten,” said a source.—Internet

“Norwegian Wood” to hit mainland screens

BEIJING, 2 June—Chinese mainland moviegoers will be able to watch “Norwegian Wood”, the award-winning film adaptation of Haruki Murakami’s novel of the same name, in the near future.

The Japanese film is the creation of Vietnam-born French director Tran Anh Hung. It has passed a review by China’s film bureau, and is ready for release at local cinemas, Sohu.com reports.

A special screening, attended by director Tran, is scheduled during the 11 to 19 June Shanghai International Film Festival. Tran will serve as a member of the festival’s main competition jury.

The 1960s-era drama about love and life won best cinematography at this year’s Asian Film Awards. It was nominated for Golden Lion at last year’s Venice Film Festival.

Spellers tripped up by foreignisms

The Scripps National Spelling Bee is under way in Maryland and a language expert said spellers are often tripped up by words following foreign spelling rules.

Ben Zimmer of New Jersey, executive producer of VisualThesaurus.com and Vocabulary.com, said spelling bee contestants often find themselves eliminated when confronted with a word following non-English spelling rules, such as the German “pickelhaube” and the Greek “hypozeuxis,” NPR reported Wednesday.

Zimmer said spelling bee contestants also learn to fear “the dreaded schw,” an unstressed vowel in words they haven’t studied.

“These kids are spending sometimes a few hours a day going through word lists” Zimmer said. “Very often, they are coming from immigrant families that really prize learning English as part of becoming assimilated into American culture. So, my hat’s off to all of these young spellers.”

Kate Moss hires Mario Testino as official wedding photographer

LONDON, 2 June—Supermodel Kate Moss has reportedly asked acclaimed fashion photographer Mario Testino to take pictures of her forthcoming wedding with The Kills rocker Jamie Hince.

Moss has worked with Testino for almost 20 years and has reportedly asked him to click the pictures of ceremony and reception, reports femalefirst.co.uk.

Testino, who took the official engagement portraits of Prince William and his now-wife Princess Catherine, told The Daily ipad newspaper that he wants to “capture the happiness that Kate is going through at the moment.”

Moss is set to tie the knot with Kills rocker Jamie Hince on 2 July.

A model wears a creation made of plastic bags waits for her turn to walk the runway during the 2nd “Expo Trashion” festival in Tijuana, Mexico, on 30 May, 2011.

A model presents an outfit recycled from old clothes during a fashion show for the upcoming World Environment Day in Seoul, South Korea, on 1 June, 2011.
**Brian Vickers parachutes into Daytona Speedway**

**Daytona Beach, 2 June — NASCAR Sprint Cup driver Brian Vickers dropped in on Daytona International Speedway Wednesday for a visit — literally, as a skydiving enthusiast since 2007, Vickers became the first driver in series history to parachute into the speedway as a promotional kickoff for the July 2 Coke Zero 400. A Vickers, 27, came to a sliding, tumbling stop on the grass in the speedway’s tri-oval after his first jump in the rain that started from about 5,000 feet above the track. “It’s not the first time someone has barreled rolled through the front stretch at Daytona,” he said. “The only problem is sticking the landing when you’re sliding through the water, the mud and grass.”

Vickers, who has between 70 and 75 jumps, had planned to jump into the speedway last year but it never happened because he was diagnosed in May with a hole in his heart and blood clots down his left leg. —Internet

**Houllier steps down as Villa manager**

**BIRMINGHAM, 2 June — Gerard Houllier stepped down as Aston Villa manager on immediate effect, and by mutual consent, following heart trouble, the English Premier League club announced. The 63-year-old Frenchman took charge in September last year but in April suffered a dissection of the descending aorta which meant he was unable to oversee the Birmingham club’s final five games of the season. Now doctors have advised he will need further time to recuperate after Houllier underwent additional medical tests last weekend. This is the second time Houllier has had a heart scare while manager of a Premier League club. In 2001, when in charge of Liverpool, he had open heart surgery after suffering from chest pains during the home match against Leeds. His time at Anfield ended three years later. Mark Hughes, currently manager of Premier League rivals Fulham, has been tipped to replace Houllier — who struggled to win over the Villa fans — at Villa Park. Meanwhile Houllier, a former France manager — he resigned after the country failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals — and French Football Federation technical director, hinted he could yet return to the game.—Internet

**Malaysia’s Fernandes bids for West Ham**

**LONDON, 2 June — Malaysian businessman Tony Fernandes announced Wednesday he had bid for West Ham following their recent relegation from the Premier League. “For all you West Ham fans an offer has gone to the present owners of West Ham. Let’s see if they accept,” Fernandes, the owner of the AirAsia airline and Formula One’s Team Lotus, said on his Twitter page. Fernandes made an announcement on the same day as the London club’s current owners, David Sullivan and David Gold, unveiled Sam Allardyce as the new Hammer boss after they sacked Avram Grant barely an hour following relegation from the top tier of English football. A lifelong fan of the east London club, Fernandes first expressed an interest in, at the very least, taking a stake in West Ham in November. It was reported he had met with then-West Ham chairman Andrew Bernhardt in Kuala Lumpur but had been unable to agree a deal. Talks continued until, in January, former Birmingham City owners Sullivan and Gold completed their buy-out and took charge at Upton Park.—Internet

**Puyol sidelined for up to three months**

**BARCELONA, 2 June — Spanish and Barcelona’s iconic defender Carles Puyol will be out of action for two to three months after undergoing surgery on his knee on Wednesday, the club said. “Puyol has undergone arthroscopic surgery on his left knee to remove cartilage...” it said in a statement on its website. Barcelona’s captain Carles Puyol leaves the field on a stretcher in April 2011.—INTERNET

“He should be discharged from the clinic on Thursday and it will about two or three months before he can play again,” Puyol had to miss the Champions League last 16 return match against Arsenal in early March and only returned in mid-April to face Real Madrid only to suffer further injury. The 33-year-old club stalwart, three times a Champions League winner, did feature against Real in the Champions League semi-finals but started the 3-1 win in the final over Manchester United on the bench and played just the final three minutes. Ricard Pruna, one of the surgeons at Barcelona’s Quiron clinic who carried out the operation, said Puyol probably suffered the injury four months ago and it had gone through several phases. —Internet

**Milan full-back Jankulovski calls it a day**

**ROME, 2 June—Czech full-back Marek Jankulovski has called time on his playing career at the age of 34. Jankulovski has spent the last six years at AC Milan but struggled to get in the team in the last couple of seasons. “Italy has been my second home, as has Milan, but everything comes to an end,” he told Milan’s in-house TV channel. “The memory will stay with me and I can always come back. “When you leave somewhere you remember everything you’ve done and now I realise all the great things I managed to do here.” The full-back played 158 times for Milan winning one Champions League and one Serie A title.—Internet

**Nadal, Murray in Paris semi-final showdown**

**PARIS, 2 June — Rejuvenated defending champion Rafael Nadal set-up a mouth-watering French Open semi-final clash against British fourth seed Andy Murray on Wednesday as both men clinched impressive straight sets wins. Nadal, who will be 25 on Friday, the day of the semi-final, turned in easily his most impressive performance of the tournament, demolishing Robin Soderling 6-4, 6-1, 7-6 (7/3). It was the Spaniard’s second successive French Open win over Soderling after his victory in the 2010 final had avenged his stunning fourth round defeat to the Swede the year before, still Nadal’s only loss in Paris against 43 wins Murray charged into the semi-finals for the first time with a 7-6 (7/2), 7-5, 6-2 win over Argentinian veteran Juan Ignacio Chela.—INTERNET

**Romeo’s Chibuzo Okorokwos (L) vies with Argentina’s forward Nicolas Gaitan during their international friendly football match Nigeria vs Argentina at the Abuja National Stadium.**

**Nigeria’s Chibuzo Okorokwos (L) vies with Argentina’s forward Nicolas Gaitan during their international friendly football match Nigeria vs Argentina at the Abuja National Stadium.**
Li reaches 2nd straight major final at French Open

Paris, 2 May—Li Na is back in a Grand Slam final, reaching her second straight major championship match by beat Maria Sharapova 6-4, 7-5 Thursday in the French Open semifinals.

The Australian Open runner-up, who became the first Chinese player to reach a Grand Slam final this year in Melbourne, was able to chase down nearly everything Sharapova had to offer on Court Philippe Chatrier.

In the final, Li will face either defending champion Francesca Schiavone or No. 11 Marion Bartoli. They were to play later Thursday in the champion Francesca Schiavone or No. 11 Marion

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr. M.S.T. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Regions, fairly widespread in Kayin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.07) inches, Homalin (2.80) inches, Kawthoung (2.71) inches, Bilin (2.01) inches and Aunglan (0.55) inch.

Nay Pyi Taw

Maximum temperature on 1-6-2011 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 2-6-2011 was 78°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-6-2011 was (71%). Rainfall on 2-6-2011 was (Tr).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)

Maximum temperature on 1-6-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 2-6-2011 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 2-6-2011 was (79%). Rainfall on 2-6-2011 was (Nil).

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of decrease of rain in Central Myanmar Areas. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 3rd June 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3rd June 2011: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Measurement of dressed (Tr) at Nay Pyi Taw, (Nil) at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Mandalay each. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (12.32) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (20.94) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (12.64) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (5) mph from Northeast (12:30) hours MST on 2-6-2011.

Bay Inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 3rd June 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan State and isolated to scattered in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Delatic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon- Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Forcast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3rd June 2011: Rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

Vice-President Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo, Politburo member Mr Li Yuanchao of CPC Central Committee attend MoU signing ceremony

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—A ceremony to sign an Memorandum of Understanding between Myanma Airways under the Ministry of Transport of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China and AVIC International Holding Corporation of the People’s Republic of China was held at the President Office, here, at 4.15 pm today, attended by Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Politburo member Mr Li Yuanchao of Communist Party of China Central Committee.

Also present on the occasion were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister U Soe Maung at the President Office, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and embassy officials.

In the presence of Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo and Politburo member Mr Li Yuanchao of Communist Party of China Central Committee, Managing Director U Tin Maung Tun of Myanma Airways of the Ministry of Transport and President of Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China Mr Jin Zhuang Long signed the MoU and exchanged notes.

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