### State stability, peace indispensable for improving social-economic life of people

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NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Thiha Thura U Tin Aung Myint Oo made an inspection tour around Kawhmu Township and Kungyangon Township in Yangon South District yesterday.

The Vice-President, accompanied by Union ministers, the Yangon Region chief minister, deputy ministers, Region ministers and departmental heads, inspected progress in building a new building of Kyeeangan Village Basic Education Primary School in Kawhmu Township. He gave instructions on the upgrading of the school and enlarging of the school compound area to be able to accommodate more students.

The educational institution was ravaged by the cyclone “Nargis”. The government reconstructed it into a 60 feet long, 30 feet wide and 15 feet high steel structure at the cost of 21.6 million kyats.

He had a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations, town councillors and residents at Kawhmu Township Sports Hall. The township administrator reported on facts about the township, ongoing tasks for rural development, agriculture, food security, basic education schools, progress in building schools, hospitals and health centres and requirements to be fulfilled by the State.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe gave a supplementary report.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan elaborated on measures the government has been taking for fulfilling the public desires: basic needs, State stability and peace, and freedom of business, success the government is achieving in exercising the multiparty democracy system and the market economy in line with the 2008 constitution, tasks the public-elected government is implementing to shape the future of the people, ongoing programmes for rural development and poverty alleviation, and the need of the people to have sense of evaluating the subjective conditions in deciding their future as the nation has seen many sound foundations for development.

Residents U Thin Shwe, U Myint Aung and U Aye Kyaw gave accounts of requirements to be fulfilled for regional development, education, health and transport. (See page 8)
Boost port-handling services

Today, world countries are competing with one another for their commercial growth which is a driving force behind economic development of a country. Innovative measures are therefore to be carried out specifically for substantial increase in trade.

Yangon Port, the main sea exit for foreign trade, has been upgraded for two years as it is coping with more and more cargo ships.

Yangon Port and Thilawa Port Terminal have only 23 jetties that can handle over 20 vessels at the same time and deal with about 20 million tons of goods a year. When Yangon Port Project is completed, it will be able to receive 43 ships at the same time and handle over 80 million tons of goods a year.

Now, Yangon Port can handle 15,000-ton vessels only. So, the Yangon River has yet to be dredged for the Port to be able to cope with over 30,000-ton ships.

Myanmar is in talk with foreign entrepreneurs and investors for economic cooperation and investments in the nation, which is a sign of marked increase in foreign trade. Therefore, such measures for development of sea transport as establishment of new ports and upgrading jetties and container yards are to be taken effectively for improvement of port-handling services.

Research plantations and Myogyi Multipurpose Dam inspected

Nay Pyi Taw, 13 June — Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing inspected Myogyi Multipurpose Dam village in Ywangan Township of Shan State, he inspected embankment, site chosen for construction of power intake structure and construction of retaining wall.

The Union minister called for jobsite safety, minimizing wastages and coordinating with experts of Ministries of Electric Power in implementing hydropower project.

Union Construction Minister assists in Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon) construction

Yangon, 13 June — Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint inspected installation of steel truss of Ayeyawady Bridge (Nyaungdon).—MNA

The iron reinforced bridge crosses the Ayeyawady River in 20 spans and 12 spans have been installed with iron beams and the remaining portions are under construction.

The Union minister also visited the work sites for construction of approach road on both side of the bridge.

The main bridge of the rail-cum-road bridge is 7402ft long and it has 26-foot-wide motor road and 14-foot-wide rail road. The clearance of the bridge is 262 ft wide and 57 ft high. The bridge can withstand 75 tons of loads.—MNA

Press conference on Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2011 held

Yangon, 13 June—IEMS Co., Ltd has arranged to hold Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2011 including Global Education Exhibition 2011, at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road, Yangon from 1 to 4 July. A press conference on Yangon International Trade Exhibition 2011 including Global Education Exhibition 2011, was held at Traders Hotel this morning. The exhibition covers international education services and talks. At the exhibition, construction materials, heavy machinery, Aircon, modern furniture and computers and electrical equipment are available at affordable prices. For more information, may dial 098626080.—MNA
Russia concerned about US missile cruiser’s entry in Black Sea

MOSCOW, 13 June—Russia’s Foreign Ministry on Sunday voiced concern over the appearance of a US guided missile cruiser in the Black Sea for a joint naval drill with Ukraine. The Monterrey cruiser, equipped with the AEGIS ballistic missile defence system, was currently taking part in the Ukrainian-US “Sea Breeze 2011” anti-piracy exercises in the Black Sea.

The Russian Foreign Ministry said the role of the warship was unclear in the drill which was being held in the sensitive region. “If this is an ordinary visit, then it is unclear why a warship with this type of armament was chosen to move to this quite sensitive region,” the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

According to the statement, Monterrey was sent to European waters as part of the US phased adaptive approach to building the European segment of its global missile shield. “The Russian side has repeatedly stressed that we shall not leave unnoticed any elements of US strategic infrastructure in the immediate vicinity of our borders and that we shall take such steps as a threat to our security,” the statement said.

The ministry also accused the US cruiser’s entry into the Black Sea as an approach which “clearly discourages” the efforts on European missile shield cooperation.—Xinhua

Five killed, 25 wounded in Iraq blast

BAGHDAD, 13 June—At least five people were killed and some 25 others injured in a suicide car bomb attack in the southern Iraqi port of Basra on Monday, a local police source said.

The attack took place in the morning when a suicide bomber blew up an explosive-laden car into the entrance of a police headquarters in al-Asar district in central Basra and blew it up, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

Iraqi security forces guarding a checkpoint outside the compound opened fire on the attacker forcing him to detonate his vehicle, the source said.

The toll could rise as many ambulances, police and civilian vehicles evacuated the victims to the city hospitals, the source added.

Violence and sporadic high-profile attacks are still common in Iraq underlining the challenges that the Iraqi security forces are facing as they struggle to restore stability and normalcy in Iraqi cities about seven months before the departure of all American forces by the end of 2011.—Xinhua

Iraq checkpoint attack kills two policemen, one civilian

BAGHDAD, 13 June—Unidentified gunmen attacked a security checkpoint in central Iraq on Sunday night, leaving two policemen dead and another wounded, a local police source said.

The incident happened at a checkpoint near Baquba, the capital city of Diyala Province, some 60 km northeast of Baghdad. The attack also claimed a civilian’s life, the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The assailants fled the spot and police were launching a manhunt, the source said. Diyala Province, stretching from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border east of the country, has long been a stronghold for al-Queda militants and other militant groups since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 despite repeated US and Iraqi military operations against them.—Xinhua

Roadside bomb wounds six Afghans

KABUL, 13 June—Six persons were injured as a roadside bomb struck a military vehicle in Kandahar Province, 450 km south of Afghan capital Kabul on Monday, a Press release of Interior Ministry said.

“The incident happened at 10:30 am local time in Kandahar City the capital of Kandahar Province as a result six people including three Afghan soldiers and three civilians among them a child were injured,” the press release added.

It also blamed the militants for organizing the attack but the Taleban outfit which has intensified activities against Afghan and NATO-led troops has yet to make comment.—Xinhua

Service member killed in south Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 June—The international coalition says a NATO service member has been killed in an militant attack in southern Afghanistan.

NATO says the attack took place on Sunday. It released no other details.

The death brings to 25 the total number of NATO troops killed in Afghanistan this month and 231 this year.—Internet
Human evolution slower than thought, say scientists

PARIS, 13 June—Humans may be evolving a third as slowly as commonly thought, according to an investigation into genetic changes in two generations of families.

The genetic code comprises six billion nucleotides, or building blocks of DNA, half of which come from each parent.

Until now, the conventional theory among scientists was that parents each contribute between 100 and 200 changes in two generations of DNA, comprising a mother, a father and their child. The study breaks new ground in calculating the number of generations that separate Homo sapiens from a primate forebear who is also the ancestor of the apes.

The study also challenged thinking about whether DNA changes are more likely to be handed on by the father or by the mother. (Internet)

Satellite study helps thirsty Sahel

PARIS, 13 June—Embattled farmers in the Sahel countries of West Africa can take heart from a new study that should boost the accuracy of rainfall prediction in one of the world’s most fragile regions.

Sharp differences in moisture in small patches of land can trigger precious rain, says the paper, published online on Sunday in the journal *Nature Geoscience*. Researchers from Australia, France and Britain looked at satellite data that located nearly 4,000 rainstorms which occurred in the Sahel between 2006-2010.

Between 80 and 90 percent of rainfall in the Sahel comes from this kind of storm, which can brew suddenly when moisture-laden air lifts from heated earth.

The scientists then overlaid this data with satellite information on soil moisture. They found that an area where there are large differences in soil moisture plays a big role in making rain.

A moist area just 10 to 40 kilometres (six to 25 miles) across can trigger rain provided it is next to a far drier patch. This small-is-beautiful finding contrasts with conventional weather models.

These tend to calculate the probability of rainfall on the basis of huge swathes of moist land and on the presence of rain-making features like mountain ranges.

“Rainfall is difficult to predict, particularly in regions such as the Sahel where huge storms can grow from nothing in a matter of hours,” said lead author Chris Taylor of Britain’s Centre for Ecology and Hydrology.

Electronic Arts merging big games, gadgets

LOS ANGELES, 13 June—US videogame publishing titan Electronic Arts is merging blockbuster titles with social play, popular new gadgets and downloadable content in a changing world of interactive entertainment.

“Historically, as a publisher, you developed a game, packed it on a disk, shipped it and then started work on your next game,” said EA vice president and managing director of Southern Europe Pascal Brochier.

“The Web has helped us expand with multi-player and down-loadable content to extend incredible game experiences,” he continued, during an interview at the Electronic Entertainment Expo this week in Los Angeles.

“Multi-platform enables us to follow gamers where they want to be.”

Crowds of industry insiders and Press jockeyed for behind-closed-doors glimpses at eagerly-awaited EA releases such as “FIFA 12” and “Mass Effect 3.”

Long queues formed for looks at hot shooter title “Battlefield 3” and a new installment to racing franchise “Need for Speed” that for the first time gets virtual drivers out of their cars.

Manufacturing 2.0? Dell’s lessons for India’s big push

SIPERUMBUDUR, (India), 13 June—The 500 workers at India’s Dell factory, clad in blue uniforms and the occasional bright pink salwar kameez, are all Indian. Computers leaving the assembly line go to millions of newly affluent Indians feeding an explosion in consumer demand. But the boxes of component parts on the floor say “Made in China.”

That fact alone says a lot about how far the country’s manufacturing sector has to go to match its world famous information technology and services prowess and sustain searing economic growth.

India needs to crank up its industrial base to wean itself from service-sector-led growth and tame an trade deficit which could more than double in three years, mainly because of billions of dollars worth of Chinese imports.

“Electronics are still largely imported into the country,” he added.

File photo shows Michael Dell, chief executive of Dell Inc, speaks during a news conference in New Delhi on 13 August, 2008. (Internet)
Scientists find genes linked to migraines

A scientist is seen with a HiSeq machine that is used to read DNA in a genomics lab. Scientists have uncovered a trio of genes tied to migraine headaches, including one in which the link is exclusive to women, according to a study.

PARIS, 13 June—Scientists have uncovered a trio of genes tied to migraine headaches, including one in which the link is exclusive to women, according to a new study. Migraines are acutely debilitating headaches—sometimes with an “aura”, in which patients have the impression of seeing through frosted glass — that strike up to 20 percent of the population. Scientists describe the condition, which is three to four times more common in women, as a brain disorder in which neurons, or brain cells, respond abnormally to stimuli. The precise cause it unknown, but inheritance is thought to play a significant role.

To assess the genetic component, Markus Schuerks of Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston coordinated an international sweep of genomes in 23,230 women, 5,122 of whom suffered from migraines. So-called genome-wide association studies compare differences between individuals across the approximately three billion pairs of basic molecular building blocks found in the human genetic code. The study, published Sunday in the British journal Nature Genetics, is the largest to date of its kind. It found variations in three genes that showed up more frequently in migraine patients. Two of them, known as PRDM16 and TRPM8, were specific to migraines, as opposed to other kinds of headaches. TRPM8, in addition, was linked to migraines only in women. Earlier studies have shown that the same gene contains the genetic “blueprint” for a pain sensor, in both men and women.—Internet

Lufthansa bets big in Philippines

MANILA, 13 June—A hangar the size of two football pitches is rising at Manila Airport as the Philippines bids to become one of the world’s select few pit stops for the Airbus A380, the world’s biggest commercial jet.

Lufthansa Technik Philippines is building the $30 million hangar, its third at the airport, to accommodate the new trend of larger aircraft, said its sales and marketing vice-president Dominik Wiener-Silva.

“What we’re going to see is an increase in the average size of aircraft,” he told AFP during a recent interview, adding that the industry overall was on an upsizing after a difficult period. The German firm hopes to cash in on the small group of carriers that have made the first 60 orders for the 275-tonne behemoths but lack their own maintenance facilities.

Only four sites worldwide can currently service the massive jet, which has a wing span of nearly 80 metres (262 feet). “The Airbus 380 is a very large aircraft but it’s not an unusually large aircraft,” Wiener-Silva said. “The new hangar will be A380-capable. It will be large enough to have the largest aircraft in the world.” Set to be completed early next year, the new facility ramps up Lufthansa’s capital investment in the Philippines to about $130 million, he added.

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Government lists formaldehyde as cancer causer

WASHINGTON, 13 June—The strong-smelling chemical formaldehyde causes cancer, while styrene, a second industrial chemical that’s used worldwide in the manufacture of fiberglass and food containers, may also cause cancer, the National Institutes of Health says.

The NIH said Friday that people with higher measures of exposure to formaldehyde are at increased risk for certain types of rare cancers, including those affecting the upper part of the throat behind the nose.

The chemical is widely used to make resins for household items, including paper product coatings, plastics and textile finishes. It also is commonly used as a preservative in medical laboratories, mortuaries and consumer products including some hair straightening products.

The government says styrene is a component of tobacco smoke, and NIH says the greatest exposure to the chemical is through cigarette smoking.

INTERNET

Non-alcoholic beer boosts athlete health

MUNICH, 13 June—The consumption of non-alcoholic weissbier — wheat beer — has a positive effect on athletes’ health, researchers in Germany found.

Study leader Dr Johannes Scherr of Technische Universitat Muenchen at Klinikum and colleagues examined 277 test subjects three weeks before and two weeks after the 2009 Munich Marathon.

Non-alcoholic Erdinger wheat beer was selected as the test beverage because of its rich and varied polyphenol content and its popularity with marathoners and triathletes.

The “active” group drank up to 1.5 liters — more than six glasses of beer — of the test beverage per day, while a second group consumed an equal amount of an otherwise indistinguishable placebo beverage that contained no polyphenols and was produced specifically for the study, Scherr says.

The study found after running a marathon race, athletes experienced intensified inflammatory reactions, the immune system is thrown off balance and runners are much more likely to suffer from upper respiratory infections.

INTERNET

Tablet-ordering systems coming to restaurants

CHICAGO, 13 June—The next time you place an order at a restaurant, it may be with an iPad instead of a waiter. Shades of Isaac Asimov’s “The Naked Sun.”

A number of companies are testing tablet-ordering systems with plans to roll out the devices nationwide before the end of the year. Most of the tests are being conducted in California because of the proximity of Silicon Valley where the systems are being developed.

Putting a restaurant’s menu on a tablet allows the systems to include Web-based and mobile apps, as well as a tablet-ordering system.

DeNorma has developed a similar tablet system that hopes to expand to medical and retail uses.
Three injured in east China workshop blast

HANGZHOU, 13 June—Three people were injured in an explosion that ripped through a bioengineering workshop in east China’s Zhejiang Province Sunday.

The blast happened at around 3:20 pm in a workshop owned by Jiaxing Hengjie Bioengineering Co., Ltd in the Nanhu District of the city of Jiaxing, according to a spokesman with the city’s firefighting department.

The three injured, among whom one was severely wounded, have been rushed to the hospital, said the spokesman.

The cause of the explosion is under investigation.

Photo taken on 12 June, 2011 shows the Buddha Tangka painting unfolding ceremony in Curpu Temple, 70 kilometres away from Lhasa, capital of southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region. The annual Buddha Tangka painting unfolding ceremony was held in Curpu Temple on Sunday.

Xinhua

Six magnitude aftershock hits Christchurch, NZ

CHRISTCHURCH, 13 June—A 6-magnitude aftershock struck New Zealand South Island City Christchurch on Monday afternoon, following a powerful magnitude 5.5 quake which rocked the city earlier, the New Zealand Institute of Geological and Nuclear Science said.

It said the latest aftershock occurred at 2:20 pm (2200 GMT), was centred 10 km south-east of Christchurch. It was at a depth of 9 km.

Xinhua

Pilot dies from gliders aircrafts collision in Finland

HELSINKI, 13 June—One pilot died from the Finnish national glider championships as two glider aircrafts collided in mid-air on Sunday afternoon at Hattula in southern Finland.

One of the two pilots was found nearly unharmed soon after the collision. The pilot who was found parachuted to safety was under medical care.

Another pilot was found dead near the wreck of glider aircraft in the night after helicopter and ground search.

A board of inquiry has been set up to investigate the incident.

The Finnish national glider championships include some 40 participants began on Saturday and were scheduled to last until the 18th of the month.

There were suspended on Sunday and announcement will be made Monday about when they will be resumed.—Xinhua

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The cancellations affect flights to and from New Zealand, Tasmania and Melbourne.

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Airlines are waiting for more information from weather bureaus and the Australian Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre in Darwin of Northern Territory to see whether further cancellations are necessary, and are recommending passengers check the status of their flights online before arriving at the airport.

Virgin spokeswoman Melissa Thomson early on Monday morning said the airline believed it was safe to resume flights around or under the ash cloud.

“We decided to resume services based on information that we received from the Bureau of Meteorology and also the Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre,” she was quoted by ABC News.

Xinhua

Landslide kills seven in E China

FUZHOU, 13 June—A landslide triggered by the tropical storm Sarika killed seven people in east China’s Fujian Province Sunday, local authorities said early Monday.

The accident happened at 10:30 am Sunday in Kansi Town in Yongding County in Longyan City of Fujian, when more than 100 cubic metres of landslide buried seven employees of China Communications Construction Company Ltd and their family members in a rent house, said an official of the county’s government.

Seven bodies were found at 3:35 pm, after four hours of searching, the official said.

Sarika, this year’s third tropical storm, weakened to tropical low pressure after landing in south China early Saturday. The storm had brought 226 millimetres of heavy rains to Kansi Town from 8 am Saturday to 5 pm Sunday, according to the county’s meteorological bureau.

Xinhua

Tibet reports progress in preservation of palm-leaf manuscripts

LHASA, 13 June—Preservationists in southwest China’s Tibet Autonomous Region said they had completed registration, sorting and photocopying of the region’s palm-leaf manuscripts.

“The tasks we’ve finished pave the way for further research and better preservation of palm-leaf manuscripts,” said Tenzin Namgyal, vice director of the region’s cultural heritage administration.

Palm-leaf manuscripts, which originated in India, refer to the Sanskrit classics, including Buddhist scriptures, ancient Indian literature and codes, inscribed on the leaves of palm trees.

According to a massive survey that was launched four years ago, Tibet has more than 4,300 “pages” or 426 volumes of palm-leaf manuscripts, most of which were introduced to Tibet from India from the seventh to thirteenth century, according to Tenzin Namgyal.

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Xinhua

A cameraman shoots the design objects at the media preview of “Designing Design—The Exhibition of Kenya Hara in China 2011” held at Beijing Centre for the Arts in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 June, 2011.—INTERNET

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Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan meets members of MWJA, MPPA

YANGON, 13 June — Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan met the chairman, vice-chairpersons and CEC members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and the chairman and responsible persons of Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association at the meeting hall of MWJA at Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street here at 10 am today.

MWJA Chairman U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) reported on efforts for the development of literary world in accord with the journalism policies laid down by the information ministry, opening of media corners on 2 May and facts about Saya Paragu Library.

MPPA Chairman Dr Tin Tun Oo reported on following of the new journalism policies. Next, MWJA Secretary U Ko Ko (Ko Ko Sathmu Tekkatho) presented a report on MWJA’s drafting of journalism codes of ethics and participation of the association in literary award selections.

Then, MPPA Vice-Chairman-2 U Khin Maung Lay reported on matters related to the association and requirements. In response to the reports, the Union Minister fulfilled the needs.

Later, MWJA Joint-Treasurer U Maung Myo (Maung Myo-Kyaunghnakaung) presented 10000 books worth K 13 million for rural libraries to the Union Minister.

Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan meets chairmen and officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and Myanmar Printers and Publishers Association.—MNA

Easy and speedy issuance of citizenship scrutiny card urged

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June — Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met officials in Kyauktagya Township of Bago Region and Kyauktada Township in Yangon on 11 June and yesterday, calling for easy and speedy issuance of citizenship scrutiny card in accord with laws and rules and regulations.

Union Minister U Khin Yi inspected Region Immigration and National Registration Department Offices on Pyay Road and in Sangyoung, Kyimyindaing, Ahlon, Lanmadaw, Pazundaung, South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa, Mingaladon and Yankin Townships in Yangon.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi meets officials at Region Immigration and National Registration Department Office on Pyay Road in Yangon.—MNA

Course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No.1/2011 opens

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June — ASEAN Resource Centre for Training of Trainers for Civil Service established at the Union Civil Services Board (UCSB) conducted a course on Training of Trainers for Civil Service No.1/2011, at the UCSB Office, here this morning.

U Kyaw Thu, Chairman of the UCSB gave an opening speech on the occasion.

It was also attended by the board members of the UCSB U Khin Maung Aye, Dr Win Myint, Dr Myint Aung, Dr Kyaw Kyaw Htay and U Soe Oo, heads of departments under the UCSB, course instructors and the trainees.

A total of 30 trainees from the training centres of various ministries or organizations and the two Central Institutes of Civil Service are currently attending the four-week course covering five modules focusing on training matters and methodologies.

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In response to the reports, the Vice-President attended to the needs in coordination with the Union ministers and the Region chief minister, and delivered a speech.

Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented publications donated by the Myanmar Libraries Foundation and the Ministry of Information to the village libraries in the township.

The Vice-President inspected progress in building the 500-ton food security shelter and storage of rice in Kawhmu, giving instructions on systematic maintenance of the facility and replacing old with new rice once every three months to avoid waste of the stored rice.

The 90 feet long and 40 feet wide brick, concrete building was donated by the government of the Republic of India under the India-Myanmar goodwill plan.

He inspected development of the township. On arrival at Tawkhayan Village Primary School in Tawkhayan Village-tract, Kungyangon Township, the Vice-President inspected the building under construction and called on townselders and residents to work together for ensuring all school-age children go to school and educating their children in response to the government’s attitude to them.

The 60 ft x 30 ft steel structure building is being built with the fund of K 21.6 million contributed by the government. So far, it has been completed by 50 percent.

He held a meeting with departmental officials, townselders, social organizations and local people at Zartiman Hall in Kungyangon. The township administrator reported on facts about the township, agriculture, food security, and education, health and development of each citizen. So, the people have to extend a helping hand and work harder.

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The chief minister gave a supplementary report. Locals U Tin Tun, U Win Myint, U Hla Htay and U Aung San Win reported on needs for development of the region in the education, health, transport and agricultural sectors.

The Vice-President fulfilled the requirements through talks with Union ministers and the chief minister, and gave an address.

The Union Information Minister presented periodicals to the libraries in Kungyangon Township.

On his tour of the townships, the Vice-President gave guidelines, saying that the purpose of the visit was to inspect education promotion tasks and fulfil the requirements for regional development.

He said that the compounds of the primary schools in the townships were not spacious enough for the growing number of students. So, it calls for more buildings. A school must have a sports ground in addition to classrooms. The administrator, officials from the education department and townselders have to work closely for providing more areas for the schools.

He said that according to officials of the townships, about 80% of the locals are rural folks whose major business is rice farming. Almost all of the education and health buildings damaged in the natural disaster have been reconstructed with the contributions made by the government and departmental officials to lay down work programmes to scale up rural development and alleviate poverty and the Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Committee with the President as chairman, Vice-Presidents as vice-chairmen, and Union ministers as members along with work committees, in Nay Pyi Taw.

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In the process, the role of service personnel is very important. They have to be good-hearted to the people, and protect and serve public interests.

If occasion rises to implement a project in a region, staff members concerned should mobilize willing participation of the people, encourage and
NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Ministry for Finance and Revenue held a monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2011, at the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Minister’s office here this morning. Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said loans will be given for auto producers in accord with the financial rules. So, producers on their part are to pay full taxes to the State, which will be 20 percent. Union Minister for Rail Transportation U Aung Min then assured that car licenses will be issued in a day for vehicles produced from industrial zones if they are met with the requirements set by the committee. Then, Union Minister U Soe Thein gave a concluding remark.

Meeting between Industrial Development Committee and automobile producers in progress.—MNA

UCSB holds monsoon tree-growing ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Monsoon tree-growing ceremony of the Union Civil Service Board was held at the UCSB Office here this morning. Chairman of the UCSB U Kyaw Thu attended the ceremony and handed over saplings to the directors-general.

Union Civil Service Board Chairman U Kyaw Thu plants a teak sapling at monsoon tree-planting ceremony of UCSB.—MNA

Mandalay Region Chief Minister inaugurates school building

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—New school building of Pyinsa Model Village was opened on 10 June, attended by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Ye Myint.

After the ceremony the chief minister visited Medical Research Department (upper Myanmar) near Ahniskahan Airport in PyinOoLwin Township. He called on the staff for systematic collection of herbs, promotion of traditional medicines into international market, cooperation in respective research works. He then looked round e-library, biological library, herb plantation and herb garden. MNA

F&R Ministry holds monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2011

NAY PYI TAW, 13 June—Ministry of Finance and Revenue held a monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2011, at the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Minister’s office here this morning. Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun grew a starflower plant and a Seintalone mango tree.

Deputy Minister U Win Than, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Managing Directors, Directors-General, officers and staff from also planted trees.

And officials and staff from departments and the Central Bank of Myanmar under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue also planted saplings at their respective plantations. A total of 1500 plants were grown during the monsoon tree-planting ceremony 2011. MNA

Members of Livestock Federation leave for Japan

YANGON, 13 June—Member of Myanmar Livestock Federation U Tin Tun Oo and Naw Diana Htoo, under Japan-East Asia Network of Exchange for Students and Youth (JENESYS) Programme of Japan, left here for Japan on 8 June, to attend West Asia Future Leaders programme 2010/2011: Food and Agriculture Group to be held in Hokaido of Japan from to 20 June. MNA

Red Cross donates blood

YANGON, 13June—80 members of Yangon (Northern District) Red Cross Society donated blood for patients at Defence Services Hospital No.1 here yesterday. MNA

Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Mya Nyein presents stipends for students of staff families of Hluttaw Office.

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**UAE airline wins Airbus Award**

SHARJAH, 13 June—Air Arabia, a low-cost airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has won an award from aircraft manufacturing giant Airbus for “operational excellence”.

The Sharjah-based Air Arabia won the A-320 Family Operational Excellence Award from Airbus for the year 2009-2010. The airline received the award for achieving the highest level of A-320 aircraft utilisation in the world for a fleet of less than 30 aircraft.

The award was given in Toronto, during Airbus’s biannual symposium of all worldwide operators of the A-320. “All of us here at Air Arabia are proud to accept this prestigious award. We have always sought to lead the industry not only with our innovative value for money product, but also in providing operational excellence for our customers,” said Adel Ali, chief executive officer of Air Arabia.

**NY state law rules out woman’s request to ‘get buried with pets’**

NEW YORK, 13 June—The state of New York has rejected the request of a 61-year-old woman who wishes to be buried along with her furry pets at the Hartdale Pet Cemetery in Westchester.

Rhona Levy from Bronx has already planned to be buried alongside her dog, Snow and cats Putchke, Pumpkin and Twinkie, a wish that she has reportedly incorporated in her will.

The animal lover has even got two headstones made, one with the inscription “Mommy’s Home”, which awaits her and her 10-year-old cat Shaina, made, one with the inscription “Mommy’s Home”, which awaits her and her 10-year-old cat Shaina.

“Why not be with them? They’re my children,” she added.

However, the state law stated that cemeteries are for people and pet cemeteries are just for animals.

“The two shouldn’t cross,” Richard Fishman, director of the state’s Division of Cemeteries, said. A letter written by Fishman’s to the pet-cemetery operators mentioned that the state Cemetery Board had ruled that any business that buries people must comply with state law and operate as a non profit activity.

**Ex-Nazi camp guard, 90, found living in Britain**

LONDON, 13 June—An elderly man living in Britain for 60 years has been identified as a former guard at a Nazi slave-labour camp during World War II.

Alexander Huryn, 90, who lives in a retirement bungalow in Hampshire county, kept his past a secret when he left war-ravaged Europe and settled in Britain, Daily Mail reported Sunday.

The retired carpenter was a guard at the Trawniki labour camp in then occupied Poland, where thousands of Jewish prisoners died.

Huryn, who lives with his English-born wife Diana, also 90, in Fareham, has been questioned by officers from Scotland Yard’s war crimes unit. But he has not been charged with any offence.

Ukrainian-born Huryn grew up in Wola Umerska village, now in Poland. When the Nazis occupied the region, local men were taken on as auxiliaries to serve with the German forces.

It is not clear if Huryn, then 23, volunteered or was compulsarily enrolled. But he was soon posted to Trawniki, where recruits trained as concentration camp guards. The inmates had died from starvation, disease, shooting and hanging.

As the Soviet Army entered Poland from the east during the summer of 1944, most Trawniki guards fled.

Being an ex- member of the German armed forces, Huryn still gets a German Army pension paid into his bank account every month, said his family.

**Gambler who died after betting Federer would win seven Wimbledon could scoop GBP 100K for charity**

LONDON, 13 June—A gambler who bet that tennis star Roger Federer would win the Wimbledon title seven times could receive more than 100,000 pounds from beyond the grave.

Nick Newlife staked a bet of 1,520 pounds on the Swiss ace to clinch seven Wimbledon singles’ titles at odds of 66/1 back in 2003.

The punter, from Oxford, died in February 2009 at the age of 59, denying him the chance of seeing his long-range wager come to fruition.

Bachelor Newlife, however, made arrangements that in the event of his death by stating in his will that any proceeds from the outstanding bet should go to Oxford.

According to the Daily Mail, the charity stands to receive 101,840 pounds if 29-year-old Federer clinches his seventh Wimbledon singles win, William Hill spokesman Graham Sharpe said.

The bet states that Federer must win a seventh title by 2019.
Senior official calls on police to better serve people

Zhou Yongkang (R), a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) meets with top 10 favourite police officers selected through a nationwide vote in Beijing, capital of China, on 12 June, 2011. —Xinhua

BEIJING, 13 June—A senior Chinese official has called the country’s police to better serve the people when the Communist Party of China (CPC) is meeting the 90th founding anniversary.

Zhou Yongkang, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, made the remark on Sunday evening in meeting with top 10 favourite police officers selected through a nationwide vote.

The Ministry of Public Security (MOPS) and the China Central Television have jointly conducted My Favourite Police Officer Competition in the past eight years.

This year’s winners include 75-year-old detective Wu Guoping, network security police officer Li Qing from Jiangsu Province, traffic police officer Wu Hao of Miao Nationality from Hunan Province, female SWAT team leader Pan Qin from Guizhou Province.

Zhou said that this year’s competition attracted more than 150 million online voters which means more and more people are supporting the activity, and all winners should cherish the honour and better serve the people on their own posts. —Xinhua

World Economic Forum focuses on sustainability of Asian countries

BEIJING, 13 June — The World Economic Forum on East Asia has kicked off in Jakarta, Indonesia. The 2-day forum brings together over 600 brilliant minds from around the globe to exchange ideas on the most pressing issues in the Asian Region.

The growth of Asian economies is attracting more attention than ever. With the US economy still trapped in a sluggish recovery and European countries mired in a lingering debt crisis, the world is shifting its focus to Asian economies led by China and India. The hope is they will help put the world’s economy back on the fast-growth track.

Therefore, how to keep a sustainable growth for Asian economies in the future, and how the region can build a solid base going forward are among the top concerns addressed by participants in the World Economic Forum on East Asia.

Some experts say the boom of the Asia-Pacific region in the past few years was mainly powered by its strong export sector. However, the growth patterns have to be shifted. —Xinhua

Israeli start-up to make fuel from agricultural waste

JERUSALEM, 13 June—Herzliya-based Israeli start-up HLC Cleantech is set to turn field and forest waste matter into fuel and food, with the help of an American partner and a grant of 9 million US dollars from the United States. By joining forces with an American biofuel start-up SL9, officials at the Israeli firm told Xinhua that they are set to break into the burgeoning American alternative fuels market, as part of the US administration’s new plan to reduce the US dependency on oil.

HLC produces sugars derived from acidic cellulose sources, such as agricultural or wood detritus, like cut tree branches, or sawdust. SL9’s role in the joint venture is to turn those sugars into fuel in the plants both companies are building in the US. “Although the research is in Israel,” HLC’s chief executive officer Eran Baniel said, “the plant is located in North Carolina, since there isn’t enough bio-waste in Israel to make it profitable and the point of our company is to go where the waste is.”

The company was founded more than three years ago by Baniel’s father, 93-year-old Avraham, who, as the son said, was “very young in spirit” and “had the idea and set up the company along with one of his students.” Avraham, a Chemistry professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, headed up the National Chemical Industrial Research Lab. “Imagine how profitable it is to extract sugars that can be turned into food for human and animals, as well as fuel, that with 1 million tons of green wood waste, like furniture,” Baniel said, “you can have 47 million gallons (about 178 million liters) of ethanol.” —Xinhua

FBI investigates ‘major breach’ of IMF security after ‘sophisticated’ cyberattack

WASHINGTON, 13 June—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has reportedly sought the help of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) after it came under a ‘serious and sophisticated’ cyberattack.

The Daily Mail quoted Tom Kellerman, a cybersecurity expert who worked at both the World Bank and the IMF, as saying that it was a ‘targeted attack’, but assured that the computer systems are fully functional.

“It was a targeted attack,” Kellerman said, adding that the goal of the attack was to install software that would give a nation state a ‘digital insider presence’ on the network.

“The code was developed and released for this purpose,” he added.

Some officials of the IMF, which is already facing problems over its former chief Strauss-Kahn’s ‘sexual assault’ controversy, have said that the attack was so ‘sophisticated and serious’ that the World Bank, located across the street from the IMF’s headquarters in Washington, cut the computer link between the two bodies.

Reports have suggested that IMF maintains highly confidential information about the fiscal condition of many nations, which if revealed, could prove disastrous.—Internet

People build a sand wall in an attempt to break the world record for the longest sand castle at Schabae beach in the resort town of Glowe on Ruegen island, on 12 June, 2011. —Xinhua

UK hands out passports at ‘astonishing’ rate of two every five minutes

LONDON, 13 June—The UK handed out passports at an ‘astonishing’ rate of almost two in every five minutes, making it the continent’s most open to immigrants county. According to a research conducted by the EU statistics body Eurostat, a total of 204,000 foreign nationals were awarded British citizenship in 2009, express.co.uk reports.

The number is 50 percent more than second-placed France and more than double the number in Germany. Eurostat predicted that Britain could become the most populated EU country by 2060 with 79 million people.

The EU saw an 11 percent rise in the number of people entering the euro zone from the previous year. The 203,600 people who entered Britain was a 57 percent increase on the 129,300 who came in 2008. Critics have said the statistics confirmed that Britain’s borders had been left wide open.

“These figures show how Labour’s uncontrolled, unlimited immigration policy is coming home to roost,” said Ukip’s home affairs spokesman Gerard Batten. —Internet

Photo taken on 11 June, 2011 shows a view of the restored ancient-style shopping street just south of Zhengyangmen (the Front Gate) in Beijing, capital of China. —Xinhua

Photo taken on 12 June, 2011 shows a concert held in the National Stadium, also known as the Bird’s Nest, to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in Beijing, capital of China. —Xinhua

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Laser is produced by a living cell

LONDON, 13 June — A single living cell has been coaxed into producing laser light, researchers report in Nature Photonics. The technique starts by engineering a cell that can produce a light-emitting protein that was first observed in glowing jellyfish. Flooding the resulting cells with weak blue light causes them to emit directed, green laser light. The work may have applications in improved microscope imaging and light-based therapies.

Laser light differs from normal light in that it is of a narrow band of colours, with the light waves all oscillating together in synchrony. Most modern forms use carefully engineered solid materials to produce lasers in everything from supermarket scanners to DVD players to industrial robots.

China sets trial prices for Beijing-Shanghai high-speed rail

BEIJING, 13 June—China’s railway ministry announced Monday speed-based trial prices for the Beijing-Shanghai high-speed railway.

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**Failed robbery by man wearing lip gloss**

A man described as wearing a flowered shirt and “lots of lip gloss” tried and failed to rob a San Diego bank, police said. San Diego Police Sgt. Ray Battrick said a teller at the Wells Fargo Bank branch in Lincoln Park, Calif., Saturday would not give the man money in spite of his demand note, The San Diego Union-Tribune reported. The man left the bank, and bank workers called police around 3:14 pm.

Battrick said bank workers described the alleged attempted robber as a black man in his 20s, 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall, about 175 pounds, wearing a flowered white shirt, white hat, sunglasses and a lot of lip gloss. It was unclear which brand of gloss he preferred.

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**Sutton Foster wins best actress in a musical Tony**

**NEW YORK, 13 June—**Sutton Foster has won the Tony Award for best actress in a musical. Foster won for playing Reno Sweeney, the sassy but kindhearted nightclub singer looking for a good man aboard the ocean liner SS American, in the revival of Cole Porter’s “Anything Goes.”

It is Foster’s second Tony. She previously won in 2002 for “Thoroughly Modern Millie,” and has earned Tony nominations for “Shrek: The Musical,” “Little Women” and “The Drowsy Chaperone.” Foster beat out Patina Miller in “Sister Act,” and Donna Murphy in “The People in the Picture” and Beth Leavel in the jukebox musical “Baby It’s You!”—Internet

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**Lawrence considered quitting acting**

**LONDON, 13 June—**American actress Jennifer Lawrence says she considered turning her back on acting when she first rose to fame. The 20-year-old shot into the limelight for her work in the revival of Cole Porter’s “Anything Goes.”

Lawrence said that she started to hate the industry, and was thinking about giving it all up. “People started talking to me differently and I couldn’t stand that. I’d go to parties where I used to be invisible and off the record now everybody’s watching and listening.”

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**Michael Jackson’s ‘top secret videos’ protected by armed guards**

**WASHINGTON, 13 June—**New documents filed in the Conrad Murray manslaughter case has claimed that the last videos of Michael Jackson were so top secret that they were transported in an un-marked truck, accompanied by armed guards in the dead of the night.

The documents were produced into the case after Murray demanded to see all of the rehearsal videos of the pop superstar shot for the doomed ‘This is it’ tour. His lawyers believe it could show the star was in such a frail condition that there were many other reasons for his death other than a propofol overdose.

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**I’m a workaholic:**

**Kim Kardashian**

**LONDON, 13 June—**Socialite Kim Kardashian says she is a workaholic and sneaks off to work even while holidaying.

“Even when I take days off, I find myself sneaking off to approve shoes for my website or photos for my perfume campaign. I’m a workaholic,” contactmusic.com quoted Kardashian as saying. The 30-year-old, who recently got engaged to sportsman Kris Humphries, owns an online shoe company, clothing line, jewellery collection and two perfumes and owns three boutiques.

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**Colin Firth to get top British honour**

**LOS ANGELES, 13 June—**Actor Colin Firth will be conferred with the title of Commander of the British Empire by the Queen.

The 50-year-old actor, who won the Oscar for his portrayal of a stammering king in “The King’s Speech”, has reportedly impressed the Queen with his performance of a father struggling to cope with speech impediment.

Apart from Firth, singer and songwriter Bryan Ferry will also receive the honour.

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**Man, 90, completes triathlon**

**At 90, a Florida resident has become the oldest man ever to complete a USA Triathlon-sanctioned event, the organization said.**

Charles Futrell, of The Villages, completed Saturday’s Central Florida Triathlon Series in 2 hours, 18 minutes and 38 seconds, the Orlando Sentinel reported. The race comprised a 440-yard swim, a 10-mile bike ride and a 3-mile run.

Mark Lepow, media director for event coordinator Sommer Sports, confirmed Futrell is the oldest man to complete a triathlon sanctioned by the USAT, but he said the group doesn’t know who the previous record holder was.

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**120 people huddle inside big soap bubble**

More than 100 people crowded into a giant soap bubble on Sweden’s west coast, hoping to gain entry into the Guinness Book of World Records, officials said.

If certified, each of the 120 people — all at least 49 inches tall — in the big bubble in Stenungsund would own a piece of the world record in Guinness’ Amazing Feats category, Swedish news agency TT reported.

The current record is 118.

Friday’s event was held in celebration of the community’s Soap Bubble Festival and as a tribute to the UN. International Year of Chemistry 2011.

The initial goal was to get 100 people inside the bubble.

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**A dancer performs during the 15th Annual Festival on Bloor street in Toronto, Canada, on 12 June, 2011.**

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**Artists perform during the Kiev Fire Fest show in Kiev, Ukraine, 11 June, 2011.**

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**Kim Kardashian**

She says she always wants to give her 100 percent. “If I’m doing something, then I’m 100 percent involved. That’s what it takes to be super successful. From ad campaigns to pictures to wording. I want it all to be perfect. I don’t want to be just a face,” she said.—Internet
S P O R T S

McLeish resigns as Birmingham manager

LONDON, 13 June—Alex McLeish resigned as the manager of Birmingham City following their relegation from the Premier League. The club said he was leaving the Midlands side.

"Birmingham City Football Club can confirm Alex McLeish has resigned as manager," said a statement on the club's website. "Acting chairman Peter Pain received an email resignation from McLeish earlier today (Sunday) while away on business in Amsterdam. "No further comment will be made at this moment in time and updates will be released in due course," the statement added.

Former Premier League manager McLeish was immediately linked with a move to Birmingham's city rivals Aston Villa, still in the Premier League but without a manager following the resignation through ill-health of former France and Liverpool boss Gerard Houllier.  

Jeff Gordon wins 5th time at Pocono

LONG POND, 13 June—Jeff Gordon is pushing 40, far removed from the cocky kid who shot to superstardom and helped put NASCAR on the mainstream map. At any age, Gordon still knows how to win. Don't put the rocking chair on the front porch quite yet. Not when Gordon still wins races. Gordon celebrated his 40th birthday Sunday at Pocono Raceway.

"I'm blown away with what we've accomplished," Gordon said. "I've been blown away with what I've accomplished."  

The 2 1/2-mile triangle track. "There's no doubt, I'm blown away with what I've accomplished," Gordon said.  

Sleepy Eastbourne braced for Williams sisters return

EASTBOURNE, 13 June—Serena and Venus Williams make their long-awaited returns from lengthy injury absences at the Eastbourne grasscourt tournament from Monday in the last warm-up before Wimbledon.  

Serena hasn't played since winning her fourth Wimbledon title in 49 weeks ago, suffering a freak foot injury when she stepped on glass at a restaurant followed by a worrying February blood clot in her lungs which required surgery. The one-time number one has fallen to 25th on the WTA rankings, with her elder sister Venus standing at 32.  

Five-time Wimbledon winner Venus hasn't been on court since January 21 when she retired after one game against German Andrea Petkovic at the Australian Open, citing abdominal muscle problems.  

She will pick up where she left off after drawing eighth seed Petkovic in the first round on the grass at this sleepy English south coast venue while Serena will play against Bulgarian Tsvetana Pironkova.  

Mavericks clinch first NBA championship

MIAMI, 13 June—Dirk Nowitzki and the Dallas Mavericks captured their first NBA championship with a 105-95 win over the Miami Heat — the team that ended Dallas' shot at a title five years ago. Jason Terry on Sunday scored 27 points and Nowitzki finished with 21 points and 11 rebounds as the Mavericks won the best-of-seven championship-series four-games-to-two.  

Germany's Nowitzki was named Most Valuable Player of the finals, finally securing the NBA's biggest prize to secure his place among the NBA legends. "This is unbelievable," said Nowitzki, who turns 33 next Sunday. "We are a resilient bunch. This team has come back from huge deficits all season long."  

First win in four years for Soler in Swiss tour

CRANS-MONTANA, 13 June—A blistering last-minute attack on Crans-Montana's steep uphill finish gave Colombian Juan Mauricio Soler a stage win and the overall lead in the Tour of Switzerland on Sunday. Soler blazed away from a fracturing lead group of some 10 riders with less than a kilometer to go in the 149-km second stage and claimed his first victory since 2007.  

"I'm pleased to win because it's been four years since I've won a race, and I was getting worried," Soler told reporters. "I'd had a tough first half of the season too, with lots of crashes and injuries. Finally, though, it seems like I'm back on track." Soler, winner of the 2007 Tour de France King of the Mountains competition, now leads with a slender 16-second margin over Cunego, whilst Dutchman Bauke Mollema lies third, 22 seconds back.  

Cuban player defects during CONCACAF Gold Cup

CHICAGO, 13 June—Cuban soccer player Yosnel Mesa has defected during the CONCACAF Gold Cup, leaving the team hotel in Charlotte, North Carolina, and telling US media he wants to play professionally outside Cuba. In an interview aired on Sunday on the Spanish language television network Univision, Mesa said he decided before the tournament, the regional championship for North and Central America and the Caribbean, to defect as he couldn't pursue a professional career outside his homeland. The website of Miami's El Nuevo Herald newspaper also reported Mesa's defection. Cuba fell 5-0 to Mexico in Charlotte on Thursday. After the game, Mesa said he climbed down a fire escape ladder and ran to a car where family members were waiting. "It was a bit difficult, the coaches were in the lobby of the hotel," Mesa told Univision, adding that he took a glass with him so he could say he was going out for ice if someone from the team saw him.  

Frazier wins 1st PGA Tour title in 355th try

MEMPHIS, 13 June—Harrison Frazier knows he's supposed to act as if he's won before. Turns out it's really tough the first time around, especially for someone who thought he'd missed his chance. Frazier won his first PGA Tour title in his 355th tournament, beating Robert Karlsson with a par on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff Sunday at the St. Jude Classic. He won a month before turning 40 when Karlsson pushed a par-saving putt 3 feet past the hole. "It was a whirlwind there. This was the first time," Frazier said. "I don't know if I'm supposed to carry the trophy. You don't know who you're supposed to talk to. I felt bad. I didn't thank the sponsors. I didn't thank FedEx. I didn't thank the volunteers. I was not quite sure really what was happening right then."

"The only tournament that I won in Q-school, you walked in, signed your card in the scoring trailer, and they gave you a pat on the back, 'Good job.' You walked out the door. There was nobody there."

Yani Tseng wins LPGA State Farm Classic

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In the 208 tournament, Tseng led by a stroke with a hole left, but flew the green, made bogey then lost to Ji Young Oh in a playoff when she three-putted the first extra hole. "I just kept telling myself, 'Focus! Focus!'" said Tseng, bogey-free the final two rounds. "I missed a couple of puts but I still was able to make some birdies." Tseng bought Annika Sorenstam’s house—with its giant trophy case — in Florida in 2009.  

Cuba's Yosnel Mesa (R) in Charlotte, North Carolina.
WEATHER
Monday, 13th June, 2011
Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

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 Magway Regions, Chin State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Ayeayawady Regions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (4.57) inches, Laungyon (4.49) inches, Myangongmya (3.35) inches, Dawei (3.23) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and Thetmyat (3.15) inches each, Bein (3.03) inches and Thaton (2.87) inches.

Nay Pyi Taw
Maximum temperature on 12-6-2011 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 13-6-2011 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-6-2011 was (85%). Rainfall on 13-6-2011 was (Nil).

Nay Pyi Taw (Airport)
Maximum temperature on 12-6-2011 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 13-6-2011 was 79°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 13-6-2011 was (77%). Rainfall on 13-6-2011 was (Nil). Rainfall on 13-6-2011 was (Nil) at Nay Pyi Taw (3.15) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (Nil) at Mandalay. Total rainfall since 1-1-2011 was (15.94) inches at Nay Pyi Taw, (29.45) inches at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) and (13.39) inches at Mandalay. Maximum wind speed at Nay Pyi Taw was (15) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 13-6-2011.

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

Forecast valid until evening of the 14th June 2011: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Ayyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, fairly widespread in the Upper Sagan and Bago Regions, Kachin and Shan States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Mon State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the Sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas at time off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar Areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 14th June 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14th June 2011: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14th June 2011: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Only with stability and peace will the nation develop
Only with stability and peace will democratization process be successful
Anarchy begets anarchy, not democracy
Riots beget riots, not democracy
Democracy can be introduced only through constitution

People’s Desire
- We favour peace and stability
- We favour development
- We oppose unrest and violence
- Wipe out those inciting unrest and violence

VOA, BBC-sowing hatred among the people
RFA, DVB-generating public outrage
Do not allow ourselves to be swayed by killer broadcasts designed to cause troubles

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Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (13-6-2011)

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