People urged to enjoy rights by revealing their desires, needs to Hluttaw representatives

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Pyithu Hluttaw Representative and voters

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann explains Hluttaw affairs in meeting with voters in Tatkon Township.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann attends meeting between Tatkon Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Maung Oo and the voters in the township at Sasana Beikman in Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Hluttaw representatives in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, departmental officials, town elders, voters, local people and officials.

Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said in his address that the country is now going on a fast track of reform which needs inclusiveness of the people. It is important that the people enjoy their rights appropriately. The elected Hluttaw representatives are fulfilling desires and needs of the people with the claim that the People’s voice is the Hluttaw’s voice, the People’s desire is the Hluttaw’s desire and the People’s need is the Hluttaw undertaking. Today, the people elect their representatives who again elect heads and members of Union government. The government rules the country in line with policies and laws that portray the people’s will and desire which are submitted to the Hluttaw by the representatives as questions and proposals. If necessary, these are submitted as bill. The people are urged to effectively and rightfully enjoy the rights by revealing their desires and requirements to the respective Hluttaw representatives.

After that, Tatkon Township Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Oo explained the Hluttaw experience and urged people, representatives and civil servants to serve their duties in line with multi-party democracy system and market economy.

After that, farmers U Kyi Maung, U Kyi Lwin Soe and U Ye Myint presented reports on per acre expenses and benefits of paddy, groundnut, green gram and corn growing. They said that it would be more convenient for farmers and farm workers if fair and lowest paddy prices are set, for agricultural development, inputs including agricultural methods and fertilizers should be provided, and authority concerned should accelerate their efforts. Afterwards, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Maung Oo responded to the reports of local farmers.

In his concluding speech, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann said that people, representatives and civil servants are to serve their duties right with a sense of loyalty, responsibility and benevolence. People on their part are to make right choices and the representatives are to always stand by people. After the meeting, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann and guests cordially greeted voters and local people.—MNA

US will put more warships in Asia: Panetta

SINGAPORE, 2 June—The United States will move the majority of its warships to the Asia-Pacific in coming years and keep six aircraft carriers in the region, Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Saturday, giving the first details of a new US military strategy. Speaking at an annual security forum in Singapore, Panetta sought to dispel the notion that the shift in US focus to Asia was designed to contain China’s emergence as a global power. He acknowledged differences between the world’s two largest economies on a range of issues, including the South China Sea. “We’re not naive about the relationship and neither is China,” Panetta told the Shangri-La Dialogue attended by senior civilian and military leaders from about 30 Asia-Pacific nations. “We also both understand that there really is no other alternative but for both of us to engage and to improve our communications and to improve our (military-to-military) relationships,” he said. “That’s the kind of mature relationship that we ultimately have to have with China.” Some Chinese officials have been critical of the US shift of military emphasis to Asia, seeing it as an attempt to contain China’s economic rise and to frustrate Beijing’s territorial claims. Panetta’s comments came at the start of a seven-day visit to the region to explain to allies and partners the practical meaning of the US military strategy unveiled in January that calls for rebalancing American forces to focus on the region. —Reuters

Union Transport Minister attends MIFFA Meeting

SAMSUNG Galaxy S3 hits store shelves in India

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Monsoon-related diseases

Monsoon has set in after the end of the long dry weather turning the environment lush and green again. Schools reopened for a new academic year and rice farmers began another cultivation season to grow the country’s staple crop. Rains that monsoon brings refill streams, rivers and natural and man-made lakes, and provide water for all living beings, crops and the nature, relieving mother earth from the terrible heat of summer. Because of monsoon, there is rain which gives us water. And because of water there is life. In this context, everyone loves the monsoon.

But the monsoon also has its dark side. Wet roads become slippery inviting accidents that claim lives and property every year. Heavy rains form floods and also swell rivers and creeks become swollen, raging and angry that claim lives and property every year. Wearing roads become slippery inviting accidents. But the monsoon also has its dark side.

The most common disease during the rainy season is common cold and flu. You can get it even if you get wet. There are dreadful diseases such as hepatitis A, typhoid, cholera, malaria, and diarrhea that raise their ugly head during the monsoon.

Diarrhea often is caused by an infection with bacteria. Usually spread in contaminated food or water, hepatitis A is generally caused by flies. Malaria is an infection caused by single-celled parasites that enter the blood through the bite of an Anopheles mosquito. Typhoid and cholera are diseases normally caused by contaminated food and water.

Every ward, community and individual must take preventive measures to be totally free from these monsoon-related illnesses, so that we can quarrel with physicians and go to the doctor less.

Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Committee shares AGM experiences

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Ngan Hsai addressed annual general meeting experience sharing session and coordination meeting of state Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee at City Hall of Myitkyina yesterday morning.

Chairperson of the committee Daw Nyo Nyo Lwin handed over third activities prize for 2011 won by the committee to the chief minister.

Patron of the committee the wife of the chief minister Daw Kan Hsi Hsaing Lon provided cash assistance to committees of Myitkyina, Mohomin, Bhamo and Putao Districts.

The chairperson presented awards to outstanding members of township committees.

The chief minister, the state Education speaker, the chief justice of the state high court, state ministers and officials viewed documentary photos displayed in the hall.

The patron addressed the coordination meeting where officials of the state/district/township committees discussed weaknesses and strengths of their activities.—MNA

Rains also create potholes, waterlogged roads and sometimes traffic jams in cities while encouraging the spread of waterborne diseases. Moreover, the dampness, muck and dull pools of water are ideal breeding grounds for disease-causing microorganisms.

The opening ceremony of central level course for teachers of informal primary education was held at No (1) Basic Education High School in Kamayut here yesterday morning, with an address by Director-General of No (1) Basic Education Department U Kyaw Thu.

He said the trainees will have to assume responsibility as lecturers in multiplier courses in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago.

State level Education for All Coordinator U Tin Nyo elaborated on conditions of informal primary education from 2008-2009 academic year to date.

The programme started since 2008-2009 academic year from five townships with the collaboration of Education Ministry, UNICEF and well-wishers and will cover 73 townships this year.

World Environment Day 05 June

Green Economy: Does it include you?

ASl makes Ananda Pagoda renovation

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) including five experts made all round renovation of Ananda Pagoda from 7 to 27 May according to MoU signed between Indian Government and Myanmar Government in New Delhi on 27 July, 2010.

The ASI will renovate the structure of Ananda in coming September.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin receives Senior Executive Director Mr Seki Akinori of JMA—MNA

Dy Health Minister meets JMA senior executive director

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin received a delegation led by senior executive director Mr Seki Akinori of Japan Myanmar Association (JMA) and party, at the minister’s office this afternoon. At the call, they had a discussion on giving training to dentists, cooperation of denture development, reducing maternal and infant mortality rate, opportunities for making cooperation in healthcare, immunization and rural health development.

Dy Sports Minister meets coaches and athletes in camp

Yangon, 2 June—Deputy Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Secretary of Myanmar National Sports Committee Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyaw met administration board, coaches and sportsmen from various sports federations who are in a camp training for XXVII SEA Games at National Indoor Stadium (1) Thaukuna in Thingangyun here this morning.

He urged the coaches to train the athletes intensively so as to bag golds in the games.—MNA

Murderer in Lanmadaw Township captured in 44 hours

Nay Pyi Taw, 2 June—A young woman was murdered and set ablaze to obliterate her dead body at the second floor of No. 76 in 27th Street, Lanmadaw Township on 30 May. The Myanmar Police Force managed to expose the case in 44 hours and arrest the suspect with valuables he took away.

The incident is that a complaint was lodged to the Lanmadaw Police Station that Ma Su Sandi Aung, 16, a student of Latha BEHS-2 who had sat for the matriculation exams was found dead at the house with a series of cuts to head, neck and left hand and set ablaze; and that gold jewelry worth 10,450,000 kyats kept at the cabinet in the bedroom had been lost.

Under investigation, the police arrested suspect Ko Myo (a) Myo Lwin at 7 am on 30 May he left his house. When the victim closed the door, he struck her with knife on her back about four times in a row, and then he covered her dead body with pillows, blankets and clothes and set it on fire. After that, he took gold jewelry and left the scene.

The suspect disclosed the incident that at 10 am on 30 May he left his house and bought some confections at Shwepazun Confectionary and proceeded to the victim’s house. Seeing Ma Su Sandi Aung at her house, he said he was asked to send the confections and enter the house. When the victim closed the door, he struck her with knife on her back about four times in a row, and then he covered her dead body with pillows, blankets and clothes and set it on fire. After that, he took gold jewelry and left the scene.

Altogether 11 kinds of gold jewelry were retrieved from the suspect. The police was able to nab the suspect together with the valuables in 44 hours through the combined efforts of the
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Friday’s

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Wal-Mart chairman: Integrity ‘is our

business’

Wal-Mart Stores Inc executives told shareholders they

would not stand for unethical behaviour at the

world’s largest retailer, whose

shares have soared to 12-year

highs as strong results more

than offset concerns about

bribery allegations. Friday’s

annual shareholders meeting

was the first time that

Chairman Rob Walton, a son of

Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, publicly addressed the

issue of possible bribery in Mexico. Both he and Chief

Executive Mike Duke were

named in an April New York

Times report which suggested that

Wal-Mart executives

knew of bribes paid to

officials in Mexico and

agreed to pay an

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in the Mexican capital.


eight vehicles were

involved in the collision, killing some

passengers and severely

damaging the others.

The accident occurred after

a collision between two

trains near the city of Nelspruit in the eastern

province of Mpumalanga,

not far from the border with

South Africa.

India threatens to target US bases if attacked

Russia launches US satellite from

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Russia has put a US

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US West Coast, local media

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span of over 15 years. Founded in 1975, the Sea

Launch corporation was made

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Xinhua

Nine killed, 45 injured in bus crash in South

Africa

Johannesburg, 2

June—At least nine

passengers were killed and

45 others wounded as a

minibus collided with a bus

in eastern South Africa on

Friday, local police said.

Among the injured, 12 were

critical and 10 were in a

serious condition, and the

died toll might continue to

rise, said police.

The accident occurred

shortly after 7:00 am near

the city of Nelspruit in the

eastern province of Mpumalanga,

according to police.

The two vehicles were

severely damaged following their collision, killing some

passengers at the scene.

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China, Tunisia confident in

prospect of bilateral ties

Tunis, 2 June—Top officials of China and Tunisia said on

Friday that the two countries are confident in the prospect

of their bilateral ties.

“China is full of confidence about the

prospect of the relationship with China,” Tunisian President

Moncef Marzouki said during a meeting with visiting

Chinese Foreign Minister Yang Jiechi.

Marzouki said the Tunisian

people always cherish the friendship with China, and

Tunisia regards China as an example of successful social

and economic development.

Tunisia is willing to strengthen cooperation and exchange with China in various areas and

to further their coordination on international and regional

affairs, the Tunisian president said.

For his part, the Chinese foreign minister said China and

Tunisia enjoy impressive traditional friendship and have

seen remarkable achievements in their cooperation in various

areas. Under the backdrop of significant changes in the

world, both China and Tunisia have a broad prospect, Yang

said, expressing China’s willingness to work together with Tunisia in areas of mutual

interest, deepen pragmatic cooperation in all areas, and

promote cultural exchange, so as to continuously upgrade the friendly cooperative relationship between the

two countries,” Yang said.

Xinhua

China arrests security official on

suspicion of spying for US

Hong Kong, 2 June—A

Chinese state security official has been arrested on suspicion of spying for the United States, sources

said, a case both countries have kept quiet for several months as they strive to prevent a fresh crisis in

relations. The official, an aide to a vice minister in China’s

security ministry, was arrested and

detained early this year over

sensitive allegations he had

passed information to the

United States for several

years. The ministry’s overseas

espionage activities, said

three sources, who all have
direct knowledge of the matter.

The aide had been

recruited by the US Central

Intelligence Agency and

provided “political, economic and strategic intelligence,”

one source said, though it

was unclear whether he had

given information on China’s foreign policy or whether overseas Chinese

spies were compromised by the intelligence he handled over the case.

The case could represent China’s worst known breach

of state intelligence in two

decades and its revelation

follows two other major public

embarrassments for Chinese

security, both involving US

diplomatic missions at a tense

time for bilateral ties.
Science & Technology

Two new heavy elements get official names

LIVERMORE, 2 June—The International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry says the latest heavy elements to be added to the periodic table will be named Flerovium (element 114) and Livermorium (element 116), after the Liversmore National Laboratory (LLNL) and the city of Livermore, Calif., whose researchers collaborated with Russian colleagues in the synthesis of superheavy elements, including element 116. Lawrence—element 103—was named for LLNL’s founder E.O. Lawrence.

These names honour not only the individual contributions of scientists from these laboratories to the fields of nucleascience, heavy element research, and superheavy element research, but also the phenomenal cooperation and collaboration that has occurred between scientists in these two countries, Bill Goldstein, associate director of LLNL’s Physical and Life Sciences Directorate, said.

First great white egret hatches in Britain

SHAPWICK, 2 June—British wildlife researchers say great white egrets are breeding in Britain for the first time, confirming the hatching of a chick at a Somerset nature reserve.

The great egret chick seen at Shapwick Heath National Nature Reserve is the first of its kind to hatch in the country, they said.

There have been unconfirmed sightings of a second chick in the nest, they said. “It was a great sense of relief when we confirmed we have got at least one chick on the nest,” reserve manager Simon Clarke told the BBC.

It could mean establishment of Britain first great white egret colony, experts said, as cliff nches are usually three or four eggs and adults tend to return to the same nest site if they successfully raise chicks there.

White egrets are found across the world, with an estimated population of 2 million, there are no records of them having bred in Britain before.

“T hose are an amazing bird like a great white egret, which is the size of a grey heron [and bright white, nesting here is just phenomenal],” Clarke said.

Clarke said he is hoping to confirm more chicks.

“T hey’re just waiting to see how many more turn up,” he said.

Nokia: Android phones have major patent issues

HILLSBRO, 2 June—Nokia (NOKIV.HE) said Google’s (GOOG O) plan to sell its Android software on tablets is “dangerous” for the mobile industry and would be more efficient for Google to license its software.

Google Inc’s (GOOG O) plan to license its Android software to manufacturers, including Nokia, would be more efficient for Google to license its software.

A man holds the new Nokia Lumia 710 smartphone at the Nokia World event in London on 26 Oct, 2011. 

REUTERS

Microsoft appears on track for autumn Windows 8

SEATTLE, 2 June—Microsoft Corp (MSFT O) appears to be on track to release its new Windows 8 operating system in time for the crucial US holiday shopping season after making a “release preview” of the new code available for download on Thursday.

Windows 8 is the latest version of the flagship product, which still provides almost half of the world’s largest software company’s profit. It is the first version that will run on tablet computers as well as PCs, providing Microsoft’s first real challenge to Apple Inc’s (AAPL O)iPad.

“The progress Microsoft is making leads me to believe that Windows 8 will be available in time for the holiday shopping season this year,” said David Johnson, an analyst at tech research firm Forrester. “I’ve been using the consumer preview for several weeks, and while it’s obvious more finishing work is needed, it has been stable and reliable.”

Microsoft’s release preview is similar to what the software company used to call a “release candidate,” meaning the product is all but finished. The next stage is “release to manufacturing,” when Microsoft hands the code to PC makers such as HP (HPQ NY), Dell(DLLT O) and Lenovo (0992 HK) to install on new PCs, laptops and tablets.

Based on the timeline for Windows 7 three years ago, Microsoft is on track for full release by October or November, when machines running it will be available in stores. The company has never put a firm date on the release of Windows 8, but says it aims to have a new system every three years.

Windows 7 debuted in October 2009.

In the meantime, in order to prevent a drop-off in PC sales, Microsoft said on Thursday that custumers who buy Windows 7 PCs between now and 31 January can get an upgrade to Windows 8 Pro for $14.99.

Authors win class status over Google digital books

NEW YORK, 2 June—A US judge awarded class-action status to thousands of authors who are challenging Google Inc’s (GOOG O) plan to create the world’s largest digital book library.

The plaintiffs have contended that Google’s plan to create the library, which would have included millions of out-of-print works, amounted to copyright infringement.

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Unmanned aircraft to study hurricanes

HAMPTON, 2 June—Unmanned aircraft will be used this summer to investigate hurricane formation and intensity change, US space officials said.

NASA said the drones, dubbed “severe storm sentinels,” will be part of the Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel airborne mission. HS3 will investigate the processes that underlie hurricane formation and intensity change in the Atlantic Ocean basin.

The NASAGlobalHawk can over-fly hurricanes at altitudes greater than 60,000 feet with flight durations of up to 28 hours, which would make it nearly impossible for a piloted aircraft, the space agency said.

HS3 will use two Global Hawk aircraft and six different instruments this summer, flying from a base of operations at Wallops Flight Facility in Virginia.

One aircraft will sample the environment of storms while the other will measure eyewall and rainbands and precipitation, NASA scientists said Friday. The 2012 mission will run from late August through early October.

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A team of researchers from Australia used a mathematical model to predict the long-term health impact of daily dark chocolate consumption in 2013 people with a condition known as metabolic syndrome, which puts them at higher risk of developing heart disease and type 2 diabetes.

The team found that in the best-case scenario—with no patient missing any daily portions—the treatment could potentially avert 70 non-fatal and 15 fatal heart attacks or strokes per 10,000 non-fatal and 15 fatal heart attacks or strokes in some high-risk patients.

The model also suggested that mounting effective “dark chocolate prevention strategies” might cost an individual just 25 pence a day.

The researchers, whose work was published in the British Medical Journal on Friday, stressed the protective effects have only been shown for dark chocolate containing 30 to 60 percent cocoa—not for milk or white chocolate. This is probably due to higher levels of flavonoids in dark chocolate. But experts not involved in the study urged caution.

“Recommendations for daily consumption of dark chocolate...will only get people with metabolic syndrome excited, but at this point these findings are more theoretical than real,” the researchers said, and the results need real-life data confirmation.

The research, led by Christopher Reid at Monash University in Melbourne, had a high blood pressure and metabolic syndrome, but had no history of developing heart disease and type 2 diabetes and were not on blood pressure lowering medication.

London, 2 June—Weak Chinese data and worries about Spain’s banking sector drove the euro to two-year lows against the dollar and safe-haven German Bund futures reached record highs on Friday.

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Europe debt crisis offers bargains for Asian firms: Macquarie

Singapore, 2 June—the European debt crisis is presenting bargains for cash-rich Asian firms such as Hong Kong-listed conglomerate Hutchison Whampoa Ltd and Malaysian gaming company Genting Bhd, Macquarie Securities said. Currency weakness and share price declines in Europe are drawing Asian investors seeking to acquire brands with global reach and gain access to higher-value technologies, the broker said.

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Afghanistan, 1 June, 2012.

**Freed French journalist Langlois received by Hollande**

**PARIS,** 2 June — French President Francois Hollande on Friday afternoon received in the Elysee Palace French journalist Romeo Langlois who was released on Wednesday after being kidnapped for 33 days in Colombia, local media reported on Friday.

After meeting with Langlois and his parents, Hollande told reporters that there had been “no negotiation, no 3.4 percent, no condition” with Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for the release of Langlois, news channel France 24 reported.

The president also confirmed that he had “received a letter from the FARC, which explained the meaning of their operation and apologized to France for the event.”

FARC reportedly gave the French journalist a letter to pass on to Hollande, hoping France can play its role “as a friend of Colombia to help it achieve a negotiated way out” of the violence in Colombia, Langlois told reporters. Langlois, 35, was captured by FARC rebels on 28 April, when the Colombian Army unit clashed with the guerrilla group in rural Caqueta province, southern Colombia, during an anti-narcotics operation.

**Clinton tours Arctic as big powers vie for resources**

**TROMSO,** 2 June—Secretary of State Hillary Clinton boards a research ship on Saturday to tour the Arctic, where big powers are vying for vast deposits of oil, gas and minerals that are becoming available as the polar ice recedes. The top US diplomat took the unusual step of visiting Tromso, a Norwegian town in the Arctic Circle, to dramatize US interests in a once inaccessible region whose resources are up for grabs as the sea ice melts with climate change. “From a strategic standpoint, the Arctic has an increasing geopolitical importance as countries vie to protect their rights and extend their influence,” Clinton told reporters in Oslo before making the nearly two-hour flight north to Tromso.

“We want to work with Norway and the Arctic Council to help manage these changes and to agree on what would be, in effect, the rules of the road in the Arctic, so new developments are sustainable and environmentally responsible,” she added. The US Geological Survey estimates that the Arctic holds about 13 percent of the world’s undiscovered conventional oil and 30 percent of its undiscovered natural gas. Beyond the energy resources, as the ice melts Arctic sea passages are opening for longer periods each year, cutting thousands of miles off trade routes between Europe and Asia. On an eight-day trip to Scandinavia, the Caucasus and Turkey, Clinton is the highest-profile US official to visit the Arctic as it enjoys unprecedented political and economic power, while energy development costs could be twice as high as those of conventional offshore resources, that has not stopped oil industry stakeholders from moving in.

**Consumer spending strengthens, inflation eases**

**WASHINGTON,** 2 June—Consumer spending rose modestly in April while incomes grew more slowly and inflation pressures eased, according to Commerce Department data published on Friday. Spending climbed 0.3 percent, in line with forecasts in a Reuters poll and following a downwardly revised 0.2 percent gain for March. Incomes increased just 0.2 percent, half of March’s pace and weaker than analyst estimates. At the same time, the Federal Reserve’s preferred measure of inflation remained comfortably within the central bank’s 2 percent target, at 1.8 percent.

Gross domestic product expanded just 1.9 percent in the first quarter, following downward revisions to an initial estimate this week. The softness raised new concerns about the economy’s vigor as worries about a Europe-led slowdown persist. Americans continued tapping into their savings to sustain their spending. The savings rate continued a recent downward trajectory, dipping to 3.4 percent in April from an high as 5.5 percent last summer.

**Polluted lake water returns to potable level**

**KUNMING,** 2 June—Water has returned to a drinkable level in a scenic lake in southwest China’s Yunnan Province that had been polluted with arsenic in 2008, according to local authorities.

Water in Yangzonghai Lake, a scenic lake near the provincial capital of Kunming, has returned to Grade Three after years of treating the pollution, said Xiao Ding, vice director of the Kunming Environmental Protection Bureau.

Over the past four years, local authorities have applied a slew of measures to restore water quality in the lake, including adding purifiers to the water and blocking factory dumping, Xiao said. Local authorities last June lifted the bans on drinking, swimming and fishing, which had been imposed on the lake since the arsenic pollution was discovered. A high level of arsenic was detected in Yangzonghai Lake in June 2008, affecting water supplies for 26,000 nearby residents.

Investigations found that the pollution was caused by a local chemical company.
Annual meeting of Alinyaung micro credit cooperatives ltd held

MINBU, 2 June—An annual meeting of Alinyaung micro credit cooperatives ltd, was held at Cooperatives Department in Minbu Township on 20 May. At the ceremony, township Cooperatives Department staff officer U Kyaw Myint made a speech and explained undertakings for 2011-2012 financial year. After that, vice-chairman of the cooperatives ltd reported future process. Three members of cooperatives ltd were awarded. —Kyemon

School enrollment day observed in Dagon Myothit (south)

YANGON, 2 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day of Dagon Myothit (south) Township, was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (south) Township on 28 May. At the ceremony, township education officer U Tin Toe explained the enrollment of all school-going age. Township administrator U Myint Lwin of Township General Administration Department made a speech. Regional Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Maung Tun donated K 7.9 million through officials.

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Book show held in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—With the aim of raising reading habit and increasing the number of readers, a book show took place at district Information and Public Relations Department Office in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana, on 31 May. At the ceremony, district IPRD deputy staff officer Daw Aye Aye Khang explained the purpose of holding it. Booklovers, departmental staff and members of social organizations observed books on show there. —Kyemon

Fingerlings put into Naungdwe dam in Mansi Township

MANSI, 2 June—A ceremony to put fingerlings into Naungdwe dam No.1, was held at the dam in Kaungpyar ward, Mansi Township, Bhamo District, Kachin State, on 22 May. At the ceremony, township administrator U Thein Zaw, township level departmental officials, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Women’s Affairs Organization and Auxiliary Fire Brigade and local people put 200,000 fingerlings into the dam. —Livestock

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: District commissioner U Kyaw Thu Zaw of Yangon North District General Administration Department, provides cash assistance to an offspring of District GAD’s staff, at District GAD office on 31 May. —Myannya Alin

MEDICINES PROVIDED: Vice-Chairman U Pi Yi Aye of Yangon Region Volunteers Narcotics Supervisors Association and Joint Secretary Daw Khin Khin Win provide patients in North Okalapa Township with nutritious foods and medicines on 30 May. —Kyemon

Coordination meeting on monsoon tree growing held in Singu Township

SINGU, 2 June—A coordination meeting on monsoon tree planting in five townships of PyinOoLwin District, took place at the meeting hall of Singu Township General Administration Department on 31 May. District commissioner U Aung Myint of District GAD made a speech on the occasion, and assistant director U Win Maw -3 of District Forest Department reported on tree planting in five townships.

After that, Forest Department staff officers from PyinOoLwin, Madaya, Thabeikkyin and Mogok townships explained preparations made for tree growing. The District commissioner left necessary instructions. —Kyemon

The shelter measuring 72 by 32 by 22 ft was built at a cost of K 200 million contributed by S.D.C and UNICEF. Local people can use the school as a cyclone shelter in case of natural disaster. —Myannya Alin

School cyclone shelter opens in Mawlamyinegyun Township

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 2 June—A ceremony to open Basic Education Primary School cyclone shelter, took place at the school in Yakyamin village, Aleyakyin village-tract in Mawlamyinegyun Township, on 29 May. At the ceremony, township assistant education officer U MyoWin Swe, village-tract administrator U Win Kyaw and incharge representative Mr Michel of the Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation(SDC) formally opened the school shelter. After that, assistant education officer U Bo Gi, school head U Win Thein and townnseld U Tun Kyi explained the maintenance of the school.

Educative talks on environmental conservation given in Thanatpin Township

BAGO, 2 June—An educative talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation, was held at Kyunthaya Basic Education Primary School in Thanatpin Township, Bago Region on 25 May. Incharge forester U Win Than of Thanatpin Township and incharge forester U Win Zaw of Thanatpin Township Forest Department gave educative talks. —Forest Department

School enrollment day held in Shwegyin Township

SHWEGYIN, 2 June—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day, took place at Basic Education High School in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region on 28 May.

At the ceremony, township administrator U Khin Thein Maung delivered a speech. Township education officer U OhnMyint explained the school enrollment. Official provided 142 students with uniforms and stationery. Wellwishers donated cash through officials. —Myannya Alin
Union Transport Minister attends MIFFA Meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung addresses at the 7th Annual Meeting of Myanmar Int’l Freight Forwarders’ Association.—MNA

Union Electric Power No-2 Minister touches upon systematic distribution of electricity

YANGON, 2 June—On arrival at 230/33/11KV Hlawga main sub-power station in Mingaladon Township, in the north of Yangon, Union Minister for Electric Power No.2 U Khin Maung Soe looked into Control Penal where necessary instruction on distribution of electricity was given this morning. He then gave instructions to transport the transformers to the places where necessary as soon as possible. Afterwards, he looked around in Hlawga Natural Gas Electricity Distribution Plant. The union minister heard reports on working process of electricity distribution presented by staff in-charge and urged the staff to distribute electricity according to feeder and computer control system this morning. He then gave instructions to transport the transformers to the places where necessary as soon as possible.

Union Sports Minister encourages athletes under training

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tin Hlaingbwe, met with cyclists and track and field athletes undergoing training at Shwepyarhin sports training camp, at long distance sports techniques Supervisory Office in Nay Pyi Taw. The Union Minister left necessary instructions. On arrival at Archery ground of Myanmar Archery Federation, he inspected construction of VIP stand and rest lounge. In meeting with track and field athletes at Nay Pyi Taw sport ground No. 1, he heard the reports presented by the coaches and fulfilled the need. On arrival at futsal sport stadium, he enjoyed trainings of men’s and women’s futsal teams. Then, he inspected completion of buildings for the athletics in Zabahiri sports village and left the necessary instructions.—MNA

Yangon Region marks International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking with cartoon, paintings and poster contests

YANGON, 2 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe viewed and encouraged the participating children at region level cartoon, paintings and poster contests in commemoration of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2012 organized by Yangon Region Committee for Drug Abuse Control at No (2) Basic Education High School in Katha Township in Yangon Region this morning. The Region chief minister was accompanied by region ministers, the chief of region police force and officials.

NCC cards presented to local national races in Paingkyon Sub-township, Hlaingbwe Township

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—A ceremony to present NCC cards to local national races of Paingkyon Sub-township Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State was held at the combined office of the sub-township on 31 May with an address by Chief Minister of Kayin State U Zaw Min. Next, the State Chief Minister, state ministers and departmental officials presented 192 NCC cards to local people. Afterwards, the State Chief Minister inspected low-cost housing estates for displaced national races in Paingkyon Sub-township. On arrival at Paingkyon Station Hospital, the State Chief Minister viewed free medical treatment provided by specialist group of the State General Hospital to those from the sub-township and its envirom. The specialists had provided free medical treatment to 255 eye patients along with 70 spectacles.—MNA

Coordination meeting on development of Taing-Ayeya Free Clinic held

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—A coordination meeting on developing Taing-Ayeya Free Clinic, was held at the meeting hall of Ayeayawady Region government office yesterday afternoon. At the ceremony, Ayeayawady Region Chief Minister U Thein Aung made a speech. After that, Region Minister for Social Affairs U San Maung said that officials are making efforts for more participation of youths and members, to make cooperation with the region government for perpetual existence of the clinic. The clinic is giving free medical treatments to local people in Pathein.—MNA

e-Government Promotion Training course concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 2 June—Wider use of online, email and the internet can generate flow of foreign investments into the country, create more job opportunities and contribute to economic development of the country,” Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun said, at the concluding ceremony of e-Government Promotion Training Course and E-mail and Internet Course, at the Minister’s office yesterday morning.

With the aim of spurring human resource development of the ministries, Telecommunications and Postal Training Centre of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, has been conducting ICT courses at e-learning centre since 24-4-2006. A total of 76 trainees from the government ministries attended four-month courses at e-learning centre from 7 May to 1 June. Union Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Thein Tun delivers a speech at concluding ceremony of e-Government Promotion Training Course and E-mail and Internet Course.—MNA

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**Assistance provided to students in Twantay Township**

**Yangon, 2 June**—A ceremony to provide cash assistance to students, donate offerteries to monasteries and hold school enrollment day, took place at Basic Education High School in Twantay Township on 31 May.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Education, Health and Culture Committee Dr Khin Shwe and Township administrator U Than Zaw Han delivered speeches. After that, Chairman Dr Khin Shwe donated cash assistance of K 6,216,000 for students through the Township administrator and utensils for monasteries, through Chairman of Township Sasana Naga Association U Kyaw Than. Yangon Region Hluttaw representative Dr Ohn Gyiwe and Dr Thein Zaw Myint donated cash and assistance.

Afterward, townelder U Saw Myint Swe spoke words of thanks.—Myanma Alin

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**CASH DONATED:** U Win Naing and Daw Thida Nwe family donated K 1 million for construction of Nagar pagoda in Maubin Home for the Aged through an official of the Pagoda Construction Committee.

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**One dies from lightning strike in Ingapu**

**Ingapu, 2 June**—A man died of lightning strike in Ingapu Township on 30 May. U Than Naing Htoo residing at Kanyinchaung village in Ingapu Township was struck by lightning while he was doing ploughing on the field between Kyangygon village and Kayinnyuanggon village.

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**Fingerlings distributed to fish breeders in Pyapon**

**Pyapon, 2 June**—As part of rural development and poverty alleviation programme, Pyapon District Fisheries Department distributed fingerlings to fish pound owners in Phoswa village in Thaleikgyi village-tract in Pyapon Township on 23 May.

Pyapon District Fisheries Department staff officer U Thet Aye and staff, N.A.G staff, fishermen, the village administrator and local people were present on the occasion.—Myanma Alin

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**Myanmar boxing athletes leave for Kazakhstan**

**Yangon, 2 June**—Manager, coach and athletes from Myanmar Boxing Federation left here for Almaty of Kazakhstan today to make joint training with Kazakhstan boxing team from 1 to 7 June. They were sent off at Yangon International Airport by officials from Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Boxing Federation.

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**Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested in Minhla**

**Minhla, 2 June**—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid paddy was held at Wehlagyi village, Minhla Township, Thayawady District, Bago Region on 27 May.

The yield per acre from farmer U Khin Oo is 170.29 baskets and from farmer U Tin Thaung, 178.50 baskets. —Myanma Alin

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**School enrollment day observed in Kalay Township**

**Kalay, 2 June**—A ceremony to hold school enrollment day was held at No. 1 Basic Education High School in Kalay on 29 May. At the ceremony, Kalay District administrator U Nyi Nyi Htaw and Township education officer U Aung Kyaw Soe explained facts about the school enrollment, high enrollment rate and easy access to education by all school-going age students. After that, the district administrator donated a computer for No. 3 BEHS; the township administrator, a receiver; the rector of Kalay University, K 60000 and officials, uniforms and stationery.—Myanma Alin

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**Renewable Energy & Energy Business Finance Forum held**

**Yangon, 2 June**—The 4th Renewable Energy & Energy Business Finance Forum in Myanmar took place at Traders Hotel, here, on 23 May. At the ceremony, Yangon Region Minister for Kayin National Races Affairs U Tun Aung Myint delivered a speech. CEO and Chairman of Kayaw Kaung Say Co., Ltd U Tun Naing Aung explained the purpose of the forum.

After that, Minister U Tun Aung Myint, Chairman U Tun Naing Aung and Mr Simon Kim of Doram Engineering Co., Ltd (Korea) cut the ribbon to open the booths.

At the forum, paper reading, technological forums and discussions were held till 24 May.—Myanma Alin

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**TALK GIVEN:** Police inspector Ko Ko Gyi gives talks on reducing crimes, organized by Office of Chief of Yankin Township Police Force, at Kanbe Dhammayeiktha, on Karyathukha street, No.12 ward, Yangon East District on 27 May.—Myanma Alin

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**US drone strike ‘kills three militants in Pakistan’**

**Peshawar, 2 June** — A US drone strike targeting a vehicle in Pakistan’s northwestern tribal belt killed at least three militants on Saturday, security officials said, the latest in a recent spate of attacks. The strike took place in Khawash Khel village, five kilometres (three miles) west of Wana, the main town in the South Waziristan tribal district which borders Afghanistan, a Pakistani security official told AFP on condition of anonymity.

The US drone fired two missiles which completely destroyed the vehicle. At least three militants have been killed, the security official said. Another official said the attack took place as militants were trying to move from one area to another near the border. There have been a series of US drone strikes in Pakistan since a NATO conference on attack took place as militants were trying to move from one town in the South Waziristan tribal district which borders Afghanistan on Saturday, security officials said, the latest in a recent spate of attacks.

**Indonesia**

**New Mexico’s largest wildfire ever is 10 percent contained**

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**More wives getting HIV from husbands**

BEIJING, 2 June — The number of spouses infected with HIV by their partners is increasing on the Chinese mainland, and most of those infected by spouses are females, a new report has revealed. "The report will help to curb rising HIV transmissions within married couples and significantly reduce new infections," said Liu Kangmai, deputy director of the National Centre for AIDS/STD Prevention and Control (NCAIDS).

Released on Friday, the report by NCAIDS, UN Women and UNAIDS was based on a 2011 study conducted in six cities and counties in Yunnan, Henan, Sichuan, Guangxi and Chongqing. It surveyed more than 770 couples where one party was HIV positive. According to estimates published by the Ministry of Health in 2009, about 15 percent of the estimated 740,000 HIV/AIDS sufferers on the Chinese mainland were infected by their spouses. Of the 48,000 newly detected sufferers in 2011, at least 25 percent of the cases involving heterosexual sex were transmitted by spouses. In the survey areas, the proportion of sufferers infected by spouses quadrupled between 2004 and 2011, the report said. The most dramatic increase was in Sichuan province, where the proportion of sufferers infected by spouses jumped from 0.78 percent to 10.9 percent during that time. The proportion was highest in Henan, where 20 percent of infections in 2011 were from spouses. In Yunnan, the number of wives infected by husbands was 6.6 times that of husbands who contracted the virus from wives, it showed.

Women currently account for nearly 30 percent of HIV/AIDS sufferers on the Chinese mainland, official statistics show. Among them — most between 19 and 44 years old — 62 percent were married, while only 16 percent had never married. He Tianman, who heads the Women’s Network Against AIDS, a civil society supporting females living with HIV/AIDS, was infected with HIV by her husband.

**Five aid workers freed in operation in Afghanistan**

KABUL, 2 June — Five aid workers, including two Western women doctors, seized by gunmen last month in northeastern Afghanistan, were freed in an operation, an Afghan official said on Saturday.

The aid workers employed by Swiss-based Medair were making their way to flood stricken parts of Badakhshan province last month when they were taken away. "It was a successful operation conducted by troops and all five aid workers have been released," said Shamil Rahman Shams, the deputy governor of Badakhshan. He said four hostages-takers were killed in the operation late on Friday.

Rare copy of Book of Mormon reported stolen from Arizona store

**Phoenix, 2 June** — Police searched on Friday for clues to the suspected theft of a rare, first-edition copy of the Book of Mormon, valued at $100,000, that was reported stolen from a suburban Phoenix bookstore over the Memorial Day weekend.

"At this time we have no specific information of the whereabouts of the book," said Detective Steve Berry, a Mesa, Arizona police spokesman. "I don’t think it’s a big secret the book was there. But I don’t think everyone knows how valuable it is." The Book of Mormon is a foundational, holy text of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The 588-page book missing since Monday is one of only 5,000 copies ever printed, said its owner, bookstore owner and proprietor Helen Schlie.

The Book of Mormon was published in 1830 by church founder Joseph Smith, who claimed the manuscript came from his translation of an ancient “reformed Egyptian” text engraved on golden plates he found buried, with the guidance of an angel, in a stone box near his home in New York state. Schlie, who bought the first-edition print in the late 1960s, told Reuters that she discovered the book was missing when she went to retrieve it for two missionaries visiting from Asia. The women wanted to take a picture with it — Reuters

**Mexico police scour highways after PepsiCo truck torched**

MORELIA, 2 June — Mexican police on Friday hunted assailants who set ablaze a delivery truck for PepsiCo’s local snack food subsidiary in what appeared to be the latest attack against the firm by drug cartels. A series of attacks on trucks and warehouses belonging to PepsiCo’s Sabritas brand started last weekend and are thought to be the first to directly target a global company during Mexico’s bloody war on drug traffickers.

The truck carrying potato chips and snacks was ambushed on Thursday evening as it made its delivery rounds in communities outside Morelia, the capital of the western state of Michoacan, a police official said on Friday. "The people intercepted the vehicle, set it on fire and the driver suffered some burns," an official at the state police said. "State police are intensifying patrols on the highways." The attack involved three men with assault rifles, The driver, who was at the wheel during the attack, managed to escape from the burning vehicle and is being treated for second degree burns on his arms and face, local media said.

Five Sabritas warehouses and about 30 company trucks were firebombed last weekend. Three of the warehouses were in a highly violent Michoacan city and two in neighboring Guanajuato, which is less known for cartel activity. Extortion attempts and attacks on smaller businesses are common in Mexico’s drug war but multinational companies and their subsidiaries have largely escaped the violence. Mexico, Latin America’s second-biggest economy, has continued to attract foreign investment even as the country’s drug war escalated since 2006. But global companies have favored states with lower levels of violence. — Reuters
San Diego eighth grader wins National Spelling Bee with ‘guetapens’

San Diego, 2 June—Snehlata Nandipati, a 14-year-old eighth grader from San Diego, won the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Thursday by correctly spelling “guetapens,” a French word for an ambush.

Nandipati, who spelled the word “pejerrey,” a type of fish. Six-year-old Lori Anne Madison of Woodbridge, Virginia, the youngest participant ever to qualify for the bee, failed to make it past the preliminary round after incorrectly spelling the word “inovulins,” a crop of a bird or insect.

Nandipati, who reads encyclopedias for pleasure, won a $30,000 cash prize, a $5,600 scholarship, among other prizes. Several spellers who had been favored to do well stumbled on Thursday.

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B脩巧, 2 June—It’s an early summer day in an old neighborhood southwest of Shanghai, and shrubs are blossoming around benches on which people sit and chat. As one of the world’s busiest commercial hubs, Shanghai now has a whole other whirl of activity and social interaction going on, one invisible to the eye. For the first time in three years, Chen Guozhen can relax and let her husband, who has Alzheimer’s disease, walk alone in the sunshine without worrying about losing him in the crowd.

“He is wearing this magic watch,” Chen, 60, said, pointing to a black plastic watch next to a square screen. If her husband presses the red button, she said, “I get text messages on my cell phone that tell me where he is.”

The watch, courtesy of China Mobile Group Shanghai Co Ltd (Shanghai Mobile), a subsidiary of the country’s top telecom carrier, is just one demonstration of the country’s bid to turn the city into a wireless hub.

With little fanfare, the world’s most populous country has quickly deployed a seamless mobile connections integrating 3G and 4G networks covering the city of 22 million people. A recent study found that 99% of Shanghai’s citizens can access the internet on their smartphones and tablets.

The city has become host to yet another form of infrastructure, a radical, interconnected constellation of what are called “wireless access points.” Walking the streets of Shanghai today means walking amid an unseen web of WiFi. After building a 4G TD-LTE showcase network at the Shanghai World Expo in 2010, the company announced pilot plans to create a large municipal WiFi grid, stretching wireless access across the metropolis, with the goal of bringing free or low-cost service to all residents.

According to Xu Da, general manager of Shanghai Mobile, China Mobile expects to invest 13 billion yuan ($2.05 billion) over three years to deploy seamless mobile communication in the city, under a deal signed with the Shanghai municipal government last year. Total investment will exceed 22 billion yuan during the 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15).

Beijing defends interests in Asia-Pacific

Beijing, 2 June—Beijing on Thursday urged Washington to respect China’s interests in the Asia-Pacific region as US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta vowed, on the eve of his Asia trip, that the US will increase its military presence in the region. Although the US has insisted that its strategic shift to the region is not targeted at China, experts said Washington’s declarative, including its plan to highlight the South China Sea issue at an annual regional security meeting at the weekend, exposed its true intentions. They also reminded US officials to choose their words carefully to avoid denting Beijing’s trust.

The US will respect China’s interests and concerns in the region, he added. Panetta said before leaving the US on Monday that his trip to Vietnam, Singapore and India was aimed at remaining “vigilant” in the face of China’s growing military. China’s military is growing and modernizing. We must be vigilant.

We must be strong. We must be prepared to confront any challenge,” Panetta said at a press conference on Tuesday. He is due to arrive in India on Thursday and is expected to meet with his counterparts from the US and India.

Indian policemen inspect the derailed passenger train in Jaunpur, Uttar Pradesh state, India, on 31 May, 2012. —Xinhua

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Colombia’s FARC accused of nabbing four judicial workers

Bogota, 2 June—Colombia’s Armed Revolutionary Forces (FARC) was accused on Thursday of abducting four judicial workers in the town of Caloto after renouncing ransom kidnappings as a way to finance their operations.

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Taleban militants attack NATO base in Afghanistan

KABUL, 2 June—Taleban militants detonated a truck bomb, then tried to storm a NATO base on Friday in eastern Afghanistan, but coalition forces repelled the attack, killing 14 militants, officials said. No foreign or Afghan troops were killed, according to NATO, but the attack showed the fundamentalist Islamic movement remains a resilient force even as Afghan President Hamid Karzai insists they do not have the means to retake the nation after foreign forces leave.

In the past two years, the US-led coalition has sent tens of thousands of troops into Taleban strongholds in the south and has largely succeeded in boosting security there. The Taleban have responded by opening up new fronts in the north and west and stepping up attacks in the east, where much of the heaviest fighting is presently concentrated.

New malaria treatment approach boosts survival rates

VANCOUVER, 2 June—Canadian and Australian scientists have developed a new malaria treatment that has been shown effective in increasing survival rates of severe malaria by as much as 50 per cent. The findings, published on a recent edition of the journal Science Translational Medicine, showed that a new class of anti-inflammatory drugs, innate defense regulator (IDR) peptides, prevented inflammation in the brains of mice with malaria and improved their survival.

Case fatality rates for severe malaria remain high even in the best clinical settings because anti-malarial drugs act against the parasite without alleviating life-threatening inflammation that damages vital organs, the scientists said. However, using anti-malarial treatment in combination with IDR peptides, which was developed by Robert Schofield, the co-author from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute in Australia, could increase survival of infected mice while down-regulating key inflammatory factors associated with fatigue, the study found.

As co-author of the study, Hancock said the findings support an approach to treating infections called host-directed therapy — intended to target the host and not the parasite. Louis Schofield, the co-author from the University of British Columbia, could increase survival of infected mice while down-regulating key inflammatory factors associated with fatigue, the study found.

Three Indians feared dead in Australian house fire

MELBOURNE, 2 June—Three members of an Indian family are believed to have died after a fire tore through a Melbourne house Friday, with police saying murder-suicide was one avenue of investigation. Detectives said a family of four from southern India lived at the property and remains had been found, but the damage was so great it would take time to confirm how many people died.

Reports said a mother and her two young boys perished while the father was overseas on business. “There’s a lot of damage done to the premises but there’s also a lot of damage done to the deceased as well,” said Detective Sergeant Jeff Maher. “Sometimes you just cannot tell how many are deceased.”

He later revealed that a note was found on a car parked in the driveway of the home. “The note will obviously form a key part of the investigation,” he said.

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Road accidents kill 2,670 children in China in 2011

BEIJING, 2 June—Road accidents killed 2,670 preschoolers and primary and middle school students and injured another 11,417 in China last year, figures from the Ministry of Public Security show.

As 45 percent of the deadly accidents occurred when the victims were walking, the ministry has urged parents and school teachers to make more efforts to guide children to follow traffic signals and choose a zebra crossing or an underpass when crossing a road.

The ministry warned drivers to slow down when driving near schools or villages. It also urged parents and teachers to teach children, especially those living in rural areas, not to play on highways. Parents were also told to use baby seats in cars and not to allow children under the age of 12 to cycle travel on highways.

Source: Xinhua
Bomb threat caller ‘needed a break’

Police said a worker at a Florida business sparked an evacuation of 300 employees when she called in a bomb threat because she “needed a break” from work.

Investigators said they responded to Metro Electronics in Holly Hill, Fla., around 4:30 a.m. on the day when human resources workers said they received a voicemail saying there was a bomb on the property, that Orlando Sentinel reported.

Officers said the building was evacuated and searched by bomb-sniffing dogs while investigators traced the call to employee Letisha Vester, 33, who was among the workers evacuated.

Police said Vester told them she called in the bomb threat because “she needed a break” from work. Vester was arrested on a charge of false report of a bomb.

Deputies said they found she was also wanted on an out-of-county arrest warrant for felony larceny. The suspect was taken to a Volusia County jail and held without bond.

‘Avengers’ to be screened in space

BURBANK, 2 June—Hollywood’s Marvel Studios says it has arranged for a screening of “The Avengers” at the International Space Station, now orbiting 220 miles above Earth.

Marvel said its collaboration with NASA began when scenes for “The Avengers” were shot at the Space Power Facility at NASA’s Plum Brook Station in Sandusky, Ohio.

“The studio is privileged to share ‘Marvel’s The Avengers’ with those up in space exploring the universe,” a special thanks goes to NASA for utilizing their incredible technology to make this special screening miles above us in space happen. It is a screening that would make Tony Stark envy,” producer Louis D’Esposito, Marvel Studios’ co-president and executive producer, said in a statement on Thursday.

“These are the types of things that help to keep the crew connected to home, which is a huge morale booster while being away for long periods of time,” said Dan Cook, psychological support coordinator with Wyle, a contractor for NASA’s Johnson Space Centre.

Dog follows cyclists for 1,139 miles

CARLY RAE JEPSEN to tour with Justin Bieber

SANTA MONICA, 2 June—Canadian singer Carly Rae Jepson takes the stage with Justin Bieber as a special guest on his North American “Believe” concert tour, Interscope Records said.

Tickets go on sale on Friday in Canada and on Saturday in the United States. Presented by AEG Live, the tour will kick off on 29 Sept in Glendale, Ariz. and will travel to more than 45 cities before wrapping up on 11 Nov.

‘Nurse Jackie’ renewed for Season 5

LOS ANGELES, 2 June—Showtime says it has ordered a fifth season of its New York-set dramedy “Nurse Jackie,” starring Edie Falco. EW.com said former “Dexter” set dramedy “Nurse Jackie,” starring Edie Falco. EW.com said.

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NEW ORLEANS, 2 June—Emma Watson shot a scene for Seth Rogen’s directorial debut, “The End of the World,” in New Orleans this week, E! said.

Also appearing as themselves in the big-screen comedy are Jonah Hill, Paul Rudd, Mindy Kaling, Jason Segel, Aziz Ansari and Michael Cera. The film is about what happens when the apocalypse comes while a bunch of stars are partying at Franco’s home, E! said.

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“Safe Haven” is about a young woman’s struggle to find love again after she arrives in a small North Carolina town. Her reluctance to join the tight-knit community raises questions about her past, a synopsis said.

Snow marks start of Swedish ‘summer’

Residents in a northern Sweden county said they marked the first day of June by shoveling thick, wet snow.

The residents of Vasterbotten County said they awoke on Friday morning to find nearly 8 inches of snow on the ground, and residents across Sweden found temperatures no higher than 50 degrees, Swedish news agency TT/The Local se reported.

“Summer has been halted for the time being across the country,” said Linnea Rhein of the Swedish meteorological institute SMHI. Meteorologists said temperatures are not expected to rise for several more days, and rains are likely in much of the country.

“I’d have to say it’s probably going to get worse. The rain and clouds will continue for some time to come,” Rehn told the Aftonbladet newspaper.

A Chinese man said he will adopt a stray dog after the canine followed him and a group of long-distance cyclists for more than 1,139 miles.

The cyclists told Chinese state television CCTV the white dog, which they dubbed Xiaosan, or Little Sa, began following them when a member of the group gave her food on 4 May and the canine continued to follow them for 24 days, CBS News reported.

The cyclists, who said Little Sa joined them in Kangding, Sichuan Province, and followed them all the way to Lhasa, Tibet, said they fed and took care of the dog during the journey, China Daily reported.

Bus driver drops Matthew Fox lawsuit

CLEVELAND, 2 June.—A Cleveland bus driver has dropped her lawsuit against Matthew Fox, the TV actor she accused of assaulting her while he was drunk, EW.com said.

Heather Bormann alleged the former “Lost” and information to the “Five” star repeatedly hit her in the chest and crotch when she prevented him from boarding the private charter bus she was driving for a bachelor party last August. However, prosecutors declined to file criminal charges against Fox.

Fox, EW.com said Bormann’s attorney withdrew from the case in April, stating his client “intentionally failed and refused to provide full and timely cooperation and information,” and neglected to pay his out-of-pocket expenses. Fox was arrested in Oregon last month for allegedly driving while intoxicated.

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Liverpool appoint Rodgers as manager

**Reds name former Swansea boss as Kenny Dalglish’s replacement at Anfield**

Liverpool have named former Swansea City boss Brendan Rodgers as their new manager. The 39-year-old takes over after spending two years in Wales and succeeds Kenny Dalglish, who was dismissed earlier this month after a disappointing campaign. “I’m blessed to be given this opportunity,” he told the club’s official website. “I want to thank [principal owner] John Henry, [chairman] Tom Werner and [owners Fenway Sports Group] FSOG for the opportunity to manage such a great club.”

“I’m really excited and I can’t wait to get started on this incredible project going forward. “I promise to dedicate my life to fight for this club and defend the great principles of Liverpool Football Club on and off the field.”

Rodgers led Swansea to promotion to the Barclays Premier League in his first season in charge in 2010/11 as they defeated Reading in the play-off final after finishing third in the Championship table. And Swansea’s first campaign in the Premier League was one extensive two-week process where many highly-qualified candidates were carefully considered. Rodgers’ ownership group identified

**Injury blow for Man Utd’s Keane**

**Paris, 2 June.** Roger Federer remembers the day he launched himself into tennis’ collective consciousness when he walked out to face here Pete Sampras at Wembley in 2001 and beat him. On Sunday the boot will be firmly on the other foot when the Swiss maestro takes on young Belgian David Goffin in the French Open fourth round. The 21-year-old Goffin is the lucky-loser to reach the fourth round of a grand slam since 1995 and is already almost his idol Federer. “He was the first-team squad for next season.” Keane was stretchered off after being injured playing for England’s Under-19 side in the 1-0 victory over Switzerland on 31s December t last year in United’s 2-3 home defeat to the Swiss stamped his mark on men’s tennis by winning a record 16 grand slams.

Now he has the chance to do to Federer what the then 19-year-old Federer did to Sampras and upset a strong favourite early in a grand slam. “I’ve been watching Roger playing on telly for so many years,” he told reporters after beating Poland’s Lukasz Kubot 6-4, 6-3, 7-5. “Roger has always been my favourite. He has perfect technique, and I like the man. From a human standpoint, he is a great person, whether on the court or outside the court. So I expect a very difficult match on Sunday.”

“I’m really excited and I’m looking forward to it. I hope I will have the chance to play a good game.” — Internet

**Russia demolish Italy 3-0 in friendly**

Follow the Euro 2012 campaign with daily updates and video highlights in the official EU2012 website.

**Genoa, 2 June.** Bad luck Italy were still haunted by troubles outside the pitch as they were demolished 3-0 by Russia Friday in Zurish, Switzerland, in the final warm-up for the European Championship.

The Italians were apparently in the shadow of the sports-betting affair. They lost all the past three friendly and none goal was scored before they face group opponents like Spain, Ireland and Croatia in the Euro 2012. Alexander Kerzhakov and Zenit St Petersburg teammate Roman Shirokov found the net for Russia, which are bracketed with Poland, Greece and the Czech Republic. — Xinhua

**Mika Miyazato, Lewis share LPGA lead**

Belarusian Victoria Azarenka has topped the women’s singles tennis match of the French Open match at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

**INTERNATIONAL SPORTS**

Azerbaijanian Natasha Gavrilova has a long spell on the sidelines after damaging his cruciate knee ligament. United boss Sir Alex Ferguson confirmed the extent of the injury to the promising 19-year-old striker on the club’s official website. Ferguson said: “I’m very, very disappointed for the lad. We’re going to work as hard as we can, whether on the court or outside the court.”

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Korea’s Park nabs two more Santa Clara swim titles

South Korea’s Park Tae-Hwan won the 100m and 400m freestyles at the Santa Clara Grand Prix swimming meeting and taking his gold tally to three in two days.

Park, who opened the meeting on Thursday with a victory in the 800m freestyle, surged to the lead in the final 25 meters to win the 100m freestyle in 48.85sec. Former Olympic 50m freestyle gold medalist Anthony Ervin, attempting a comeback after 12 years, won the 100m fly in 57.03sec, with Coughlin second in 58.44.

Japan’s Kosuke Kitajima, the two-time defending Olympic champion who will be going for a three-peat in London, won the men’s 200 breaststroke.

Vollmer returned to win the 100m fly in a meet record of 54.38 seconds, with Coughlin second in 54.81. Vollmer won the 100m freestyle at the 2011 world championships in CAT, South Korea’s three in two days.

Kiprop surges to shock victory in Kenyan trials

EUGENE, 2 June— Wilson Kiprop never imagined he would be Kenya’s leading 10,000 meters medal hope at the London Games but on a drizzly Friday night in Oregon, the 2010 African champion timed his late surge to perfection to win his nation’s Olympic trial.

The 24-year-old bettered his personal best by a massive 25 seconds when he crossed the line in 27 minutes, 1.98 seconds.

“I could not imagine I could win the race today,” Kiprop told reporters. “But I hoped in my mind maybe something would happen. It’s something very incredible.”

Masai ran 27:02.25 and Bitan Karoki finished third in 27:05.00 to complete the Kenyan team for London.

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MANILA, 2 June— Thirty fishermen were missing and hundreds of travellers were stranded Saturday after tropical storm Mawar dumped heavy rains across the Philippines, forcing flight and ship cancellations.

The storm blanketed large parts of the main southern island of Leyte and central Visayas province with up to 25 millimetres (an inch) of rain an hour overnight, the state weather bureau said. At least two domestic flights were cancelled while more than 500 people were stranded in ports after the coast guard prevented passenger ferries from sailing, disaster relief agencies said. “Thirty fishermen have also gone missing from the eastern-most island of Catanduanes after apparently getting caught at sea by the storm,” Benito Ramos, head of Manila’s Office of Civil Defense, said over local radio.

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Mawar is the first for 2012. —Internet
Commerce Ministry to practice automatic licensing system

Chairs and chairmen of sister associations under the UMFCFI and officials at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce (Yangon Region Branch) this morning. The Union minister went on to say that the ministry is to practice the automatic licensing system for some commodities to be in conformity with the international norms in order to reduce cost for applying import and export licences, relaxing it step by step. He stressed the need for entrepreneurs and traders to do business within the framework of law and to pay prescribed taxes regularly, adding steps are being taken for opening of new border trade camps to boost trade activities.

Kachin State Chief Minister oversees regional development tasks in Mohynj

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SHIKAHJUAN. 2 June — Archaeologists have discovered six kilns that date back to the Sui Dynasty (581-618) and Tang Dynasty (618-907) in the city of Xingtai in north China’s Hebei Province. Excavation work has revealed the tops of three of the kilns, which were discovered in Neiqiu county, according to Wang Huimin, an archaeologist from the Cultural Relics Institute of Hebei.

Wang said tools and large amounts of glazed china were also found near the kilns. Many ancient kilns and related relics have been discovered in the county since the early 1950s.

Kiln technology first emerged in China during the late South-North Dynasty (420-581), with usage peaking during the Tang Dynasty. The fine white china produced in the kilns was kept in royal palaces and exported to more than 10 countries and regions.

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Second Hard Body Swimming Contest sets new record

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