True patriotism

- It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Myanmar working hard for success of green economy and green development, new environmental conservation concept of present in line with policy and laws

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham addressed World Environment Day 2012 commemorative ceremony at Myanmar International Convention Centre here this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Chairman of Environmental Conservation Committee Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Union ministers, deputy ministers, members of the committee, resident representatives of United Nations Development Programme and UN agencies, departmental heads, winners in WED commemorative contests and guests.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham said in his address that the World Environment Day, which was initiated by world leaders then for environmental conservation at Stockholm of Sweden on 5 June 1972, turns 40 today. Today, Rio de Janeiro of Brazil hosts World Environment Day. The country hosted The Rio Earth Summit, a UN summit for environmental conservation and development 20 years ago in 1992. The agreement on UN climate change and biodiversity conventions was reached, Green Gross International was founded and Agenda-21 was adopted at the summit as well.

The objective of Rio+20 Conference that starts on 20 June in the same city is to assess the progress to date and the remaining gaps in the implementation of Agenda-21, reconstitution of organizations, to create brighter future of the world, to adopt policies on sustainable development which is high on the agenda to be discussed by Myanmar and international leaders.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann meets Pyithu Hluttaw committees, commission

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann held talks with Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission at Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Office in Hluttaw Complex here this morning. It was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Committee U Nanda Kyaw Swa, chairpersons, secretaries and members of Hluttaw committees and commission.

In his opening address, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said legislation was the main responsibility of the Hluttaw and thus Hluttaw committees, commission and MPs were to coordinate with each other to be able to enact laws necessary in the interests of the State and the people. Again, the State and the citizens needed to abide by the existing laws. People’s representatives and the government elected by the people’s representatives had to make sure in cooperation.

Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw Thura U Shwe Mann meets Pyithu Hluttaw committees and commission at Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker’s Office in Hluttaw Complex in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA
Time to quit gambling

Isn’t it funny that citizens of a country threatened by poverty are having dreams of millionaire? Most of the rural people that form about two-thirds of the population still believe they could make easy money from gambling.

The workforce in farming industry was neglected for years. They eked out meagre living on low incomes. It comes as no surprise to learn the gambling is a getaway for the impoverished countrymen. They gambled away their farmlands that fell into the hands of the stretching monopoly of the rich.

Some even had to move on to pastures to flee heavy gambling debts.

Now, the government has devoted a great deal of time and effort to rural development and poverty alleviation tasks since taking office a year ago. Subsidies have been granted to the farmers and loans disbursed to the rural population. But the thing we need to make sure is that the money is not thrown around. In this regard, we would have a plenty of questions to answer. Where does the money go? Is it really helpful to the targeted grassroots? Is it big enough to help them out?

To help the rural population rise above poverty, we need to ensure that they do not lose their money hand over fist in gambling activities. Recent reports suggest Myanmar Police Force is taking rigorous actions against gambling activities in the country. It will take a considerable amount of time to crack down on this deeply rooted cancer of the country.

To make effective use of small loans in poverty reduction measures, the related institutions should grant the low-interest loans large enough to help the dwellers in countryside invest in their own business activities. If not, they will try the old escape route.

We used to say life is a game. We should fight back till the last blood. We should never throw into the tower. But it has nothing to do with gambling. If we work hard, we have wide-ranging chances to bear preferable outcomes. Thus, we should educate the poor population that they should not pin their hopes on two-digit or three-digit betting since it is an evil effect of years-long poverty.

If we take our country’s bid for development as a game, we were losing to poverty for years but recent sweeping reforms lit our hopes. It is game on!
Former US President Bill Clinton (L) and US President Barack Obama wave at a fundraiser, at the Waldorf Astoria on New York on 4 June, 2012.—Reuters

Obama, Bill Clinton court New York elite to raise millions

week when he became the most prominent Democrat to disavow attacks on Republi-can Massachusetts attorney general and White House political action committee chair-rector’s record as a private equity executive. But there was no sign of discord as Obama and Clinton put on a show of unity for a night of fundraising that included a reception with big-money donors, a gala at the Waldorf Astoria hotel, and a star-studded “Barack on the Broadway” concert. The events raised more than $3.5 million. Although surrounded by supporters at every turn, Clinton told Big Apple, Obama has struggled to rekindle the enthusiasm of the Democratic base that swept him to victory last time. He acknowledged that he faces a difficult path to re-election and warned that his audiences of hundreds of millions of Republican super PACs, and fundraising would fuel negative advertising aimed at feeding “all those fears, anxieties” and frustration with the economy. “That’s basically the argument that the other side is making. They’re retooling anything new, they’re just saying things are tough, they’re Obama’s fault,” he said. At the first stop on the evening’s fundraiser, Clinton told a gathering at the Upper East Side home of billionaire hedge fund manager Marc Lasry that Obama “winces” as he mentions the shutdown and says, things are tough, it’s just in the air,” he said.

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda speaks at a news conference to announce new cabinet members at his official residence in Tokyo, on 4 June, 2012.—Reuters

Japan PM urged to be cautious about nuclear restarts

TOKYO, 5 June — Nearly a third of Japan’s ruling party lawmakers are petitioning Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda to be cautious about restarting nuclear reactors given safety concerns after last year’s earthquake and tsunami, an organizer said Tuesday. Noda, looking for support from members in western Japan before electricity demand peaks this summer, could decide as early as this week to reconnect them to the grid — despite the risk of a backlash that would weaken his already sagging voter ratings.

It is clear from surveys that the majority of the people think that we can survive this summer by conserving energy and transferring electricity among regions,” said the petition, to be presented to Noda’s government later in the day. “We urge you to consider the fact that there is insufficient agreement within the party and among the people and the feelings of the 160,000 victims of the disaster, and be all the more cautious about a decision to restart the reactors.”

Nuclear power supplied nearly 30 percent of Japan’s electricity needs before last year’s earthquake and tsunami crippled the Fukushima plant in northeast Japan. But all of the country’s 50 reactors have since been taken offline for checks.

Noda on Monday stressed that restarting the idled reactors was vital not just to survive summer power shortages but also to avoid hurting the economy with higher electricity rates, a view unanimously voiced by Japan’s struggling manufacturers.

But Satoshi Arai, an ex-national strategy minister sponsoring the petition, said Noda had failed to meet conditions for resuming operations at the two Kansai Electric Power Co reactors at its Ohi plant in Fukui, western Japan. The government has been struggling to win support from local authorities for the restarts, but on Monday the governor of Fukui said the ball was in Noda’s court. —Reuters

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week when he became the most prominent Democrat to disavow attacks on Republic-
BOSTON, 5 June—Stephen Quake, a prolific inventor whose creative application of physics to biology has led to multiple developments in disease discovery and genome analysis, has won the prestigious $500,000 Lemelson-MIT prize for outstanding innovators.

Quake, a professor of bioengineering and applied physics at Stanford University and investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, has applied the technological principles of the integrated circuit—a chip made of semiconductor material found in almost every modern electronic device—to biology.

“I get interested in a scientific problem and often find a way to measure the thing I’m interested in,” Quake said in an interview. “Often I find the measurements I make have a technological import that has different applications.”

Quake developed a chip with miniature pumps and valves that incorporates complex fluid-handling steps to speed genetic research. He co-founded Fluidigm Corp. in 1999 to commercialize the technology. The company generated sales of $10.8 million in the first quarter of 2012.

In 2009, Quake made headlines when he sequenced his own genome under $50,000 using a single machine, helping usher in an era of personalized medicine in which an individual’s genetic information can guide diagnosis and treatment.

The information from his own genome revealed Quake had a genetic mutation that places him at increased risk of cardiomyopathy, a disease that weakens and enlarges the heart muscles. As a result, Quake is monitored by a cardiologist.

Earlier this year, Jon Torrent, a division of Life Technologies Corp. said it had begun taking orders for a desktop machine that is able to sequence an individual’s genome for less than $1,000, placing such tests within reach of the average patient.

Quake’s innovations have been used to help determine the structure of proteins, including those involved in the Ebola virus and the H5N1 influenza virus, and are used by drug companies and research organizations to study, among other things, potential drug treatments.

He also developed non-invasive prenatal diagnostic test for Down Syndrome and co-founded a company, Verinata Health Inc., to develop non-invasive tests to detect fetal chromosomal abnormalities in early pregnancy. Earlier this year the company launched its first product.

Quake is currently focused on better understanding the human immune system. His interest was sparked in part when one of his two children developed food allergies.

“As we started to see doctors we realized a lot is not known about how allergies work and how the immune system gets off track,” he said.

Quake received his bachelor and master degrees in mathematics at Stanford University and a doctorate in physics at Oxford University.

He said he will probably put the Lemelson-MIT proceeds “into my kids’ college fund.”—Reuters

3D vision helps robot debone poultry

ATLANTA, 5 June—A robot with advanced imaging technology that automatically debones chicken could help boost agricultural production and improve safety, US researchers say.

Food processing experts at the Georgia Tech Research Institute said their Intelligent Cutting and Deboning System employs a 3-D vision system that determines where to cut a particular bird, automatically making precision cuts to optimize yield while reducing the risk of bone fragments in the finished product.

“Each bird is unique in its size and shape,” Gary McMurray of GTRI’s Food Processing Technology Division said in a Georgia Tech release on Tuesday.

“So we have developed the sensing and actuation needed to allow an automated deboning system to adapt to the individual bird, as opposed to forcing the bird to conform to the machine,” he said.

The system makes 3-D measurements of various location points on the outside of the bird, using them as inputs for custom algorithms to define a proper cut by estimating the position of internal structures such as bones and ligaments.

“Our statistics research shows that our external measurements correlate very well to the internal structure of the bird, and therefore will transition ideal cutting paths,” researcher Michael Matthews said.

The research is funded by the state of Georgia, where poultry is the top agricultural product.—Internet

Virgin Galactic ready for powered tests

Whitesides, president of Virgin Galactic, said, “We thank the FAA for their timely issuance of this permit, and for their responsible oversight of the test programme.”

SpaceShipTwo and WhiteKnightTwo have made significant progress in their flight test programme, with SpaceShipTwo having safely completed 16 free flights, including three that tested the vehicle’s unique “feathering” re-entry system. Ten ground test firings of the full-scale SpaceShipTwo rocket motor, including full duration burns, have been successfully completed, the company said.

With the FAA permit in hand, Virgin Galactic vehicle developer Scaled Composites is authorized to press onward toward rocket-powered test flights.

“The SpaceShip programme is making steady progress, and we are all looking forward to lighting the vehicle’s rocket engine in flight for the first time,” Doug Shane, president of Scaled, said.—Internet

Google makes subtle swipe at censorship

BRUSSELS, 5 June—Google says it has changed its search page in China to warn users when they type a search term that could cause an interruption in service.

The US-based Internet giant does not allude to any government censorship in the announcement, made Thursday on a company blog, but Internet analysts say it is likely the reason for the service interruptions, the Times New York Times reported on Friday.

Analyisys International said Google has lost market share in China because of blocked Web sites and time-out that can bar users from conducting any search for more than a minute, the Times said.

“We want to give the searchers in China a heads up and look at our systems and have not found any problems,” Didier Rametti, the Google China’s press director, said. “If we receive a request for content we know is blocked, we will serve a message that we don’t offer the content.”

“After digging into user reports, we’ve noticed that these disruptions are closely correlated with searches for a particular subset of queries,” he said.

“Starting today we’ll notify users in mainland China when they enter a keyword that may cause connection issues. By prompting people to revise their queries, we hope to reduce these disruptions and improve our user experience from mainland China,” Google said.

Google engineers looked at 350,000 popular search terms to find words that were “disruptive queries.”

“We’ve observed that many of the terms triggering error messages are simple everyday Chinese characters, which can have different meanings in different contexts,” Google said. An example is the Chinese character for river, or jiang, which can cause an outcome error message or a timeout on Google.

The Times said it also is the surname of former Chinese leader Jiang Zemin, whose name is banned from Google searches in China.

Users can get around the problem by searching in Pinyin, the system used to transliterate Chinese characters into Latin script, Google said.—Internet

145-inch plasma television from Panasonic.—NHK

Japan displays super high-definition TV

TOKYO, 5 June—Japan’s public broadcasting network says new television technology will offer viewers a picture with five times the resolution currently available on HD TVs.

Nippon Housou Kyoukai demonstrated its pioneering technology, dubbed Super Hi-Vision, on the world’s largest plasma TV, a 145-inch screen made by Panasonic, the Sydney Morning Herald reported on Wednesday.

The technology will get a public test for the first time during the London Olympics, with Super Hi-Vision screens capable of displaying the 7680-by-4320 pixel images being built in Britain, the United States and Japan.

“Super Hi-Vision will be a wonderful future and will be a part of daily life,” said Keiichi Kubota, director general of science and technology research laboratories at NHK.

Despite the Olympic trial, NHK said, the technology will not be available to the public until at least 2020.

While the few existing cameras able shoot in Super Hi-Vision are extremely large and heavy, NHK said it is partnering with Japanese tech giant Hitachi to develop the world’s first shoulder-mounted Super Hi-Vision camera.—NHK
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**World stocks head lower as slowdown fears grow**

**LONDON, 5 June—** European shares joined a global sell-off in riskier assets on Monday after disappointing May economic data from the United States and China overwhelmed any positive impact from rising hopes the world’s central banks would ease policy further.

The euro slid 0.3 percent to $1.2409, moving closer to the $1.2400 level at which it hit its lowest level since July 2010, while Brent crude oil fell below $97 a barrel to a 16-month low.

Safe haven US and German government bond yields held near Friday’s record lows.

“Investors are just fleeing risk assets,” said ATI Asset Management chief investment officer Tiger Simon Baron. The latest sell-off followed disappointing US job growth figures on Friday and weak Chinese manufacturing data, which stoked fears that the problems in the euro zone are causing a worldwide slowdown in business activity.

Those fears caused sharp falls across Asian markets on Monday, dragging Tokyo’s Topix index to a 28-year low, and followed a fall of more than 2 percent in US stocks on Friday. The MSCI world equity index was down 0.5 percent at 290.58 points. UK markets were closed for a holiday on Monday, though the FTSE Eurofirst index of top European shares opened down 0.7 percent at 2054.97 points after hitting a six-month low on Friday. **Reuters**

**Jubilant drops; J P Morgan warns about valuations**

**LONDON, 5 June—** Shares in the exclusive franchise for Domino’s Pizza and Dunkin Donuts in India, Jubilant Foodworks (JUBI NS) fell 7.1 percent to 1,455.55 rupees, after JPMorgan initiated coverage on the stock as “underweight” with a March 2013 target price of 996 rupees.

JPMorgan called Jubilant a “high quality company and growth story,” but expressed concerns about “premium valuations, potentially tough macro, slower growth in FY13, and impending competitive pressures.”

**Passengers sit in the cabin of an IndiGo Airlines aircraft as a flight attendant serves snacks after takeoff from Kolkata on 27 March, 2012. **— Reuters

**Aviation ministry proposes slashing jet fuel taxes**

**LONDON, 5 June—** India’s aviation ministry has proposed slashing state taxes on jet fuel, which may significantly bring down costs for airlines. Local airlines are reeling under a debt load of $20 billion and annual losses of $2 billion.

The ministry has sought opinion from stakeholders on reducing state taxes on jet fuel to uniform 4 percent, according to a discussion paper posted on its website.

Different states impose sales tax at varying rates on aviation turbine fuel, going as high as 16 percent. High fuel expenses, contributing nearly half the costs incurred by airlines, has hit sales, hampering the woes for the sector struggling with intense competition. “Reduction in the fuel tax would allow the Indian carriers to become competitive in servicing passengers to their respective hubs within India and compete with international carriers. This advantage would allow them to increase their market share,” the paper said. The ministry has also proposed to abolish service tax on air tickets, which according to the paper, makes air travel “a luxury rather than an affordable mode of transport.”

Service tax, including fuel surcharge, is currently 7.73 rupees or 10.3 percent of the total fare, whichever is lower, for an economy ticket on international flights.

India has already allowed carriers to import jet fuel directly and has proposed letting foreign airlines invest in local carriers, hoping the moves will aid the embattled sector. Analysts estimate that the move to allow direct imports could reduce costs by 15 to 20 percent as airlines would not have to buy fuel from oil marketing companies, which are mandated to levy various federal and state taxes.

**Global cancer cases seen surging 75 percent by 2030**

**LONDON, 5 June—** The number of people with cancer is set to surge by more than 75 percent across the world by 2030, with particularly sharp rises in poor countries as they adopt unhealthy “Westernised” lifestyles, a study said on Friday.

Many developing countries were expected to see a rise in living standards in coming decades, said the paper from the World Health Organization’s International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) in Lyon, France. But those advances could come at a cost — an increase in cases of cancers linked to poor diet, lack of exercise and other bad habits associated with affluence and linked to diseases like breast, prostate and colorectal cancers, it added.

“Cancer is already the leading cause of death in many high-income countries and is set to become a major cause of morbidity (sickness) and mortality in the next decades in every region of the world,” said Freddie Bray from IARC’s cancer information section.

The study was the first to look at how present and future rates of cancer might change between richer and poorer countries, as measured by the development rankings defined in the United Nations Human Development Index (HDI).

Researchers found poorly developed countries — mostly those in sub-Saharan Africa — had high numbers of cancers linked to infections — particularly cervical cancer, but also liver cancer, stomach cancer and Kaposi’s sarcoma.

By contrast, richer countries like Britain, Australia, Russia and Brazil had more cancers associated with smoking — such as lung and mouth cancer, and with obesity and diet. The researchers said that rising living standards in less developed countries would probably lead to a decrease in the number of infections-related cancers. But it was also likely there would also be an increase in types of the disease usually seen in richer countries. They predicted that middle-income countries such as China, India and Africa could see an increase of 78 percent in the number of cancer cases by 2030.

Cases in less developed regions were expected to see a 93 percent rise over the same period, said the paper published in the journal Lancet Oncology.

Those rises would more than offset signs of a decline in cervical, stomach and other kinds of cancer in wealthier nations, said the researchers.

**Health Tip: Keep off the weight you’ve lost**

Maintaining weight loss can be more difficult than losing it in the first place.

The American Council on Exercise suggests how to help maintain weight loss:

* Weigh yourself every week.  
* Move as much as possible, walking frequently, watching less TV and even fidgeting while you’re seated.  
* Stock your kitchen with plenty of nutritious treats.  
* Place your gym bag near the door, and keep any home exercise equipment where you can frequently see it.  
* Make exercise part of your social life.  
* Measure your waist once monthly and make changes to your diet and exercise routine if your waistline starts growing. **Internet**

**China to make plans for Greek euro exit risk**

**BRUSSELS, 5 June—** The Chinese government has called on key agencies including the central bank to come up with plans to deal with the potential economic risks of a Greek withdrawal from the euro zone.

Three sources with knowledge of the matter told Reuters on Monday.

The sources said the plans may include measures to keep the yuan currency stable, increase checks on cross-border capital flows and stepping up policies to stabilise the domestic economy.

An economy minister oversees concerns over Greece’s possible exit from the euro zone, as the government has called on related state agencies, including the National Development and Reform Commission, the central bank and the banking regulator, to discuss contingency plans, the sources said.

“It’s very urgent,” a source with direct knowledge said. “The government has asked every department to analyse measures to cope with a Greek exit from the euro zone and make their own suggestions as soon as possible.”

Late last month, Premier Wen Jiabao warned at a state council meeting that “downward economic pressure is increasing”. The government has already announced a raft of measures to support economic growth, which is expected to slide this year to its weakest pace since 1999.

These include fast tracking infrastructure and industrial investment projects while doling out subsidies for energy-saving home appliances and cars.

A research chief with a Chinese bank in Hong Kong said banks are being required by the mainland authorities to hand over a brief on global financial markets every day.

Yu Yongding, an influential economist and a former central bank adviser, said in comments published last week that China should prepare for a Greek withdrawal from the single currency bloc to step up reforms to stem its debt crisis. **Reuters**

**A trader looks at computer screens at Madrid’s bourse on 12 April, 2012. **— Reuters

**A Domino’s Pizza is pictured in its box in central London, on 15 Feb, 2009. **— Reuters

**Internet**

**New Delhi, 5 June—** The government has proposed steps including capital controls to cash injections to domestic markets to reduce volatility.

The sources said the matter told the country will continue to invest in euro zone government debt and other assets and urged the single-currency bloc to step up reforms to stem its debt crisis. **Reuters**

**Photo shows a construction site in Shanghai’s financial district on 1 June, 2012. **— Reuters

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Ford says studying indigenous brands for China market

TAIPEI, 5 June — Ford Motor (FN) is in talks with its partners to introduce indigenous brands in China, while it focuses on building up its own brand in the world’s biggest auto market, its China chief said on Monday. Some foreign auto makers have launched so-called indigenous, or China-only, brands with their local partners, in part to comply with Chinese government regulations that allow global carmakers like Ford to manufacture cars in China.

“We are always in discussions with our joint venture partners. All I can tell you is we are studying indigenous brands, but our total focus in terms of brand enhancement is really on the Ford brand,” said David Schoch, chairman and CEO of Ford’s China operations.

Ford makes its Fiesta, Focus, Mondeo and other sedans in China in a three-way tie-up with Changan Automobile and Japan’s Mazda Motor Corp (7261.T). It also holds 30 percent of Jiangling Motors Corp 000550.SZ, which makes Ford’s Transit vans. — Reuters

Chinese new weather data broadcast system becomes operational

REUTERS

Beside the regular broadcast system, the CMACast is 6 times as powerful, transmission bandwidth up to 36 MHz, the broadcast capability of the CMACast is 6 times as the total sum of the PCVSAT, DVBS-1, and FENGYUNCAST.

Beside the regular meteorological data, the CMACast disseminates China’s weather radar data, satellite image products, international exchanging meteorological data, as well as the videos such as China Weather TV, and weather consultations of CMA. The timeliness has been also greatly enhanced. Providing the meteorological data dissemination service for users in Asia and Pacific region, the CMACast makes a global earth observation date broadcast system together with America’s GEONETCast, and Europe’s EMETCAST. — Xinhua

Facebook comments, ads don’t sway most users

SAN FRANCISCO, 5 June

Four out of five Facebook Inc users have never bought a product or service as a result of advertising or comments on the social network site, a Reuters/Ipsos poll shows, the latest sign that much more needs to be done to turn its 900 million-plus user base into advertising dollars.

The online poll also found that 34 percent of Facebook users surveyed were spending less time on the website than six months ago, whereas only 20 percent were spending more.

The findings underscore investors’ worries about Facebook’s money-making abilities that have pushed the stock down 29 percent since its initial public offering last month, reducing its market value by $30 billion to roughly $57 billion. About 44 percent of respondents said the market debut, seen by investors as troubled, has made them less favourable toward Facebook, according to the survey. In the 31May-4June poll of 1,012 Americans, 21 percent said they had no Facebook account.

“Facebook’s 900 million users make it among the most popular online destinations, challenging entrenched Internet players such as Google Inc and Yahoo Inc. Not everyone is convinced the company has figured out how to translate that popularity into a business that can justify its lofty valuation. Shares of Facebook closed Monday’s regular trading session down 3 percent at $26.90. While the survey did not ask how other forms of advertising affected purchasing behaviour, a February study by research firm eMarketer suggested Facebook fared worse than email or direct-mail marketing in terms of influencing consumers’ decisions. — Reuters

An employee looks at an assembly line at a Ford manufacturing plant in Chongqing municipality on 20 April, 2012. — Reuters

US defence secretary: Visiting Vietnam to deepen military ties

HANOI, 5 June — The Vietnam-US relations still hold a lot of potential for further development, the US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta said on Sunday, the first day visiting the country, local daily Vietnam News reported on Monday.

Speaking to the media, Panetta said his visit to Vietnam this time was to deepen military ties with the country based on the military cooperation agreement reached by both sides last year. According, the two countries have agreed to cooperate in search and maritime rescue efforts, disaster relief, security, maritime safety and freedom.

As scheduled, Panetta will hold talks with Vietnamese Defence Minister Phung Quang Thanh, a courtesy visit to Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, and meet with the media, among other activities during his three-day stay in Vietnam. Panetta visited Vietnam after he announced at the Sanger-La Dialogue, which ended in Singapore on Sunday, that 60 percent of the US Navy warships would be stationed in the Asia Pacific in the next decade. — Xinhua

Burnt remains of a NATO oil tanker is seen along a road in Kabul, capital of Afghanistan, on 3 June, 2012. A NATO oil tanker was set ablaze in Kabul on Saturday in an apparent attack on US military supplies, local media reports said. The US drones fired four missiles at soldiers’ hideout in northeast of the country, killing 15 people. — Xinhua

Cambodian PM’s party wins landslide victory in local polls: preliminary results

PHNOM PENH, 5 June— The ruling Cambodian People’s Party (CPP) of Prime Minister Hun Sen won a landslide victory in the 13 commune council elections on Sunday, according to preliminary results released by the National Election Commission (NEC) on Monday.

The elections were held to elect 11,459 commune councilors for the country’s 1,633 communes. The NEC’s results showed that the CPP won 8,283 commune councilor seats, the Sam Rainsy Party, the country’s main opposition party, gained 2,155 commune councilor seats, the Human Rights Party took 800 seats, Funcinpec Party won 160 seats while Nurodom Ranariddh Party achieved only 53 seats.

Some 5.87 million Cambodians of about 9.2 million eligible voters cast their ballots at 18,107 polling stations nationwide on Sunday, said the NEC.

“Generally, the elections had been conducted smoothly despite rains in some areas,” Im Suon, the NEC’s president, said in a press briefing on Sunday evening to conclude the local elections.

The Sunday’s elections were joined by ten political parties and were observed by about 15,000 national and international observers from various countries and non-governmental organizations.

The commune council election is held every 5 years. In the 2nd commune council elections in 2007, the CPP won 1,592 commune councilor seats, the Sam Rainsy Party won 800 seats, Funcinpec Party won 160 seats while Nurodom Ranariddh Party achieved only 53 seats.

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In this photo illustration, a Facebook logo on a computer screen is seen through a magnifying glass held by a woman in Bern on 19 May, 2012. — Reuters

16 killed in US drone strike in NW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 5 June— At least 16 people were killed and four others injured in two US drone strikes in Pakistan’s northwest tribal area of North Waziristan on Monday morning, reported local Urdu TV channel Dawn.

Two US drones targeted a house and a vehicle suspected of carrying militants in Mir Ali area of North Waziristan, a restive tribal area at Pakistan–Afghanistan border where the US military believes as a stronghold of militants involved in launching attacks on NATO forces posted in Afghanistan.

The strike came at about 5:20 am local time and according to media reports four drones are still hovering over the area creating panic among the inhabitants.

Identities of the victims are not known yet. Monday morning’s drone strike is the third of its kind over the last three days.

Early on Sunday morning, at about 7:30 am local time, US drones fired four missiles at militants’ hideout in Anti-terrorism zone in North Waziristan area, leaving ten people killed including two suspected militants and several others injured.

On Saturday morning, four people were killed when US drones attacked a house in Ghowa Khowa area of South Waziristan.

Anti-US sentiment runs high in the Pakistani nation basically stemming from suspected US drone strikes in Pakistan’s border region which are regarded as a violation of the country’s sovereignty and have killed hundreds of innocent civilians. — Xinhua

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Pakistan conducts fifth missile test in weeks

ISLAMABAD, 5 June — Pakistan on Tuesday tested a fifth nuclear-capable missile since India launched a new long-range weapon capable of hitting China just over six weeks ago.

The Hattf VII cruise missile has a range of 700 kilometres (440 miles), can carry conventional warheads and has stealth capabilities, the military said.

It described the “low flying, terrain hugging missile with high maneuverability” as having “pinpoint accuracy” and “radar avoidance features”. Tuesday’s test was Pakistan’s fifth of a nuclear-capable missile since 25 April. On 20 April, India successfully test fired the Agni V capable of delivering a one-tonne nuclear warhead anywhere in rival China, marking a major advance in its military capabilities.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since independence from Britain in 1947.

Each has carried out routine missile tests since both demonstrated their weapons capability in 1998. — Internet

This photo, released by the Inter Services Public Relations, shows a Pakistani nuclear-capable radar-dodging cruise missile Hattf VII being fired during a test at an undisclosed location in Pakistan in 2007.

I lived in an unstable region, I understand the value of peace. As our country has held strategic position since year one, instigations from outside world should be taken into consideration for stability of the country. As the international relations have been improved and opened, the government is trying to make rational choices in complex and contentious issues.

Myanmar is witnessing sweeping reforms. While the other countries are initiating economic or political reform in particular, our country needs reforms in politics, economy, social sector, security, international relations and the rule of law. To fulfill the need, the government alone is not enough.

The reform is of national concern. The entire nation, people, political forces, Tatmadawmen and civil servants should make concerted efforts. We are in the situation where our five to ten more steps are just enough if others go one, as said by national leader Aung San.

Should we continue our journey amicably and in unison, fulfilling each other’s needs and fixing each other’s flaws in constructive manner?
UN Environment Programme sets WED theme each year. This year’s theme is “Green Economy: Does it include you?” It highlighted the need to establish eco-friendly businesses to bring about the better future. The theme portrays the inclusiveness of the government, the private sector, civil society and the entire mankind in making Green Economy a success. One strange thing is that Rio+20 conference focuses on a green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty eradication while the WED theme calls for inclusiveness in the green economy.

As 2008 global financial crisis stalled Millennium Development Goals, governments of world countries reviewed conventional businesses. UNEP proposed the Green Economy that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. It is also coordinating investment and technical assistance in the green economy.

The green economy is the business that enhance energy sufficiency, resource sufficiency and reduce carbon emission; job, policy, building, forest, agriculture, manufacturing and fisheries that prevent environmental degradation; sustainable eco-tourism and transportation; waste management and effective exploitation of water and other resources that have impact on survival and development of all the people of the world.

Green Economy is one of the best ways that contribute towards sustainable economic development in harmony with the environment and social sector. Public and private investments will spur growth in employment and income. It needs to be catalyzed by policy reforms and regulation changes.

Renewable energy and sustainability of energy resources are fundamental in implementing green economy. The UN had designated 2012 as “International Year of Sustainable Energy for All” which is the significance of this year. It highlighted the need for implementation of green economy while urging to focus on sustainable utilization of energy resources.

Some of the progress of the country’s environmental conservation works were—

Myanmar national environmental policy was adopted as an environmental issue as part of the living standard improvement programme for the entire nation with a view to harmonious environment and ecological balance; Myanmar environmental conservation programme for 21st century was adopted for sustainable development, and national sustainable development strategy was drawn in pursuance of development in harmony with the environment.

Under the environmental conservation policy of the government, environmental conservation committee and five special groups for respective sectors had been established. In addition, Forestry Ministry had been reconstituted as the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry along with a new department for environmental conservation. Department to be able to take care of the entire environmental conservation sector. Environmental conservation law was enacted on last May 30 in accordance with the government’s environmental conservation policy. The Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry was already adopted for the success of green economy and green development, the new environmental conservation concept of the present, in line with the policy adopted and laws enacted. It was also cooperating with the UN, regional transnational organizations and NGOs.

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As the new light of Myanmar Wednesday, 6 June, 2012

UNDP Deputy Resident Representative Mr Akbar Usmani reading out the message sent by the United Nations Secretery General.---MNA

Ministry was already drafting necessary by-laws and procedures and rules and regulations with the assistance of scholars concerned and in cooperation with NGOs. The government had adopted eight-point rural development and poverty alleviation scheme aiming for the sustainable development as it had targeted to bring down current poverty rate of 26 per cent to 16 per cent in 2015. It was also planning to switch over to knowledge-based economy from natural resource-based one.

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Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June—The Union Election Commission issued announcement No. 29/2012 today and the translation is as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission

Nay Pyi Taw
Announcement No. 29/2012
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Asho Chin National Party, headquartered at Room No 52 on the seventh floor of Building-120 on Yangon-Insein Road, (9) Ward of Hline Township, Yangon Region was allowed to register in accord with Article (9) of the Political Parties Registration Law as of 5 June, 2012.

The registration number of the party is 55.

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By L&F Minister assists in meat, fish production

YANGON, 5 June—Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye visited Green Land Farm in the Nyaungmyin Special Farm Zone (1) and a dairy farm in Bwargyi Village in Hmausaw township on 3 June and met with businessmen. He also visited dairy farms in Hlegu and Hmausaw townships.

The deputy minister went to fish farm No9 in Nyaungdon in Ayeyawady Region yesterday and inspected measures taken for preventing floods.

During the visit, he met with local farmers at the village of Thabyu and called for observing the existing rules and regulations.---MNA

MRTV, VOA sign MoU on TV programmes

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June—Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) of the Ministry of Information and the Voice of America (VOA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding on broadcasting programmes at the meeting hall of MRTV in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area today.

During the signing ceremony, Director-General of MRTV U Thein Aung and Director of the VOA Mr David Ensor extended greetings and signed the MoU. They also discussed matters related to further cooperation between the MRTV and the VOA.---MNA

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives Director of VOA

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Wunna Maung Lwin received a delegation led by Mr David Ensor, Director, Head of Voice of America (VOA), at his office at 3.30 pm today.

Present at the meeting together with the Union Minister were the Director-General of Political Department and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker Thura U Shwe Mann ...

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Next, Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw National Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committee U Thein Zaw elaborated on excerpts of the meetings between National Races Affairs and Internal Peace-making Committees of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and regional organization in the two committees’ field studies of the regions.

Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khan T Myan reported on functions of the committees during the intervals of the Hluttaw sessions. He discussed proceedings for the bills in the fourth regular session of the First Pyithu Hluttaw.

Union Commerce Minister receives Director of VOA and party

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint held talks with Director Mr David Ensor of Voice of America (VOA).

Also present at the call were the Director General of Directorate of Trade, the Managing Director of the Myanmar Agriculture Produce Trading and officials concerned.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win addresses the opening of new Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School.

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win handed over rice and cash to a national race group in “Wa” Special Region.

At the meeting, the deputy minister called on officials to step up efforts for gaining eternal peace, regional development and opening a liaison office.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister went to Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School in Lashio and handed over assistance in cash to the school.

On June 2, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Zaw Win attended a ceremony to open a new building for Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School in Lawkai in Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

During the opening ceremony, the deputy minister presented cash assistance, exercise books, uniforms, a set of Sky Net (DTH) receiver and cash assistance to the school.

The deputy minister and U Pe Sauk Chain also held a meeting with officials from UN agencies and INGOs in Lawkai.

They also visited Border Regions Nationalities Youths Development Training School in Kunlon and a vocational training school for women in Lashio.

During the visits, they presented cash assistance to the training schools.

CBM Governor receives Marubeni Corporation, UOB guests

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue U Than Nyine received Executive Officer Mr Hiroki Ikuno of Marubeni Corporation and party at his office this morning, and they had a discussion on financial matters and economic of Myanmar.

In meeting with the Governor, Vice-Chairman and CEO Mr Wee Ee Cheong of United Overseas Bank Limited (UOB) and party made discussion on cooperation with banks in Myanmar this morning.

Also present at the call were the Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar and the departmental heads.

School uniforms provided to children of vendors

NAY PYI TAW, 5 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to children of vendors was held by Pindaya Township Development Affairs Committee in Danu Self-Administered Zone in Shan State at the hall of the committee on 30 May morning.

Executive Officer U Tint Wai spoke on the occasion and presented school uniforms to the students.
Japan, Australian institutes to assist in Myanmar’s health sector

NAV PYI TAW, 5 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Chairman of International Medical Volunteers “Japan Heart” Dr Hiteto Yoshiba from Japan and Managing Director Mr Yoshinori Komura of Myanmar Yuntai Co Ltd and Clinical Associate Professor Robert Joseph Bause of The University of Adelaide (Australia) and party separately at 9 am and 9.30 am at his office here today. The Union Minister and the “Japan Heart” discussed training programmes for Myanmar health staff, joint programmes between scholars and universities of the two countries, machines to be donated for kidney cleanse, aid for pediatric operation and heart surgery. The Union Minister and The University of Adelaide (Australia) discussed training programmes at universities for health staff, technical exchange and cooperation, courses on basic medical science such as physiology, pathology, and anatomy to be conducted to health staff apart from assistance in health care services.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myint Ohn Khan and Dr Win Myint, the director-general of Medical Science Department, the acting director-general of Health Department and personnel.

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International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Lashio

LASHIO, 5 June—To mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, a ceremony to provide off-spring of vendors with uniforms in Lashio on 29 May.

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100 baskets of Palethwe paddy sold at K 400,000

PYNMANA, 5 June—A total 2,356 acres of Palethwe hybrid summer paddy were grown in eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Ayeya Hintha Co is buying Palethwe paddy at price of K 400,000 per 100 baskets as of 18 May. —Kyemon

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Fire breaks out in Amarapura Township

Mandalay, 5 June—A fire broke out near Yadanaarbon University in Taungthaman Obo Ward in Amarapura Township, Mandalay at 10.15 pm on 2 June. The fire started at Hteinwain cafe and was under control at 10.30 pm. The building measuring 30 ft by 110 ft was destroyed in the fire. Actions were taken against the case.—Kyemon
School Enrollment Day observed in Labutta

LABUTTA, 5 June—A ceremony to hold School Enrollment Day was held at No.2 Basic Education High School in Labutta Township on 29 May. At the ceremony, Commander of Labutta District Police Force Police Lt-Col Ye Myint and Region Assistant Education Officer (Inspection) U Aung Kyi made speeches. Officials accepted cash and stationery donated by well-wishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Education

Mingin gets new school building

MINGIN, 5 June—An opening ceremony of BEMS in Mawkatoo village took place in Mawkatoo Village, Mingin Township, Sagaing Region on 29 May. At the ceremony, Commander of Township Police Force Police Captain Zaw Win and Township education officer U Han Ngwe opened it. After that, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Daw Khin Kyaw opened it. The bridge was built at a cost of K 8 million donated by U Win Myint Oo, wife Daw Win Khaing and son Aung Khant Kyaw family. Myanma Alin

International Day of Cooperative marked in Shwepyitha

YANGON, 5 June—International Cooperatives Day was held at Cooperative Department at Shwepyitha Township, here, on 2 June. At the ceremony, Township Cooperative Syndicate chairman U Kyin Maung and Township Administrator U Aung Moe Oh delivered speeches. After that, staff officer Daw Myint Myint Tha of Region Cooperative Department, Township Cooperative Department staff officer Daw Khin Ni explained International Cooperative

Aung Khant Kyaw bridge opens in Yinmabin Township

YINMABIN, 5 June—An opening ceremony of Aung Khant Kyaw bridge was held at Nabtaw village, Bawngwe village-tract in Yinmabin Township on 25 May. At the ceremony, staff officer U Soe Thein of Township Irrigation Department, village-tract administrator U Thein and donor Maung Aung Khant Kyaw opened it. The bridge was built at a cost of K 8 million donated by U Win Myint Oo, wife Daw Win Khaing and son Aung Khant Kyaw family. Myanma Alin

Duties assigned in Kyanggon

KYANGGON, 5 June—A duty-assignment ceremony of Kyanggon Township was held at Aye chantha Hall in Kyanggon, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region on 1 June. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Myo Kyaw Kyaw made a speech and presented letters of duty assignment to village-tract officials. Planning Department staff officer U Aung Win explained the objectives of the plan. After that, head of Township Agriculture Department U Win Htin Soe gave talks on agricultural techniques. Myanma Alin

Assistance provided to vendors’ offspring in Taunggyi

TAUNGGYI, 5 June—As part of poverty alleviation programme, Taunggyi Township Development Affairs Committee has been disbursing loans to vendors and slow-moving vehicle divers since December, 2011 after borrowing loan from Rural Development Bank. The Committee provides assistance to students with these loan interests, executive officer U Maung Win and Loan committee provided uniform with offspring of vendors in Myanma market in Taunggyi City Hall on 30 May. Myanma Alin

Stakes driven for construction of school in Pyinmana

PYINMA, 5 June—A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of extended school building took place at No.2 BEMS in Thazan ward, Mingalar village-tract, Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 30 May. The school building is donated by U Myint Soe and wife Dr Mya Zin Zin Tun family and will complete at the end of June. —Kyemon

Free medical treatments provided in Thaton

THATON, 5 June—Under the arrangement of Mon State Women’s Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and State Health Department, a medical team comprising specialists from Thaton District People’s Hospital and practitioners of District Traditional Medicine Department, provided free medical treatments to local people and gave educative talks, at BEHS (branch) Mayangon village in Thaton Township on 28 May. After that, Chairperson of State MCWSC Daw San San Lwin donated K 0.2 million and District WAO Chairman Daw Yi Yi Lwin, K 0.2 million for District Health Department through head of District Health Department Dr Tin Maung Nyunt. The medical team provided free medical treatments to 1034 local residents. —Health

Stakes driven for construction of school in Pyinmana

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Palethwe hybrid summer paddy model plot harvested in Thatawady

THATAWADY, 5 June—Assistant director U Sein Win of Thatawady District Settlement and Land Records Department, Township LRD staff officer U Kaw Swa Min and staff harvested Palethwe hybrid summer paddy on model plot at Institute of Agriculture in Yedwingon village tract, Thatawady Township, Bago Region on 2 June. The average yield per acre is 123.22 baskets. —Township SLRD
US Navy hopes stealth ship answers a rising China

SINGAPORE, 5 June — A super-stealthy warship that could underpin the US Navy’s China strategy will be able to sneak up on coastlines virtually undetected and pound targets with electromagnetic “railguns” right out of a sci-fi movie. But at more than $3 billion a pop, critics say the new DDG-1000 destroyer’s construction funds could be better used to bolster a thinly stretched conventional fleet. One outspoken admiral in China has scoffed that all it would take to sink the high-tech American ship is an armada of explosive-laden fishing boats.

With the first of the new ships set to be delivered in 2014, the stealth destroyer is being heavily promoted by the Pentagon as the most advanced destroyer in history — a silver bullet of stealth. It has been called a perfect fit for what Washington now considers the most strategically important region in the world — Asia and the Pacific. Though it could come in handy elsewhere, like in the Gulf region, its ability to carry out missions both on the high seas and in shallows closer to shore is especially important in Asia because of the region’s many island nations and China’s long Pacific coast.

“With its stealth, incredibly capable fighter system, strike capability and lower manning requirements — this is our future,” Adm. Jonathan Greenert, chief of naval operations, said in April after visiting the shipyard in Maine where they are being built. —INTERNET

**INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER**

**TENDER NO.1(T) AMD-FR (2012-2013)**

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Tender closing date (12-6-2012) (Tuesday) (16:00 HR)

2. Tender documents are available at the Factory & Research Section of Agricultural Mechanization Department, Building No. (50), Nay Pyi Taw, during the office hours.

3. For further details please call 067-431242

**Director General**

Agricultural Mechanization Department

Afghanistan: Aid workers saved after death threat

KABUL, 5 June — NATO and Afghan forces launched a daring operation to rescue two female foreign aid workers and their two Afghan colleagues after learning the Talibans planned to kill one of the hostages, an intelligence official said.

The troops carried out the successful mission before dawn Saturday, swooping in on helicopters to pluck the aid workers from a cave in a mountainous area of northern Badakhshan province. They killed the eight militants holding them captive as well, Afghan intelligence spokesman Shaafiqullah Tahiri said on Sunday. 

The militants hoped killing one of the hostages would pressure negotiators to accept their demands of $1 million ransom and the release of five of their colleagues imprisoned in Kabul, said Tahiri. The insurgents initially asked for at least $4 million before reducing their demand, he said.

Helen Johnston, 28, from Britain, and Moragwa Oirere, 26, from Kenya, and their two Afghan colleagues were kidnapped on 22 May while traveling on horseback in Badakhshan. The four worked for Medair, a humanitarian non-governmental organization based near Lausanne, Switzerland.

British Prime Minister David Cameron said on Saturday that he approved the operation after increasing concerns about the safety of the hostages. He said migrants should know that Britain does not pay ransoms or trade prisoners, and anyone who kidnaps British citizens “can expect a swift and brutal end.” Troops were able to launch the rescue operation after receiving precise information from Afghan intelligence agents about the hostages’ location in Shahr Buzurg district, said Tahiri. The kidnappers were planning to move the hostages to another remote, mountainous location in neighbouring Tajikistan, he said.

The militants were armed with heavy machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades and AK-47 assault rifles, but were overwhelmed by British troops operating alongside NATO and Afghan forces. The hostages were safely rescued, and none of the NATO or Afghan forces were harmed, said the coalition. Past rescue attempts in Afghanistan have not always gone so well. —INTERNET
**Man serves his own body part at event**

A Japanese performer may have fed people a part of his body at an event in Tokyo, officials say.

The man, whose name was not reported, allegedly served five people in their 20s and 30s one of his own body parts onstage at an event he held in Tokyo's Suganini District on 18 May. The Mainichi Shinbun reported.

What body part the man served was not reported.

Officials from the district’s Health and Welfare Department said they were alerted to the event by concerned Suganini residents who had seen an online advertisement for it.

A spokesperson for the management company of facility the event took place at said his firm rented the space because the performer told the firm the body part was his own and was removed at a medical facility and that there was no legal problem with it.

The incident is being investigated by officials over a suspected violation of the FoodSanitation Law.

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**Simon Pegg loves collecting his replicas**

**London, 5 June—“Star Trek” actor Simon Pegg likes collecting replica dolls of himself, but his wife finds his obsession “creepy.”**

“My wife thinks they’re creepy. People who think it’s unseemly to collect action figures of yourself are people who don’t have action figures of themselves,” he added.

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**Elton John worried about Gaga’s health**

**London, 5 June—Elton John fears Lady Gaga’s non-stop schedule will take its toll on her health.**

He admits he worries about the “fearl” 28-year-old pop star, who is godmother to his son Zachary, as she travels the world famous performer to tour.

“I look at Gaga and I think, ‘How does she do it?’ I talk to her mum and dad about it. They worry,” he added.

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**‘Hunger Games’ wins four MTV Movie Awards**

“The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 1,” based on Stephenie Meyer’s vampire novel, won the top prize of Best Movie, as well as Best Kiss for its stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson, who are dating in real life.

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, Part 2,” the final installment in the magic-themed film franchise based on J.K. Rowling’s books, won the awards for Best Cast and Best Hero.

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**Myleene Klass dumped by husband**

**London, 5 June—British singer Myleene Klass has been dumped by her husband, ex-bodyguard Graham Quinn, after six months of marriage.**

He left the 34-year-old TV presenter and their two young children on Myleene’s birthday on 6 April, reports contactmusic.com. “She’s heartbroken. It’s an awful situation,” said a source.

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**Report: Reward set for missing studio exec**

**Los Angeles, 5 June—The disappearance of a 20th Century Fox distribution manager remains a mystery a month after he was reported missing, police in California say.**

Gavin Smith’s family plans a news conference on Tuesday, the Los Angeles Times reported. Police sources said a reward for information will be announced.

Smith, who was Fox distribution manager for Oklahoma City and Dallas, has not been at his office in Calabasas since 1 May, investigators said.

After he vanished, Smith’s family said he had been staying with a friend in Ventura County. He drove off in his Mercedes sometime after 9pm on the evening of 1 May, leaving personal items like his shaving equipment and the charger for his cellphone behind. —Internet
Rodgers tipped for success at Anfield

**LONDON, 5 June —** New Liverpool manager Brendan Rodgers has a 100% record of not losing to his former employers as he started his new job with a 4-0 victory over 13th-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero at the court Grand Slam tournament in the Spanish capital.

Rodgers, who is tied with Bjorn Borg for the best winning percentage in the French Open yet. Perhaps the most significant change for the future is in selecting John Terry over Ashley Cole for the 2012 USA Ryder Cup squad though it has been successful in avoiding the media circus that followed the former Baggies’ stopper even racially abusing his brother, Anton. The Manchester United stopper even dismissed the former Baggies’ boss’ claims via Twitter this week, after a call-up was handed to inexperienced Liverpool defender Martin Kelly following Gary Cahill’s withdrawal.

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**Haas wins Principal Charity Classic for third time**

**West Des Moines, 5 June —** Kirk Triplett put together the best round of golf anyone has ever played on Sunday in the Principal Charity Classic. But Jay Haas was brilliant for three rounds instead of one, proving yet again that nobody can dominate the Glen Oaks Country Club like he can. Haas finished with a 1-under 67 total to win the tournament by five strokes, becoming the first golfer to win the Champions Tour event in Iowa three times.

**Haas told ESPN.com. Mooney, of the US, is one of the few boxers of his era to have never been knocked out. He finished with a 48-8-1 record.**

Love, Pampling qualify for US Open

**COLUMBUS, 5 June —** Davis Love III and Rod Pampling were two of 16 players who qualified for the 2008 US Open. Others notable golfers who qualified included Charlie Wi, Kevin Streelman, DA Points and Steve Marino. Love, who is captain of the 2012 USA Ryder Cup team, qualified by playing 36 holes in two-under at the Scioto Country Club and Ohio State’s Scarlet Course. The 48-year-old Love is the 1997 PGA Champion.

**Pampling of Australia has five career international wins. The US Open will take place the week after next at San Francisco’s The Olympic Club.**

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McClaren: Hodgson is in a lose-lose situation over England squad

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6-time champ Rafael Nadal rolls on at French Open

**PARIS, 5 June —** As his wont, Rafael Nadal declined to assess whether the 2012 French Open is his best French Open yet. Perhaps the question was too narrow. Truth is, Nadal is putting together one of the most dominant runs ever at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament—or any major tournament, for that matter. So far, he’s lost only 18 games through four matches, including Monday’s 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 victory over 13th-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero at the court Grand Slam tournament in the Spanish capital.

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**PARIS, 5 June —** As his wont, Rafael Nadal declined to assess whether the 2012 French Open is his best French Open yet. Perhaps the question was too narrow. Truth is, Nadal is putting together one of the most dominant runs ever at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament—or any major tournament, for that matter. So far, he’s lost only 18 games through four matches, including Monday’s 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 victory over 13th-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero at the court Grand Slam tournament in the Spanish capital.

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India’s wrestling team served ‘rotten’ food

India’s Sushil Kumar (right) fights with Kazakhstan’s Leonid Spiridonov during their 66kg freestyle bronze medal contest in Beijing, 2008.—INTERNET

Pavlyuchenko pinpoints Czech game as must win

MOSCOW, 5 June—Russian striker Roman Pavlyuchenko said Tuesday if Russia are to have a chance of at least repeating their semi-final appearance at Euro 2008 in this edition they have to beat their opening opponents Czech Republic on Friday.

The 30-year-old Lokomotiv hitman - who ended an inconsistent four-year spell at Premier League side Spurs in January with a year spell at Premier League mid-fielder Roman Shirokov

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United agree Kagawa deal

MANCHESTER, 5 June—Japan international Shinji Kagawa is set to become Manchester United’s first summer signing after the Premier League club confirmed Tuesday they have “reached an agreement” with his club Borussia Dortmund.

“Manchester United is delighted to announce that it has agreed terms with both Borussia Dortmund and Shinji Kagawa for his transfer to the club,” said a United statement.

“The deal is subject only to the player and medical and obtaining a UK work permit. These conditions are anticipated to be completed by the end of June. “Further details will be announced in due course.” The deal is expected to cost around £12million (18.4million dollars). Manager Sir Alex Ferguson and assistant Mike Phelan made a personal check on Kagawa the day before the Premier League runners-up’s final match at Sunderland, when they saw the Japanese star grab one goal and create another in Dortmund’s 5-2 German Cup triumph over Bayern Munich.

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This video grab, released by Al-Qaeda’s al-Sahab Media in 2007, shows Abu Yahya al-Libi. By American officials as al-Qaeda’s second in command but by other security experts as one of the top five members of the global terror network, is a Libyan citizen with a $10 million price on his head. Pakistani security officials told AFP that they were informed by American intelligence that Libi had been the target of Monday’s drone strike in North Waziristan, a Taleban and al-Qaeda stronghold along the Afghan border.

It was the third drone strike in as many days and the deadliest this year in Pakistan, where the government has increasingly denounced the strikes in public as it’s relations with the United States have gone into a tail spin.

Pavlyuchenko to win, to gain three points—it’s the most important task for us on Friday.

“A lot depends on the opening match. The result may determine the entire campaign. Although four years ago we started with a defeat we managed to recover. But this time it will be much better to start with a win.”

Japanese star to move to Manchester United

Japan international Shinji Kagawa

Kagawa cost Dortmund just 350,000 euros when he joined from J-League side Cerezo Osaka in 2010. He has scored 21 goals in 49 Bundesliga appearances for Borussia, helping them win back-to-back league titles.

Assistant provided to offspring of Pyinmana Township Police Force’s members

PYINMANA, 6 June—A ceremony to provide assistance to offspring of in Pyinmana Township Police Force’s members was held at Pyinmana Township Police Station in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 3 June. At the ceremony, Commander of Township Police Force Captain Than Myint made a speech and provided cash assistance to the students.

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Permission granted for resignation from the post of Union Election Commission

In accordance with the Sub-section (a), Section 401 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Sub-section (b), Section 7 of the Union Election Commission Law, U Thar Oo, a member of the Union Election Commission, is allowed to resign from the Union Election Commission as a member of his own volition.

Sd/Thin Sein
President
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Union Information and Culture Minister, VOA Director discuss cooperation

Nay Pyi Taw, 5 June—Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan received a delegation led by Mr David Ensor, Director of the Voice of America (VOA) at his office here today.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win, departmental heads of the departments and enterprises under the ministry and officials of the ministry.

During the meeting, the two sides cordially discussed cooperation between the ministry and the VOA, assisting the radio and television broadcasting sector of the ministry with advanced equipment and conducting training courses for the employees of the ministry to improve their technological skills.

Mr David Ensor of Voice of America (VOA). MNA

First coord meeting of Myanmar Writers Association held

Yangon, 5 June—The first coordination meeting of Myanmar Writers Association Work Committee was held at the hall of Working Committee for Myanmar Writers Association at Sarpy Beikman on Merchant Street, here today.

Patron U Tin Hlaing (Ledwinhar Saw Chit) extended greetings and chairmen of work committees presented reports on work process. The first conference of Myanmar Writers Association will be held at Nursing University (Yangon) in the third week of June, for convenience of the attendees to the meeting from township writers association.—MNA

US Navy hopes stealth ship answers a rising China

This file image released by Bath Iron Works shows a rendering of the DDG-1000 Zumwalt, the US Navy’s next-generation destroyer, which has been funded to be built at Bath Iron Works in Maine and at Northrop Grumman’s shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss.

Former boxing champ Mosley announces retirement

Shane Mosley (R) during his WBC super welterweight title fight against Saul “Canelo” Alvarez on 5 May. Mosley has announced his retirement, ending a brilliant 19-year boxing career that earned him five world titles in three weight classes.

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Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation presents stipends to students

Yangon, 5 June—A ceremony to present cash assistance for Basic Education Schools in Regions and States was held at the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Office in Bokkhnathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw on 30 May.

Patrons of MWAF Daw Ni Ni Win, Daw Kyin Khaing and Daw Mya Theinpyi and President Daw Thet Thet Zin donated K 20 million through Director-General U Aung Chein of No.3 Basic Education Department, Deputy Director-General U Myint Shwe of No.2 Basic Education Department and Director U Aye Kyaw of No.1 Basic Education Department of the Ministry of Education.

Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship commences

Yangon, 5 June—The Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, was kicked off at Danoyingon Golf Club in Insein Township this morning.

Patron of the federation Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd), General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, Chairman of Myanmar Brewery Ltd U Nay Win and Executive of Yangon Golf Club U Khaing Soe Tha teed off the championship teed off the championship.

Over 100 golfers from Thailand, Bangladesh, Hong Kong and Malaysia including Myanmar took part in the first round. The second round of the championship continues at the same venue tomorrow.—MNA

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