**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.*

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**President U Thein Sein receives Australian Foreign Minister and party**

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Thein Sein met a goodwill delegation led by Mr Bob Carr, Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia, at the Credentials Hall of Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Winna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Tin Naing Thein and departmental heads. Mr Bob Carr was accompanied by high-ranking officials.

At the call, the President explained facts about new government’s reform process, national reconsolidation, measures being taken in accord with UN resolutions in the area of international relations and efforts being made for emergence of a human society that can ensure the rule of law.

After that, they had a cordial discussion on strengthening relations and amity, development of education, health and human resources, conservation of culture heritage sites, providing assistance for the success of local peace-making process and rehabilitation tasks in the regions where peace has already been in place, investments in tourism industry and mineral exploration, technology upgrades and promoting relations between Armed Forces of both countries.—MNA

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**Central Bank of Myanmar to put into circulation new denomination of Ten Thousand Kyats currency note on 15 June**

**CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR**

**NAVPITAW**

**PRESS RELEASE**

The Central Bank of Myanmar will put into circulation a new denomination of Ten Thousand Kyats currency note with effect from June 15, 2012. The new currency note will be issued to the public at the Currency Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Banks and Government Treasuries during the banking hours.

All legal tender currency notes and coins will continue to be in circulation. General description of the new currency note is as follows:

**TEN THOUSAND KYATS NOTE**

- **Dimension**: 15x 7 cm
- **Dominant Colour**: Blue
- **Obverse Side**: On the top, the inscription "Ten Thousand Kyats" is printed. In the middle portion, the Note carries the depiction of the Map of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar encircled by two lauzers and two royal white elephants in face to face position with a white lotus at the top in Myanmar artistic style. And also the Myanmar inscription "ညသူဘိုင်း" mentioning the value of the note is printed. On the right hand side, floral designs in Myanmar artistic style are printed. On the three corners, the value of the Note is printed in numeral figures. Bank Notes numbers are printed in Myanmar and English. On the left hand side, the Notes bears the watermark image of the white lotus. A security thread is embedded upright in the Notes.

- **Reverse Side**: On the top portion, the inscription “CENTRAL BANK OF MYANMAR” and under it “TEN THOUSAND KYATS” are printed. In the middle, the Note bears the illustration of wall and moat of the Yadanaion Mandalay palace. On the border, floral designs in Myanmar artistic style are printed. On the three corners, the value of the Note is printed in numeral figures.
The cornerstone of democracy

The world defines democracy in a number of different ways. In fact it is a form of government in which the supreme power is vested in the people and exercised directly by them or by their elected representatives under a free electoral system or in other words a state vested in the people and exercised directly by the people or the parliament according to their qualifications including honesty and loyalty, they must be competent and be free from any kind of malpractices.

Lawmakers elected by the people on their part are responsible for passing bills that come into force as laws safeguarding, guiding, promoting and even controlling the society for its own good and long-term prosperity. The laws enacted with parliamentary approval must serve the interest of people, must protect the people and must be people-friendly eventually leading towards the emergence of a people-centred system, which is the cornerstone of democracy.

In this regard, the government is enforcing the check and balance mechanism among the three organs of power and facilitating the structural and functional changes and developments of all government bodies through the continuing reforms in ensuring that every outcome of our democratization process helps reinforce the people-centred system.

And through the gradual strengthening of the cornerstone the scope of freedom, rights, roles, prestige, and social standard and so on of the people will be higher or broader within the framework of the constitution.
Chinese President Hu Jintao hosts opening ceremony of 12th SCO Summit

BEIJING, 7 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao will host the opening ceremony of the 12th summit. Leaders from the other five member states have already arrived to attend. Russian President, Vladimir Putin, was the first to arrive in Beijing on Thursday. It’s his first trip to China since regaining the Russian presidency.

A major highlight has been the signing of a joint communiqué along with a range of commercial agreements between China and Russia. On Wednesday, President Hu Jintao has held separate meetings with his counterparts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. They’ve exchanged opinions on cooperation and have expressed their hopes for the two-day summit. Participants also include leaders from the countries, India, Iran, Mongolia and Pakistan, as well as dialogue partners Belarus and Sri Lanka. Other delegation guests include those from Afghanistan, the SCO secretariat, the United Nations, the Commonwealth of Independent States, the Collective Security Treaty Organization, and the Eurasian Economic Community.

The Beijing summit is expected to set the tone for the development of the organization over the next decade.

United Nations Secretary-General’s message on World Oceans Day

8 June, 2012

This year’s World Oceans Day falls at the international community marks an important milestone: the thirtieth anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

When the Convention opened for signature on 10 December 1982, it was designed as a “constitution for the oceans”. Forged through a process of negotiation among more than 150 States, the treaty is a living monument to international cooperation.

When it was adopted, the Convention on the Law of the Sea made treaty history. With 320 articles and nine annexes covering every aspect of the oceans and marine environment, the Convention sets out a delicate balance of rights and duties.

The protection of the world’s oceans and coasts is among the key goals of the United Nations Convention on Sustainable Development, which will open in Rio de Janeiro in just 12 days. The Convention is contributing to this goal through its provisions, including on the preservation of the marine environment, marine scientific research and the transfer of marine technology.

We need to more for our world’s oceans, which are threatened by pollution, depleted fishery resources, the impacts of climate change and the deterioration of the marine environment. Rio+20 must mobilize the United Nations, Governments and other partners to improve the management and conservation of oceans through treaties to curb overfishing, improve protection of the marine environment and reduce ocean pollution and the impact of climate change.

There could be no more fitting way to commemorate World Oceans Day than for all countries that have not yet done so to ratify the Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Let us make 2012 another milestone year for the world’s oceans, so that we can set sail towards the future we want.

US offers millions in bounty for top Somali militants

WASHINGTON, 7 June — The United States is offering rewards of up to $7 million for information leading to the location of seven key leaders of Somalia’s al Shabaab, seeking for the first time to target top echelons of the al Qaeda-linked militant group. US officials said the rewards, to be announced on the State Department’s “Rewards for Justice” website on Thursday, opened a new front in the battle against al Shabaab and signaled Washington’s determination to press the fight against terrorism across Africa.

“This is the first time we’ve had key leaders of Shabaab as part of the Rewards for Justice programme,” said Robert Hartung, an assistant director at the State Department’s Bureau of Diplomatic Security, which administers the program-me. “Every time we add someone to the Rewards for Justice site, that is a signal that the US government is sending that it takes the fight against terrorism very seriously.”

Hartung said. The US government in 2008 named al Shabaab to its list of foreign terrorist organizations, imposing financial and other restrictions on the group that had seized control of large areas of south and central Somalia and sought to impose its strict version of Islam on the impoverished Horn of Africa nation.

The United States has also joined international efforts to bolster Somalia in the face of its multiple crises, pledging $300 million to support an African Union force battling al Shabaab and $250 million for humanitarian relief after drought struck the region last year.

India wants US to “recalibrate” its new Asia-Pacific defence strategy

NEW DELHI, 7 June — India has called on the United States to “recalibrate” its new strategy in the Asia-Pacific Region during talks between Indian Defence Minister AK Antony and visiting US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta on Wednesday in the Indian capital and local media on Thursday.

“Antony emphasized the need to strengthen the multilateral security architecture in the Asia-Pacific and to move at a pace comfortable to all countries concerned.” the Indian Defence Ministry was quoted as saying in a statement after the talks between Antony and Panetta.

During the talks, Panetta outlined the new US Asia-Pacific strategy, saying, “America is at a turning point. After a decade of war, we are developing the new defence strategy. In particular, we will expand our military partnerships and our presence in the region extending from the Western Pacific and East Asia into the Indian Ocean region and South Asia. Defence cooperation with India is a linchpin in this strategy.”

Afghan President Karzai hails China as steady partner

BEIJING, 7 June — Afghanistan is extremely grateful that China has been a steady partner for the country in providing fundamental support during its process of seeking stabilization and progress, said Afghan President Hamid Karzai in Beijing on Wednesday. When delivering a speech on Afghanistan’s foreign policies at the China Foreign Affairs University, Karzai thanked China for being the biggest investor in his country while helping his homeland in lots of other ways.

“The relations we have with the world are among the strongest Afghanistan has ever had,” said the president. Afghanistan has broad relationships not only with its neighbours, but also with Europe and the United States, as the country has signed strategic partnership agreements with many countries including Germany, the United States. Australia and India, said Karzai. His country is happy in keeping a good equilibrium of understanding and contact, Karzai added.

Afghan President Hamid Karzai delivers a speech at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing, capital of China, on 6 June, 2012. Xinhua

The large group meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Beijing summit is held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, capital of China, on 7 June, 2012.—Xinhua

Panetta in Afghanistan for talks amid rising violence

KABUL, 7 June — US Defence Secretary Leon Panetta arrived in Afghanistan on Thursday for talks with top military leaders amid rising violence in the war against the Taleban and a spate of deadly incidents, including a NATO air strike said to have killed 18 villagers.

Panetta said the purpose of the trip was to hear an assessment from US General John Allen, the head of the NATO coalition forces in Afghanistan, about the “ability to confront these threats from the Taliban and from the Haqqanis”, a reference to the hardline, al Qaeda-linked Haqqani network.

Panetta also planned to visit troops and hold talks with the Afghan defence minister, General Abdul Rahim Wardak.

Panetta said he wanted to find out about a recent increase in the numbers of attacks in Afghanistan, including some that appeared to have been more organized than others seen recently.

“I think it’s important to try to make sure we are aware of the kind of attacks they are going to engage in, particularly as we go through the rest of the summer and enter the latter part of this year,” Panetta said.

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Apple wins in nano-SIM card battle

SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS, 7 June—Apple has won its second legal battle as its proposed next generation of mobile SIM cards has been accepted by a European standards body.

The European Telecommunications Standards Institute has decided on a new standard size and insertion technique for so-called nano-SIM cards that could lead to smaller mobile devices in the future, venturebeat.com reported. Nokia, Apple, Motorola, and RIM all had competing devices in the future, which could lead to smaller mobile SIM cards has been accepted by a European standards body.

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The chemical chip can control our bodies

LINGKOPING, 7 June—Researchers in Sweden say an electronic circuit based on chemical send and control and regulate the signal paths of cells in the human body. The chip is based on ion “transistors” for transport of both positive and negative ions, as well as charged biomolecules, rather than moving electrons as in conventional electronic circuits, Linkoping University reported on Tuesday.

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**Health Tip: Work out in water**

Aquatics, another name for water exercises, are a low-impact way to strengthen muscles and burn calories. The American Council on Exercise mentions these potential benefits of water exercise:

- Reduced stress on the muscles and joints, often lowering the risk of injury and soreness after a workout.
- The water itself adds resistance, providing for a better workout.
- Offering greater flexibility of performing exercises that wouldn’t always be possible out of the water. This is especially true for people with arthritis and other conditions that can limit range of motion.

**Nasdaq to make Facebook compensation announcement**

**New York, 7 June** — Nasdaq OMX Group Inc (NDAXQ) has reached out to at least one brokerage that lost money due to Facebook’s (FB O) botched initial public offering on the exchange, saying it will make an announcement on Wednesday, a person at the brokerage firm said on Tuesday.

Nasdaq is expected to release details of a plan to make up some losses sustained by banks and trading firms, which collectively have been estimated above $100 million, in a filing with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, according to the Wall Street Journal, citing unnamed sources.

Nasdaq declined to comment on Tuesday.

Facebook shares have fallen 32 percent since the IPO when technical glitches resulted in a 30-minute delay longer or go on the elliptical (trainer) for another 40 minutes.

Poke an exercise addiction, Dixon believes, and you’ll never uncover another addiction.

“Maybe they’re a binge eater, or they really party on the weekend,” she said. “If you’re working out morning and night, you’re over-trained. Your body’s getting beaten up.”

For Dixon and her colleagues, overtraining is an occupational hazard.

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From brain drain to brain gain

We have natural resources; we have a large labour force; and what’s more we are located in a geographically strategic area all of which are our inheritances or advantages enough eye-catching for international economic cooperation and investments the country needs for progress. And thanks to the democratic reforms we now have an open-door market system facilitating the flow of foreign direct investments-FDI, technological knowhow, and foreign assistance into our country.

Besides, the marked progresses we have been achieving in our democratic reforms have attracted the interest of many countries even the ones that were unfriendly towards Myanmar in the past. As a result, more and more countries are promoting cordial diplomatic ties with us exploring areas that serve as common ground and where we can work together.

Positive steps

Nowadays, we are welcoming and receiving daily foreign delegations and guests both from East and West holding talks with them on business extension or business initiation in the new economic frontiers of our country awaiting development through international participation.

As our foreign policy is for the peaceful co-existence, we welcome international communities’ diplomatic and business overtures as positive steps towards wider cooperation based on mutual interest that in turn may enhance Myanmar’s place and image in the international community. Greater headway in reforms is followed by wider international recognition paving the way for deeper global understanding and knowledge of Myanmar. So we have been seeing developments in international relations alongside our ongoing reforms.

As global countries, especially energy, raw material and labor hungry nations have their eye on our abundant natural resources and manpower they may have plans to reach them through putting investments and channeling financial and material assistance into Myanmar for common interest.

As for the geographical position, it is vital both for economy as well as diplomacy and geopolitics. So we are always aware of every change in geopolitics and even the slightest growth in polarity within the region. The truth is Myanmar will ever stay neutral abiding by the five principles of peaceful co-existence. What’s more it will never reverse any of our resources. What’s more it will never reverse our reforms while maintaining cordial ties and cooperation with every country whether it may be from East or West. Anyhow, we must always keep in mind that our geographical location invites the economic and political prospects and advantages as well as the impacts of the repercussions triggered by any change in global political trend.

Knowledge-based industry

The important thing here is we must use our natural resources, workforce and geographic position to the most effective way for gaining maximum benefits. We invite investments and technology of other countries so we can extract our resources most efficiently and turn them into value-added exports with their money and know-how and with our labour. We should not just be a raw material provider; we should at least be an exporter of value-added goods, so that we can increase our income. For instance, we should be a country exporting plywood rather than selling trees in blocks, which is the source of forest depletion, as well as any foreign company that buys the permit will clear cut the area to earn highest benefits for what it has already paid. The best is if we can export high-end goods we will earn more money. Consequently, we must develop the knowledge-based industry for our sustainable economic growth the best guarantee for our democratic reforms. But the development of knowledge-based industry calls for know-how, technology, facilities, capital, experiences and professionals most of which can be acquired in a short period through FDI schemes and foreign aid programs.

Another source for the industry is the return of Myanmar expats as they include technicians, experts, businessmen as well as those who are engaged in different careers. With this end in view, offers are being constantly extended to Myanmar citizens who have been abroad for various reasons to come back home and set up businesses they are specialized in. We have also long-term plans covering extension of universities, colleges and institutions of international standard the source of producing specialists in various fields and the skilled workforce. Extension of industrial estates and zones and multiple businesses with foreign and domestic investments in many parts of the country will also make way for the home coming of a large number of Myanmar people, especially young men and women, living as legal or illegal migrant workers abroad as they could not find jobs here.

Resources for growth

For certain reasons, our country faced brain drain in the past, especially when we were under socialist system a large number of people including intellectuals and intelligentsia migrated to other countries in search of greener pasture. But these people are also Myanmar; so they too love Myanmar and many of them have a dream of coming back home one day. Now is the best time as the country is in the democratization, welcoming FDI’s, international cooperation and expertise and the Myanmar expats the resources for the growth of value-added and knowledge-based industries.

So we start building a business environment friendly to these resources, and where ethics, clean administration, accountability, responsibility and liability go hand in hand with freedom, justice and equality. Without such environment these resources will not stay long or will not even come leaving us to rely only on our exhaustible natural resources and crude labor enough to make us economically strong. Besides, a weak nation in the strategic location will be vulnerable to outside repercussions.

Confidently international recognition of the changes taking place in our country bears witness to the rapid advancement of our irreversible march to democracy a system embraces an environment that is friendly to such resources or the brains and brawn of the country.*****
Union Foreign Affairs Minister meets Australian counterpart

NAV PTV TAW, 7 June—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin received Foreign Affairs Minister of Australia Mr Bob Carr and party at his office here at 9.30 am today. At the call, they exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relationship and cooperation.

Also present were senior officials of the Foreign Affairs Ministry, and together with the Australian Foreign Minister were officials from the Australian Foreign office and the Australian Ambassador to Myanmar.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister hosted a luncheon to the guests at Myat Taw Win Hotel.—MNA

Union Cooperatives Minister inspects rural development tasks in Zabuthiri Tsp

NAV PTV TAW, 7 June—Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint met local residents at Aung Chan Thar Monastery in Zabuthiri Township, here yesterday.

He pointed out how the spirit of mutual cooperation brings blissfully happy result in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Works.

The Union Minister asked the local residents to generate additional income by breeding chickens, pigs and goats. He has planned to disburse capital for breeders to keep animals more and more as well as selling chicken poultry with credit. The Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department will take the responsibilities for treatment. He would give the breeders necessary requirements in livestock and breeding sectors.

The Union Minister met members of Agricultural Production and Odd-job Workers Cooperative and dwellers in Taegyigone Village and gave necessary instruction to them.

The officials from the Ministry of Cooperatives and Livestock and Fisheries took field trips in Ahlyinlo, Taegyigone, Aungchanthar (East, South and North), Letpankarha, Kyanshophu, Shartaw and Gominmin villages in Zabuthiri Township and they carried out development of producing of meat and fish, breeding and village cooperatives works.—MNA

Yangon Region Chief Minister attends Dhammayon opening ceremony

YANGON, 7 June—Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Myint Swe, Pyutha Hluttaw Representative Daw Su Su Hlaing of Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Township Administrator U Myint Lwin and donor Region Hluttaw Representative Dr Khin Maung Tun formally opened new Dhammayan at TOSTA housing in No (65) Ward in Dagon Myothit (South) Township in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The chief minister, the region social affairs minister and officials accepted donations of K 19.086 million by donors including Dr Khin Maung Tun and returned certificates of honour.

The construction of the Dhammayan that costs K 21.6 million was initially funded by K 10 million contribution of Dr Khin Maung Tun.

The chief minister attended harvesting ceremony at 10-acre model Paletwwe plantation in Thayagon village in Hlegu Township and gave necessary instructions.

They had a cordial discussion on prospects for promoting bilateral trade and investment. Also present were the director-general and officials of Directorate of Trade.—MNA

Role of schools and community in disaster risk reduction discussed

NAV PTV TAW, 7 June—A seminar on the role of schools and the village community in reduction of disaster risk jointly organized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Myanmar Engineering Society and the SEED Asia Myanmar took place at Theinga Hall hotel here this morning, with an address by SWRR Deputy Minister U Phone Swe.

Speaking on the occasion, the deputy minister called for emergence of catastrophe-resistant society apart from promotion of risk management skills of the people as Myanmar is prone to various kinds of disasters due to its topographical features. He mentioned that such measures were to be taken in cooperation with the international organizations and local organizations like the Myanmar Engineering Society. He requested Japan which is well-experienced in quickly responding natural disasters to take part in the fields of complicated technology and warning system. He demanded technical cooperation in implementing Myanmar disaster risk reduction work plan.

It was also attended by director-general of the Relief and Resettlement Department, deputy director-general of the Education Planning and Training Department, personnel of the MES and SEED Asia Myanmar and departmental representatives.—MNA
Production-sharing contract on EP 2 and PSCG blocks signed

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The contract-signing ceremony was held at the Ministry of Energy, attended by Union Minister U Than Htay, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission and Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, member of MIC Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun, Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Electric Power No 2 U Khin Maung See and Deputy Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo of Union Attorney-General’s Office, Thai Energy Minister Mr Arak Chontanon, PTTEP President and Chief Executive Officer Mr Tevin Vongvanich, Managing Director U Tun Lin Shein of Win Precious Resources Pre Ltd, departmental officials and guests.

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CERS important for education promotion: Union Education Minister

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Comprehensive Education Sector Review-CESR Leading Committee and working committees met this noon at the Education Ministry here, with an address by Patron of the CESR Leading Committee Union Education Minister Dr U Min Aye. The Union Minister, in his speech, underscored the need to bolster the capacity of teachers so as to promote the learning skills of students, calling for implementation of CERS works for equitable development of basic, vocational and higher education.

Next, Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Aye Kyu discussed work plans to be presented at CESR implementation coordination meeting. Committee Secretary Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win reported on progress in implementation of CESR works and follow-up plans and number of staff from ministries nominated to work as coordinators with the Education Ministry, followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting then came to an end with the concluding remark of the deputy minister. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Ba Shwe, Deputy Science and Technology Minister Dr Ko Ko Oo, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the Education Ministry, and personnel and officials of Myanmar UNICEF resident representative’s office.

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TACHILEK, 7 June—The government is easing restriction for allowing the people to own the vehicles officially.

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To be able to take out the licences for the motorcycles, the owners must submit citizenship scrutiny cards, household registration and endorsement of the respective wards with fees.

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Contest on Achievements of health and livelihoods held

MEIKTILA, 7 June—AMDA and MoFA are joining hands with Ministry of Health for development of health matters and livelihoods in Meiktila Township.

In so doing, they held the contests on livelihoods and health issues licence to motorcycles imported through border areas commenced for the people to own the vehicles officially.

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Cash assistance for education provided in Mingala Taungnyunt

YANGON, 7 June—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for students of staff members of Mingala Taungnyunt Township General Administration Department for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of the Township GAD of Yangon East District on 1 June afternoon.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zeya Ohn explained the purpose of providing cash assistance for pursuing education.

After that, they distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to those present.—State DRA

Narcotic drugs seized in Pangsu, Taunggyi

YANGON, 7 June—A combined team comprising members of Muse/Anti-Drug Special Squad together eye witnesses, acting on information, searched the house of Saw Hmyn Hlyo, 49 in Ward 3 of Nantawng Village of Pangsuai (Kyakok) Township at 5 pm on 2 May.

The authorities seized 95000 WY brand pinky stimulant tablets and two kilos of raw opium.

Therefore, action is being taken against Saw Hmyn Hlyo under section 15/19 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law at Pangsuai Police Station.

A combined team comprising members of Taunggyi Anti-Drug Special Squad together eye witnesses searched a Hylux car with number Plate 7B— driven by Tashu, 34 together with Tahaung, 19 leaving Kachu Village on kutcha-Honam Village Road, two miles east of Leikem at 2.30 pm on 27 May.

They seized 151 kilos of raw opium hidden in the tool box and spare wheels in the rear of the car.

Action is now taken against Tashu, 34 and Tahaung, 19 at Leikem Police Station, under Section 15/19 (a)21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Training on traffic rules conducted

Bawlakhe, 7 June—A training course on traffic rules was conducted in Bawlakhe Township of Kayah State on 29 May.

Head of Kayah State Directorate of Road Administration (Loikaw) Daw Nan Soe Soe Hak and Deputy Head of Department U Tin Maung Lwin explained driver manuals and matters related to Traffic Law 1989.

After that, they distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to those present.—State DRA

Cash donated to social welfare organizations in Mawlamyineyung

MAWLAMYINEGYUN, 7 June—The slow-moving vehicle owners and drivers donated cash to Chamyrae Home for the Aged and public welfare associations in Mawlamyineyung Township at the home on 30 May morning.

Chairman of the Township Slow-moving Vehicle Owners Committee U Kyaw Haing and Vice-Chairman U Ohn Haing donated K 20,000 each to the fund of Chamyrae Home for the Aged and one-day meal service and K 10,000 each to Cattle Sanctuary Committee, Funeral Service Association, Jivindra Oxygen Donation Group, Health Care White Heart Group and blood donors association.

Vice-Chairman of the Home U Aung Moung and responsible persons of the social organizations accepted the cash donations.—Myanma Alin

Departmental officials, media persons hold meeting in Mohnyin

MOHNYIN, 7 June—A meeting between departmental officials at Mohnyin Township and Township levels and media persons was held at the hall of District General Administration Department in Mohnyin on 5 June.

It was attended by Deputy Commissioner U Tin Maung Soe of Mohnyin District General Administration Department, Township Administration U Sai San Win, departmental officials, members of Township Writers Association and reporters.

At the meeting, the Senior Engineer of District Public Works explained construction of Mandalay-Shwebo-Myiiktjinya Highway in section, the Executive Officer of Township Housing and Environment Affairs Committee, allocation of roadside shops, the in-charge of communication station, installation of GSM towers, the in-charge of electrical office construction of 66 KV power grid and power station, the principal of Degree College the tasks to keep the campus free from drug, construction of school buildings and practising of quality granted academic system.

Officials replied to queries raised by members of Mohnyin Township Writers Persons and reporters.

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SUMMER PADDY HARVESTED: With the aim of generating income and improving living standard, rural farmers are of Mohnyin Township striving for cultivation of various kinds of crops in all seasons.

The photo shows farmers harvesting summer paddy Heinsweli strain and groundnut plantations in Ingon Village of Mohnyin Township in Kachin State so as to put the farmlands under monsoon paddy in time. NLM-001
School Enrollment Day observed in Hinthada

HINTHADA, 7 June—A ceremony to observe School Enrollment Day 2012-2013 academic year was held at Hinthada Hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Hinthada of Ayeyawady Region on 30 May morning.

At the ceremony, Ayeyawady Region Minister for Forestry and Mines U Soe Myint delivered an address. Ayeyawady Region Education Officer (Inspection) U Min Naing explained the purpose of free distribution of primary level school text books and exercise books.

Hinthada Township Education Officer Daw Kyin Htay reported on preparations for holding the school enrollment day. On behalf of the Ministry of Education, the region minister presented primary school text books to the Hinthada Township education officer.

After that, officials accepted K 5,289 donated by wellwishers. —Myanma Alin

School uniforms provided to offsprings of vendors in Hsispaw

HSISPAG, 7 June—As part of efforts to alleviate poverty, Hsispaw Township Development Affairs Committee has disbursed loans from Rural Development Bank to 136 vendors.

On 30 May, a ceremony to present school uniforms to offsprings of vendors was held at the town hall in Hsispaw.

Chairman of the Microfinance Service Committee Executive Officer of Hsispaw Township Development Affairs Committee U Thein Htay and party presented school uniforms worth K 800,500 to 48 primary students, 33 middle school students and 37 high school students, totalling 118. —Myanma Alin

Treasures donated to Pitakat Chamber

MAWLAMYINE, 7 June—A ceremony to donate tretries to Sasana Vaddikara Pitakat Chamber was held at Sasana Youngchu Monastery in the precinct of Pylon Chantha Htaung-gyae Pagoda in Ward 107 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 26 May.

Wellwisher U Tin Than Daw Tin Nu and family donated the treasures to the Pitakat Chamber. —Myanma Alin

Myanmar-Thai Boxing Challenge 10 June

YANGON, 7 June—The Myanmar-Thai Traditional Boxing Challenge, to be jointly organized by Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation, will be held at the Theinbyu Gymnasium (Kandawgyi) in Mingala Taungnyunt Township at 2 pm on 10 June.

In the challenges, Soe Lin Oo (Taunggale) will meet with Chan Su (Thailand). Soe Lin Oo is a golden belt champion in 2010-2011 at second class boxer. He has experiences in 55 matches. Chan Su (Thailand) has secured Vice Champion Rard Dum Nen’s Boxing Stadium Award. He has competed in 60 bouts.

Moreover, Thatt Aung (Taunggale) will compete with Reta (Thailand); Dawna Aung (Waso) versus Ahkun (Thailand); Shwe Tun Yon (Cement) vs Reta, Chan Su (Thailand) and Reta (Thailand) will compete for the Mixed Boxing Challenge.

Dum Nem’s Boxing Stadium Award. He has won 150 bouts, 100 of them in 10 rounds. He has defeated Chan Su (Thailand), Reta (Thailand) and Reta (Thailand).

Loans with soft interest disbursed by India to be spent on agriculture, transport, electric sectors

YANGON, 7 June—During the goodwill visit of Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Myanmar and India joint statement was issued on 28 May that US$ 500 million disbursed by India to Myanmar with soft interest will be spent on development of infrastructures in agriculture, transport and electric power sectors.

Both countries agreed to improve border area development, transport, relationship, agriculture, trade and investments that will bring the mutual interests of the both countries.

The assistance to be provided by India to Myanmar comprises construction of bridges for development of border areas, upgrading of roads, opening of training courses for agriculture sector. Indian government offered Myanmar to cultivate cardamom plants for its interests in Naga Self-administered Zone.

They are also willing to further cooperate in agriculture sector. Therefore, India provided agricultural equipment worth US$ 10 million to Myanmar.

As part of efforts to further strengthen the bilateral cooperation, India has so far disbursed 1.2 billion US dollars as cash assistance and loans with soft interest to Myanmar. —Kyemon

New school building opened in Mawlamyine

MAWLMYINE, 7 June—A ceremony to inaugurate the new school building at School Shelter worth K 200 million jointly donated by Swiss Development Cooperation SDC and UNICEF was held in front of Basic Education Primary School in Myathar Yawwa Village of Myathar Yawwa Village-tract in Mawlamyine Township on 1 June morning.

Assistant Township Education Officer U Oo Kyaw, Myathar Yawwa Village Administrator U Khin Maung Htay and the representative of SDC formally opened the building.

At the ceremony, Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Kyawing and Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Than Htay explained the maintenance of the school building for its durability.

The new building is 96 feet long, 32 feet wide and 22 feet high. If natural disasters hit the region, the local people can take shelter at the school building. —Myanma Alin

World No-Tobacco Day 2012 observed in Sittway

SITTWAY, 7 June—The World No-Tobacco Day 2012 was observed at the hall of Rakhine State Health Department in Sittway of Rakhine State on 31 May morning with the aim of successfully controlling the related diseases of tobacco in Rakhine State, realizing the two visions of the Ministry of Health to ensure longevity of everybody and to free all the people from diseases.

Rakhine State Minister for Social Affairs Dr Aung Kyi made a speech. Head of Rakhine State Health Department Dr Than Tun Aung read the message sent to the World No-Tobacco Day 2012 by Union Minister for Health Prof Dr Pe Thet Khin.—Health

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to provide cash assistance to students of staff members of Pantanaw Township General Administration Department in Ayeyawady Region was held at the meeting hall of the department on 4 June. Township Administrator U Mya Oo presents cash assistance to offsprings of staff. —Myanma Alin

Self-reliant Sangha medical ward under construction in Shwegyin

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Heavy rain forecast in south China

BEIJING, 7 June — China’s meteorological authority on Thursday forecast heavy rain in the country’s southern and southwestern regions over the next three days.

Guizhou Province, southern and western parts of Yunnan province, as well as central-northern parts of regions south of the Yangtze River will see moderate and heavy rain from Thursday to Saturday, according to a statement posted on the National Meteorological Centre’s website.

China’s Great Wall is 21,196 km long

BEIJING, 7 June — China’s existing Great Wall, one of the country’s signature relics, is 21,196.18 kilometres long, according to the latest survey results released by the State Administration of Cultural Heritage (SACH) on Tuesday. An archeological survey jointly conducted by the SACH and the former State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping since 2007 found that the Great Wall structures span the country’s 15 provinces, autonomous regions and municipalities, including Beijing, Tianjin, Hebei, Shanxi, Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Shandong, Henan, Hubei, Hainan, Guangxi, Guizhou, Sichuan, Gansu, Qinghai, Ningxia and Xinjiang.

First zebra cub born on Qinghai plateau

XI’NING, 7 June — An African zebra gave birth to a male cub on Wednesday at a plateau safari park in northwest China’s Qinghai Province. Qi Guizhong, spokeswoman for the Qinghai Plateau Safari Park, said it was really difficult for the tropical animal from the African veld to be able to accommodate to the harsh plateau environment and conceive naturally.

Zebra breeder Zhang Jinsheng added the cub is healthy, and escorted closely alongside very small bones. "The event is aimed at promoting the discovery of the bones of a prehistoric mammal in one Osakoloa, Iowa, family’s backyard. According to ABC’s affiliate WOI reporter Katia Eastman, who interviewed the family.

Realizing this was no ball, the family dug out what has now been identified as a mammoth femur. Despite discovering the bones nearly two years ago, the bones were brought to the University of Iowa for identification only last month, sparking the interest of Holmes Semken, professor emeritus of paleontology.

World’s highest tourism airport starts construction in SW China

CHENGDU, 7 June — Construction of Minqin Yading Airport, the world’s highest tourism airport at an elevation of 4,410 meters, began on Wednesday in Sichuan Province. The regional airport, located in Dasong county of Sichuan’s Garze Tibetan autonomous prefecture, is expected to open routes to the western cities of Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Guiyang and X’ian after its completion in 2013.

The cost of the airport with 4,200 metres runways and four terminals, comes to 1.5 billion yuan (237 million US dollars).

S African carrier stops Cape Town-London flights

JOHANNESBURG, 7 June — South African Airways (SAA) announced on Tuesday it was halting daily direct flights between Cape Town and London to avoid losses amid shrinking demand.

The national carrier will close the Cape Town route, operational for 20 years in August when two daily flights with increased capacity from Johannesburg will become sole leg to Heathrow.

"A thorough analysis of the route made it clear that we could use one aircraft more comfortably elsewhere while continuing to ensure excellent business and tourism links... via Johannesburg," said Theunis Potgieter, SAA commercial general manager.

It is also clear that we would lose money on the direct route in the future, whereas it is possible for us to operate more optimally between Cape Town and London via our Johannesburg hub," he said in a statement.

SAA is expanding its network of destinations said the move will see aircrafts from the axed route serve routes to India and west African Capitals.

But the airline is under pressure and last month said it was looking to the government for help to renew its fleet. "Serving the Cape Town-London route via Johannesburg will have an immediate positive effect on SAA’s bottom line,” said the airline.

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Iowa family finds mammoth bones in backyard

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Heavy rain forecast in south China

BEIJING, 7 June — China’s meteorological authority on Thursday forecast heavy rain in the country’s southern and southwestern regions over the next three days.

Guizhou Province, southern and western parts of Yunnan province, as well as central-northern parts of regions south of the Yangtze River will see moderate and heavy rain from Thursday to Saturday, according to a statement posted on the National Meteorological Centre’s website.

Some of these areas will experience rainstorms, thunderstorms and gales, the centre warned. During the period, thunder showers will occur in Inner Mongolia autonomous region, northeast and north China, and regions along the Yellow and Huaihe rivers, with some areas likely to be hit by downpours, gales and hailstorms, the centre added.

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First zebra cub born on Qinghai plateau

XI’NING, 7 June — An African zebra gave birth to a male cub on Wednesday at a plateau safari park in northwest China’s Qinghai Province. Qi Guizhong, spokeswoman for the Qinghai Plateau Safari Park, said it was really difficult for the tropical animal from the African veld to be able to accommodate to the harsh plateau environment and conceive naturally.

Zebra breeder Zhang Jinsheng added the cub is healthy, and escorted closely alongside very small bones. "The event is aimed at promoting the discovery of the bones of a prehistoric mammal in one Osakoloa, Iowa, family’s backyard. According to ABC’s affiliate WOI reporter Katia Eastman, who interviewed the family.

Realizing this was no ball, the family dug out what has now been identified as a mammoth femur. Despite discovering the bones nearly two years ago, the bones were brought to the University of Iowa for identification only last month, sparking the interest of Holmes Semken, professor emeritus of paleontology.

World’s highest tourism airport starts construction in SW China

CHENGDU, 7 June — Construction of Minqin Yading Airport, the world’s highest tourism airport at an elevation of 4,410 meters, began on Wednesday in Sichuan Province. The regional airport, located in Dasong county of Sichuan’s Garze Tibetan autonomous prefecture, is expected to open routes to the western cities of Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Guiyang and X’ian after its completion in 2013.

The cost of the airport with 4,200 metres runways and four terminals, comes to 1.5 billion yuan (237 million US dollars).

S African carrier stops Cape Town-London flights

JOHANNESBURG, 7 June — South African Airways (SAA) announced on Tuesday it was halting daily direct flights between Cape Town and London to avoid losses amid shrinking demand.

The national carrier will close the Cape Town route, operational for 20 years in August when two daily flights with increased capacity from Johannesburg will become sole leg to Heathrow.

"A thorough analysis of the route made it clear that we could use one aircraft more comfortably elsewhere while continuing to ensure excellent business and tourism links... via Johannesburg," said Theunis Potgieter, SAA commercial general manager.

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**Woman arrested for graduation cheering**

A South Carolina woman said police escorted her out of her daughter’s graduation for cheering and charged her with disorderly conduct.

Shannon Cooper said she was escorted out of the South Florence High School graduation at Florence Civic Centre for cheering when her daughter, Lesha Cooper, 18, received her diploma, WPDE-TV, Myrtle Beach, SC, reported.

“Humiliation. I don’t even think humiliation could describe how I felt. You know, because I feel from just my feelings and then looking at my daughter how she felt, I could take you know you know if I did something, but like I said, yes they said you’ll be escorted out no problem. I’ll be escorted out.

I’ll go nicely because I’m gonna cheer. It was hard work. I went through so much to get her to this point you know,” Cooper said.

Police refused to comment on individual cases but said the crowd was warned anyone who cheered or screamed would be ejected out of the building. They said people who exhibited disorderly behavior while being escorted out were charged with disorderly conduct.

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**Stolen tractor cold case turns sticky**

A large, expensive farm tractor reported stolen in Manitoba in December 2010 was found hidden where not even a dog could find it — under 15 feet of muck.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police announced they had made two arrests in the rural area of Fisher, 100 miles north of Winnipeg, based on an anonymous phone tip. The 2009 Case IH Steiger 485 tractor worth $300,000 disappeared in 2010 and the case was all but cold when someone alerted the Mounties to its location last week using the anonymous CrimeStoppers tip line, the Winnipeg Sun reported. It took officers several days of searching the property, but the tractor was found secreted under the massive manure pile, police said.

**Fame makes love difficult:**

Chace Crawford

**Los Angeles, 7 June—**“Gossip Girl” actor Chace Crawford says that being famous can make it hard to find a girlfriend.

The 26-year-old, who has previously been romantically linked with Carrie Underwood and Ashley Greene, admits it can be tough to find someone to start a relationship.

“I’m totally sort of just doing my thing. I’m never really looking. I guess if something comes along…. I want to see girls celebrate their curves and show off their assets,” he added.

Internet

**Paris Hilton ends lingerie lawsuit with new business deal**

WASHINGTON, 7 June—

Paris Hilton has worked out a deal to settle a lawsuit with a lingerie manufacturer by reportedly agreeing to front a new line of undergarments she lent her name to.

The hotel heiress sued LeBonitas more than a year ago for 1.5 million dollars, charging it breached a contract by not promoting a line of undergarments she lent her name to. LeBonitas countersued, blaming the failed dealings on an uncooperative Hilton. The case went to court in New York City last month and a judge ordered the two sides to settle the dispute in mediation, and TMZ.com reports they have now reached an out of court agreement to end the legal battle. Hilton attended a settlement conference on Monday.—Internet

**Stolen laptop snaps photo of thief**

Police in Michigan said a stolen laptop’s owner used theft-protection software to provide them with the thief’s name, picture and location.

Ann Arbor police said Logan Chadd, 21, and his roommate returned home from a night out about 2:45 am on 3 June and discovered items, including baseball hats, video games, checks, office equipment and a backpack with a laptop computer, had been stolen from their rooms, AnnArbor.com reported.

Police Lt Renee Bush said the laptop’s anti-theft software took a picture of the thief when he turned it on and sent a Web site along with a screen shot of what the thief was doing and the stolen item’s location. The screen shot contained a picture of the thief’s Facebook page, giving investigators his full name. Police said they knew the 19-year-old suspect from a previous investigation and arrested him. They said his name would not be released until he is arraigned.

**Brigitte Bardot inspires Kelly Brook**

LONDON, 7 June —

Model-actress Kelly Brook says her new fashion range is inspired by former French movie star Brigitte Bardot because she was famed for her curvy figure.

The 32-year-old has created a new range of clothes for New Look - a fashion portal. The clothes are meant for curvy figure and Brook revealed Brigitte and Sophia Loren were two of her inspirations.

“I love Brigitte Bardot. Those pictures of her in St. Tropez - gorgeous! Sophia Loren is my all round style icon though - pure class,” contactmusic.com quoted Brook as saying.

“It was my dream (to design this collection) - I want to see girls celebrate their curves and show off their assets,” she added. Internet

**Hounsou and Simmons break up**

NEW YORK, 7 June — American fashion designer Kimora Lee Simmons and African actor Djimon Hounsou have ended their five-year romance, the New York Daily News reported.

The couple have a 3-year-old son together. Simmons has two daughters with her ex-husband, hip-hop mogul Russell Simmons.

“Djimon walked out on Kimora,” a source told the newspaper, adding the split may have happened after Simmons’ ex-husband recently stopped funding her expensive lifestyle.

“Kimora lives as if she’s the queen of England,” the insider said.

Intreract

**Panabaker forgot water phobia during ‘Piranha 3DD’**

LOS ANGELES, 7 June—

Actress Danielle Panabaker says she took a quick decision to dive in the water for the movie.

“I didn’t get to think of the phobia at all, it was such a quick process to go to North Carolina and start with the shooting,” the 24-year-old said.

“On my first day, I was standing at the edge of a big, gross, dark lake and about to dive in, thinking why did I do it,” she added.

“Piranha 3DD” is a comedy-horror film, set to release in India in 2D and 3D format 15 June. The actress has earlier featured in psychological films like “Friday The 13th” and “The Ward”. Internet

**Carly Simon to publish memoir**

WASHINGTON, 7 June —

Legendary singer Carly Simon is putting together a memoir, which will chronicle her life, publisher Random House has revealed.

According to Crain’s New York Business, the singer has signed a deal of more than 1 million dollar.

Even though, there is no publication date yet, Simon reportedly hopes to have the book completed by the year end. According to her publisher Random House, the memoir will chronicle the 66-year-old’s childhood, ‘the discovery of her life-altering stammer, her meteoric and unparalleled career in music, and her loves, including her marriage to James Taylor’,

CBS News reported.

Simon is no stranger to the book world either as she has already in the past published a children’s book. Also Carly Simon is the daughter of Richard L. Simon, one of the founders of Simon and Schuster, ‘After years of keeping journals and writing lyrics for my tunes, I have developed a strong interest in seeing how my life might just string together in a longer form’ she said.

“I know I’ll be looking for a strong chorus, like a repeating dream or theme,’ she added.—Internet

**Designer Kimora Lee Simmons (L) and actor Djimon Hounsou arrive on the red carpet for the Premiere of “Nine” at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York City on 15 Dec, 2009.**—Internet
French national team’s players hold a banner, reading ‘Thank you! Il été Euro, with you, for you!’, at the end of the friendly football match France vs Estonia on 5 June. UEFA president Michel Platini on Wednesday tipped France as a potential dark horse at Euro 2012 but joked that their progression depended entirely on whether they were on strike or not. — INTERNET

Paul Lambert takes over as manager after a successful spell as Norwich boss. — Istimewa

There is no Real-Barcelona divide, says Arbeloa

Defending champion Rafael Nadal beat fellow top seed Novak Djokovic 6-4, 6-2, 6-3 on Wednesday to set up a 12th-seeded semi-final clash with David Ferrer at the French Open.

Nadal has never before reached this stage at Roland Garros and against the 12th-seeded Italian he has saved four break points to dominate the match, especially in the last two sets. “It’s a difficult match,” he told reporters.

You play against the best players of the world and one of the best players of the world on outdoors surface. Nadal, whose only loss at Roland Garros came back at the fourth round in 2009, is bidding to become the first player to win seven French Open titles, moving him out of a tie with Swedish legend Bjorn Borg for his ninth Grand Slam. The second seed will in the semifinals meet his countryman David Ferrer, the sixth seed, who outgunned fourth seed Andy Murray of Britain 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

“He had his chances and converted them. He’s solid and consistent and if you don’t convert opportunities against him, the games become longer and the pressure builds on you,” said Murray, who had reached the semifinals in the last five Grand Slams.

The other semifinal will be played between top seed Novak Djokovic and third seed Roger Federer.

French Open tennis tournament, in Paris, France on 6 June, 2012. — Xinhua

Beware of Ronaldo, warns Mertesacker

Nadal to play Ferrer in semis at French Open

Paul Lambert has led Aston Villa to 12th place in the Barclays Premier League last season. The former Scotland international has been appointed as the manager of the Barclays Premier League side after Alex McLeish’s exit at the end of the season. Villa endured a disappointing 2011/12 season, finishing 16th in table but just two points above the relegation zone.

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Defoe returns to England after death of father

England’s Jermain Defoe (19) controls the ball next to Belgium’s Jan Vertonghen (L) during their international friendly soccer match at Wembley Stadium in London on 2 June, 2012. — Reuters

Jermain Defoe has returned home from Euro 2012 after the death of his father overnight, the Football Association said in a statement on Thursday.

Testicle-biting dogs ‘to face Euro2012 hooligans’

Testicle-biting police dogs to sonic cannons capable of inducing involuntary urination, Polish anti-hooligan squads have an array of weapons ready for potential trouble-makers at Euro 2012. The English-language Krakow Post newspaper asserted in an editorial that local law enforcement agencies were more than ready to tackle any hooligan threat at England’s southern Poland base camp.

The Polish police are going to come down on trouble makers like a bag full of anvils and you don’t want to be there when it happens,” the paper warned. “Krakow has a long history of hooligan violence — the local police have seen it all before and they will ruin your day if you try it.”

“Those lads’ mums and dads rioted under Soviet machine guns — a few chairs thrown by beered-up fans is not going to intimidate them.”

“Do not expect softly, softly police tactics.” — Internet

F-16 stops small plane in Obama’s LA air space

An F-16ighter jet intercepted a small private plane after it entered airspace that was restricted for President Barack Obama’s fundraising visit on Wednesday night.

The single-engine Cessna 177 was intercepted and forced to land shortly before 5 pm Wednesday, according to a statement from the North American Aerospace Defence Command. Obama was at the Beverly Hilton at the time, and was later taken to the Regent Beverly Wilshire for 600-person campaign fundraiser in Los Angeles.

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F-16 jets intercepted a small plane that entered the airspace of Obama’s helicopter, Marine One — Internet

Spanish coach dies one day after appointment

Manuel Preciado died of a heart attack on Thursday at the age of 54, the club Villarreal has confirmed.

The life of Manuel Preciado in the early hours at a hotel in Valencia, his former side Sporting Gijon said in a statement. Preciado, who was known for his frank speaking style, had been due to be officially unveiled as Villarreal’s new coach on Friday on a one-year deal.

“Villarreal want to express their deepest sorrow at the sad loss and want to offer their condolences to his family and all his relatives,” the club Preciado was joining added in a separate statement.

Prciado lost his first wife to cancer in 2002 and two years later the youngest of the couple’s two sons was killed in a car accident at the age of 15. Last year his father died after being run over by a car. “Life has given me strong blows. I could have become vulnerable and shot myself or I could look up to the sky and carry on. I preferred the second option,” Preciado said last year when his father died.

Two buildings collapse in Italy, 10 injured

Two residential buildings collapsed in southern Italy on Thursday following a big explosion caused by a gas leak, injuring at least 10 people.

Rescue teams rushed on the spot as it was not immediately clear if there was anyone still inside the buildings, according to ANSA news agency. At least 10 people were injured, and one 18-month-old child was reportedly still missing at the time being, after his parents were extracted alive from the rubble.

The explosion, occurred in the morning in the small town of Conversano, near the city of Bari, was reportedly felt across a large surrounding area, and smashed the mirrors of many nearby homes. — Xinhua
The arrangement was made between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Royal Thai Government for His Excellency U Thein Sein, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to pay a goodwill visit to the Kingdom of Thailand on 31 May to 1 June 2012. However, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar informed the Royal Thai Government on 25 May 2012, and 1 June 2012 that the visit has been postponed to a mutually convenient date.

At the request of the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand, called U Wunna Maung Lwin, the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, conveyed the desire to re-arrange the visit to a mutually convenient time.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Date: 7 June 2012

Visit of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Thailand will be re-arranged at a mutually convenient time

Redknapp urges Spurs to sort out his future

LONDON, 7 June—Tottenham Hotspur manager Harry Redknapp has only 12 months remaining on his contract and on Tuesday he urged chairman Daniel Levy to sort out his future at the Premier League club.

“The simple situation is I have a year left on my contract and it is up to Tottenham whether they want to extend that or not,” Redknapp told Sky Sports.

“It’s not a case of me looking for security. What it’s about is that when players know they have only a year left on their contract it doesn’t work.”

“You don’t let players run into the last year of their contract if you think they are any good and you don’t let managers run into the last year of their contract if you think they are any good,” he added.

Redknapp has been with the Londoners since October 2008 and is happy with the progress Spurs have made in that time.

“Things couldn’t have gone better,” he said. “We’ve finished fourth twice, fifth once, reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League and played fantastic football.”

“It’s a good club and I enjoy being at Tottenham ... (but) it’s up to the chairman. If he doesn’t want to give me another contract, it’s his decision.”

Reuters

Village in Waingmaw Tsp gets new library

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—A ceremony to open Tatmyau self-reliant library and donate books, media equipment and cash was held at the library in Makhamti Village of Waingmaw Township in Kachin State yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Yein Bawm, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Gam Hsaing and Kachin State Hluttaw representative U Moe Pwint-3 Plan implemented in Pyay Township

NAY PYI TAW, 7 June—Immigration and National Registration Department issued household registrations and citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens in Alodawya Village of Pyay Township in Bago Region (West) on 2 June in line with Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Win Myint, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Maung Lay and officials looked into issuance of CSC and household registrations to the citizens.—MNA

Cyranoski—Mertesacker

Beware of Ronaldo, warns Madrid's Mertesacker

PORTUGAL, 8 June, 2012—Real Madrid’s Mats Hummels has urged his teammates to be ready for a battle against Cristiano Ronaldo on Friday.

“I think Cristiano Ronaldo is one of the best players in the world. They scored the goal against Real Madrid in the Clasico. So we have to be ready for a battle,” Hummels said.

“Real Madrid are probably the best team in the world and we have to be ready for a battle. Ronaldo is one of the best players in the world and he is going to score goals against us,” he added.

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