**Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Soe Win receives Thai delegation led by Commander of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Armed Forces**

*Nay Pyi Taw, 8 June*—Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services General Soe Win received a Thai delegation led by Commander of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Armed Forces Lt-Gen Charuchaiwarong Dhanaran at Zeyathiri Beikman here this evening.

Present together with the Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services were General Hla Htay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Lt-Gen Aung Than Htut and Lt-Gen Thein Naing Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Chief of Staff (Navy) Rear-Admiral Thura Thet Swe, Chief of Staff (Air) Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Win Maung. Together with the Commander of 3rd Army Area of Royal Thai Armed Forces were Deputy Commander of 1st Army Area Maj-Gen Paiboon Komchaya, Deputy Commander of 3rd Army Area Maj-Gen Prakan Kunlong, Mongton, Mongping, Mongyan, Maukmai, Momeik, Namhsan (North), Monghsat, Mongkai, Kyeintali, Zayatkonkhin and Manaung in Rakhine State, Lailinpi, Mindat and Paletwa in Chin State, Gwa, Kyaing Tong in Kayin State, Kanpetlet, Matupi, Rezwa, Shinbweyan in Kachin State, Papun, Kya-in-Seikkyi and Nagmon, Phakant, Karmaing, Sumprabum, Chipwe and other regions and states except Yangon Region are broadcast by Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar beginning 8 am on 9 June (Saturday), through 50.71 metre, 5915 KilofHz shortwave and 50.12 metre, 5985 KiloHz medium wave.

**Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar to air matriculation examination results for poor transport areas**

*Nay Pyi Taw, 9 June*—Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar will broadcast the results of matriculation examination held in March 2012 for region and state exam centres with poor transport.

These exam centres are Tanai, Machanbaw, Putao, Nagmon, Phakant, Karmgaing, Sumpabum, Chipwe and Shunbweyan in Kachin State, Papun, Kya-in-Seikkyi and Kaman in Rakhine State, Momeik, Namhsam (North), Monghsat, Mongkai, Kunlong, Mongton, Mongging, Mongyan, Maungma, Mongyawng, Kehl Manhman, Mongnawng, Kunbing, Hpan, Mongkhat, Mongan, Mongphuyat, Mabain, Ngat, Mongshu, Tonghoon, Mantong and Lakuak in Shan State, Palaw, Palan, Pala and Bokpyin in Taninthayi Region, Pauk, Yawpyar, Htilin, Saw, Laungshe, Kyaikthin, Sedoktara and Ngape in Magway Region and Cocogyun in Yangon Region. The result of the examination will be broadcast by Nay Pyi Taw Radio Myanmar beginning 8 am on 9 June (Saturday), through 50.71 metre, 5915 KilofHz shortwave and 50.12 metre, 5985 KiloHz shortwave and 411.52 meter, 729 kiloHz medium wave.

**Noteworthy amounts of rainfall (8-6-2012)**

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Green economy

The UN has chosen 2012 as “International Year of Sustainable Energy for All” which has a special meaning for this particular year. It emphasizes the vitaliy of green economy while hinting on the sustainable use of energy resources.

Our country has been striving for the successful implementation of green economy and green development, present-day’s new environmental conservation model, in accordance with the policy it has adopted and the laws it has enacted. Moreover, the country is also cooperating with the United Nations and its agencies, regional and international organizations and NGOs and INGOs in that regard.

Environmental conservation law came into force on 30 May 2012 as per the government’s environmental conservation policy. The Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry is already drafting necessary bylaws and procedures and rules and regulations in cooperation with the respective experts and domestic and international organizations.

Some of the progresses of the country’s environmental conservation works are: the adoption of Myanmar national environmental policy as an environmental issue which actually is a part of the living standard improvement action plan for the entire nation that will eventually ensure harmonious environment and ecological balance; the adoption of Myanmar environmental conservation program for the 21st century for sustainable development; and the drawing of national sustainable development strategy in pursuance of development in harmony with the environment.

The environmental conservation policy of the government covers the environmental conservation body and five special groups of the respective sectors. In addition, the Forestry Ministry has been reconstituted as the Environmental Conservation and Forestry Ministry along with a new department for environmental conservation whose main responsibility is the conservation of the entire environment of the country.

So every person of the human society has an important role in the green economy and green development which contributes to ecological sustainability, sustainable development, rural development and poverty reduction.

Union Mines Minister receives ROK guest

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 June—Union Mines Minister U Thein Htaik met Executive Vice President Mr Andrew W.S. Shin of ILJIN Electric Co., Ltd of the Republic of Korea, at his office, here, this morning. At the call, they had a discussion on steps to be taken for exploration and production of copper and construction of copper refinery and enacting Mines law, regulations, investment procedures. Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of the Ministry of Mines.

Union Minister U Thein Htaik receives Executive Vice President Mr Andrew W.S. Shin of ILJIN Electric Co., Ltd of the Republic of Korea.—MNA

SWRR Ministry to cooperate with UN Habitat and Pact

Myanmar in disaster risk reduction

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 June—Relief and Resettlement Department signed MoUs with the UN Habitat and Pact Myanmar which are cooperating with the department in risk reduction works Zababuri Hotel here yesterday morning, with an address by Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Deputy Minister U Phone Swe.

Director-General of the department U Soe Aung, Head of Agency Mr Srinivasa Popuri and Project Administrator Mr Thomas E Hensleigh of Pact Myanmar signed MoUs before the deputy minister and exchanged the notes. Mission Director Mr Terry Myers of the USAID, Thomas E Hensleigh spoke Mr Srinivasa Popuri and Mr I. Wards of thanks.—MNA

Myanmar victorious shooting team back from Malaysia

YANGON, 8 June—The victorious Myanmar shooting team led by President of Myanmar Shooting Federation U Htay Nyi arrived back here by air yesterday evening after taking part in the 36th SEA Shooting Championship 2012 held in Kuala Lumpur of Malaysia.

They were welcomed back here by officials of MSF. Myanmar team secured two gold, three silver and three bronze medals. Lin Aung of Ministry of Sports bagged one gold in 50-m prone men’s event, Lin Aung of Ministry of Sports, Aung Thar of Forestry and Aung Kyaw of Defence, one gold in the 50-m prone men’s event, Maung Kyi (Ministry of Sports) one silver in the 50-m men’s free pistol event, Lay Zaw Zaw Hnin Kyi (Forestry) one silver in the 25-m sport women’s event, Lay Zaw Zaw Hnin Kyi (Forestry), Khin Pa Pa Soe (Education) and May Poe Wah one silver in the 25-m sport women’s team event, Maung Kyaw (Ministry of Sports), Moe Kyaw Kyaw (Ministry of Sports) and Nay Htet Aung (selection) one bronze in the 10-m air men’s pistol event.—MNA

Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship wraps up

YANGON, 8 June.—The prize presentation for the Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Golf Championship 2012, sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd and organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, was held at Yangon Golf Club (Danaying) in Insein Township this morning.

After the fourth round, Joint Secretary U Myo Tun of MGF presented gifts to Managing Director Mr Lim Yew Hoe of Myanmar Brewery Ltd U Min Wun of Yangon Golf Club and officials of golf clubs from Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Malaysia and Thailand.

Managing Director Mr Lim Yew Hoe gave prizes to the winners in the daily best golfers. Vice-President U Zaw Min of MGF and Patron Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd) presented prizes to the winners from the second to sixth positions.

MD Mr Lim Yew Hoe awarded first prize winner Myanmar selected golfer Thein Naing Soe with 278 in total. President U Tay Za presented Tiger Myanmar Amateur Open Challenge Cup to first prize winner Thein Naing Soe.

The championship was jointly sponsored by Yangon Golf Club, Alpine Drinking Water, 100 Plus (Isotonic Drink) and managed by Han Event Management.—MNA

School uniforms provided to students in Waingmaw, Gangaw

Nay Pyi Taw, 8 June—Waingmaw Township Development Affairs Committee of Kayin State provided school uniforms to offspring of vendors and trishaw drivers at Sama Hall of the township General Administration Department in Waingmaw on 6 June morning.

Officials presented 28 sets of school uniforms to 28 students. A similar ceremony was held at Township GADO Office in Gangaw yesterday.

Officials presented school uniforms to 136 students.—MNA
SCO says “no” to interventionism

BEIJING, 8 June — When the leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) member states concluded their latest summit on Thursday, they unanimously rejected military intervention as a way to resolve international hotspot issues. According to a statement that came after the summit, all SCO member countries oppose military intervention in Syria and reject the idea of a regime change in the country.

The leaders also rejected the idea of using military means to solve the Iranian nuclear dispute, instead choosing to support dialogue and other diplomatic methods.

These heads of state have ample ground to make an appeal for peace and stability and to support their request for the peaceful settlement of these problems. Across the world, from the Middle East to North Africa, deadly conflicts and terrorist attacks are still resulting in innocent deaths, as many countries in these regions sunk into chaos last year. Being fully aware that their own countries’ security and stability are closely associated with that of these troubled regions, the SCO leaders decided that peace can only be created through peaceful means.

It is a common experience in human history, both recent or remote, that meeting violence with violence can only beget more loss of life and spark hard-to-heal hatred. More than a year has passed since NATO air forces began to drop bombs on Libya in order to drive its previous government out of power, but the country is still in chaos. Additionally, over ten years have passed since the United States and its coalition partners ousted the Taliban regime in Afghanistan, a country that shares borders with a number of SCO countries.

China, Afghanistan declaration rejects “three forces”

BEIJING, 8 June — China and Afghanistan expressed “strong rejection” of the “three forces” of terrorism, extremism, separatism and organized crime in a joint declaration released here on Friday after talks between Chinese President Hu Jintao and Afghanistan’s President Hamid Karzai. The two sides agree to intensify exchanges and cooperation in security by way of jointly combating such transnational threats as terrorism, illegal immigration, illegal arms and drug trafficking, and enhancing intelligence exchanges and border management, said the declaration.

The two sides will also strengthen cooperation in prevention of infectious diseases, disaster prevention and mitigation, and other non-traditional security areas, it said. The Chinese side firmly supports Afghanistan’s efforts in combating terrorism and drug trafficking and safeguarding national stability, the declaration added, calling on the international community to support this cause.

The Afghan side reiterated its continued and firm support for China in combating the “three forces” of terrorism, extremism and separatism. It will take irreplaceable measures to enhance the security of Chinese institutions and people in Afghanistan, according to the statement.

US military says no big troop buildup in Asia Pacific

WASHINGTON, 8 June — The United States is not shifting big numbers of troops into the Asia Pacific region, but will try and upgrade its engagement with limited means and foster allies’ participation, said Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Martin Dempsey on Thursday. At a Pentagon Press briefing, Dempsey said repatriating forces to the Asia Pacific is not the “essence of rebalancing” to that region, which the Obama administration is doing in the in Asia Pacific wind down.

He said the strategy involves “three mores,” including more interest, more empowerment and more quality, and the US side is eying a troops presence there more at a rotational basis, rather than permanent bases. Fresh off an Asian tour which included stops in Singapore, Thailand and the Philippines, Dempsey said regional countries mostly gave “positive feedback” to that approach, and the US side wants them to take a more active role, to be a unified voice for security issues in that region, “he said.

Dempsey is part of the Department of Defence delegation to the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, and he went solo to Thailand and the Philippines after that, as Defence Secretary went on to visit Vietnam, India and Afghanistan.

Iran says its “natural” nuclear rights must be recognized by world powers

TEHRAN, 8 June — A senior advisor to Iran’s Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the five permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany (P5+1) must recognize Iran’s “natural right” to develop peaceful nuclear technology, the Press TV reported on Thursday.

“Given that the Islamic republic has always proven its goodwill in nuclear talks and its commitment to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), the P5+1 must also recognize Iran’s natural right to attain peaceful nuclear energy,” Ali-Akbar Velayati was quoted as saying.

Velayati added that Iran’s nuclear rights should be recognized also because the Islamic republic is a committed signatory to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), said the report. Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili wrote a letter to EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton over the upcoming nuclear talks to be held in Russia’s capital Moscow, said Press TV. In his letter, Jalili “voiced doubts about the six world powers’ determination to hold fruitful talks with Iran in a country that shares borders with a number of SCO countries.

Slovenia to close embassies in four EU countries

LJUBLJANA, 8 June — Slovenia will close its embassies in Sweden, Finland, Portugal and Ireland as part of its efforts to “reorganize the diplomatic network,” said Foreign Minister Karl Erjavec on Thursday. President Danilo Turk has signed decrees to implement the closures, said Erjavec, stressing that such action is “to reorganize the diplomatic network” rather than simply closing the embassies and saving money.

It was reported that the Slovenian Foreign Ministry expected to save some 1.8 million euros (2.27 million dollars) in 2012 by closing some of its unnecessary embassies abroad. In addition to the four embassies, the Slovenian government also reportedly decided to close its own consulates in Dusseldorf, Germany, and New York, the United States.

Slovenia, which declared independence from former Yugoslavia in 1991, established current diplomatic network with an aim to be present “in every country in joining the European Union and other strategic relations,” according to government officials.

China faces questioning for the first time on Friday by a high profile investigative panel seeking to probe its role in the nuclear disaster at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant.

Former Tepco chief to be grilled over Fukushima disaster

Tokyo, 8 June — The former president of Fukushima plant operator Tokyo Electric Power Co faces for the first time on Friday by a high profile investigative panel seeking to uncover the causes of the world’s worst nuclear disaster since Chernobyl. Members of the panel appointed by parliament will likely grill Masatake Shimizu over whether he planned to abandon the tsunami-devastated Fukushima plant at the height of the crisis in March 2011, as reactors melted down and the situation was in danger of spinning out of control, threatening Tokyo itself.

Then-prime minister Naoto Kan and two other ministers handling the disaster response have told the panel that Shimizu had planned to withdraw all of his utility’s workers as reactors melted down and the situation was in danger of spinning out of control, threatening Tokyo itself.

Workers stand near the No 4 reactor building at the Tokyo Electric Power Co’s (TEPCO) tsunami-crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Fukushima prefecture on 26 May, 2012. —Reuters
Amazon updates low-end Kindle reader

SEATTLE, 8 June—Amazon said on Tuesday that its new low-end, touch-screen Kindle reader will improve readers’ experience by providing crispier text with higher contrast.

The software update for the $79 Kindle will be delivered automatically to users’ devices or they can manually download the update from Amazon’s Web site, CNET reported on Tuesday.

In addition to the more readable font, the update provides Parental Controls that can restrict access to the Experimental Web Browser, Archived Items and the Kindle Store, Amazon said.

Books with complex layouts and formats and comic books using Kindle Panel View will be supported.

Google buys Meebo and Quickoffice

SANTA MONICA, 8 June—US search engine firm Google said it had gone on a small shopping spree on Monday and Tuesday, buying two Silicon Valley companies.

ABC News said that Google purchased instant messaging firm Meebo for what All Things D estimated was about $100 million.

That was Monday. On Tuesday, Google made another purchase, buying Quickoffice, a firm that develops applications for both Android and Apple iOS operating systems.

“With the Meebo team’s expertise in social publisher tools, we believe they will be a great fit with the Google+ team,” a Google spokesperson said.

In an online posting, Google Engineering Director Alan Warren said, “Today, consumers, businesses and schools use Google Apps to get stuff done from anywhere, with anyone and on any device.

Quickoffice has an established track record of enabling seamless inter-operability with popular file formats, and we’ll be working on bringing their powerful technology to our Apps product suite.

Google did not release financial details of the purchases.

Regardless, “the fact that Google realizes they need to buy instead of build is, in a sense, a refreshing sign of business maturity,” said Patrick Moorhead, market analyst at Moor Insights & Strategy.

Migrating hummingbirds losing flowers

WASHINGTON, 8 June—Hummingbirds migrating north from Central America may be finding the flowers they depend on for nectar unavailable because of climate change, scientists say.

The glacier lily that graces mountain meadows throughout western North America flowers early in spring, when the first hummingbirds and hummingbirds appear—or used to, researchers said.

The problem, they said, is that they are blooming earlier with warming temperatures and are no longer synchronized with the arrival of broad-tailed hummingbirds, who are finding many of the flowers withered away and their nectar-laden blooms gone with them.

The first blooms have

Black hole ‘evicted’ from host galaxy?

COOKEVILLE, 8 June—US astronomers say they’ve seen evidence a massive black hole is being ejected from its host galaxy at several million miles per hour.

“It’s hard to believe that a supermassive black hole weighing millions of times the mass of the sun could be moved at all, let alone kicked out of a galaxy at enormous speed,” said Francesco Civano of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics, who led the study.

Observations from NASA’s Chandra X-ray Observatory suggest the black hole collided and merged with another black hole and received a powerful recoil kick from gravitational waves radiation resulting from the collision sufficient to push the merged black hole out of the galaxy.

“There are giant black holes roaming undetected throughout the vast spaces between galaxies, researchers said.

“These black holes would be invisible to us,” study co-author Laura Blecha said, “because they have consumed all of the gas surrounding them after being thrown out of their home galaxy.”

Facebook to allow kids under 13?

NEW YORK, 8 June—Facebook is said to be developing technology to allow children under age 13 to access the social network, The Wall Street Journal reported.

Facebook is building mechanisms to connect children’s accounts to those of their parents, with the parents retaining the power to decide who their kids can “friend” on the social networking giant and what applications they can use, sources who said they’ve talked to Facebook executives told the Journal.

Facebook, with about 900 million users worldwide, currently does not allow anyone under age 13 to have an account, although it has no mechanism to identify someone who may false reporting their age, Wired.com reported.

Pricing to follow trends in communication

NEW YORK, 8 June—US telephone industry experts say pricing for voice calling is shifting to reflect what phones are less and less apt to do, which is to make phone calls.

“The industry’s definitely moving towards unlimited [phone calls],” AT&T Mobility Chief Executive Officer Ralph de La Vega said.

“Especially as more people adopt smartphones that have voice capabilities over the Internet, segmented voice plans will become less relevant.”

Placing a phone call to speak to someone else now has competition with Internet services, such as Skype.

In addition, sending a text message is taking up more and more of a phone’s function away from the basic voice-oriented phone call.

HTC says devices in compliance with US ruling

TAIPEI, (China), 8 June—Taipei smartphone maker HTC Corp said on Thursday its new models are in compliance with the International Trade Commission’s ruling, in response to Apple Inc’s latest patent lawsuit brought against HTC.

“The US Customs office has reviewed and approved HTC devices for import into the US, as they are in compliance with the ITC’s ruling,” HTC said in a statement. Media reported late on Wednesday that Apple filed an enforcement action at the International Trade Commission in Washington, seeking an emergency order that would block imports of HTC’s newest phones and tablet computers.

A visitor plays with a HTC Radar smartphone at the 2012 Computex exhibition at the TWTC Nangang exhibition hall in Taipei in this 5 June, 2012 file photograph.

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**CT scans in childhood increase cancer risk: study**

A young undergoes a CT Scan at a hospital. Children exposed to multiple CT scans could be up to three times likelier to contract cancer of the blood, brain or bone marrow later in life, according to research published on Thursday.—**Internet**

**London, 8 June**—Android owns half the US smartphone market, with 9.8 percent of devices running Google’s mobile platform, a market research company says.

That figure from April is an increase from the 4.8 percent of the start of the year, the report of mobile market data from comScore said.

**Honda Fit gets highest EPA fuel rating**

The Honda Fit is next with a combined driving rating of 118 miles per gallon, topping the previous best 112 mpg earned by the Mitsubishi i-MiEV.

The team calculated that compared to patients who received a radiation dose of less than five milli-Grays (mGy), those who were given a cumulative dose of 30 mGy had about three times the risk of developing leukaemia (cancer of the blood or marrow) later in life. Those who received 50 to 74 mGy had a twelfthrisk of tumours. The study did not compare children who had been scanned against those who had not been scanned.

The researchers said, “However, potential cancer risks exist due to the ionising radiation used in CT scans, especially in children who are more radiosensitive than adults.”

The report suggests that tomography — commonly known as CT — is an X-ray technique that produces images of the body’s internal structures in cross sections. Writing in The Lancet medical journal, a team of scientists in Canada, Britain and the United States said the cancer risk, in absolute terms, appears to be small.

But they appealed for radiation doses from CT scans to be kept at a minimum and for alternatives to be used where appropriate. The researchers claimed their study was the first to provide direct evidence of a link between exposure from CT radiation in childhood and later cancer risk. Of “unmistakable importance,” they said, is the use of CT in children who are more radiosensitive than adults.

The researchers studied nearly 180,000 people who underwent a CT scan as children or young adults (under 22) in Britain between 1985 and 2002. Of these, 74 were subsequently diagnosed with leukaemia and 135 with solid tumours according to data for the period 1985 to 2008.

The researchers said in a release that where CT is used, it is only used where the exclusion of some affected children is disproportional. Children exposed to multiple CT scans in childhood have a threefold likelier to contract cancer of the blood, brain or bone marrow later in life, according to research published on Thursday.—**Internet**

**LONDON, 8 June**—The US Environmental Protection Agency has given the 2013 Honda Fit EV its highest ever fuel efficiency rating, the company said on Wednesday. The EPA bestowed a combined city and highway driving rating of 118 miles per gallon, topping the previous best 112 mpg earned by the Mitsubishi i-MiEV.

**Labour Department firms labour cost estimate**

**Washington, 8 June**—Labour productivity in non-farm businesses fell at a 0.9 percent annual rate during the first quarter, the US Bureau of Labour Statistics said on Wednesday. The 0.9 percent drop in the first quarter of 2012 is a revision from a 0.7 percent drop estimated at the start of the year.

With current data, productivity from the first quarter of 2011 to the first quarter of this year increased 0.4 percent, revision from the previous estimate of 0.5 percent. The decline reflects an increase of 3.5 percent in hours worked, up from 2.2 percent in the previous report, and a 2.4 percent increase in output, down from 2.8 percent in the previous estimate, the Labour Department’s statistical office said in a release. Bureau data indicated unit labour costs in non-farm business declined 0.1 percent in the first quarter compared with the fourth quarter of last year, down from the 0.2 percent reported a month earlier. Hourly compensation in the quarter increased 0.4 percent from the previous quarter, and 4.0 percent in the previous year, the department said. The company said.

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**The next generation of Toshiba’s business Ultrabook, the Portege Z830, now supports new 3rd generation Intel Core i5 and Core i7 processors with vPro and AMT technology.—**Internet

**Health Tip: Signs that you have a hearing problem**

Hearing loss is among the most common conditions in older people, the Cleveland Clinic says, affecting about one-third of people 60 or older and half of those older than 85.

Do you have the condition? Here is the clinic’s list of possible warning signs:
- Difficulty hearing people on the telephone.
- Problems hearing when there is background noise.
- Straining to follow a conversation.
- Thinking that most people are mumbling, and frequently asking others to repeat themselves.
- Frequently misunderstanding what others say.
- Difficulty understanding children and women, or needing to turn the TV volume up very loud.
- Frequently hearing a hissing, roaring or ringing sound.

**Officials: Fed may need to take new action**

**Washington, 8 June**—The US economic recovery risks being derailed and the Federal Reserve might have to take new actions to support growth, three Fed officials said. “The balance of risks appears tilted toward a weaker economy,” Fed Vice Chairwoman Janet Yellen said on Boston in Wednesday night, pointing to the possibility inflation would drop below the Fed’s 2 percent goal or economic growth would slow.

She said she was convinced the Fed should “provide further policy accommodation,” either with assurances interest rates would stay low or by expanding the central bank’s already sizable holdings of long-term securities. Yellen’s views are often similar to those of Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke, The Washington Post said. Bernanke was scheduled to testify before Congress Thursday. The presidents of the Federal Reserve Banks of Atlanta and San Francisco separately expressed concerns on Wednesday eurozone turmoil could derail the US economic recovery. “I am giving the economy more weight and a higher probability to a negative influence on our economy coming from Europe,” Atlanta FedPresident Dennis Lockhart said in a speech in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. If modest economic growth is no longer a realistic goal, then “further monetary actions to support recovery will certainly need to be considered,” he said.

San Francisco Fed President John Williams said he was concerned not just about the European sovereign-debt crisis, but also about federal government spending cuts, which he said could hurt the US economy. “The turmoil in Europe and government fiscal retrenchment in the United States raise the danger that the economy could perform worse than expected,” Williams said in a speech in Bellevue, Wash. Fed officials’ next policy-making meeting is to take place 19-20 June. A Fedreport released Wednesday ahead of that meeting pointed to concerns businesses will cut back on hiring and investing due to uncertainties about US political and fiscal outlook, as well as the eurozone crisis.

But it also said the US “economic outlooks remain positive,” Still, the “beigebook” a compilation of anecdotal reviews of the economy from 12 regional FederalReserve districts—said“contacts were slightly more guarded in their optimism.” —**Internet**

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**In April, Apple’s iOS claimed 31.4 percent of the market, trailed by Research in Motion’s Blackberry at 11.6 percent. Microsoft’s Windows Mobile/Windows Phone at 4 percent and Symbian at 1.3 percent, mediapost.com reported.**

The April survey found more than 107 million Americans owned smartphones, a 6 percent increase from January.—**Internet**

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**Battery leak may be a factor in China car fire**

**BEIJING, 8 June—** Flammable fluids leaking from a BYD electric car battery may have contributed to a fire following a high-speed fatal crash in China last month, a BYD executive told Reuters. However, Stella Li, senior vice president of Warren Buffett-backed Chinese battery and car producer BYD Co, defended the safety of electric cars the company designs and sells in China. Police are still investigating the crash, which occurred in Shenzhen, China, early on the morning of 26 May when a Nissan GT-R sports car travelling at least 180 kilometres per hour (110 mph) crashed into the BYD of taxi which later caught fire, according to BYD. The taxi driver and two passengers died.

"No car company could design an electric car or a gasoline-fueled car that could withstand a 180-kph crash, especially from being slammed from the backside," Li said in an interview this week. The BYD executive said it will likely be weeks, if not months, before police can say anything conclusive, if at all, on the cause of the fire. But she said there is "a big chance" that liquid electrolyte — one of the three primary functional components in a battery — may have leaked after the crash.

Those liquids may have caught fire, ignited by sparks from high-voltage cables or overheating wheels, said Li, who runs BYD's US operations in Los Angeles. BYD has sold about 600 e6 cars in China since last year, with at least half of them sold to taxi operators and other fleet customers. The accident has triggered fears among some investors that autonomous cars are overconfident about the safety of energy-packed batteries powering electric cars, and could be a talking point at BYD's annual shareholders' meeting on Friday in Shenzhen.

News reports and photos of the crash were widely circulated in China, and BYD's shares fell to a seven-month low on 28 May, the first trading day after the crash. Some industry insiders worry the Shenzhen accident may impact more than just BYD's electric car future. Photos of the burned e6 taxi are "to sensational," said a chief engineer at Toyota, which uses a different type of battery in its hybrid electric vehicles.— Reuters

**Police seize 20 kg of heroin, arrest 5 after smashing Sydney-based heroin syndicate**

**SYDNEY, 8 June—** Five people have been arrested after police smashed a Sydney-based heroin syndicate, the New South Wales Police said on Thursday. About 20 kilograms of heroin were seized after Australian Customs and Border Protection and the Australian Federal Police intercepted a shipping container from Thailand, police said.

In side the container, Customs officers found the heroin wrapped in newspaper inside sports bags that had been concealed into separate boxes. Police searched seven properties at Sydney's west and southwest and arrested five alleged members of the drug syndicate in Sydney on Wednesday. During the raids police seized prohibited firearms, drugs, ammunition and cash.— Xinhua

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**Battery fluid leak may be a factor in China car fire**

**BEIJING, 8 June—** Flammable fluids leaking from a BYD electric car battery may have contributed to a fire following a high-speed fatal crash in China last month, a BYD executive told Reuters. However, Stella Li, senior vice president of Warren Buffett-backed Chinese battery and car producer BYD Co, defended the safety of electric cars the company designs and sells in China. Police are still investigating the crash, which occurred in Shenzhen, China, early on the morning of 26 May when a Nissan GT-R sports car travelling at least 180 kilometres per hour (110 mph) crashed into the BYD of taxi which later caught fire, according to BYD. The taxi driver and two passengers died.

"No car company could design an electric car or a gasoline-fueled car that could withstand a 180-kph crash, especially from being slammed from the backside," Li said in an interview this week. The BYD executive said it will likely be weeks, if not months, before police can say anything conclusive, if at all, on the cause of the fire. But she said there is "a big chance" that liquid electrolyte — one of the three primary functional components in a battery — may have leaked after the crash.

Those liquids may have caught fire, ignited by sparks from high-voltage cables or overheating wheels, said Li, who runs BYD's US operations in Los Angeles. BYD has sold about 600 e6 cars in China since last year, with at least half of them sold to taxi operators and other fleet customers. The accident has triggered fears among some investors that autonomous cars are overconfident about the safety of energy-packed batteries powering electric cars, and could be a talking point at BYD's annual shareholders' meeting on Friday in Shenzhen.

News reports and photos of the crash were widely circulated in China, and BYD's shares fell to a seven-month low on 28 May, the first trading day after the crash. Some industry insiders worry the Shenzhen accident may impact more than just BYD's electric car future. Photos of the burned e6 taxi are "to sensational," said a chief engineer at Toyota, which uses a different type of battery in its hybrid electric vehicles.— Reuters

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**South Africa to open breast milk bank for premature babies**

**JOHANNESBURG, 8 June— A breast milk bank will be opened to the prematurely-born babies in South Africa, the newspaper New Age reported on Wednesday. “The breast milk bank will improve the health and future of the premature babies,” the paper reported, citing a dean in North West University in the northern province of South Africa. The bank is newly founded at Potchefstroom Hospital in the North West, jointly sponsored by North West University and the provincial government.

The bank will store the breast milk in plastic bottles and freeze it following collecting from women that have the breast milk in excess, and the milk will be donated to premature babies who have no access to breast milk, said Dr Welma Lubba at the hospital. The doctor said the breast milk is not just food and contains the best and most nutritious value with an additional function of medicine.

Dr Lubba also sought to arrest one employee with Cape Air and a government worker with Puerto Rico's Port Authority. One of the suspects arrested, Eugene Romero Santiago, also was the driver of Puerto Rico Sen.

**Orange Parks and Recreation Department photograph shows a very large and heavy dock measuring 7 tall, 19 wide and 66 long that has washed ashore on Agate Beach one mile north of Newport, Oregon on 6 June, 2012. The Japanese consulate has confirmed that the dock washed ashore on Agate Beach is debris from the March 2011 tsunami in Japan. — Reuters**

**Parents greet students coming out of a high school after the first test of the National College Entrance Exams in Nanning, Guangxi Province on 7 June, 2012. About three out of four applicants of China’s annual national college entrance exam, the largest in the world, will be admitted by universities, with the exam contents highly guarded by armed police and surveillance cameras, Xinhua News Agency reported.**

**H5N1 bird flu reported in NW China**

**BEIJING, 8 June—** China’s northwestern Gansu Province has reported an outbreak of the highly epidemic H5N1 bird flu virus in poultry, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) announced on Wednesday. More than 6,200 chickens at a farm in a village in Lanyang, a town in Jintai county, showed symptoms of suspected avian flu on Friday, and 269 of them have died, according to the MOA.

The National Avian Influenza Reference Laboratory on Tuesday confirmed the epidemic was H5N1 bird flu after testing samples collected at the farm, the MOA said. Local authorities have sealed off and sterilized the infected area, where a total of 18,460 chickens have been culled and safely disposed of in order to prevent the disease from spreading since the case was confirmed, according to the MOA.

A team was dispatched by the ministry to the quarantined area to guide epidemic prevention and monitoring. Bird flu, or avian influenza, is a contagious disease of animals and humans that infect only birds, less commonly, pigs. It can be fatal to humans.— Xinhua

**InfluenzaReferenceMOA**
Motorcycles without licence get registration in Pyay

PYAY, 8 June—The illegal imported motorcycle are urged to pay fee for registration in Pyay Township of Bago Region (West) as of 5 June.

The registration period will last four months.

Thick bamboo strips of Yedashe sold to Kyaukse market

YEYASO, 8 June—Thick bamboo strips made from Kyaukse and Tin bamboo strains cut from forest reserve are transported to Kyaukse market.

A meeting was held in Kyaukse market in order to make thick bamboo strips join their works of making bamboo mats.

There are about 9,000 bamboo strips and mats harvested, said the local farmers.

Thin bamboo strips of Meiktila market

MEIKTILA, 8 June—A ceremony to harvest Meiktila paddy was held on 2.58 acres of farmland of farmer U Than Aung in Meiktila village on 5 June morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Sein Oo of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Kyaw Swe, Manager of Township Agriculture Department U San Lwin, district and township level departmental officials and local farmers attended the paddy harvesting works.

After that, bamboo strip mats are sold to Kume.

The products are transported to Kyaukse.

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Production sharing contract over EP 5 inland block inked

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 June — Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise Co Ltd, under Ministry of Energy and Istech Energy EPS Pte Ltd registered in Singapore and citizen-owned Smart Technical Services Limited signed a production sharing contract on inland oil block EP 5 at the ministry here yesterday.

The contract was signed by Managing Director of MOGE U Aung Htoo, Managing Director of Istech Energy EP 5 Pte Ltd Mr Inder Singh and Managing Director of Smart Technical Services Limited Daw Yadana Su Hlaing in the presence of Union Minister for Energy U Than Htay, Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Joint-Secretary for Energy U Than Htay, Yadana Su Hlaing in the Services Limited Daw Mary Htoo. Smart Technical Services EP 5 Pte Ltd Mr Howard Singh and Joint-Secretary for Energy U Than Htay.

The contract was witnessed by Director-General of Energy Planning Department U Hin Aung, Director of Istech Energy EP 5 Pte Ltd Mr Howard Sornai and General Manager of Smart Technical Services Limited Daw Mary Htoo. Union Minister U Soe Thein presented the permit of MIC and Union Minister U Than Htay the permit of the Ministry of Energy to Mr Inder Singh. Ministry of Energy has invited tenders for 18 inland blocks and has accepted the offers of the international companies which are joint ventures with Myanmar companies as part of efforts for giving investment opportunities and technology to Myanmar companies. Out of the inland blocks, EP 5 (Inpin Tegyigon area) is the sixth block for the production sharing with the joint venture companies.

Free medical treatment given

Nav Pyi Taw, 8 June — Minister State for Social Affairs Dr Hla Oo, Chairman of Shwe Parami Health Foundation U Shein Win and State Advocate-General U Win Kyi formally opened the ceremony. Patron of Shwe Parami Health Foundation Shwe Hla Oo, Nay Pyi Taw City Counsellor Dr Aung Than and Thai delegation leader Lt-Gen Thet Naing Win attended the ceremony. The two delegation leaders exchanged the embossed emblems of the two nations and the meeting ended with their speeches.

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Poverty reduction tasks meets with success

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—Thanks to the collaborative efforts of the sub-committee for boosting for livestock and fish and meat production and the sub-committee for cooperatives works, tasks for reducing poverty in rural areas have met with success, said Union Minister for Cooperatives U Than Tun and Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Khin Maung Aye discussed the reports of the supporting committees.

The Union Minister called for conducting courses in townships as part of efforts for educating the working groups. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Union Minister.—MNA

MITSUI Co., Ltd (Nay Pyi Taw) opens

NAV PYI TAW, 8 June—A ceremony to open MITSUI Co., Ltd (Nay Pyi Taw) was held at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone, here, yesterday evening, with an address by Union Minister for Commerce U Win Myint.

It was attended by Union Ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Sato, officials from MITSUI Co., Ltd and guests.

At the ceremony, CEO and President Mr Iijima Masami of MITSUI Co., Ltd explained the opening of it. After that, Union Minister U Win Myint delivered a speech and resident representative Mr Masami Nagai extended greetings. A dinner was hosted to the guests, at Grand Ball Room in that Hotel.—MNA

V.O.A to make cooperation with City FM

YANGON, 8 June—A business-wise meeting between Myanmar-Singapore entrepreneurs on 14 June under the supervision of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Matters related to mercantile trade, transport, electrical goods, construction, engineering, hotels and tourism and building management will be discussed in business groups.

Those entrepreneurs wishing to take part in the discussions can contact UMFCCI (Pil: 214344-49, ext: 121, 122) or enroll not later than 13 June in person or by sending their representatives.—MNA

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NAY PYI TAW, 8 June—A business-wise meeting between Myanmar-Singapore entrepreneurs will be held at 2.30 pm on 14 June at the headquarters of the Department of International Trade Promotion of the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand will be held at Chatrium Hotel on Natmaw Street, here, at 9 am on 12 June.

The similar meeting will be held at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel in Mandalay at 9 am on 14 June.—MNA

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry receives foreign guests

NAV PYI TAW, 8 June—Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun received a delegation led by Chairman of Thai-based (Regional Community Forestry Training Centre) RECOFTC’s Board of Trustees Mr Davids Cassells and party, at his office, here, this morning.

The guests proposed to cooperate with the ministry in the expectant, infant and child health care services, nourishment promotion trains. Likewise, the Union Minister received Managing Officer Mr Tanaka of Yangon-based MITSUI & Co., Ltd and party and discussed establishment of forest plantations and bamboo plantations in depleted forests.

From the call were director-general U San Lwin of Planning and Statistics Department and acting director-general U Aye Myint Maung of Forest Department.—MNA

Merce Corps proposes to cooperate with Health Ministry

NAV PYI TAW, 8 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Country Director Mr Paolo Ceratti of the US-based Mercy Corps and party at his office here yesterday morning.

The Union Minister replied that the ministry was undertaking health care service works in cooperating with the social organization in the interests of the people, asking the guests to submit the detailed work plans to him after coordinating with the personnel concerned.

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The Union Minister also present at the call were Director of Medical Science Department Dr Than Zaw Myint, Acting Director-General Dr Min Than Nyunt of the Health Department and departmental personnel.—MNA

Australian Foreign Affairs Minister concludes visit

YANGON, 8 June—A delegation led by Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Bob Carr laid a wreath at Commonwealth War Cemetery in Sanyoung Township, here, at 8.45 am today.

They then left here by air in the evening.—MNA

Australian Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Bob Carr and party being seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials concerned.—MNA

Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun holds talks with Chairman of RECOFTC’s Board of Trustees Mr Davids Cassells and party.—MNA

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Myanmar U-13 Team leaves for Ho Chi Minh City

Yangon, 8 June—The Myanmar U-13 Women’s Football Team left Yangon International Airport at 10 am on 7 June to take part in the AFCU-13 Girls Football Tournament 2012 to be held in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam.

The players of the team were seen off at Yangon National Airport by General Secretary of Myanmar Football Federation U Tin Aung and in-charge of the women’s sports teams Daw Myat Myat Oo. Myanmar is to take part in the Group C of the tournament together with host Vietnam, Cambodia, Guam, the Philippines and Thai teams.

Asian Football Confederation did not organize the U-13 and U-14 football tournaments in the past, but football festivals. Beginning this year, the football tournament is held. Myanmar team is consisted with players from basic education schools.

Assistance of Myanma Alin

TREES PLANTED: In commemoration of the World Environment Day, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held near the golf course at Nyaungbinjauk Village of Momeik Township on 5 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Khin Su Thein distributed school uniforms to offspring at primary, middle and high school levels of the staff members.

Myanmar Libraries Foundation invites cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to beginning the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-201936 and 01-398756.

Cash assistance, school uniforms provided to staff children

Sitway, 8 June—The Organizational and Discipline Enforcement Committee of Rakhine State General Administration Department held a ceremony to provide stipends, school uniforms and school equipment to officials.

Cash donated to Home for the Aged

Yangon, 8 June—Managing Director Daw Nilar and staff of Shwe Yi Mon Shan Traditional Food Production of No. 52 in Lower Bo Ye Road in Latha Township donated K 120,000 to Hsissayek Home for the Aged in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 27 May. Officials accepted the cash donations.

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Citizenship cards issued in Shwepyitha Township

Yangon, 8 June—Staff Officer U Zaw Thein Oo and staff of Shwepyitha Township Immigration and Naturalization Registration Department of Yangon Region together with Kyaunggon Village Administrator U Ye Aung and party issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the local people from 9 am to 5 pm on 6 June as part of implementing the Moe Pwint-3 Plan.

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China needs time, room to improve air quality

BEIJING, 8 June— Disputes regarding the quality of Beijing’s air have sparked criticism against the Chinese government for allegedly dismissing its responsibility to provide a better environment. The US embassy in China releases hourly air quality data, describing the air in Beijing and other major cities as unhealthy or worse. In fact, the data collected by the US Embassy and Chinese government are not too different. It is the judgments made by both sides that have misled the public on the issue.

Those who are skeptical should realize that no matter how badly the data embarrasses China, releasing such information will not help solve the problem. The Chinese government has announced that it will adopt an average daily standard of 75 micrograms of particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometres in size, or PM2.5, per cubic meter of air, as well as an average yearly standard for PM2.5. The Chinese national standards for PM2.5 conform with the minimum requirements set by the World Health Organization for developing countries, according to Minister of Environmental Protection Zhou Shengxian.

As the largest developing country in terms of population and economy, China has had to face a variety of problems, including severe and widespread environmental pollution, as a result of its rapid industrialization. The international community should give China enough time and room to gradually improve its air quality, which is sometimes a dilemma for developing countries as they make efforts to compromise between maintaining economic growth and protecting the environment.

Fourteen dismembered bodies dumped in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 8 June— Fourteen dismembered bodies were found in a truck in the centre of a town in northern Mexico, the authorities said in what appeared to be the latest atrocity committed by rival gangs battling over drug-smuggling routes, local media said. The bodies of 11 men and three women were discovered in the sugarcane farming town of Ciudad Mante in the south of Tamaulipas state, which borders on Texas, daily Milenio reported on its website.

Officials at the state attorney general’s office could not immediately confirm the report. Tamaulipas has been one of the bloodiest battlegrounds in Mexico’s drug war. More than 55,000 people have been killed in the conflict since President Felipe Calderon sent in the army to fight drug gangs shortly after he took office in December 2006. Calderon’s conservative National Action Party, or PAN, looks likely to lose power in the presidential election on 1 July, due partly to rising frustration with the violence.

The government has blamed the turf war between the brutal Zetas gang, founded by army deserters, and the Sinaloa cartel of Mexico’s most-wanted man, Joaquin “Shorty” Guzman, for an escalation of killings in recent months. Suspected drug cartel killers dumped 49 decapitated bodies on a highway near the affluent northern city of Monterrey in May. Days before, 18 mutilated bodies were found near Mexico’s second-largest city, Guadalajara.

Singapore central bank says global economy set to slow in near term

SINGAPORE, 8 June—The global economy is set to slow in the near term amid renewed uncertainty stemming from the eurozone debt crisis, weak recovery in the United States and slowdown in large emerging economies, the Monetary Authority of Singapore said on Thursday. “The trade-oriented Asian economies are likely to see activity moderating for the rest of the year, although resilient domestic demand will provide some support,” it said in a report.

Underpinned by strong gains in the manufacturing sector, especially the normalization of computer disk-drive production following the disruption caused by the Thai floods at the end of 2011, the Singapore economy grew by 10 percent in quarter on quarter in the second quarter, although seasonally adjusted annualized basis in the first three months of the year. The Singapore economy is expected to remain restrained for the rest of the year against the backdrop of subdued global growth, it said, projecting the gross domestic product to grow by 1.3 percent.

The inflation forecast also remained unchanged at 3.5-4.5 percent. The Monetary Authority said the G3 economies on average grew by a mild 1.6 percent quarter on quarter on a seasonally adjusted annualized basis in the first three months of the year. The Singapore economy grew by 1.9 percent, lower than the growth projections for the previous quarter. “The main drag on growth... came from continued cutbacks in federal defense spending as well as smaller state and local government budgets,” it said.—Xinhua

New brain target for appetite control identified

Researchers at Columbia University Medical Centre (CUMC) have identified a brain receptor that appears to play a central role in regulating appetite. The findings, published on Thursday in the online edition of Cell, could lead to new drugs for preventing or treating obesity.

In their search for new targets for obesity therapies, scientists have focused on the hypothalamus, a tiny brain structure that regulates appetite. Numerous studies suggest that the regulatory mechanism is concentrated in neurons that express a neuropeptide, or brain modulator, called AgRP. But the specific factors that influence AgRP expression are not known.

The CUMC researchers found a new clue to appetite control by tracing the actions of insulin and leptin. Both hormones are involved in maintaining the body’s energy balance, and both are known to inhibit AgRP. “Surprisingly, blocking either the insulin or leptin signalling pathway has little effect on appetite,” says study leader Domenico Accili, professor of medicine at CUMC. “We hypothesis that both pathways have to be blocked simultaneously in order to influence feeding behaviour.”

To test their hypothesis, the researchers created a strain of mice whose AgRP neurons lack a protein that is integral to both insulin and leptin signalling. As the researchers hypothesized, removing this protein — FoxO1 — had a profound effect on the animals’ appetite.

Mini-tornado hits Perth suburbs in Western Australia

SOUTH WEST AUSTRALIA, 8 June—Western Australia’s emergency crews have spent the night cleaning up after a mini-tornado ripped through north-eastern suburbs of Perth, local media reported on Friday. The tornado ripped down trees and power lines and lifted roofs from buildings in the suburbs of Dianella and Morley on Thursday, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) reported.

The tornado lasted only about 10 minutes but the destructive winds caused damage worth millions of dollars, the ABC said. Thousands of homes were left without electricity and Western Power was trying to restore their power as soon as possible. The town of York, east of Perth, was also hit by a powerful storm.
Dengue vaccine in sight, after 70 years

LONDON, 8 June—One of the grimiest legacies of the war in the Pacific is still being fought 70 years on, but a victory over dengue, intensely painful “break-bone fever” which that conflict helped spread around the world, may be in sight. The US Army, which like its Japanese enemy lost thousands over 70 years ago, may be in sight. But like British rival GlaxoSmithKline, whose new mosquito killer played the role of an international technical organization, the US may be in sight.

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Owners of the locket, which bears the letters “AMA” or “AWA” in intricate script, believe the item originally belonged to Annie Moore Ward of Philadelphia.

A Pennsylvania family who obtained a locket believed to have belonged to a Titanic survivor said they may have identified the original owner.

Sheryl Crow says she’s healthy and happy

Sheryl Crow performs during the Martin Luther King memorial dedication being held on the Mall in Washington, DC, on 16 October, 2011. Internet

LOS ANGELES, 8 June—American singer-songwriter Sheryl Crow said on Facebook she is “healthy and happy” despite being diagnosed with a benign brain tumour.

The 50-year-old breast-cancer survivor confirmed this week she learned about the mass when she had an MRI after suffering memory lapses. She insisted she is fine, however, in an online posting on Wednesday.

“Hey everyone,” she said. “Please don’t worry about my ‘brain tumour’, it’s a non-cancerous growth. I know some folks can have problems with this kind of thing, but I want to assure everyone I’m OK. I’m feeling very healthy and happy, and having a great time on the road playing with my new band. I’m busy working on my next record too, which I’m very excited about ... and I’ll be on The Tony Awards this Sunday. ... Really appreciate everyone’s love and concern, I feel so blessed to have the support of all my fans, but I’m good — really! Love, Sheryl.” Internet

Amanda Bynes pleads not guilty to DUI

LOS ANGELES, 8 June—Amanda Bynes’ lawyer entered a not guilty plea on the Hollywood actress’ behalf Wednesday for a DUI charge, People.com said.

The Los Angeles City Attorney’s Office announced on Tuesday the “Hairpray” and “What a Girl Wants” star, who allegedly tried to hide from officers by jumping into an open manhole and refused to emerge when ordered.

The Houston Police Department said firefighters checked the pipe for noxious gases before opening the manhole and fleeing from the scene on foot, KPRC-TV, Houston, reported.

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The officer gave chase and saw the man jump into an open manhole and refuse to emerge when ordered.

The Houston Police Department said firefighters checked the pipe for noxious gases before members of the police dive team went in and retrieved the suspect.

John Mayer’s ‘Raised’ still No 1 on US album chart

LOS ANGELES, 8 June—John Mayer’s “Born and Raised” is No 1 on the US album chart for a second week, Billboard.com reported on Wednesday.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard 200 is Adele’s “21,” followed by Regina Spektor’s “What We Saw From The Cheap Seats” at No 3, One Direction’s “Up All Night” at No 4 and Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros “Here” at No 5.

Rounding out the top tier are Carrie Underwood’s “Blown Away” at No 6, Sugar Ros’ “Valtari” at No 7, the “Now 42” compilation CD at No 8, Luke Bryan’s “Tailgates and Tanlines” at No 9 and Lionel Richie’s “ Tuskegee” at No 10.

Sheryl Crow makes Jubilee gaffe in Ireland

Coffee giant Starbucks has apologized for tweeting 2,000 Irish followers, asking them to “show us what makes you proud to be British.” The tweet was part of a promotion tied to Queen Elizabeth II’s Diamond Jubilee and aimed primarily at the United Kingdom, not the Republic of Ireland. The Guardian reported. It appeared to show ignorance of the complicated history of Britain and its neighbor in the British Isles.

Starbucks tweeted two apologies. “We apologize to all our customers and followers on Twitter in Ireland and hope that they will forgive our mistake,” the second one ended.

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Cyrus and Hemsworth get engaged

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Cyrus, 19, began dating Australian actor Hemsworth, 22, when they co-starred in the big-screen romance “The Last Song” in 2009.

People.com said Hemsworth proposed to the pop singer on 31 May.

“I’m so happy to be engaged and look forward to a life of happiness with Liam,” Cyrus TV, said the celebrity magazine.

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> London, 8 June - The footballing world turns its attention to Poland and Ukraine on Friday as the UEFA Euro 2012 football tournament gets under way. The Barclays Premier League will have a significant presence in the European Championship, with 70 players from 15 clubs representing 16 nations at the tournament. Co-hosts Poland and Ukraine are in Group A with the United Kingdom.

**GROUP A:**

- **Czech Republic, Poland, Greece, Portugal**
- **Republic of Ireland, Spain, Sweden, Ukraine**
- **England, France, Switzerland**
- **Italy, Croatia, Poland, Switzerland**

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- **France, Sweden, Ireland, Ukraine**
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**WHAT THEY SAY**

> "By the same token there will be a certain amount of pressure and expectation because we are England... Of course, everyone’s dream is to win a tournament but it would be stupid to set that as a target."

> "[Hughton] is being joined by Everton striker Nikica Jelavic: ‘We have a good team and we can go far in the tournament. I think we can get over that hurdle of the quarter-finals and then focus on the challenge ahead.""
Focus Myanmar TV Programme

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(9-6-2012) (Saturday) 7:00 am
1. Parita By Venerable Minguin Sayakok
2. To Be Healthy Exercise
3. Nice & Sweet Song
4. Poem Gather
5. International News
6. Musical Programme
7. Game for Children
8. TV Drama Series
9. Televi- sion (Policy)
10. One Village & One Product
11. Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions
12. University of Distance Education (TV Lectures)
13. Third Year (History)
14. Science News
15. News
16. TV Drama Series

Dutch players hear monkey chants at training

KRAKOW, 8 June—Netherlands players heard monkey chants from the crowd at a Euro 2012 training session at Wisla Krakow’s stadium this week, a team spokeswoman said on Friday, casting a shadow over what had been a near carnival atmosphere. The build-up to the tournament being co-hosted by Poland and Ukraine was dominated by worries about racism among home fans. Coach Bert van Marwijk, Dutch officials and Dutch media.

“At UEFA has now been made aware that there were some isolated incidents of racist chanting that occurred at the open training session of the Dutch team in Krakow,” UEFA said in a statement on Friday. “Should such behavior happen at further training sessions UEFA would evaluate the operational measures to be taken to protect the players.”

UEFA has a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to discriminatory behavior and has given the power to referees to stop matches in case of any repeated racist behavior.—Reuters

Ivory Coast’s Yaye Touré cleared to face Morocco

ABIDJAN, 8 June—African Footballer of the Year Yaye Touré has been cleared fit to play for the Ivory Coast in this weekend’s World Cup qualifier against Morocco in Marrakech, the Ivorian Football Federation said in Abidjan on Friday.

Saturday’s match will mark the midfielder’s first appearance since he limped off with a hamstring injury during Manchester City’s dramatic Premier League-winning final day victory over Queen’s Park Rangers on 13 May.

Touré traveled as part of a 23-man squad to Morocco for the Group C game, which comes a week after the Ivorians began their bid for a third successive World Cup finals appearance by beating Tanzania 2-0 in Abidjan.

Touré missed that match and a warm-up international against Mali in France a week earlier.

Morocco were held to a 1-1 draw by Gambia in their opening group fixture last weekend.

Ngazun Township School Enrollment Day observed

NGAZUN, 8 June—The school enrollment day was held at Aung San Hall in the Ngazun Basic Education High School in Ngazun Township on 27 May.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Win made a speech, and Township Education Officer U Tin Kyu explained matters related to the school enrollment day.

The chairman of Township Education Supervisory Committee handed over 6325 dozens of exercise books donated by the Mandalay Region Chief Minister to the township education officer.

Next, Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Myat Thu, on behalf of the Union Minister for Transport and wife, donated 300 dozens of exercise books to Headmistress Daw Than Than Hui of Ngazun Basic Education High School.

Maggert, Merrick stand out from St Jude crowd

Maggert of the US hits out of the bunker on the first hole during the final round of the Sony Open golf tournament at the Waialae Country Club in Honolulu, Hawaii on 15 Jan, 2012.

MAGGERT, 8 June—John Merrick bogeyed the 18th hole to fall into a tie with fellow American Jeff Maggert for the lead after Thursday’s opening round of the St Jude Classic at TPC Southwind in Memphis, Tennessee.

Merrick and 2009 tournament winner Maggert registered four-under-par 68s on a day that grew increasingly windy and featured a crowded leaderboard with 15 players within two strokes of the leaders. Alone atop the leaderboard was five-under, late finisher Merrick, hit his tee shot at the last hole into the water on his way to a bogey.

Tied for third at 67 were... — Reuters

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Fake FBI agent arrested in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 8 June—A Pakistani confidencetrickster has been arrested for posing as an FBI agent and defrauding unsuspecting customers in Islamabad of $21,000, police said Friday.

Haya Khan, 48, was detained in a sting operation on Thursday following a number of complaints in the capital, police official Suhaib Akram told AFP.

“The fake FBI agent grabbed millions of rupees. He is now under arrest,” he said. Khan, who also went by the alias Riaz Khan, claimed to have worked for the FBI and trapped his victims by offering to sell US dollars at a lower rate than on the market. —Internet

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Riots occur in Maungtaw of Rakhine State

Curfew imposed to restore peace and tranquility of community after controlling all situations

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June.—The government is building the country to be a peaceful, modern and developed one in line with the democratic practices, while placing more emphasis on ensuring peace and stability and the rule of law.

At present, there occur unrests in Rakhine State that can harm peace and stability. As of this afternoon, rioters have destroyed houses, shops and guest houses and committed killings. Due to the violent acts and riots, Section (144) has been issued in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships for ensuring peace and stability and prevalence of law and order.

At about 1 pm, over 1000 rioters destroyed roof of penhouse of Kanbawzaw Bank and threw stones at United guest house and a house. At about 2 pm, they also set fire to six shops in Thazin guest house and restaurants in the front of Thirimingalar Hall. After that, the fire spread to ward-4 between clock tower and hospital and destroyed 15 houses. In addition, they also set fire to two houses in MyoU ward and Khayaymyay village in Duyarchand village-tract on Maungtaw-Alethankhay motor road.

In the evening, about 20 rioters stormed Maungtaw People’s Hospital and disrupted people in the hospital. So, health staff went into hiding. They continued to destroy two houses in Myoma east ward in front of the hospital, and people had to go into hiding.

Due to the attacks of the rioters, Dr Khin Maung Lat aged 63; Daw Than Yi aged 57; U Kyaw Hla, 78 and U Thein Zaw, 46 got injured. And U Hla Maung, aged 65 was dead. During the violent attacks, local police battalion and police force tried to control the situation, putting out fires and safeguarding the security of local people.

Head of border area immigration inspection headquarters is keeping close supervision on the case. Section (144) is issued in Maungtaw and Buthidaung Township to control the situations and restore peace and stability as those riots can harm peace and stability and prevalence of law and order.

MNA

Maungtaw, Buthidaung in Rakhine State placed under curfew

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June.—Maungtaw Township General Administration Department has imposed a curfew order (1/2012) under Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure in Maungtaw, Rakhine State today as riots broke out in the town this afternoon have disrupted the community peace and prevalence of law and order.

The following is the translation of the order.

Township General Administration Department

Maungtaw Township

Code of Criminal Procedure Section-144

Curfew Order No. 1/2012

8 June, 2012

(4th Waning of Nayon, 1374 ME)

General Penal Code No. 1/2012

1. It is hereby announced for the public knowledge on 8 June, 2012. During riots in Maungtaw on 8 June, 2012, houses in wards in Maungtaw were set fire, people were beaten and houses were looted. I believe that gathering of five or more than five people at streets, roads, the main road, lanes, garden (or) public places which are built for the people in Maungtaw to live in peace can cause arson attacks, clashes and lootings again.

2. Therefore, curfew is imposed under Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure and five or more than five people shall not gather at roads, streets, the main road, lanes, garden (or) mosques and public schools in municipal area of Maungtaw and not to go outside from 6 pm to 6 am.

3. This order shall take effect until any other order is issued.

4. I sealed and signed and issued this order on 8 June, 2012.

Seal Township Administrator

Similarly, Buthidaung Township has been placed under curfew.—MNA

All Myanmar Islam Association issues statement of its stance

NAY PYI TAW, 8 June.—All Myanmar Islam Association today issued a statement of its stance on the situations happening in Rakhine State. The translation of the announcement in as follows:-

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

All Myanmar Islam Association

No. 214 (Government’s Religious Cash Assistance Acceptance Committee Office), Ho Sun Pak Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon.

Ph: 388146, 253683, 252608, 241717, 241212, 296134

All Myanmar Islam Association

8 June, 2012

All Myanmar Islam Association has issued a statement of its stance on the situations happening in Rakhine State as follows:-

(a) We condemn the terrorizing and destruction of lives and property of innocent people.

(b) We express deepest sympathy for the loss of lives of innocent people, destruction of public property and those dismayed.

(c) We especially favour the situation in which the public live peacefully within the framework of law.

(d) The Islam living across the nation need to live in accordance with the special context of the framework of law.

Similarly, Islams are requested in all seriousness to live in tranquility in accordance with Islamic teachings, avoiding expression of wishes in groups.

MNA

Black hole ‘evicted’ from host galaxy?

Galaxy CID-42 likely consists of a massive black hole being ejected at several million miles per hour. The main panel is a wide-field optical image of CID-42 and the area around it.

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