Democratization and national development processes which we are engaged in with great anticipation could be a success only on the ground of peace, stability and rule of law

People, religious organizations, political parties and people from all walks of life are requested to cooperate and to work together with the government while keeping a sense of wisdom and combination of consciousness and loving kindness to calm and not to grow the unrest.
Diarrhoea a deadly disease in rainy season

Children under five often contract diarrhoea in the rainy season. Scaling up simple interventions such as saying no to contaminated food or water as well as living a hygienic life could overcome two of the biggest obstacles to increasing child survival and help give every child a fair chance to grow and thrive.

Adequate nutrition, hand washing with soap, safe drinking water and basic sanitation are also deemed vital safeguards against diarrhoea, but are largely absent in impoverished regions.

Encouraging children to regularly wash their hands with soap before taking meals and after using toilets can have a significant effect on the wider community. A lack of personal hygiene, especially in children can result in social and health ramifications.

Inexpensive but potentially life-saving oral rehydration salts which are highly recommended are used only by one third of the world’s poorest children. This is causing two million of the world’s poorest children to die due to diarrhoea than are exclusively from hunger, said an official.

It is learnt that concerted efforts to control diarrhoea and pneumonia, the biggest killers of children under five years, is going on.

Inexpensive but potentially live-saving oral rehydration salts which are highly recommended are used only by one third of the world’s poorest children. This is causing two million of the world’s poorest children to die due to diarrhoea than are exclusively from hunger, said an official.

It is learnt that concerted efforts to control diarrhoea and pneumonia, the biggest killers of children under five years, is going on.

Adequate nutrition, hand washing with soap, safe drinking water and basic sanitation are also deemed vital safeguards against diarrhoea, but are largely absent in impoverished regions.

Inexpensive but potentially life-saving oral rehydration salts which are highly recommended are used only by one third of the world’s poorest children. This is causing two million of the world’s poorest children to die due to diarrhoea than are exclusively from hunger, said an official.

It is learnt that concerted efforts to control diarrhoea and pneumonia, the biggest killers of children under five years, is going on.

Adequate nutrition, hand washing with soap, safe drinking water and basic sanitation are also deemed vital safeguards against diarrhoea, but are largely absent in impoverished regions.

Inexpensive but potentially life-saving oral rehydration salts which are highly recommended are used only by one third of the world’s poorest children. This is causing two million of the world’s poorest children to die due to diarrhoea than are exclusively from hunger, said an official.

It is learnt that concerted efforts to control diarrhoea and pneumonia, the biggest killers of children under five years, is going on.
Eurozone agrees to lend Spain up to 100 billion euros

Spain said it wanted aid for its banks but would not specify the precise amount until two independent consultancies—Oliver Wyman and Roland Berger—deliver their assessment of the banking sector’s capital needs some time before 21 June.

“The Spanish government declares its intention to request European financing for the recapitalization of the Spanish banks that need it,” Economy Minister Luis de Guindos said at a news conference in Madrid. He said the amounts needed would be manageable and that the funds would not be needed immediately. A bailout for Spain’s banks, beset by bad debts since Europe’s debt crisis began. With the rescue of Greece, Ireland, Portugal and now Spain, the EU and IMF have now committed around 500 billion euros to finance European bailouts. Since then, Spain’s debt levels have remained high, and the country has struggled to maintain its fiscal discipline. The eurozone crisis has also led to a decline in economic activity in Spain, leading to high unemployment rates. Spain is a major economy in the eurozone and its stability is crucial for the region’s economic health.

China to launch spacecraft in mid-June for manned space docking

JIUQUAN, 10 June—China will launch its Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft sometime in mid-June to perform the country’s first manned space docking mission with the manned spacecraft sometime in mid-June to perform the country’s first manned space docking mission. The Shenzhou-9 manned spacecraft, the Long March-2F rocket, and the escape tower are vertically transferred to the launch pad at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China’s Gansu Province, on 9 June, 2012. Xinhua

First Sino-Vietnam highway expected to open in 2013

KUNMING, 10 June—The first highway linking southwest China’s Yunnan Province and Vietnam will open to traffic next year, local authorities confirmed on Sunday. The 600-km journey from Kunming, provincial capital of Yunnan, to Hanoi, capital of Vietnam, will be reduced to six to seven hours from 12-plus hours, according to the provincial communication department of Yunnan. China and Vietnam will be connected by highway once construction on a 250-km expressway is finished in Vietnam, and linking the countries via highway will greatly reduce transportation costs and boost the regional economy. China and Vietnam started upgrading local expressways and roads to connect the cross-border highway in 2008 and 2009, respectively, the department said.

The highway is part of Yunnan’s Bridgehead Strategy, which aims to build a social and economic corridor toward South Asia and Southeast Asia. The mountainous province borders Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam. Three other cross-border highways leading to Thailand, Myanmar and India are also under construction. Xinhua

Russia to develop 5th-generation bomber: Russian PM

MOSCOW, 10 June—Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev on Saturday said the country will develop a fifth-generation strategic bomber. Speaking at a meeting on strategic aviation in the central Russian city of Kazan, Medvedev confirmed the government’s plan of developing a fifth-generation fighter and new strategic bomber. Medvedev urged the Russian Armed Forces to be armed with “new technology” at no less than 30 percent in the next three years and up to 70 percent in another five years, the Kommersant Press service reported. The prime minister admitted the Air Force has lots of problems, saying the government was “trying to solve these problems.” The Russia Armed Forces obtained 15 new warplanes and a fourth-generation jet in 2011. Local media earlier cited a Defence Ministry source saying Russia was not ready to build a strategic bomber of the new generation until at least 2025. The source said the new bomber will be built using stealth technology, and the works would be conducted in the Tupolev (Tu) design bureau in Kazan, capital of Tatarstan republic. The first Deputy Defence Minister Vladimir Popkovin said earlier that Russia was not going to speed up development of a new long-range bomber until at least 2015. Instead, air forces would modernize the existing fleet of strategic Tu-95MSC and Tu-160 bombers until 2025 or 2030. Xinhua

Veiled suicide bomber kills four French soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 June—A suicide bomber dressed in a burqa blew himself up near a French patrol in Afghanistan on Saturday, killing four soldiers and wounding five as the Taliban stepped up a spring offensive. The attack—one of the deadliest on the French contingent in months—occurred in the mountainous Kapisa province in the east of the country, an area mainly patrolled by a French force under NATO command. “It was an unfortunate incident. There was a patrol of coalition soldiers from a small base,” an Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqi told Reuters.

French President Francois Hollande said he would not withdraw all combat troops from Afghanistan by end-2012, well before NATO’s deadline, as he offered condolences to the victims’ families. The operation will start in July, and be finished by the end of 2012, Hollande, who took office in mid-May, said as he visited his political field before the recent legislative election. Hollande is in Paris on the eve of a parliamen
tary election. Hollande, informed of the killings while travelling to the town of Tulle where he will cast his vote, said Defence Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian and army chief Edouard Guillaud planned to be in Afghanistan on Sunday. Reuters

US ‘disappointed’ by failure of Iran-IAEA talks

VIENNA, 10 June—Lack of progress in talks between Iran and the International Atomic Energy Agency is disappointing and it shows Tehran’s continued failure to abide by its commitment to the UN nuclear watchdog, a US envoy said on Saturday. The IAEA and Iran failed at talks on Friday to break an impasse in suspected atomic bomb research by the Islamic state, a setback dimming any chances for success in higher-level negotiations between Tehran and major powers later this month.

The IAEA, a Vienna-based UN agency, said no progress had been made in the meeting aimed at sealing a framework deal on resuming its long-stalled investigation. Six world powers were scrutinizing the IAEA-Iran meeting to judge whether the Iranians were ready to make concessions before a resumption of wider-ranging negotiations with them in Moscow on 18-19 June on the decade-old nuclear dispute. “We’re disappointed,” Robert Wood, the acting US envoy to the IAEA, told Reuters in an emailed comment.

“Yesterday’s outcome highlights Iran’s continued failure to abide by its commitment to the IAEA, and further underscores the need for it to work with the IAEA to address international community’s real concerns,” he said. The IAEA had been charged by the US administration that would give its inspectors immediate access to the Parchin military complex, where it believes explosives tests relevant for the development of nuclear arms have taken place, and suspects Iran may now be cleaning the site of any incriminating evidence. Reuters

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Monday, 11 June, 2012

Herman Nackaerts (L), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Deputy Director General and Head of the Department of Safeguards, and Iran’s TEAHERAN (R) said that that the site of any incriminating evidence. Reuters

Adding concessions before a meeting to judge whether the Iranians were ready to make concessions before a resumption of wider-ranging negotiations with them in Moscow on 18-19 June on the decade-old nuclear dispute. “We’re disappointed,” Robert Wood, the acting US envoy to the IAEA, told Reuters in an emailed comment.

“Yesterday’s outcome highlights Iran’s continued failure to abide by its commitment to the IAEA, and further underscores the need for it to work with the IAEA to address international community’s real concerns,” he said. The IAEA had been charged by the US administration that would give its inspectors immediate access to the Parchin military complex, where it believes explosives tests relevant for the development of nuclear arms have taken place, and suspects Iran may now be cleaning the site of any incriminating evidence. Reuters

A file photo, taken in 2006, French soldiers as they patrolled in the village of Sarobi, some 60km east of Kabul, The French president’s office on Saturday confirmed that four French soldiers were killed and five were wounded in an attack claimed by the Taliban in Afghanistan’s eastern Kapisa Province. Xinhua

A file photo, taken in 2008, French soldiers as they patrolled in the village of Sarobi, some 60km east of Kabul, The French president’s office on Saturday confirmed that four French soldiers were killed and five were wounded in an attack claimed by the Taliban in Afghanistan’s eastern Kapisa Province. Xinhua

A file photo, taken in 2006, French soldiers as they patrolled in the village of Sarobi, some 60km east of Kabul, The French president’s office on Saturday confirmed that four French soldiers were killed and five were wounded in an attack claimed by the Taliban in Afghanistan’s eastern Kapisa Province. Xinhua
Russia, Europe close to Mars agreement

PARIS, 10 June—Russia’s space agency and the European Space Agency could sign an agreement on Russia’s participation in a Mars mission in November, ESA officials said.

“The work is under way and we are finishing up the coordination,” ESA spokesman Rene Pischel said. “The final agreement should be signed after the ESA ministerial conference in November.”

Russia’s participation in the project has been approved by the space council of the Russian Academy of Sciences, RIA Novosti reported on Friday.—Internet

Science & Technology

New mirror eliminates driver ‘blind spot’

PHILADELPHIA, 10 June—A subtly curved car mirror can eliminate the dangerous “blind spot” for drivers by increasing the field of view with minimal distortion, its inventor says.

The mirror developed by K Andrew Hicks, a mathematics professor at Drexel University in Philadelphia, has a field of view of about 45 degrees, compared to 15 to 17 degrees of view in a flat driver’s side mirror, a university release reported on Thursday.

Unlike simple curved mirrors that can squash the perceived shape of objects and make straight lines appear curved, the visual distortions of shapes and straight lines are barely detectable in Hicks’ mirror, it said.

Normal curved mirrors can give a wider field of view but at the cost of visual distortion and making objects appear smaller and further away.

Hicks designed his mirror using a mathematical algorithm that precisely controls the angle of light bouncing off of the curving mirror.

“I imagine that the mirror’s surface is made of many smaller mirrors turned to different angles, like a disco ball,” he said. “The algorithm is a set of calculations to manipulate the direction of each face of the metaphysical disco ball so that each ray of light bouncing off the mirror shows the driver a wide, but not-too-distorted, picture of the scene behind him.”

The mirror does not look like a disco ball up-close, Hicks said, because tens of thousands of calculations produce a mirror that has a smooth, non-uniform curve.

US regulations dictate cars coming off of the assembly line must have a flat mirror on the driver’s side, and curved mirrors are allowed for cars’ passenger-side mirrors only if they include the phrase “Objects in mirror are closer than they appear.”

Hicks’ mirror may be manufactured and sold as an aftermarket product that drivers and mechanics can install on cars after purchase.—Internet

Remains of first Shakespeare theater found

LONDON, 10 June—Archaeologists in London say they’ve discovered the remains of an Elizabethan theater where some of William Shakespeare’s plays were first performed.

Researchers from the Museum of London unearthed parts of the yard and gallery walls of the Curtain Theater, which opened in 1577, behind a pub in Shoreditch in east London during redevelopment work on the property, the BBC reported.

“This is a fantastic site which gives us unique insight into early Shakespearean theatres,” lead archaeologist Chris Thomas said. The Curtain was home to Shakespeare’s theater company, the Lord Chamberlain’s Men, from 1597 until the Globe Theater opened two years later, he said. Shakespeare plays thought to have premiered there include “Henry V” and “Roméo and Juliet.”

“This is one of the most significant Shakespearean discoveries of recent years,” said a spokesman for Plough Yard Developments, which owns the site. The theater disappeared from historical records in 1622.

“Although The Curtain was known to have been in the area, its exact location was a mystery,” the spokesman said.—Internet

Solar cells for underwater use developed

WASHINGTON, 10 June—US researchers say they’ve developed solar cells capable of producing sufficient power underwater to operate electronic sensor systems at depths of 30 feet.

Scientists at the US Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, said underwater autonomous systems and sensor platforms are severely limited by the lack of power sources, having to rely on on-shore power, batteries or solar power supplied by an above-water platform.

Attempts to use photovoltaic solar cells have had limited success due to the lack of penetrating sunlight, as most current solar cells are optimized to use the terrestrial solar spectrum, they said.

“Although water absorbs sunlight, the technical challenge is to develop a solar cell that can efficiently convert these underwater photons to electricity,” Phillip Jenkins of the NRL Imagers and Detectors Section said. The filtered spectrum of the sun underwater is biased toward the blue/green portion of the spectrum, researchers said, requiring solar cells well matched to the wavelength range.

Using high-quality gallium indium phosphide cells, researchers said they’ve managed outputs of 7 watts per square metre, sufficient to harvest useful solar power at depths commonly found in nearshore zones.—Internet

Russian wins award for comet discovery

MOSCOW, 10 June—An amateur astronomer has received a prestigious international award for his discovery of a new comet using amateur equipment.

Leonid Elenin has received the Edgar Wilson Award for his discovery of comet C/2010 X1 on 10 Dec, 2010.

“It is the most coveted award for amateurs who search for new objects in the solar system because to discover a new comet is a dream for any of them, even for those who deny it,” Elenin told RIA Novosti on Thursday. The Elenin comet was hit in August 2010 by a coronal mass ejection while approaching the sun and began disintegrating, with its debris passing Earth at about 22 million miles.

As of mid-October 2011 it was no longer visible even using large ground-based telescopes. Established in 1998 in memory of American businessman Edgar Wilson, the award is given to amateurs (or professional astronomers acting in an amateur capacity) who find one or more new comets using amateur, privately owned equipment.

Elenin will share this year’s prize, which includes a monetary award of about $20,000 and a plaque, with four other amateur astronomers who discovered two more comets while working in pairs.—Internet

Bee-killing virus gets supercharged by mites

LONDON, 10 June—Parasitic mites have turbo-charged the spread of a virus responsible for a rise in honey bee deaths around the world, scientists said on Thursday.

Bee populations have been falling rapidly in many countries, fuelled by a phenomenon known as colony collapse disorder. Its cause is unclear but the Varroa mite is a prime suspect, since it spreads viruses while feeding on hemolymph, or bee’s “blood.”

To clarify the link between mites and viruses, a team led by Stephen Martin of Britain’s University of Sheffield studied the impact of Varroa in Hawaii, which the mites have only recently invaded.

They found the arrival of Varroa increased the prevalence of a single type of virus, deformed wing virus (DWV), in honey bees from around 10 percent to 100 percent. At the same time the amount of DWV virus in the bees’ bodies rocketed by a millionfold and there was a huge reduction in virus diversity, with a single strain of DWV crowding out others.

“It is that strain that is now dominant around the world and seems to be killing bees,” Martin said in a telephone interview. “My money would be on this virus as being key.”

Other factors—including fungi, pesticides and decreased nutrition—were found to be important, with Varroa simply amplifying their effects.

To the surprise of the researchers, the Varroa mite does not appear to be a vector of viruses— “the bee must be infected before the mite can become infected,” Martin told the BBC.

Other researchers now hope to develop a vaccine against the DWV virus, which they believe has a chance of being effective against Varroa.

The Varroa mite, which is not a true mite but a tick, is a parasite of bees that feeds on the bee’s hemolymph and carries the virus while its young are developing within it. It is not clear whether the Varroa mite spreads the virus in its saliva or it is picked up from infected bees it has fed on.

The mite is difficult to control and its population can build up to 150,000 per bee over the course of a season. The Varroa mite has been increasing in prevalence in Europe and the United States to Asia, South America and the Middle East, experts say.

They are important pollinators of flowering plants including many fruit and vegetable crops. A 2011 United Nations report estimated that bees and other pollinators such as butterflies, beetles or birds do work worth $153 billion euros ($191 billion) a year for the human economy.—Internet

Somewhere, someone is feeling down today. Let's try to brighten their day! 💙 #BeKind #SpreadJoy #GiveBack #SupportLocal #CommunitySupport #PositiveVibes Only_The_Best_Souvenirs_for_You.
**Health Tip: Why quit smoking?**

Quit smoking today and you’ll feel better and have a better quality of life, the womenhealth.gov website says. The site mentions these benefits of quitting:

- **Improving self esteem, knowing you were able to**
- **Having better-smelling breath and hair.**

Quit smoking today and you’ll quickly feel better and have a better quality of life.

---

**IMF head: Europe must fix banks, become more unified**

**WASHINGTON, 10 June—**

Restoring the health of European banks is critical to strengthening a global economy that is struggling to regain its footing and is at risk of losing ground, the head of the International Monetary Fund said on Friday.

Christine Lagarde, managing director of the IMF, said it is urgent that European leaders take direct stakes in banks, and in the longer term they need to complement monetary union with financial union. A supervisor, a bank resolution authority and a single deposit insurance fund are the critical steps needed, she said.

Moves toward deeper financial integration should go hand-in-hand with these steps, Lagarde said in a speech prepared for delivery before a LeadersDialogue in New York. “Let me be clear the heart of European bank repair lies in Europe. That means more Europe, not less,” she said.

Lagarde said Europe since the start of the financial crisis, further action to reform the global financial system is still badly needed, which means strengthening financial “lubricants and tools and the overall architecture of the system,” she said. Lagarde pointed to a vicious circle of events that is weakening growth and must be broken: mounting financial tensions, followed by action by policymakers, only to see a renewal of tensions.

“Policymakers need to lay out a clear roadmap for how to finish the job—not just looking to the next five or 10 years, but looking to the next weeks and months ahead,” Lagarde said.

While Europe is not alone in its need to complete financial regulatory and supervisory reforms, action is necessary because of the interconnected nature of global finance, she said.

Lagarde urged the following series of steps and said they need to be done speedily:

- **E coli strain sickness 14 in six states**

**ATLANTA, 10 June—** One person has died and 13 more have fallen sick in six US states in the past two months by a mysterious outbreak of a strain of E coli bacteria, federal health officials said on Friday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has not yet identified a source of the bacteria, which since 1 April has sickened people in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, Louisiana and California. A child in Louisiana died after being infected, officials said. “The investigation is looking at both food and non-food sources as a part of the ongoing investigation,” the CDC said in a statement on Friday. The most recent report of illness from Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli, commonly abbreviated as E Coli, was on 4 June, according to the agency.

In Louisiana, where a new case has been reported since May, health officials initially thought the infection might be linked to a petting zoo. But that theory was dropped because only the child who died had been to the zoo, not any of the adults who were ill, said Dr Raoult Ratard, Louisiana State Epidemiologist.

Five cases have been reported in Georgia, the most of any state. Investigators there “have detected no food items or environmental exposures that are statistically associated with illness at this time,” the state’s Department of Public Health said in a statement. Investigators there “have detected no food items or environmental exposures that are statistically associated with illness at this time,” the state’s Department of Public Health said in a statement.

Meat should be cooked thoroughly, and people should prevent the spread of E coli bacteria can be prevented by washing hands thoroughly after changing diapers or going to the bathroom and after contact with animals, the CDC said.

Meat should be cooked thoroughly, and people should prevent the spread of E coli bacteria. The CDC also warns against swallowing water from lakes and rivers.

---

**UBS losses on Facebook as high as $350 m**

**ZURICH, 10 June—** Swiss bank UBS (UBSN.VX) may have lost as much as $350 million due to a bank haircut on Facebook shares, their insurance fund is the critical source of risk-sharing across that the world’s second-largest economy may slip into its worse downturn in years.

China’s economic growth in the first quarter after a deep economic downturn. The claims bank additional flexibility to set competitive lending and deposit rates in a step moving towards interest rate liberalisation.

Economists polled by Reuters had expected China’s industrial output to rise 9.9 percent in May, improving a shade from three-year-low of 9.3 percent in April. Fixed asset investment, the second-biggest driver of China’s economic growth in the first quarter after consumption, climbed 20.1 percent in the January to May period from a year ago, just above forecasts for a 20 percent rise. Retail sales underperformed expectations for a 14.3 percent annual growth, rising instead by 13.8 percent in May from a year earlier.

China is fast losing steam, a scenario likely to scare global investors who are already unnerved by China’s economic growth in the first quarter after a deep economic downturn.

---

**International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde gestures as she speaks during an interview in bangkok on 5 June, 2012.— Reuters**
Canada housing starts slow in May as expected

TORONTO, 10 June — Canadian housing starts slowed as expected in May after a red-hot April, retreating to the average of the last six months, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp said on Friday. The seasonally adjusted annualized rate of housing starts was 211,400 units, compared with 233,900 units in April. The April figure was revised down from 244,900 units reported previously. The number of starts in May was just below the forecasts of analysts in a Reuters poll, who had expected 212,000 starts.

“Although some ups and downs are likely to continue in the months ahead, the pace of housing starts should trend lower as the year progresses,” said Mathieu Labelle, chief economist at CMHC. “In the near term, the slowdown was led by a decline in multiple family urban starts, which fell 20.7 percent to 125,300 units, while urban single starts decreased 4.2 percent to 64,300 units. The seasonally adjusted annual rate of urban starts decreased by 15.8 percent to 189,600 units in May.

Canada’s hot housing market has sparked fears of a bubble, particularly in Toronto, Canada’s largest city, where low interest rates have driven a condominium building boom and double-digit annual increases in existing home sales. May’s seasonally adjusted annual rate of urban starts decreased by 35.8 percent in Quebec, by 18.3 percent in Ontario, and by 7.7 percent in the Prairies. Urban starts increased by 6.4 percent in Atlantic Canada and by 9.9 percent in British Columbia. In the region, the decrease or increase was mainly due to changes in multiple starts.

More than 20 percent of Canada jobs bonanza comes to a halt in May

OTTAWA, 10 June — Canada’s jobs bonanza came to an abrupt halt in May, but the negligible employment gain of 7,700 brought more relief than apprehension to job-seekers, investors, who saw it as evidence the recovery is intact despite a worsening global backdrop. The figures released by Statistics Canada on Friday, which also showed the employment rate holding steady at 7.3 percent, were below a median forecast of 10,000 net new jobs predicted by analysts in a Reuters poll.

Other data showed an unexpected trade deficit, slower housing starts and weak productivity growth, adding to pressure on policy makers as the European debt crisis deepens. Still, few had thought the outsized employment gains of 82,300 jobs in March and 58,200 in April — the biggest two-month gain in over 30 years — would last. And the six-month average of 28,200 net new jobs monthly, the equivalent of about 260,000 in the much bigger US economy, led analysts to take a glass-half-full view of the job market.

“The fact that we printed a positive was actually a very good sign. We didn’t think that these numbers will make any impression on the Bank of Canada. It doesn’t move the needle one iota,” he said.

Unlike the United States, Canada’s quick recovery from the 2008-09 recession included recouping all the jobs lost by early 2011. But job creation stalled last year and the data have been extremely volatile in recent months.— Internet

UK sees biggest jump in private demand since late 1990s

LONDON, 10 June — A jump in private demand drove a 7.9 percent rise in British new car sales in May compared to a year ago, the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders said on Friday, in a sign that consumers are regaining confidence. The overall percentage increase — which reached 162,288 new car registrations last month — was the strongest in almost two years as private demand rose at 9.7 percent.

Total new car sales of 1.7 million were below a median forecast of 1.71 million, said EYMS, the trade body.

“A Mercedes car is driven past the Royal Exchange building in central London on 7 May, 2009.— Reuters

Eleven students drowned in China

JINAN/HARBIN, 10 June — A total of 11 students were drowned in two separate cases on Saturday in two provinces, local authorities said. Seven middle school students were drowned at about 2 pm when swimming in the Songhua River on Saturday morning, according to the municipal emergency office.

One female student slid to the river when washing her hands at Gaoyue village in Harbin on Saturday morning. Five of her classmates were also submerged in the river when trying to rescue her. Two were saved by the villagers and four died, according to the office. Four fishing boats were working at the scene to retrieve the bodies.

Beijing building 45-km underground water tunnel

BEIJING, 10 June — Beijing on Friday started work on an underground water diversion tunnel to help counter the country’s south to the thirsty national capital.

The tunnelwill be about 44.7 km long and involves an estimated investment of 9.17 billion yuan (1.4 billion US dollars), said a deputy director of the general office of the Beijing Construction Committee of the South-to-North Water Diversion project.

The tunnel will supply water to the downtown area and two suburban districts in the southeast, He said. Local water sources have been unable to meet fast growing demand.

One billion cubic meters of water will be diverted from the Yangtze River, the country’s largest, to Beijing annually through the middle route of the South-to-North Water Diversion Project after the flood season in 2014, the official said.

Eleven students drowned in China

BEIJING, 10 June — China’s consumer quality watchdog said Friday that Beijing Hyundai had decided to recall thousands of Elantra Yuedong cars because of defective airbag designs.

The recall would involve 97,452 vehicles of the 2008 model of Elantra made between March, 2008 and 25 Jan, 2010, a statement said from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. Airbags with that model may be triggered off by mistake when the cars are parked or traveling at low speed, according to the statement.

It said that Beijing Hyundai will offer free software upgrade to the embedded airbag control unit for the cars involved starting from 10 July. Beijing Hyundai is a joint venture between China’s homegrown automaker Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co, Ltd (BAIC) and its South Korean partner Hyundai Motor. — Xinhua

Canada jobs bonanza comes to a halt in May

BEIJING, 10 June — China’s consumer quality watchdog said Friday that Beijing Hyundai had decided to recall thousands of Elantra Yuedong cars because of defective airbag designs.

The recall would involve 97,452 vehicles of the 2008 model of Elantra made between March, 2008 and 25 Jan, 2010, a statement said from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. Airbags with that model may be triggered off by mistake when the cars are parked or traveling at low speed, according to the statement.

It said that Beijing Hyundai will offer free software upgrade to the embedded airbag control unit for the cars involved starting from 10 July. Beijing Hyundai is a joint venture between China’s homegrown automaker Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co, Ltd (BAIC) and its South Korean partner Hyundai Motor. — Xinhua

Canada jobs bonanza comes to a halt in May

BEIJING, 10 June — China’s consumer quality watchdog said Friday that Beijing Hyundai had decided to recall thousands of Elantra Yuedong cars because of defective airbag designs.

The recall would involve 97,452 vehicles of the 2008 model of Elantra made between March, 2008 and 25 Jan, 2010, a statement said from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. Airbags with that model may be triggered off by mistake when the cars are parked or traveling at low speed, according to the statement.

It said that Beijing Hyundai will offer free software upgrade to the embedded airbag control unit for the cars involved starting from 10 July. Beijing Hyundai is a joint venture between China’s homegrown automaker Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co, Ltd (BAIC) and its South Korean partner Hyundai Motor. — Xinhua

Canada jobs bonanza comes to a halt in May

BEIJING, 10 June — China’s consumer quality watchdog said Friday that Beijing Hyundai had decided to recall thousands of Elantra Yuedong cars because of defective airbag designs.

The recall would involve 97,452 vehicles of the 2008 model of Elantra made between March, 2008 and 25 Jan, 2010, a statement said from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. Airbags with that model may be triggered off by mistake when the cars are parked or traveling at low speed, according to the statement.

It said that Beijing Hyundai will offer free software upgrade to the embedded airbag control unit for the cars involved starting from 10 July. Beijing Hyundai is a joint venture between China’s homegrown automaker Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co, Ltd (BAIC) and its South Korean partner Hyundai Motor. — Xinhua

Canada jobs bonanza comes to a halt in May

BEIJING, 10 June — China’s consumer quality watchdog said Friday that Beijing Hyundai had decided to recall thousands of Elantra Yuedong cars because of defective airbag designs.

The recall would involve 97,452 vehicles of the 2008 model of Elantra made between March, 2008 and 25 Jan, 2010, a statement said from the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. Airbags with that model may be triggered off by mistake when the cars are parked or traveling at low speed, according to the statement.

It said that Beijing Hyundai will offer free software upgrade to the embedded airbag control unit for the cars involved starting from 10 July. Beijing Hyundai is a joint venture between China’s homegrown automaker Beijing Automotive Industry Holding Co, Ltd (BAIC) and its South Korean partner Hyundai Motor. — Xinhua
In the 1960s while attending post-graduate Master Degree programme on Development Economics, there was a study on the population theory propounded by Mathus (1720-1791) which stated that in the century to come, the population growth will outstrip food availability with dire results. The subject was studied as one of the components of the post graduate course without much forethought.

With the turn of the 21st century, 50 years later, this problem has become a real issue as the world population increases at an alarming rate. The UN reports that by end of 2011 it will reach 7 billion. Old age population above 65 years will reach 253 million. In the countries noted for longevity and the centurions such as Japan, Scandinavia etc the numbers will also increase. In our country of 60 million, 9.5% or over 5 million will reach the old age category. A proper census under the aegis of the UN will reveal the actual population and the ensuing development plans and programmes. The World body has taken this issue very seriously, and designated the 1st of October as: “The International Day of Older Persons,” to acknowledge the gravity of the socio-economic problem.

With racial migration southwards afeared ago, the tribes and clan living who are patriarchal or matriarchal family pattern under one roof, also known as extended family system. Such pattern perpetuated in Myanmar mostly in the agro-based rural society, where old grandpas and grandmas live with children and grandchildren under the same roof, where maxims of morality and respect for the old has been admonished and followed.

The coming of old age has significance for the government employees who had spent the prime years of life in work. He is virtually married to work as his office wife from nine to five, on many occasions 24/7, whereas his legal or contractual wife is relegated to the sovereign matriarchal territory of her home where she is deemed queen of all she surveyed including the husband only when he returns home. The first transition comes at the stipulated age of sixty, called ‘the superannuation’ when he comes face to face with the reality of retirement, standing at the crossroads of a new lifestyle and adaptation to a new environment. Now he is back to where he started, a full time family man at sixty, in a quandary, children all grown up and flown away to new pastures. Now he has much time to spare, with mounting pressure of not knowing how to use them meaningfully. Self-employed people in business and professions, dictate their own work norms without worrying about statutory retirement which comes only when he chooses, in infirmity, or loss of zest for work, or senility, transferring the mantle of management to their successor children.

The bulge of millions of oldies in the demographic pyramid is indeed a global headache. Up till the turn of the century our social structure, cushioned by traditional culture, had accommodated the old parents and grandparents, who were given the place of dignity in the shrine room, were often consulted, and consigned the task of admonishing the young. In villages they carry out simple chores like shooting the birds in drying paddy in the sun, story-telling, riddle-posing to grandchildren under the moonlit nights. In urban families they guide the grandchildren in their lesson amidst much arguments ending in shouts and tears, because the oldies think they are right, sadly unaware of, and refunding adamantly to accept the generation gap and changing times.

Caring for the aged poor was integral to our national heritage since the times of Myanmar kings. Many open teak bungalows still standing at the foot of Mandalay Hill (now in restoration), charity of King Mindon the Benevolent, stood witness to his generosity in handing out doles to the unfortunate oldies. Establishing homes for the aged poor (five in all) were initiated as early as 1915 AD single-handed by the most admirable lady Daw Oo Zun. The aged poor were also taken care of, by the Social Welfare Department establishing 56 homes under its sponsorship and many other relief programmes were also undertaken.

With the growing demographic trends generated by increasing health care and attendance, improved dietary habits, exercise and modern lifestyle, the ageing population will continue to grow. Many voluntary organizations come to the rescue of the aged in many conceivable ways such as contributing cash and kind by way of puja (obeisance) ceremonies for old teachers, by old students of schools, colleges, institutes, universities; for old native residents of towns and villages, by the honorary associations established for social functions pertaining to their natives; for old writers, scholars, intellectuals, artists by their respective associations and so on.

Another equally critical issue facing these oldies was old age treatment and care: geriatrics and gerontology. A range of medicines, medication, psycho-therapy, physiotherapy treatment also come to the purview of old age care. In the developed societies, for those affordable old-agers or affordable children, many paid homes are established to keep them, where they spend their last years in relative comfort. A pioneer initiative was launched for the first paid Home in the Hninzigone Home for the Aged, Yangon, and it is expected more will be instituted as demand increases.

Changing economic and social development trends of the second millennium 21st century may have adversely affected the family pattern and social network. There was increasing incidence of urban migration from rural areas in search of more paying work and better living, with entirely different modes of lifestyle. Difference in earning capacity and inflation has cut deep into the carry home pay, making it difficult to maintain even the immediate family with a single pay envelope not to say of additional members, leading to the trimming of the family size, and urban mindset. We need to find ways to work in tandem with the current monthly earnings. Village communities with simple life style may seem to find the situation still but barely accommodating.

Thus we are back to where we started: taking care of the aged parents and grand parents as filial duty ascribed by moral teachings. Children are regarded as kind of social insurance as hedge for old age, a responsibility taken as a way of life, but sadly eroding. The most unfortunate, benefit of such support were left to survive by their own meager means. Many humanitarians, individuals (venerable monks and laymen) and charity foundations pool their material resources, lovingkindness, sympathy and compassion to ease the plight of the helpless aged abandoned by kindred and society in general.

Unless an equitable solution can be sought out, where north-south divide still persist, with the third world still in the mire of vicious cycle of poverty, this global issue will continue to pose an ominous challenge to the world economy and society for some time to come.
Democratization and national development...

(from page 1)

such sectarianism, endless hatred, the desire of vengeance and anarchy. There are also possibilities of other stimulations. I would like you all to realize how seriously it would damage stability, democratization process and national development of our country in transition period.

Our government would take legal actions against the cases which have already happened. At the same time, we would take systematic measures under existing laws and rules and regulations to make sure such phenomena and incidents do not happen again. I would like to request all to realize the every aspect of the situation with considerable magnanimity as we would focus on bringing back justice for the sufferers in the incidents. I promise our government would attach great importance to the rule of law.

Besides, the government is cooperating with religious organizations and religious leaders, political parties and organizations of different social strata senior citizens and community elders to resolve the issue.

Esteemed people,

Democratization and national development processes which we are engaged in with great anticipation could be a success only on the ground of peace and stability and the rule of law.

For peace and stability and rule of law in the country, it is not the sole responsibility of the government. People need to wisely obey the laws. Similarly, wisely cooperation of religious organizations, religious leaders, political parties and politicians, people from all walks of life are necessary to for peace and stability and rule of law.

Therefore, esteemed people, religious organizations, political parties and people from all walks of life are requested to cooperate and to work together with the government while keeping a sense of wisdom and combination of consciousness and loving kindness to calm and not to grow the unrest.

I wish all the esteemed people may free from dangers and enjoy good health and prosperity while for emergence of the peaceful, modern and developed new democratic country joining hands with the government.

Thank you.

Lt-Gen Hla Min, Rakhine State Chief Minister inspect peace and stability in Maungtaw, Buthidaung townships

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Lt-Gen Hla Min of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)’s Office and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin, together with Commander of Western Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko Naing, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Phone Swe, Rakhine State Minister for Planning and Economics U Mya Aung and officials, left Sittway this morning by helicopter and arrived in Alethankyaw Village of Maungtaw Township. They met those who lost their houses in fire at Station Hospital and Bandoola Hall and presented aids provided by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

They also looked into Khayamyaing Village set ablaze by rioters. They greeted the local people of Kinchaung Village and presented aids to them. In Maungtaw, they viewed round stability and safety of the town by car.

After viewing round Waithali Village of Maungtaw Township, they cordially greeted the local people being accommodated at the local police battalion and presented aid to them.

The Commander-in-Chief (Army)’s Office, the State Chief Minister and the Deputy-Minister met officials at the office of Maungtaw District General Administration Department and instructed officials to fulfil the requirements of peace and stability of the region and food and health matters of the temporarily accommodated people.

The villagers from villages set on fire by rioters are being accommodated at the local police battalion in Maungtaw, Alodawpyae Monastery, Parahita Monastery and Central Monastery in Maungtaw.

Medical staff of the Commander-in-Chief (Army)’s Office, doctors and nurses of the Ministry of Health are giving health care services to them together with Red Cross members.

Lt-Gen Hla Min, the State Chief Minister and party arrived in Buthidaung in the afternoon. They met with local people accommodated at Tatmadawmen loading men’s and women’s wears, blankets, towels, aluminium pots and bowls onto helicopter in Sittway to be provided to local people of Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships.—MNA

Day care nursery of Hmawby Brick Factory opened

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Educative talks on health were conducted along with a ceremony to open a day care nursery in Hmawby Township yesterday. At the ceremony held at the Brick Factory of Yangon City Development Committee, wife of the Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Patron of the branch of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Aye Nwe delivered an address and wellwishers donated cash and kind to the day care nursery.

Responsible personnel presented uniforms to members of Hmawby Brick Factory and donated a set of TV, uniforms, blankets, mosquito nets, pillows, mats, plates and cradles to the day care nursery through Daw Khin Aye Nwe, the manager Hmawby Brick Factory Daw Nann Yu Yu Zaw.

Afterwards, she presented 153 membership applications for MCWA to Daw Khin Aye Nwe and Head of the Health Department gave educative talks on health.

Daw Khin Aye Nwe formally opened the day care nursery and viewed feeding nutrition to the children and providing health care to family members of employees of the brick factory.—MNA

International Year of Cooperatives observed in Dagon Myothit (North) Tsp

YANGON, 10 June—Cooperatives Department of Dagon Myothit (North) Township observed International Year of Cooperatives on 7 June morning.

Township Cooperative Syndicate Chairman U Soe Myint delivered an address at the ceremony. A rep of the syndicate and Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Sandra Tun gave talks on the International Year of Cooperatives.—MNA

Trees planted to mark Myanmar Women’s Day 2012

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Myanmar Women’s Day 2012 commemorative tree planting activity mainly organized by Taninthayi Region Women’s Affairs Organization took place at Sekkian Station in Kyetaupin Ward in Dawei yesterday morning, attended by wife of the region chief minister Patron of region WAF Dwak Ektai Khai, wives of the region ministers, departmental personnel, members of women’s affairs associations and maternal and child welfare organizations and locals.

A total of 1100 trees were planted at the ceremony. The patron and party viewed university/college level essay writing contest held in commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day at Dawei Education College.

A total of 156 contestants participated in the essay contest.—MNA

Day care nursery of Hmawby Brick Factory opened

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Educative talks on health were conducted along with a ceremony to open a day care nursery in Hmawby Township yesterday. At the ceremony held at the Brick Factory of Yangon City Development Committee, wife of the Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Patron of the branch of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Aye Nwe delivered an address and wellwishers donated cash and kind to the day care nursery.

Responsible personnel presented uniforms to members of Hmawby Brick Factory and donated a set of TV, uniforms, blankets, mosquito nets, pillows, mats, plates and cradles to the day care nursery through Daw Khin Aye Nwe, the manager Hmawby Brick Factory Daw Nann Yu Yu Zaw.

Afterwards, she presented 153 membership applications for MCWA to Daw Khin Aye Nwe and Head of the Health Department gave educative talks on health.

Daw Khin Aye Nwe formally opened the day care nursery and viewed feeding nutrition to the children and providing health care to family members of employees of the brick factory.—MNA

International Year of Cooperatives observed in Dagon Myothit (North) Tsp

YANGON, 10 June—Cooperatives Department of Dagon Myothit (North) Township observed International Year of Cooperatives on 7 June morning.

Township Cooperative Syndicate Chairman U Soe Myint delivered an address at the ceremony. A rep of the syndicate and Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Sandra Tun gave talks on the International Year of Cooperatives.—MNA

Trees planted to mark Myanmar Women’s Day 2012

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Myanmar Women’s Day 2012 commemorative tree planting activity mainly organized by Taninthayi Region Women’s Affairs Organization took place at Sekkian Station in Kyetaupin Ward in Dawei yesterday morning, attended by wife of the region chief minister Patron of region WAF Dwak Ektai Khai, wives of the region ministers, departmental personnel, members of women’s affairs associations and maternal and child welfare organizations and locals.

A total of 1100 trees were planted at the ceremony. The patron and party viewed university/college level essay writing contest held in commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day at Dawei Education College.

A total of 156 contestants participated in the essay contest.—MNA

Day care nursery of Hmawby Brick Factory opened

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Educative talks on health were conducted along with a ceremony to open a day care nursery in Hmawby Township yesterday. At the ceremony held at the Brick Factory of Yangon City Development Committee, wife of the Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Patron of the branch of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Aye Nwe delivered an address and wellwishers donated cash and kind to the day care nursery.

Responsible personnel presented uniforms to members of Hmawby Brick Factory and donated a set of TV, uniforms, blankets, mosquito nets, pillows, mats, plates and cradles to the day care nursery through Daw Khin Aye Nwe, the manager Hmawby Brick Factory Daw Nann Yu Yu Zaw.

Afterwards, she presented 153 membership applications for MCWA to Daw Khin Aye Nwe and Head of the Health Department gave educative talks on health.

Daw Khin Aye Nwe formally opened the day care nursery and viewed feeding nutrition to the children and providing health care to family members of employees of the brick factory.—MNA

International Year of Cooperatives observed in Dagon Myothit (North) Tsp

YANGON, 10 June—Cooperatives Department of Dagon Myothit (North) Township observed International Year of Cooperatives on 7 June morning.

Township Cooperative Syndicate Chairman U Soe Myint delivered an address at the ceremony. A rep of the syndicate and Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Sandra Tun gave talks on the International Year of Cooperatives.—MNA

Trees planted to mark Myanmar Women’s Day 2012

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Myanmar Women’s Day 2012 commemorative tree planting activity mainly organized by Taninthayi Region Women’s Affairs Organization took place at Sekkian Station in Kyetaupin Ward in Dawei yesterday morning, attended by wife of the region chief minister Patron of region WAF Dwak Ektai Khai, wives of the region ministers, departmental personnel, members of women’s affairs associations and maternal and child welfare organizations and locals.

A total of 1100 trees were planted at the ceremony. The patron and party viewed university/college level essay writing contest held in commemoration of Myanmar Women’s Day at Dawei Education College.

A total of 156 contestants participated in the essay contest.—MNA

Day care nursery of Hmawby Brick Factory opened

NAV PYI TAW, 10 June—Educative talks on health were conducted along with a ceremony to open a day care nursery in Hmawby Township yesterday. At the ceremony held at the Brick Factory of Yangon City Development Committee, wife of the Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Patron of the branch of the Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Aye Nwe delivered an address and wellwishers donated cash and kind to the day care nursery.

Responsible personnel presented uniforms to members of Hmawby Brick Factory and donated a set of TV, uniforms, blankets, mosquito nets, pillows, mats, plates and cradles to the day care nursery through Daw Khin Aye Nwe, the manager Hmawby Brick Factory Daw Nann Yu Yu Zaw.

Afterwards, she presented 153 membership applications for MCWA to Daw Khin Aye Nwe and Head of the Health Department gave educative talks on health.

Daw Khin Aye Nwe formally opened the day care nursery and viewed feeding nutrition to the children and providing health care to family members of employees of the brick factory.—MNA

International Year of Cooperatives observed in Dagon Myothit (North) Tsp

YANGON, 10 June—Cooperatives Department of Dagon Myothit (North) Township observed International Year of Cooperatives on 7 June morning.

Township Cooperative Syndicate Chairman U Soe Myint delivered an address at the ceremony. A rep of the syndicate and Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Sandra Tun gave talks on the International Year of Cooperatives.—MNA
Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon …

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon view excavation of royal palace of King Anawrahta and King Kyansittha.—MNA

The Vice-President, wife and party then went to Turintautang Buddha’s Tooth Relic Pagoda at which Deputy Culture Minister Daw Sanda Khin designation of the boundary of Shwesigion, Tankaytaung Buddha’s Tooth Relic pagoda, Lawka Nanda Pagoda and Turintautang Buddha’s Tooth Relic Pagoda as Bagan Ancient Cultural City and preservation of Buddha images, pagodas and stupas in their original forms.

In response to the report, the Vice-President stressed the need for sustainable conservation of the environment and preservation of ancient cultural heritage without losing their very essence. He underscored the importance of handing cultural heritage down to generation after generation in undertaking development works. He also noted that the socio-economy of local residents would improve depending on increase in number of inbound tourists to the region.

The Vice-President, wife and party viewed preservation of religious edifices of Turintautang Buddha’s Tooth Relic Pagoda and donated cash assistance for the pagoda.

They then visited Shwesigion Pagoda built by King Anawrahta and King Kyansittha. The Vice-President signed the visitor’s book and donated cash assistance for the pagoda.

The Vice-President then offered golden robes to Sutaungpyae Buddha Image for the pagoda. The Vice-President signed the visitor’s book and donated cash assistance for the pagoda.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon at Ananda Pagoda.—MNA

Gems market under construction in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htike yesterday morning visited the site for construction of the gems market at Shwekyabin Ward here and heard reports on progress of construction works by member of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Kan Chun, the managing director of Myanma Gems Enterprise and officials concerned.

The Union Minister underscored the importance of handing original forms. He looked into regional development tasks in Monywa, Budalin Townships.
**Winners awarded in cooperative day contest**

KALAY, 10 June—Township Cooperative Department presented prizes to the winners in the essay and painting contest in commemoration of the International Day of Cooperatives 2012 at the hall of Basic Education High School No 2 on 24 May morning.

Deputy Commissioner U Tay Zar Aung of District General Administration Department made a speech. Staff Officer of Township Cooperative Department Daw Ohn Myint explained the procedure of cooperative. After awarding the winners, officials presented gifts to the teachers who supervised the competition. Township Cooperative Department Dr Sandra, wellinisher U Kyi Win formally opened the bridge. The facility is 300 feet long and eight feet wide. Its clearance is 25 feet in height and 28 feet in width. The bridge was built at a cost of K 2.8 million by the local people and K 33 million by wellishers U Kyi Win and Daw Thin Thin Hlaing.

**Twantay Township gets new bridge in rural area**

TWANTAY, 10 June—A tree growing ceremony was held in Kywelan Village of Twantay Township in Yangon South District on 4 June. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Than Zaw Han, Executive Officer U Nay Win of Township Development Affairs Committee and Deputy Commissioner Pyithu Hliutaw representative U Thein Yi, Township Administrator U Mya Win, Head of Township Forest Department U Tint Lwin, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people planted over 1600 saplings.

**Saplings grown in Htantabin Township**

HTANTABIN, 10 June—Organized by Forest Department, the growing of trees in rainy season was held along both sides of the road to Yangon West University in Htantabin Village tract of Htantabin Township in Yangon Region on 5 June morning.

Deputy Commissioner Daw Ohn Myint Myint Kyi and party, Township Administrator U Kyaw Thu Zaw, Deputy Head of Yangon Regional Health Department Dr Sandra, and township electricity supply committee members supervised the dredging of silt and sand. On completion of dredging works, electricity will be generated.

**Lake of Zicaung Hydropower Station dredged**

KALAY, 10 June—The silt and sand were dredged from water collecting lake of Zicaung Hydropower with the use of heavy machinery in Kalay Township of Sagaing Region on 29 May.

Deputy Commissioner U Nyi Nyi Hte of Kalay District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Khin Maung Yi, District Electrical Engineer U Ya Maw, Township Electrical Engineer U Lynn Khin Kham and township electricity supply committee members supervised the dredging of silt and sand.

**Preventive measures against DHF taken in Sanyang Township**

YANGON, 10 June—The preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever and talks on health were held in Kyauktada Township of Yangon Region on 31 May. Township Administrator U Win Soe, member of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone U Kyaw Thu Zaw, Executive Officer U Tun Kyaw, Deputy Commissioner U Kyaw Zaw Tin and local people participated in cutting of 1440 saplings.

**Pinlaung Township gets rural health branch**

PINLAUNG, 10 June—A ceremony to open the rural health branch was held at Mwaybyn Village of Naungtaung Sub-Township in Pinlaung Township of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone on 6 June. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Win Soe, member of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone and kind donations.

**Duties of annual plans assigned in Pauk Township**

PAUK, 10 June—A ceremony to assign duty to implement annual plans for 2012-2013 fiscal year was held at the hall of Township General Administration Department in Pauk Township of Pakokku District at 11 am on 5 June. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Htay Win made a speech.

**Books donated to libraries in Thanlyin Township**

YANGON, 10 June—At the ceremony, Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 250 books, Chairman of District Sasana Nuggaha Association U Thein Lay one tower clock, Township Administrator and Township Information and Public Relations Department 200 books, U Khin Zaw Win, U Nay Win-Daw Sar, Maung Thant Zin Huak-Ma Thazin Phyu, Maung Sai See Aung-Ma Aye Thida and U Than Aye-Daw San Tint families donated K 10,000 each. Officials presented cash and kind donations.

The opening ceremony of Thata Kywe Village self-reliant library was held. It was built at a cost of K 800,000.—Myanmar Alin

Twantay Township Administrator Then Htwe. Next, U Tun Kyaw-Daw Nan Kham Mu of Nyaungbintha Ward in Taunggyi donated K 200,000, Ruby Dragon Mining Co K 1 million and U Tin Aung K 276,000. The branch is 40x40 feet building constructed at a cost of K 23,255,200.—Health

**Township school enrollment day observed in Cocogyun Township**

YANGON, 10 June—The township school enrollment day was observed at Basic Education High School in the township for 2012-2013 academic year on 30 May morning.

The headmaster in charge explained requirements for 2012-2013 academic year and preparation for school enrolment.

**Requests to farmers in Myanma Alin**

Myanma Alin

**DISTRICT NEWS**

THANLYIN, 10 June—A ceremony to donate books to village libraries was held at Haslyongyi Village of Thanlyin Township on 4 June morning.

Assistant Director U Aye Kyi Win of District Forest Department Dr Daw Khin Pinlaung Township gets rural health branch

Leading Body U Khan Aung Naing Oo and Naungtaung Sub-Township Administrator U Khan Kyaw Moe made speeches. Member of the health care branch committee U Khan Hlau Oo handed over documents related to the building to the Head of Township Health Department Dr Daw Khin

**Books donated to libraries in Thanlyin Township**

YANGON, 10 June—At the ceremony, Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 250 books, Chairman of District Sasana Nuggaha Association U Thein Lay one tower clock, Township Administrator and Township Information and Public Relations Department 200 books, U Khin Zaw Win, U Nay Win-Daw Sar, Maung Thant Zin Huak-Ma Thazin Phyu, Maung Sai See Aung-Ma Aye Thida and U Than Aye-Daw San Tint families donated K 10,000 each. Officials presented cash and kind donations.

The opening ceremony of Thata Kywe Village self-reliant library was held. It was built at a cost of K 800,000.—Myanmar Alin

Twantay Township Administrator Then Htwe. Next, U Tun Kyaw-Daw Nan Kham Mu of Nyaungbintha Ward in Taunggyi donated K 200,000, Ruby Dragon Mining Co K 1 million and U Tin Aung K 276,000. The branch is 40x40 feet building constructed at a cost of K 23,255,200.—Health

**Township school enrollment day observed in Cocogyun Township**

YANGON, 10 June—The township school enrollment day was observed at Basic Education High School in the township for 2012-2013 academic year on 30 May morning.

The headmaster in charge explained requirements for 2012-2013 academic year and preparation for school enrolment.

**Books donated to libraries in Thanlyin Township**

YANGON, 10 June—At the ceremony, Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 250 books, Chairman of District Sasana Nuggaha Association U Thein Lay one tower clock, Township Administrator and Township Information and Public Relations Department 200 books, U Khin Zaw Win, U Nay Win-Daw Sar, Maung Thant Zin Huak-Ma Thazin Phyu, Maung Sai See Aung-Ma Aye Thida and U Than Aye-Daw San Tint families donated K 10,000 each. Officials presented cash and kind donations.

The opening ceremony of Thata Kywe Village self-reliant library was held. It was built at a cost of K 800,000.—Myanmar Alin

Twantay Township Administrator Then Htwe. Next, U Tun Kyaw-Daw Nan Kham Mu of Nyaungbintha Ward in Taunggyi donated K 200,000, Ruby Dragon Mining Co K 1 million and U Tin Aung K 276,000. The branch is 40x40 feet building constructed at a cost of K 23,255,200.—Health

**Books donated to libraries in Thanlyin Township**

YANGON, 10 June—At the ceremony, Myanmar Libraries Foundation donated 250 books, Chairman of District Sasana Nuggaha Association U Thein Lay one tower clock, Township Administrator and Township Information and Public Relations Department 200 books, U Khin Zaw Win, U Nay Win-Daw Sar, Maung Thant Zin Huak-Ma Thazin Phyu, Maung Sai See Aung-Ma Aye Thida and U Than Aye-Daw San Tint families donated K 10,000 each. Officials presented cash and kind donations.

The opening ceremony of Thata Kywe Village self-reliant library was held. It was built at a cost of K 800,000.—Myanmar Alin

Twantay Township Administrator Then Htwe. Next, U Tun Kyaw-Daw Nan Kham Mu of Nyaungbintha Ward in Taunggyi donated K 200,000, Ruby Dragon Mining Co K 1 million and U Tin Aung K 276,000. The branch is 40x40 feet building constructed at a cost of K 23,255,200.—Health
Paungde Township holds tree growing ceremony

Paungde, 10 June—In commemoration of the World Environment Day, the growing ceremony was held at the sports ground of Paungde in Pyay District of Bago Region on 5 June morning.

Staff Officer U Zam Hwam Khang of Forest Department explained the plan to distribute three eucalyptus saplings to each household for housing in 2012 rainy season establishment of rural plants to each household for the plan to distribute three Forest Department explained Hswam Khaing of Township Bago Region on 5 June. Paungde in Pyay District of Environment Day, the tree growing ceremony was held at the sports ground of.

Books, publications donated to library

Pathein, 10 June—A ceremony to donate books to Sarmaehtaw Library was held in Mogok Village of Pathein Township in Ayeyawady Region on 26 May morning.

Assistant Director Head of Region Information and Public Relations Department U Ngwe Tun made a speech. Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Kyaw Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw and 130,000 saplings to be used.

CSC issued in South Okkalapa Township

Yangon, 10 June—Staff of South Okkalapa Township Immigration and National Registration Department led by Staff Officer U Shwe Win carried out issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration to local people at Aung Bowd Dhammayun of Ward 4 in South Okkalapa Township on 6 June. The tasks were supervised by Head of Region INRD U Ye Tun Oo, Head of Yangon East District INRD U Win Khaiing and Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyaw Moe.

They provided necessary assistance for the works.

NyaungU Township gets rural library

NyaungU, 9 June—A ceremony to open the building of Lawka Dassana Library was held in Ayadaw Village of NyaungU Township in Mandalay Region on 3 June morning.

At the ceremony, NyaungU Township Administrator U Thura Tun Lin, Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin of NyaungU District Information and Public Relations Department and Ayadaw Village administrator U Nan Shin formally opened the library.

The administrator made a speech. Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin explained advantages of reading and durability of the library. On behalf of wellwisher Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannavaxe, Bhaddanta Nandobhasa, Bhaddanta Manava, Bhaddanta Acarya and Bhaddanta Parama, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannavaxe handed over documents related the building to library committee member U Myint Naing. Next, Township Administrator U Thura Tun Lin, Directorate Head of Township General Administration Department U Thura Tun Lin, Directorate Head of Township General Administration Department U Lin Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw.

Nyan Hlaing made a speech. Township Education Officer Daw Ma Lan Rwe explained matters related to school enrollment. At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Lin Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw.

Those present at the ceremony then planted 200 saplings. Myanna Alin

Cash assistance provided to students in Dalla

Yangon, 10 June—Dalla Township General Administration Department of Yangon South District held a ceremony to provide cash assistance for students in pursuing education for 2012-2013 academic year at Thiri Zeya Nawrahta Hall of the township on 1 June.

The administrator made a speech. Staff Officer Daw Tin Mya Lwin explained advantages of reading and durability of the library. On behalf of wellwisher Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannavaxe, Bhaddanta Nandobhasa, Bhaddanta Manava, Bhaddanta Acarya and Bhaddanta Parama, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannavaxe handed over documents related the building to library committee member U Myint Naing. Next, Township Administrator U Thura Tun Lin, Directorate Head of Township General Administration Department U Thura Tun Lin, Directorate Head of Township General Administration Department U Lin Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw.

CASH PROVIDED: A ceremony to provide cash assistance to all students of Yedashe Basic Education High School who would join the University of Medicine was held at the school on 5 June. Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Myint and family present cash assistance to Maung Kyaw Zaw Lwin who passed the matriculation examination in 2011.

Education

Nyan Hlaing made a speech. Township Education Officer Daw Ma Lan Rwe explained matters related to school enrollment. After that, Hluttaw representatives, departmental personnel, members of School Board of Trustees and social organization members presented K 121 000, 60 dozens of exercise books, 10 dozens of ball-pens, 14 dozens of pencils and seven dozens of rulers to needy students of Momauk Township. The donations were accepted by the Township Education Officer.

MOMAUK, 10 June—The township school enrollment day for 2012-2013 academic year was held at Pyinnyya Yadana Hall of Basic Education High School in Momauk Township of Kayin State on 29 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Lin Zaw and Staff Officer of Pathein District IPRD U Lin Zaw.

Newspaper articles
Seven dead, 24 wounded in Nigeria suicide bomb attack

MAIDUGURI, 10 June—Seven people including a suicide bomber, two policemen and four civilians were killed on Friday in an attack on the police headquarters in Nigeria’s northeastern city Maiduguri, local police confirmed.

Bashir Ahmad, police commissioner of Borno State, told Xinhua that the suicide car bomber suspected of links to the West African country’s Boko Haram sect attempted to force his way into the main gate of the police headquarters in the provincial capital. “The explosives-laden car went off outside the police headquarters, killing 10 people including the attacker,” Ahmad said.

The attack comes three days after 12 security personnel were killed and 22 others injured in an attack on the headquarters of the Borno police commissioner. “We have 12 dead in the attack on the police headquarters and 22 injured,” Ahmad said. He said 350 personnel were involved in the operation to capture the attackers.

16 killed in clashes with security forces in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 10 June—At least 16 people including 13 militants were killed and several others got injured in clashes between security forces and militants in Pakistan’s southwestern district of Chaghi on Friday evening, local media reported.

According to the report by local Urdu TV channel Geo, the clashes broke out when a group of unknown armed gunmen killed the son of a tribal elder and opened fire on the police headquarters in Chaghi. A similar attack was made last year by a Boko Haram member, only to be gunned down by police at the gate. The city seen as the base of the Boko Haram militia has witnessed a series of deadly attacks in the past two years. —Xinhua

11 militants killed in operations in Afghanistan

KABUL, 10 June—Up to 11 Taliban militants were killed in cleanup operations in different provinces within the past 24 hours, the country’s Interior Ministry said on Saturday. “Afghan police, army, intelligence agency and NATO-led Coalition Forces launched eight joint cleanup operations in Helmand, Zabul, Kandahar, Paktika, Herat and Farah provinces, killing 11 armed Taliban insurgents and detaining two others over the past 24 hours,” the ministry said in a statement. It also said that security forces are “on full alert” and that It has recovered evidence of three against security forces, has not to make comments yet. The Afghan forces and some 130,000 NATO-led coalition troops have intensified cleanup operations against Taliban and other militants throughout the country recently. Records kept by Xinhua, based on figures released by Interior Ministry, “reveal that around 11,000 Taliban insurgents have been killed, 120 wounded and nearly 450 others detained since last January across the insurgency-hit areas.”

Adventurer rescued after failed solo ocean row

TOKYO, 10 June—Japanese coast guard rescued British adventurer Sarah Outen early Friday after a severe tropical storm damaged her boat and forced her to abandon a solo row across the ocean. “She was rescued at 5:45 pm (0845 GMT) in waters about 600 miles east of Sendai, northern Japan, a Japanese coast guard officer told Azores France-Press. “We have a report that she can walk on her own.” Outen was attempting to become the first woman to row from Japan to Canada, the BBC reports. “Sarah is bearing up well and demonstrating the strength and resolve that has brought her the huge distance on the journey so far,” AFP said on its website.

She was 24 days into her journey from a port near Tokyo to Vancouver when she sent out a distress call. The BBC reported that Outen, 26, said on an earlier podcast from the boat: “Gulliver took a real beating at the hands of the tropical storm. It was much stronger than what we originally thought.” These are the roughest and most frightening conditions I have ever been in, “she said in the BBC story. Coincidentally, a Japanese patrol boat is on its way toward fellow Briton Charlie Martell, who was separately attempting to row solo across the Pacific when he was also caught in bad weather, AFP reports. Martell, 41, made his distress call when winds of up to 50 knots and waves of more than 50 feet caused his boat to capsize several times, damaging the vessel, the BBC reported.

Jamaica drug kingpin ‘Dudus’ Coke jailed for 23 years

Kingston, 10 June—Notorious Jamaican drug lord Christopher “Dudus” Coke has been sentenced to 23 years in a US prison, the maximum sentence he faced. Coke, 43, pleaded guilty to drug and gun-trafficking charges in August 2011. A five-week operation to capture him in 2010 saw clashes in Jamaica’s scarpal, Kingston, in which scores died. His Kingston-based criminal organization trafficked marijuana, cocaine and firearms and enjoyed protection from Jamaica’s ruling party. When Coke was first indicted in the US in 2009, Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding initially fought his extradition, arguing that it was based on flawed evidence.

Mr Golding’s parliamentary constituency is in West Kingston’s Tivoli Gardens, the district Coke’s Shower Posse and the Presidential Clinic had controlled. But after months of delays and amid growing local anti-government criticism, Mr Golding agreed to extradite Coke and signed an arrest warrant. Coke was handed 20 years on the trafficking charge and three for conspiracy to commit assault with a dangerous weapon. Coke had written a letter to the judge for leniency, describing good deeds he said he did for slum-dwellers in Tivoli Gardens.

In court on Friday, he sat stoically in gray prison clothes, and briefly told Judge Robert Patterson: “I am a good person.” Prosecutors argued Coke terrorised and destroyed anyone who interfered with his drug operation, and several women abused by his gang in Jamaica begged the judge for a harsh punishment. But many of his supporters in impoverished parts of Kingston described him as a hero.

Earlier this week, prosecutors had said Coke was so powerful that he enjoyed “virtual immunity from the reach of law enforcement.” Coke’s lawyer, Stephen Rosen, said he believed Coke would be released in his 60s and allowed to return to his home country. He said his client will not appeal against the sentence.—Xinhua

Internet

BAGHDAD, 10 June—Iraqi officials say gunmen opened fire on a car of a civilian in the civil defense forces, killing him and his wife and wounding their three children.

The drive-by shooting in western Baghdad was one of three deadly attacks on Friday.

In another ambush of a car in the capital, assailants killed an addid tam al-Suhail, the deputy speaker of parliament.

Elsewhere, an Iraqi soldier was killed and four were wounded by a roadside bomb in Balal Ruz, 70 kilometers (45 miles) northeast of Baghdad. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters. Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but insurgents carry out frequent attacks on security forces and officials in an attempt to undermine the Shiite-led government.—Xinhua

Jamaica drug kingpin ‘Dudus’ Coke jailed for 23 years

Kingston, 10 June—Notorious Jamaican drug lord Christopher “Dudus” Coke has been sentenced to 23 years in a US prison, the maximum sentence he faced. Coke, 43, pleaded guilty to drug and gun-trafficking charges in August 2011. A five-week operation to capture him in 2010 saw clashes in Jamaica’s scarpal, Kingston, in which scores died. His Kingston-based criminal organization trafficked marijuana, cocaine and firearms and enjoyed protection from Jamaica’s ruling party. When Coke was first indicted in the US in 2009, Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding initially fought his extradition, arguing that it was based on flawed evidence.

Mr Golding’s parliamentary constituency is in West Kingston’s Tivoli Gardens, the district Coke’s Shower Posse and the Presidential Clinic had controlled. But after months of delays and amid growing local anti-government criticism, Mr Golding agreed to extradite Coke and signed an arrest warrant. Coke was handed 20 years on the trafficking charge and three for conspiracy to commit assault with a dangerous weapon. Coke had written a letter to the judge for leniency, describing good deeds he said he did for slum-dwellers in Tivoli Gardens.

In court on Friday, he sat stoically in gray prison clothes, and briefly told Judge Robert Patterson: “I am a good person.” Prosecutors argued Coke terrorised and destroyed anyone who interfered with his drug operation, and several women abused by his gang in Jamaica begged the judge for a harsh punishment. But many of his supporters in impoverished parts of Kingston described him as a hero.

Earlier this week, prosecutors had said Coke was so powerful that he enjoyed “virtual immunity from the reach of law enforcement.” Coke’s lawyer, Stephen Rosen, said he believed Coke would be released in his 60s and allowed to return to his home country. He said his client will not appeal against the sentence.—Xinhua

Internet

BAGHDAD, 10 June—Iraqi officials say gunmen opened fire on a car of a civilian in the civil defense forces, killing him and his wife and wounding their three children.

The drive-by shooting in western Baghdad was one of three deadly attacks on Friday.

In another ambush of a car in the capital, assailants killed an addid tam al-Suhail, the deputy speaker of parliament.

Elsewhere, an Iraqi soldier was killed and four were wounded by a roadside bomb in Balal Ruz, 70 kilometers (45 miles) northeast of Baghdad. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters. Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but insurgents carry out frequent attacks on security forces and officials in an attempt to undermine the Shiite-led government.—Xinhua

Internet

BAGHDAD, 10 June—Iraqi officials say gunmen opened fire on a car of a civilian in the civil defense forces, killing him and his wife and wounding their three children.

The drive-by shooting in western Baghdad was one of three deadly attacks on Friday.

In another ambush of a car in the capital, assailants killed an addid tam al-Suhail, the deputy speaker of parliament.

Elsewhere, an Iraqi soldier was killed and four were wounded by a roadside bomb in Balal Ruz, 70 kilometers (45 miles) northeast of Baghdad. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters. Violence has ebbed in Iraq, but insurgents carry out frequent attacks on security forces and officials in an attempt to undermine the Shiite-led government.—Xinhua

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet

Internet
**Michigan man’s 49.8 pound fish a state record**

Michigan wildlife officials confirmed a 49.8-pound catfish caught on the St Joseph River is the largest ever landed in the state. Rodney Akey, 47, of Niles, said he was fishing on the river on 22 May with friend Will Skalla when he hooked the massive catfish and struggled with it for 30 minutes until he was able to bring it to land, The Detroit News reported on Tuesday.

Officials with the state Department of Natural Resources confirmed that the fish, weighing 49.8 pounds and measuring 45.7 inches, is the largest ever caught in the state. The previous record, 47.5 pounds and 44 inches, was set by a Hastings man in August 1943.

“‘That record has been standing for almost 70 years, so it’s a remarkable fish, that’s for sure,” said Scott Hanshue, a fisheries biologist with the DNR office in Plainwell. “I know there are other big fish in the St Joe, but that one was a monster.”

Rodney Akey with his 49.8-pound catfish.

**Nashata Trethewey named poet laureate**

New York, 10 June—

British movie star Daniel Radcliffe says he was happy to work with Northern Irish actor Ciaran Hinds again in “The Woman in Black” after the pair shared the screen in “Woman in Black”

In James Watkins’ 2012 adaptation of the novel by Susan Hill, the story focuses on a small town that becomes haunted by a ghost story. Daily tries to help the townspeople, he learns their children die shortly after a woman clad in black is spotted by someone at the house. In a derelict home on the outskirts of London, Hinds plays Sam Daily, one of the less supernatural neighbors in “The Woman in Black,” a young Victorian-era stage actor who has also appeared in other horror movies such as “The Woman in Black,” a low-tech, old-fashioned ghost story. Daily tries to help Kipps unravel the mystery, even though he and his wife, played by Janet McTeer, have lost a son of their own under questionable circumstances. The tragedy has left Daily heart-broken and his spouse slightly insane.

**Underwood wins two CMT Awards**

Nashville, 10 June—

Carrie Underwood won the prizes for Video of the Year and Collaborative Video of the Year at the 2012 CMT Music Awards show in Nashville on Wednesday. Underwood won Video of the Year for “Good Girl” and shared the Collaborative Video of the Year award with Brad Paisley for “Remind Me.” Luke Bryan took home the Male Video of the Year trophy for “100 Million.”

Carrie Underwood Night to End It, Miranda Lambert picked up the prize for Female Video of the Year for “Over You” and Lady Antebellum won Group Video of the Year for “We Owned the Night.” Scott McCreery claimed the USA Weekend Breakthrough Video of the Year for “The Trouble with Girls,” Jason Aldean took home the award for CMT Performance of the Year for “Tattoo This Town” and Thompson Square walked away with the Duo Video of the Year title for “I Got You.”

**Pop star Rihanna**

Los Angeles, 11 June—

Pop star Rihanna suddenly cancelled her plans to travel to London as she is reportedly facing health problems.

**Rihanna scraps her Britain trip**

She was due to fly Wednesday to film a TV special at the beginning of a 10-week stay.

She cancelled her trip and all work commitments in the UK at the very last minute, which is very unlike her. She has been hitting it hard for months. She smokes, drinks and parties hard and parties hard on top of work commitments, these sources quoted a source as saying.

Management of the 24-year-old is cited sickness for her axing of the TV show. She herself hasn’t commented on her cancelled trip, but posted a message on Twitter on Wednesday.

“Keep your eyes on the finish line and not on the turmoil around you (thinkahead (sic))” she tweeted.

**$25k fines for keeping theme park tickets**

A pair of assistant principals at a New York school were each fined $25,000 for keeping more than $20,000 worth of theme park tickets meant for students.

City officials said Assistant Principal Richard Gilbert and Rodney Akey with his 49.8-pound catfish.

**Peanut butter results in graduation bans**

A California high school said about 30 students were banned from graduation ceremonies for a prank involving peanut butter. Peter Lambert, principal of CK McClatchy High School in the Sacramento City Unified School District, said the seniors were banned from walking at the graduation ceremonies afterdecorating the school with peanut butter, spray paint, toilet paper and eggs, the Sacramento Bee reported.

That was an immediate factor because I knew several of our students have peanut allergies,” Lambert said. He said he called the families of the allergic students and warned them not to come in to school, but at least one student did come in and suffered a “bad allergic reaction.”

**Singer Carly Rae Jepsen**

“Somebody” still No 1 on record chart

Los Angeles, 10 June—

“Somebody That I Used to Know” is No 1 on the US record chart for an eighth week, Billboard.com reported on Thursday.

Coming in at No 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 is Carly Rae Jepsen’s “Call Me Maybe.”

**Phoebe**

**‘Potter’ stars Radcliffe and Hinds reunite for ‘Woman in Black’**

New York, 10 June—

British movie star Daniel Radcliffe says he was happy to work with Northern Irish actor Ciaran Hinds again in “The Woman in Black” after the pair shared the screen in “Woman in Black”

In James Watkins’ 2012 adaptation of the novel by Susan Hill, the story focuses on a small town that becomes haunted by a ghost story. Daily tries to help the townspeople, he learns their children die shortly after a woman clad in black is spotted by someone at the house. In a derelict home on the outskirts of London, Hinds plays Sam Daily, one of the less supernatural neighbors in “The Woman in Black,” a young Victorian-era stage actor who has also appeared in other horror movies such as “The Woman in Black,” a low-tech, old-fashioned ghost story. Daily tries to help Kipps unravel the mystery, even though he and his wife, played by Janet McTeer, have lost a son of their own under questionable circumstances. The tragedy has left Daily heart-broken and his spouse slightly insane.

**News Album**

WASHINGTON, 10 June—

The US Library of Congress said on Thursday Natasha Trethewey has been appointed poet laureate for 2012-13.

Trethewey, the 19th poet laureate, will take up her duties in the fall, opening the library’s annual literary season with a reading of her work on 13 Sept in the Coolidge Auditorium in Washington.

“Natasha Trethewey is an outstanding poet-historian in the mold of Robert W. Warren, our most recent poet laureate consultant in poetry,” Librarian of Congress James H. Billington said in a statement. “Her poems dig beneath the surface-of-history—personal or communal, from childhood or from a century ago—to explore the human struggles that we all face.”

Trethewey succeeds Philip Levine as poet laureate and joins a long line of distinguished poets who have served in the position including W S Merwin, Kay Ryan, Charles Simic, Donald Hall, Ted Kooser, Louise Glück, Billy Collins, Stanley Kunitz, Robert Pinsky, Robert Hass and Rita Dove.

She is the author of three poetry collections, including “Native Guard,” “Bellocq’s Ophealia” and “Domestic Work.” An English and creative writing professor at Emory University in Atlanta, Trethewey will reside in the Washington area from January through May and work in the Poets Room of the Poetry and Literature Center.—Internet

The actor’s other small-screen credits include “Cold Case,” “House,” “ER,” “Grace Under Fire,” “The Wayans Bros.” and “Family Matters.”

**Underwood wins two CMT Awards**

Nashville, 10 June—

Carrie Underwood won the prizes for Video of the Year and Collaborative Video of the Year at the 2012 CMT Music Awards show in Nashville on Wednesday. Underwood won Video of the Year for “Good Girl” and shared the Collaborative Video of the Year award with Brad Paisley for “Remind Me.” Luke Bryan took home the Male Video of the Year trophy for “100 Million.”

Carrie Underwood Night to End It, Miranda Lambert picked up the prize for Female Video of the Year for “Over You” and Lady Antebellum won Group Video of the Year for “We Owned the Night.” Scott McCreery claimed the USA Weekend Breakthrough Video of the Year for “The Trouble with Girls,” Jason Aldean took home the award for CMT Performance of the Year for “Tattoos This Town” and Thompson Square walked away with the Duo Video of the Year title for “I Got You.”

**Pop star Rihanna**

Los Angeles, 10 June—

Pop star Rihanna suddenly cancelled her plans to travel to London as she is reportedly facing health problems.

**Rihanna scraps her Britain trip**

She was due to fly Wednesday to film a TV special at the beginning of a 10-week stay.

She cancelled her trip and all work commitments in the UK at the very last minute, which is very unlike her. She has been hitting it hard for months. She smokes, drinks and parties hard and parties hard on top of work commitments, these sources quoted a source as saying.

Management of the 24-year-old is cited sickness for her axing of the TV show. She herself hasn’t commented on her cancelled trip, but posted a message on Twitter on Wednesday.

“Keep your eyes on the finish line and not on the turmoil around you (thinkahead (sic))” she tweeted.
Netherlands suffers shock 1-0 defeat against Denmark in group opener

KHERSKIV, 10 June—The Netherlands was upset 1-0 by Denmark in their Group B opener at the European Championship on Saturday. In the 24th minute, Michael Krohn-Dehli scored a Dutch defender with ease and struck from just to the left of the goal, sending the ball low through the legs of Maarten Stokkeloeburg to the net. The defeat left the tournament favourite in a very dangerous position of the dubbed "death group" including Germany and Portugal, who will play against each other shortly at Lviv. The two also met in their group in 2010 World Cup Finals. Denmark’s title shot handed the Netherlands the 2-0 victory. Both sides fielded a 4-2-3-1 formation. The World Cup runner-up made two adjustments compared to their leading lineup in South Africa. Jetro Willems started as the left defender after the retirement of the former captain Van Bronckhorst while Roel Vlaar of Feyenoord replaced Joris Mathijssen in the central defence with pair John Heitinga. The 18-year-old Willems thus became the youngest player to appear in a Euro Championship. Five minutes before the end of first half, Arjen Robben, one of the best wingers in the world, cut from the right flank and delivered a left-footed shot from just outside the area but his effort hit the post.

McIlroy stumbles back in crowded PGA fight

MEMPHIS, 10 June—Rory McIlroy struggled to a one-over par 72 to fall from the lead entering the final round of the $5.6 million PGA Tour’s St Jude Classic. The 21-year-old Northern Ireland star, ranked third in the world, lost his chance to win the tournament in the opening round by 1:11 of the round. McIlroy, 31, made the first major error in the first round by taking 10 strokes on the opening hole. McIlroy was one of the leading players to win the tournament in 2011 and 2012. But McIlroy said, "I have no attitude for the time of the finals is a good feeling." Nestor said. The second-seeded Bryans were bidding to win their 12th Grand Slam doubles championship. That would have put them on the same level as their unbreakable 1-0 lead against Bob and Mike Bryan in the opening round by 1-0 on Saturday. "We wanted it probably a little too bad," Mike Bryan said. "When it’s not going your way early, it’s tough to stay really positive." The Bryans won the French Open in 2003. They were the runners-up in 2005 and 2006, both times against Mike and Bob Bryan and then they ended up in the third round by 1-0. Bryans said, "We’ve got to be really tough mentally to win this one. You’re not going to get the easy wins that we’ve accustomed to here in the last nine years now." Nestor and Mirnyi combined to hit eight aces, seven more than the Bryans. The winners also saved all four break points they faced.

Ronaldo: Portugal must emulate 2004 spirit at Euro 2012

Lviv, 10 June—Portugal captain Cristiano Ronaldo has insisted his team must turn back the clock if they want to go on to reach the final of Euro 2012 despite losing their opening Euro 2012 game 1-0 to Germany. A second-half header from German striker Mario Gomez was enough to give Joachim Loew’s team the three points in Group B at the Lviv Arena on Saturday. Ronaldo’s Portugal are now under pressure to win their next Group B game against the Danes back in Lviv on Wednesday. But Ronaldo, who once again failed to transfer his club form onto the international stage, is calling for his team to emulate the spirit of the Euro 2004 team which lost their opening game 2-1 to eventual winners Greece, but still went onto reach the final. Ronaldo added, "We lost 1-0 to the Greeks in Lisbon. The Portuguese had their chances against the Germans with Real Madrid’s Pepe rattling the crossbar just before half-time break. Then replacement Silvestre Varela of Porto was

Rigondeaux retains WBA super-bantamweight belt

MIAMI, 10 June—Cuba’s Guillermo Rigondeaux retained his World Boxing Association super-bantamweight world title with a fifth-round technical knockout of American Tony Kennedy. Rigondeaux, a two-time Olympic champion for Cuba now fighting out of Miami, remained unbeaten as a professional, improving to 10-0 with eight knockouts. His dominant performance came on the undercard of Filipino ring icon Manny Pacquiao’s World Boxing Association welterweight title defense against unbeaten American Timothy Bradley.

Rigondeaux knocked Kennedy down with a punishing left in the first round and sent him to the canvas twice in the second round and again in the fourth. When another left sent Kennedy reeling in the fifth, referee Russell Moriata called a halt at 1:11 of the round. Rigondeaux, 31, made the first defence of the title he won with a sixth-round knockout of Rico Ramos on 20 January. Kennedy fell to 17-2-2. "All my punches are great," Rigondeaux said. "I have no bad ones." Kennedy said Rigondeaux’s speed hands made the difference. "Rigondeaux has the kind of punches you can’t see," the American said. "He is real quick."

Cautious France wary of England in Group D

KRAKOW, 10 June—France have a long unbeaten record to protect as they seek to confirm their renaissance under coach Laurent Blanc by winning Group D to sweep into the quarter-finals at Euro 2012. But Blanc knows they face a familiar obstacle in old foes England. "For us, it’s probably been the toughest one to win," Mike Bryan said. "We’ve got to be tough mentally to win this one. You’re not going to get the easy wins that we’ve accustomed to here in the last nine years now." Nestor and Mirnyi combined to hit eight aces, seven more than the Bryans. The winners also saved all four break points they faced.

German forward Mario Gomez celebrates after scoring the goal that won Euro 2012 match against Germany on 9 June at the Arena Lviv. -Reuters only denied a late equaliser following a fine save from Manuel Neuer and some desperate German defending, but Portugal are yet to taste victory in 2012 after four wireless games. "We were better than Germany," Real star Ronaldo told Uefa.com. --INTERNET

Max Mirnyi of Belarus, left, and Daniel Nestor of Canada, right, return in the men’s doubles final match against Bob and Mike Bryan of the US at the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 9 June, 2012. —INTERNET

Nestor, Mirnyi beat Bryans for French Open title

PARIS, 10 June—Top-seeded Max Mirnyi of Belarus and Daniel Nestor of Canada won a second consecutive French Open doubles title by beating American twins Bob and Mike Bryan 6-4, 6-0 on Sunday. "Beating the best team, probably all time in the finals is a good feeling," Nestor said. The second-seeded Bryans were bidding to win their 12th Grand Slam doubles championship. That would have put them on the same level as their unbreakable 1-0 lead against Bob and Mike Bryan in the opening round by 1-0 on Saturday. "We wanted it probably a little too bad," Mike Bryan said. "When it’s not going your way early, it’s tough to stay really positive." The Bryans won the French Open in 2003. They were the runners-up in 2005 and 2006, both times against Mirnyi and Jonas Bjorkman. "For us, it’s probably been the toughest one to win," Mike Bryan said. "You’ve got to be tough mentally to win this one. You’re not going to get the easy wins that we’re accustomed to here in the last nine years now." Nestor and Mirnyi combined to hit eight aces, seven more than the Bryans. The winners also saved all four break points they faced.

International Sports

Cuba’s Guillermo Rigondeaux (L) during his WBA super-bantamweight title fight against Teon Kennedy on 9 June. Rigondeaux retained his super-bantamweight world title with a fifth-round technical knockout of Kennedy. —INTERNET

Rigondeaux said, "I have no bad ones." Kennedy said Rigondeaux’s speed hands made the difference. "Rigondeaux has the kind of punches you can’t see," the American said. "He is real quick."
Australia qualify for Olympics volleyball

TOKYO, 10 June—Australia clinched the ticket to the London Olympics when they outgunned China to take the top place among Asian teams at the men's volleyball qualifying tournament on Sunday. With a 25-12, 25-20, 25-13 victory, Australia ended the tournament with a 5-2 win-loss record for 15 points, making them unreachable for Iran and Japan who will play later in the day.

"Today was a do-or-die game again, the final show and it was up to us to perform. We were the actors and it's an amazing feeling to come to the last day and dominate a team like that," said Australian captain Igor Yudin.

"It's an unbelievable experience and all of us are really happy to be part of that. For these games, you have to be a lion or a dog and we did that perfectly.

"I can't remember having the same focus and aggression since I joined the team. It's great that we made this step on such a huge stage and at such a huge moment," added Yudin.

Australia's Argentine coach Jon Uriarte praised his players, who started working together for matches in Italy, Bulgaria, Poland and the Netherlands only 50 days after the professional season.

"During the tournament, they were the protagonists. I want to congratulate them. Today we wanted to disrupt China's offence and each had specific targets to try and create problems for their offence," said Uriarte.

"They did a good job today, but it hasn't been like that every day. Our block is quite good but not efficient enough, especially if we want to make the next step and challenge the top teams in the world," he added.

Serbia, who whipped Venezuela 25-14, 25-13, 25-23 for a seventh straight win earlier in the day, qualified on Saturday and entered the tournament, which was also run as the Asian qualifying tournament.

In the Olympics Serbia and Australia will join the three medalists from last year's World Cup — Russia, Poland and Brazil — and continental winners Italy, the United States and Argentina, as well as hosts Britain. Two more teams will join them after tournaments in Germany and Bulgaria, which are currently underway.

Internet

Messi hat-trick gives Argentina 4-3 win over Brazil

EAST RUTHERFORD, (New Jersey), 10 June—Lionel Messi scored a hat-trick as Argentina beat Brazil 4-3 in a lively friendly on Saturday, dealing a blow to the Brazilians as they wrapped up their preparations for the London Olympics. Brazil took the lead in the 23rd minute when a quickly taken free-kick found Romulo, who banged in the goal as Argentina’s defenders appealed in vain for offside. Argentina equalized in the 31st minute after Gonzalo Higuain robbed Brazilian captain Sandro and fed Messi, who shot low into the corner of the goal.

Within three minutes, the diminutive striker put Argentina 2-1 up, running on to a pass from Angel di Maria and rounding Brazilian captain Sandro and fed Messi, who shot low into the corner of the goal. Within three minutes, the diminutive striker put Argentina 2-1 up, running on to a pass from Angel di Maria and rounding Brazilian captain Sandro and fed Messi, who shot low into the corner of the goal. Within three minutes, the diminutive striker put Argentina 2-1 up, running on to a pass from Angel di Maria and rounding Brazilian captain Sandro and fed Messi, who shot low into the corner of the goal. Within three minutes, the diminutive striker put Argentina 2-1 up, running on to a pass from Angel di Maria and rounding Brazilian captain Sandro and fed Messi, who shot low into the corner of the goal.
NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and wife Daw Nan Shwe Hmon, who were in Bagan Ancient Cultural Region, visited Lacquerware College under Small-scale Industries Department of the Ministry of Cooperatives in Bagan yesterday morning.

They were accompanied by Union ministers, Magway Region Chief Minister U Phone Maw Shwe, deputy ministers, Mandalay Region minister and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall of the college, Principle U Kyaw Phone Naing reported to the Vice-President, wife and party on background history of the college, area, purpose of opening the college, training students in each academic year, arts of crafting lacquer and bridging course at Cooperatives University. Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint made a supplementary report.

The Vice-President called for uplifting the traditional lacquerware industry to become cottage industry of the rural area as part of the rural development and poverty alleviation tasks. He also stressed the need for promoting the business of lacquerwares to become the one village, one alleviation tasks. He also stressed the need for promoting the business of lacquerwares to become the one village, one alleviation tasks.

At the briefing hall of the college, Principle U Kyaw Phone Naing reported to the Vice-President, wife and party on background history of the college, area, purpose of opening the college, training students in each academic year, arts of crafting lacquer and bridging course at Cooperatives University. Union Minister for Cooperatives U Ohn Myint made a supplementary report.

The Vice-President called for uplifting the traditional lacquerware industry to become cottage industry of the rural area as part of the rural development and poverty alleviation tasks. He also stressed the need for promoting the business of lacquerwares to become the one village, one alleviation tasks. He also stressed the need for promoting the business of lacquerwares to become the one village, one alleviation tasks.

On arrival at the hall of procedures in crafting lacquerwares, the Vice-President and wife and party viewed procedures of making lacquerwares and works of students.

They also viewed artistic lacquer wares displayed at lacquerwares sales centre and ancient cultural lacquerwares showcased for eras of Bagan, Inwa and Konbaung from 12th century to 20th century at Lacquerware Museum.

The Vice-President signed the visitors’ book.

The college was opened on 29 December 2003, to preserve Myanmar’s lacquerware crafting arts, to modernize arts of lacquerware crafting, to disseminate newly developed techniques, to nurture lacquerware artists constantly, to develop teaching methods of lacquerware making and to turn out economists who know the arts of crafting lacquerwares. It was originally established as Government Lacquerware Training School in 1924, upgraded to Myanmar Lacquerware Institute in 1995 and then to current Lacquerware College.

The Vice-President and wife and party proceeded to west Phwa Saw Village in NyaungU Township where they cordially greeted the local people. They viewed production of lacquerwares by the villagers.

The Vice-President, wife and party then proceeded to west Phwa Saw Village in NyaungU Township where they cordially conversed with locals, observed lacquerware production, rural cottage industry of local people and finished lacquerware products.

Sittway Township in Rakhine State placed under curfew

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—Sittway Township General Administration Department has imposed the order under Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure in Sittway today as some people have behaved in a violent way to jeopardize the security of the people and the rule of law at present.

The order was imposed as some people in the municipal area of Sittway today as some people have behaved in a violent way to jeopardize the security of the people and the rule of law at present.

Section 144 of Code of Criminal Procedure

The order was imposed as some people in the municipal area of Sittway today as some people have behaved in a violent way to jeopardize the security of the people and the rule of law at present.

Criminal Miscellaneous Case No. 1/12

1. It is found that some people in the municipal area of Sittway Township have behaved to jeopardize the security of the people and the rule of law at present.

2. As it is assumed that their acts can jeopardize the peace and stability, security of the people and the rule of law in the township. The following is the translation of the order.

Sittway Township General Administration Department

Order under Code of Criminal Procedure

Section 144

6th Waning of Nayon, 1374 ME

NAY PYI TAW, 10 June—As of yesterday morning, a situation which could harm the community peace and tranquillity occurred in Sittway, Rakhine State. Rioters torched residences in wards and tried to commit atrocities holding sticks and swords. Therefore, police members had to control the situation by quelling the rioters, put out the arson attack, and prevented groups from committing killings each other. As there occurred unrest, Section 144 was issued in Sittway Township and arrangements have been made for ensuring community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law.

At 11.35 am yesterday a mob set a motorbike of a youth on fire in Minang (5-6) Ward; in the afternoon, a group from Uyintha village and residents of Mingan Ward (15) hurled stones using catapult against each other which left one injured; in the evening and at night, mobs of two sides showed hostility to each other in Bumay village and Mingan ward; and tried to torch houses and buildings. Due to these circumstances, local security forces had to control the situation.

This morning, security forces had to control the situation as there were attempts to set houses on fire in Bumay village and Mingan Wards (7,8,9,11,12,13 and 15) and hostilities continued. Officials are systematically handling the situation not to cause further disturbances and confrontation between one group and another.

In yesterday’s and today’s incident, five got injured and they were admitted to Sittway People’s Hospital, and 14 houses were burnt down.

Officials are trying to control the situation as the unrest in Sittway harm the stability of the State and the rule of law. Section 144 was issued in Sittway Township and so also in Thandwe, Kyaukpyu and Yanbye Townships for ensuring community peace and tranquillity.

Correction

Please read “Criminal Miscellaneous Case No. 1/2012″ instead of “General Penal Code No.1/2012” in the last line of the letterhead of the order carried in the news under the heading of “Maungtaw, Rakhine State placed under curfew” which appeared in the back page of this daily issued on 9 June, 2012.—Ed