Union Minister on inspection tour of villages in southern Maungtaw Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—Union Minister for Border Affairs and for Myanma Industrial Development Lt-Gen Thein Htay yesterday made a trip to seven destroyed national races villages in the southern part of Maungtaw Township of Rakhine State. Afterwards, he went to Bengali villages and enquired the situation there and gave educative talks on legal affairs. During the trip, he also explained arrangements for resettlement of 484 displaced villagers at A lethankyaw relief camp and presented cash assistance to them and looked into 12 burnt houses in Myoma ward of Maungtaw.

The Union Minister instructed officials to rebuild 367 destroyed houses from seven villages, repair the remaining houses, and create livelihoods for villagers after restoring security. According to the findings from the field trip, the Union Minister went to four Bengali villages around the destroyed national races’ villages and enquired the villagers. In meeting with some Islam leaders of the villages, the Union Minister explained announcement of the State of Emergency for ensuring peace and stability of the region and issuance of Section-144. He urged them to live in their region peacefully in line with the advices of the Islam religious leaders from Yangon on their tour of Maungtaw.

Afterwards, the Union Minister went to the A lethankyaw relief camp and gave instructions to officials on fulfilling requirements of the Sanpya villagers there. During the meeting with the villagers there, the Union Minister encouraged them, saying that the government would assist them in their livelihood for the first step and in rebuilding their homes for the second step. He also pledged that the government would help them to be able to work in their farmland and would take necessary measures not to happen such kind of unrest in the future. He continued to say that he inspected some Bengali villages and the government would take actions against those who committed the unforgivable violence. All national brethren in the country felt sympathy to the victims, sending aids to them while UN agencies were making arrangements to provide assistance to them as they had witnessed the situation he said. The Union Minister encouraged the victims and stressed the need for work hard and for unity courage, strength and stability to be able to rebuild their lives. He presented assistance in cash to a representative of the local people.

Union Minister meets Indian, Singaporean guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik received an Indian delegation led by General Manager Mr. Sachin Mittal of Ultra Tech Cement Ltd at his office here this morning.

During the meeting, the delegation discussed matters related to exploration of mineral resources such as limestone, coal and gypsum mining, as well as construction of a cement plant with high technology. After that, the Union Minister explained construction of cement plants being implemented by local companies to them.

Similarly, the Union Minister held a meeting with a delegation led by General Director Mr. Mike BW Tan of Tonkin Resources Pte., Ltd of Singapore and party.

Billionaire selling private island

Billionaire Craig McCaw is selling James Island.

Spurs blows away Irish at Euro 2012

Spain’s Fernando Torres (top R) scores a goal against Ireland during their Group C Euro 2012 soccer match at the PGE Arena stadium in Gdansk, on 14 June, 2012.
Nice note
The distribution of new banknote of K 10,000 started Friday. Economists foresee subsequent changes in the Myanmar economy. They see the move as the attempt to boost money supply in the market and increase the exchange rate.

It is the latest move in a series of attempts to increase the foreign exchange rate including changes in car import policies and monetary reforms. Many believe that farmers, the vast majority of the country’s population, will particularly profit from the change.

The rise in price of Myanmar Kyat led to decline in production rate as a result of decreased profitability.

The introduction of new banknote to the market will stimulate the demand and will increase the exchange rate. If with proper distribution, it could become a catalyst for boosting production of the country.

The government in office has taken a variety of measures to help the farmers rise above poverty with the commitment to advancing towards the industrialization with the firm foundation in the agricultural industry.

Despite some concerns over inflation, local economists are optimistic about the printing of new note. Also, the deputy governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar insisted recently that the printing of new note has no direct link with inflation.

The Central Bank of Myanmar adopted managed float for Myanmar Kyat starting previous April as a significant step in monetary reforms.

In moving towards the industrialized country with vibrant economy, we need further reforms that could help the working class in rural areas earn more incomes and decent livings.

Security, peace and stability in Rakhine State bounce back
Only two riots break out on 14 June

Due to the recent unrests and violence occurred in some townships of Rakhine State, authorities concerned are controlling situations and taking security measures after declaring a state of emergency. Now, the regions are restoring peace, stability and security. According to the latest data, 50 people were dead, 54 got injured, 78 riots broke out, and 2230 houses and buildings were destroyed by fire, during the periods from 28-5-2012 to 14-6-2012. Yesterday, there were only two riots in the state, and authorities concerned could handle these two cases peacefully in accord with respective law.

Talks on traffic rules given in Pyinmana
At the talks, Head of Branch IP Win Myint of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force explained disciplines for vehicle drivers, pedestrians and slow-moving vehicles.

In the course of the discussion, 50 people expressed queries related to their operations and the source of traffic accidents. Then, the Pyinmana Basic Education High School No. 3 in Pyinmana held traffic rules on 12 June morning. The talks were attended by the Deputy Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Nyo and five teachers, and 160 students.

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—The ceremony to present letter of recognition for initial feasibility study to launch a satellite with the aid of Japanese government was held at Taw Win Nay Pyi Taw Hotel here yesterday evening. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung, Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint, Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry U Win Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Takashi Saito, and officials concerned.

The ceremony to present letter of recognition to the programmes manager. The director-general and the programmes manager then met the press.

Well wishers donate cash and kind for local people of Rakhine State through officials.

Kachin State observes World Blood Donor Day

The Chief Minister and officials presented awards and certificates of honour to Deputy Commanding Officer U Sai Mint Aye of Wuntho Township Red Cross Battalion who donated blood for 103rd time and other blood donors.

Next, well wishers donated cash and treated mosquito nets. The Chief Minister and officials viewed blood donation of 40 persons and gave medicines and refreshment to them.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Obama vows “we remember, we rebuild” at World Trade Centre

New York, 15 June — President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama on Thursday toured the soaring scyscraper being built to replace the twin towers destroyed on 11 September, 2001, in a poignant visit to mark a new chapter of recovery from the traumatic attack. Inscribing one of the steel beams that will be part of the building’s framework, Obama wrote: “We remember, we rebuild, we come back stronger!”

Obama has toasted the killing of Osama bin Laden, the al Qaeda leader behind the attacks on the United States, as one of his top national security achievements and still is as key as the campaigns for re-election. The president and first lady looked down on the 9/11 memorial from One World Trade Centre’s 22nd floor, which is still under construction, after being hemmed in by light bulbs, illuminated by light bulbs, strung from the unfinished ceiling.

“We couldn’t be prouder of you guys. This is what the American spirit is all about,” Obama told construction workers after a brief outdoor ceremony in the shadow of the building, which is scheduled to be completed in late 2013. Obama visited the site last September to commemorate the 10-year anniversary of the 2001 attacks by al Qaeda that killed nearly 3,000 people and destroyed the landmark twin towers.

In April, One World Trade Centre surpassed the Empire State Building as New York’s tallest structure, with a horizontal beam laid at a height of 1,270 feet. When completed, it will rise 1,776 feet to the tip of its antenna, taller than the World Trade Centre towers. Construction began six years ago on the edifice, which was formerly called the Freedom Tower.

Obama has touted the importance of the US-Indonesia relationship to boost geothermal energy development through protection and a low-carbon lifestyle.

Joint SCO military drill a success

BEIJING, 15 June — The ninth counterterrorism joint military exercise conducted by Shanghai Cooperation Organization members concluded in Khuzhary, Tajikistan, on Thursday. The exercise, code-named “Peace Mission 2012”, involved about 2,000 military personnel from China, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Tajikistan, and was the first of its kind held in Tajikistan.

Participating troops stopped off the drill with a series of military maneuvers, including air and ground strikes, encirclement and suppression as well as pursuit and vertical interception.

The performance was highly appreciated by the SCO observation mission, which included Tajik President Emomalii Rahmon, Deputy Chief of the General Staff Ma Xioatian of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army and senior defence officials from other participating countries. The observers said the troops demonstrated superb military and counterterrorism capabilities in the successful drill, which would play a significant role in deterring and crushing the “three evil forces” of terrorism, separatism and extremism.

The exercise, which started on Saturday, will also help deepen defence and security cooperation within the SCO and promote the member countries’ ability to jointly confront new threats and challenges, they said.

Indonesia to boost geothermal energy development through direct appointment mechanism

JAKARTA, 15 June — Energy Minister Jero Wacik said that the country’s government is pressing to expand use of the direct appointment mechanism to grant geothermal concessions in a bid to boost the sector’s development, local media reported on Friday. Under the current system, the government can directly appoint a company to expand an existing geothermal concession, or had experience in the industry.

With the new regulation, the direct appointment could also be used for new concessions.

He said the move is expected to help accelerate the development of geothermal energy and reduce dependency on fossil fuels for energy generation. “We are currently preparing the government regulation (PP) that will govern the development of new geothermal concessions without having to go through tenders and use a direct appointment,” Wacik said on Thursday. He said with the new regulation, the direct appointment system could be used as long as the company involved had already obtained other geothermal concessions or had experience in the industry.

The state utility firm Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) will have to automatically buy the electricity produced by the concession holder without renegotiation, which is a hindrance to the development of geothermal energy, the Jakarta Globe reported.

Russia warns against extremist groups in Mideast, condemns violence in Iraq

JAKARTA, 15 June — Russia found it “highly dangerous” that extremist groups like al-Qaeda were increasing their activities in the Middle East, the Foreign Ministry said on Thursday. “It is not a coincidence that al-Qaeda leaders openly call for armed fighting against the regime in Damascus and all those standing for inter-confessional tolerance and cultural co-existence,” the ministry said in a statement.

Russia was also concerned over the situation in Iraq, where several terror attack happened on Wednesday. Obama has toured the security forces in Mideast, the ministry said. “The recent terror attacks in Iraq as well as the situation in Syria, are an attempt to exploit the religious confrontations, which appear in many countries in the region, including (Iraq’s) neighbouring Syria,” it said.

Moscow condemns these inhuman crimes, which cannot be justified,” it stressed. The ministry also urged all healthy forces in the Middle East, as well as the international community as a whole, to facilitate peaceful solutions to domestic conflicts in the region by broad national dialogue, without external involvement and armed intervention.

US, Thailand hold strategic dialogue to enhance partnership, cooperation

WASHINGTON, 15 June — The United States and Thailand held the fourth strategic dialogue here on Thursday to further expand their strategic partnership and cooperation on tackling bilateral and regional challenges. The dialogue was attended by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and her Thai counterpart Surapong Tovichakchulai, who held a comprehensive discussion of bilateral, regional and global issues “that reflected the rich history and breadth of our long-standing friendship,” the statement said.

The dialogue, which is a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the dialogue, said a joint statement issued at the conclusion of the dialogue, the two sides pledged to strengthen political, security, and economic cooperation and “the commitment the two countries share to promote peace, security, and prosperity throughout the Asia-Pacific,” the statement said. The US side reaffirmed its support for the centrality of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the evolving ASEAN-led regional architecture in the Asia-Pacific. Both sides underscored their continued support to increase cooperation in regional frameworks, including ASEAN, the Lower Mekong Initiative, the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, and the East Asia Summit (EAS).”

They welcomed recent, positive developments and reforms in Myanmar and emphasized that it is important for the international community to continue to support concrete ways democratization and national reconciliation, the statement said.

Colombia, S Korea wrap up FTAs

BOGOTA, 15 June — Colombia and South Korea on Thursday wrapped up negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) here, with a sign that Latin American countries are increasingly boosting trade with Asia.

“This is the first FTA for South Korea in Latin America,” Government Spokesman for Trade, Industry and Tourism Sergio Diaz-Granados said at a Press conference in the Capital Bogota.

The impending FTA will be signed on 25 June, following two and a half years of negotiations, which were initiated on 11 times since November 2009, with the final round of discussions ending in the South Korean Capital Seoul.

“South Korea is a very important player in global trade, Diaz-Granados said. Colombians plan to export fruits, vegetables and meat to South Korea, while South Korea expects to export more vehicles and electrical appliances to Colombia.

Tariffs on both sides will gradually decrease, according to official statistics, trade between the two countries surpassed 1 million US dollars in 2011.
Study: More Earth-like planets possible

COPENHAGEN, 15 June—Small, rocky planets similar to Earth may be more common in our Milky Way and other galaxies than previously thought, European astronomers say.

While large numbers of Jupiter-like exoplanets have been found around stars with high concentrations of what astronomers term “metals,” elements heavier than hydrogen and helium, smaller terrestrial planets “need metal-rich stars to form, they said.

“Small planets could be widespread in our galaxy, because they do not require a high content of heavy elements to form,” study lead author Lars Buchhave of the University of Copenhagen noted.

Such planets are “more likely to form around white dwarfs than red giants,” he said.

More than three-quarters of them are smaller than Neptune. A few seem as small as the earth, they said.

A study of the stars’ spectra showed small, rocky worlds are associated with stars with a much broader range of metal content than those with giant planets.

“Naively, one might think that the more material you have in the [protoplanetary] disk, the more likely you are to form small planets, Buchhave said.

“We see, though, is that small planets form around stars with a wide range in heavy element content, while the close-in Jupiter-type planets seem to form predominantly around stars with a higher metal content.”

The findings suggest Earth-size worlds may not be rare inhabitants of the Milky Way, which increases the possibility of life on other worlds, Buchhave said.

“Since small planets could be widespread in our galaxy, the chances of life developing could be higher, simply because there could be more terrestrial-sized planets where life could evolve.”

Moziila enters Web app store arena

REDMOND, 15 June—Mozilla says it is entering the app store universe, opening its own Web Marketplace to compete with Apple’s App Store and Google Play. The Mozilla Marketplace is intended to give users a one-stop-shop for Web-based apps and games directly through its Firefox browser, TG Daily reported on Wednesday.

Fully compatible with Windows, Mac and Linux, the Mozilla Marketplace seeks intent on providing users the same point-and-click convenience as Apple or Google competitors, analysts said.

One difference is that the Mozilla Marketplace actually presents its apps as desktop applications, with each app treated as a regular computer program that can be launched from the Windows Start Menu or given its own desktop icon. This ties the Mozilla Marketplace closely to a user’s operating system, making it more than just an extension of a user’s browser, TG Daily said.

X-ray space telescope launched

PASADENA, 15 June—NASA said it’s successfully launched its NuSTAR X-ray observatory into orbit Wednesday after it was dropped from an aircraft over the central Pacific Ocean.

An L-1011 “Stargazer” aircraft, operated by Orbital Sciences Corp of Dulles, Va., took off from Kwajalein Atoll with the Nuclear Spectroscopic Telescope attached to Orbital’s Pegasus XL rocket, both strapped to the belly of the aircraft.

At noon EDT, the rocket dropped from the L-1011, free-falling for 5 seconds before firing its first-stage motor.

About 13 minutes later, NuSTAR separated from the rocket, reaching its final low Earth orbit, NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., reported on Wednesday.

“NuSTAR spread its solar panels to charge the spacecraft battery and then reported back to Earth of its good health,” Yujin Kim, the mission’s project manager at JPL, said. “We are checking out the spacecraft now and are excited to tune into the high-energy X-ray sky.”

NuSTAR will detect the highest energy X-ray light from the cosmos, seeing through gas and dust to reveal black holes lurking in our Milky Way galaxy, as well as those hidden in the hearts of faraway galaxies, mission officials said.

“With its unprecedented spatial and spectral resolution to the previously poorly explored hard X-ray region of the electromagnetic spectrum, NuSTAR will open a new window on the universe and will provide complementary data to NASA’s larger missions, including Fermi, Chandra, Hubble and Spitzer,” Paul Hertz, NASA’s Astrophysics Division director, said.

Satellite measures globe’s salty seas

SEATTLE, 15 June—A NASA instrument has completed a year of measuring ocean salinity from space, providing important data about Earth’s water cycle, the space agency said.

Launched 10 June, 2011, the satellite mission — a combined effort between NASA and Argentina’s Comision Nacional de Actividades Espaciales — is compiling a more complete picture of the salty seas and how it varies on a global scale, the agency reported on Wednesday.

NASA’s Aquarius instrument aboard the Argentine satellite is the first such device specifically designed to study surface ocean salinity from space, providing important data about Earth’s water cycle, the space agency said.

“An overarching question in climate research is to understand how changes in the Earth’s water cycle — meaning rainfall and evaporation, river discharges and so forth — ocean circulation, and climate link together,” said Gary Lagerloef, Aquarius principal investigator at Earth and Space Research in Seattle.

“Salinity is the variable we can use to measure that coupling,” it’s a critical factor, and it will eventually be used to improve climate forecasts, he said.—Internet

Apple to drop Ping social/ music network

CUPERTINO, 15 June—Apple says its Ping social networking service for music, which failed to gather a significant following, will be dropped in the next iTunes version. Ping, which still exists today in iTunes 10.6.3, will be gone with the software’s next major release expected in the fall, sources told allthingsd.com.

At that time Apple will shift its social networking offerings to Twitter and new partner Facebook entirely, allthingsd.com reported on Wednesday. Analysts said Ping, introduced in September 2010, focused too much on enabling commerce and too little on enabling social interaction, with users having trouble finding and connecting with others.

“Craig Federighi acknowledged that in recent comments. “We tried Ping, and I think the customer voted and said ‘This isn’t something that I want to put a lot of energy into,’” Cook said. —TG Daily

This chart compares the smallest known alien planets discovered by the Kepler space telescope to Mars and Earth. Internet

Oldest census record of Japan discovered

DAZAIFU, 15 June—Archaeologists say wooden tablets found in southwestern Japan and dated to the seventh century are believed to be the oldest census record in Japan’s history.

Unearthed in the city of Dazaifu in Fukuoka prefecture, the tablets were examined in infrared light, which revealed writing on one 12-inch by 3-inch tablet, Chuo’s Nihon News Agency reported on Wednesday.

The writing contains at least 16 names of families together with their titles and relationships along with words related to address or historical place names, researchers said.

The tablet is believed to be a census registration note of a type used in the period between AD685 and 701, they said.

“The discovery is epoch-making to learn how the ancient government controlled people living in regions of the southwestern Japanese province of Nara Prefecture (701-794), when the enthronement of Taiho Ritsuyo formed a nation managed under the ‘nation’s legal code system,’” Nobuhide Yamamura, a representative of Dazaifu’s cultural assets section, said. Although similar wooden tablets dating to the eighth century have been found in other areas of Japan, the Dazaifu artifact is the country’s oldest record of information about local residents, researchers said.

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**Psychotherapy by phone said effective**

Mental health professionals deliver some of the US Senate Banking Committee on Wednesday.

He said, “We have a lot of people down, and we are very sorry.”

Dimon said the trade that caused huge losses was originally done to ease risks. However, he said that after a strategic review earlier this year, the trade morphed into something that created new and larger risk.

He said the impact of the losses on business is limited, as the bank is expected to report a profit for the second quarter this year.

Some lawmakers criticized Dimon for failing to recognize problems at an earlier stage. They also questioned his lack of supervision.

The massive losses have led to stronger calls from some sectors for greater government controls on financial institutions.

**Barroso seeks banking and fiscal unity within EU**

The President of the European Commission has called for bold measures to strengthen banking and fiscal integration within the eurozone.

Addressing the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, on Wednesday, Jose Manuel Barroso said the zone had reached a decisive moment that determines its fate.

He said member countries must acknowledge the structural flaws that prohibit integration, and come up with a framework for the future.

Barroso said leaders will discuss a 2-day EU summit starting on 28th June a proposed banking union that will centralize control of major banks within the eurozone.

He said they will also discuss introducing eurobonds, or jointly issued European debt — which could help reduce the risk of default for some countries.

**Milk with more fat may help weight loss**

The town of Agoura, Calif., 15 June — Many nutritionists argue the fat in a moderate portion of whole milk or 2 percent milk may make many feel fuller and reduce food cravings, a US food expert says.

“Whole milk has 8 grams of total fat, 5 saturated; 2 percent milk contains 5 grams of fat, 3 of them saturated; there are 2 grams and 1 percent milk, both grams saturated; skim milk checks in at less than 1 gram,” Phil Lempert, a food industry analyst, trend watcher and creator of supermarketguru.com, said.

“Milk is a nutritious beverage and contains about one-third of the recommended daily value of calcium in one 8-ounce cup.”

Calcium is important for bone health as well as muscle and nerve conduction among other things. In terms of dairy foods, milk, yogurt and cheese are great sources of calcium.

Milk usually has 8 grams of protein—why it may be better for those with blood sugar issues, as the fat slows the carbohydrate absorption. Having a high fiber-food like oatmeal or whole grains can also buffer the effect.

**A Global Movement for Change**

By Ban Ki-moon

Next week, world leaders gather for a momentous occasion — the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development in Rio de Janeiro. Will it be a success? In my opinion, yes. To be sure, the negotiations have been lengthy. Even now, there may be some disappointment than agreement on the details of the so-called “outcome document” that will emerge. Yet that will not be the defining measure. Far more important is what the Rio conference has already accomplished. And that is to build a global movement for change.

Rio+20 is a milestone on a long road. The famous 1992 Earth Summit put sustainable development on the global agenda. Today, we have come to a broader and more nuanced understanding of this age-old imperative: how to better balance the development needs of a growing world population — so that all may enjoy the fruits of prosperity and robust economic growth — with the necessity of conserving our planet’s most precious resources: land, air and water. At Rio, more than 100 heads of state and government will join an estimated 50,000 participants in a growing revolution to make the world a better place to live and work.

In this larger sense, I believe that momentum for change is already irreversible. The evidence is all around, hiding in plain sight in countries large and small, rich and poor. Barbados, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea and South Africa, among many others, have already adopted “green growth” strategies that use limited natural resources more efficiently, create jobs and promote low-carbon development. Armenia, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Kenya, Jordan, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal and Senegal and Ukraine are applying new green-growth technologies in a variety of industries, from agriculture to tourism. China has committed to supply 16 percent of its energy needs from renewable sources by 2020 and plans to invest more than $450 billion in waste recycling and clean technologies under its current five-year plan.

Graz, waste management and recycling employs more than 500,000 people, most of whom live on society’s margins. Under its new National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, India has begun paying people to better manage natural resources, such as forests and fresh water. Wherever you look, national and local authorities are adopting policies and practices that, taken together, could help move us from a prospect of environmental ruin and growing social inequality toward a new era of inclusive and balanced sustainable development.

Governments and nation-states are not alone in driving this transformation. At Rio, more than 1,000 corporate leaders from all continents will deliver a common message: business as usual no longer works. Many are members of the United Nations Global Compact — volunteers in a growing revolution to make business a force for human progress. Corporate leaders are understanding that 21st-century corporate responsibility means corporate sustainability. Thus Nike (a champion of so-called “closed loop” manufacturing that minimizes industrial pollution) has initiated a new programme called Mata no Peito — a Portuguese colloquialism for “taking on a challenge” by helping protect Brazilian forest ecosystems. Unilever has pledged to source all its raw materials from sustainable sources by 2020. Kenya’s Safaricom has integrated gender equality into its internal policies to create a mother-friendly environment.

Meanwhile, Microsoft has announced it will soon go carbon-neutral. China’s Broad Group produces non-electric air conditioning units that are 200 percent more energy efficient; it is now diversifying into other energy-saving products and sustainable building materials. ToughStuff from Mauritius seeks to bring affordable and reliable solar power to millions of poor people in Africa by 2016, and the Abu Dhabi Future Energy Company is working to provide rural electrification in Afghanistan and the South Pacific Island nation of Tonga.

Energy will be a major focus at Rio. I call it the “golden thread” that connects the dots to a sustainable future — the key driver for development, social inclusion and economic growth, and protection, including climate change. That is why, in 2011, I established a new initiative called Sustainable Energy for All. Our aim: to ensure universal access to modern energy services for the one in five people worldwide who lack them; to reduce energy waste by doubling energy efficiency; and to double the share of renewables in the global energy mix. In Rio, leaders from government, business and civil society will announce a galaxy of actions to advance these goals, from promoting cleaner, more efficient cook-stoves to helping governments scale up their geothermal and other renewable energy potential.

Sustainable Energy for All is the partnership model of the future. The principle is simple but powerful: the United Nations uses its unrivalled convening power to bring all relevant actors to the table so they can work in common cause for the common good. At bottom, this is what Rio+20 is all about. Yes, the negotiations themselves are very important. Agreements that can be committed to paper today will shape the debates of tomorrow. But Rio+20 goes beyond that. It is the expression of a dynamic global movement for change — and a big step forward toward the future we want.

Ban Ki-moon is Secretary-General of the United Nations
**India steel factory explosion kills 10**

Hyderabad, 15 June — At least 10 people were killed and several others seriously injured in an explosion at a steel factory in southeast India, a local government official said on Thursday. "Ten people died in the blast on Wednesday evening and about nine are battling for their lives in hospital," Lav Agarwal, district administrator of Visakhapatnam in the state of Andhra Pradesh, told AFP. A spokesman for the plant who declined to be named said that first reports suggested that the explosion occurred in a control room, but that the cause of the blast was uncertain. "We found people with 75 percent burns who were rushed to the hospital," he said. "An oxygen supply pipe burst and we are investigating." The state-owned Rashtriya Ispat Nigam plant, situated in Visakhapatnam, 600 kilometres (370 miles) from the state capital Hyderabad, was hit by another fatal accident last month when two workers were killed at the furnace site. Local media reported that a fire broke out on Wednesday after a huge blast heard at about 8:00 pm, and that firefighters continued to battle the blaze in the morning as a full search for any further bodies was undertaken. Many of the victims, who were all factory employees or contract workers, were treated at a hospital on the plant site with some of the injured moved to public hospitals in the coastal city of Visakhapatnam. The Hindu newspaper reported on its website that eight people died at the scene and two others had died of their injuries in hospital. It said that one general manager and three deputy general managers were among the dead.

**Niger farmland threatened by locusts**

Rosny, 15 June — Large swaths of farmland are threatened by locusts in Niger even as the drought-prone African nation is grappling with a severe food crisis, a pest-control official said on Wednesday. "Unless swarms are destroyed very early, locusts will reproduce and reach the cropland," Yahaya Garba, director of the CNLA agency in charge of pest-control, said in the latest bulletin of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in Niger. At least 500,000 hectares (1.2 million acres) of farmland and one million hectares (2.5 million acres) of pasture land could be devastated. "Locusts are about to reach the Sahel region, and notably northern Mali and Niger," Garba said adding that the migratory species was invading the area from southeast Algeria and neighbouring Libya. The first swarms were spotted in northern Niger late last month and have started to migrate south where most Niger farmland is concentrated. More than 80 percent of Niger’s population of 15 million live on farm produce and six million are facing a new food crisis already, out of 18 million in the entire Sahel belt, according to United Nations figures. The “fight (against the locusts) must be fought intensively and immediately,” warned Garba, appealing for international assistance.

** HK to issue special stamps to celebrate 15th anniversary**

Hong Kong, 15 June — Hongkong Post announced on Thursday that a stamp sheetlet to commemorate "the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region" would be released for sale together with associated philatelic products on 1 July. On 1 July, 2012 marks the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR). Hongkong Post is issuing the stamp sheetlet to commemorate this important milestone of the HKSAR. The stamp sheetlet boasts a motif of Bauhinia, the floral emblem of Hong Kong. The iconic images on the five petals highlight scenery of prosperity and the core values of the city. The background of the stamp sheetlet is decorated with wavy colored ribbons, which reflect the vibrancy and versatility of Hong Kong. — Xinhu

**Largest swaths of farmland are threatened by locusts in Niger even as the drought-prone African nation is grappling with a severe food crisis, a pest-control official said on Wednesday**

**Qatar: Electrical fire started blaze killing 19**

Doha, 15 June — Investigators in Qatar say faulty wiring on a fluorescent light sparked a fire last month that killed 19 people, including Uighur refugees, in the Gulf nation’s biggest mall. The report into the 28 May blaze also says shortcomings in safety becoming by mall staff and at a daycare centre contributed to the “catastrophe.” The findings were released late Wednesday. The fire began in a store and quickly moved into the adjacent daycare center catering to Qatar’s large expatriate communities. Among those killed were 2- year-old triplets from New Zealand and four teachers at the nursery. Two firefighters also died. The report says there was no evidence the fire was premeditated. At least five people, including the daycare center owner, have been detained as part of the probe. — Internet

**Bear chased off after wandering into Alaska school**

Anchorage, 15 June — Authorities say a bear has had to be chased away after wandering into an Anchorage, Alaska, high school. Police say the bear was on Wednesday wandered into Bartlett High School — home of the Golden Bears — through a door left open for construction workers. School is out for the summer at Bartlett so no students were in the building at the time. But the Anchorage Daily News reports some staff were there and had to be evacuated. Police responded and searched the school for the bear. They found clues like knocked-over trash cans that contained food. Eventually officers began banging on doors to scare the bear. It did the trick, and the animal ran outside, into the nearby woods. Tom Tait says the agency was looking for a creative way to encourage Twitter users to tweet haikus around the theme of dust storms during severe dust storms that hit Phoenix in the summer. An example, from Phoenix resident Mindy Lee, who goes by the Twitter handle mindyblee: "Haboobs blow through town / In one instant it’s dark / Pull over and wait." Transportation department spokesman Timothy Tait says the agency was looking for a creative way to engage residents in its “Pull Aside, Stay Alive” campaign. So far they’ve seen more than 30 entries and are re-tweeting some of the best ones.
The wonders of Garlic

In my teenage years I loved going to the movies with my parents and siblings. The day out to the movies was a grand occasion for us. It was a special occasion because my parents would find time to spend with us at the movies. It was also great because we would be treated to snacks and ice cream before or after the movies.

In those days the movie houses showing English films were Palladium on Sule Pagoda Road, Royal and Carlton Houses which were a stone’s throw away from Scot Market (Bogyoke Market). These movie houses have been demolished and Traders Hotel and Central Hotel have been built in their places.

The movies I like seeing are thrillers and horrors. ‘Count Dracula’, ‘Vampires’, ‘the Brides of Dracula’ were then quite popular. Christopher Lee was the blood sucking Count Dracula and Peter Cushing acted as the Dracula killer. In these movies, young maidens were the victims of Count Dracula who would suck the blood from their throats and the victims would become the living dead like the Count. Peter Cushing the Dracula killer would kill off these monsters by driving a wooden stake through their hearts or shooting them with a silver bullet. The villagers near the castle where Dracula resides were warned to make garlands of garlic flowers or keep garlic near them to frighten and ward off the evil creatures from coming near the maidens.

So garlic has been playing quite an important role even in those ancient times. Now-a-days garlic also is an essential commodity for cooks, for without garlic our curries would not have an appetizing flavour. Housewives need garlic in the kitchen. We would pound the garlic and make puree for our curries.

I recently read in the newspaper that researchers have isolated a compound in garlic that is 100 times more potent than antibiotics in combating the campylobacter bacteria, one of the commonest causes of intestinal illnesses. Many people are affected by campylobacter every year, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Many suffer from cramping, abdominal pain and fever. The compound diallyl sulphide in garlic reduces disease-causing bacteria in the environment and in our food supply, said a postdoctoral researcher who led the study. He and his colleagues looked at the ability of the garlic compound, diallyl sulphide, to kill the bacteria when it is protected by a slimy biofilm that makes it 1,000 times more resistant to antibiotics the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy reports. They found the garlic compound can easily penetrate the protective biofilm and kill bacteria cells by combining enzymes, changing the enzyme’s function and effectively shutting down cell metabolism. The researchers found that diallyl sulphide was as much as 100 times more effective than much of the antibiotics Ciprofloxacin and Ciprofloxacin and would then work in a fraction of the time.

The fruits and vegetables we eat everyday have qualities which combat many forms of diseases. Garlic is good for the blood. It prevents gastro-intestinal problems. It also digests food. It kills bacteria. It prevents leprosy and skin diseases. One garlic contains 30 percent starch, 6 percent protein, 60 milligram vitamins and 4 percent of other minerals. If there is too much cholesterol in the blood, high blood pressure, clotting of the blood and finally stroke and heart failure results. Taking garlic neutralizes the blood.

Mahatma Gandhi, one of the world’s famous peace architects included garlic in his daily meals and said that it cured him of his high blood pressure.

Therefore, we also should have garlic always in our kitchens for its medicinal qualities and to cook healthy food for our family.

Traffic rules talks given in Pyapon BEHSs

PYAPON, 15 June—Pyapon District Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee of Ayeawady Region held educative talks at Basic Education High School No 2 in Pyapon on 7 June morning.

At the ceremony, in charge of Pyapon District Traffic Force IP Chit Sein and party gave talks on traffic rules. Similar talks were held at BEHS No 1 and BEHS No 3 in Pyapon.

Traffic rule educative period is being realized in the township.

School uniforms presented to students of vendors

HOHNSAN, 15 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offspring of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers was held at the office of Hshuang Township Development Affairs Committee on 3 June morning.

Officials presented school uniforms worth K 581,250 to 60 primary students, 52 middle school students and 22 high school students.—Myanna Alin

Crime reduction talk given in Kawa Township

KAWA, 15 June—Educative talks on crime reduction were held at the monastery in Kamakale Village of Nabein Village-tract in Kawa Township of Bago Region on 3 June morning.

Next, the headmistress shared exercise books and school textbooks at primary school level to schools in the sub-township.

In the occasion, departmental personnel and entrepreneurs of the sub-township donated K 3 million to the education fund.

Township IPRD

Summer Paletthe hybrid paddy harvested on model plot

KYEMON, 15 June—The harvesting of summer high yield Paletthe hybrid paddy was held at the farm of farmer U Myint Aung in Kunchaung Dam irrigated area of Betye Village-tract in Kyemon Township of Hinthada District on 10 June.

A total of 178 baskets of paddy per acre was produced from the paddy plantation.

The paddy harvesting ceremony was attended by the Township Administrator and party.

They then inspected progress in reclamation of advanced model farmland of Ayeya Kyanking Paddy Company at No 70 field in Zeebinkwan Village-tract.
The Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin called on the Chinese counterpart Mr. Yang Jiechi and Vice-Premier of the State Council of China Mr Li Keqiang separately on 13 June. At the meeting with the Chinese FM, both sides overviewed on development of bilateral relations and economic cooperation. They also exchanged views on regional and international issues in a frank and cordial manner. After the meeting, the Union minister attended a luncheon hosted by the Chinese counterpart.

On 10 June, the Union minister visited Shanghai Institute of International Studies (SIIS) and met with Dr Yang Jiemin, President of SIIS in Shanghai. In the afternoon, he met Vice-Mayor of Shanghai Municipal Government Mr Teo Guanguang and attended a luncheon hosted by Mr Zhao Bing, Deputy Director-General of Foreign Affairs Office of the Shanghai Municipal People’s Government.

On 9 June, the Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin visited Great Wall in Beijing on 12 June. In the afternoon, he met Mr Jiang Jemin, President of CNPC. The Union minister also visited Beijing Foreign Studies University and met Administrative Committee Chairman of the university Professor Yang Xueyi and Chinese students studying Myanmar language at the university. Also present at the meeting was the Vice-Chairman of China-Myanmar Friendship Association.

F & R Ministry honours outstanding students, staff, athletes

NAVPYATAW, 15 June—Ministry of Finance and Revenue honoured outstanding students, staff and athletes of the ministry at the ministry today.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun said that the ministry honoured those who bring pride to the ministry with the aim of encouraging them to become intellectuals and intelligentsia.

He also called on them for working hard to achieve success in the future so that the country and the ministry can take a pride in their achievements.

Afterwards, managing-directors and directors-general of the ministry awarded the athletes of the ministry who won prizes in national-level competitions and outstanding staff who won prizes in the courses of the Central Institute for Civil Service.

Managing Director of Myanmar Economic Bank U San Thaung and wife of the governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar presented prizes to three-distinction winners of the 2011-2012 matriculation examination, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyine and Deputty Union Minister U Win Than to four-distinction winners, Daw Khin Than Win, wife of the Union minister, to five-distinction winners and Union Minister U Hla Tun to six-distinction winners.

The Union minister also presented exercise books and stationery to students of the staff of the ministry through Director of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Aung Aung.

Regional ASEAN Dengue Day marked

NAVPYATAW, 15 June—The ceremony to mark the Regional ASEAN Dengue Day was observed at Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin.

Director (Infection) Dr Soe Lwin Nyine read the resolution in the Dengue Preventive Measure Meeting (Yangon).

The Union Minister presented prizes to the winners in the high school level essay contest and Senior Officer Ms Jintana of ASEAN Secretariat, winners in the middle level poster contest in the Regional ASEAN Dengue Day.

After the ceremony, the Union minister and party viewed round the booths on preventive measures against dengue.

Cash assistance, exercise books provided to students

NAVPYATAW, 15 June—A ceremony to provide cash assistance for families of Kayah State Police Force for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the hall of the State Police Force in Loikaw on 12 June afternoon.

Commander of Kayah State Police Force Police Col Kyaw Swe made a speech and presented cash assistance and exercise books to university and high school students.

Daw Khin Swe Nyine, wife of the police commander, gave cash assistance and exercise books to university and basic education students.

Deputy Commander of the police force Police Lt-Col Khin Maung Zaw handed cash assistance and exercise books to middle and primary students. At the ceremony, they provided cash assistance and exercise books worth K 260,000 to 42 children of policemen.
Union A & I Minister meets Belgium guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing received a delegation led by Minister of Economy, SMEs, Foreign Trade and New Technologies of Belgium and Vice-President of Wallonia Region Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt and Belgium Ambassador Rudi Veestraeten, at his office here this morning. At the call, they discussed matters related to cooperation in the sector of technologies for development of agricultural sector and investments. They also had a discussion on cooperation in the sector of technologies for development of agricultural sector, making investments in the export of value-added industrial crops, paddy, and vegetables, cooperation of research and development between Agricultiral University of Belgium and Myanmar and exchange of technology. Also present at the meeting were directors-general of departments under the ministry, rector of Agricultural University, Mr Philippe Suinen (CEO), Dr Jyljen Compure (head of Cabinet), Ms Florence Giet (Economic Advisor), Prof Dr Pierre Bultez (Pr Columbia University Business School), Dr Pr Eric Haubruege (Deputy Rector), Pr Dr Pasai Lenoy (Dean of Veterinary Medical Science) and Mr Hans Rhodius (MD)—MNA

Union Health Minister receives foreign guests

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Ther Khin received Belgium Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Shigeru Suganami and party of AMDA Group at 2 pm on 13 June. Chargé d’Affaires of the US Embassy Mr Michael E. Thurston at 3 pm and Director of PISA Mr Linda J. Yarrand party of Partnership for International Strategies in Asia-PISA at 3.30 pm today. At the call, AMDA Group submitted a report that AMDA and Health Department cooperated in preliminary health care services, maternal and infant care and success in water and environmental sanitation in Pakokku and Meiktila Townships. The group expressed continuous cooperation with the department and discussed the observation plan of Japanese delegation to the projected areas. In meeting with the US Embassy officials, they discussed exchange of technologies between medical universities and public health universities of the US and the Ministry of Health, progress of works, assistance of the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria, maternal and infant health care services, raising of health care services and training of health staff. At the call, Asia-PISA Group discussed impacts on health of the people in climate change, change of nature at insects and bacteria and adoption for future tasks with all-round discussions of departments concerned and organizations. Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department, Deputy Director-General (Public Health) Dr Thein Thayn of Health Department and officials.—MNA

By Minister meets UNMAS delegates

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win received Director of UNMAS Ms. Agnes Marcaillo at the ministry this morning. During the meeting, the deputy minister discussed cooperation between the ministry and WFP in distribution of rice and foodstuffs to Kachin, Chin, Rakhine (North), Shan States and Magway Region, bilateral cooperation between the ministry and UNDP in narrowing the gaps of giving education, health and supply of drinking water as well as ensuring food security and opportunities for getting more incomes in rural areas. Besides, the deputy minister added that under the supervision of UNHCR, the ministry is carrying out development tasks in Kayin, Miss States, Taninthayi Region, and holding talks on international organizations in mine removal. Delegation members Mr. Timothy Homer of UNDP and Ms. Judy Grayson of UNICEF presented reports on conditions for participation in mine disposal actions. It was attended by Director-General U Myo Hlaing of the Education and Training Department under the ministry and Director-General U Soe Tint of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development Department, Deputy Director-General U Myint Oo of the Rural Area Development Department and officials concerned.—MNA

Union NPED Minister receives Belgium, Swiss delegations

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—An entrepreneurs delegation led by Minister of Economy, SMEs, Foreign Trade and New Technologies of Belgium and Vice-President of Wallonia Region Mr Jean-Claude Marcourt called on Union Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Naing Oo Thein received the delegation at his office here, today. They discussed seeking of trade and investment opportunities, penetration to the European market, commodity transport and development of the infrastructure. The Belgium delegation is interested in steel industry, agro-based foodstuff production and livestock-based foodstuff production, ship building, port building, rail transportation, monetary and banking services, automobile manufacturing, control of vehicles, management of draining out sewerage. It was reported that they would like to hold a meeting on setting up of strength for development of investment and trade sector soon. Likewise, Ambassador of Switzerland Mr Christoph Burgener called on the Union minister at 10.30 am today. They discussed technology and financial cooperation between Myanmar and Switzerland, draft agreement for providing humanitarian aids, and formation of the Foreign Aid Management Commission and Central Committee and Work Committee in Myanmar. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Dr Kan Zaw, directors-general and officials.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw Committee Chairman receives Sweden’s Ambassador for Human Rights

Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee U Hla Myint Oo received Sweden’s Ambassador for Human Rights Ms Linda J Yarrand at the New Light of Myanmar Press Agency (salary rate: K 59000-1000-64000).—MNA

Successful candidates for NPE junior reporter posts announced

Nay Pyi Taw, 15 June—News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information today announced 13 individuals who passed both written exam and personal interview for vacancies of junior reporters (salary rate: K 59000-1000-64000). The roll numbers of the successful applicants are 96, 109, 21, 15, 56, 51, 85, 82, 53, 30, 31, 116 and 40. The successful candidates may report to the chief editor of Myanmar News Agency (Internal), Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper Complex, Kayahbin Junction, Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, at 11 am on 29 June in order to start discharging duties as of 1 July.—MNA

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Zaw Win meeting with Director of UNMAS Ms. Agnes Marcaillo.—MNA
New school building handed over in NyaungU

NYAUNGU, 15 June—A ceremony to open new building of Basic Education Primary School was held in Nyaungbintha Village of NyaungU Township, NyaungU/District, Mandalay Region, on 3 June.

Deputy Commissioner U Tun Win of District General Administration Department and wellwisher Daw Myint Hlaing formally opened the new building. Then, the deputy commissioner made a speech.

Township Assistant Education Officer U Sein Hla explained matters related to the new building. Wellwisher U Win Oo (a) U Win Htet of Yangon handed over documents related to the new building to the Ministry of Education.

Cash, books donated to library in Kya-in-Seikkyi Township

KAWKAREIK, 15 June—A ceremony to donate books and publications to Bawa Alinyaung Library was held at the library in Mingalagun Village of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kawkareik District, Kayin State, on 3 June.

At the ceremony, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Chit Myo Oo made a speech. Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department Daw Hnin Kyi explained the procedure for durability of library.

Staff Officer U Win Htet of Township Immigration and National Registration Department donated K10,000, local people K10,000 and books and the Township IPRD books. Library Committee Chairman U Tun Khin accepted the donations.

Mingala Yeiktha Tawya Monastery Saydaw Bhaddanta Vasava, Deputy Head of Township General Administration Department U Chit Myo Oo and Head of Township IPRD Daw Hnin Kyi formally opened the new library. —Township IPRD

Stipends granted to students of staff members

YANGON, 15 June—The stipend giving ceremony for students of staff from Taikkyi Township General Administration Department for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the meeting hall of the township on 9 June.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Zaw Seo presented K265,000 in total and eight dozens of exercise books to 44 basic education students of staff members.—Township GAD

DHF preventive measures taken in Labutta Township

LABUTTA, 15 June—To be able to take preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever in Labutta Township, Deputy Commissioner U Kan Win of District General Administration Department, Township Administrator U Bo Bo Min Thaik, Medical Superintendent Dr Thet Hlay Aung of District Hospital, health staff, district and township level departmental officials together with social organizations undertook spraying at schools and treated medicine at water tanks on 9 June.

Health staff explained matters related to treated mosquito nets and distributed tablets to be used in treating mosquito nets to the local people. —District IPRD

Cash, book donations

Myanmar Libraries Foundation is giving encouragement to broadening the horizon of the people and developing self-reliant libraries across the nation. Those wishing to donate cash and books to the libraries may contact Myanmar Libraries Foundation at No. 228 on Theinbyu Street in Botataung Township, Yangon, Tel: 01-371342, 01-205936 and 01-398756.

MF invites cash, book donations

The deputy commissioner assigned duties to township administrators for 2012-2013 fiscal year.—Myanmar Alin

Duties assigned to implement annual plans

YANGON, 15 June—A ceremony to assign duties of annual plans for 2012-2013 academic year of Yangon West District of Yangon Region was held at the hall of AShon Township on 11 June.

Deputy Commissioner of Yangon West District General Administration Department U Kyaw Thu Zaw made a speech. The deputy commissioner assigned duties to township administrators for 2012-2013 fiscal year.—Myanmar Alin

Applied pharmaceutical management course wraps up

YANGON, 15 June—Organized by Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association, the advanced applied pharmaceutical management course No 11 concluded at level 5 of UMFCCI Office Tower on Minye Kyawswa Road in Lammadaw Township of Yangon on 6 June morning.

Vice-Chairman of the association U Thant Zin spoke on the occasion. Vice-Chairman U Thant Zin, Joint-Secretary Dr Thin Nwe Win, CEC member Dr Aye Kyaw, executives U Myo Thet and Dr Than Tha No and Chief Instructor Dr Mie Mie Ko presented certificates to trainees.

The vice-chairman gave prize to outstanding trainee Daw Ngyaw Khaing. Altogether 25 trainees attended the one-month course. The course No 14 will commence in July.

CSC ISSUED: Staff Officer U Than Aye and staff of North Okkalapa Township Immigration and National Registration Department issue citizenship scrutiny cards to local people of Tatangingyi Ward on 8 June.—MYANMA ALIN

Cash assistance provided: A ceremony to present cash assistance for students of clerks from Thaton District Police Force for 2012-2013 academic year was held at Ye Zarni Hall of Thaton District Police Force on 26 May. Commander of Thaton District Police Force Lt-Col Aung Ko Oo presents K386,000 as cash assistance to 609 students.—DISTRICT POLICE FORCE

School uniforms given to students in Maungywn

MAUNGLAYINGYUN, 15 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to offsprings of vendors and slow-moving vehicle drivers was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee on 5 June morning. It was sponsored by Mawlamyineyangyun Township Development Affairs Committee for 2012-2013 academic year. At the ceremony, Executive Officer U Thet Aung of Township Development Affairs Committee presented school uniforms to 26 students.

At the ceremony, Deputy Head of District Agriculture Department U Soe Win explained the purpose of opening the course.

Head of District Agriculture Department U Naing Lin and Head of Township Development Department U Thet Lwin gave lectures to the trainees.

Farms educated course commences

KYA-IN-SEIKKYI, 15 June—The Agriculture Department of Kya-in-Seikkyi Township in Kayin State held the farmers educational course No. 4 on 25 May morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Soe Win explained the purpose of opening the course.

Head of District Agriculture Department U Naing Lin and Head of Township Development Department U Thet Lwin gave lectures to the trainees.

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Consumer spending was one of the key pillars of support for the recovery in the first quarter, and the retail sales data led a number of economists to cut their forecasts for second-quarter growth. "This points to further moderation in the pace of economic growth, which would suggest the recovery may need a helping hand from the Fed," said Millan Mulraine, deputy commander-in-chief of China's manned space programme. The drill was conducted at the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in the Gansu Province, on 9 June, 2012.

"Today's launch will reduce logistics costs and facilitate economic growth and social development between Thailand, Cambodia and other Mekong nations," he said.

"Bus crash kills 10, injures 16 more in southwest Mexico"

MEXICO CITY, 15 June — At least 10 people were killed and 16 others injured on Wednesday when a minibus packed with children on a day trip slammed into a house in the southwestern state of Michoacan, Mexico, local police sources said in a statement.

The accident took place in the town of Uruapan, about 600 kilometres southwest of Mexico City, the national capital, around 11:30 am, local time, when the vehicle, which was rented to take a group of children to a local zoo, suddenly veered off the highway and crashed into the house.

The injured were all hospitalized. Among the critically injured were kindergarten and elementary school children. Some of whom were airlifted to hospitals for emergency treatment. It is not immediately known the exact number of people aboard the ill-fated bus. The house also sustained partial damage to the accident. No other details, such as the cause of the accident, were available for the moment.

"Decrease in flash sales, inflation data favour Fed action"

WASHINGTON, 15 June — Retail sales fell for a second straight month in May and wholesale prices dropped by the most in three years, raising chances of further action by the Federal Reserve to shore up the flagging recovery. The data on Wednesday added to a raft of other recent signals, including reports on employment and manufacturing, that have pointed to a slowdown in the economic recovery.

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#### MV PAC AQUILA VOYNO(120)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PAC AQUILA VOY NO (120) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.L.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT: FOR: MS PAC CONTAINER LINE PTE LTD

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV WEST SCENT VOY NO (001) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT: FOR: MS INTERASIA LINES PTE LTD

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**

**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT: FOR: EASTERN CAR LINER SPORE PTE LTD

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**MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY**

AGENT: FOR: MS SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES PTE LTD

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### 5.4-magnitude quake hits Xinjiang

**URUMQI, 15 June —** An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter scale jolted Luntai county in northern Xinjiang at 5:51 am on Friday, according to the local seismological bureau.

The epicenter, with a depth of 20 km, was monitored at 42.2 degrees north latitude and 84.2 degrees east longitude, according to the seismological bureau of Bayingolin Mongol autonomous prefecture.

Residents in the county and some nearby counties said they felt a strong tremor.

The county government said the epicentre is in the mountainous area with an altitude of about 2,500 metres. There has been no reports of casualties and the government is calculating the economic loss.

Luntai is located south of Tianshan mountains and the northern edge of Tarim Basin, and it is more than 600 kilometres from Urumqi.—Xinhua

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### Shallow undersea quake hits eastern Indonesia

**JAKARTA, 15 June —** An earthquake with magnitude of 5.7 struck off eastern part of Indonesia earlier on Friday, the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency reported.

The USGS, however, put the magnitude of the quake at 5.6.

The quake struck at 03:17 am Jakarta Time on Friday (2017 GMT Thursday) with epicenter at 80 km northwest of Terambe of North Maluku and with a depth of 16 km under sea bed, an official of the agency told Xinhua by phone.

Indonesia is vulnerable to earthquake as it sits on a zone known as “the Pacific Ring of fire.”—Xinhua

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### China’s manned submersible reaches 6,000 metres

**ABOARD XIANG-YANGHONG 09, 15 June —** China’s manned deep-sea submersible, the Jiaolong, reached the depth of 6,000 metres of the Mariana Trench at 12:20pm (0400GMT) on Friday.

The dive, which began at 9 am, is the first of a series of six scheduled ones to attempt the country’s deepest-ever 7,000-metre manned dive.

China’s manned deep-sea submersible, Jiaolong, made its first dive on the Mariana Trench on Friday, as part of a bid to go down as deep as 7,000 meters.—Xinhua

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### No damage caused as magnitude-5.9 quake rocks S Philippines

**DAVAO CITY, (Philippines), 15 June —** No casualty or damages was caused as moderate quake shook parts of southern Philippines on early Friday, Philippine government agency said.

According to Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), the epicentre of the earthquake measuring 5.9 on the Richter scale which happened around 9:14 am local time was traced some 145 km southeast of Mati, a city of Southern Philippine Province of Davao Oriental, at a depth of 64 km.

The US Geological Survey pegged the quake’s magnitude at 5.5. No casualty or damages has been reported so far but the quake was felt in several Mindanao Provinces, from Agusan del Sur to the north and the Davao Provinces in the island’s southern and eastern parts.

Mati resident Neela Dulilo told Xinhua that she felt the quake but “it was just mild and short.” PHIVOLCS regional chief Desiderio Cabanit told Xinhua by text message that despite its strength, the quake was too deep to cause damage to the affected areas.—Xinhua

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### Japan Airlines (JAL) planes taxi on the tarmac at Tokyo’s Haneda airport. Japan Airlines, the flag-carrier that went bust in one of the nation’s biggest-ever bankruptcy cases, is aiming to re-list its shares by September, the Nikkei business daily reported on Friday.

**INTERNET**
Deer moves into urban Chicago back yard

Residents of Chicago’s Lake View neighborhood, blocks from Wrigley Field, said they were shocked to see the area’s newest resident — a deer.

The neighbours said the deer has been living for at least a week in the back yard of a home belonging to a family that has been on vacation since before the animal showed up, the Chicago Sun-Times reported.

“It goes to the same spot in the side yard during the day and then goes to the back yard at night,” neighbour PJ McCarthy said. “I don’t know how the hell it ever got here in the first place.”

McCarthy said the Animal Care and Control said the deer will be left alone for now, but residents were cautioned not to feed it.

“It can create a potentially dangerous situation for the residents and for the deer,” said Brad Powers, assistant to the director at Animal Control. “Generally if a deer knows to go to one place for food, it’s going to continue to go there and get accustomed to it. It’s not wise to encourage the deer to remain in a highly populated urban setting.”

Cafeteria workers win odour dispute

A union representing cafeteria workers in a Pennsylvania school district isn’t even over being forced to pay for unsellable items they eat.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees filed the grievance in 2011 against the Sharpsville Area School District, alleging officials “violated established practice by forcing cafeteria workers to pay for food or drinks that safe food regulations do not allow them to sell to students,” The Sharon Herald reported.

The settlement, passed by a unanimous school board vote in May, states workers can consume the items — which include expired and reheated food and drink items — for free. The workers said they were shocked to see the area’s newest resident — a deer.

Cheryl Cole attacked for ‘350 ’meet and greet’ offer

LONDON, 15 June — Fans have slammed Cheryl Cole after they were told that they will have to fork out 350 pounds for a ‘special’ meeting with her.

The offer was reportedly a part of ‘meet and greet’ package, which will get include a ticket to her UK tour and a photo with the star, who will also sign one item.

This has apparently upset her fans, who have taken to Twitter describing the deal as ‘robbery’.

“Especially following the mixed reaction to Cheryl’s performance at last week’s Diamond Jubilee concert,” the Daily Star reported.

‘350 pounds for a M and G with Cheryl Cole! After the jubilee disaster wouldn’t you think any special meet and greet tickets the voice would keep quiet about the tickets on Twitter. Instead she tweeted,’ UK and IRELAND 1!’ I’m coming to see you yooouuounuuu. Excited Cheryl’s spokesmen Sundeep Sreenivasan insisted that she did not know anything about the offer last night.

But he revealed that all the profits made would go to charity.

“All profits from the meet and greet go to the Cheryl Cole Foundation,” he added.

Miley Cyrus gets marriage advice from Jada Pinkett Smith

WASHINGTON, 15 June — Jada Pinkett Smith has reportedly given Miley Cyrus some advice about getting married young.

The ‘Madagascar 3’ star — who will celebrate her 15th wedding anniversary to Will Smith on 31 Dec, insists that Miley, 19, and fiance Liam Hemsworth, 22, must first share a good friendship base.

‘Learn how to be friends, especially when you are starting that young.’ Contactmusic quoted Smith as saying online yesterday.

‘Forever is a long time. When you are starting forever at 19 years old, and it is not to say that there is anything wrong with that, but it is just to know that it is now and what it will be, it is just position to do good. This book is not about weight, it’s about making the right choices,’ the Daily Express quoted a source as saying.

Internet

Cameron Diaz set to release nutrition book

WASHINGTON, 15 June — Cameron Diaz is reportedly close to seal a publishing deal to write her own nutrition book, which will dish out advice to her teenage fans.

The Charlie’s Angels star, who announced earlier in 2012 that she would be launching her own well being organization, is reportedly all set to release a book which will help impressionable young girls stay fit and healthy.

‘She wants to stop their fixation being thin, and for teenage girls to understand that being healthy is more important. She wants to use her celebrity to make a difference. She knows she is a role model to girls and she really wants to use that fame to achieve success.’

Gaga sprays first perfume, but where’s the blood?

LONDON, 15 June — Fans were not impressed with Lady Gaga’s first perfume, which was released on Wednesday, as it’s not going to smell like blood and semen as the flamboyant singer once hoped.

 Called Fame, the perfume bottle leaked like blood and semen as the songstress has been often pictured jetting around the world attending a string of high profile events.

Lady Gaga also released pictures of the bottle and its packaging, which showed that the fragrance is in the form of a black liquid that apparently becomes invisible once sprayed on skin.

‘That’s black like the soul of fame but invisible once airborne,’ according to the packaging.

Fame will smell of ‘tears of belladonna, crushed heart of St John’s wort, invisible once airborne, and the combinative of perfumes, allays and crocodylian blood and semen,’ the perfume company reportedly claimed.

Internet

Florida seeks ‘crocodile response agents’

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is posting job openings for ‘crocodile response agents’ in the Florida Keys.

The commission said it will train the agents to investigate crocodile sightings, finding alternative ways to relocate the animals, and taking care of the occasional carcass recovery.

Internet

Billionaire selling private island

A Seattle billionaire who purchased the world’s most expensive car for $35 million is now attempting to sell his private Canadian island for $75 million.

Billionaire Craig McCaw is selling James Island.

Craig McCaw, who sold his company, McCaw Cellular, to AT&T for $11.5 billion in 1993 and now runs high-speed wireless provider Clearwire, is attempting to sell the 780-acre James Island, part of Columbia’s Gulf Islands, with an asking price of $75 million, Seattlepi.com reported.

The island currently hosts an 18-hole golf course, a 5,000-square-foot residence, six guest cottages, private docks, an airstrip, a pool house and a “western village.” McCaw said he is selling the island because his family has “the perfect storm of kids’ activities and no one wants to be left behind.”

Internet

Gaga’s erratic behaviour could indicate she suffers from NPD

LONDON, 15 June — Rihanna has reportedly reached a ‘breaking point’ after months of wild partying, has doctors fearing for her health.

The troubled star, 24, has told pals she is both emotionally and mentally exhausted and is ‘feeling lost.’

The 24-year-old crooner’s friends claimed that Rihanna was struggling to cope as her hectic non-stop party lifestyle finally took its toll.

But experts insist that a string of bizarre messages and pictures she has put on Twitter revealed that she could have a mental disorder.

They claimed that she was part of a narcissistic personality disorder (NPD).

‘She’s reached breaking point, Rihanna’s ‘psyching out and mentally exhausted and feeling lost,’ the Daily Star quoted a source as saying.

‘I think she desperately needs help and some time off, not just from work but from all the other stresses of her life,’ too. The songstress has been seen jetting around the world attending a string of showbiz parties.

She first sparked fears for her health after Tweeting pictures of herself hooked up to a drip in hospital.

‘Rihanna’s erratic behaviour could indicate that she suffers from NPD. Symptoms are exaggerated sense of self-importance and a need for constant admiration, which Rihanna shows by posting semi nude pictures, ’ Relationship psychologist Jo Hemmings said. ‘If she does have NPD, with counselling she could recognise the damage she’s causing.’

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The Florida Sun-Sentinel, apparently not aware of the publishing deal, showed an image of a black liquid that apparently becomes invisible once sprayed on skin.

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US Open agony for Luke Donald

SAN FRANCISCO, 15 June  — World number one Luke Donald’s dismal day on The Olympic Club was the lowlight from what was billed as the super-group on the opening day of the US Open. Donald couldn’t find a single birdie, but bogeyed half his holes in a nine-under par 70 to see any chance at all.

Northern Ireland’s Rory McIlroy, the defending champion and ranked number two in the world, fared little better with a 77, while third-ranked Lee Westwood, his woeful form with Chelsea, had a 76.

Luke Donald of England chips the ball out of the sand on approach to the green at the 2nd hole on the first day of the US Open at San Francisco’s Olympic Club, on 14 June, in California. — Internet

Four over through six holes, he had eight birdies to rally to a 73. Nineteen-over for the threesome, who will play together again in Friday’s second round. “The top three in the world and we make three between us,” Donald said of the dearth of birdies. “It shows how tough it is.”

“’There aren’t that many opportunities out there. Some hole locations with the firmness of the greens and the direction of the wind, the best you can do is to go to 20 feet. So it’s a challenge.”

McIlroy, 23, authored a record-setting US Open victory at Congressional last year. But the firm, fast roll of Olympic course was nothing like the course outside Washington that had been softened by pre-tournament rain, where McIlroy finished with a 16-under par total.

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Mum Manaudou: longer an enfant terrible

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Spain and Croatia — 3-1 victors

Torres blows away Irish to Euro 2012

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Polish leaders want stiff penalties for hooligans

**Warsaw**, (Poland), 15 June—Polish leaders hope the justice system will deal more harshly with soccer hooligans during the European Championship. Poland and Russian fans clashed with each other and police before and during the match between the two countries on Tuesday. A few dozen people were injured and police arrested 184 people, mostly Poles. But officials are bracing for more trouble when thousands of Russians are expected in Warsaw for the Greece-Russia match on Saturday.

Courts have convicted some in fast-track trials in past days, but many were given suspended sentences. Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski appealed on Friday to justice officials to deal decisively with “hooligan banditry.” President Bronislaw Komorowski said late Thursday that Poland needs “more severe sanctions.”

**Japan PM set to order nuclear restart at weekend**

**Tokyo**, 15 June—Japan’s prime minister is set to defy fierce public sentiment this weekend and order nuclear reactors back online for the first time since Fukushima, as he seeks to head off a summer energy crunch.

Yoshihiko Noda is expected to tell Kansai Electric Power (KEPCO) to re-fire two idled reactors at its Oi plant serving the industrial heartland of western Japan. The controversial move comes amid fears that electricity demand will outstrip supply as temperatures soar and air-conditioners get crank up, further crimping Japan’s wobbly economic recovery.

Noda is due Saturday to meet Issei Nishikawa, the pro-nuclear power governor of central Fukushima prefecture, which hosts the plant. Nishikawa is widely expected to tell the prime minister he is ready to accept the restarts after he received safety assurances on Friday from the operator.

The nod from Nishikawa is the final link in the chain for Noda, who has become a vocal advocate of nuclear power being brought back into the energy mix for resource-poor but electricity-hungry Japan. --Internet

**India’s capital in water crisis after supplies cut**

**NEW DELHI**, 15 June—Large parts of New Delhi were struggling with acute water shortages on Friday after a neighbouring state cut its supplies at the peak of summer, officials said.

The sprawling Indian capital, with a population of 16 million sweltering in 43 degree C (109.4 F) summer heat, is facing water shortages on four neighbouring states for its water — Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand. Haryana, the biggest supplier, cut its flow to the city on Thursday and about three million people have suffered shortages or been completely cut off, according to the Delhi Jal Board, a government agency responsible for water supply.

Some of the capital’s smartest districts are among the affected areas, and the crisis reflects growing water stresses in the country of 1.2 billion people.

“Suddenly, Haryana is refusing to release water to Delhi,” a top Delhi JalBoard official told AFP, requesting anonymity.

“We are struggling at all levels. Every minute we are registering complaints of water shortage. This crisis has left us in a mess.” Several asking for any favours. We want what is due to us,” Dikshit said in a statement on Thursday.

In the peak of summer, New Delhi needs 1,100 million gallons of water every day, according to the Delhi Jal Board, but public water providers are able to only supply 853 million gallons.

“These is always a supply-demand gap but this is just widening and worsening the crisis,” said Himanshu Thakkar, an expert

**Japanese women carry empty pitchers during a 2010 protest against shortages of power and water supplies in New Delhi.**

Despite India’s northeastern states across India face major challenges over water supply, triggering long-running legal battles over water sharing.

Delhi Chief Minister Sheila Dikshit accused Haryana, which says it has to conserve water for its own residents, of “playing foul” with the capital. “We are not on water management at the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People research group in New Delhi.

According to a federal government report on water consumption in 2010, usage per capita in Delhi is higher than in most European cities.

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People, media urged to join hands in maintaining prevailing conditions and restoring security, stability and peace in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Due to instability broke out in some townships of Rakhine State, authorities concerned are controlling situations and taking security measures with the assistance of the Defence Services after a state of emergency has been declared as of 10 June for the sake of security of people and ensuring peace and stability.

As local authorities are handling the situations in cooperation with Myanmar Police Force and Tatmadaw, Rakhine State sees security, peace and stability. Measures are being taken to bring back the situations to normal. Local people who lost houses are accommodated at rescue camps. And Authorities concerned are providing necessary assistance to refugees for the convenience of accommodation, health and food. Systematic measures are being taken for rehabilitation of villages and cooperation in bringing about peace and stability. Wellwishers across the country are making donations for refugees there. Authorities concerned have urged people and media to join hands in maintaining prevailing conditions and restoring security, stability and peace in Rakhine State.—MNA

Cash, foodstuff, clothes donated to refugees in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 15 June—Due to recent unrests and violence in Rakhine State, local people have lost property and houses. Wellwishers are making donations of cash, foodstuff and clothes for refugees, at Relief and Rehabilitation Department (Headquarters) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Managing Director U Pyae Phyo Aung of Moekyaesin Construction Co donated K 30 million on 12 June; U Min Lwin Oo of Road Administration Department and wife Daw Su Myat Hnin family and U Htoo Myat Thu and Daw Paik Paik Win, K 50,000 each on 13 June; U Aung Mya Aung and Daw Hla Ohnmar (Nay La gold shops) of Lewe, K 0.1 million and 206 clothes; Daw Mya Mya (Myayadana gold shop) of Lewe, K 0.1 million, 2nd Lt Nay Ba La (402nd LIR), K 0.1 million, Daw Su Myat Hnin family and U Su Myat Hnin family of Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, 168 clothes on 14 June; staff family of Ministry of Labour, K 105,000, 48 bags of rice and 892 clothes, Dad Pwint Hlaing Ni and demonstrators from the Ministry of Science and Technology, K 21,590, 92 clothes and one package of fruit cakes, U Maung Maung Aye and party from Pyinmana Home for the Aged, 104 clothes, 198bottle of medicine and 226 packets of medicine, toothbrush and toothpaste on 15 June.—MNA

France beats co-host Ukraine 2-0 in Group D

DONETSK, 15 June—France won a match at a major tournament for the first time since Zinedine Zidane’s head-butt, beating Ukraine 2-0 Friday in a storm-delayed match at the European Championship.

Jeremy Menez and Yohan Cabaye scored early in the second half for the French, who lost a major match in the semifinals of the 2006 World Cup. In the final of that tournament, Zidane was given a red card for his head-butt in the last match of his career. Friday’s match at the Donbass Arena was suspended for nearly an hour because of thunder, lightning and torrential rain forced the players off the field after five minutes. It resumed almost an hour later.

After a 1-1 draw with England in its opening match, France has four points in Group D, one more than Ukraine. The French also extended their unbeaten run to 23 games.

Both France goals were the product of the one-touch passing and movement that was once the team’s hallmark.

For the first, Franck Ribery gathered the ball on the left, sprinted forward and then set up Karim Benzema near the penalty area. The Real Madrid forward stroked the ball to Menez, who then cut inside and drilled a low shot inside the near post with his left foot.

The goal justified France coach Laurent Blanc’s decision to replace veteran midfielder Florent Malouda with Menez, although the Paris Saint-Germain winger had two earlier chances denied by the legs of Ukraine goalkeeper Andryy Pyatov.

France’s second goal was another example of exquisite teamwork, with Ribery and Samir Nasri combining to find Benzema. He cushioned the ball and then split the Ukraine centre halves with a superbly weighted pass that allowed Cabaye to run on and finish with an angled shot.

Breast milk kills HIV and blocks its oral transmission in humanized mouse

SCIENCE DAILY, 15 June—More than 15 percent of new HIV infections occur in children. Without treatment, only 65 percent of HIV-infected children will live until their first birthday, and fewer than half will make it to the age of two. Although breastfeeding is attributed to a significant number of these infections, most breastfed infants are not infected with HIV, despite prolonged and repeated exposure.

HIV researchers have been left with a conundrum: does breast milk transmit the virus or protect against it?

New research from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine explores this paradox in a humanized mouse model, demonstrating that breast milk has a strong virus killing effect and protects against oral transmission of HIV.

“This study provides significant insight into the amazing ability of breast milk to destroy HIV and prevent its transmission,” said J. Victor Garcia, PhD, senior author on the study and professor of medicine in the UNC Center for Infectious Diseases and the UNC Center for AIDS Research. “It also provides new leads for the isolation of natural products that could be used to combat the virus.”

Garcia and colleagues pioneered the humanized “BLT” mouse model, which is created by introducing human bone marrow, liver and thymus tissues into animals without an immune system of their own. Humanized BLT mice have a fully functioning human immune system and can be infected with HIV in the same manner as humans.—Internet

Study: More Earth-like planets possible

Shenzhou-9 concludes final full-system drill before launch

This chart compares the smallest known alien planets discovered by the Kepler space telescope to Mars and Earth.