Live broadcast of President U Thein Sein’s State of Union Address on 19 June

YANGON, 18 June—President U Thein Sein of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar will deliver State of the Union Address on reform process for the development of the country, to Union-level organization members, Regional Government Chief Ministers, Chairmen of Self-Administered Division/ Zones, deputy ministers and departmental heads, at the meeting hall of President Office, at 9 am (Tuesday) on 19 June.

For the public coverage, it will be broadcast live from Myanmar International Channel (Local), MRTV-4 Channel, MWD (Variety) Channel and Skynet Up to Date Channel at 9 am. The full text of the address will appear in Myanmar Alin Daily and Kyemon Daily and the translation, the New Light of Myanmar Daily to be published on 20-6-2012.—MNA

Locals in Rakhine State supplied with cash, foodstuff

YANGON, 18 June—A ceremony to supply local people who have lost houses and properties unrest in Rakhine State, with cash assistance and foodstuff, took place at Mokhala Hall of the Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

On the occasion, Birthday Brothers Group donated K 1.15 million, U Tin Maung Swe-Daw Khin Suw family, K 1 million, the Union Auditor-General’s Office, 150 boxes of date jam, Dr Kyaw Win (Psychiatrist) and Dr Khin Ohn Tint (Practitioner Pyay), U Thein Tun (Thein Tun Construction), surgoms of Asia Taw Win operation theatre and doctors (Sangyo Youngstown), K 0.5 million each, U Thein Hlaung family, K 0.64 million, Saunghman Yaw Htoo Complex family, K 0.303 million and clothes, foodstuff and robes.

Kankawbin Monastery’s sayadaw and Parahita group of Shwepyitha Township, K 0.2 million, 57 bags of clothes, foodstuff, 7 packages of dried noodle, 23 bags of rice and 1 package of snacks, U San Tha Su Maung-Daw Ei Ei Aye (Retd Director of the Health Department), K 0.1 million and medicines worth K 50,000, U Tin Maung Swe-Daw Khin Suw family, K 1 million and clothes, foodstuff and robes, Waizayanta Parahita group of Thingangyun Township, K 0.5 million each, U Tin Hsaung (Practitioner Pyay), U Thein Tun (Thein Tun Construction), U Tin Win-Daw Hnin Hnin Aye family, K 50,000 and two bags of clothes, Ko Myo Thet Tun-Naw Phyu family, K 0.072 million, Dr Myo Win Latt-Daw Mar Mar Si family, K 0.303 million and clothes, foodstuff and robes, Kankawbin Monastery’s sayadaw and Parahita group of Shwepyitha Township, K 0.2 million, 57 bags of clothes, foodstuff, 7 packages of dried noodle, 23 bags of rice and 1 package of snacks.

The ceremony was attended by Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Dr Sai Mauk Kham, Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Security and Border Affairs Minister Col Tin Win, Region Development Affairs Minister Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint, departmental heads and Brazilian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jose Carlos da Fonseca Junior and officials from the embassy.

Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham leaves for Brazil to attend United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)

YANGON, 18 June—Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Dr Sai Mauk Kham and party left the Yangon International Airport for Rio de Janeiro, the Federative Republic of Brazil at 4-50 pm today to attend the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).

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Vice-President Dr Sai Mauk Kham being seen off at Yangon International Airport before his departure for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to attend United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20).—MNA

Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuffs for local people in Rakhine State at Fire Services Department (Head Office).—MNA

Voyager space probe reaches edge of solar system

NASA undated handout image shows an artist’s concept of the Voyager 2 spacecraft.

Samba enthusiasts attend Samba carnival parade in Helsinki on 16 June, 2012. The 22nd Samba carnival was held here on Saturday, attracting thousands of locals and foreign tourists.

Portugal enters last eight and Netherlands leaves stage at Euro 2012

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Restoring our heritage  

Our ancient religious or cultural edifices in any Region or State around the country are the standing proof of our high civilization founded by our forefathers long long ago and preserved and safeguarded by our brethren throughout the successive years till now. Unfortunately, not all the ancient buildings erected by our ancestors still stand today as many were lost, damaged or destroyed by the forces of mother nature including floods, earthquakes and storms throughout the long period despite ardent preservation and renovation work done by the past successive governments and the people out of their generosity and goodwill. In some places years-long exposure to the elements of nature has turned many of the ancient buildings into just mounds or piles of bricks or ruins or near-collapsed structures badly in need of repair and renovation.

As our people are altruistic enough to make large amounts of donations individually or in groups for any purpose whether it may be for religion, health, education or community welfare they are willing participants in the work of renovating or rebuilding ancient structures anywhere around the country.

Moreover our people understand the magnitude of merits they gain for building, rebuilding or repairing a pagoda. A person who donates a well gains constant merits as long as it provides water to the people and for building or repairing a pagoda or a monastery the flow of merits towards the donor never ends as long as it exists as a place for searching Dhamma.

Apart from their holiness these ancient pagodas or monasteries are also priceless from the cultural point of view. Besides, they are our heritage. So any individual or any group of people or any organization rebuilding or repairing or renovating any ancient religious building should not forget the importance of restoring our heritage into its original style and design.

Hospitality Course No. 6/2012 opened in Nay Pyi Taw

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 June—Under the supervision of the Hotels and Tourism Ministry and the Myanmar Restaurateurs Association organized Hospitality Course No. 6/2012 opened at Golden Hill Restaurant in Nay Pyi Taw Thabyaygon Market this morning, with an opening address by Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Sports U Tint Hsan. The Union Minister made clear the aim of the course as systematization of hospitality services of restaurants in Nay Pyi Taw. The Union Minister said that courses Nos. 1, 2, and 4 had been opened in Nay Pyi Taw, course No. 3 in Bagan and No. 5 in Yangon. He added that his ministry planned to open the similar courses twice in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Taunggyi and Inlay this year.

The Union Minister said that Myanmar Tourism Federation and 12 organizations under its management were cooperating under the supervision of the ministry so as to push forward hospitality services of restaurants to international level. Myanmar Restaurateurs Association was among the 12 organizations. Measures were being taken to draw master plan for tourism industry of Myanmar with the assistance of the Norwegian government and the Asian Development Bank. Pacific Asia Tourism Association estimated that Myanmar would become the country of highest tourism development in 2012 with 25 per cent increase in number of inbound tourists in comparison with previous years. In addition, Myanmar would host BIMSTEC Summit in 2012, XVIII SEA Games in 2013, ASEAN Summit 2014, ASEAN Ministerial Meetings and ASEAN Tourism Expo 2015 based in Nay Pyi Taw. The Union Minister then called for sustainable development of human resource in service sector, one of the nine prioritized sectors addressed by the past successive governments and the people out of their generosity and goodwill.

Magway Region Chief Minister attends monsoon plantation ceremony

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 June—Chief Minister for Magway Region U Phone Myo Shwe attended the first tree planting ceremony for rainy season held in University of Computer Studies on Taungdwingyi Street in Magway on 16 June and planted trees as well. Next the region chief ministers, departmental personnel, social organizations, the principle, faculties members and students from the University of Computer Studies and people planted trees in designated places.

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Two who rob, rape and murder a woman from Kyaukminaw Village sentenced to death

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 June—Mamed Rawphi (a) Hla Win, son of U Myint Hla (a) Sae Raw Ahamel and Lulu (a) Khuchi (a) Myint Swe (a) Myint Shwe, son of U Tun Aung Kyaw (a) Akway Chay who robbed,raped and killed a woman from Kyaukminaw Village, Yanbyoe Township, Kyaukpyu District, Rakhine State were sentenced to death by Kyaukpyu District Court this morning.

As the case, the major criminal case No. 14 in 2012 was heard at Kyaukpyu District Court this morning to deliver the final verdict, the two defendants were sentenced to death being found guilty of rape, robbery and murder under Section 362 (1) (c) of the Penal Code.

Of the three defendants, Shaung Shu (a) Htet (a) Phyo Zeyar Kyaw hanged himself using his garment as the rope while under detention in Kyaukpyu Prison on 9 June.

About 20 people were present at the court to listen to the verdict, it was reported.—MNA

Traffic rules talks given to students

Nay Pyi Taw, 18 June—Talks on traffic rules were given at Kamna Monastery of No. 1 Basic Education Middle School in Pinnama Township on 15 June.

IP Myint Moe of Traffic Case Section of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on rules for drivers and pedestrians, slow-moving vehicles, root causes of traffic accidents, injured and death amounts in traffic accidents, and traffic rule.

He replied to queries raised by the students and distributed pamphlets on traffic rules to the students.—MNA

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Saudi Arabia seeks successor as crown prince buried

Reu/sh, 18 June — Saudi Arabia’s elderly king led funeral prayers on Sunday for his heir, Crown Prince Nayef, whose death forces him to find a new successor capable of tackling domestic unemployment, bitter rivalry with Iran and turmoil in close Arab neighbours.

Moqta’s Great Mosque, Islam’s holiest place, was lined with members of the al-Saud ruling family and leaders of Arab states as an imam led the sunset prayer next to the body of Nayef, who died on Saturday. Among the mourners was the man most likely to be named as successor: Prince Salman, 76, who is seen as more likely to continue the 89-year-old King Abdullah’s cautious economic and social reforms than the conservative Nayef. The world’s top oil exporter is locked in a rivalry with Shi’ite Iran, which it suspects of fomenting unrest among its Shi’ite Muslim minority and in allied Gulf Arab states.

Former Lebanese Prime Minister Saad al-Hariri was among those who met Nayef’s body at Jeddah airport, representing the Sunni Muslim political alliance that Saudi Arabia cultivates against Iran. Saudi Arabia is also struggling with entrenched youth unemployment and wary of the threat posed by al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, based in neighbouring Yemen, which has plotted attacks against the kingdom and sworn to topple the ruling al-Saud family.

Unilateral sanctions on Iran to hurt Russia-US ties: Russian official

MOSCOW, 18 June — Potential US sanctions on Iran over its nuclear programme will “deal a blow” to Russian-US relations, a senior Russian official said on Sunday, presuming a hard-line stance before the long-awaited meeting of the heads of the two states.

Russian presidential aide Yury Ushakov told reporters that US sanctions on Iran would “run against international law and affect third countries.”

Moscow could not accept if Russian firms and banks become potential victims of such unilateral actions from the US, Ushakov warned.

Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Barack Obama are to meet on the sidelines of the upcoming Group of 20 summit on Monday in the Mexican city of Los Cabos. The two leaders had agreed by phone in early May that they would meet for one and a half hours during the summit, Ushakov said, which would be the first since Putin returned to the top seat.

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Image provided by the US Navy shows a helicopter flying over the city as part of the security measures implemented in Los Cabos, Mexico, on 17 June, 2012. Security is building up at this Mexican seaside resort as heads of state or government keep arriving in town for the Leaders’ summit of the Group of Twenty, or G20. — Xinhua

Pakistan’s hardline groups ask govt’ to shoot down US drones

RAWALPINDI, 18 June — Leaders of an alliance of some religious and political parties in Pakistan on Sunday asked the government to shoot down US spy aircraft which routinely fire missiles into the country’s tribal regions.

The speakers at a convention in Islamabad also announced to approach the country’s top court against the possible government’s decision to restore the supply line for NATO forces in Afghanistan. Pakistan cut the NATO supply line last November to protest over the killing of its 24 soldiers in a US airstrike on its border posts.

Talks between Pakistan and the United States have not yet succeeded to end the stalemate and the Pentagon announced on Monday that the US has withdrawn negotiators from Islamabad. Hardline Pakistani groups have mounted pressure on the government not to reopen the NATO supply line.

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Pakistan’s King Abdullah (R) arrives in Mecca to attend the funeral of Saudi Crown Prince Nayef on 17 June, 2012. — Reuters

Chinese president urges bigger say for developing nations in global economic governance

LOS CABOS, 18 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao here on Sunday urged leaders of the Group of 20 (G20) members to give developing nations a bigger say in global economic governance. Hu made the remarks while meeting Ethiopian Prime Minister Mules Zenawi to discuss the expansion of all-round cooperation between China and Africa on the sidelines of the G20 Los Cabos summit, which is scheduled from Monday to Tuesday.

China hopes the summit could discuss the development gap between the North and the South, regard the developing nations’ contribution to the world economy and their legitimate demands in an objective perspective, and take measures to ensure the development space for the developing world, said Hu.

The summit will focus on global growth and stability as the fragile world economic recovery is being threatened by the eurozone crisis and other problems.

Ethiopia and some other non-G20 members have been invited by host Mexico to attend the summit. The Chinese president also said it is an urgent task to promote development in Africa.

China has offered assistance to Africa to help improve its agriculture, infrastructure, and human resources through the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), he said. Noting that the fifth FOCAC ministerial meeting will be held in Beijing in July, Hu said China is ready to work with Africa to chart the course for their future cooperation and advance the new type of strategic partnership between the two sides.

IMF ready to lend economic support to Greece

WASHINGTON, 18 June — The Washington-based International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Sunday that it was ready to continue lending support to Greece’s economic growth and job creation efforts.

“This we take note of the election results in Greece and stand ready to engage with the new government on the way forward to help Greece achieve its objective of restoring financial stability, economic growth and jobs,” an IMF spokesperson on Sunday said in a short statement.

The parliamentary elections on Sunday, the second round in six weeks in Greece, were seen as a referendum on bailout deals and the debt-laden country’s fate in the eurozone. Early results show that pro-bailout New Democracy came first in the elections, easing fears that Greece may exit the eurozone.

Xinhua

Israel may fit drones with sensor that pinpoints terror sites

JERUSALEM, 18 June — The Israel Air Force is testing a new sensor designed to enable its Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to spot underground tunnels and other well-concealed assets used by militant groups, The Jerusalem Post reported on Sunday. UAVs, better known as drones, routinely fly reconnaissance and surveillance missions over Lebanon and the Gaza Strip, where camouflaged tunnels are used for smuggling weapons and shielding militants from airstrikes.

Developed by Elbit Systems Ltd, Israel’s largest publicly traded defence electronics company, the so-called hyper-spectral sensor uses patented imaging technology that shows the wavelengths of materials, enabling drone operators to identify the unique spectral signature of potential targets, according to the report. “It means that if a bush doesn’t match the natural vegetation in an area, we will be able to detect it,” an IAF officer told the Post.

Elbit said it has designed the sensor for installation on its Hermes 900, a medium-sized multi-payload drone which centre service with the IAF two years ago, as well as the older Hermes 450. Both are fitted with sophisticated electro-optic and electronic warfare gear, but the latter is thought to also be armed with missiles, having been used on various occasions to strike targets in Gaza and elsewhere. — Xinhua

The screen at the Beijing Aerospace Flight Control Centre shows the orbital Tunguang-1A satellite conducting an automatic docking with the orbiting Tunguang-1A module, on 18 June, 2012. — Xinhua

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England said they've linked around volcanoes to rising activity such as earthquakes. Evidence has linked seismic British researchers say new evidence suggests activity from the Earth's interior, including seismic waves and volcanoes. This is important because it can help us understand the dynamics of the Earth's crust and how it responds to different types of forces. The findings also have implications for earthquake prediction and volcanic hazard assessment.

People make complex judgments about others. Society is divided into categories. These categories can be based on age, sex, race, or any other characteristic. People use these categories to simplify the world around them. They help us make sense of the world and predict the behavior of others. But these categories can also lead to prejudice and discrimination.

Scientists have found that people tend to make judgments about others quickly. They put people into categories based on their appearance, such as race, sex, or social status. This is called facial perception. The brain processes information about people's faces very quickly. Scientists have found that people can make judgments about others within a few hundred milliseconds of seeing their face.

The Facebook logo is shown at Facebook headquarters in Palo Alto, California on 26 May, 2010. — Reuters

Facebook said it had agreed to buy Pion Pte, the British company that pioneered portable computing with its "Organiser" device in the 1980s, for $30 million to expand its business. Facebook declined to pay $10 million to settle suit Facebook's chief executive said the settlement arrangement is known as a "cybersue settlement" because the site of the suit is Facebook's ad network. The proposed class-action lawsuit, filed in federal court in San Jose, California, could have included nearly every one of America's 300 million users, with billions of dollars in damages, according to previous court documents. In the lawsuit, Facebook Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg was quoted as saying that a trusted referral was the "Holy Grail" of advertising. In addition, the lawsuit cited comments from Facebook chief executive officer Sheryl Sandberg, saying that the value of a "Sponsored Story" advertisement was at least twice and up to three times the value of a standard Facebook ad without a friend endorsement. In the Facebook case, Facebook Inc said it had agreed to pay $30 million to settle a lawsuit that accused the site of violating California law.

Motorola Solutions Inc was founded with the Organizer in 2007. It was launched in 1977 and is now about 18 billion kilometres from the Sun. It is moving at a speed of about 17 km per second and currently takes 16 hours and 38 minutes for data to reach NASA's website. Voyager 2 is about 15 billion kilometres from the Sun. Voyager scientists are looking at data from the craft to see if this predicted change has occurred. They have discovered that the space craft must be looking at data from the craft to see if this predicted change has occurred. They are also looking at the energy spectrum. Beginning on 3 May, the cosmic ray flux has increased five percent in a week and nine percent in a month. The exact position of the edge of the solar system is unclear but another indicator that Voyager has entered the interstellar space is expected to be a change in the direction of the magnetic fields around the spacecraft.
GE eyes German medium-sized acquisition by year-end

FRANKFURT, 18 June—General Electric Co (GE N) aims to buy a medium-sized business in Germany in the next six months to expand its technological footprint, German daily Süddeutsche Zeitung reported, citing a manager at the US conglomerate. “We hope to have managed a takeover by the end of the year,” the paper cited Christoph Renimtz, in charge of strategy and M&A in Germany and eastern Europe, as saying in an article published on Saturday.

He did not provide details on possible acquisition targets but said he preferred buying family-owned businesses to takeovers of stock-listed companies as assets put up for sale by private equity firms.

GE commonly spends about $5 billion to $6 billion a year on acquisitions. Reimnitz declined to say how much of that could go toward purchases in Germany this year but told the newspaper that “the market is in the company’s focus now.”

He said potential targets were currently fairly valued, adding valuations could decline if the economy weakened again later in the year.—Reuters

Developing world needs euro crisis defence: Zoellick

LONDON, 18 June—Developing nations must be ready for a severe global financial crisis should the euro zone fail to cope with its current problems, outgoing World Bank chief Robert Zoellick said in an interview published online on Saturday.

Policy makers and investors are nervously awaiting the outcome of this weekend’s Greek election, which could lead to a departure from the euro zone system—one of the most exposed to Europe and—in the absence of a bailout for Greece, Zoellick said:

“The ripple effects are making everybody’s life harder.” In a reference to the fundamentals of growth in Europe’s future, Zoellick said:

“Europe may be able to muddle through but the risk is rising. There could be a Lehman moment if things are not properly handled.”

The bankruptcy of US bank Lehman Brothers in September 2008 triggered a global financial slump that indebted western nations are still struggling to recover from.—Reuters

Russia oil firms face heavy fines for gas flaring

MOSCOW, 18 June—Russian oil companies are facing fines of hundreds of millions of dollars for polluting the atmosphere with excess amounts of flared gas, the newly appointed resource minister said on Saturday.

Russia, the world’s top energy producer, set a target for oil companies not to flare off more than 5 percent of the associated petroleum gas (APG) they produce as a byproduct of crude extraction by 2012.

Sticking to the previous government’s policy, Sergei Donskoy told TV channel Russia 24 that the threshold fines were in the “tens of billions of rubles” range, “it’s hard to do a (more detailed) assessment at the moment,” he told TV channel Russia 24.

Industry insiders and experts had expected the target to be eased given the absence of the infrastructure needed to recycle APG.

Donskoy was appointed minister for Natural Resources and Ecology last month following Vladimir Putin’s return to the Kremlin.

“We expect first estimates (of fines) after gathering data on the first quarter,” he said, adding that on average, Russian industry uses only 76 percent of APG it produces against the 95 percent target.

Russia flares around 20 billion cubic meters of associated petroleum gas every year, or approximately one-third of the total amount extracted at the country’s oilfields. Trapping this gas can result in vast emission cuts, as well as increased gas sales.

Some experts rank Russia as the world’s leading flarer, although the country’s own calculations place it second to Nigeria.

Oil companies, including market leaders Rosneft, Lukoil and TNK-BP, have been investing hundreds of millions of dollars to meet the government’s target of increasing associated gas utilization.

“Believe the companies will be able to meet the 75 percent by 2014,” the minister said, adding that so far only Russia’s fourth-largest crude producer Surgutneftegaz and mid-sized oil company Tatneft have managed to flare gas within the required volumes.

India holds interest rates, despite slow growth

MUMBAI, 18 June—India’s central bank kept its main interest rates unchanged on Monday, despite facing pressure for a cut to spur borrowing and investment in the face of a worrying economic slowdown.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said the benchmark repo rate, at which it lends to commercial banks, would remain at 8.0 percent, while the reverse repo rate, which it pays banks for deposits, would stay at 7.0 percent. The cash reserve ratio—the sum commercial banks keep on deposit—was also unchanged at 4.75 percent. The move went against most economists’ expectations of a further easing in rates by the RBI following its first reduction in three years in April, amid a host of economic problems for the once-booming Asian giant.

While growth in 2011-12 has moderated significantly, headline inflation remains above levels...consistent with sustainable growth,” the RBI said in a statement. The bank has been under pressure to help revive growth after the economy grew just 5.3 percent in January to March, its slowest quarterly expansion in nine years. But hopes of an aged government, which the policy-makers in Mumbai were tempered by data last week showing a marginal rise in wholesale price inflation in May to 7.55 percent on an annual basis. India has its main interest rates by a higher-than-expected 50 basis points in April in a bid to spur faltering growth, after keeping them on hold since late last year. Rates were previously hiked 13 times since March 2010 in one of the most aggressive monetary policy tightening drives of any major economy.—Internet

Work-related mental illness cases hit new record

TOKYO, 18 June—Japanese authorities have recognized a record number of workers as developing mental illnesses due to stress in their workplaces. The labour ministry says 325 new cases became eligible for workers’ compensation for depression and other mental conditions in the year through March. The figure is up 17 on the year. Sixty-six of them committed suicide or attempted to kill themselves.

Another 20 developed symptoms after experiencing the powerful earthquake and tsunami that hit northeastern Japan in March last year. By age, 112 of the sufferers were in their 20s while 69 were in their 30s.

The most common cause was excessive workloads or changes in assignments at 16 percent, followed by severe accidents or disasters at 15 percent, and bullying and harassment at 12 percent. Kansai University Professor Koji Morisaka says companies are recruiting fewer workers, so junior employees get less training but are asked to do the same jobs as more experienced colleagues. He cites this situation as one of the possible reasons why young people develop mental illnesses.—NHK

Asia stocks rise after Greek vote

Tokyo, 18 June—Asian stock prices have soared following the victory of pro-bailout parties in Greece’s Sunday elections. In Tokyo, the Nikkei average of 225 selected issues rose by more than 2 percent on Monday morning. In Hong Kong, trading also began with a rally of more than 2 percent. Markets in South Korea and Singapore were up by one to two percent.

Market sources say concerns over a Greek exit from the eurozone have weakened for now, but investors remain cautious in anticipation of关键时刻． They are also waiting for more details on the modalities of bank bailouts in Spain.

On currency markets, investors are buying back the currency after it managed to stay above $1.33 late on Sunday.

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The bankruptcy of US bank Lehman Brothers in September 2008 triggered a global financial slump that indebted western nations are still struggling to recover from.—Reuters

Pumpkins, rutabagas lead to most injuries

Telephone reported. A survey of more than 2,000 customers of takeaways and fast-food outlets in the UK coincided with National Food Safety Week — found root vegetables, pumpkins, rutabagas and turnips topped the list of most dangerous produce.

Almost 25 percent of pumpkins were the toughest vegetable to skin and chop while one-fifth said rutabagas were the most dangerous.

Two-in-5 said they injured themselves trying to tile TV chefs when slicing vegetables, the survey revealed.

To prevent kitchen accidents make sure knives are sharp and in good condition, use a vegetable peeler where appropriate and don’t rush chopping, Merrill advised. Keep knives away from children and always supervise children when they help in food preparation, she said.

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At least two killed in attack on Israel-Egypt border

Jerusalem, 18 June — An Israeli citizen and at least one militant were killed in an attack on the Egyptian border on Monday, Israeli media and the military said.

“A terrorist squad opened gunfire and possibly also fired an anti-tank rocket at an area where (Israel) is constructing the border fence,” Israeli military spokesman Yoav Mordechai told Army Radio.” Soldiers arrived on the scene and killed one terrorist,” he said.

Army Radio said that an 18-year-old Israeli citizen and another 22-year-old Israeli citizen were killed in the shooting.

An Israeli army vehicle secures a road that runs through the Arava desert leading to Eilat. 2011. Israeli sappers on Saturday recovered the debris of two rockets fired into the south of the Jewish State, a military spokesman said.— INTERNET

Wildfire destroys most homes in Colo history

Denver, 18 June — A 400-year-old Bronze Age necropolis has been burned out in a wildfire west of Fort Collins, Colo., on 15 June, 2012. — INTERNET

The fire, which started on Saturday, is now 95 percent contained, according to Mike Hartman, a public information officer for the Bureau of Land Management.

The fire started near the town of Livermore, which is south of Fort Collins, and was moved by the wind to the west, where it burned several homes and destroyed a large amount of wildlife habitat.

Bronze Age necropolis unearthed in Serbia

Belgrade, 18 June — A 4,000-year-old Bronze Age necropolis has been unearthed near the Serbian city of Vranje. The site contains the remains of more than 200 individuals who were buried in a funeral pit.

The site is known as the “Ceremonial Pit,” and it is believed to be one of the most important archaeological sites in the region. It was discovered during road construction work.

The remains of individuals were found in two separate pits, one of which contained the remains of a woman who was sitting in a chariot. The other pit contained the remains of a man who was lying on a bed.

15 missing after boat sinks in Indonesia

Jakarta, 18 June — Fifteen people were missing after their small wooden boat sank early on Sunday in heavy seas off eastern Indonesia, an official said.

The boat, which had 27 passengers and crew on board, went down after it was battered by waves up to five metres (16 feet) high in Maluku Province, provincial search-and-rescue team head Amin Bin Tongke told Army Radio.

“Twelve of 27 people on board were rescued alive. We are still looking for around 15 missing,” he said.

The boat, which was carrying food and building materials, left Ambon City late Saturday but was lashed by towering waves and strong winds two hours into its journey, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said in a text message. “The boat’s engine stalled and the boat broke up and sank,” he added. Indonesia’s 240 million people are spread across 17,000 islands and are heavily dependent on a network of ships and boats, which have a poor safety record.— Internet

A man walks past a building destroyed during recent fighting between army forces and al-Qaeda-linked militants in the southern Yemeni City of Jaar on 15 June, 2012. — INTERNET

Woman sentenced to death for infant trafficking

Kuning, 18 June — A court in southwest China’s Yunnan Province sentenced a woman to death for infant trafficking on Friday. Jiang Kaizhi, 51, the ringleader of an infant trafficking ring, organized a group of people to abduct babies in Yunnan and sell them in central Henan province from late 2009 to August 2010, according to the verdict issued by the intermediate people’s court in the city of Qingy.

Thirty-five members of the group, aged between 20 and 65, on Friday received penalties ranging from life imprisonment to a three-year jail term for abducting, transporting and trafficking infants. Jiang could get about 30,000 yuan (4,711 US dollars) for selling a baby boy while the profit for trafficking a baby girl was more than 20,000 yuan, said the verdict. A total of 223 infants were sold by the infant trafficking ring. Jiang was seized by the police in January 2011 during a crackdown on the ring. — Xinhua

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Citizenship cards issued in Tachilek Township

TACHILEK, 18 June—The issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards was held at the Dhammayon on Wamlaungmon Village of Phanmin Village-tract in Tachilek Township of Shan State on 9 June morning.

Durability of library talked in Maubin

MAUBIN, 18 June—An educative talk was held at Parami Library in Chaukywa Village of Chaukywa Village-tract in Maubin Township of Maubin District on 6 June.

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Chinese fruit merchants much purchase musk melon at good prices

NAT PYI TAW, 18 June—According to the information from the border areas, although musk melon of Myanmar was mainly transported to the markets in Mandalay and Muse in the past, fruit merchants from Guangdong Province of China directly buys Myanmar’s musk melon at present. Thus, fruit growers bagged much profit from their businesses.

Musk melon can be grown in September and November twice a year and its ripening period of November-planted musk melon lasts two months. In the market, yellow musk melon gets one kilo per 3-4 yuan and green fruit, 4-6 yuan, exceeding the actual prices of the market. At present, fruits from Guangdong Province make field trips to purchase of musk melon at the fields. With regard to the prices, yellow fruit gets one kilo per 6-8 yuan and green fruit, 4-6 yuan, exceeding the actual prices of the market.

China puts US$ 14 billion investment in Myanmar

NAT PYI TAW, 18 June—At present, investment of China in Myanmar reaches US$ 14 billion, sharing 35 per cent of forest investment. According to the statistics, there are 31 countries and regions that put their investments in 456 businesses of Myanmar. China focuses on electricity, mining, oil and natural gas sectors.

The latest investment of China in electricity amounted to US$ 4 billion. Among the foreign invested business in four states, the investment of China scores the top amount.

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Yinnabin Township Employees Micro-credit Cooperative Society holds AGM

YINNABIN, 18 June—Yinnabin Township Employees Micro-credit Cooperative Society held the annual general meeting and the substituted election of new executives for 2011-2012 fiscal year at Basic Education High School in Yinnabin on 7 June.

Chairman of the society Assistant Education Officer U Soe Myint Cho and Staff Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Khin Maung Tun read the annual report and conducted the AGM.

School uniforms provided to students

WAUKMA, 18 June—A ceremony to present school uniforms to offspring of vendors was held at the hall of Township Development Affairs Committee in Waukma Township on 5 June.

Executive Officer U Kyaw Naing of Township Development Affairs Committee explained the purposes of the donation and presented school uniforms worth over K 100,000 to 14 students.

 POINT LAY Family donated four 20-litre-capacity purifier water containers, eight viss of traditional snacks and one packet containing 50 sachets of rehydrated salt on 13 June.

Refreshments donated to electricians

YESAGYO, 18 June—Over 20 technicians from electrical engineers’ office in Magway Region, Pakokku District and Yesagyo Township are working on necessary preparations for installation of new transformer at Pakhangyi sub-power station of Yesagyo Township day and night.

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Loans disbursed to farmers in Ottarathiri, Pobbathiri for monsoon crop cultivation

NAV PYI TAW, 18 June—Bank loans were disbursed to farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops this morning in Ottarathiri Township and Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in the presence of Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing, Union Minister at the President Office Nay Pyi Taw Mayor U Thein Nyunt, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, departmental heads.

On the occasions, the Union Minister at the President Office said 163,206 acres out of 164,048 acres of targeted sown acreage could be put under monsoon paddy plantations in 2011-2012 cultivation season, producing 13,972 million baskets of rice.

Myanma Agricultural Development Bank loaned K 3,524.21 million to 16,613 farmers from eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. The Union Agriculture and Irrigation Minister urged the farmers to effectively use the loans in response to the goodwill of the government and the President who had instructed to loan K 50,000 per acre to farmers who had repaid the previous loans he took out on 13 June.

Next, the managing director of the Myanma Agricultural Development Bank presented bank loans—K 50,000 per acre—to the farmers for cultivation of monsoon crops. The director general of the Agricultural Department presented samples of Palekhite rice to the local farmers.

Loans amounted to K 74,600 million were disbursed to 457 farmers from villages in Ottarathiri Township and K 218,800 million to 725 farmers from villages in Pobbathiri Township.

Budget drawing proficiency course No. 1 opens

NAV PYI TAW, 18 June—A ceremony to open budget drawing proficiency course No. 1 of Budget Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, took place this morning, with an address by Union Minister for Finance and Revenue U Hla Tun.

In his address, the Union Minister said that the purpose of the course is to draft Union Budget in line with new laws, rules and financial regulations. It is the first of its kind for the financial officers in the time of new government. The accuracy of figures is the main objective of the Ministry, as the figures released by the Ministry are the development indexes of the country. A total of 170 trainees from the Ministry are attending the one-week course.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held at Hlawga watershed area

YANGON, 18 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at Hlawga watershed area of Mingaladon Township yesterday.

At the 100-acre farm of Myanmar Fuel Importers and Dealers Association, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe planted a ironwood sapling and officials also grew saplings.

At the collective tree growing ceremony of Yangon City Development Committee, the Chief Minister grew a Mahogany plant. He inspected cultivation of trees in Hlawga watershed area.

Myanmar-Vietnam discuss trade promotion, investment

NAV PYI TAW, 18 June—Mrs. Nguyen Thi Hong, Vice-Chairman of Ho Chi Minh City Public Affairs Committee called on U Ye Myint, Mandalay Region Chief Minister at the region government office at 9 am today and discussed strengthening bilateral cooperation in trade and investment between the two countries.

Also present at the call were Mandalay Region Development Affairs Minister Mayor U Aung Maung, Region Planning and Economic Minister U Aung San and Region Government Office Secretary U Ohn Lwin.

Action plan on earthquake risk reduction in Mandalay handed over to Mayor

NAV PYI TAW, 18 June—Meteorology and Hydrology Department of the Ministry of Transport and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center APDC based in Thailand jointly conducted a ceremony to hand over the Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDRR) at the Sedona Hotel in Mandalay today.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Win Shein delivered an address, Director-General of the MHD Dr Harin Naing Tiyan clarified the plan and Dr Peeranan Towadhiporn, Project Manager of APDC, discussed the advantages of the plan.

The deputy minister handed over the first action plan on disaster risk reduction in Mandalay to Mandalay Region Development Affairs Minister Mayor U Aung Maung.

A course on action plan for earthquake risk reduction will be conducted at Mandalay Region MHD and seven earthquake experts from the APDC will give lectures on the earthquake reduction in Mandalay until 22 June.

A total of 30 service personnel from MHD, Mandalay Region General Administration Department, Ministry of Relief, Resettlement and Rehabilitation, Myanmar Engineering Society, Geology Department of Mandalay University, Mandalay Technological University and Mandalay City Development Committee will attend the course.

Prizes presented to outstanding students

NAV PYI TAW, 18 June—Organized by Alinyaung Library Committee of Aingma Village in Hlinyun Township, a ceremony to present exercise books and stationery to students was held at Thiri Mingala Monastery in the village on 16 June. Village place at the Ministry, here, checked thoroughly and to use imported spare parts after seeking permission.

He also inspected machinery spare parts stored at the garage of the workshop.

CASH DONATED: In memory of Daw Khin Swe Nyunt (a) Daw Cherry, U Kyaw Than and family of Sin Pan Myaing Road in Ward 54/A of Thuwunna, Yangon Region, donated K 300,000 to the fund of Hlinyun Home for the Aged recently. Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Home U Win Soe, Joint Secretary U Nyi Nyi Lwin and Treasurer U Chit Swe accept cash donation.—NLM
UNFPA rapid response to humanitarian emergency in Rakhine State

UNFPA, 18 June—As part of the UN collective efforts to respond to the humanitarian situation in Rakhine, UNFPA provided 2,000 Dignity Kits to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 15 June to be distributed to vulnerable women, especially those who have become homeless and reside in camps in Buthidaung, Maungdaw and Sittwe. Dow Kyi Kyi, Assistant Representative of UNFPA handed over the Dignity Kits on 16 June to the dignitaries and representatives of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at the Department of Fire Services in Yangon. Each kit contains essential items for women in emergency to meet their basic daily needs, ensure their health well-being and preserve their dignity. The kits were sent to the Yangon Airport for shipment to Sittwe.

Action in the field

In addition to the dignity kits, UNFPA jointly with the Myanmar Medical Association (MMA) and township health authorities provides life-saving maternal health, obstetric care and new born care through five mobile clinics in Yathedaung and southern Buthidaung. UNFPA will soon provide additional reproductive health medicine, supplies and kits to boost the capacity of the mobile medical teams to be able to meet the needs of the affected population. Given its unfavourable health and development indicators, Rakhine has been identified as one of seven states/regions of the UNFPA Programme of Assistance to Myanmar (2012-015). Support to Rakhine State is based on two situation analyses conducted jointly by UNFPA and UNHCR in 2007 and 2010.

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MODEL PLOT HARVESTED: Palethwe hybrid paddy on 1.60 acres at 10 acre-plot of farmer U Nyan Tin was harvested at farmer educative farm in irrigated area of Shwechanu River Water Pumping Station of Yenangyaung in Magway Region. On 9 June, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Sein Maung and staff, Deputy Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Shwe Nyah and staff harvest the model plot for correctness of production.—KEMON

DELEGATION LEAVES: A delegation comprising President of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation Dr Khin Maung Tun, manager Secretary of the federation U San Hlaing and party left here by air on 16 June to take joint exercises in traditional boxing sport in Bangkok of Thailand from 16 June to 14 July and to take part in Asian Amateur Traditional Boxing (Muay) Invitationals Championship 2012 in Ho Chi Minh City of Vietnam.—SPED

Licences issued to motorcycle owners in Meiktila on 14 June. The directorate conducted training courses for the trainees to provide rules and regulation of traffic manuals and road signs. Mandalay Region Directorate of Road Administration closely supervises scrutiny of training licence for the applicant drivers.

Cash donated to free clinic opened by White Heart Group was held at the office in Mawlamyinegyun on 10 June. Chairman of the group U Khin Maung Zin and party accepted K 500,000 donated by U Ko Ko Naing-Daw Cho Cho Mar of Mawlamyinegyun Town-ship of 50th Street, K 150,000 by U Than Win-Daw Mya Mya Thein and family of 15th Street in Lannawad, K 100,000 by U Tun Wai of SinOhdan Street, K 100,000 by U Kyi Win-Daw Ti U (Yadana Moe Lottery), K 300,000 by U Than Win-Daw Pu Pu Tin and family of Ahlon Road and K 80,000 by U Thein Myint-Daw Tin’s family of 9th mile in Yangon.

The donations to the clinic in total amounted to K 1,630,000.

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**Beijing-Shanghai high-speed train ticket prices cut**

Beijing, 18 June — Travellers will enjoy discounts when buying business-class tickets and premium seats on Beijing-Shanghai high-speed trains from 27 June, according to the Ministry of Railways. Business-class tickets for the 800-km-long high-speed trains operating on the country’s busiest railway line will be reduced by 10 to 20 percent, while ticket prices for premium seats will be cut by 10 percent, according to a statement posted on the website of the ministry.

**Four missing climbers presumed dead after avalanche**

Washington, 18 June — An avalanche on Mount McKinley swept a Japanese climbing team off a ridge as they tried to descend on a rope line, leaving four presumed dead.

One climber survived after 66 days trapped in a crevasse. US National Park Service officials said on Saturday that five people were travelling as one rope team early Thursday morning as part of a Miyagi Workers Alpine Federation expedition on the Alaska mountain. Park Service spokeswoman Maureen McLaughlin said Hitoshi Ogi, 69, survived the fall. He was able to climb out. The other four fell into the avalanche debris and haven’t been seen since. The climbers are presumed dead by either snow burial or injuries suffered in falls/snowfall and wind have impeded a search for the missing climbers. Ogi spoke through a translator.

**Thirty injured as car crashes into crowd in US city**

Washington, 18 June — Up to 30 people were injured on Friday night in Lima, the US state of Ohio when a woman drove her car into a crowded rally on the city’s Town Square, local media reported on Saturday.

No fatalities were reported, though many of the victims suffered injuries to their legs, hands and necks. All but four of the victims have been discharged from hospital as of Saturday, while two remain in serious but stable condition, the reports said.

Local police launched an investigation, but so far have been unable to explain what caused the accident. Witnesses said the driver drove her car past a truck and hit the “Trinity” sculpture on the square at full speed.

Some rallygoers picked up the Oldsmobile sedan to free several victims pinned underneath, the reports added.

The crowd attending the Friday rally, sponsored by ArtSpace Lima, was larger than normal because of the nice weather and the presence of a popular band, The Earthquakers.
MAYNTRA

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV NASICO EAGLE VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV NASICO
EAGLE VOY NO (-) are hereby notified that the
vessel will be arriving on 18.6.2012 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 POST AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: G-LINK EXPRESS PTE LTD
Phone No: 256924/256914

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV KOTA TEGAP VOY NO (643)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA TEGAP
VOY NO (643) are hereby notified that the vessel will be
arriving on 19.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged
into the premises of S.P.W(6) 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 ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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REDJEII II LOGO

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV AN BAO JIANG VOY NO (188)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN BAO
JIANG VOY NO (188) are hereby notified that the
vessel will be arriving on 19.6.2012 and cargo will be
discharged into the premises of S.P.W(6) where it will
lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the
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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS COSCO SHIPPING CO LTD
Phone No: 256916/256919/256921

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Communications, Posts
and Telecommunications

Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications
(OFFICIAL NOTICE)

- Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications, Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications has to perform
Network Operation Center (NOC).

- Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications has to perform
Preliminary Survey for Network Operation Center (NOC)
set-up and Management services.

- Systems, which will be installed in Network Operation Center (NOC) is to be use with present utilized
systems of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications.

- Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications will be invited to submit bids of Preliminary Survey Proposal in the
form of tender.

Invitation for Local and International Investors

It is arranged to transform Road Transport under the
Ministry of Rail Transport into a public company with
local and foreign investments. Therefore, it is announced that
we would like to invite investors from local and abroad who
are interested to cooperate in this project. Any inquiry
should be directed to the following offices by 15.7.2012.

1. Head Quarter (Road Transport), Ministry of Rail Transport,
Building No. 29, Nay Pyi Taw,
Phone No. 067-405037
2. Road Transport Office (Yangon Region), No-375,
Bogyoke Aung San Road, Yangon,
Phone No. 01-252573

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Tropical storm to batter eastern, southern China

FUCHSIA/HAIKOU, 18 June

Talim, the fifth tropical storm of this year, is expected
to hit at least two provinces on China’s southern and eastern coasts on Tuesday, local flood
control authorities warned on Monday. Talim, which
reached a tropical depression at midnight, was
located 740 km from Zhaoshan county in east China’s Fujian Province at 5 am on Monday,
the provincial flood prevention and control
headquarters said.

The storm was about 160 km from the city of Wenchang
in the southernmost island Province of Hainan.

The storm brought winds blowing at 56 km per hour. It is
expected to hit the Taipei Strait on Tuesday night. The tropical storm and the preceding
precipitation have brought heavy rains to many parts of
Fujian, which is located opposite Taipei across the
strait. The headquarters said 24 counties received
precipitation measuring between 25 and 30 mm, while another 10 counties received
50 to 100 mm of rain.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.
NYC subway rat leaves woman rattled

A Massachusetts town passed a $20 fine for swearing in public, but the police chief said officers do not have a list of words to work on. Middleboro Police Chief Bruce Gates told the 297 residents attending the Monday night meeting, which also passed fines for smoking marijuana in public and shoveling snow into the street, that he does not have a list of swear words for officers to use in giving out the $20 citations, The Enterprise, Brockton, Mass. Gates said it would be up to the individual officers to use their discretion. “I don’t see an issue, we have an idea—actually it’s something different from the government,” Timothy Tait, the department’s assistant communication director, told the Republic. “It’s taking a humorous, lighthearted approach for a serious topic.”

Massachusetts town passes swearing fine

Boston, 14 June—Russell Brand has blasted Graham Norton for enquiring about his failed marriage to Katy Perry in front of his mother, which left her teary eyed. After the 40-year-old presenter made the query, Russell refused the claim that the question “just came up”. He said: “It did not come up, mate. You brought it up.”

“Talking to fellow guests Emily Blunt and Paloma Faith, the ‘Rocks of Age’s’ star claimed that Graham betrayed him. “He upped the stakes and stabbed me in the back. My mum is here. She got upset earlier when you dug up my marriage. I saw her cry,” Contactmusic quoted him as saying. “That’s reality because it’s real people, Graham, that’s the truth. I was a little bit embarrassed when I saw my mum crying. I came here to promote a film and you made my mum cry. I don’t see you as that sort of person, Graham.”

Russell Brand slammed TV presenter for ‘making mum cry’ with Katy Perry question

Kim Kardashian proud of self-made empire

“Kim Kardashian has had to take off her pants to get on the subway since a rat climbed up her leg inside her pants.”

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Kenneth Branagh knighted by queen

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Kathryn Walsh photographed after being revealed as Russell Brand’s new girlfriend

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Bacon isn’t just for breakfast anymore

US fast-food giant Burger King, banking on an unusual taste combo to bolster its summertime revenues, announced the availability of bacon sundaes.

Burger King said in a release the decision was made to offer the pork-enhanced soft-serve dessert nationwide for a limited time after it “took Nashville by storm earlier this year.”

Bacon sundaes include vanilla soft serve with chocolate fudge, caramel, bacon crumbles and a thick-cut, hardwood-smoked bacon garnish.

The release didn’t say how many calories per serving, which start at a recommended price of $3.24.
Portugal enters last eight and Netherlands leaves stage at Euro 2012

LONDON, (Ukraine), 18 June — Portugal has beaten Denmark in the same time to top the so-called “Death Group” with three wins. “We are proud to play as a team. We played with a great united organization as we did in all these three games. That's why we won and why I feel proud of my team,” commented Portugal head coach Paulo Bento. Portugal, who will meet the group in the next round, have so far kept an overwhelming record against the Netherlands in the two decades which now reads seven wins, three draws and only one defeat.

The Netherlands, who were the most prolific side in qualifying stage by scoring 37 goals in 10 games, failed to rediscover their scoring touch in the group battle by only scoring two. Facing the nearly impossible mission to beat Portugal by a two-goal margin and rely on Germany to beat Denmark, VanMarwijk fiddled onto all his attacking talents including Wesley Sneijder. Robin van Persie, Arjen Robben and Klaas-Jan Huntelaar. The Netherlands made a dream start after 11 minutes when the attack midfielder curled in a left-footed shot from the edge of the area after Arjen Robben burst in from the left to make a neat pass.

Portugal levelled the score in the 23rd minute when Ronaldo found the space in the area due to a loose defence from the opponents to beat the keeper Maarten Stekelenburg with a cool finish. Ronaldo sealed the victory with 16 minutes left when the Real Madrid winger dribbled past one defender in the area and rounded the keeper to net with ease.

“It's a disappointing result. I'm responsible for it. The same team did very intense. I tried to make the team more fast and younger. But they did not work in the first game,” said the Dutch coach Bert van Marwijk, blaming the 1-0 defeat to Denmark in their opening match as the turning point. While Portugal, with two victories in arrow, booked their berth in the last-eight.

Melanie Oudin receives wild card into Wimbledon

LONDON, 18 June — American Melanie Oudin has received a wild card into Wimbledon. The 20-year-old was a quarterfinalist at the 2009 US Open but has struggled to regain that form. Without a single point after three defeats and left the Euro stage with huge regrets. It was the first time for the Netherlands failing to progress from the group stage since their triumph in 1988.

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Germany enter last eight with three straight victories

LIVERPOOL, (Ukraine), 18 June — Germany beat Denmark 2-1 on Sunday to score the full nine points from three games to advance to the quarter-finals as winners of Group B in the Euro 2012 tournament.

After a 1-1 first half, Denmark who lost to Portugal 3-2 earlier in the group, tried to import some urgency into their game, knowing a draw would still nullify their hope of advancing as Denmark then led 2-1 over the Netherlands. Thus, Germany punished them in ruthless fashion as young full-back Lars Bender slotted the winner past Stephan Andersen for his first international goal in the 80th minute.

“Apart from my goal it was a great day for me. It was my first appearance at Euro and I scored the winning goal to help us reach the quarter-finals. I will remember this day for a very long time,” said defender Bender. Lukas Podolski gave Germany the lead on his 100th cap as he scored the opener in the 19th minute after Thomas Muller turned in the box and cut the ball back for the Arsenal striker who produced an emphatic finish from close range. Michael Krohn-Dehli found the equaliser for Denmark with a firm header from a corner five minutes later.

With the win, Germany qualify as group B winners and will face Greece in the quarter-finals on 22 June in "Xinhua"

Walcott doubtful for Ukraine match

LONDON, 18 June — Theo Walcott has been lucky that nothing has occurred with that. "In the little training session we had today we had to take the precaution of taking him from the field because he felt a slight tightness there," Walcott will now be assessed by England’s medical staff before a decision is made. England just need a point from their match to guarantee a place in the quarter-finals while Ukraine realistically need to win to progress.

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Simpson triumphs by one shot at US Open

SAN FRANCISCO, 18 June — American Webb Simpson clinched his first major title with a nerve-jangling one-shot victory at the 112th US Open on Sunday after overwhelmingly overnight leaders Jim Furyk and Graeme McDowell.

The 26-year-old Simpson, whoographers two shots on the PGA Tour last year, charged into contention with four birdies in five holes around the turn on the way to a two-under-par 68. On a foggy afternoon at the brutally difficult Olympic Club, Simpson coolly pared his last eight holes to finish at one-over-281 as the other main contenders faded over the closing stretch.

"It was pretty nerve wracking," Simpson told NBC television after earning the winner's cheque for $1.64 million in the year's second major. "I knew it was a tough golf course."

"It had to go out and as do as I could. I probably played more the last three holes than I've ever done in my life. I feel quite calm and in with two under par." Simpson, who got up and down from greenside rough to save par at the last, became the ninth consecutive first-time winner of a major, and the 15th different player in succession to claim one of golf's blue ribbon events.

Northern Irishman McDowell, a US Open champion at Pebble Beach two years ago, closed with a six-bogey 73 to finish joint second with little known American Michael Thompson (67).

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Thomas Muller (R) of Germany vies with Daniel Agger of Denmark during their Group B 3rd round match at the Euro 2012 football championships in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on 17 June, 2012. Portugal won 2-1. "Xinhua"

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Union Information and Culture Minister meets members of Myanmar Music Association

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan gave a speech with regard to reconstitution of Myanmar Music Association (Central) at the request of Myanmar Music Association (Central) yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said in his speech that his meeting with those present was aimed to assist and cooperate with the association so that it could carry out democratic practice under the supervision of the panel of patrons and selection board as the musicians had agreed. The Union Minister added that the MRTV under his ministry would assist in the process at the request of the musicians, promising to assist and cooperate with the association as usual after its reconstitution.

The Union Minister warned the association to be aware of being politically exploited as the association was the non-governmental one although each member had right to act freely. The Union Minister called on the association to be politically colourless one serving the interests of the music world and musicians.

Next, those present participated in discussions and the meeting came to an end with the concluding remark of the Union Minister.

UNION MINISTRY OF INFORMATION

Toungoo, Falam hold rainy season tree growing ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 18 June—As rainy season tree growing ceremony was held near the market on Htilaing Road of Toungoo in Bago Region on 16 June, the Deputy Commissioner of Toungoo District General Administration Department distributed saplings to social organizations. Under the supervision of the Assistant Director of Toungoo District Forest Department and the head of Township Forest Department, those present participated in the growing of 1010 saplings.

Forest Department planted 700,000 saplings of 16 species to grow 1150 acres of teak, 58000 acres of forest and 1470 acres of high value forest, forest reserve and protected forests.

On 16 June morning, over 300 local people planted 2140 saplings at one-mile Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery and schools in urban areas in Falam.

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Tennis Tournament hails 2012 Olympic Day

YANGON, 18 June—Organized by Myanmar Tennis Federation, the 2012 Olympic Day commemorative Tournament was held at Theinbyu Tennis Court in Mingala Taungnyunt Township on 16 June, attended by President of MTF U Aung Maw Thein and executives, guests and tennis fanatics.

In the 8-game one-set (7 tie all break) system, Aung Thaw Khant & Chit Thet Su stood first, Soe Min Latt & Yan Naung Soe second, and Moe Kyaw Thu & Aung Myo Thant and Tin Oo & Khin Khin Than jointly third.

General Secretary of the federation U Lay Naing presented medals and cash awards to the winners.

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