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Paddy seeds presented to chairmen of Self-Administered Zones/Division

NAVPYI TAW, 21 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Myint Hlaing this morning presented 420 kilograms of quality paddy seeds to six chairmen of Pa-O, Palaung, Danu, Naga, Kokang Self-Administered Zones and Wa Self-Administered Division and 700 kilograms to Rakhine State Planning and Economic Minister who observed 500 acre quality paddy strain seed production farm in Pobothiri Township. The chairman and the state minister viewed production process of quality paddy seeds.

The Union minister and the directors-general presented seeds and Palathwe paddy for all self-administered zones and division. At the warehouse of Palathwe hybrid paddy seeds, Director-General U Kyaw Win of Agriculture Department reported on storage of paddy strain to be distributed to farmers this rainy season, distribution of paddy seeds to regions and states for cultivation of paddy till today and replied to queries raised by chairmen of Self-Administered Zones/Division.

Responsible persons of CETC Company, Diamond Star, and KMA companies explained research works on Palathwe hybrid paddy strains with the assistance of CETC company of China and other hybrid paddy strains, plans for extending paddy seed production farm and distribution of fertilizers.

The director-general of Agriculture Department briefed them on conducting research works with CETC company of China and cent per cent assistance of Shwe Than Lwin Co. Later, the Union minister, together with chairmen of Self-Administered Zones and Division and the Rakhine State Planning and Economic Minister who observed 500 acre quality paddy strain seed production farm in Pobothiri Township.

Cash, foodstuffs donated to local people of Rakhine State

YANGON, 21 June—The cash and foodstuff donation for the local people of Rakhine State who lost shelters and properties due to the recent incidents was held at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township this morning.

Managing Director U Aung Maung Thein and wife Director Dr Daw Moe Myat Win and family of MDG Co Ltd (Myanmar Distribution Group Caisme Cereal) donated K 5 million and Caisme cereal worth K 5 million, Paddy Brokerage (Wardan) members 1400 bags of rice, 2 bales of clothes and two bags of rice, U Aung Win-Daw Mo Mo Cho two bales of women’s wear, one packet of mosquito-net and blanket, one box of pot and plate, Maung Shine Thaung of Pyis each worth K 9.1 million, Paddy Brokerage Group Calsome Cereal.

Win and family of MDG Co Ltd 48 boxes of dried fish worth K 300,000, Daw Kyin Aye (Rtd) one box of pot and plate, key chain, feeding-bottle, U Maung Maung Aye and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi and family K 100,000, U Than Maung (San Thawda Office Paper and Stationery Trading) stationery worth K 150,700, Sgt Sein Aye (Rtd) K 38900, Daw Kyin Aye K 100,000, and four bales of clothes, Pro Dr U Ba Myint-Daw Khin San Hitwe K 100,000, U SoeMyint-Daw Aye Mying (Science Phys Family Plastic Industry) K 60,000, U Ba Tint Swe-Daw Thuza Htak and family K 50,000 and 76 pieces of men’s wear.

Cheeselk of Sittway, Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Yeathadaung, and Ponnagyun townships to prevent against outbreak of epidemic diseases. The team took anti-DHF measures in Ywagyimyauk Ward on 18 June and Ponnagyun, Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships on 19 June, chlorine a total of 118 wells and lakes.

The team also provided medicines to Sittway General Hospital, and people hospitals in Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Ponnagyun townships and supervised medical treatment to the injured. The team has provided treatment to 1022 patients in relief camps in urban Sittway, and 300 at relief camps in Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Yeathadaung townships, totaling 1322.

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Italian tennis player Francesca Schiavone plays a return against Romanian Irina-Camelia Begu in Unicef/Open WTA/ATP. PAGE 14

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The guardian

Reforms are in progress and changes taking place in multiple sectors towards a new system encouraging every citizen observes the discipline as it serves as the guardian of law and order in a society enjoying equality, justice and freedom together with peace, prosperity, stability and the rule of law.

Our people aspire all-round development for the country that lagged behind development for many years mainly due to instability and the absence of peace lingering for decades especially in the remote border areas. As the government is in the service of fulfilling the wishes of the citizens, it focuses on its own people and adopted the people-centred system as the core of democracy transition.

Applying this system well the government is consolidating and enlisting the united strength of people as the main driving force behind all rapid changes and advancements in political, economic and social sectors and in implementing the discipline-flourishing democracy by seeking broader public opinions through all-inclusive talks, discussions and coordination based on mutual trust, understanding and respect.

As we are seeking public opinions in our efforts to reinforce the people-centred system for step by step implementation of democracy together with discipline as its guardian, people on their part can express their views, beliefs, complaints and also suggestions freely and orderly through formal procedures.

But no one should apply unruly means in any form to express his opinions as this kind of act instigates mob violence, riots and unrest followed by the loss of innocent lives and public property undesirable to any human society and destructive to democracy that grows well together with prosperity only in a peaceful and stable environment.

In this regard, the government, the parliament, the entire people and the fourth estate should firmly join hands in unity for standing tall with high efficiency and dignity and ward off all kinds of crimes against democracy.

Electric Power No. 1 Ministry holds prize presenting ceremony

Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min presents prize to an outstanding student who passed matriculation examination in 2011-2012 academic year with flying colours.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 held a prize presenting ceremony to honour offspring of the staff, who have won distinction in the matriculation exam (2012-2013), and scholars at primary, middle and high school level, at Yeywa meeting hall of the ministry this morning, in the presence of Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min.

The Union Minister and Deputy Minister U Myint Zaw presented scholarships for total of 2722 scholars and honouring prizes to the outstanding students.

It was reported that there were six-distinction winner, three five-distinction winners, three four-distinction winners, one three-distinction winner, three two-distinction students, 16 one-distinction students and 64 students with no flying colours, totalling 91 students.—MNA

Heavy rains hit Waingmaw, Phakant townships in Kachin State

Local battalions provide assistance for flood victims

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—As floods hit Waingmaw and Phakant townships in Kachin State due to heavy rains, local battalions joined hands with the local people for undertaking relief works.

From 10 to 14 June, the heavy rains caused floods at compound of No. 1 Basic Education High School in Ward 2 of Waingmaw, the road in front of Union Solidarity and Development Party and Township Education Officer’s Office and the road to No. 1 BEHSS near St Joseph Catholic Church. The local battalion and local people dredged the drains for proper flow of water and diverted the flow of water.

Likewise, heavy rains caused landslides at the pile of waste soil near Sapaw and Shansu villages in Seikmu Village-tract and collapsed 47 huts of workers from jade mine. In the incident, a total of 162 people from 47 households became homeless. They are being accommodated at the monastery and church in Sapaw Village and Basic Education Primary School in Shansu Village.

The local tactical operation command, battalions and township administrators and local people removed the waste soil and provided necessary assistance for the flood victims.—MNA

Archives

Archives are a country’s past, unique and irreplaceable source of information. Without archives there would be no real sense of information and no real evidence. We must preserve archives as it contains supporting evidence and particular pertaining to history, cultural heritage and state administration etc.

Archives should not be created by intention. There are many daily records of government organizations, private organizations and individual in various events but not all of them are archives. Archives automatically supporting evidence and particular pertaining to history, cultural heritage and state administration etc.

The storage environment is an importance factor as it can cause damage to records and archives. And also improper storage provokes the degradation rate of records. As National Archives Department of Myanmar preserves records systematically, the records keeping in the Department today deserve credit for keeping them longer and benefit much to the next generation as they can easily access to information at a single place.

We all appreciate your great generosity and kind donation which can help widen the horizon of next generation.
Cambodian, Vietnamese PMs to inaugurate border pillar over weekend

PHNOM PENH, 21 June — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung will jointly preside over the inauguration ceremony of the Border Pillar No 314 on 24 June, the kingdom’s foreign ministry said in a Press release on Thursday. The pillar is located at the terminus of the land boundary between Cambodia’s Kampong Province and Vietnam’s Kien Giang Province, said the Press release. The ceremony is a part of joint activities to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic ties between Cambodia and Vietnam and the Cambodia-Vietnam Friendship Year 2012, it said. After the inauguration, the two prime ministers will also co-chair the third Cambodia-Vietnam Conference on the Investment Promotion, which will be held at Ha Tien, the capital city of Kien Giang Province.

During the ceremony, the two premiers will witness the signing of the protocol on the amendment of an agreement on the promotion and protection of investment between governments of the two countries. Cambodia shares 1,270-km-long border with Vietnam to the east. About 80 percent of the border demarcation has been completed so far and the two countries vowed to complete the remaining part by the end of this year. — Xinhua

Peru to host int’l anti-drug forum

LIMA, 21 June — Representatives from nearly 70 nations and international organizations are expected to attend an anti-drug conference here next week, a Peruvian official said on Wednesday. The 25-26 June forum, to be hosted by the Peruvian government, will gather delegates from five continents for the first time to analyze strategies to combat drug-trafficking and related organized crime, said Carmen Masias at a Press conference.

The conference “will bring together those who are directly involved in anti-drug policies, such as the ‘czars’, foreign ministers, cabinet members and top government officials,” said the director of the Peruvian National Commission for Development and Life Without Drugs. Peruvian President Ollanta Humala is expected to open the conference, and participants will tackle such issues as how to reduce demand and supply and how to develop alternative tactics in the war on drugs, said Masias. The forum, said the Peruvian official, is expected to demand that drug-producing and drug-consuming nations accept the principle of shared responsibility as the basis for building anti-drug strategies. — Xinhua

New Greek PM pledges hope, coalition gov’t to be announced soon

ATHENS, 21 June — Pro-bailout conservative New Democracy (ND) party leader Antonis Samaras was sworn in Wednesday as prime minister of debt-crippled Greece, and pledged to work hard to give people tangible hope. The announcement of the line-up of a coalition government, to be formed under an agreement between ND, the socialist PASOK party and the smaller Democratic Left, is expected to be announced on Thursday and a swearing-in ceremony will follow shortly. In his first statement to the Press after being sworn in at the presidential palace on Wednesday afternoon, the 61-year-old winner of Sunday’s national polls said, “we will do everything we can to take the country out of the crisis.” One of the first actions of the new government, according to local reports, will be to call EU and International Monetary Fund (IMF) auditors back to Athens and request a two-year extension of the stability and growth programme to ease the pressure on recession-hit Greeks.

The deal on the formation of a three-party coalition government ended two months of political uncertainty in Greece that had added to its severe economic woes. Greece had to hold a two-year stability and growth programme to ease the pressure on recession-hit Greeks. Greece had to hold a two-year

Israel: “all options” open after Iranian talks fail

JERUSALEM, 21 June — Israel responded on Wednesday to a lack of progress in talks aimed at curbing Iran’s nuclear programme by demanding that the West impose stiffer economic sanctions on Tehran and hinting anew that a military option was still on the table. Six world powers and Iran failed to secure a breakthrough at talks in Moscow this week, the third round under the latest diplomatic initiative, and set no date for more political negotiations.

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While Western powers, the United States, Britain, France and China, as well as the European Union (EU), put pressure on Iran to return to talks, the US, Britain and China, are stalling, refusing to impose stiffer sanctions.

The West’s patience ran out because it was concerned about the Iranian nuclear project and its potential to enrich the country’s stockpile of uranium for a nuclear weapon. Iran rejected all demands for meaningful talks and instead continued to enrich uranium.

New US spy satellite to monitor Russia

WASHINGTON, 21 June — The US Air Force on Wednesday said it launched an Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral in Florida, carrying a top secret satellite into space.

The rocket lifted off in the morning, carrying a NROL-38 payload for the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO).

Details of the satellite, its mission and whether it reached orbit was not released due to security reasons. But reports indicated it was likely a new communications satellite. However, the Air Force said later that the launch was part of the Defence Department seeking efforts to maintain assured, affordable access to space through 2030.

The programme replaced the existing fleet of launch systems with two families of launch vehicles—the Boeing Delta IV and Lockheed Martin Atlas V—built and operated by Pentagon’s prime contractor, United Launch Alliance (ULA).

The ULA’s next launch and the NRO’s next mission, the Delta IV NROL-15, is scheduled for 28 June. — Xinhua

Greece, on 20 June, 2012. — Reuters

California has highest rate of immigrants in US

LOS ANGELES, 21 June — More than a quarter of Californians are immigrants, marking the highest rate among US states, shows a report released here on Wednesday. At 27 percent, the rate in the most populous US state is higher than that in New York, which ranks the second highest at 22 percent, according to the research.

The 9.9 million immigrants in California account for 34 percent of the state’s labour force and produce the same percentage of its annual GDP, or more than 600 billion US dollars, the report says. “They are innovators, entrepreneurs, active community members, community leaders,” said Shamasunder, whose institute conducted the research along with the Centre for the Americas, while releasing the report. “The report shows that immigrant workers are the backbone of key industries in the state, and produce the same percentage of its annual GDP, or more than 600 billion US dollars, the report says. “They are innovators, entrepreneurs, active community members, community leaders,” said Shamasunder, whose institute conducted the research along with the Centre for the Americas, while releasing the report.

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Global warming linked to penguin decline

MADRID, 21 June — A third of a breeding colony of penguins in the Antarctic has disappeared in the last 20 years, with global warming the chief suspect, Spanish researchers say.

As sea ice in Antarctica melts, it causes disruption in the food chain that chinstrap penguins on the South Shetland Islands depend on, the researchers said. Chinstraps' main food, shrimp-like creatures called krill, depend on algae that attaches to that ice, they said.

"Actually, in the '90s it was thought that the climate change would favour the chinstrap penguin, because this species prefers sea waters without ice, unlike the Adelie penguin, which prefers the ice pack," researcher Andres Barbosa of the National Museum of Natural Sciences in Madrid told LiveScience.com.

"But the decline in winter sea ice is now affecting krill populations, Barbosa said. Research on the breeding colony on Deception Island in the South Shetlands showed occupied nests had declined by 36 percent between 1991 and 2008, he said.—Internet

Chinstrap penguins with chicks. —Internet

Robot ‘finger’ more sensitive than human’s

Like the human finger, the BioTac sensor has a soft, flexible skin over a liquid filling.—Internet

LOS ANGELES, 21 June— Researchers in California say a robot equipped with a sensor to mimic the human fingertip has a touch more sensitive than a human’s.

The specially designed robot can outperform humans in identifying a wide range of natural materials according to their textures, creating the possibility of advancements in prostheses, personal assistive robots and consumer product testing, the University of Southern California reported on Tuesday.

The robot’s sensor can also tell where and in which direction forces are applied to the “fingertip” and even the thermal properties of an object being touched, researchers said.

USC’s BioTac sensor has a soft, flexible skin over a liquid filling. As the finger slides over a textured surface, the skin vibrates in characteristic ways and a hydrophone inside the bone-like core of the finger detects those vibrations.

The human finger uses similar vibrations to identify textures, the researchers said, but the robot finger proved even more sensitive.

When presented with common materials gathered from fabric, stationery and hardware stores, the robot could correctly identify the material 95 percent of the time, they said.—Internet

This shows deforestation around the dry Chaco of Paraguay from 2004-2011.—Interstar

Flame virus confirmed as US-Israeli plan

WASHINGTON, 21 June— The Flame computer virus involved in cyberattacks aimed at slowing Iran’s ability to develop a nuclear weapon was a joint US-Israeli effort, officials say.

The malware was designed to secretly map Iran’s computer networks and monitor the computers of Iranian officials to collect intelligence used to enable an ongoing cyberwarfare campaign, Western officials with knowledge of the effort said.

"The system runs on data for every 250 square meters of land from Mexico to Argentina shortly after the data comes in from MODIS and highlights every 16 days the pixels that significantly change, writing these results to Google Maps for easy visualization," he said.

"The Flame malware came when Iran detected a series of cyberattacks on its oil industry, apparently directed by Israel in a unilateral operation that caught its US partners off-guard, several US and Western officials said, speaking on the condition of anonymity.

The CIA, the NSA and Office of the Director of National Intelligence, as well as the Israeli Embassy in Washington, have declined to comment, the Post said on Tuesday.—Internet

Churchill books to be digital editions

LONDON, 21 June— Books written by Sir Winston Churchill will be available in downloadable e-book editions later this year, a US publisher says.

RosettaBooks has a world leader who is a writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1953.

"It’s wildly unusual to have a world leader who is also a writer, especially when they were such an important figure for 60 years," RosettaBooks Chief Executive Arthur Klebanoff said.

"And Churchill was an extraordinary writer."—Internet

Volume of his work in e-book format will cost between $7 and $9 each and the first seven will go on sale via digital books stores on 1 July. Forty books by Churchill, including his "A History of the English Speaking Peoples," will eventually be made available in digital format.—Internet
Kid hypertension hospitalizations double

Ann Arbor, 21 June—Pediatric hypertension-related US hospitalizations nearly doubled from 12,661 in 1997 to 24,602 in 2006, researchers found. Lead author Dr Cheryl Tran of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and colleagues used data on discharge records from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project Kids’ Inpatient Database, from 1997, 2000, 2003 and 2006. Tran and colleagues hypothesized the increasing hospitalizations may be due in part to the rise in childhood obesity. Overall, the most common diagnoses for hospitalized children were pneumonia, acute appendicitis and asthma — but convulsive disorder, head- ache, obesity and systemic lupus erythematosus were the most common secondary diagnoses when hypertension was the primary diagnosis, the study found. When high blood pressure was part of a diagnosis, the most common primary diagnoses were lupus, complications of kidney transplant, premature infants and acute proliferative glomerulonephritis, a condition in the kidney that causes inflammation that can result in hypertension. “A child with high blood pressure is at increased risk for having high blood pressure in adulthood and the heart and stroke risks that come with that diagnosis,” Tran said in a statement. Hypertension is present in two percent of children in the United States, but hospital care for

Some fat with vegetables beneficial

According to scientists from the Purdue University, preparing the right kind of salad dressing is important to gain healthy nutrients from vegetables in the salad. Apart from the type, the amount of dressing used in the preparation also counts, they say.

Internet

Market experts upgrade DLF

Citi cuts DLF; sees upside in Indian property

Guyana, 21 June—Citi downgrades DLF to “neutral” from “buy”, cuts target price to 218 rupees from 266 rupees. DLF shares drop 1.3 percent to 186.20 rupees. Citi says DLF’s share out-performance versus rivals over past year unjustified given non-core asset sales over next 5-6 months “will likely only help at the margin” and not cut debt “materially” due to continued estimated capex of around 3-4 billion rupees per quarter. Citi adds wait for a pick-up in execution, sales and margins to become more constructive about India’s biggest property stock.

For broader property sector, investment bank says most challenges priced in, sees “bright spots”, such as resilient prices in cities like Mumbai, but says “stay selective.” — Reuters

SINGAPORE, 21 June—Singapore overtook Hong Kong as home to Asia’s wealthy

SINGAPORE, 21 June—Singapore overtook Hong Kong as home to Asia’s wealthy last year as declining stock markets hit the former British territory a lot harder than its Southeast Asian rival, according to Capgemini and RBC Wealth Management. Hong Kong, whose stock market capitalisation slumped 16.7 percent last year, saw a sharper drop in the ranks of people with more than $1 million to invest as a larger proportion of that wealth was locked in equity. Southeast Asia also shows stronger signs of resilience to global turbulence than the rest of Asia as buoyant domestic spending offsets struggling exports. The number of high-net-worth individuals in Hong Kong fell 17.4 percent to 83,600 last year, compared with a decline of 7.8 percent to 91,200 people in Singapore, RBC Wealth’s head of emerging markets Barend Janssens told reporters in Singapore on Wednesday. Hong Kong had leapfrogged Singapore in 2010 after falling behind in 2008. Faster-growing Asia had for the first time more millionaires than North America last year, according to Capgemini (CAPP.PA) and RBC Wealth’s latest world wealth report released on Tuesday. The report did not provide estimates on the number of wealthy people in Singapore and Hong Kong.

Singapore, home to more Indonesian millionaires than Jakarta, has in recent years also attracted many rich people from around the world, including Facebook (FB.O) co-founder Eduardo Saverin who earlier this year gave up his US citizenship.—Reuters

Doctors: ‘Miracle’ spear missed vessels

MIAMI, 21 June—A Miami doctor says it was a miracle an errant spear missed the main blood vessels in the brain of a boy, who remains in serious condition, but is recovering.

Nasser Lopez, 16, was swimming in a lake near his Miami-area home on 8 June when his 15-year-old friend was loading a fishing spear gun and accidentally touched the trigger, sending the 3-foot spear into Lopez’s head, The Miami Herald and Miami’s WFOR-TV reported.

Neurosurgeon Ross Bullock said on Monday Lopez was in serious condition and his recovery in the hospital is expected to take several months.

“It’s a miracle the spear missed all the main blood vessels of the brain,” he said. Bullock and colleagues at University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital and the Army Trauma Training Centre said when Lopez arrived by helicopter with the protruding spear, they resisted the urge to immediately remove it.

Instead, they borrowed rebar cutters and vise grips from the Miami-Dade Fire Department to stabilize the
**Police nab suspect in France hostage standoff**

**TOULOUSE, 21 June —** A gunman who ranted disjointedly about religious motives and who had been living at a bank hostage on Wednesday before French police stormed in to arrest him — a new episode of apparent lone-wolf violence to jolt a still region reeling from terrorist shooting sprees that killed seven people three months ago.

The Toulouse state prosecutor vowed off French media reports indicating that the man had claimed ties to al-Qaeda, pointing instead to what he called the man’s alleged history of psychiatric problems.

Authorities provided few details about the six-hour standoff, which ended after elite police stormed inside with guns blazing. A bank window bore a single bullet hole, and the bank’s glass door lay shattered on the ground. The suspect was hospitalized for gunshot wounds to his left hand and the left thigh — neither life-threatening.

Prosecutor Michel Valet said the suspect’s gun, which was used twice during the standoff, fired only rubber bullets and that he had no prior police record. Valet refused to identify the suspect by name or identify his religion because the suspect was referring to in “confused” diatribes about his claims. “I am not a doctor, but we have objective elements that allow us to think and affirmatively dealing with someone who suffers from considerable psychological problems and that his act is linked to these problems,” Valet told reporters. The street a few hundred metres from the bank — in a zone cordoned off by scores of police.

“The claims of responsibility centered on badly defined, badly expressed religious claims and right now it is difficult to know what guided his behavior, which was anything but rational,” he added. Tensions have been high in Toulouse since March, when a gunman who police said claimed links to al-Qaeda killed three Jewish schoolchildren, a rabbi and three paratroopers in the area. Those were France’s worst terrorist attacks in years, and led to a crackdown on suspected Islamist radicals around France. — Internet

**Cargo ships sail near the Poyang Lake Bridge in Hukou County, east China’s Jiangxi Province, on 20 June, 2012. Continuous heavy rain in Jiangxi has led to an increase in the surface area of the Poyang Lake, China’s largest freshwater lake. The surface area of the Poyang Lake had reached 3,526 square kilometres, 502 square kilometres larger than that on 6 May. It also surpassed the historical average surface area of the lake. — Xinhua**

**US to slap “terrorist” label on Nigerian militants**

**WASHINGTON, 21 June —** The US government is expected to formally apply a “foreign terrorist” label on Thursday to three alleged leading figures of the violent Nigerian militant group Boko Haram, officials said. The action by the State and Treasury departments follows growing pressure on the Obama Administration to take stronger action against Boko Haram. The group, which says it wants to establish an Islamic caliphate in northern Nigeria, it wants to establish an Islamic caliphate in northern Nigeria, it wants to establish an Islamic caliphate in northern Nigeria, it wants to establish an Islamic caliphate in northern Nigeria, has stepped up attacks on Christian places of worship this year.

Thursday’s anticipated action, officials said, involves applying the “terrorist” designation to three men presumed to be central figures in the group. The three individuals, an official said, are Abubakar Shekau, aged around 43, described as a Boko Haram leader who allegedly aligned himself with al-Qaeda in a video message, Abubakar Adam Kambar, aged roughly 35; and Khalid al Barnawi, aged approximately 36.

**Mexico, UK ink tourism cooperation accord**

**MEXICO CITY, 21 June —** Mexico and the United Kingdom on Wednesday signed a cooperation agreement designed to boost tourism between the two nations, mainly by increasing flight frequency, Mexico’s Tourism Secretariat (Sectur) said in a statement on Wednesday. During a visit to the Capital Mexico City, Christopher John Rodrigues, the head of the UK’s tourism promotion board Visit Britain, met with Mexican Tourism Secretary Gloria Guevara for talks on joint tourism promotion measures, Sectur said. “The agreement will strengthen joint cooperation, as well as the exchange of information, experiences and statistics in the area of tourism,” said the statement. According to the agreement, both Mexico and Great Britain see tourism as “key to economic development, thus it is important to generate reciprocal benefits” to strengthen the sector. Mexico’s Tourism Promotion Board and its British counterpart are expected to develop promotion strategies to increase the flow of visitors between the two countries and boost air connectivity, said Sectur. Tourism is one of Mexico’s three top foreign revenue earners, along with petroleum and remittances from abroad. — Xinhua

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**NE China bridge collapses before opening to traffic**

**SIENNAI, 21 June —** A bridge in the city of Fushun, northeast China’s Liaoning Province, collapsed Monday evening, just one month before the bridge’s scheduled opening to traffic.

A witness said that the collapse happened after a rainfall that occurred at about 5 pm. Initial investigation showed that the collapse was caused by workers’ irregular operation, according to local government sources.

Several workers dismantled supporting facilities before reinforcing on a part of the bridge was completed, said the sources. Construction on the bridge began in November 2011. The bridge was scheduled to be completed on 30 July, according to a government plan. — Xinhua
Collective tree growing ceremony held in Shwepyitha Township

During the ceremony, Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe, ward administrator U Saw Sonny Chan of Insein Township, and Supervisor of Insein Township Registration Department U Htein Lin Thein and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to 63 eligible citizens by easing rules and regulations.

Cash assistance provided in Mawgyun

The issuance was supervised by Yangon Region Representative U Saw Sonny Chan of Insein Township, Head of Township General Administration Department Township Administrator U Tin Naing Soe, ward administrator U Zaw Myint Oo and townsenders.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister meets Vice-Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs of ROK

YANGON, 21 June—Yangon Region Chief Minister U Myint Swe received Korean Vice-Minister of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs Mr. Han, Man Hee and party at the hall of Yangon Region government office here today.

Both sides discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries. It was attended by Region Minister for Development Affairs U Hla Han, Region Minister for Forest and Energy U Kyaw Soe, Region Minister for Planning and Economic Minister U Than Myint and officials concerned.

Deputy Health Minister attends Pediatric Health Care Forum in Washington of USA

Deputy Health Minister Dr Win Myint attends High-ranking Officials’ Forum on Pediatric Health Care at Georgetown University Hotel and Convention Centre in Washington of the United States of America on 14 and 15 June.

UMFCCI, Vietnamese delegation discuss trade, investment matters

YANGON, 21 June—Yangon Region Minister for Electric and Industry U Nyan Tun Oo, Region Minister for Planning and Economic U Than Myint and Vice-President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Taw Aung received Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chu Cong Phung and Chairman Mr Tran Bac Ha of Association of Vietnamese Investors in Myanmar (AVIM) at the President on 14 June.

The both sides had a cordial discussion on exchanging trade between two countries and strengthening further cooperation on investment matters.—MNA

Cash, foodstuffs donated...

worth K 100,000, U Soe Moe Thun-Daw Cherry San K 50,000 and 80 pieces of female ware worth K 100,000, 10 dozens of camphor, Major Soe Myint (Rtd)-Daw Ohn Myint K 100,000, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nyeitya K 300,000 and 33 sets of robes, 25 umbrellas and 25 pairs of slippers, U Khang Chit Tun and wellwishers and Han Phyu Tha 320 sets of clothes, 7.5 dozens of exercise books, U Win Myint-Daw Thein Thein of Phyu Phyu Thin Gold

Traffic rules talked at BEPS No. 2 in Pyinmana

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—A talk on traffic rule was held at Basic Education Middle School No. 2 in Pyinmana on 19 June to broaden horizon of the students.

Commander of Disciplinary Company-2 IP Min Thaik Htay of Nay Pyi Taw Traffic Police Force gave talks on rules for drivers, pedestrians and slow-moving vehicle drivers.

Question and answer session was held between the lecturer and audiences on salient points of traffic rules.

Later, he presented pamphlets to the students.

The talk was attended by Township Education Officer, the headmistress, teachers and students, totaling 156.—MNA

Staff of emergency health care and anti-pandemic disease team under Health Department providing health care services to local people at relief camps in Rakhine State. (News on page 1)—MNA

Japanese sport mission to visit Myanmar 27-30 June

YANGON, 21 June—The Government of Japan will dispatch a cultural and sport exchange mission led by Prof Takashi Shiraishi, President of the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Myanmar in collaboration with the Japan Foundation from 27 to 30 June.

The mission is aimed at holding discussion on future policies for the expansion and enhancement of cultural and sports exchanges and cooperation between Japan and Myanmar. With regard to the schedules, the Japanese mission will organize the Japanese Film Show, photo exhibition and presentation on Judo event.

According to the Japanese embassy, a press conference will be held on 30 June. Journalists who are interested cordially requested to register with Embassy of Japan, dialing 01-549633~8 of U Cho Tun or U Aung Naing Moe, for further information.
Students to apply knowledge from learning with high proficiency so as to serve interest of State and themselves

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Union Minister for Information and for Culture U Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony to provide cash assistance to offspring of staff of the Ministry of Culture and present prizes to outstanding students at the multi-purpose hall of the Ministry of Culture, here, at 9.30 am today and gave cash assistance and exercise books to them for 2012-2013 academic year.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Culture Daw Sanda Khin, departmental heads of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Culture, officials, prize winning students, staff and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan stressed the need for prize winning students to set aims in learning education to be able to secure master’s degree and doctoral degree, to apply knowledge from learning with high proficiency so as to serve the interest of the State and themselves and to avoid narcotic drugs, gambling and other misconducts. He noted that the Ministry of Culture is to strive for successfully implementing the strategic processes of reform in line with the Reform Strategy of the State.

Next, Union Minister U Kyaw Hsan presented cash assistance and exercise books for children of staff members from universities and departments under the Ministry of Culture for 2012-2013 academic year. Deputy Head of Office U Thawda Divisional Director Ms Seah Engagement with Labour and Economic Relations by MNA

DFID to assist Health Ministry in pre neonatal health care services

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Union Minister for Health Dr Pe Thet Khin received Health Adviser Dr Julia Kemp of Department for International Development (DFID)of Britain at his office here this morning.

They discussed assistance to be rendered in reproductive health and birth control programmes, reduction of the mortality rate of expectant mothers particularly due to abortion, and health care services to mothers, infants and babies.

Present at the call were Deputy Health Ministers Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin and Dr Win Myint, Director-General of Medical Science Department Dr Than Zaw Soe Ye Yint Aung spoke words of thanks.

YANGON, 21 June—Jointly organized by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Singapore Business Federation (SBF), Myanmar and Singaporean businessmen met at the federation headquarters here on 14 June.

UMFCCI Vice-President U Aung Lwin and SBF CEO Mr Ho Meng Kit spoke on the occasion, followed by presentation on Singapore-Myanmar Economic Relations by Divisional Director Ms Seah Bee Leng of Southeast Asia 1E Singapore and Doing Business in Myanmar by Director of Kelvin China Partnership Ms Cheah Swee Woen.

Next, businessmen of the two countries held group discussions according to their specialized fields.

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Deputy Minister for Sports U Aye Myint Kyu addressed the preliminary meeting on holding Regions and States Champion Challenge Cup (Second Round), held at the assembly hall of the Sports Ministry here yesterday.

On the occasion, Director-General U Than Htay instructed the sports teams to partake in the Cup in line with the rules and regulations laid down, who respectively raised queries to him.

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Taninthayi Region MCWSC holds AGM, presents uniforms

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—Taninthayi Region Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held its annual meeting along with presentation of uniforms to members at the region government office on 19 June.

Patron of the organization Daw Ekar Khang spoke on the occasion and the secretary assessed the strength and weakness of the association, followed by the members’ discussions over the reports sent to the organization and follow-up tasks.

Chairpersons of Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung District MCWSCs presented uniforms and cash assistance to the district MCWSCs.

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KYONPYAW, 21 June—A ceremony to donate books to Piyathaya Library was held at the library in Pyinmabinha Village of Kyonpyaw Township in Ayeyawady Region on 3 June.

Region Hluttaw representative U Than Tun donated books and 10 fibre chairs, Staff Officer of District Information and Public Relations Department U Tin Maung Oo books and one clock tower, Commander of Township Police Force U Aung Kyaw Soe books and K 30,000, Head of Township IPRD Daw Khin Moi Myint 150 books and Library committee member U Maung Hlaing 75 books.

Chairman of Library Committee U Soe Maung accepted the donations. The library was built at a cost of K 1.6 million by the local people.

The facility was opened by Region Hluttaw representative U Than Tun, Staff Officer of IPRD U Tin Maung Oo, Commandant of Civil Police Captain Hla Win and Village Administrator U Soe Maung.

District News

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Assistance provided to students of staff

MUSE, 21 June—A ceremony to present school uniforms and exercise books to 42 students of staff of Muse Township People’s Hospital was held at the hospital in Muse Township, the free clinic was opened on 4 June, with speeches by Township Administrator U Aung Lin won donated K 30,000, U Tun Tun Naing, Daw Tin Tin Aye and family of Yongdaw Village K 50,000, U Wun Aung, Daw Htaiak Htaiak and family K 50,000, U Waing Kyi-Daw Tin Min. and family and Daw Nyunt Yi and family K 15,000 each, Ko Kyaw Than-Ma Nweni Win family charges for one year newspaper and Doh Kyaw Kyaw Than-Ma Nweni Win family charges for one year newspaper and Doh Kyaw Kyaw Than-Ma Nweni Win family charges for one year newspaper and Doh Kyaw Kyaw Than-Ma Nweni Win family charges for one year newspaper and Doh

A ceremony to provide school uniforms to students of vendors

PANTANAW, 21 June—A ceremony to provide school uniforms to students of vendors in 2012-2013 academic year at the hall of Pantanaw Township Development Affairs Committee on 9 June.

Executive Officer U Aye Thein and party of Township presented school uniforms to 45 students.

Agricultural loans disbursed to farmers

THABAUNG, 21 June—Myanma Agricultural Development Bank disbursed K 50,000 agricultural loans per acre to local farmers for 2012 monsoon crop production in Thabaung Township of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region beginning 15 June.

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District News

TREESPLANTED: The World Environment Day was observed as tree growing ceremony by Namkhambon Township on 5 June. Township Administrator U Aung Kyaw Soe, Staff Officer of Township Forest Department U Htin Maung, departmental personnel, local people and social organization members plant 400 saplings.—MYANMA ALIN

Health talks given at the Taungthugon Ward Administrative Office in Insein Township on 12 June, Chairperson of Yangon North District Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisor Committee Daw Sein Sein Soe presents pamphlets to attendees. — MYANMA ALIN

SCHOOL EQUIPMENT DONATED: School equipment donation ceremony was held at Pyidauungu Hall in Seikkyi-khanyang Township of Yangon South District on 10 June. Township Administrator U Tun Tun Naing presents donations to Staff Officer Daw San San Thu of No. 3 Basic Education Department. — TOWNSHIP IPRD

CASH AND KIND DONATED: A ceremony to donate cash and books to Pyinnya Dagun Library was held at the library in Yondaw Model Village in Myanma Alin

Kyyawya journal, Staff Officer U Myint Oo of Irrigation Department K 20,000, Township Education Officer U Myint Aung, Township Judge U Tin Soe, Auditing Officer Daw Kyin Hla, U Lwan Po-Daw Khin Win Yi, Daw Nu Nu Win (Lewe BEHS No 1) K 10,000 each and Myanmar Libraries Foundation books to Head of Township Information and Public Relations Department U Ko Ko Gy.

Township IPRD

Tube-wells sunk in Yinmabin Township

YINMABI, 21 June—One two-inch diameter tube well and one four-inch diameter tube well were sunk in Wiphonne Village of Yinmabin Township of Sagaing Region on 4 June for rural region development tasks.

At present, sufficient potable water is being supplied to the people of Wiphonne Village in Yinmabin Township.

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Suicide blast rocks Afghan Khost City, killing 18

KHOST, 21 June—A suicide bombing rocked Khost City, the capital of Khost Province 150 km southeast of capital Kabul on Wednesday, leaving 18 people dead including the attacker and injuring 35 others, hospital sources said. “Eleven dead bodies and 15 injured have been taken to Civil Hospital in Khost City,” head of the civilian hospital in Khost City, Abdul Majid told Xinhua.

Meantime, some dead and injured people have been taken to a private hospital there. “We have received six dead bodies including two police and 15 injured mostly civilians,” Bada Gul, a doctor in a private hospital, told Xinhua. On the other hand, Sardar Mohammad Zaree, the police chief of Khost Province, said the bomber riding a motorcycle blew himself up next to a military convoy.

However, he did not comment on the casualties, saying the bomber was killed in his blast. “It is too early to comment about the casualties,” Zarai said, adding investigation is underway. Locals said that attack took place around 12:00 noon while a convoy of foreign forces was passing Faiz Mohammad Khan area in Khost City, inflicting casualties.

Yemeni airstrikes kill 23 al-Qaeda militants in south

ADEN, 21 June—A total of 23 al-Qaeda militants were killed in airstrikes by Yemeni fighter jets in the southern province of Abyan on Wednesday evening, a security official said. The Yemeni fighter jets bombed an al-Qaeda convoy in a desert valley near the Mahfad town in Abyan Province, leaving at least 23 militants killed and several injured, the local security official told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

“Two military aircrafts bombed the al-Qaeda convoy with four rockets, destroying three pick-up trucks and killing all the passengers on board,” the security official said. “Senior commanders of the al-Qaeda terror group were believed to have been killed in Wednesday’s air bombing. The injured militants were taken to an al-Qaeda-run hospital west of Mahfad,” he added.

Yemeni’s military presses a withering assault aiming at quelling a resurgent branch of al-Qaeda which has increased its attacks on both Western and government targets in the Arabian Peninsula State.

The month-long army offensive forced the al-Qaeda militants to flee several bastions in the country’s restive southern and eastern provinces which they captured during last year’s national pullout of the US-led military coalition. The al-Qaeda militants remain in control of the smaller town of Mahfad in Abyan and other cities in neighbouring Shabwa Province. Fighting al-Qaeda militants in restive south is one of several challenges confronting current President Abd-Rabbu Mansour Hadi, who is promised to launch a national dialogue to settle disputes between all political factions. Also, he has sworn to uproot the Yemeni branch of al-Qaeda.

China mulls harsher punishments on traffic violations

BEIJING, 21 June—The Chinese traffic authority is considering doubling penalty points imposed on those caught running red lights and plate related traffic violations, according to a Wednesday report of a local newspaper in Beijing. An unidentified official with the Traffic Management Bureau under the Ministry of Public Security confirmed with Xinhua that a draft amendment on the regulation of driving licenses was being discussed and has been distributed to local authorities in April for deliberation.

However, the text of the draft remains unavailable to the public. Under China’s current regulation on driving licenses, if a driver’s penalty points accumulates to 12 or higher within 12 months, he or she must report to the police and go through a seven-day special training on traffic law before taking the written exam for driving licenses again. According to the Beijing Times, the penalty points for improper display of plates will raise from three to six, while the current regulation only imposes six points. The points for ignoring traffic lights will increase from three to six.

Traffic violations in both categories pose grave threats to public security, therefore the increase in penalty points is expected to remind drivers to drive carefully, said the report, citing a police officer. The experience could have been drawn from the China’s efforts in curbing incidences of people driving under the influence of alcohol and drugs.
Institution established to promote Chinese opera overseas

**BEIJING, 21 June**—An institution that will train talented people for the purpose of promoting Chinese opera abroad was established on Wednesday. The department of international cultural exchanges was established under the National Academy of Chinese Theatre Arts (NACTA), a Beijing-based college dedicated to the training of professional Chinese opera performers. Du Changsheng, NACTA president, said at the department’s launching ceremony that the institution was created for the purpose of giving Chinese theatre arts, as well as Chinese culture in general, a more extensive overseas presence.

The department will offer degrees for students majoring in international cultural exchange, as well as Chinese culture in general, a more extensive overseas presence. The department will also offer degrees for students majoring in international cultural exchange and will also provide education for international students. The department will also work with other cultural promotion organizations, such as the China International Cultural Exchange Centre and the Confucius Institute.

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**41 infected with H1N1 in northeast Thailand**

**BANGKOK, 21 June**—Forty-one people have been confirmed being infected with H1N1 influenza in northeastern Nakon Ratchasima Province, according to the Ministry of Public Health on Wednesday. Public Health Ministry Inspector General Kamron Chaisiri said the infections have been found since early June.

Six female and 35 male patients, including six hospital staff, have been admitted to Nakhon Ratchasima Rajamangala Psychiatric Hospital, he said. The initial investigation showed that the first flu victim to be detected was a patient from alcoholism treatment ward on 12 June. All patients were already given antiviral flu and none of them is in a severe condition, added Kamron.

The hospital, however, has stopped admitting new patient until the situation is confirmed completely safe. Health officials have sampled schools in the province but discovered no other cases of bird flu infection.

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**Chinese opera overseas**

**BEIJING, 21 June**—The Chinese government initiated a level IV emergency response plan on Wednesday in response to a severe drought in central China’s Hubei Province. The National Commission for Disaster Reduction and the Ministry of Civil Affairs have dispatched teams to help with relief work.

Parts of the province have been suffering from a drought since December 2011, with rainfall much below normal levels, and some areas have set record low precipitation, according to statistics reported by the provincial civil affairs department. As of Wednesday, a total of 3.29 million people in the province have been affected by the drought, and 1.17 million people have had their livelihoods affected and require government assistance. The provincial disaster relief and civil affairs authorities have allocated 2 million yuan (314,000 US dollars) as relief funds, and governments at town and county levels in the province have issued 7.72 million yuan to deal with drinking water and food shortages.

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**Understanding on clam in Gaza starts on midnight**

**GAZA, 21 June**—A well-informed Palestinian source revealed on Wednesday that an Egyptian-brokered understanding to restore mutual calm between Gaza militants and Israel will be valid starting from midnight.

The source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua that the Palestinian factions, mainly the Islamic Hamas movement informed the Egyptian intelligence services officials that they accept the mutual calm with Israel. The source said that Israel has also informed Egypt that it doesn’t wish for escalation, and that it would halt airstrips on the coastal enclave as soon as militants stop launching rockets at its southern territories.

The understanding on restoring calms in the Gaza Strip will be valid starting from midnight, and it will be mutual, said the source, adding that “both sides are watching the situation on the ground carefully.” “I believe that the two sides are interested in clam because both want to stop tension and avoid more escalation,” said the source closed to Hamas movement in the Gaza Strip.

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**China reaffirms support for eurozone stability**

**BEIJING, 21 June**—A Foreign Ministry spokesman on Wednesday reaffirmed China’s support for ensuring the stability of the eurozone. Spokesman Hong Lei made the remark during a routine Press conference while discussing President Hu Jintao’s visits to Denmark and the G20 summit in Mexico. Hong said Hu will return to Beijing following a post-summit stop in Spain.

"China has long maintained friendly cooperation with Spain," he said, adding that the two countries have enjoyed frequent high-level exchanges, increasing economic and trade cooperation, sound cultural contacts and coordination in regional and international affairs.

Regarding the European sovereign debt crisis, Hong said China has voiced its stance on the issue on many occasions, adding that China supports European integration. He said China has provided effective support in multiple forms to help Europe cope with the crisis. “We believe Europe has the wisdom and ability to overcome the current crisis,” he said.— Xinhua

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**Claims day notice**

**MV PHILIP VOY NO (023)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PHILIP VOY NO (023) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22.6.2012 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 byclaws 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: MIS ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES
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**France’s Riadh Sallem (R) is knocked off during a training session ahead of 2012 Canada Cup International Wheelchair Rugby Tournament in Richmond, Canada, on 19 June, 2012. Canada Cup is considered to be the most prestigious wheelchair rugby tournament besides world championship and Paralympic Games.**

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**People take food during an event called “Dinner in the Sky” at the Cinquantenaire park in Brussels, capital of Belgium, on 20 June, 2012. Up to 22 guests pay 250 euros for the opportunity to dine 50 metres above the ground. — Xinhua**
Tires stolen from monster truck

A Florida dealership is offering $1,000 to anyone with information about the theft of a set of monster truck tires from a vehicle on the business’ front lawn.

The Westside News of North River Auto Sales in Bradenton, said the 1977 black Ford monster truck had been on his lot for less than a month when a friend noticed the tires missing the Bradenton Herald reported.

Way said it would have taken at least three or four men to remove each of the $900 tires and load them into a large truck or trailer.

“Was trying to breathe after a couple of takes, I noticed the tires missing,” Nolan’s Batman trilogy.

But, after a couple of takes, it gets better the warmer I get. It is the fact that Nolan’s Batman trilogy. There were no signs of a break-in. Police said the theft was noted the day before the Superhero co-star with a custom-made set of soft contacts that will not only protect his eyes but also compensate for the far-sightedness the pachyderm was left with after the surgery. "My gut says that there won’t be a dramatic improvement with contacts, but if you had asked me before the second surgery, I’d have said the same thing," Dr. Ryan Devoe, the zoo’s senior vet, told the Raleigh (NC) News & Observer. "We have seen unexpected results so far, and it could happen again." One investigation into C’sar with a custom-made set of soft contacts that will not only protect his eyes but also compensate for the far-sightedness the pachyderm was left with after the surgery. "My gut says that there won’t be a dramatic improvement with contacts, but if you had asked me before the second surgery, I’d have said the same thing," Dr. Ryan Devoe, the zoo’s senior vet, told the Raleigh (NC) News & Observer. "We have seen unexpected results so far, and it could happen again.”

DeVoe said contacts had been in the past on dogs and other creatures, but only as temporary measures while their eyes recovered from surgery. The new contacts work on C’sar, it could open up a whole new world in the field of veterinary vision. "The newspaper said Cab driver calls cops on robbery suspect

"Menacing" is written and directed by Angelina Jolie playing the villain from the fairytale “Sleeping Beauty.”

“Maleficent” is written by Linda Woolverton and co-stars Sharlto Copley, Elle Fanning, Sam Riley, Imelda Staunton, Miranda Richardson, Juno Temple and Lesley Manville.

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Disney starts shooting "Maleficent" starring Jolie

Burbank, 21 June — Hollywood’s Walt Disney Studios says production has begun on “Maleficent,” with Angelina Jolie playing the villain from the fairytale “Sleeping Beauty.”

“Maleficent” is written by Linda Woolverton and co-stars Sharlto Copley, Elle Fanning, Sam Riley, Imelda Staunton, Miranda Richardson, Juno Temple and Lesley Manville.

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We would be associated with those types of clubs. “If for no other reason, it’s important to us for our game’s programme. We want to be playing against other quality academy sides.”

FIFA invests 20 million dollars for green World Cup

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RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 June — FIFA will invest 20 million US dollars in green initiatives as part of its sustainability strategy for the 2014 World Cup. Speaking at an event in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday, FIFA’s head of corporate social responsibility, Federico Addicich, said waste management, sustainability and renewable energy were key areas to benefit from the funding.

The ultimate goal is to stage an event that uses resources wisely, striking a balance between economic, social development and environmental protection,” Addicich said. The announcement was made on the eve of the United Nations Rio+20 summit in Rio de Janeiro. —Xinhua

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Italian tennis player Francesca Schiavone plays a return against Romanian Irina-Camelia Begu during their second round match at the Internazionali BNL d’Italia tennis tournament.

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Schiavone saves eight match points at s-Hertogenbosch

s-HERTOGENBOSCH, Netherlands, 21 June — Italy’s Francesca Schiavone reached the quarterfinals at s-Hertogenbosch on Wednesday, saving eight match points in her 6-2, 6-2, 6 (10-8) win over Romania’s Irina-Camelia Begu. Schiavone, who had fought off a match point in the previous round, said she had been “looking back from 5-2 down in the third set of her first round victory over Maria Kirilenko, was seemingly down and out on Wednesday when she was 0-5 down in the third set tie-break.

However, she reeled off six straight points to tie it up, fought off two more match points from there and finally clinched victory at the Wimbledon warm-up event on her first match point. “When I started the tie-break, I said ‘Francesca, come on, we have to take two more, we have to take three of the first six or seven points.’ Nothing, 0-6,” Schiavone said.

“I went to the other side and told myself there is not too big a difference in winning or losing one point, so keep going and push. We will see what happens. And then I won.”

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Smells like team spirit, says happy Hodgson

DONETSK, 21 June — England manager Roy Hodgson has praised his team’s performance in Donetsk. Hodgson has praised his squad’s team spirit as they prepare for the challenge of Sunday’s UEFA Euro 2012 quarter-final showdown with Italy.

It has left the English with a renewed sense of belief as they prepare for the knockout rounds, and Hodgson could not be happier. While Hodgson readily admits England’s squad still contains its fair share of egos, he believes a clarity of purpose and team spirit has helped forge a tighter group. “I don’t think there are any words necessarily that have any magic effect,” Hodgson said. “I think it’s just making certain that everybody realises — as they do — that if you want to be a successful team you have to perform to your ability and trust the people around you to perform to theirs.

“I think any national team is going to have players with egos — that’s normal and I think you want that as well because it’s the player with the ego who is often the good player, the player who makes the difference.” Hodgson believes England’s newly-found unity is reflected by the obvious delight shown by each member of the squad goals and victories achieved. “I’ve been very happy with the way these players have really worked for each other and seeing the way they are after the games, and seeing the way they congratulate each other. That’s something I’ve got to be pleased about and something to keep working on,” Hodgson said.

Defensive midfielder Scott Parker, whose tireless spoiling embodies England’s team ethic, said England’s unity could carry the side “a long way”. “You can’t turn your back on Spain and lose great they are at passing the ball. Not every team is as good as Spain, that’s the reality,” Parker told the FA.com. “I think we are all of a sudden are going to turn into that is not what it’s going to be. “We are what we are, we recollected, we’ve got a good, a good bunch of lads and with that you can go a long way.”

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Italians. Italy isn’t going to avoid Spain but I don’t want to underestimate UK

Liverpool midfielder Steven Gerrard insists that England will not underestimate Italy when the two sides meet in the UEFA Euro 2012 quarter-final in Kiev on Sunday. England’s 1-0 victory over Ukraine saw them finish top of Group D ahead of France, while Italy were runners-up in Group C. But England captain Gerrard played down the significance of avoiding world and European champions Spain in the last eight.

“Italy is not going to be an easy game for us,” said the Liverpool captain, who set up Wayne Rooney’s winning goal against the Ukraine in Donetsk. “People say we’ve avoided Spain but I don’t want to underestimate the Italians. Italy isn’t going to be an easy game. Spain are a fantastic team, sure but our plan was to finish top of the group. Now we are just going to concentrate on our next match.”

England manager Roy Hodgson admitted that facing Spain in the quarter-finals would have been a daunting prospect. “I’d have been happy to play the Spanish, but I’d rather miss them because they are the favourites alongside Germany,” had Hodgson. “I think this team ofours would have given Spain a pretty good run for their money. “The good thing is that we’re here and we’ve travelling home. There was not one person in our group who wanted to go on that plane.”

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Felix to run in 100, 200 at Olympic trials

LONDON, (Ore), 21 June — At least one way, less is more for Allyson Felix. Felix is still thinking about winning gold medals in multiple events at the Olympics. But she’ll be adding the 100 metres to her specialty, the 200, instead of the more grueling 400 she had been training for over the past year. Felix began her bid for the 100-200 double at the US Olympic trials on Friday. She had been originally signed up for the 400, as well, but was listed as “scratched” in that event on Wednesday. Her brother and agent, Wesly Felix, confirmed the decision with The Associated Press.

It marks a change of course for America’s most decorated female sprinter, who has won three world championships at 200 metres but has twice finished second at the Olympics to Jamaica’s Veronica Campbell-Brown. Last year, Felix tried the longest, double but had disappointing results at world championships, clearly fatigued and finishing third in the 200 after placing second in the 400.

Her game plan started changing last month in Doha, where she ran a personal best 10.92 in the 100. Suddenly, she was talking about the possibility of a 100-200 double instead. “It’s definitely one of my possibilities,” Felix said a few days after that race. “I’m in that mode and people actually believe me. I’ll run the 200 for sure and then I’ll see... whether I’ll run the 100 or the 400.”

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This 6 May, 2012 file photo shows Allyson Felix of the United States, (L), crosses the finish line ahead of Chisato Fukushima of Japan’s, (50), and Anna Doi of Japan, left, during the Women’s 100-meter race at the Golden Grand Prix in Kawasaki, Japan. If Felix is looking for advice about what to do against the 200-400 double at the Olympics, Michael Johnson has a message for her: don’t bother. — Internet
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Indonesia military personnel investigate the site where an Indonesian air force plane crashed, in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 21 June, 2012.—INTERNET

Sweden on alert, explosives found near nuke plant

Stockholm, 21 June—Sweden raised the security alert for the country’s nuclear power plants on Thursday after explosives were found on a truck at the southwestern atomic power station Ringhals. Police said they were investigating possible sabotage.

Police said bomb sniffer dogs detected the explosives during a routine check on Wednesday afternoon by security staff at an industrial area within the power plant’s enclosure. Police declined to describe the amount or type of explosive material.

Four reactors are at Ringhals, 70 kilometers (45 miles) south of Sweden’s second-largest city, Gothenburg. The plant is controlled by energy companies Vattenfall and EON. Bomb technicians said the material lacked an ignition device, meaning there was no danger of an explosion.

Police spokesman Tommy Nyman said officers were investigating possible sabotage but had no suspects.
Outstanding students in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—A ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students and honour teachers and schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre (MICC) in Zabuthiri Township, here, this morning.

It was attended by Union Minister at President Office Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Education U Aye Kyu, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Hla Myint Oo, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Khin Maung Hay, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, members of Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee, departmental heads, school heads, teachers, parents and students.

In his speech, the Union Minister said that 3028 of 11678 students in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area passed matriculation exam, accounting for 25.92 percent. This year saw a decrease in pass rate, compared with last year rate, 32.37 percent. But the number of students who won the distinctions this year has reached 578, up 167 if compared with last year.

As part of educational development programme in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, the President, the Vice-President and the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker helped upgrading of schools in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. In addition, authority concerned has provided the schools with facilities. Concerted efforts are to be made in order that Nay Pyi Taw Council Area sees highest pass rate in the coming year, he said.

After that, Head Dr Aung Kyaw Hlaing of No. 9 BEHS in Zabuthiri Township, which won the best pass rate, handed over best shield to Dr Than Aung, member of Nay Pyi Taw Council.

Then, the Union Minister awarded six-distinction winners Ma Po Ei Phyu of No.9 BEHS in Zabuthiri Township and Ma May Pwint Thu of Yezin BEHS in Zeyathiri Township, and five-distinction winners.

Afterwards, the deputy minister, the members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives presented awards to five and four-distinction winners. The Union Minister and the Nay Pyi Taw Council members awarded teachers from 22 schools. The Union Minister presented awarded to No.4 BEHS in Lewe Township, stood first, No.12 BEHS, second; No.8 BEHS, third; No.1 BEHS, fourth and No.9 BEHS, fifth.

Union Minister at President Office Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Thein Nyunt giving prize to a student who passed matrix exam with distinctions. —MNA

Union Sports Minister enjoys Champion Challenge Cup’s Fustal match (Women)

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Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan this morning desisnated places. Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Challenge Cup (Second round) Competitions continue at Karatedo, Pencak Silat, cycling and golf.—

for holding boxing, weightlifting, Sepak Takraw, Fustal, Challenge Cup, managers/coaches, in-charges of the committee hall in Sports Training Camp (Lewe).

contest to hail International Olympic Day, at acrobat training hall in Sports Training Camp (Lewe).

Chairman of Myanmar National Sports Committee Union Minister for Sports U Tint Hsan attending acrobat contest to hail International Olympic Day held at acrobat training hall in Sports Training Camp (Lewe).—MNA

Relief aids for rescue camps in Rakhine State arrive

NAY PYI TAW, 21 June—The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Rakhine State government and Western Command have been fulfilling the needs such as foods, shelters and health care to refugees at the relief camps in some townships in Rakhine State. Relief aids including one set of Water purifier, shelters, clothes, mineral salt sachets, onions, potatoes, Mamee instant noodle packages, friedpeas, dried fish were today brought by Tatmadaw men and members of Myanmar Red Cross Society and firebrigade from Sittway Airport to the relief camps.—MNA

Tatmadawmen unloading aids from truck for relief camp in Rakhine State. —MNA

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Local Tatmadawmen and members of Border Region Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters, Myanmar Police Force and Fire Brigade helped them carry properties, transport them, repair their houses, build temporary buildings and provide security measures.

Local regiment/unit, Border Region Immigration Inspection Control Headquarters, local police stations and member of Myanmar Police Force, continue providing security measures so as to ensure continued peace, stability and security in Maungtaw Township.—MNA

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Gerrard focused on Italy test

Crewe expect to produce more stars

Nick Powell is the latest youngster to join a top flight club from Crewe.