Speaker meets Vietnamese President, Communist Party Secretary-General

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party at 10.45 am on 22 June called on President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Truong Tan Sang at the Presidential Palace.

At the call, they discussed that existing friendly relations will be promoted between the two countries. They expressed delightfulness for development of Myanmar and kept a promise on realization of bilateral cooperation.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Aung Myint meets Chairman of Vietnamese National Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 26 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint held a discussion with Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung and officials at Government Guest House in Hanoi of Vietnam, on 22 June.

At the call, they discussed Parliamentary affairs between two countries, the exchange of visits and sharing experience of goodwill delegation from both parliaments and signing of MoU. After that, the Vietnamese National Assembly Chairman said that he took pride for Myanmar’s progress. The world countries as well as ASEAN countries were taking interest in Myanmar. Vietnam fully supported Myanmar’s ASEAN chairmanship in 2014 and wished Myanmar accomplish that task.

After that, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and party attended a dinner hosted by the National Assembly Chairman at Melia Hotel in the evening.

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Overseas Chinese greets Chinese Navy training vessel “Zhenghe” upon its arrival at Halifax port, Canada, on 25 June, 2012. “Zhenghe” arrived at Canada’s Halifax on Monday, starting a three-day trip to the country to promote friendship.

Kagawa excited by Man Utd move

Shinji Kagawa won two successive Bundesliga titles with German side Borussia Dortmund.

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Appointment of Belgium ambassador agreed on

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Marc Michielsen as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Belgium to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Mr Marc Michielsen was born in 1959 in Morsel, Belgium. He studied Philosophy for Bachelor Degree and got Master in Law from University Antwerpen (Belgium) and Ph.D in Political Sciences from University of Catholique de Louvain (Belgium). He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1989 and served at Belgian Embassy in Dublin and Moscow as first secretary and counselor. He is currently serving as Belgium Ambassador in Sofia, Bulgaria since 2008. He is married. —MNA

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L&F Ministry releases fingerlings, plants saplings

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Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint. The Union minister released fingerlings to No. 29 Dam and so did. Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Aye, departmental heads and staff. At the ceremony, the ministry released 21,000 fingerlings.

At the rainy season tree growing ceremony, the minister planted 300 saplings at the ministry. The ministry planted 830 saplings at the ceremony. —MNA

Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint releases fingerlings into No. 29 dam. —MNA

Eradication of illegal timber extraction, environmental conservation talked

An educative talk on eradication of illegal timber extraction and environmental conservation, jointly organized by Indaw Township Forest Department and Township Writers Association, was held at the Dhammayan in precinct of monastery in Nanthsin-Kyundaw Village in Thukka Village-tract in the township on 24 June. Chairman of Township Writers Association U Tin Shwe, Senior Forestier U Saw Tin Win, Staff Officer U Chi Maung of District Information and Public Relations Department, writers Kannaphuhma San Oo and Daw Nan Nyunt Khin gave talks on environmental conservation, development of libraries and raising reading habit.

Over 400 people from Nanthsin-Kyundaw, Tapaw and Tonpu villages attended the talks.

A similar event was given at Aunggon Village of Nanta Village-tract the same day. —MNA

MWSF presents aerobics demonstration to mark IOD

A demonstration on aerobic sport in commemoration of the 2012 International Olympic Day 2012 was held at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thangyin Township of Yangon Region yesterday.

On behalf of the president of Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation, member of Myanmar Olympic Committee Vice-President of MWSF Prof Dr Daw Khin Swe Myint yesterday.

Officials presented K 350,000 to students who participated in the sports activities to mark the IOD and K 1 million to MWSF. The Vice-president of the federation accepted the donation and presented certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

The athletes from the federation demonstrated their skills in powered aerobic, individual aerobic and basic pattern of aerobic events. —MNA

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Assistant General Manager U Saw Lin Htay made a speech and presented prizes to the outstanding trainees.

The training course attended by six trainees from bank branches in Kayah State lasted three weeks from 4 to 24 June, and it covered monetary control, monetary administration and management. —MNA

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Netanyahu to Putin: Iranian nukes pose “grave danger”

Press conference with visiting Russian President Vladimir Putin in Jerusalem, reiterated his oft-stated demand that Iran halt its nuclear enrichment programme, transfer all enriched uranium out of the country, and disassemble its underground nuclear facilities. “I believe that we should be doing two things now: blocking the sanctions and also boosting the demand,” Netanyahu said, referring to a series of commerce, banking and oil restrictions against the Iranian government.

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The 65-year-old National Bank of Greece chairman was named on Thursday as incoming finance minister in the new coalition government formed after the Jun 17 national polls. Rapanos was transferred to an Athens hospital on Friday afternoon, shortly before his scheduled swearing-in ceremony, after a faint spell with abdominal pains. He is still hospitalized.

Doctors have not yet publicized his diagnosis, but the bank’s executive chairman said Rapanos was suffering from a heart condition. The government officially announced his resignation, noting that for the time being he can not take office. According to local media reports, among likely candidates for the key post in the country’s economic departments is former interim Prime Minister Lucas Papademos, former interim Interior Minister Ioannis Kostas, Yannis Stournaras who was a member of the caretaker government, government sources and sources in the Ministry of Finance.

Steel skeleton completed at 4 World Trade Centre

NEW YORK, 26 June — Construction workers at 4 World Trade Centre in New York hoisted and placed the final beam for the building’s steel skeleton on Monday, keeping the structure on track to be the first to open at the site since the 11 September attacks brought down the twin towers.

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Four World Trade Centre is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. Construction began in 2009. “The topping out of 4 World Trade Centre represents another milestone in the effort to create a new, dynamic World Trade Centre at the heart of a resurgent Downtown,” said Larry Silverstein, the developer of the World Trade Centre.

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Seagrass could help reduce acidity in water surrounding coral reefs

LONDON, 26 June— Seagrass could help reduce acidity in water surrounding coral reefs, protecting them from erosion. Scientists have found. Research headed by a Swansea University marine biologist has offered potential solution to endangered coral reefs around the world’s oceans.

Dr Richard Unsworth’s team of scientists from Oxford University and James Cook University in Australia. Corals are worm-like creatures around a centimetre length which live in colonies numbering millions. Calcium carbonate released by the corals forms a protective reef around the entire group.

The survival of these corals has been threatened by carbon dioxide in the atmosphere over the last 40 years, as it has raised the acidity of the oceans, rotting the reefs in the same way as fruit and fizzy drinks can erode tooth enamel.

But now Dr Unsworth believes he has found varieties of seagrass which can photosynthesise carbon dioxide so quickly and efficiently that they actually turn the surrounding water more alkaline.

“Highly productive tropical seagrasses often live adjacent to or among coral reefs and photosynthesise at such rates you can see the oxygen they produce practically bubbling away,” Dr Unsworth is quoted as saying. “We wanted to understand whether this could be a major local influence on seawater and the problems of ocean acidification.”

“Rising atmospheric carbon dioxide in the air, primarily from burning fossil fuels, is threatening coral reefs by reducing ocean pH and causes wholesale shifts in seawater carbonate chemistry.

“Over long term scales, this change in seawater carbonate chemistry is likely to cause coral reefs to start to disappear as the rate of erosion starts to exceed growth rates,” he said.

Unsworth said not only are coral reefs intrinsically valuable in their own right, but they provide natural fishing lagoons and sea defences for millions of people, mostly living on small islands in the South Pacific. He warned that unless action is taken to protect them, then seagrass itself could be under threat from human activity such as overfishing, chemical pollution and climate change.

The findings are published in the science journal, ‘Open Access Environmental Research Letters.’

Seagrass could help reduce acidity in water surrounding coral reefs. Internet

Birds recognize human faces, voices

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In this 2010 photo, released by the International Atomic Energy Agency, Iranian technicians work at the Bushehr nuclear power plant, outside the southeastern city of Bushehr, Iran. The United States’ most powerful known cyber weapon, Stuxnet, which was created to infiltrate into Iran’s nuclear fuel enrichment programme, will shut down just after midnight on Sunday.

According to Christian Science Monitor, Stuxnet infected some 130,000 computers worldwide, most of them related to Iran’s nuclear fuel enrichment programme.

At present, the programme is still active and is going through various check functions and looking for a target to destroy. But deep inside Stuxnet’s labyrinth of software code are a few lines that will soon order the programme to stop working altogether in a pre-programmed, belated and ultimately unsuccessful bid to prevent it from being detected and deciphered, computer forensic experts who have examined the programme’s code, said.

“Whoever was running this operation needed these programmes to conduct large number of highly targeted and clandestine operations against Iran and in alliances,” says John Bumgarner, a former Army intelligence officer and now research director for the US Cyber Consequences Unit, a nonprofit security think tank.

Congress lawmakers are calling for an investigation into the leaking of the top-secret US operation code-named “Olympic Games” in which Stuxnet, a name that was given “the bug” by anti-virus firms that found it spreading worldwide in 2010. There’s no relief either for worried cyber security experts, some of whom have called Stuxnet the digital equivalent of the first nuclear attack on Hiroshima. Internet

Google, Mindshare launch ‘Mobile Garage’

CANNES, 26 June— Mindshare, a global media network, and popular search engine Google have announced the launch of ‘Mobile Garage’ a venture designed to use Google’s mobile expertise to supercharge the use of mobile by Mindshare’s global clients base.

Mobile Garage will see the setting up of mobile hubs around the globe – initially New York, London and Singapore where Mindshare clients will gain access to Mindshare’s dedicated team of mobile strategists and product experts.

The hubs will consist of a mix of Mindshare and Google employees and will work across all aspects of the mobile eco-system, from search optimisation and app development, to strategy, planning and creative optimization.

Mobile Garage will give access to clients a unique advantage in the race to harness the growing global mobile momentum.

Mobile search traffic has increased 400% over the past two years and it potential goes even further.

The GSMIA, the industry body for mobile operators, predicts that mobile devices will number there will be 24 billion connected devices by 2020 creating an industry worth $4.5 trillion and covering innovations such as connected cars, building automation and traffic management.

Nick Emery, CEO, Mindshare West for the US “Working with Google on mobile will give our clients a competitive advantage in the key battleground both now and for the future.”

Bumgarner, VP, Sales and Operations, Northem and Central Europe at Google said: “We have adopted a ‘mobile first’ philosophy at Google to keep pace with the rapid acceleration in consumer mobile usage.

We are delighted to team up with Mindshare on a similar strategy for their clients.”

Mobile phones plated in stainless steel and 18-carat gold (top), with a price tag of HK$79,750 ($10,249) and HK$462,000 ($59,380) respectively, are shown at a luxury goods department store in Hong Kong on 20 Oct, 2011. Reuters


**Health Tip: Keep kids safe in the backyard**

Playing in the backyard is a great way for a child to get needed exercise, but you should make sure your backyard is safe.

The American Academy of Pediatrics offers these safety suggestions:

- **Make sure there aren’t any dangerous or poisonous plants in your yard.**
- **Create a boundary for your child if you don’t have a fenced yard.** Make sure someone responsible is always supervising your child.
- **Make sure your child understands to never eat anything from a plant.**
- **Take care when using pesticides or herbicides in your yard; make sure children don’t play on an area for 48 hours after these chemicals are applied.**
- **Never allow a child to ride on a lawn mower, and never mow with a power mower when children are nearby.**
- **Keep children away from any barbecue grill.**

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**Smoking fathers pass on damaged genes to kids**

**London, 26 June**—British researchers have found the men quite fond of smoking actually go on to pass damaged DNA to their children as fathers while raising risk of cancer among them.

Researchers at the University of Bradford found in their study that smoking harms the father’s DNA, and these damaged genes can be inherited by his children.

This raises the risk of youngsters developing childhood cancers, particularly leukaemia, Daily Mail reported.

Because a fertile sperm cell takes three months to fully develop, fathers should kick the habit 12 weeks ahead of conceiving to avoid the risk, said Diana Anderson of the university of Bradford.

“Smoking by fathers at the time around conception can lead to genetic changes in their children. These changes may raise the risk of developing cancer,” she added.

Meanwhile, scientists at the University of Glasgow have found that the men drinking lots of tea are far more likely to develop prostate cancer. They found that those who drank seven or more cups a day had a 50 percent higher risk of contracting the disease than men who had three or fewer cups.

**Neurons controlling hunger also drive drug addiction**

**Washington, 26 June**—Researchers have zeroed in on a set of nerve cells (neurons) in the brain’s hypothalamus that is not only linked with hunger and overeating, but also drives drug addiction.

Researchers focused attention on the brain’s reward circuit located in the midbrain to develop treatments for metabolic disorders such as obesity and diabetes.

“Using genetic approaches, we found that increased appetite for food can actually be associated with decreased interest in novelty as well as in cocaine, and on the other hand, less interest in food can predict increased interest in drugs,” said Marcelo O Dietrich, postdoctoral associate at the Yale School of Medicine.

Dietrich conducted the research with Tamás L Horváth, professor of biomedical research at the Yale School and his team, studying two sets of transgenic mice, the journal Nature Neuroscience reports.

In one set, they knocked out a signalling molecule that controls hunger-promoting neurons in the hypothalamus, which regulates vital functions such as body temperature, hunger, thirst and fatigue, and sleep, according to an Yale statement.

In the other set, they interfered with the same neurons by eliminating them selectively during development using diphtheria toxin.

The mice were given various non-invasive tests that measured how they respond to novelty, and anxiety, and how they react to cocaine.

“We found that animals that have less interest in food are more interested in novelty-seeking behaviours and drugs like cocaine,” said Horváth. “This suggests that there may be individuals with increased drive of the reward circuitry, but who are still lean.”

“This is a complex trait that arises from the activity of the basic feeding circuits during development, which then impacts the adult response to drugs and novelty in the environment,” added Horváth.

Horváth and his team argue that the hypothalamus, is key to the development of higher brain functions, and that impaired function may be the underlying cause for altered motivated and cognitive behaviours,” he said.

**European shares, euro spoooked by Europe worries**

**London, 26 June**—European shares and the euro fell on Monday as persistent fears about Europe’s debt crisis and fresh concerns about global economic growth soured investors’ appetites for risk.

Investors were skeptical that a 28 to 29 June European Union summit would make any substantial progress towards tackling the debt crisis, now in its third year and buffeting Spain, the region’s fourth largest economy.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel agreed on Friday with leaders of France, Italy and Spain on 130 billion euros ($156 billion) package to revive growth but resisted pressure for common euro zone bonds or a more flexible use of Europe’s rescue funds.

European stocks FTEU fell 0.6 percent, retracing for a third successive session after Friday’s meeting cooled expectations for a break-through in the debt crisis.

“It’s difficult to see too big a jump forward from these meetings because we have had so many until now. The past experience tells us not to expect a significant amount of news,” Keith Bowman, equity analyst at Hargreaves Lansdown, said.

“It’s a very much pro-euro oriented market and that makes it very difficult for investors. Investors are also nervous ahead of the second quarter earnings season.”

The downbeat tone in equity spurred demand for low risk assets, helping German bonds to snap three weeks of losses. Bond futures were last up 0.1% at 141.26 while US bond prices also rose in Europe, pushing their yields lower.

The euro fell broadly, extending last week’s losses. The single currency slid 1 percent against the safe-haven yen to a day’s low of 100.05 yen and was last 0.5 percent lower against the dollar at $1.2506. —Reuters

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**A trader looks at screens at the Frankfurt stock exchange on 18 June, 2012. —Reuters**

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**A Vintage Ford Mustang is seen at the Washington Auto Show in Washington on 26 Jan, 2010.**

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**Boomers buying cars they wanted as teens**

**Nashville, 26 June**—Baby Boomers are buying the cars they wish they had as teenagers, custom car restoration shops report.

Jim Branded of Spring Hill, Tenn, who has an online collector car magazine called the Gear head Gazette, said baby boomers have more cash as their children get out of college and they want to recapture part of their youth, The [Nashville] Tennessean reported on Sunday.

Branded, who also co-owns custom car restoration shop called Hot Rods & Threads in College Grove, Tenn, said muscle cars such as the Dodge Challenger and Charger, Chevrolet Camry, Ford Mustang and Pontiac GTO are among the most popular cars with boomers.

“People are really wanting those cars, trying to relive the days when horsepower was king. But trucks play a role, too. It really depends on what your flavor is,” he told the newspaper.

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**Ablynx says top drug shows benefit over rival**

**Brussels, 26 June**—Belgian drug developer Ablynx said on Monday its top drug, arthritis treatment ozoralizumab, had shown a benefit over its biggest rival in the $24 billion market for this class of treatment.

The company, which makes ultra-small antibodies derived from llamas, said data showed few patients developed immunity to the drug, a problem which can affect its biggest rival Humira, produced by US based Abbott Laboratories.

“We believe that we now have the components of a much stronger and differentiating licensing package than we had previously,” Ablynx Chief Executive Edwin Moses said in a statement. It said the study, an expansion to a previous phase III trial, showed that less than 1 percent of patients had antibodies at the end of the treatment period.

Abbott Laboratories has said antibodies developed in about 5 percent of adult rheumatoid arthritis patients who take Humira.

Ablynx is in partnership discussions for ozoralizumab, which it said hopes to conclude at the end of this year. “If your question is ‘does this have impact on partnering discussions’, yes, because we have some with a stronger data package and there is some potential for differentiation,” said KBC Securities analyst Jan De Karpe.

If secretive partner, US based Pﬁzer, handed back rights to the drug last year, sending Ablynx’s shares lower by as much as 21 percent. —Reuters
Runaway penguin ‘No 337’ to be named in Japan

**Tokyo, 26 June** — A penguin whose break-out from an aquarium in Japan gave him a following around the world is to be formally named after months of being known just by his number, an official said on Monday. Humboldt penguin No 337 spent 82 days at large in and around Tokyo Bay after bolting his enclosure, evading ocean watchdogs, a staff of public onlookers and even Japan’s well-equipped coastguard. But until his recapture last month and subsequent thorough medical check-up, keepers did not even know what gender the plucky escapee was and had insisted he did not have a name. Now officials at Tokyo Sea Life Park have launched a competition asking visitors to think of what the bird should be called. “We decided to give him a name by soliciting ideas and their reasons from visitors,” said an aquarium official Takashi Sugino. “This is a special treatment to express our gratitude to the public for providing information on the bird, and also for cooperating with us by listening to our call not to try to capture him,” he said. Visitors are being asked to watch the creature to see how safely back in his enclosure — before putting their suggestion in a box, Sugino said, admitting the aquarium was expecting a spike in names. Nominations opened on 15 June and will end on 1 July, said Sugino, adding “a naming committee comprising the aquarium director, the vice director and keepers will pick the most appropriate name.”

China to send foreign astronauts to space with its spacecraft someday

**Beijing, 26 June** — It is believed that China will be able to train foreign astronauts with its own space technology and send them to space by Shenzhou spacecraft someday, the spokeswoman of China’s manned space programme said on Sunday. Wu Ping told a Press conference in Beijing that she believed China’s aerospace technology will become more and more mature along with the development of its manned space technology. China has completed limited number of space missions and will continue to conduct numerous manned space technological tests, she said. According to the plan of China’s manned space programme, the country is still at the stage of making breakthroughs in fundamentals of manned space technologies, Wu said. “China has undertaken active and pragmatic cooperation with Pakistan in the aerospace field,” Wu said while answering a question from a Pakistani journalist. “The outer space is the common wealth of mankind, and it is the relentless pursuit of mankind to explore, develop and utilize the outer space, said Wu. She said that China would like to cooperate and make exchanges with different nations around the world on the principles of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefits to push forward the further development of manned space undertakings.”

Iran to transfer Tajik electricity to Turkey, Europe

**Tehran, 26 June** — Iran’s Energy Minister said that his country is in talks with Tajikistan to transfer electricity from the central Asian state to Turkey and other European countries, the Press TV reported on Sunday. “By importing inexpensive electricity from some neighbouring countries, it is possible to transfer electrical energy to countries demanding it,” Majid Namjou was quoted as saying.

To connect Iran’s power grid to that of Tajikistan, a new power transfer line must be built through Afghanistan, he said, adding “therefore, a common power line among the three countries will be built after a final agreement is reached.” Earlier this month, the Iranian Energy Ministry official in charge of foreign exchanges, Abdolhamid Farzam, said the country is planning to connect its electricity network to six countries in Central Asia and the Caucasus, according to Press TV — Xinhua

Sea environment worsening: data

**Beijing, 26 June** — Increasing discharge of pollutants and booming offshore human activity, such as oil exploration, are worsening China’s fragile marine environment, according to an annual report released by the country’s ocean watchdog. The severely polluted sea area surged to 44,000 square kilometres in China in 2011 from 25,000 sq km in 2003, according to China’s 2011 marine environment report released on Monday by the State Oceanic Administration. Li Xiaoming, director of the department of marine environment protection at the administration, blamed over-development in the coastal area for the country’s worsening water quality. “Just one number can tell you how serious it is. More than 80 percent of the coastline in Bohai Bay has been crowded by factories and buildings,” Li said. The construction of offshore projects across the country represented about 110 billion yuan ($17.46 billion) in 2011, approximately 15 percent year-on-year increase, according to the data.

As coastal development has become a new growth area in China’s economy, offshore development and coastal construction are threatening the country’s marine environment. A Bohai Bay oil spill in June 2011 polluted a 6,200-sq-km water area, about nine times the size of Singapore. The report said that a year after the oil spill, the environmental impact of the incident still exists. Some marine experts warned that it will take about 30 years for the bay to recover. Some scholars and experts also have expressed concern over the worsening marine environment and the new round of marine exploration and development during the country’s 12th Five-Year Plan (2011-15).

Ma Chaode, project manager of the United National Development Programme, said that local governments must find an effective way of balancing economic development and environment protection. Feng Jian, chief engineer of the Guangdong Administration of Ocean and Fisheries, said that methods for protecting marine ecosystems are still under study. He believes that a way to both protect the environment and guaranteed economic development will be worked out. But before that, slowing down development is needed, he added.

Japan begins new visa incentive plan for Chinese tourists

**Beijing, 26 June** — Japan will grant three-year multiple-entry visas to Chinese tourists visiting earthquake-hit areas from 1 July, China National Radio reported on Sunday, citing the Japanese National Tourism Organization. Industry experts told the Global Times on Sunday that such a move is aimed at reviving Japan’s tourism industry following the catastrophic earthquake last March. According to the programme, Chinese tourists can get three-year multiple-entry visas to Japan, on the condition that they spend one night or more in one of the three earthquake-hit prefectures — Fukushima, Iwate and Miyagi. They can stay up to 90 days per visit and are allowed to go to other places in Japan on their second and subsequent visits. It is good news for Chinese tourists because it offers easier access to the Japanese tourist spots. Meanwhile, the number of Chinese tourists travelling to Japan, according to the Japan National Tourism Organization, had increased by 104.1 million in 2011 from 1.41 million in 2010 due to the earthquake and tsunami that hit northeast Japan. — Xinhua

Residents run on high heels during an event to raise the public awareness of discrimination against women, in Bucharest, capital of Romania, on 24 June, 2012. — Xinhua

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Xinhua
Development of gold industry course conducted
Kyaiiklat, 26 June—As Pyapon District of Ayeyawady Region is implementing the traffic rule education period for local people to be free from traffic dangers, educative talk was held at the hall of Basic Education High School No 1 in Kyaiiklat on 15 June morning.

At the ceremony, in-charge of Pyapon District Traffic Police Corps Ip Chit Sein gave talks on traffic rules. A similar talk was given at Kyaiiklat BEHS No 2 in the afternoon.

Traffic rules educated to students in Kyaiiklat

Basic animal health staff course opened in Momauk
Momauk, 26 June—Momauk Township Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of Kachin State and Remote Township Development Project jointly opened the village level basic animal health staff course at the former office on 15 June morning.

At the ceremony, Township Administrator U Nyan Hlaing made a speech. Assistant Director Dr Myint Soe of District LBVD explained the purpose of holding the training course. In-charge of the project Daw Khin Saw Mu clarified matters related to social development projects.

Next, Assistant Director U Myint Soe, Head of Township LBVD Dr Aung Phyo Wai and Head of Momauk Township LBVD Dr Bo Bo Htwe gave lectures to the trainees.

Altogether 33 trainees from 32 villages of Momauk Township attended the course.—Myanma Alin

TRAFFIC RULES TALKS: A talk on traffic rules was held at the training hall of District Directorate of Road Administration in Loanem recently. Head of District Directorate of Road Administration U Chit Tin and Inspector-II U Saw Ko Pe lectured traffic rules.—Kyemon

Cash provided to patients with cleft lip and palate
Mawlamyineyuen, 26 June—Under the arrangement of Mawlamyineyuen Township Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to donate cash to fund for providing surgical operation on inborn cleft lip and palate was held at the office of Township General Administration Department on 18 June noon.

At the ceremony, Chairperson of Township MCAW Daw Thin Thin Aye discussed nurturing the life of children with inborn cleft lip and palate.

Next, treasurer Daw Htar Htar Lwin presented K 60,000 to parents of four patients.—Myanma Alin

Crops thriving in Yamethin in favourable weather
Yamethin, 26 June—Due to rainy days in June, the local people are engaged in cultivation of groundnut, chilli and green gram. This year, the farmers who are growing green gram saved the cost in cultivation due to lack of pest destruction. Spraying one acre of green gram may cost K 25,000 to K 30,000. This year, the farmers of growing green gram may earn increased income due to lack of spraying cost, said a local farmer.

Sesame plants can be grown among green gram plantation as the mixed cropping pattern. After harvesting green gram, farmers may harvest sesame again. The mixed cropping can fetch double income.

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Action taken against undisciplined motorcycles
Pyu, 26 June—As of 1 June, basic education schools open in rural and urban areas.

With the aim of ensuring secure transport of students and teachers, Pyu Township Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee draws plans and take action against traffic rule offenders at the junctions and main points of the township.

The authorities concerned took action against 45 undisciplined motorcycles on 1 June, 16 on 2 June, 31 on 5 June and 20 on 6 June. The drivers were punished with fine and files were opened to take legal action against them at Township Court under section 22 of the Traffic Law.

Likewise, action was taken against undisciplined vehicles and motorcycles in the areas of Kanutkwin, Nyaungbintha and Zeyawady police stations of Pyu Township.—Kyemon

Citizenship scrutiny cards issued to local people
Yinnarain, 26 June—A ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to 255 local people through village administrator U Zaw Aung.—Township Immigration

Pyu, 26 June—Under the supervision of Yangon Region Golf Entrepreneurs Association, was opened at its office on Shwebontha Street in Yangon on 20 June.

Gold industry experts Chairman of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association Central U Thadaw, Patron of Yangon Region Association U Ba Than (Ba Than-Quality Gold), Chairman U Myo Myint and Secretary U Win Myint gave speech and explained the purpose of conducting the training course.

At the course, gold excavation, refinery, goldsmith, inspection of quality and opening of gold shop will be conducted to the trainees. The course will last from 20 to 29 June.—Myanma Alin

2012 tree growing ceremony held in Loilem
Loilem, 26 June—Under the direction of Loilem District Forest Department, the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony was held at University of Computer Studies (Panglong) on 15 June morning.

District and township level departmental officials, NGO members and local people totaling 360 planted 1500 saplings.

Traffic rules conducted
2012 tree growing ceremony held in Loilem
Loilem, 26 June—The rainy season tree growing ceremony was held beside the moat on Htihlaing Road of Toungoo on 16 June morning.


Toungoo, 26 June—Assistant Director of Toungoo District Forest Department U Myint Thein Tun and Staff Officer of Toungoo Township Forest Department U Win Naing supervised growing of 1104 saplings.

Toungoo District Forest Department has nurtured 1.4 million saplings of 16 species to establish 1150 acres of teak, 58,000 acres of natural forest and 1470 acres of valuable forests in protected public forests.

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Traffic rules conducted
Union Ministers, Chinese delegation discuss development of agriculture

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 June—Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, the directors-general of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry, Vice Governor of Jilin Province Mr Chen Weiguo of Standing Member of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee, D.G of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Gao Fuping, D.G of Foreign Affairs Office of Jilin Province Mr Zhang Zhijun, D.G of Development and Reform Commission of Jilin Province Mr Sui Zhongcheng, Vice D.G of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Liu Le, Vice D.G of General Information Department of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr He Yongjiang, Director of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Xu Hongbin and President of Fuhua Agriculture Science and Technology Development Co., Ltd Mr Liu Ye.—MNA

Rakhine State Chief Minister visits relief camps

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 June—Rakhine State Chief Minister U Hla Maung Tin visited families at relief camps in west Sanpya ward in Sittway on 24 June morning and inspected delivery of aids, unloading of goods from private-owned cargo ships at Sittway jetty and unloading of goods from vessels in Konedan ward.

In the afternoon, he visited clinics at relief camps in Shwesedi and Mani Yadana monasteries.

He then inspected arrival of aids, progress in construction of tents for displaced families and sinking tube wells in Thakebyin Village. At the relief camp in Thakebyin Village, he inspected Myanmar Red Cross Society’s clinic, dispensary, labour room and wards and healthcare activities.

The chief minister met townsmen at Rakhine State government office yesterday for stability, community peace, rule of law and regional development. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Education Minister U Ba Shwe, the region ministers, Amyotha Hluttaw Representative Dr Aye Maung, Abbot of Alodawpyae monastery Dr Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa, Abbot Eindapala, members of Sangha, members of parties and social organizations and townsmen.

The abbot of the Alodawpyae monastery and Abbot Eindapala delivered sermons. The deputy education minister, the Amyotha Hluttaw representative, townsmen and those present at the ceremony discussed matters related to regional stability, rule of law, community peace and regional development.

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 June—International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was celebrated at General Administration Department Office in Zabuthiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Member of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Than Aung, Col Myint Aung Than and Director of Nay Pyi Taw GAD U Aung Khin, Deputy Chief of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force Police Lt-Col Zaw Khin Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Education Officer U Myint Zaw, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, award winning students and parents.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Drug Abuse Control Committee Director of Nay Pyi Taw GAD U Aung Khin gave a speech. The deputy chief of Nay Pyi Taw Police Force read out the message sent by the chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control.

Awards were presented to winners in commemorative article, painting, poster and cartoon contests and gifts to the judges. Those present at the ceremony then viewed the award winning works.

Reform strategy coordinated for upgrading Myanmar engineering education

Nav Pyi Taw, 26 June—A coordination meeting on adoption of reform strategy for development of Myanmar engineering education system was held at the hall of Yangon Technological University yesterday.

Union Minister for Science and Technology U Aye Myint delivered an address. Veteran professional engineers Prof U Nyi Hla Nge, Dr Ba Myint, Dr Kyaw Win, Dr Aung Shein and Dr Win Thein suggested upgrading of Myanmar engineering education system to international level.

Next, directors-general, rectors and faculty members participated in discussions on reform process for upgrading Myanmar engineering education system. The Union Minister reviewed the suggestions of the scholars and coordinated adoption for future reform process.

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Nav Pyi Taw, 26 June—A Myanmar delegation led by Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint, left Vientiane of Laos on 20 June evening and arrived at Noi Bai International Airport of Hanoi, Vietnam at 9.10 pm LST.

They were welcomed at the airport by Vice-Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Manh Tien and officials from parliamentary office, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo and military attached and embassy staff.

On 21 June, the Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party who are paying visits to Vietnam at the invitation of Chairman of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Sinh Hung, left Daewoo Hotel for Ba Dinh Square. There, Myanmar delegation laid wreaths at Ho Chi Minh mausoleum and visited Ho Chi Minh house. Then, they processed to Ninhmib Province by car and were welcomed by MPs of Ninhmib Province National Parliament and officials from Ninhmib Public’s Council. Myanmar delegation paid homage to Bingdin Pagoda and planted Bo Tree there.

In the evening, Myanmar delegation attended a dinner hosted by Vice President of the National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Uong Chu Luu, at Sofitel Plaza Hotel.—MNA

Union Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Win Myint receive Secretary of CPC Mr Sun Zhengcai of Jilin Provincial Committee of the People’s Republic of China and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Junhua and party at the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry this afternoon.

At the call, both sides cordially discussed bilateral cooperation between the two countries, cooperation in technology between technicians, seeking market for agricultural produce, investment transport for paddy, beef and pulses including sugar and signing of MoUs on bilateral cooperation in agriculture and export sectors.

Present at the call were Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Than and U Khin Zaw, the directors-general of the Agriculture and Irrigation Ministry, Vice Governor of Jilin Province Mr Chen Weiguo of Standing Member of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee, D.G of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Gao Fuping, D.G of Foreign Affairs Office of Jilin Province Mr Zhang Zhijun, D.G of Development and Reform Commission of Jilin Province Mr Sui Zhongcheng, Vice D.G of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Liu Le, Vice D.G of General Information Department of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr He Yongjiang, Director of General Office of CPC Jilin Provincial Committee Mr Xu Hongbin and President of Fuhua Agriculture Science and Technology Development Co., Ltd Mr Liu Ye.—MNA
Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint holds discussion with Secretary of Quang Ninh Province Party Mr Nguyen Minh Chich. —MNA

Union Foreign Affairs Minister receives UNDP Resident Representative

NAV Pyi Taw, 26 June—United Nations Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Ashok Nigam called on Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the latter’s office, at 3 pm yesterday. They discussed matters related to developments in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and cooperation between Myanmar and United Nations. —MNA

Potential illegal border passers stopped

NAV Pyi Taw, 26 June—Bago Anti-Huamn Trafficking Special Squad yesterday morning launched a surprise check on the vehicle of Win passenger transportation with license plate number 5b/7560 heading Yangon bound for Hpa-an at Phayagyi junction in Bago of Bago Region. The officials found that 29 from Sagaing Region parents and respective native places.—MNA

Rep Office of foreign bank allowed

NAV Pyi Taw, 26 June—A ceremony to present permits for opening of new representative office of foreign banks was held at Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon branch) yesterday afternoon. At the ceremony, licence for representative office was presented to Krungthai Bank Ltd. The bank representative office is located at 65 of Center Point Tower, at corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street in Kyauktada Township in Yangon. So far, licences have been granted to 20 representative offices of the foreign banks including Krungthai Bank Ltd.—MNA

Hotels and Tourism Minister meets in-charges of FDI hotels

NAV Pyi Taw, 26 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan addressed coordination meeting with in-charges of foreign direct investment hotels at the ministry here yesterday. He said that the ministry has adopted four policies for ensuring convenient stay of foreign tourists in Myanmar. The ministry has informed the hotel entrepreneurs to reduce the rooms easily and to reduce standard room rates. Three objectives and five directives of the ministry addressing the room rates and etc were discussed at the meeting. The five directives include the requirement that standard room must charge the cash not exceeding 150 US$. Disciplinary measures will be taken against the hotels which do not adhere to the directives. The general managers of 20 FDI hotels raised questions and Deputy Minister U Htay Aung answered the queries. —MNA

Wellwishers donate cash and foodstuffs for local people of Rakhine State through officials at Fire Services Department (Head Office) on 26 June.—MNA

Medical servicemen perform health care services at relief camps

NAV Pyi Taw, 26 June—Servicemen of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and servicemen of local medical battalion daily make trips to relief camps in Rakhine State and provide health care services to the people. Servicemen of the local medical battalion yesterday performed medical checkup on those present at the relief camps at Pyinnya Linkara monastery and Gyiabak monastery in Sittway. They chlorinated wells and lakes at the relief camps and fumigated the environs of the camps. This morning, medical servicemen disseminated knowledge about prevention against diarrhoea and dysentery at the relief camp at Basic Education High School Branch in Mingan Ward. They then fumigated the relief camps. —MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and party visit Quang Ninh Province of Vietnam

NAV Pyi Taw, 26 June—Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party left Hanoi for Quang Ninh Province by car on 23 June morning. At Tuanzhou Port, they were welcomed by heads of the province. They visited Ha Long Bay by ship. In the afternoon, the Secretary of Quang Ninh Province Party Nguyen Minh Chich called on the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and explained development of the province, economic success and preservation of cultural heritage. The Party Secretary hosted a dinner to the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party. On 24 June afternoon, the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw and party left Ha Long for Noi Bai International Airport of Hanoi. At the airport, Vice-Chairman of Foreign Affairs Committee of National Assembly of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Manh Tran and assembly officials, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Thet Oo, the military attaché and staff saw off the Speaker of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and party. The Myanmar delegation arrived back in Yangon from Hanoi in the afternoon. —MNA

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Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw U Khin Aung Myint and party receive Secretary-General Mr Nguyen Phu Trong of Communist Party of Vietnam at the Office of Communist Party Central Committee. (News on Page A1)—MNA

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The ministry has informed foreign tourists in Myanmar. ensuring convenient stay of hotels at the ministry here yesterday. He said that the ministry has adopted four policies for ensuring convenient stay of foreign tourists in Myanmar. The ministry has informed of rocketing high room rates and incomplete reservation services, he said. Despite three or four coordination meetings, the issues remain unaddressed, making both the image of hotel and tourism companies and that of country which is on the second wave of reform strategy, he warned. He urged hotel entrepreneurs to help visitors reserve the rooms easily and to reduce standard room rates. Three objectives and five directives of the ministry addressing the room rates and etc were discussed at the meeting. The five directives include the requirement that standard room must charge the cash not exceeding 150 US$. Disciplinary measures will be taken against the hotels which do not adhere to the directives. The general managers of 20 FDI hotels raised questions and Deputy Minister U Htay Aung answered the queries. —MNA

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Cooperative special sales staged on 7-8 June

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Region Cooperative Department, Township Administrator U Nay Myo Than, Staff Officer Daw Aye Than of Township Cooperative Department and Chairman of Township Cooperative Society U Tin Win attended the special sales.

The special sales was held from 9 am to 5 pm daily on 7 and 8 June.

Plan to open Buddha Dhamma cultural school in Tatkon

TATKON, 26 June—The Buddhist Dhamma cultural school will be opened in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw Council on 1 July.

The school is aimed at producing new generation youths with Buddhism and cultural knowledge.

The curriculum of the training course comprises Buddhismology, Mingala Sutta and Singalovada Sutta (Public Ethics) to be conducted on every Sunday.

Accordingly 300 trainees at primary standard will be trained at Myol Monastery and 300 middle school student at Buddha Missionary Chamber.

Free health care services given in Paleik

KYAUKSE, 26 June—A team of specialists from Kyaukse General Hospital from Mandalay Region made a field trip to Paleik of Singaing on 16 June and provided health care services at Paleik Basic Education High School.

Physician Dr Thura Zaw of the hospital gave lectures on heath infrastructure, Pediatrician Dr May May Kyu on dengue hemorrhagic fever and OG specialist Dr Kyi Kyi Myint on birth spacing pattern.

Next, specialists gave free medical treatment to patients.

Rainy season tree growing ceremony organized in Dagon Myothit (South) Township

YANGON, 26 June—The 2012-2013 rainy season tree growing ceremony was held in front of National Culture and Fine Arts University on Pyidaungu Road in Ward 26 of Dagon Myothit (South) Township on 26 June.

Present were Rector U Kyaw Oo of the University, Administrator of the township U Myint Lwin and party, Staff Officer U Aung Naing Win of Township Forest Department and staff, members of Township and Ward Women’s Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Next, the rector of the university, the township administrator and those present grew 504 saplings.

Dagon Myothit (South) Township plans to grow over 29000 saplings in 2012-2013.

CSC issued in Kyaukse Township

KYAUKSE, 26 June—Staff Officer U Khin Maung Latt of Kyaukse Township Immigration and National Registration Department of Mandalay Region and staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to the eligible local people in Hannayinmo Village-tract on 17 June.

The issuance of the citizenship cards was supervised by Mandalay Region Hluttaw representative U Aung Myint Than and Assistant Director of District (INRD U Than Aung).

The assistant director of the department explained matters related to citizenship process and the region Hluttaw representative donated cash to the fund for issuance of the cards.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS PROVIDED: With the aim of realizing poverty alleviation scheme, the Executive Officer of Ingapu Township Development Affairs Committee on 7 June presented school uniforms to 54 offspring of 80 vendors from Ingapu Myoma Market and Dhaungbingon Market who lent loans from Rural Development Bank.

CASH DONATED: U Sai Yi Kyaw-Daw Stellar of Lucky Purified Drinking Water of Mandalay donated K 3 million for cardiac ward of Mandalay General Hospital recently, Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win and officials accept the cash donations.

District News

The special sales was held on the first floor of Bogoke Market on 7 June morning.

Assistant Director Daw Nyo Nyo Khin of Yangon International Cooperative Society provided school uniforms to offspring of 65 vendors for 2012-2013 academic year was held at the meeting hall of Township Development Committee in Wundwin of Meiktila District in Mandalay Region on 14 June afternoon.

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Tree growing ceremony held in Labutta

LABUTTA, 26 June—As a gesture of hailing the 2012 Women’s Day, the rainy season tree growing ceremony was held on the hillock of Myatheindan Pagoda in Labutta Myothit of Labutta District in Ayeyawady Region on 17 June.

Chairperson of District Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Aye Nyein Lwin distributed saplings to members of the District WAO, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, district and township level departmental officials, and members of social organizations.

Then, they all grew saplings at the designated places.

Talks on knowledge about narcotic drugs held

YANGON, 26 June—Hailing the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Control, the educative talk was held at the hall of Thingangyun Education College in Yangon East District on 21 June morning.

Principal Daw Kyu Kyu Khaing made a speech.

Next, executive of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association U Sein Myint, retired director of Ministry of Education, gave talks on today’s youths and drug problems, Commander of Township Police Force Captain Thet Tun, Deputy Law Officer of the township U Kyaw Min Tun and Township Health Officer U Kyaw Kyaw Soe on knowledge about international day against drug abuse and disadvantages of illicit trafficking.

The principal and faculty members together with officials presented prizes to winner students.

Tree growing ceremony held in Kayan

KAYAN, 26 June—Kayan Township General Administration Department of Yangon South District organized the tree growing ceremony hailing the World Environment Day 2012 on 13 June morning.

Altogether 450 people participated in cultivation of 300 saplings both sides of Daypauk Road at the entrance to Kayan.

CASH DONATED: U Sai Yi Kyaw-Daw Stellar of Lucky Purified Drinking Water of Mandalay donated K 3 million for cardiac ward of Mandalay General Hospital recently, Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win and officials accept the cash donations.
China rainstonstorms leave eight dead, affect millions

NANNING, 26 June — Eight people in southern China’s Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region have been killed by rainstonstorms that have wrought havoc in many parts of the country over the last few days, authorities said on Monday. As of Monday evening, over 843,500 people and 35,530 hectares of farmland in Guangxi have beenaffected by downpours since the regional civil affairs bureau. Over 2,300 houses collapsed due to the heavy rain. And direct economic losses are estimated to stand at about 310 million yuan (48.7 million US dollars). Local governments have relocated 23,300 people. Rainstonstorms and gales have hit the southern coastal city of Beihai in the region over the past few days. The local meteorological observatory in Beihai gave a blue-light-coded warning signal at 4 pm on Monday, predicting gales will rage over Beihai and the Beibu Gulf in the following 24 hours.Shipping routes from Beihai to Weizhou Island and from Beihai to Haikou, capital of the southern Hainan Province, have been suspended as of 8 am on Sunday, according to the local maritime department. Torrential rain also swept east China’s Zhejiang Province during the recent three-day Dragon Boat Festival holiday. A total of 93,366 people have been affected in the province, which was evacuated of over 32,400 people and saw 2,364 houses toppled by floods, as of Sunday evening, according to the provincial flood prevention and control headquarters. Direct economic losses of about 1.28 billion yuan (201 million US dollars) have been incurred. Persistent storms have swept over the major Jiangxi rivers — Ganjiang, Fuhe and Xinjiang, the water levels of which have risen above warning levels as of Monday morning. — Xinhua

Somalia blast targets US embassy

MOGADISHU, 26 June — A blast hit a night club in Somalia’s capital Mogadishu on Sunday, killing a man, police said, a day after the US embassy in the East African country warned of an imminent attack on the city. Police said the cause of the explosion was not immediately clear but Mogadishu, a popular holiday destination for Kenyans and foreigners, has been struck by a series of blasts since Kenya sent troops into Somalia in October to crush Islamist militants.

“...I am seeing one body. We are trying to seal off the area as we wait for officers to establish what kind of an explosion it was,” said Ambrose Munyasia, the coast region’s top criminal investigation officer who was at the scene, told Reuters.

Reuters

One killed in blast in Kenyan port of Mombasa

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“The explosion happened at 12 midday and our local police officers were to have been deployed there but for the ongoing Euro 2012 football match,” said Peter Muthoni, said she heard a car speed off and down on my belly. Then I heard an explosion, and I fell. I heard several blasts and I was just injured and was having a drink as I waited for the football match to begin, then I heard an explosion, and another and another. I went to throw the drink down on my belly. Then I saw a car speed off and bodies lying all over,” said a woman who had just arrived and was having a drink as she waited for the football match to begin, then she heard an explosion, and another and another. She went to throw the drink down on her belly. Then she heard a car speed off and bodies lying all over, said a woman who had just arrived and was having a drink as she waited for the football match to begin, then she heard an explosion, and another and another. She went to throw the drink down on her belly. Then she heard a car speed off and bodies lying all over,

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Hong Kong ship suspected in Philippine sinking

MANILA, 26 June — The Philippines said on Monday that a Hong Kong vessel may have rammed a Filipino fishing boat, leaving one person dead and four missing, after initially suspecting China over the accident.

In a statement the coast guard said that the fishing boat “was accidentally hit by a Hong Kong-registered bulk vessel, the MV Peach Mountain which was passing the area... with some of the fishermen falling overboard.”

Coast guard spokesman Lieutenant Commander Armand Balilo added that three of the survivors of the collision in the South China Sea on 20 June 2012 remains in the vessel that struck them had the words “Hong Kong” painted on it.

Balilo described the incident as a “hit-and-run”, saying that the ship hit the fishing vessel and then left without trying to help the Filipinos.

The coast guard said it was contacting the Hong Kong Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre for information on the vessel which was initially suspected to be a Chinese vessel.

One feared dead in Canada roof collapse

ELLIOT LAKE, 26 June — At least one person was feared dead and another trapped inside the rubble of a roof collapse at mall in northern Ontario, authorities said on Sunday.

More than 24 hours after the collapse, rescue workers were unable to reach the victims because the structure was too unstable. They said it would take until early Monday morning for the structure to be deemed safe enough for search and rescue teams to go back in. Images taken with the camera show a hand and foot in the dusty debris, said Ontario Provincial Police Insp Percy Jollymore.

Fire officials heard tapping on Sunday morning in another part of the rubble, but nothing had been heard for hours. They said they also tried to reach that person by drilling through a wall, but found the structure too unsafe to risk entering far enough inside. “Some of our search members this morning heard a couple of taps,” said Bill Needleman, a spokesman from the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue team which travelled from Toronto. “They called for a quick silence on the site and there was a couple more taps. That was an indication to us that we were dealing with a rescue.” He said the operation was still a rescue mission and they were still hoping to find people alive.

Police compiled a list of nine people missing since the collapse on Saturday, but the names were being crossed off as members of the community accounted for their loved ones. At least 22 people suffered minor injuries in the roof collapse Saturday afternoon at the Algo Centre Mall in Elliot Lake. A special emergency crew was working to stabilize the scene, but authorities said the process could take another 12 hours.

A portion of the roof that served as a parking area crumbled down two floors into an area near the food court, leaving behind a gaping hole which was 12 metres (39 feet) by 24 metres (79 feet) by 40 feet and tipped a gas leak. Emergency officials quickly cleared out the mall and closed surrounding roads. Mayor Rick Hamilton declared a state of emergency.

Nigeria says it needs new anti-terrorism tactics

ABUJA, 26 June — Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said on Sunday that he had sacked his defence minister and national security adviser last week because the government needed new anti-terrorism tactics.

Militant Islamist sect Boko Haram has been fighting an insurgency against the government since it entered office over a year ago. Several militia breakdowns and a state of emergency have failed to stem the violence. The government issued a statement on Friday saying Jonathan’s two top security chiefs had been dismissed but did not give a reason.

“We think some new people have to come in to change tactics in our fight against terrorism... It’s not that they were not working but just that we need to change tactics,” Jonathan said in a statement with reporters aired on state television on Sunday. Boko Haram, which is based in the northeast, has repeatedly attacked military bases in the north, but officially confirmed the killings since the movement started its uprising more than two years ago.

US says DEA agent killed drug suspect in Honduras

TEGUCIGALPA, 26 June — A US Drug Enforcement Administration agent shot and killed a suspected trafficker during a sting operation in northeastern Honduras, a US embassy spokesman in the central American nation said on Sunday.

During the operation, a DEA agent fired on a suspected drug dealer when he tried to use his weapon.

The agent protected his own life and his team’s. The alleged dealer died.”

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The incident, which occurred on Saturday, was the second sting operation by DEA agents in Honduras.

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Four skyscrapers named among world’s best tall buildings

Skyscrapers in Canada, Qatar, Australia and Italy have been named the best tall buildings in the world for 2012 by the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat.

The four regional winners include the Absolute Towers in Mississauga, Canada (Americas), 1 Bligh Street, Sydney (Asia and Australia), Palazzo Lombardia, Milan (Europe), and Doha Tower/Burj Qatar, Doha (Middle East and Africa).

The Al Bahar Towers in Abu Dhabi won the CTBUH’s first Innovation award for the project’s remarkable computer-controlled sun-screen, the Daily Mail reported.

The Absolute Towers are set to be completed in August 2012 and will reach a height of 179.5 meters (589 ft) and 158 meters (518 ft).

While Palazzo Lombardia is the first tall building in Italy to earn CTBUH recognition and 1 Bligh is the first building in Australia to be honoured.

A record number of towers taller than 200 metres were completed in 2011-18 compared to 32 in 2005. Another 96 are due to be completed this year.

An overall winner for the ‘Best Tall Building Worldwide’ will be named at the CTBUH 11th Annual Awards Ceremony and Dinner at the Illinois Institute of Technology, on 18 October. The CTBUH Best Tall Building Awards are an independent review of new projects, judged by a panel of industry executives.

Projects are recognised for making an extraordinary contribution to the advancement of tall buildings and the urban environment, and for achieving sustainability at the broadest level.

The Council received 78 entries from around the world for the Best Tall Building Awards. The majority of the entries were from Asia, followed by the Middle East.

The number of entries from the Americas continued to decline, reflecting the impact of the recent global recession.

Over 70 monks of a Buddhist temple in the north of Thailand have been hospitalised after an attack by a swarm of bees, a media report said.

According to the Bangkok Post, the incident happened in the Chedi Luang temple in Chiang Mai Province.

The temple head, however, could not explain the reason for sudden aggression of bees.

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The rule is that the princesses must only bend the knee to Charles, the prince of Wales; Camilla, the duchess of Cornwall; the queen, Anne, and the prince of Wales’s children, Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie.

When William is with her, Kate, by virtue of her marriage to the prince now the Duchess of Cambridge, must only bend the knee to Charles, the prince of Wales; Camilla, the duchess of Cornwall; the queen, and Philip, the duke of Edinburgh, the newspaper said.

The recent marriage changed the order of precedence in the royal family.

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Shinji Kagawa won two Bundesliga titles with German side Borussia Dortmund. [Internet]

**Forget practising penalties, says Germany’s Kopke**

Germany’s goalkeeper coach Andreas Kopke at a Euro 2012 qualifying match in September 2011. Ahead of Thursday’s Euro 2012 semi-final against Italy, Kopke has said Germany will not be taking too many spot-kicks to prepare for a penalty shoot-out. — Internet

**Germany’s goalkeeper Manuel Neuer during the Euro 2012 quarter-final match against Greece on 22 June.** Goalkeeper coach Andreas Kopke says Neuer will be fully briefed about what to expect against the Italians should Thursday’s game come down to penalties and the Germans will have done their homework. — Internet

**Djokovic swings into action, Venus star wanes**

The 32-year-old, who has used the club to beat former French Open champions Ferrer, such was his dominance of a contest that barely got a mention in the post-match conference which ended with the Serb dismissing his pet poodle.

**Clijsters eyes 100th win in Portuguese semi**

Portugal’s Miguel Veloso, Ricardo Costa, Raúl Meireles and Cristiano Ronaldo (L to R) attend a training session during the Euro 2012 soccer tournament in Opolencina on 25 June, 2012. [Reuters]

**Djokovic beats Jankovic in 1st round at Wimbledon**

Kim Clijsters of Belgium returns a shot to Jelena Jankovic of Serbia in 6-2, 6-4 in the first round. [Reuters]
Decapitated Belgian trekker found in Nepal

KATHMANDU, 26 June—Nepalese police on Tuesday launched a murder investigation after the body of a Belgian woman was found decapitated in a popular trekking spot in the Himalayas. Debbie Maveau, 23, had been missing for 10 days before her badly decomposed body was found on 14 June beneath a hiking trail in the Langtang National Park on the Tibetan border, police said.

“Her head was around 13 inches from the rest of her body,” local inspector Bhakta Sunawar told AFP, adding police had no leads on the culprit and were trying to establish if she had been killed by someone she met before the trek.

Sunawar said robbery and rape were unlikely motives since her underwear had not been removed and her camera and 8,000 rupees ($93) in cash were not taken.

Everyone in the area says they have not seen her,” he added.

Miss Maveau had been planning to trek alone to Everest Base Camp in the Himalayas. —AFP

Weather forecast for 27th June, 2012

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LONDON, 26 June—Another major tournament, and another major disappointment for Wayne Rooney.

The man regarded as the most gifted English footballer of his generation is running out of opportunities to prove that his dazzling debut at Euro 2004 was anything more than a teenage flash in the pan. Suspended for the first two matches of England’s Euro 2012 campaign, Rooney made a goal-scoring return in the 1-0 victory against Ukraine, a win which helped his side finish top of Group D.

Although the Manchester United striker looked some distance off his best form, England’s management remained optimistic that Rooney would turn in an improved showing in the quarter-finals against Italy. However that optimism proved to be ill-founded on Sunday as the 26-year-old failed once again to stamp his authority on a major tournament after disappointments at the 2006 and 2010 World Cups. Looking alarmingly short of match fitness, Rooney was also guilty of ceding possession all too frequently — completing just 27 of 50 passes attempted, a completion rate of 54 percent. Only James Milner, with 48 percent, was lower.

Rooney’s disappointing performances means that he will have to wait another two years until the 2014 World Cup in Brazil before he has another chance to prove he deserves to be bracketed with the world’s best footballers. Rooney’s displays have focused attention on his physical conditioning. His decision to take a pre-tournament holiday in Las Vegas, where he was photographed visiting the gaming tables and nightclubs of Sin City, looks even more ill-advised.

However England manager Roy Hodgson has insisted his coaching staff were happy with the striker’s fitness when he joined up with the squad last month.

“We’ve monitored his fitness levels and in training he has looked very fit,” Hodgson said on Monday shortly before England left their Krakow base.

Rooney running out of time to shine

Health knowledge on DHF prevention disseminated

GYOBINGAUK, 26 June—An educative talk on dengue hemorrhagic fever was held at the office of Panint Ward Administrative Office on 19 June morning.

Chairperson of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Kyi Kyi Lwin broadened horizon of the local people with knowledge of prevention against DHF.

After that, health staff and members of social originations distributed pamphlets on health knowledge, fumigated the houses and inspected preventive measures against DHF.

Myanmar Alin

CASH ASSISTANCE PROVIDED: A ceremony to present cash assistance for 2012-2013 academic year to orphans of staff from Kunguang Township General Administration Department of Yangon Region was held at the township hall on 15 June. Township Administrator U Kyaw Zeya Lin gives K 149,000 to the students.

U Tun Maung Aye
Senior Physiotherapist/Acting Head
MINDS, Singapore

My family and I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Sayagyi U Tun Aung Zan who was tirelessly devoted his time and energy to the professional development and promotion of physiotherapy profession in Myanmar.

U Tun Aung Zan M.C.S.P(Eng.),
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Aged 81

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**International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Nay Pyi Taw**

The Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko delivered an address at a ceremony to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The aim is to lend a helping hand are also welcomed. Seizure of stimulant tablets are also in the focus in anti-narcotic drives. In 2011, law enforcement agencies seized nearly 6 million stimulant tablets. There are 1550 addicts who registered to get treatment and 116 addicts have been undergone treatment at three youth rehabilitation camps in Ahetmanalae village in Namsang Township in Palaung Special Region.

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**Union Information, Culture Minister receives Japanese guests**

The Union Minister for Information and Culture U Kyaw Hsan received Mr Hisaumi Koga, President & Executive Officer of Japan Kyodo News and party this noon.

They exchanged views on news exchange between News and Periodicals Enterprise and Kyodo News, cooperation for development of information and technology, and assistances of equipment, fund and expertise for human resources development in IT field of Myanmar.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win and departmental heads.

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Mr Hisafumi Koga, President & Executive Officer of Japan Kyodo News and party this noon. In his address, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko said that successive governments in Myanmar addressed narcotic drugs problems, based on their own capacity. A comprehensive 15-year National Plan (1999-2004) was laid down in 1999. Setting elimination of narcotic drugs as national duty, the two strategies—supply elimination, demand elimination and law enforcement, To be able to cooperate with international community in the drive to terminate poppy-culture, they are invited to visit poppy-growing areas and other important regions and let them meet with locals. Moreover, those who wish to lend a helping hand are also welcomed.

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Regional Committees for Drug Abuse Control are holding ceremonies and activities on eradication of narcotic drugs across the country on extensive scale.

The destruction of seized narcotic drugs in Aungmyethazin Township of Mandalay is worth K 4264 million; in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon, K 11976 million; and in Taunggyi of Shan State, K 7074 million, totaling K 87004 million. It was attended by the union ministers, the Attorney-General of the Union, the deputy ministers, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, officials from Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) and Working Group under CCDAC, the departmental heads, the ambassadors, charged’ affaires, military attaches, representatives from UN and INGOs, donors and guests.