True patriotism

* It is very important for every one of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.

* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

President U Thein Sein receives Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—President U Thein Sein received Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 11 am today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Industry U Soe Thein, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung, Union Minister for Construction U Khin Maung Myint and departmental officials.

The Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith and party were accompanied by Ambassador of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Mr Nilahath Sayarth and senior officials. They exchanged views on further strengthening of bilateral relations between the governments and peoples of the two countries, and such matters of mutual interest as establishment of multi-sector cooperation mechanism, and extending invitation to the President for attending the 9th Asia-Europe Summit to be held in Lao PDR in 2012.

President U Thein Sein receives Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UNSG

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—President U Thein Sein received Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UN Secretary-General Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, here, at 3 pm today.

Present at the call together with President U Thein Sein were Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Ko Ko, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Hla Min, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister at the President Office U Soe Maung and departmental heads. Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UN Secretary-General Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy and party were accompanied by senior officers.

At the discussion, they cordially exchanged views on more cooperation of Myanmar with the UN after emergence of the new government, successful implementation of prevention against recruitment of minors and future plans, drawing of similar plans of action by national race armed groups, eradication of recruitment of minors and provision of financial and technological assistance in child care tasks by UNICEF.—MNA

President U Thein Sein shaking hands with Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UN Secretary-General Ms Radhika Coomaraswamy.—MNA

Great-grandmas sky dive for Blue Star moms

Djokovic, Federer back on court

Golf-McIlroy hopes to reverse form slump before home fans

Mirza’s fury at being used as Olympic tennis ‘bait’
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**Effective plans in hand**

Thabin Asiayon organized effective plans in hand through its people-centred system. Children, who have completed special education and basic primary education from respective schools for the disabled, are now pursuing education at basic education middle, high schools and universities concerned shoulder to shoulder to ordinary children. Since 2006, the schools for the blind have got access to e-mail and the internet and Myanmar sign language dictionary and Myanmar sign language books have been published for the deaf. Myanmar blind language written patterns book is also in the process of complement. Measures will be taken to publish more books for the disabled. Inclusive education programme has brought education access to the children with disabilities. The mission of the National Energy Management Committee is the implementation of the National Energy Plan for short- and long-term objectives in compliance with National Energy Policy. Here the government is also seeking outside assistance at home and abroad and launching emergency power supply programmes urgently. Moreover, we need a systematic link between energy and electricity through short-term and long-term plans for ensuring power sufficiency in the whole country and for national development.

In response to the growing domestic electricity demand, we will make efforts to generate electricity to the most possible extent from natural gas, diesel, coal, solar and wind power and bio and waste fuels depending on the geographical features, climate and natural resources of the regions and public consumption rate apart from hydropower the main source of country’s power supply at present.

The mission of the National Energy Management Committee is the implementation of action plans involving the task of managing the electricity production and supply of the Union government, regional governments and private investors as per the internationally-practiced procedures.

With extra workable plans in hand and energetic actions on the ground, the government in office is assigned itself to the task of solving all the problems and fulfilling all the needs of the people through its people-centred system.

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**Union Commerce Minister meets responsible persons of Japan Kyodo News**

Asiayon presented gifts and cash assistance to 25 doyen Thabin artistes. Treasurer Shwemyaw Win Kyi read the annual report of the Asiayon and financial statement. Later, the executive presented cash assistance to 79 workers.

Survey on basic disability was made in 120 towns and cities in 2008, which revealed that the disabled accounts for 2.32 per cent of the population. So, “national level work plan for the disabled (2010-2012)” is being implemented to develop socioeconomic status of the disabled helping them curb poverty, enjoy mobility and equality in the society. As Myanmar is a member of Asia and Pacific Region as well as of ASEAN, it is implementing regional development plans for the disabled in cooperation with the regional countries.

The Union minister said the lives of disabled persons will enjoy betterment if six sectors such as education standards vocational education and job opportunities, healthcare, community, capability and morale, and social requirements of disabled persons in Myanmar were improved.

The Union minister said that “Rights of Disabled Persons Law” directed drafted and order to be submitted to the Hluttaw to safeguard rights of disabled persons in Myanmar, to care them, to ensure that they enjoy fundamental human rights with no discrimination on the grounds of disabilities, and to improve their living standards by letting them participate in national development tasks.

**Bring genuine rights for the persons with disabilities**

He also said that “Rights of Disabled Persons Law” directed drafted and order to be submitted to the Hluttaw to safeguard rights of disabled persons in Myanmar, to care them, to ensure that they enjoy fundamental human rights with no discrimination on the grounds of disabilities, and to improve their living standards by letting them participate in national development tasks.

**Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Aung Kyi signing at ceremony to honour the real rights for the disabled related to promotion of implementation of UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.—MNA**

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**Union Commerce Minister pays respects to older persons**

Artists and to award best workers at its office in Mawlami. A total of 200 members of the township Thabin artists pay respects to doyen Thabin artists.

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**Flood warning**

According to the (12:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Bhamo is (1094) cm and Katha is (963) cm. It may reach their respective danger levels of (1150) cm and (1040) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today, announced the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.

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**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**
A Ugandan soldier tracking down Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) fugitive leaders takes position behind a machine gun at a forest bordering Central African Republic (CAR), South Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo, near Chinko on 18 April, 2012. —Reuters

The South Korean government is facing increasing calls to handle security agreements with Japan, especially issues including that of the so-called World War 2 “comfort women” are recently again under scrutiny.

The government says there is a need to deal with history and security issues separately. But it apparently wants to sign the intelligence agreement first as it faces less resistance and negotiate the logistics pact later. —NIK

Obama, Romney fight over health care reform

Thursday. Obama told a meeting in Georgia on Tuesday that it was the right time to give health insurance to 30 million people who were otherwise uninsured. He said Americans need to go forward and understand they’re making no progress by going backwards. But presumptive Republican presidential nominee Mitt Romney is stepping up criticism of the law, which the Obama administration sees as its greatest accomplishment. Romney says it is a symbol of the big government Obama wants to create.

He told supporters on Tuesday that even if the law is upheld by the Supreme Court, he will scrap it the day he becomes president.

Japan’s Crown Prince starts official visit to Cambodia

Japan’s Crown Prince Naruhito arrived here on Wednesday morning for a 3-day official visit to boost bilateralties.

At the Phnom Penh International Airport, the Crown Prince was warmly greeted by Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Royal Palace Kong Sam Oul and other senior government officials. During the stay, Naruhito will be received in royal audience by the King Norodom Sihamoni and meet with Prime Minister Hun Sen, according to a Press release from Cambodia’s foreign ministry. The Crown Prince is also scheduled to visit Angkor Wat Temples, a world heritage site, in Siem Reap Province, which is located about 315 km northwest of the capital city Phnom Penh.

Cambodia is his second leg of the 3-nation tour. His first stop was Thailand and he will leave Cambodia for Laos on Friday.—Xinhua

Landslides, floods kill 76 in southern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 27 June — Landslides and floods caused by heavy monsoon rains killed at least 76 people in southern Bangladesh and forced thousands to flee their homes on Wednesday for more missing, officials said. Three days of rain had hit the region of small hills and forests, and huge chunks of earth and mud buried flimsy huts where families were sleeping late Tuesday and early Wednesday. Many homeless people live at the foot of the hills or close to them despite warnings from authorities.

Monsoon floods are common in Bangladesh, a delta nation of 160 million people where rivers have been women and children, and the death toll is likely to rise as rescuers are searching for several missing people, need for these things to be supplied.

The AU force, which has US backing, aims to have a full strength of 5,000 troops from South Sudan and Democratic Republic of Congo, the Central African Republic (CAR) and Uganda, but lacks equipment, training, food and transportation.

“These troops lack almost everything,” AU special envoy on the LRA Francisco Madeira told news conference at UN headquarters in New York on Tuesday.

“They lack boots, they lack uniforms, they lack food rations and sometimes they lack training. So there is a need for these things to be supplied.

Nou Moussa, UN special envoy and head of the UN Regional Office for Central Africa, is slated to brief the 15-member UN Security Council on Wednesday on the UN regional strategy to address the threat and impact of the LRA.

The strategy, obtained by Reuters, requires UN countries and agencies to ensure the AU force is adequately equipped, including with regard to air capabilities, communications, office and living accommodations, medical support, and fuel and rations, as soon as possible, and no later than December 2012.

The Security Council is likely to release a statement endorsing the strategy on Wednesday, diplomats say.

The LRA is accused of abducting children to use as fighters and sex slaves, and of hacking off living victims’ limbs as a method of intimidation and revenge.

In a report released this month UN chief Ban Ki-moon said the AU force lacked the necessary resources to “enable troops to mount effective operations against the LRA” and urged UN member states to provide what was needed.—Reuters

UN wants Africa’s Kony hunters fully equipped by year-end

A street is seen submerged by flood water in Chittagong on 26 June, 2012. —Reuters

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Yemen and Oman hunt al-Qaeda infiltrators

SANAA, 27 June — Up to five al Qaeda members escaped a Yemeni prison on Tuesday as Oman and Yemeni security forces hunted for several other militants fleeing a military offensive in southern Yemen who crossed into Oman, Yemeni security sources said.

The infiltration into Oman, which sits on one side of the Strait of Hormuz, is a conduit for one third of the world’s seaborne oil exports, fuelled fears that Islamist militants may try to set up a base in a region of strategic importance for the United States.

“A limited number of al-Qaeda elements managed to cross the border line to Oman in recent days,” the Yemeni source told Reuters. “Both sides are coordinating at the level of the border guard forces and the intelligence service to pursue and capture them.”

An Oman foreign ministry official, Badr bin Hamad al-Busaied, told the newspaper “Oman” that his country was hunting infiltrators from Yemen, but he said no arrests had been made. The small oil and gas exporter is an ally of the United States and Britain.

Separately, in the northern Yemeni province of Hodiedah, at least 23 inmates, including a number of al-Qaeda operatives, fled prison, a security official told Reuters.

“They dug a tunnel from their cell leading to a nearby graveyard,” the official, who asked not to be named, said.

Saba state news agency said five militants had fled the prison.

Saudi Arabia fought a militant insurgency from 2003 to 2006 in which al-Qaeda members killed dozens of people in attacks on foreign workers and on government facilities.

Many of the militants fled the Saudi crackdown and regrouped to set up a base in Yemen.

Ansaar al Sharia, an offshoot of al-Qaeda, last year exploited political turmoil to capture several cities in southern Yemen, before being driven out by government forces this month who now appear to have the rebels on the run.

Yemeni officials have said some militants have fled towards a province bordering Oman. Last year, the southernplate was rocked by mass protests against corruption and unemployment, which appeared to have been inspired by the Arab Spring uprisings.

Those protests have now subsided, largely giving way to sporadic labour unrest over the oil, health and education sectors.—Reuters

Japan, S Korea to sign security agreement

TOKYO, 27 June — Japan and South Korea are set to sign a comprehensive security agreement that will allow them to exchange key defence intelligence.

Sources in the South Korean government say the Cabinet endorsed a plan to sign the bilateral security agreement on Tuesday. They say the 2 governments may conclude the deal as early as this week.

The deal would require the 2 countries to protect shared classified information and prevent leaks to 3rd parties. Japan and South Korea have been negotiating the pact along with another security cooperation agreement.

But the other agreement designed to allow Japanese Self-Defence and South Korean forces to work together to supply water, fuel and supplies during drills and other activities will not be signed this time.

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Mac users guided to pricier hotels on Orbitz - WSJ

New York, 27 June—Orbitz Worldwide Inc (OWW) has found that people who use Apple Inc’s (AAPL) Mac computers spend as much as 30 percent more per night on hotels, but the online travel agency is starting to show them different, and sometimes costlier, travel options than Windows users, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday.

Orbitz executives said the online travel agency is experimenting with showing different hotel offers to Mac and PC visitors, but said the company isn’t showing the same room to different users at different prices, the Journal reported. They also pointed out that users can opt to rank results by price.

Mac users are 40 percent more likely to book a four or five-star hotel than PC users and when Mac and PC users book the same hotel, Mac users tend to stay in more expensive rooms, the Journal reported.

In addition to the Orbitz website, the company owns other travel sites, including CheapTickets, ebookers, HotelClub and RatesToGo. Apple and Orbitz officials could not be reached for comment outside of regular business hours.—Reuters

Nature charity appeals to buy White Cliffs of Dover

London, 27 June—Britain’s leading conservation charity launched an appeal on Wednesday to buy a stretch of the White Cliffs of Dover, one of England’s most recognisable natural landmarks. In its largest ever fundraising operation of a length of coastline, the National Trust needs to raise £1.2 million ($1.9 million, 1.5 million euros) to buy a stretch of the cliffs less than one mile (1.6 kilometres) long and safeguard the future of the famous landscape.

The charity wants to improve public access to the chalk cliffs on the southeast coast of England and boost the habitat for wildlife. The cliffs are the first sight for visitors arriving in England by sea, and have a strong link to World War II as many of the British forces rescued from visitors arriving in England by sea, and have a strong link to World War II as many of the British forces rescued from

workers of Metro’s construction company are seen at excavation site of the ancient ruins in the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki on 25 June, 2012. —Reuters

Subway work unearths ancient road in Greece

Thessaloniki, 27 June—Archaeologists in Greece’s second-largest city have discovered a 70-meter (230-foot) section of an ancient road built by the Romans that was the city’s main travel artery nearly 2,000 years ago.

The marble-paved road was unearthed during excavations for Thessaloniki’s new subway system, which is due to be completed in four years. The road in the northern part of the city will be raised to be put on permanent display in Greece.

The excavation site was shown to the public on Monday, when details of the permanent display project were also announced. Several of the large marble paving stones were embedded with children’s board games, while others were marked by horse-drawn cart wheels. Also discovered at the site were remains of tools and lamps, as well as the bases of marble columns.

Viki Tzanakouli, an archaeologist working on the project, told The Associated Press the Roman road was about 1,800 years old, while remains of an older road built by the ancient Greeks 500 years earlier were found underneath it.

“We have found roads on top of each other, revealing the city’s history over the centuries,” Tzanakouli said.

“The ancient road, and side roads perpendicular to it appear to closely follow modern roads in the city today.”

About 7 metres (23 feet) below ground in the centre of the city, the ancient road follows in roughly the same direction as the city’s modern Egnatia Avenue.

The subway works, presented in 2006, are ready for the first opportunity to excavate the ancient ruins in the densely populated city, but have also caused years of delays for the project. In 2008, workers on the Thessaloniki metro discovered a 500,000 graves, some filled with treasure.

The graves were of different shapes and sizes, and some contained jewelry, coins or other pieces of art.

A massive excavation project also took place during the 1990s in the capital, Athens, before the city’s new metro system opened in 2000.

Thessaloniki’s new subway is already four years behind schedule, due to the excavation work as well as Greece’s financial crisis. Thirteen stations will operate initially, before a 10-station extension is added later.

Recent water action detected on Mars

Göteborg (Sweden), 27 June—Astronomers may have discovered liquid water in recent geologic times, suggesting more favorable conditions for life, European researchers say.

Scientists at the University of Gothenburg, Sweden, along with colleagues from Germany, said their study shows large parts of the planet’s Northern Hemisphere have undergone a number of freeze-thaw cycles, similar to what occurs on Earth.

“This process is common in our own arctic permafrost environments and causes the formation of lobate features on slopes,” Andreas Johnsson of Gothenburg’s Department of Earth Sciences said in a release on Monday.

Lobate features consist of piles of rock debris below cliffs, caused when melting ice saturates near-surface sediment, which then begins to move downward over still-frozen permafrost due to gravity.

“As the martian landscapes we’re studying feature ground-ice, our interpretation is that liquid water was also present in the ground during thaw periods,” Johnsson said.

Consequently, there must have been liquid water in large areas, which is interesting for our understanding of past climates.”

The surface of Mars displays a diverse landscape, and a new study shows large areas of the northern hemisphere have undergone a number of freeze-thaw cycles. Transient liquid water suggests more favorable environments for life on Mars, researchers said, since organisms can survive for long periods without water in cold environments on Earth but there must be access to water at certain times.
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**Health Tip: How to floss**

Flossing every night before brushing your teeth helps protect the gums and remove debris. The American Dental Association offers these guidelines on how to floss:

- Using a piece of dental floss about 18 inches long, wrap each end around a finger on each hand and hold the floss between the thumbs and index fingers. Gently rub the floss between teeth with a back-and-forth motion.
- Curving the floss into a C-shape once it touches the gumline, gently slide it between the teeth.
- With the floss held firmly against the side of the tooth, carefully slide it up and down away from the gum.
- Do this for every tooth, taking care to floss the back side of each tooth.—Internet

**Global stocks, euro slide on European summit doubts**

**MADEIRA, 27 June**—Global stock indexes and the euro sank on Monday on doubts that a European summit this week would move any closer to solving the region’s festering debt crisis, a pessimism that’s fueling investor skittishness, while the dollar and US government debt prices rose 22/32 to yield 1.61 percent. The 30-year US Treasury bond rose 82/32 to yield 3.70 percent, while its emerging market index also fell 0.16 percent.

**New York, 27 June**—Oil steadied on Monday as US storm fears waned, eyes on Europe.

- Oil companies had shut down over 44 percent of oil production in the Gulf of Mexico on Monday after earlier forecasts showed the storm heading to the gulf, but producers were already rotating workers to platforms and returning output as the threat waned.
- Investors were also cautious due to worries that the European Union summit this week would do little to calm market anxiety about the euro zone debt crisis. As expectations of positive action from EU leaders wane, the euro fell to an near-two-week low against the dollar. “Oil continues to be weighed down by negative sentiment for global growth ahead of a two-day summit of EU leaders on 28 June,” said Addison Armstrong, senior director of market research at Tradition Energy in Stamford, Connecticut.
- Short-covering late in the day helped Brent crude settle up slightly, by 3 cents at $91.01 a barrel, after hitting an early high of $90.68.
- Trading volumes were light, with Brent down 20 percent from its 30-day average while US crude was down 30 percent, according to Reuters data. Brokers said concerns about the European crisis had pushed many players to the sidelines. US gasoline futures rose nearly 3 percent due to concerns about supplies in the New York Harbor, the delivery point for the contract.
- Sovereign debt troubles as well as shaky banks in some euro zone nations, currently ample supply from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and slowing growth in the United States and China have pressured oil futures due to worries about demand.
- As of last week, Brent and US crude have fallen more than 25 percent from their year-high of $125.40 and $110 respectively achieved in March as investors have been pruning their positions in riskier assets such as oil.
- **Saudi Arabia Eyed**
- Saudi Arabia is showing no sign of changing its policy of high output in order to support global economic growth.
- The top OPEC producer is largely responsible for the extra volumes that have taken OPEC’s excess of its official output ceiling of 30 million barrels per day.
- **OPEC meeting**
- OPEC ministers this month said they would cut back to the collective limit, implying a 1.6 million bpd cut from actual supply from 12 members. To achieve that, Saudi Arabia has to reduce production sharply and prospects of that appear slim.—Reuters

**Blueberries overtake peaches in Georgia**

**ATLANTA, 27 June**—Georgia’s blueberry industry is steadily outpacing “The Peach State’s” famous peach industry, data from the University of Georgia indicates. The new data show the blueberry industry produced 133 million in 2010—to make Georgia the third biggest blueberry-producing state behind Michigan and Oregon —while the peach industry produced 547 million. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution reported. Blueberries have increased by 500 percent since 2003 while peach sales have remained flat.

- More than 19,000 acres of land in Georgia are devoted to blueberries and 5,000 acres 10 years ago. Only 12,000 acres of land in Georgia are devoted to peach farming, compared to 16,000 acres a decade ago.
- The rise of the blueberry industry has split Georgia residents over their true agricultural identity. A Georgia law says the peach is what we’re known for, but it’s good to have some diversity when it comes to agricultural economy,“ Georgia Agriculture Commissioner Gary Black said. “They are providing a good income and land utilization for a lot of our growers.”
- “There’s nothing as sweet as a peach, not even a little blueberry,” said Perry Swanson, president of the Peach County Chamber of Commerce. “People say, ‘That girl’s as pretty as a Georgia blueberry’”—Internet

**Sleep can sharpen your memory**

**New York, 27 June**—External stimulation during sleep can help strengthen memory, which, in turn, can help you learn, a new study reports.

- Researchers from Northwestern University said sleep could reinforce what people have already learned, but doesn’t help them gain new skills.
- “The critical difference is that our research shows that memory is strengthened for something you’ve already learned,” the study’s co-author and Reber, associate professor of psychology at Northwestern, said in a university news release.
- “Rather than learning something new in your sleep, we’re talking about reinforcing an existing memory by reactivating information recently acquired.”
- In conducting the study, researchers taught participants how to play two musical tunes by pressing certain keys at certain times. After they learned how to play the artificially generated tunes, the participants took a 90-minute nap. While they slept, only one of the songs was played. The soft musical cues, the researchers noted, were played during slow-wave sleep, a stage of sleep linked to storing memories.

**Conducting the study, researchers taught participants how to play two musical tunes by pressing certain keys at certain times.**

As the participants woke up, the participants made fewer mistakes when playing the tune that was played while they were sleeping than the one that was not played.

“Our results extend prior research by showing that external stimulation during sleep can influence a complex skill,” the study’s senior author, Ken Paller, professor of psychology in the Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences at Northwestern, said in the news release.
- “We also found that electrophysiological signals during sleep correlated with the extent to which memory improved,” added lead author James Anthony, of the Interdepartmental Neuroscience and Cognitive Science Programme at Northwestern. “These signals may thus be measuring the brain events that produce memory improvement during sleep.”

The researchers said they are investigating how their findings could possibly be applied to other types of learning, such as studying a foreign language. They noted their research could also lead to more studies on sleep-based memory-processing involving other types of skills, habits and behaviors. The study was published on 24 June in the journal Nature Neuroscience.—Internet
Plan under way to upgrade Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

YANGON, 27 June—The Ministry of Construction has held the coordination meeting to upgrade Yangon-Mandalay Expressway.

A plan is under way to place asphalt concrete along the expressway and safety guard rails along it. Moreover, multi-purpose aids will be facilitated at the expressway.

The present expressway is a concrete type. With the aim of ensuring smooth and secure transport, upgrading tasks will be undertaken on it.

To allow the placing of asphalt concrete, installation of safety guard rails and aids for roads and bridges, the Ministry of Construction held a coordination meeting with U Tha Aye of Niles Co Ltd and officials of Nation First Financial Inc (USA).

As traffic accident occurred for several times on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway, police stations and other emergency aids are to provide assistance for the any problems of travellers.

Within over one years in using Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw Expressway, over 100 traffic accidents have occurred. Due to weakness in traffic facilities, the coordination meeting was held to provide both facilities to the traffic users and undertake housing estates along the expressway.

The present expressway will be upgraded by the two projects: 1. Place asphalt concrete along Mandalay Expressway. 2. Undertake housing estates alongside it.

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Progress of rural development and poverty alleviation in Thanyin Tsp monitored

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Union Minister for Mines U Thein Htaik met with 715 odd-job workers who are running different kinds of micro-socioeconomic businesses with loans from microcredit union of their own, at Maha Atala Saddhamaramsi&Susa An Beikman of Thanyin Township, Yangon District (South) on 23 June. At the meeting, ward administrators reported on amount of money loaned in their respective wards, the Thanyin Township administrator on progress of microcredit unions in the township, and Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe on progress of microcredit unions in the region.

The Union Minister called for adherence to rules and regulations with mutual trust and understanding in efforts for development of microcredit unions. The Union Minister then went to Tin Refinery (Thanyin) where he stressed the need for workers and recruitment of skilled workers, calling for partnership with local and foreign countries. The Union Minister then visited oral rehydration salts workshop under Myanma Salt and Marine Chemicals Enterprise in Thakaya Township.—MNA

Rainy season tree growing ceremony held at Cooperatives Ministry

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Ministry of Cooperatives held the 2012 rainy season tree growing ceremony, here, on 24 June afternoon, attended by Union Minister for Cooperatives and for Livestock and Fisheries U Ohn Myint. The Union Minister and departmental heads presented saplings to departmental officials. The Union Minister planted a Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) plant. Departmental officials also grew saplings at the designated places.

The Union Minister and party viewed round cultivation of saplings by departmental personnel. The Ministry of Cooperatives planted 600 saplings at today’s ceremony.—MNA

Laotian delegation pays a visit to Bago

YANGON, 26 June—Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Dr Thongloun Sisoulith and party met Bago Region Chief Minister U Nyan Win and the region ministers at state government office this morning and discussed bilateral economic cooperation of the two countries.

Next, the delegation accompanied by the region chief minister and officials visited Myan Star Garment Factory in Ottha Myothit of Bago. Shwemawdaw Pagoda.—MNA

YCDC holds coord meeting

YANGON, 27 June—Yangon City Development Committee members, heads of departments and district and township Development Affairs Committees held the coordination meeting at City Hall, here, today. YCDC Chairman Yangon Mayor U Hla Myint gave instructions on works. Officials submitted respective reports. Later, the mayor attended to the needs.—MNA

Medical equipment donated to 1000-bed Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Professor Mr Yuichi Kasai of the Surgery and Medical Engineering of Mie University of Japan donated hospital equipment to Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed) this noon.

The donor handed over the medical equipment to Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Phyu Phyu. The surgical equipment is worth US$70,000.

The donor explained purpose of donation and the medical superintendent spoke words of thanks.—MNA

Union Transport Minister holds discussion with Beijing Construction & Engineering delegation

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Union Minister for Transport U Nyan Tun Aung received a delegation led by the Deputy General Manager of China-based Beijing Construction & Engineering Group at his office this morning.

Both sides had a cordial discussion on condition of construction new Hanthawaddy International Airport of Bago, condition of construction tasks in Dawei, Kyaukpyu and Thilawa ports and special economic zones and widening negotiation in related departments in the matters of investment opportunities.

Beijing Construction and Engineering Company, a state-owned construction and engineering company, is constructing highways, airports and urban construction works in Asia, Europe, Middle East and America. The company arrived in Myanmar for the first time to carry out construction, design and engineering works for airports and sea ports.—MNA

EP-1 Ministry cultivates 1530 saplings

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—The Ministry of Electric Power No. 1 held the monsoon tree growing ceremony 2012 at Construction-1 of Hydropower Implementation Department in Paunglaung region, here, this morning, attended by Union Minister for Electric Power No. 1 U Zaw Min who grew Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) plant.

Today’s ceremony witnessed the growing of 1530 saplings. So far, a total of 32775 trees are thriving around the ministry and Paunglaung region.—MNA

Dy Minister receives Vietnamese Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—Deputy Minister for Health Dr Win Myint received Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Chu Cong Phung at 11 am today and Chief Scientific Expert Mr Jamie Bowden of Randox Laboratory Limited and party at noon at the ministry.

At the meeting with the ambassador, they discussed cooperation in healthcare services between the two countries, sharing and cooperation of technology in food and drug administration, opportunities of pharmaceutical factories from Vietnam to invest in Myanmar.

At meeting with Random, Laboratory Limited, they discussed upgrading of Laboratory work, supply of modern pathologic devices and training for research work.

Also present at the meetings were Director-General Dr Than Zaw Myint of Medical Science Department and departmental officials.—MNA

Slight earthquake jolts

NAY PYI TAW, 27 June—The Meteorology and Hydrology Department announced that a slight earthquake of magnitude (3.1) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar about (29) miles northwest of Tachileik (about (246) miles southeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (12) hrs (18) min (00) see MST today.—MNA

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Kachin State Chief Minister, Commander view health care services for displaced persons

NAV PYI TAW, 27 June—Kachin State Chief Minister U La John Nang Hsai, Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Zeyar Aung, Speaker of Kachin State Hluttaw U Rawam Jone met the displaced families at the Baptist Church in Sitapu Ward of Myitkyina on 25 June morning and presented K1 million as cash assistance to them. They viewed medical treatment provided by the Head of Health Department, specialists, the commandant of No 1 Military Hospital (300-bed), the head of Kachin State Traditional Medicine Department and health staff to the displaced persons at the relief camp. At Wuntho monastery, they consoled the displaced persons and gave cash assistance to them. At the camp, the specialists provided health care services to the displaced persons. —MNA

Japan to assist in development of stock market, economic performance of Myanmar

NAV PYI TAW, 27 June—Executive Director Mr Ryota Sugishita of Daiwa Institute of Research Ltd and party paid a call on Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein at his office here yesterday morning to discuss its assistance for development of stock market in Myanmar. Likewise, Second Secretary Mr Tatsuya Nishiuma of the Embassy of Japan called on the governor this morning to discuss the Japan’s assistance for financial sector development of Myanmar. The governor received Managing Director Mr Park Jeong of Myanmar Daewoo Limited at noon and held a discussion with the latter assistance programmes for economic performance of Myanmar.

Union Hotels and Tourism Minister receives guests

NAV PYI TAW, 27 June—Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tint Hsan received Project Director Ms Alex Morris and Regional Director Raquel Picomell of Foreign Affairs and Country Strategic, a media partner of Foreign Affairs, at the ministry this morning. The guests discussed that Foreign Affairs and Country Strategic, a media partner of Foreign Affairs, would publish “Myanmar: A New Strategic Partnership”. It would help Myanmar’s tourism industry develop. The publication would be distributed in United Nations General Assembly to be held in September, 2012. It features energy and aviation sectors of Myanmar including Dawei Deep-Sea Port Special Economic Zone. They predicted more foreign investments in Myanmar and influx of tourists following reforms.

The Union minister said the ministry is trying to ensure smooth entrance, comprehensive services, sustainable development of tourism sites, and smooth transportation and is targeting to attract the increased number of tourists not only from ASEAN fellows but from other countries. Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Hay Aung, the manager, the deputy director-general (head of office) and departmental officials. —MNA

Cash and Kind donated to local people in Rakhine State

YANGON, 27 June—Cash and kind were donated to local people in Rakhine State who lost their property and possessions in recent unrest in the state for their survival at Fire Services Department (Head Office) in Mayangon Township here this morning. At today’s ceremony, U Kyi Thein+Daw Thein Thein family donated K 11,000; U Aung Sein, one bale of cloth; U Aung Myint+Daw Tin Kyi family, 12 boxes of Mamee instant noodle and one bale of cloth; U Aung Ye Thway+Dr Sandi Aung Htun, K 0.2 million and four handbags; U Thaung Myint+Daw Khin Ma Ma Lay, one bale of cloth; U Aung Thaw+Daw Mu Ma Shwe family, K 1 million and three sales of cloth; U Aung Myint Oo, K 111,000; U Gostta (Amanda Gomyi Monastery), 10 rice bags; Dr Ei Thanda Hlaing, one bale of cloth, one bale of blanket; U Aung Than+Daw Khin Khin Lay family, two sales of cloth; Ven Nandiya (Myodaw Monastery Sayadaw), K 30,000 and 11 set of robes, five umbrellas and three slippers. The Deputy Director-General of Fire Services Department and officials accepted donations.

He then returned certificates of honour and spoke words of thanks. The donations to date amounted to K 172,235,576. —MNA

President U Thein Sein and party, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith and party pose for documentary photo. (News on page 1) —MNA

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Union Foreign Affairs Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin holds discussion with Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Dr Thongloun Sisoulith and party at Myan Taw Win Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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in order that the very essence of democracy can be practiced correctly. In addition, it must inform and educate the people, the fifth pillar of the State. To accomplish these duties, the Fourth Estate must be proficient and genuine. The Union Minister then reiterated the five norms for his own view of genuine Fourth Estate.

The Section (354) (a) states that every citizen shall be at liberty in expressing and publishing freely their convictions and opinions if not contrary to the laws, enacted for Union security, prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquility or public order and morality. In other words, journalists already have the freedom of expression. But, they have to observe journalistic code of ethics, and existing laws and rules to the letter in practicing expression freedom. Freedom must be practiced with observance of code of ethics, rationality and awareness.

Deputy Minister for Information U Soe Win makes concluding remarks on paper reading session. — MNA

Article 10 of European Convention on Human Rights states the exercise of freedom of expression, may be subject to such formalities, conditions, restrictions or penalties as are prescribed by law and are necessary for such purposes as are mentioned in article 8 of the Convention. The Union minister then reiterated the five norms for the Union government after final coordination with the Attorney-General’s Office. It would be available for discussion at fourth regular session of Hluttaw which start next month if the Union government approves it. He reiterated that the law (draft) is not inferior to international standards and those of ASEAN legislations.

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legislations preventing against media monopolization, encourage formation of independent press councils and establish Public Service Broadcasting.

As the broadcasting of TV and radio was under the government since regaining Independence, the government took responsibility of printing the newspapers later 1962. Despite the need of more transparency in media sector in democratic transition, the role of State media is still needed to avert said extremisms and provide the people with necessary information. Though, the outlook and essence of the State media must be reformed. Although the government continuously manages finance and handles administration, it must be reformed to have the outlook and essence of Public Service Media in reporting news and airing programmes. Today’s paper-reading session could boost opinion, knowledge and insight of staff of the Ministry of Information and could improve cooperation of contact persons and media teams of each Union ministry in the future through thorough understanding of the nature of news writing and reporting. He concluded his speech with the call for improving the role of the State-owned newspapers and seeking ways, ideas and knowledge to shift from State media to Public Service Media step by step.

Union Minister U Kyaw Htun, Deputy Ministers and resource persons posed for documentary photo.

Director-General U Ye Htut of Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information presided over the paper-reading session.

In the first session, Chief Editor of Kyemon Daily U Khin Maung Kyaw Din read out the paper on “Measures Taken by State-owned Newspapers to Reform Form and Content”; U Myat Thu (Tektakho Myat Thu), “Newspaper Reform and Historical Outlook”; Reid Chief Editor of Kyemon Daily U Ye Tint (Ye Tint), “Newspaper and International News”. The session then adjourned.

In the second session, Reid Chief Editor of Myanmar Alin Daily U Ye Myint Pe (Maung Pe Hlaing) read out the paper on “From Conventional State-owned Newspapers to Dynamic Ones” and Deputy Director U Myo Myint Thaung of NPE, on behalf of resource person Lecturer on Journalism U Ye Naing Moe, “Shift to Stronger News Reporting and Collections”. In the third session, U Maung Maung Oo (Hein Latt) read out the paper on “Comparison of News Reporting by International Newspapers and Local Newspapers”. The resource persons replied to queries raised by those present.

Deputy Information Minister U Soe Win made concluding remarks, calling for more cooperation with Information Ministry to cover interesting news that the people should know in real-time. The paper-reading session concluded in the evening.

At today’s session, six resource persons read out six papers and those present raised queries and made discussions. MNA

Citizenship cards issued to local citizens

YANGON, 27 June—A ceremony to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to local people was held at the administrative office of Kyaukmyaung Ward of Tamway Township in Yangon East District on 20 June.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Minister for Finance and Revenue Daw San San Nwe and Head of Region Immigration and National Registration Department U Ye Tun Oo handed over the cards to Township Administrator U Thein Win and a townelder. Myamma Alin

Books, equipment donated to village library

YANGON, 27 June—A ceremony to donate books and equipment to Bawwa Ahsay Library was held at the library in Letpantansu Village of Hmawby Township in Yangon Region on 20 June.

Daw Hla Hla Htwe of Hmawby Township Information and Public Relations Department talked about development of the library meeting five-point standard and durability.

On behalf of the wellwisher from Yangon, U Sein Lwin presented 1200 books, Captain Thein Hui, Headmistress of Township Agriculture Department U Chit Sue Oo.

Pineapple on sales at good price

LASHIO, 27 June—Pine apples started to flow to the market from Haipaw, Kinhtla, Shan State’s Putao Township in Putao Township in Putao Township of Kachin State on 23 June morning.

At the ceremony, Head of Township Agriculture Department U Kyaw Soe explained process of nurting system. Head of Township Agriculture Department U Sein Myint gave a supplementary clarification. Later, staff of the department demonstrated the nurturing of saplings. Later, local farmers participated in the nurturing works. Agriculture

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Computer donated to BEMS in Yamethin

YAMETHIN, 27 June—A ceremony to donate computer to Basic Education Middle School by local station was held in Bvet Village of Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region on 19 June morning. Headmistress Daw Mar Mar Aye made a speech. Col Myint Soe of local station explained the purpose of donations and handed over the computer to the headmistress. Next, the headmistress provided bags, exercise books and stationery to needy students.—Myamma Alin

DISTRICT NEWS

PUTAO, 27 June—The nurturing of Palethwe hybrid paddy saplings through good agriculture pattern was held at field No. 41 in Taungkhaltuang Ward of Putao Township in Putao Township of Kachin State on 23 June morning.

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Palethwe hybrid paddy harvested on model plot

TAKTOK, 27 June—A ceremony to harvest Palethwe hybrid paddy was held on 1.75 acres of farmland of farmer U Maung Win in Shadaw Village-tract in Taktok Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 13 June morning.

It was attended by Head of Township Agriculture Department U Chi Sue Oo and staff, Deputy Head of Township Settlement and Land Records Department U Myint Thein, station in-charge U Kyaw Lwin and staff, the village administrator and farmers.

The model plot produced 192.15 baskets of paddy per acre.

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CITIZENSHIP CARDS

ISSUED: Under supervision of Labutta District Immigration and National Registration Department Deputy Director U Nay Lin, staff issued citizenship scrutiny cards to local people at administrative office of Ward 1 in Labutta.

TOWNSHIP IMMIGRATION
Tropical Storm Debby rains misery on flooded Florida

WASHINGTON, June 27—Tropical Storm Debby weakened to a tropical depression after it drifted ashore on Florida’s Gulf Coast on Tuesday, even as it dumped more rain on flooded areas and sent thousands of people fleeing from rising rivers.

After stallling in the Gulf for two days, the large andragged storm finally began moving eastward. The centre crossed the shore late Tuesday afternoon near Steinhatchee, in the Big Bend area where the Panhandle joins the peninsula. Most of the thunderstorms and rain were northeast of the storm centre.

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With the rain falling around them, business owners use a small boat to check on the status of the water inside their store as flooding from Tropical Storm Debby rises in Port Richey, Florida, on 26 June, 2012. —Reuters

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Warner said drought conditions likely helped pre-dispose the field to this event. The grass in question was heavily fertilized with nitrogen but was not balanced with other needed compounds, which could have contributed to the development of the toxic grass, he said.

Because the Tifton 85 is planted broadly across Texas, agricultural officials around the state are scrambling to investigate the causes and what can be done to avoid more deaths. Other fields have reportedly tested positive for...
Israel to hand over historical building to Russia

JERUSALEM, 27 June — Serge Courtyard, considered one of the most important heritage sites in Jerusalem, is all set to officially come under Israeli media.

The transfer is to take place amid Russian ownership following an agreement between Israel and Russia, according to Israeli media.

Built by Tzar Alexander II’s son in the 19th century, the Serge Courtyard was meant for the usage of Russian pilgrims travelling to Jerusalem.

During the British Mandate’s days the building was nationalised and in 1960s Israel had gained control over it.

The transfer of the structure, also known as the Russian Compound, was agreed in 2008, Xinhua reported Monday.

The transfer is to take place as soon as the Serge Courtyard is 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.

DAMAGED GOODS

CHINA: MV AN ZE JIANG NO (158)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV AN ZE JIANG NO (158) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 28.6.2012 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Supreme Court limits police on immigrants

WASHINGTON, 27 June — Police may not arrest people they suspect of a deportable offense without a warrant, the Supreme Court said in a split decision about Arizona’s immigration law.

“As a general rule, it is not a crime for a removable alien to remain in the United States,” Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote for the majority in a 5-3 ruling that said Arizona may not make immigration laws that supersede existing federal statutes.

“Because it is not generally a crime, state law-enforcement officers do not have a right to jail otherwise punishable undocumented immigrants the federal government does not want to see penalized, wrote swing-vote Justice Kennedy, joined by conservative Chief Justice John Roberts and liberals Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor and Ruth Ginsburg.

“Arizona may have understood frustrations with the problems caused by illegal immigration... but the state may not pursue policies that undermine the federal law,” the court ruled. — Internet
Great-grandmas sky dive for Blue Star moms

A pair of Ohio great-grandmothers paracooted with seven retired Army Ranger paratroopers to raise funds for their Blue Star Mothers chapter and its food pantry.

Marjorie Bryan, 83, and Marrianna Sherman, 82, joined retired Sgt 1st Class Michael “Big Mike” Elliott and his team for a round of sky diving Saturday afternoon in Lima, Ohio, to raise money for their chapter of Blue Star Mothers, an organization for women whose children have served in the military, and its Lima Veterans Food Pantry, The Lima News reported Monday. Elliott, 44, who has previously done tandem jumps with former President George HW Bush for his 83rd and 85th birthdays, said the two grandmothers parachuted to raise the security enclosure, where ventilation is limited,” NRC spokesman Neil Shesman said. “This is the first force-on-force exercise that has been postponed due to this issue.”

The equipment manufacturer, Florida-based Sarns Training USA, said it is working to resolve the issue.

Wedding party falls into lake

A Michigan bride whose entire wedding party plunged into a lake when a dock collapsed said the incident “makes for a good story.”

Eric and Maegan Walber said their wedding party gathered on the dock at the Bay Pointe Inn in Grand Rapids to take pictures after the ceremony Saturday and the dock began to wobble after about 30 seconds, Maegan recounted.

“I saw the thing starting to tilt, and I’m like, ‘Oh, yep, this is going to happen,’” Eric Walbertold WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids. “We went right under.”

“Everyone was laughing,” he said. “It was like one of those things that just happens and you roll with it.”

Maegan Walber said the plunge made her wedding day all the more memorable.

“It makes for a good story,” she said. “We’ll be telling our grandkids.”

Reese Witherspoon opens up about pregnancy

LOS ANGELES, 27 June—Actress Reese Witherspoon, who has finally confirmed she is pregnant with her third child by second husband Jim Toth, says she wants to eat everything she can see.

“I had a feeling every round tonight. I am always feeling like I would like to eat everything in sight,” she told a reporter after she was honoured with a special acting award in Chicago, Illinois, reports dailystar.co.uk.

The 36-year-old said she is very excited about the new arrival, which is due in late summer or early autumn this year.

The baby will be a sibling for the actress’ two children by ex-husband Ryan Phillippe.—Internet

Katy Perry to take break from showbiz

LONDON, 27 June — Singer Katy Perry reportedly wants to step back from her career and take time to properly recover from the breakdown of her marriage to Russell Brand last year.

According to the Daily Mirror newspaper, the 27-year-old said: “I need to let my heart heal,” reports contactmusic.com.

Perry spent much of her 14-month marriage on her world tour and has hinted that her career was one of the causes for the split.

“Fora modern woman, it is important to be supported and that there is equality in every aspect,” she said.

She said she did not regret her failed relationship with Brand, 37.

“Everybody asks me if I regret something, they ask me if it’s going to be that one moment. Actually it’s really lesson learned and it’s super valuable, I could not buy this lesson.”

“And I apply it to my life, I learn a lot of the time, I get really good material for my songs,” she said.

Nuclear plant war games postponed

The US Nuclear Regulatory Commission said it has postponed war games at a New York state power plant due to the fake ammunition causing people to pass out.

The NRC said the high-tech war games, which use blank rounds and lasers to simulate gun battles, were postponed at the Indian Point nuclear power plant in Buchanan after a security officer at New Hampshire’s Seabrook nuclear power complained of light-headedness resulting from the mock assault, The Journal News, White Plains, NY, reported Monday.

“The issue is that carbon monoxide is emitted from the firing of multiple rounds,” security, where ventilation is limited,” NRC spokesman Neil Shesman said. “This is the first force-on-force exercise that has been postponed due to this issue.”

The equipment manufacturer, Florida-based Sarns Training USA, said it is working to resolve the issue.

Penelope Cruz has no time to worry

LOS ANGELES, 27 June— Actor Penelope Cruz says having a child has taught her “to worry with very less time to worry about things.

The 38-year-old has a 17-month-old son Leonardo and she says she has to hunt for issues to fret over.

“For me, having my son means I worry less. I’ve always loved to worry—ever since I was a little girl people would tell me I worry too much.”

Nadal, Serena up and running at Wimbledon

Court before a barrage of heavy hitting took him to a 7-6 6-2 6-3 victory in two hours 15 minutes.

InCompute, the day after her sister Venus was bundled out in the first round, her family honour with a 6-2 6-4 defeat of attacking Czech Barbora Zahlavova Strycova.

Home favourite Andy Murray, the last member of the men’s “big four” to get the grass under his feet this week, also impressed, thrashing Russia’s former world number one Nikoly Davydenko for the loss of six games.

Wildcard Lindsay Hewitt, the 2002 champion, lost 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 to French fifth seed Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and 20th seed Bernard Tomic’s surprise 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 defeat by British wildcard David Goffin made it a bad day for Australian men who will not have a second-round survivor for the first time since 1938.

Women’s defending champion Petra Kvitova had the honour of opening Centre Court proceedings on what is traditionally Ladies Day at the All England Club.

Like Nadal, she showed a while to find her rhythm before beating Uzbekistan’s Akhmal Ammaturova 6-4, 6-4 in a low-key match interrupted by the first raindrops of the week.

Rain eventually returned later in the day to leave the likes of Caroline Wozniacki and Andy Roddick with first-round matches to complete on Wednesday.

Defeated world number one Victoria Azarenka was untroubled against Irina Falconi, scoring a 6-1, 6-4 victory while former French Open champion Francesca Schiavone, the 24th seed, survived a scare against home favourite Laura Robson before winning 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. —Reuters

PREVIEW - Stopping Pirlo the key for youthful Germany

Krakow, 27 June - Bastian Schweinsteiger is winning his battle to fit for Thursday’s Euro 2012 semi-final against Italy where the relentless midfielder will have to nullify the mercurial Andrea Pirlo.

“Pirlo’s penalty even surprised me,” Italy coach Cesare Prandelli told reporters.

“When he scored he took it like that to put pressure on the English I realised that there is always something to learn from champions like him.”

They are some years ahead of us. After the 2006 World Cup, losing the 2006 World Cup semi-final on home soil to the experienced side of all-round talents.

Italian centre half Giorgio Chiellini is back in training after missing the England game with a thigh problem and could feature while Prandelli has niggles to Daniele De Rossi and Ignazio Abate to worry about and right back Christian Maggio’s suspension.

Italy created chances of goals in the goalsless 120 minutes against England and their lack of a finishing touch will haunt them if it continues in the Polish capital.

Prandelli seems to be leaning towards giving Mario Balotelli another chance despite his quarter-final misses. “Mario was always in the moves that counted,” the coach said while acknowledging Germany were favourites to join Spain and Portugal in the 1 July final in Kiev.

They are some years ahead of us. After the 2006 World Cup they focused on youth and now they have a great squad.”

Hansen heads to London with new approach

Omaha, (Nebraska), 27 June - Despite narrow battle for tickets, American Brendan Hansen just cannot seem to get away from Japanese breaststroke specialist Kosuke Kitajima.

The pair have been rivals in the pool for decades, trading world records, world titles and occasionally insults. Both have had their moments of success but in the Olympic pool, where the glory is greatest and the pressure almost suffocating, Kitajima has ruled supreme.

“This is my third time and it doesn’t get any easier,” Hansen said after winning the 100m final at the US Olympic trials on Tuesday.

He exceeded over the last two Olympics that you don’t have to move mountains to win a gold medal, you just get to put your hand on the wall first.”

“We have got to figure out what I need to do the next three weeks and be 100 percent behind it because I want to touch the wall first from here on out.”

While Hansen has earned world medals from medley relays, Kitajima has four individual golds, winning the 100 and 200 meters breaststroke finals at Athens in 2004 and again in Beijing in 2008. For Hansen, who has been Kitajima’s life rival, it was an unpalatable concept that led him to quit swimming and hang up his gear.

But with the London Olympics approaching he had to make up his mind and decided to make a comeback, determined to end his run of close-shavers and win his first individual gold.

Brendan Hansen swims in the men’s 100m breaststroke final during the US Olympic swimming trials in Omaha, Nebraska, on 26 June 2012. —Reuters

Golf-Mclroy hopes to reverse form slump before home fans

Royal Portrush, 27 June - World number two Rory McIlroy believes he has made progress following a disappointing US Open and can overcome a slump in form when the Irish Open begins on Thursday at Royal Portrush.

McIlroy has missed the cut on four out of his last five outings and there would be no better stage on which to reverse his fortunes than in front of his home fans in Northern Ireland. He has fond memories of the renowned old links course where he shot a record 11-under 61 during the 2005 North of Ireland Championship as a 16-year-old.

“I feel like I’ve made a lot of progress and I’m really looking forward to this week and hopefully giving myself a chance to win here,” McIlroy told Sky Sports on Tuesday.

“I’m feeling good and had some really good practice over the last 10 days and my games feel good in really good shape,” McIlroy’s own coach along with Graeme McDowell, British Open winner Darren Clarke and triple major champion Padraig Harrington, has spectators at fever pitch. A capacity crowd of 100,000 is expected to walk the fairways for four days of competition, the first sellout for a regular European Tour event. Fans eager to get a glimpse of some of the world’s elite golfers Boked to Tuesday’s practice and up to 500 spectators followed McIlroy as he went through his paces. —Reuters
US-UK security experts unite for London Olympics

LONDON, 27 June—Fighter jets thunder above the English countryside. Missiles stand ready. And Big Brother is watching like never before. The London Olympics are no ordinary games. Not since World War II have Britain and the United States teamed up for such a massive security operation on British soil. Hundreds of American intelligence, security and law enforcement officials are flying across the Atlantic for the games that begin 27 July. Some will even be embedded with their British counterparts, sharing critical intelligence and troubleshooting potential risks. Dozens of Interpol officers will also be deployed. The unique collaboration is rooted in common threats the partners have faced since the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the US and Britain’s own deadly suicide bombings in 2005. Britain was America’s closest ally in Afghanistan and Iraq, making it a prime target of Islamic terror groups. Although other Olympics have taken place since 9/11—Salt Lake City, Athens, Turin, Beijing and Vancouver—London poses a different breed of security challenge. “I’m confident that there is more than adequate security here for these games,” Louis Susman, the US Ambassador to the UK, told The Associated Press. “That said, we live in a tumultuous world, whether that be in New York or London.”

Mirza’s fury at being used as Olympic tennis ‘bait’

LONDON, 27 June—India’s Sania Mirza (shown right at the Wimbledon championships on 25 June) has lashed out at the country’s tennis chiefs, saying she was humiliated at being used as “bait” in an Olympic selection row to pacify a disgruntled Leander Paes. The All India Tennis Association (AITA) last week announced two men’s doubles pairs for the London Olympics with Paes, ranked seventh in the world as a doubles player, paired with 207th-ranked Vishnu Vardhan in one team. Rohan Bopanna (ranked 13) and Mahesh Bhupathi (15) formed the other combination after they said they would not play with Paes for a range of personal and professional reasons. Local media reported Paes made being paired with Mirza in the mixed doubles event at the Olympics a precondition for playing with a lower-ranked player in the men’s doubles. “As an Indian woman belonging to the 21st century, what I find disillusioning is the humiliating manner in which I was put up as a bait to try and pacify one of the disgruntled stalwarts of Indian tennis,” Mirza said in a statement. “The manner and timing of the announcement reeks of male chauvinism,” Mirza said.—Internet

Nasri apologises for foul-mouthed rant at reporter

PARIS, 27 June—France midfielder Samir Nasri on Tuesday issued an apology for insulting a journalist after his team were knocked out of the Euro 2012 quarter-finals by Spain last Saturday. “Too many untruths circulate at the moment. May the fans, and the children in particular, know that I regret sincerely that my words have shocked,” he said on his Twitter feed. Nasri, who was a second-half substitute in France’s 2-0 defeat by world and European champions Spain, passed waiting reporters without saying a word after the match. Asked by one journalist for a quote, he answered: “You are looking for shit, you are looking for trouble.” The reporter replied: “Get lost, then, if you have nothing to say.” Nasri turned back and said “fuck you” followed by a stream of further abuse, inviting the reporter to have a conversation with him man-to-man.—Reuters

Crime reduction knowledge disseminated to students

LASHIO, 27 June—A talk on crime reduction was given at the hall of Lashio University of Computer Studies in Lashio Township of Shan State (North) on 22 June, attended by the principal, faculty members and students. At the principal made an opening speech. Supervisor of Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad Police Captain Ye Naing gave talks on narcotic drugs and in charge of Lashio Anti-Drug Special Squad Police Captain Ye Naing gave talks on narcotic drugs and legal aspects of drug s, and presented certificates of appreciation to the principal, faculty members and students.

Weather forecast for 28th June, 2012

**Summary of yesterday’s weather in Myanmar**

**Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface significant wave height: 1.5-3.0m.**

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Role of State media still needed to avert extremisms and provide people with necessary information

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In line with the economic objective of the State, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue has introduced commercial tax exemption on importation of fertilizers, pesticides and farming equipment, agricultural machinery, manufacturing and selling of the same things at home from 1 July, 2012, to 31 March, 2013.—MNA

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Nav Pyi Taw, 27 June—A ceremony to sign the Plan of Action for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and UN Country Task Force and Monitoring and Reporting was held at Thingaha Hotel, here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairperson of the Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors and Special Representative for Children and Armed Conflict of the UN Secretary-General Mr Radhika Coomaraswamy, members of the committee, guests and department heads.

US Government’s human trafficking report for 2012 promotes Myanmar’s position

Nav Pyi Taw, 27 June—According to the human trafficking report for 2012 issued by the US Government on 19 June 2012, Myanmar was ranked to Tier-2 watch list from Tier-3, the lowest level previous years.

The US government used to rank the position reviewing the efforts of the global nations in the fight against human trafficking after evaluating the lowest norm included in the provisions of the Law on Protection of Victims against Human Trafficking (2010).

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